

# Techstream ECU Flash Reprogramming Procedure

**Service Category** Engine/Hybrid System

**Section** Emission Control

**Market** USA

Lexus Supports  
ASE Certification 

## Applicability

YEAR(S)	MODEL(S)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2001 - 2020	CT200H, ES300H, ES330, ES350, GS F, GS200T, GS300, GS350, GS430, GS450H, GS460, GX460, GX470, HS250H, IS F, IS200T, IS250, IS250C, IS300, IS350, IS350C, LC500, LC500H, LFA, LS430, LS460, LS500, LS500H, LS600H, LX470, LX570, NX200T, NX300, NX300H, RC F, RC200T, RC300, RC350, RX300, RX330, RX350, RX400H, RX450H, SC430, UX200, UX250H	

### REVISION NOTICE

July 01, 2019 Rev1:

- Applicability has been updated to include 2019 – 2020 model year Lexus vehicles.
- The Techstream Preparation and Process Overview sections have been updated.

Any previous printed versions of this bulletin should be discarded.

### SUPERSESSION NOTICE

The information contained in this bulletin supersedes Service Bulletin No. L-SB-0021-14.

- Applicability has been updated to include applicable 2018 models and 2016 – 2018 model year RC 300 and 2015 – 2018 model year RC 350 vehicles.
- Applicability has been updated to exclude 2001 – 2003 model year ES 300 vehicles.

Service Bulletin No. L-SB-0021-14 is obsolete and any printed versions should be discarded. Be sure to review the entire content of this bulletin before proceeding.

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### Introduction

Flash reprogramming allows the Electronic Control Unit (ECU) software to be updated without replacing the ECU. Flash calibration updates for specific vehicle models/ECUs are released as field-fix procedures described in individual Service Bulletins. This bulletin details the Techstream ECU flash reprogramming process and outlines the use of the Technical Information System (TIS) and the Calibration Update Wizard (CUW). Flash calibration updates can only be applied to the vehicle/ECU combination for which they are intended. ECUs have internal security that will not allow them to be programmed with another ECU's information.

#### NOTE

ECU is a Lexus term used to describe integrated computerized devices responsible for managing the operation of a system or subsystem. For the purposes of this bulletin, the term ECU is used as a generic label for the following SAE J1930 standard references:

- Powertrain Control Module (PCM)
- Engine Control Module (ECM)
- Transmission Control Module (TCM)
- Any other Lexus-specific control unit

### Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFF	T1	T2
N/A	Not Applicable to Warranty	–	–	–	–

### Parts Information

PART NUMBER		PART NAME	QTY
PREVIOUS	NEW		
	00451-00001-LBL	Authorized Modifications Label	1

#### NOTE

Authorized Modifications Labels may be ordered in packages of 25 from the Materials Distribution Center (MDC) through *Dealer Daily – Parts – Dealer Support Materials Orders*.

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## Required Tools & Equipment

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIER	PART NUMBER	QTY
Techstream ADVi*	ADE	TSADVUNIT	1
Techstream 2.0		TS2UNIT	
Techstream Lite		TSLITEPDLR01	
Techstream Lite (Green Cable)		TSLP2DLR01	

\*Essential SST.

**NOTE**

- Only ONE of the Techstream units listed above is required.
- Software version 14.10.028 or later is required.
- Additional Techstream units may be ordered by calling Approved Dealer Equipment (ADE) at 1-800-368-6787.
- Use Techstream or an approved J2534 interface to perform flash reprogramming updates. Visit [techinfo.toyota.com](http://techinfo.toyota.com) for more information regarding J2534 reprogramming.

SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS (SST)	PART NUMBER	QTY
Battery Diagnostic Tool*	<a href="#">DCA-8000P_I</a>	1

\*Essential SST.

**NOTE**

Additional SSTs may be ordered by calling 1-800-933-8335.

## Techstream Preparation

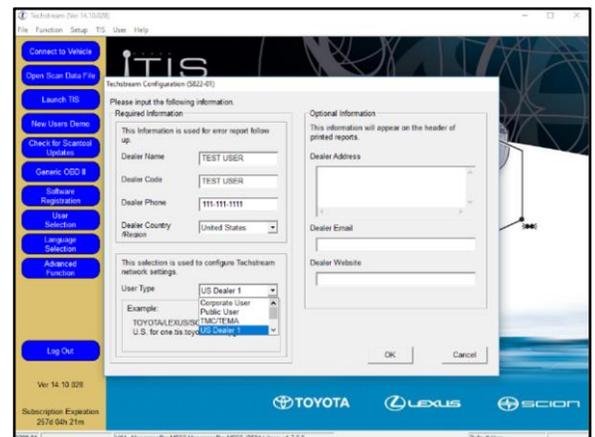
### Select the Correct User Type

The appropriate user type **MUST** be selected for Techstream to function correctly.

