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2016-2017 F-53 Motorhome Chassis, F-59 Commercial Stripped Chassis

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Some 2016-2017 F-53 Motorhome Chassis and F-59 Commercial Stripped Chassis vehicles equipped with a 6.8L engine and built on or before 6/20/2016 may exhibit a no transmission downshift when descending a grade in Tow/Haul mode.

ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Check the vehicle build date. Was the vehicle built on or before 6/20/2016 and the fourth position of the vehicle identification number (VIN) a numeric 4 or 5? Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 100-01.
 - a. Yes - reprogram the powertrain control module (PCM) to the latest calibration using IDS release 101.03 or higher. Make sure you are connected to the internet when entering module programming to obtain the latest updates. Calibration files may also be obtained at www.motorcraftservice.com.
 - b. No - this article does not apply. Refer to WSM, Section 307-01 for normal diagnostics.

NOTE: ADVISE THE CUSTOMER THAT THIS VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH AN ADAPTIVE TRANSMISSION SHIFT STRATEGY WHICH ALLOWS THE VEHICLE'S COMPUTER TO LEARN THE TRANSMISSION'S UNIQUE PARAMETERS AND IMPROVE SHIFT QUALITY. WHEN THE ADAPTIVE STRATEGY IS RESET, THE COMPUTER WILL BEGIN A RE-LEARNING PROCESS. THIS RE-LEARNING PROCESS MAY RESULT IN FIRMER THAN NORMAL UPSHIFTS AND DOWNSHIFTS FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

OPERATION	DESCRIPTION	TIME
160106A	2016-2017 F-53 Motorhome Chassis/F-59 Commercial Stripped Chassis 6.8L Engine: Retrieve DTCs And Reprogram The PCM (Do Not Use With Any Other Labor Operations)	0.3 Hr.

WARRANTY STATUS:

Eligible Under Provisions Of New Vehicle Limited Warranty Coverage

Warranty/ESP coverage limits/policies/prior approvals are not altered by a TSB. Warranty/ESP coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part and verified using the OASIS part coverage tool.

DEALER CODING

BASIC PART NO.	CONDITION CODE
RECAL	04

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