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Title: Air Conditioning Control Head Diagnostics

Applies To: TerraStar, TranStar

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DESCRIPTION

This document is supplemental to [IK1900228](#) and addresses Control Head issues.

SYMPTOM(s)

Incorrect vent temperatures with compressor engaged and correct pressure gauge readings.

Inoperable modes or blower speeds.

Possible Causes:

- Actuator/ Doors needs to be recalibrated
- No voltage or ground to HVAC Control head
- Failed actuator
- Mechanical door damage
- Blower stuck
- Failed LPM
- No A/C request from A/C control head to Body Controller

Diagnostic Trouble Code(s) & Dashboard Indicator Light(s):

DTC/Light	Description
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Customer Observations or Concerns:Not Applicable

SPECIAL TOOL(s) / SOFTWARE

Tool Description	Tool Number	Comments	Instructions
Fluke DVOM Universal	ZTSE4357	Used for checking electrical connections	Not Applicable

SERVICE PARTS INFORMATION

Kit Description	Part Number	Quantity Required	Notes
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Air Conditioning Electrical Diagnostic Steps

NOTE:

Body controller will not engage the clutch when A/C related DTCs are active. The following procedures are ONLY VALID if the A/C system is fully charged and the A/C system checks in [IK1900228](#) were performed.

NOTE:

When a failed circuit or component is detected, repair as needed and retest for original problem.

Step	Action	Decision
1	<p>HVAC Module Inspection</p> <p>A. Visually inspect HVAC module for clogged filters, obstructed ducts, and wiring disconnected from actuators and Linear Power Module (LPM).</p> <p>B. Inspect the 5 Amp and 10 Amp, and 30 Amp HVAC fuses.</p> <p>Are issues detected?</p>	<p>Yes: Repair as needed. If A/C does not operate correctly, go to step 2. If A/C now operates correctly, Diagnostic are complete</p> <p>No: Go to step 2</p>

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2	<p>Control Head Power</p> <p>A. Disconnect the harness from the control head.</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>C. Connect a 12V test light between Pin-A1 and B6 of the A/C control head harness connector (1200).</p> <p>D. Connect a 12V test light between Pin-A2 and Pin B6 of the A/C control head harness connector (1200).</p> <p>Note: If using a DMM, both Pin-A1 and Pin-A2 should have 12 V ± 1.5V.</p> <p>Does the test light illuminate brightly in both steps C and step D?</p>	<p>Yes: Reconnect harness to control head but do not reassemble control head to dash, and then go to step 3</p> <p>No: Leave control head unplugged and go to Step 5</p>

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3	<p>A/C Request to Body Controller:</p> <p>A. Turn ignition Key-ON, HVAC control switch to NORM, and blower ON.</p> <p>B. Open DLB.</p>	<p>Yes: Go to step 4.</p> <p>No: Go to Step 5 (A/C Request Diagnostics).</p>

	<p>C. "Watch" A/C Request in the DLB Signal column.</p> <p>Is the A/C Request box check-marked?</p>	
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4	<p>A/C Operation</p> <p>A. Start Engine.</p> <p>B. Turn HVAC control to NORM, Blower ON, and temperature to coldest setting.</p> <p>C. Turn blower switch to each speed (1-7) and check for proper fan operation.</p> <p>D. Turn mode control to each position and check interior vents for proper mode door operation. Note: Allow time for interior module doors to rotate to correct position.</p> <p>E. Vary mode control from NORM to MAX A/C and check recirculation mode (increase in vent air flow)</p> <p>F. Vary temperature control switch and check vents for change in air temperature.</p> <p>Does the system operate correctly including fan, mode control, MAX A/C recirculation, and temperature control?</p>	<p>Yes: A/C system operates correctly.</p> <hr/> <p>No: Blower, Mode, Recirculation, and Temperature controls do not function: Replace HVAC Control Head</p> <hr/> <p>No: Blower speed does not function correctly: Go to Step 6 (Blower Speed Diagnostics).</p> <hr/> <p>No: Temperature Control does not operate correctly: Go to Step 9 (Blend Door Diagnostics).</p> <hr/> <p>No: mode control switch does not function correctly: Go to Step 14 (Mode Control Diagnostics).</p> <hr/> <p>No: recirculation does not function correctly: Go to Step 18 (Recirculation Door Diagnostics).</p>