Perform the following:

1. Select Setup from the Techstream main menu screen.
2. Select Techstream Configuration from the Setup dropdown menu.
3. Select the area and language.
4. Input information and select US Dealer 1 from the User Type dropdown menu.

**Figure 1.**



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## Techstream Preparation (continued)

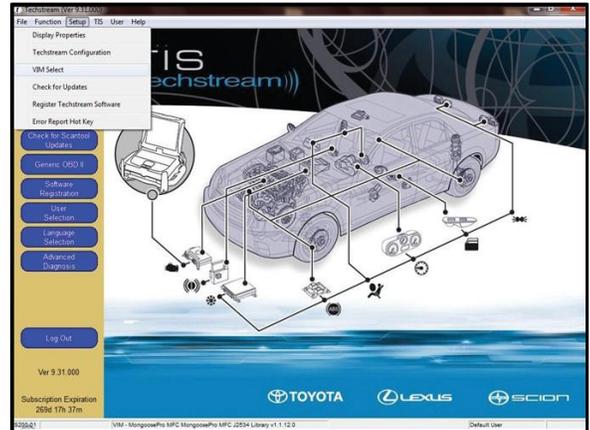
### Select the Correct VIM

Techstream software requires a VIM selection before it can be used for reprogramming.

Perform the following:

5. Select Setup from the Techstream main menu screen.
6. Select VIM Select from the Setup dropdown menu.

**Figure 2.**



7. Select the correct interface setup from the dropdown list.
  - If using Techstream ADVi, select MongoosePro MFC2.
  - If using Techstream 2.0, select MongoosePro MFC.
  - If using Techstream Lite, select MongoosePro MFC (blue or updated clear case), or MongoosePro MFC2 (green case) depending on the cable being used.

**NOTE**

Mongoose Driver **MUST** be installed before Mongoose selections will be available.  
See *TIS – Diagnostics – Scantool* page for additional information.

8. Click OK.

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## Process Overview

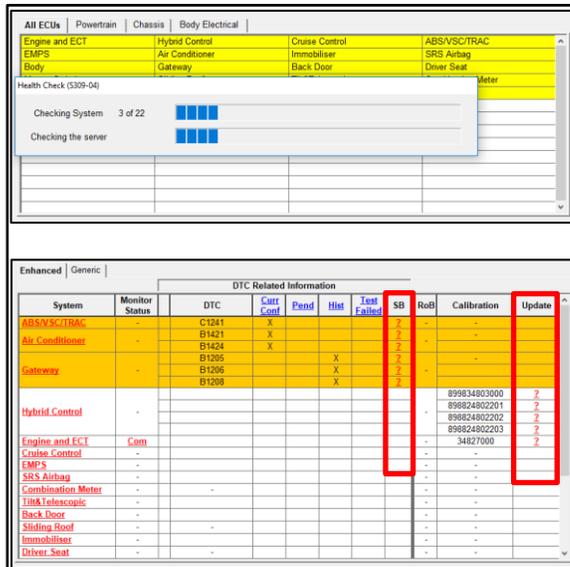
Techstream ECU flash reprogramming is a four-step process:

1. Verify the vehicle's applicability for recalibration and locate the desired calibration file by performing the Techstream Health Check function.

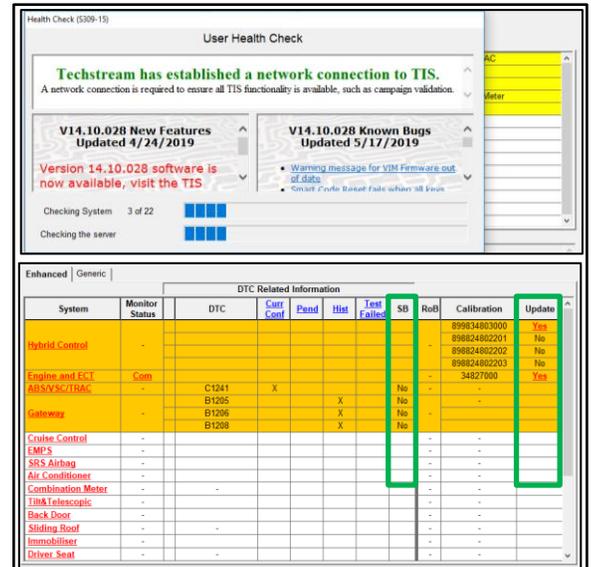
**NOTE**

Techstream will automatically search TIS for the appropriate Service Bulletin using the current calibration ID from the vehicle if the PC is connected to the Network (see figures below). Calibration file links can be found embedded in the corresponding Service Bulletin.

