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HELP USING THE WITECH DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATION FOR FLASHING AN ECU IS AVAILABLE BY SELECTING "HELP" THEN "HELP CONTENTS" AT THE TOP OF THE WITECH DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATION WINDOW.

THE WITECH SOFTWARE IS REQUIRED TO BE AT THE LATEST RELEASE BEFORE PERFORMING THIS PROCEDURE.

SUBJECT:

Flash: 2.4L Powertrain Diagnostic and System Improvements

OVERVIEW:

This bulletin involves reprogramming the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) with the latest available software.

MODELS:

2016 (PF) Dodge Dart

NOTE: This bulletin applies to vehicles within the following markets/countries: NAFTA

NOTE: This bulletin applies to vehicles built on or after July 24, 2015 (MDH 0724XX) and on or before October 08, 2015 (MDH 1008XX) equipped with a 2.4L Engine (Sales Codes ED6 or ED8).

SYMPTOM/CONDITION:

A small number of customers may experience a Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) illumination. Upon further investigation the technician may find the following Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) set in the PCM memory:

P0133 - O2 Sensor 1/1 Slow Response.

In addition, some customers may describe that the engine is overheating based on the engine oil temp gauge read out. Software improvements include an engine oil temperature gauge level recalibration to avoid the misperception of an engine overheating condition.

DIAGNOSIS:

Using a Scan Tool (wiTECH) with the appropriate Diagnostic Procedures available in TechCONNECT, verify all vehicle systems are functioning as designed. If DTCs or symptom conditions, other than the ones listed above are present, record the issues on the repair order and repair as necessary before proceeding further with this bulletin.

If the customer describes the symptom/condition listed above or if the technician finds any of the listed DTCs, perform the Repair Procedure.

REPAIR PROCEDURE:

CAUTION: The Transmission Control Module (TCM) must be updated to the latest available software at the conclusion of this repair procedure. Refer to all applicable published service bulletins for detailed repair procedures and labor times regarding updating the TCM software.

NOTE: Install a battery charger to ensure battery voltage does not drop below 13.2 volts. Do not allow the charging voltage to climb above 13.5 volts during the flash process.

NOTE: If this flash process is interrupted/aborted, the flash should be restarted.

- Reprogram the PCM with the latest software. Detailed instructions for flashing control
 modules using the wiTECH Diagnostic Application are available by selecting the
 "HELP" tab on the upper portion of the wiTECH window, then "HELP CONTENTS."
 This will open the Welcome to wiTECH Help screen where help topics can be
 selected.
- 2. Clear any DTCs that may have been set in any module due to reprogramming. The wiTECH application will automatically present all DTCs after the flash and allows them to be cleared.
- 3. Verify the TCM is programmed with the latest available software. Refer to all applicable published service bulletins for detailed repair procedures and labor times regarding updating the TCM software.

POLICY:

Reimbursable within the provisions of the warranty.

TIME ALLOWANCE:

Labor Operation No:	Description	Skill Category	Amount
18-19-06-EX	Module, Powertrain Control (PCM) - Reprogram (0 - Introduction)	8 - Engine Performance	0.2 Hrs

NOTE: The expected completion time for the flash download portion of this procedure is approximately 2 minutes. Actual flash download times may be affected by vehicle connection and network capabilities.

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FAILURE CODE:

The dealer must choose which failure code to use. If the customer came in with an issue and the dealer found updated software to correct that issue, use failure code CC, for all other use failure code RF.

- If the customer's concern matches the SYMPTOM/CONDITION identified in the Service Bulletin, failure code CC is to be used.
- If an available flash is completed while addressing a different customer concern, failure code RF is to be used.

CC	Customer Concern
RF	Routine Flash