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5	<p>A/C Request Diagnostics</p> <p>A. Disconnect body controller J3 connector (1600).</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-ON, HVAC control switch to NORM, and blower-ON.</p> <p>C. Measure voltage at Pin-A2 of connector 1600.</p> <p>Does Pin-A2 have 0V ?</p>	<p>Yes: Inspect J3 cavity for bent pins and verify if body controller has power and ground.</p> <p>Note: DLB should show A/C Request field if body controller receives 0V on connector (1600) Pin A2.</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and inform operator of concern.</p> <hr/> <p>No: Check the following circuits for open or high resistance: Circuit A77A (connector 1600 Pin-A2 to connector 1200 Pin-A4).</p> <p>If circuit is good, control head has failed.</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and inform operator of concern.</p>

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6	<p>Blower Speed Diagnostics</p> <p>A. Turn ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>B. Disconnect the three wire LPM connector (1220)</p> <p>C. Use a head lamp to Load test Pin-6 (B+) to a good ground.</p> <p>D. Use a head lamp to Load test Pin-6 (B+) to Pin-5.</p> <p>Does the lamp burn brightly on step C and step D?</p>	<p>Yes:leave three wire LPM connector (1220) unplugged and the Key-On: Go to step 7.</p> <hr/> <p>Step C:is Dim: Check B+ circuit from Pin-6 ba battery for high resistance.After repairs are co reassemble unit and retest for operator conce</p> <hr/> <p>Step C:is bright and step D is Dim: Check the following circuit for open or high resistance: Circuit A75-G (connector 1220 Pin-E to left side mounted dual postground). After repairs are complete, reassemble unit a for operator concern.</p>
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7	<p>Control Head Speed Signal</p> <p>A. Turn blower-ON to highest speed.</p> <p>B. Measure voltage at Pin-4 to Pin-5.</p> <p>C. Repeat step 4 for each fan speed.</p> <p>D. Turn blower off and reconnect the three wire LPM connector (1220).</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dash Switch speed</th> <th>Control Head Voltage to LPM</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Off</td><td>0-0.4V</td></tr> <tr><td>1 (Lowest)</td><td>1.4V +/- 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>1.8V +/- 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>2.4V +/- 0.2</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>2.75V +/- 0.3</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>3.35V +/- 0.3</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>3.9V +/- 0.3</td></tr> <tr><td>7 (Highest)</td><td>5.0V +/- 0.3</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Do the measured voltages for each speed match the chart?</p>	Dash Switch speed	Control Head Voltage to LPM	Off	0-0.4V	1 (Lowest)	1.4V +/- 0.2	2	1.8V +/- 0.2	3	2.4V +/- 0.2	4	2.75V +/- 0.3	5	3.35V +/- 0.3	6	3.9V +/- 0.3	7 (Highest)	5.0V +/- 0.3	<p>Yes:Leave the Key-On, and go to step 8.</p> <hr/> <p>No:Key-Off. Replace control head.</p>
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8	<p>Blower Voltage:</p> <p>A. Disconnect the two wire blower connector at the LPM.</p> <p>B. Turn blower-ON to highest speed.</p> <p>C. Measure voltage between red lead and black lead.</p> <p>D. Repeat step C for each fan speed.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dash Switch Position</th> <th>Motor Voltage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Off</td><td>0V</td></tr> <tr><td>1 (Lowest)</td><td>3.85V</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>4.96 V +/-0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>6.60 V +/-0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>7.7 V +/-0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>9.35 V +/-0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>10.73 V +/-0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>7 (Highest)</td><td>12.10V +/-0.5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Does the motor voltage match the dash-switch speed?</p>	Dash Switch Position	Motor Voltage	Off	0V	1 (Lowest)	3.85V	2	4.96 V +/-0.5	3	6.60 V +/-0.5	4	7.7 V +/-0.5	5	9.35 V +/-0.5	6	10.73 V +/-0.5	7 (Highest)	12.10V +/-0.5	<p>Yes: Replace the blower. Reassemble and retest for operator concern.</p> <hr/> <p>No:Replace the LPM. Reassemble unit and re operator concern.</p>
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9	<p>Blend Door Recalibration</p> <p>A. Turn the ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>B. Turn the A/C blower-ON.</p> <p>C. Set HVAC selector to Defrost Mode.</p> <p>D. Remove the fuse boxcover and remove the 5 Amp HVAC fuse (Battery to HVAC Control Head)(ProStar position is F1-B).</p> <p>E. Wait approximately 30 seconds then reinstall the fuse.</p> <p>F. You should hear the doors recalibrate by moving from one extreme position to the other.</p> <p>Note -Do not operate the control head during the recalibration.</p>	<p>Yes:Blend door operates correctly.Reassemble unit to run and re operator concern.</p>
	<p>G. Start vehicle and check for correct operation of all modes and temperature.</p>	<p>No:Go to step 10</p>