**Figure 3. Not Connected to a Network**



**Figure 4. Connected to a Network**



2. Connect the DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool using "Power Supply Mode" ONLY. The DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool includes a power supply mode to help maintain battery voltage at 13.5V during ECU reprogramming.

**NOTICE**

- ECU damage may occur if the correct battery charger mode setting is NOT used.
- Refer to [Vehicle Reprogramming Tips](#) for other approved chargers, located at *TIS – Diagnostics – Reprogramming – Reference Documents*.

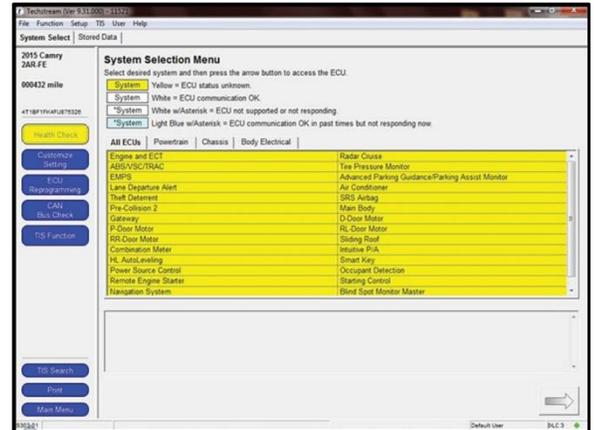
3. Locate the appropriate calibration ID and reprogram the vehicle ECU with Techstream. Techstream uses the CUW application to open calibration files and facilitate the ECU flash reprogramming process.
4. Attach the Authorized Modifications Label. Modifications to ECU calibrations MUST be recorded and properly displayed on the vehicle using the Authorized Modifications Label.

# Techstream ECU Flash Reprogramming Procedure

## Operation Procedure

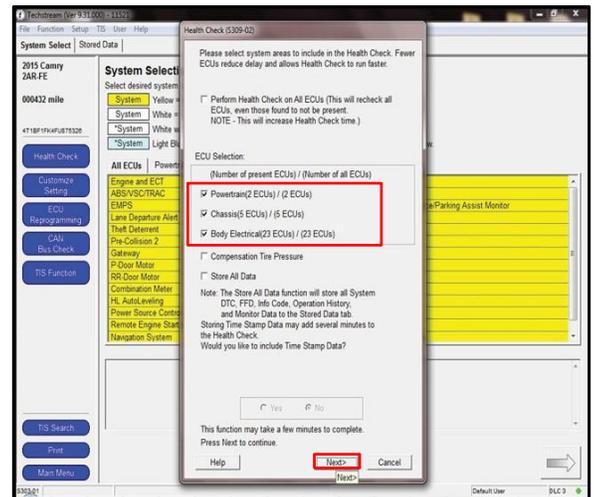
1. Verify the vehicle's applicability for recalibration and locate the desired calibration file.
  - A. Connect Techstream and establish a vehicle connection.
  - B. Click the Health Check button on the System Select tab.

Figure 5.



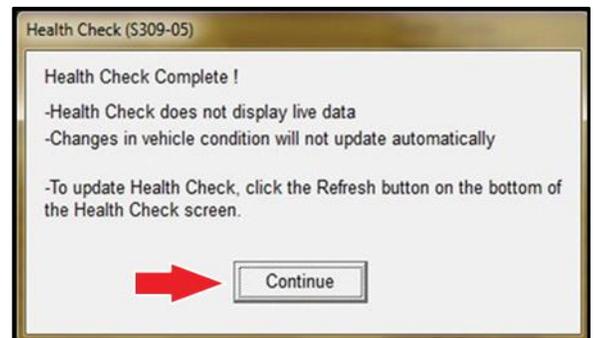
- C. Choose the desired ECU group(s) in the Health Check dialog box, then click Next.

Figure 6.



- D. Click Continue to view the Health Check results.

Figure 7.



