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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: 3.0L Powertrain Diagnostic And System Enhancements

OVERVIEW:

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

MODELS:

2016 (DS) Ram 1500 Pickup

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

NOTE: This bulletin applies to vehicles built on or before December 19, 2015 (MDH 1219XX) equipped with a 3.0L Diesel Engine (Sales Code EXF).

SYMPTOM/CONDITION:

A small number of customers may experience bucking under hard acceleration. In addition other customers may experience a Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) illumination. Upon further investigation a technician may find one or more of the following Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) set in the PCM memory:

- **P1296-00 - EGR Slow Response - Increasing Flow.**
- P20C2-00 - Reductant Heater 3 Control Circuit Performance.
- P1296-00 - EGR Slow Response - Increasing Flow.
- P249C-00 - Excessive Time To Enter Closed Loop Reductant Injection Timing Control.

Upon further investigation a technician may find the following Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) set in the Transmission Control Module (TCM) memory:

- U1424-00 - Implausible Engine Torque Signal Received.

DIAGNOSIS:

Using a Scan Tool (wiTECH) with the appropriate Diagnostic Procedures available in TechCONNECT, verify all vehicle systems are functioning as designed. If DTCs are present other than the ones listed above, record them 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 the DTC, perform the Repair Procedure.

REPAIR PROCEDURE:

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.

1. 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 other modules due to reprogramming. The wiTECH application will automatically present all DTCs after the flash and allow them to be cleared.
3. Under the PCM "System Tests" perform the "SCR DEF Tank Fluid Level Reset" procedure.

POLICY:

Reimbursable within the provisions of the warranty.

TIME ALLOWANCE:

Labor Operation No:	Description	Skill Category	Amount
18-19-04-EB	Module, Powertrain Control (PCM) - Reprogram (Includes fuse voltage test) (0 - Introduction)	10 - Diesel	0.3 Hrs

NOTE: The expected completion time for the flash download portion of this procedure is approximately 1 minute. Actual flash download times may be affected by vehicle connection and network capabilities.

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