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10	<p>Do all modes work correctly?</p> <p>Blend Door Actuator Signal</p> <p>A. Disconnect harness connector from blend door actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn the ignition Key-On.</p> <p>C. Turn the A/C blower-ON.</p> <p>D. Set HVAC selector to A/C MAX Mode.</p> <p>E. Connect a test light between harness Pin-A and Pin-B.</p> <p>F. Move temperature switch through ALL settings while observing the test light.</p> <p>Does the test light illuminate in all switch positions? (If using a DMM, Pin-A to Pin-B spec is 12V +/- 1.5)</p>	<p>Yes: Go to step 12</p>
		<p>No: Go to Step 11</p>

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11	<p>Blend Door Actuator Circuits</p> <p>A. Inspect circuit A74B (connector 1200 Pin-B11, to connector 2010 Pin-C, to blend door actuator Pin-B).</p> <p>B. Inspect circuit A74C (connector 1200 Pin-B12, to connector 2010 Pin-D, to blend door actuator Pin-A).</p> <p>Are circuits open or shorted?</p>	<p>Yes: Repair as needed. After repairs a complete, reassemble unit and retest f operator concern.</p>
		<p>No: Replace control head. Reassemble unit e for operator concern.</p>

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12	<p>Blend Door Movement</p> <p>A. Remove blend door actuator from interior module. Connect the harness connector to the actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn the ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>C. Turn the blower-ON.</p> <p>D. Set HVAC selector to A/C MAX Mode.</p> <p>E. Move temperature switch through ALL settings while observing the actuator movement.</p> <p>F. Move the blend door by hand through its full range of movement.</p> <p>Does both the actuator respond to the control head signals and the door move freely?</p>	<p>Yes: Reinstall blend door actuator, plu harness connector, and then go to step 13.</p>
		<p>No: door binds or sticks: disassemble interior and repair as needed. After repairs are comp reassemble unit and retest for operator conce</p> <p>No: actuator does not function: replace actua Reassemble unit and retest for operator conc</p>

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13	<p>Heater Core Sealing</p>	<p>Yes:Check Sealing around heater cor</p>