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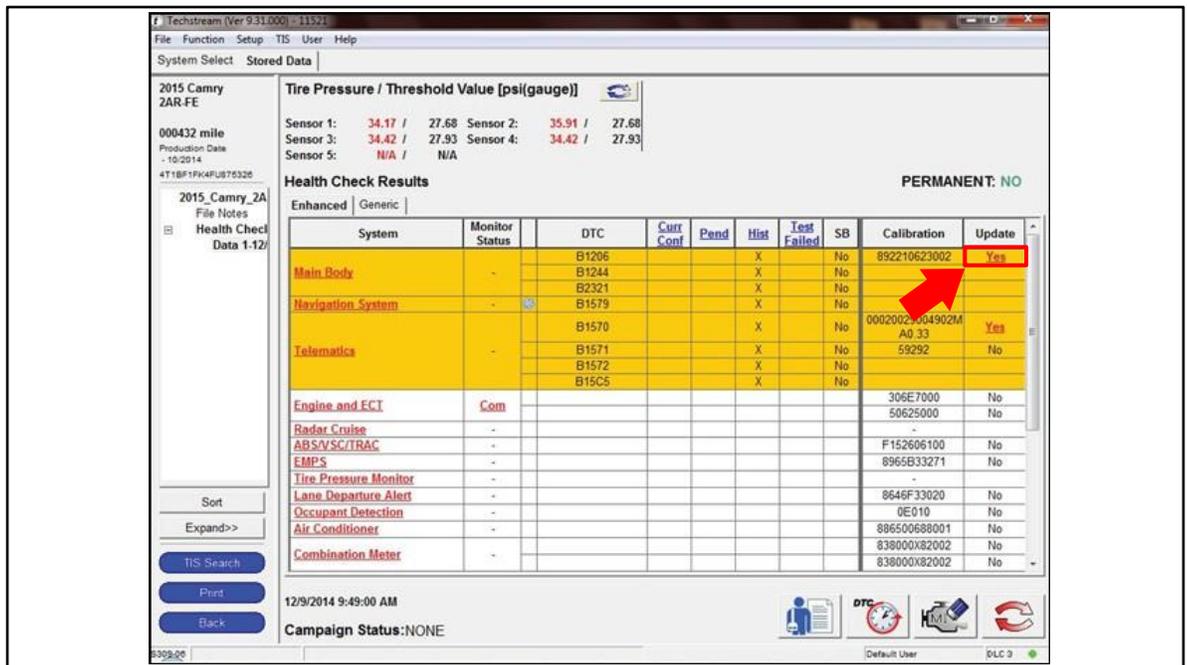
## Operation Procedure (continued)

- E. Available calibration updates are indicated by a **Yes** link in the Calibration Update column. Click the **Yes** link to access the appropriate Service Bulletin on TIS.

**NOTE**

- Note ANY DTCs stored in systems that will be flash reprogrammed.
- Clicking the **Yes** link will automatically launch TIS and perform a calibration search.

**Figure 8.**



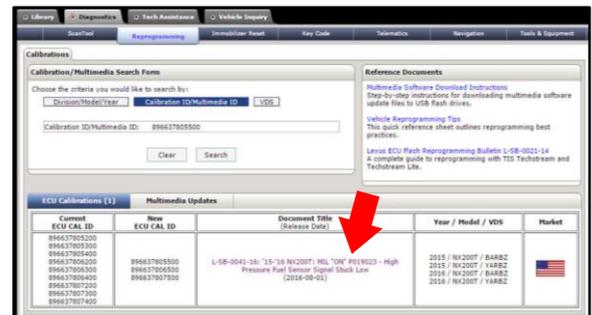
- F. Log in to TIS. (If already logged in, skip this step.)

- G. To review the Service Bulletin and access the calibration file, click the Service Bulletin link in the Document Title column of the calibration search result portlet.

**NOTE**

ONLY Lexus Certified Technicians and other authorized users may access calibration files.

**Figure 9.**



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### Operation Procedure (continued)

2. Connect the DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool.

**NOTE**

Refer to [Vehicle Reprogramming Tips](#) for other approved chargers, located at *TIS –Diagnostics – Reprogramming – Reference Documents*.

- A. Connect the DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool to the vehicle and turn it ON.
- B. Select Power Supply Mode.

**NOTICE**

- ECU damage may occur if the correct battery charger and mode setting are NOT used.
- Power Supply Mode is used to maintain battery voltage at 13.5V while flash reprogramming the vehicle.
- For details on how to use the DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool, refer to the [DCA-8000 Instruction Manual](#) located at *TIS – Diagnostics – Tools & Equipment – Battery Diagnostics*.

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## Operation Procedure (continued)

3. Click the appropriate calibration ID and reprogram the vehicle's ECU with Techstream.
  - A. AFTER reviewing the procedures outlined in the selected Service Bulletin, click the appropriate calibration ID link by matching the vehicle's current calibration ID to the Previous Calibration ID in the Calibration Identification Chart.

**NOTE**

- Calibration files are embedded as live links in the Service Bulletin.
- Some vehicles require special preparation. Review the selected Service Bulletin carefully.

Figure 10.

M.I.L. "ON" DTC P0031, P0051, P2238, AND/OR P2241 – EG002-05 Revised				February 9, 2005
Calibration Identification Chart	MODEL	ECM (CPU)	PREVIOUS CALIBRATION ID	NEW CALIBRATION ID
	2004 RX 330 FF (2WD) Sequential Shift (SS) Transmission		Main	34815000 34815100 34815200
Sub			54803000 54803100	<a href="#">54813100</a>
2004 RX 330 FF (2WD) Gate Shift (GS) Transmission		Main	34816000 34816100 34816200	<a href="#">34846100</a>
		Sub	54804000 54804100	<a href="#">54814100</a>
2004 RX 330 (4WD) Sequential Shift (SS) Transmission		Main	34817000 34817100 34817200	<a href="#">34847000</a>
		Sub	54805000 54805100	<a href="#">54815000</a>
2004 RX 330 (4WD) Gate Shift (GS)		Main	34818000 34818100 34818200	<a href="#">34848000</a>

- B. Click Open to load the calibration file information.

**NOTE**

Techstream downloads calibration files as needed to ensure the latest calibration file is used. Do NOT save calibrations locally on the hard drive or other media.

Figure 11.



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### Operation Procedure (continued)

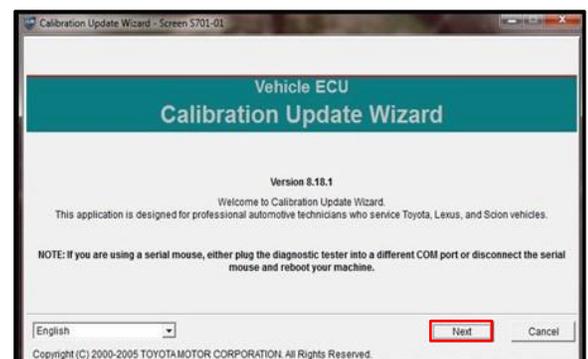
#### NOTICE

Errors during the flash reprogramming process can permanently damage the vehicle ECU. Minimize the risk by following the steps below.

- Battery voltage **MUST NOT FALL BELOW** 11.8V during reprogramming. Confirm battery voltage is higher than 11.8V, but be sure voltage **DOES NOT RISE ABOVE** 16.0V during reprogramming.
- Turn **OFF ALL** vehicle accessories (audio system, A/C, interior lights, DRL, etc.). Do **NOT** add to or significantly change the vehicle's electrical load while reprogramming.
- Confirm the hood is open and ensure under-hood temperature does **NOT** exceed 158°F (70°C).
- Confirm cable connections between the vehicle and Techstream are secure.
- Do **NOT** disconnect or turn off Techstream or vehicle ignition during reprogramming.
- Set parking brake.
- Complete **ALL** flash calibration updates provided for each ECU.
- If the battery's State-Of-Charge (SOC) or capacity is in question, test with SST No. [DSS-5000P T](#) (Battery Diagnostic Tool), and follow the [DSS-5000 Instruction Manual](#) located at *TIS – Diagnostics – Tools & Equipment – Battery Diagnostics*.
- The DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool **MUST** be used in Power Supply Mode to maintain battery voltage at 13.5V while flash reprogramming the vehicle.  
For details on how to use the DCA-8000 battery diagnostic tool, refer to the [DCA-8000 Instruction Manual](#) located at *TIS – Diagnostics – Tools & Equipment – Battery Diagnostics*.

- C. Click Next to start the calibration update process.

Figure 12.