	<p>C. Start the engine and raise the idle speed to 1500 rpm.</p> <p>D. Turn HVAC control switch to NORM.</p> <p>E. Turn Blower to highest speed and Temperature Control to coldest temp</p> <p>F. Insert thermometer into left side passenger dash vent. Do not allow thermometer to touch duct.</p> <p>G. Open windows and close both cab doors.</p> <p>H. After cab temperature stabilizes, record temperature.</p> <p>I. Remove both pair of pinch-off pliers.</p>	<p>for placement. Remove blower scroll housing heater core if required, to reposition seal around core.</p> <p>Note: If vehicle has a manual coolant shut-off the heater core circuit, verify it is in the off position.</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit for operator concern.</p> <p>No: System is working correctly. Reassemble and retest for operator concern.</p>
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14	<p>Is duct temperature correct until pliers are removed?</p> <p>Mode Control Door Recalibration</p> <p>A. Turn the ignition Key-On.</p> <p>B. Turn the blower ON.</p> <p>C. Set HVAC selector to Defrost Mode.</p> <p>D. Remove the fuse box cover. Remove the 5 Amp fuse from Battery to HVAC Control Head (ProStar position is F1-B).</p> <p>E. Wait approximately 30 seconds then reinstall the fuse.</p> <p>F. You should hear the doors recalibrate by moving from one extreme position to the other.</p> <p>Note: Do not operate the control head during the recalibration.</p> <p>G. Start vehicle and check for correct operation of all modes and temperature.</p> <p>Do all modes work correctly?</p>	<p>Yes: Mode control operates correctly.</p> <p>No: Go to step 15.</p>

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15	<p>Mode Door Actuator Signal</p> <p>A. Disconnect harness connector from mode door actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-On.</p> <p>C. Turn blower ON</p> <p>D. Set HVAC selector to A/C MAX Mode.</p> <p>E. Connect a test light between harness Pin-A and Pin-B.</p> <p>F. Move mode switch through ALL settings while observing the test light.</p> <p>Does the test light illuminate in all switch positions? (If using a DMM, pin-A to Pin-B spec is 12V +/- 1.5)</p>	<p>Yes: Go to step 17.</p> <p>No: Go to step 16.</p>

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16	<p>Mode Door Actuator Circuits</p> <p>A. Inspect circuit A74 (connector 1200 Pin-B9 to connector 2010 Pin-A to mode actuator Pin-B).</p> <p>B. Inspect circuit A74A (connector 1200 Pin-B10 to connector 2010 Pin-B to mode actuator Pin-A).</p> <p>Are circuits open or shorted?</p>	<p>Yes: Repair as needed. After complete reassemble unit and retest.</p> <p>No: Replace control head.</p>

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17	<p>Mode Door Movement</p> <p>A. Remove mode door actuator from interior module. Connect the harness connector to the actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-On.</p> <p>C. Turn blower ON.</p> <p>D. Move mode switch through ALL settings while observing the actuator movement.</p> <p>E. Move the mode door by hand through its full range of movement.</p> <p>Does both the actuator respond to the control head signals and the door move freely?</p> <p>E. Move temperature switch through ALL settings while observing the actuator movement.</p> <p>F. Move the blend door by hand through its full range of movement.</p> <p>Does both the actuator respond to the control head signals and the door move freely?</p>	<p>Yes: system is functioning correctly.</p> <p>No: door binds or sticks: repair interior mod needed. After repairs are complete, reassemble and retest for operator concern</p> <p>No: actuator does not function: Replace actuator. Reassemble unit and retest for operator concern</p>

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18	<p>Recirculation Door Recalibration</p> <p>A. Turn ignition Key-On.</p> <p>B. Turn blower ON.</p> <p>C. Set HVAC selector to Defrost Mode.</p> <p>D. Remove the fuse box cover. Remove the 5 Amp fuse from Battery to HVAC Control Head (ProStar position is F1-B).</p> <p>E. Wait approximately 30 seconds then reinstall the fuse.</p> <p>F. You should hear the doors recalibrate by moving from one extreme position to the other.</p> <p>Note: Do not operate the control head during the recalibration.</p> <p>G. Start vehicle and check for correct operation of all modes and temperature.</p> <p>Do all modes work correctly?</p>	<p>Yes: Recirculation Door operates correctly. Reassemble unit and retest for operator concern.</p> <p>No: Go to step 19.</p>