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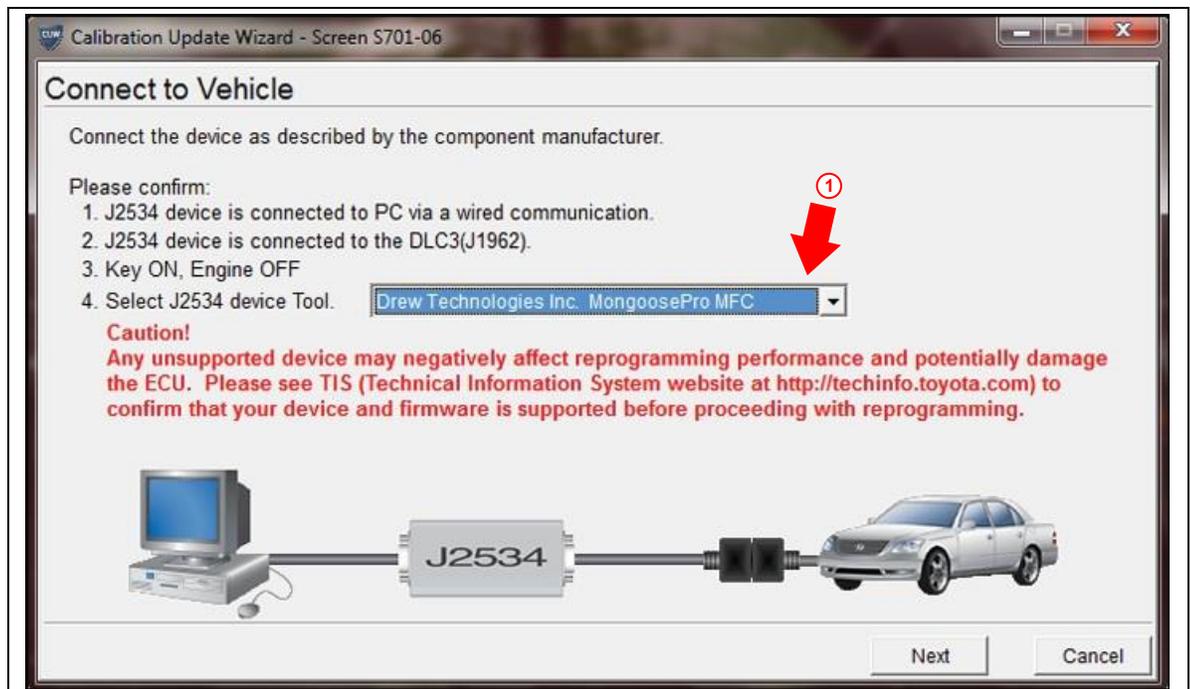
### Operation Procedure (continued)

D. Confirm the following:

- PC is connected to VIM
- VIM is connected to DLC3 connector
- Ignition is ON and engine is OFF or “READY” OFF (hybrid vehicles)

Then, click Next.

**Figure 13. Using Techstream 2.0 or Techstream Lite**



<b>1</b>	Select Correct Device Tool (“Mongoose MFC,” “MongoosePro MFC,” or “MongoosePro MFC2” [green])
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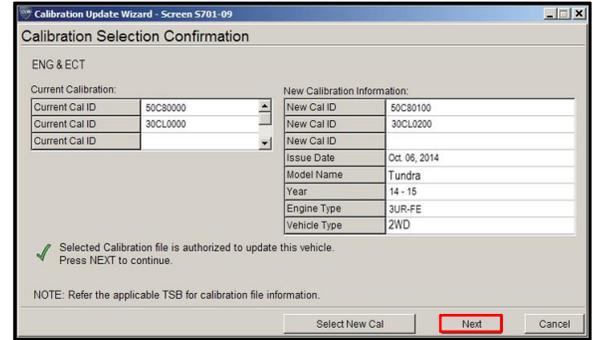
## Operation Procedure (continued)

- E. Verify correct current and NEW calibration information, then click Next.

**NOTICE**

- The total number of calibration IDs in the calibration file corresponds to the number of reprogrammable processors in the ECU.
- Each calibration file may contain up to three separate calibrations.
- Figure 15 shows an example of the update procedure for a two-processor ECU.

Figure 14.



- F. Turn ignition OFF, then click Next.

Figure 15.



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## Operation Procedure (continued)

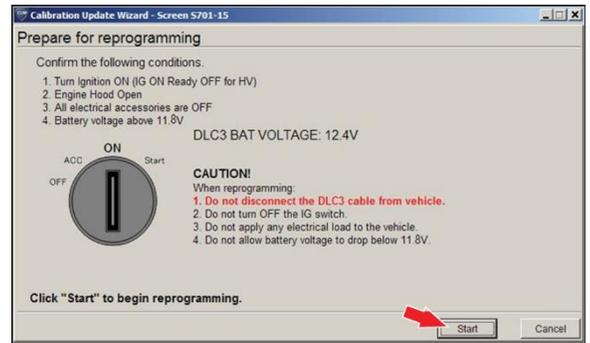
G. Confirm the following:

- PC is connected to VIM
- Ignition is ON and engine is OFF or “READY” OFF (hybrid vehicles)
- Hood is open
- ALL accessories are OFF
- Battery voltage is above 11.8V

**NOTICE**

**Verify the vehicle is connected to a battery charger before continuing. If battery voltage falls below 11.8V, ECU damage may occur.**

**Figure 16.**



Then, click Start.

**NOTE**

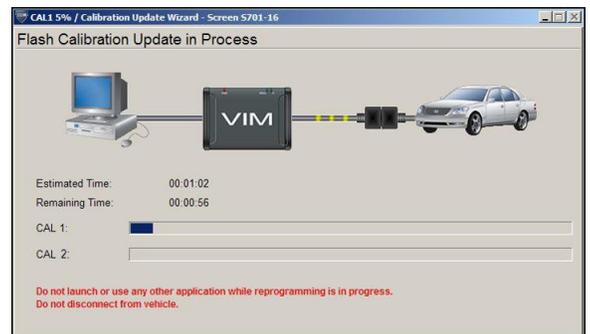
If the key cycle is NOT done properly, reprogramming will stop at 10% and Cal 1 will fail to load.

Do NOT disturb the vehicle during flash reprogramming.

**NOTE**

- ECU flash reprogramming may take 3 – 30 minutes per calibration file.
- Reprogramming time will vary depending on model and ECU communication protocol. Vehicles using CAN communication protocol will reprogram much faster (2 – 7 minutes).

**Figure 17.**



Does the vehicle require only ONE calibration update?

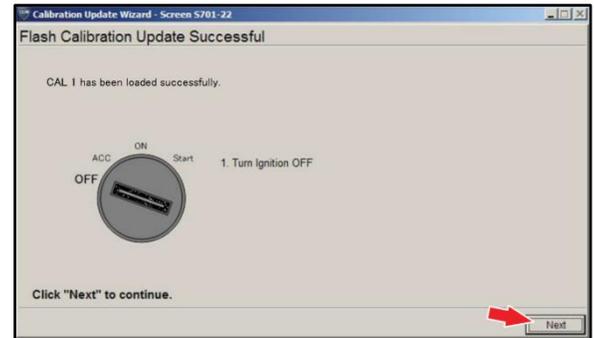
- **YES** — Go to substep M.
- **NO** — If the vehicle requires a SECOND calibration update, continue as follows:
  - For serial communication vehicles, continue to substep H.
  - For CAN communication vehicles, go to substep J.

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## Operation Procedure (continued)

- H. When Cal 1 completes the update process, turn the ignition OFF for a minimum of 10 seconds, then click Next.

**Figure 18.**

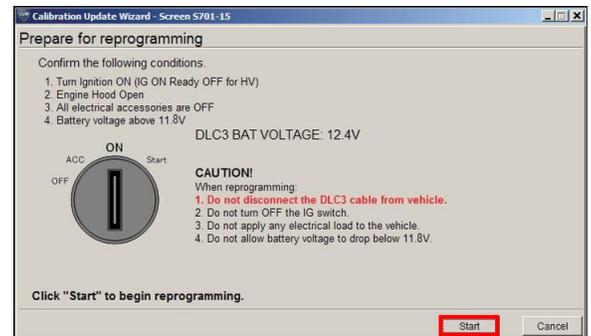


- I. Turn the ignition to the ON position, then click Start.

**NOTE**

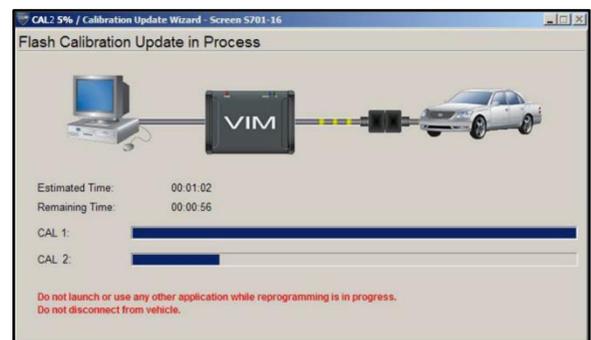
If the key cycle is NOT done properly, reprogramming will stop at 10% and Cal 2 will fail to load.