Step	Action	Decision
19	<p>A. Disconnect harness connector from recirculation door actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-On.</p> <p>C. Turn blower ON.</p> <p>D. Set HVAC selector to A/C MAX Mode.</p> <p>E. Insert a test light between Pin-A and Pin-B of the recirculation door harness.</p> <p>F. Move mode switch from MAX to NORM.</p> <p>Does test light illuminate brightly in MAX? (If using a DMM, pin-A to Pin-B spec is 12V +/- 1.5)</p> <p>Recirculation Door Actuator Signal</p>	<p>Yes: Leave recirculation door actuator unplugged and go to step 21.</p> <p>No: Leave recirculation door actuator harness unplugged and go to step 20.</p>

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20	<p>A. Inspect circuit A74D (connector 1200 Pin-B1 to connector 2010 Pin-E to mode actuator Pin-A).</p>	<p>Yes: Repair as needed. Reassemble and retest for operator concern.</p>

	<p>B. Inspect circuit A74E (connector 1200 Pin-B2 to connector 2010 Pin-F to mode actuator Pin-F).</p> <p>Are circuits open or shorted?</p> <p>Recirculation Door Actuator Circuits</p>	<p>No: Replace control head. Reassemble unit for operator concern.</p>
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21	<p>Recirculation Door Actuator Movement</p> <p>A. Remove recirculation door actuator from interior module. Connect the harness connector to the actuator.</p> <p>B. Turn ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>C. Turn blower ON.</p> <p>D. Move mode switch from NORM to MAX A/C while observing the actuator movement.</p> <p>E. Move the recirculation door by hand through its full range of movement.</p> <p>Does both the actuator respond to the control head signals and the door move freely?</p>	<p>Yes: Recirculation door is functioning.</p> <hr/> <p>No: Door binds or sticks: repair interior module needed. Reassemble unit and retest for operator concern.</p> <hr/> <p>No: actuator does not function: Replace actuator. Reassemble unit and retest for operator concern.</p>

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22	<p>Control Head Power</p> <p>A. Turn ignition Key-ON.</p> <p>B. Connect a 12V test light between a good ground and Pin-A1 of the A/C control head harness connector (1200).</p> <p>C. Wiggle 10A fuse F4-L while watching test light to check for loose/ intermittent fuse connection.</p> <p>D. Connect a 12V test light between Pin-A1 and B6 of the 1200 connector and monitor test light.</p> <p>E. Connect a 12V test light between a good ground and Pin-A2 of the A/C control head harness connector (1200).</p> <p>F. Wiggle 5A fuse F1-B while watching test light to check for loose/ intermittent fuse connection.</p> <p>G. Connect a 12V test light between Pin-A2 and B6 of the 1200 connector and monitor test light</p> <p>Which of the following steps does not illuminate the test light brightly: Step C, D, F, or G?</p>	<p>Step C: does not illuminate the test light brightly:</p> <p>If 10A HVAC fuse is good, check circuit for open or high resistance.</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and retest.</p> <hr/> <p>Step D: does not illuminate the test light brightly:</p> <p>Check circuit A74G and A11-GCA for open resistance (Connector 1200) Pin-B6 to Left Dash Mounted Dual Post GND Plate).</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and retest.</p> <hr/> <p>Step F: does not illuminate the test light brightly:</p> <p>If 5A HVAC fuse is good, check circuit for open or high resistance.</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and retest.</p> <hr/> <p>Step G: does not illuminate the test light brightly:</p> <p>Check circuit A74G and A11-GCA for open resistance (Connector 1200) Pin-B6 to Left Side Dash Mounted Dual Post GND Plate).</p> <p>After repairs are complete, reassemble unit and retest.</p>

WARRANTY INFORMATION

NOTE: There are multiple noun groups that the diagnostic time could be charged to.

WARRANTY CLAIM CODING:

Group:	19000 -Truck Air Conditioner
Noun:	Multiple Nouns - Code to repair made

[Warranty Coding Manual](#)

STANDARD REPAIR TIMES:

DIAGNOSTICS			
Step	Description	Models	Hours
1-23	A/C CONTROL HEAD DIAGNOSIS	All	Varies Per Model

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