**Figure 19.**



- J. Do NOT disturb the vehicle during flash reprogramming.

**Figure 20.**

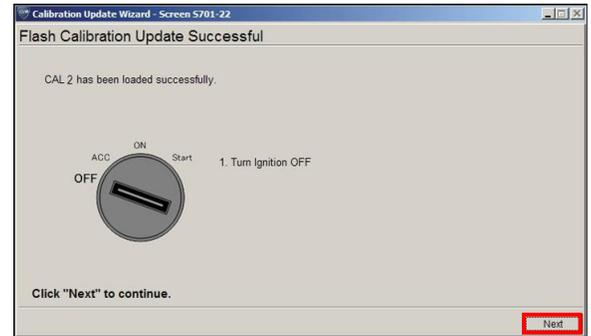


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## Operation Procedure (continued)

- K. Turn the ignition OFF for a minimum of 10 seconds, then click Next.

**Figure 21.**



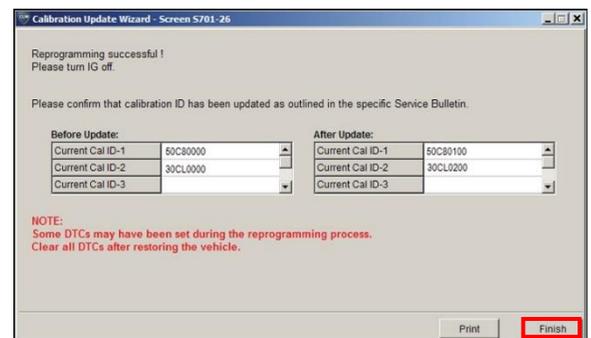
- L. Turn the ignition to the ON position, then click Next.

**Figure 22.**



- M. Confirm ALL calibrations were updated as specified in the Service Bulletin, then click Finish.

**Figure 23.**



**NOTE**

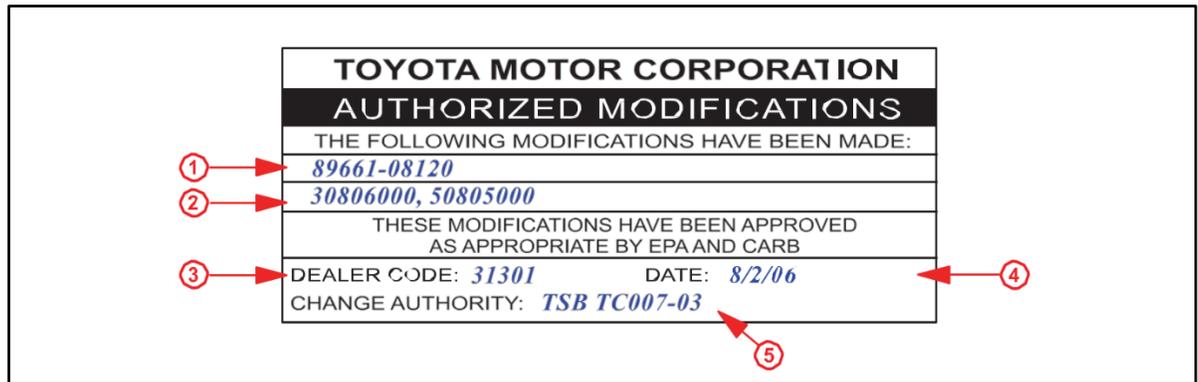
On some models, DTCs may set as a result of reprogramming. If DTCs are present, clear codes and run the Health Check again. Troubleshoot ANY remaining current, pending, or history codes. Permanent codes will NOT be cleared using Techstream. Permanent codes do NOT illuminate the MIL and do NOT require troubleshooting. They will clear during normal driving once the Universal Trip Drive Pattern is performed.

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### Operation Procedure (continued)

4. Attach the Authorized Modifications Label.
  - A. Using a permanent marker or ballpoint pen, complete the Authorized Modifications Label and attach it to the vehicle. The Authorized Modifications Label is available through the MDC, P/N 00451-00001-LBL.

**Figure 24.**



<b>1</b>	<b>Replacement ECU Part Number</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Calibration ID(s)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Dealer Code</b>

<b>4</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Service Bulletin or Campaign Number</b>

- B. Attach the Authorized Modifications Label under the hood in the location determined by the specific Service Bulletin or Campaign.

**NOTE**

Wait 60 – 90 seconds for ink to set before handling.