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**SUBJECT:**

Flash: Powertrain Control Module (PCM) Updates

**OVERVIEW:**

This bulletin involves reprogramming the PCM with the latest available software.

**MODELS:**

2019 (DS) RAM 1500 Pickup

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

**NOTE:** This bulletin applies to vehicles equipped with a 3.0L V6 Turbo Diesel Engine (Sales Code EXF).

**SYMPTOM/CONDITION:**

Some vehicles may have experienced a slight engine hesitation or lag in acceleration from engine startup until the engine and exhaust warmed up. This update is intended to reduce the hesitation or lag in acceleration from engine startup.

**DIAGNOSIS:**

Using a Scan Tool (wiTECH) with the appropriate Diagnostic Procedures available in DealerCONNECT/Service Library, verify all related 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 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 application's "HELP" tab.
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.

**POLICY:**

Reimbursable within the provisions of the warranty.

**TIME ALLOWANCE:**

Labor Operation No:	Description	Skill Category	Amount
18-19-04-LF	Module, Powertrain Control (PCM) - Reprogram (1 - Semi-Skilled)	10 - Diesel	0.3 Hrs.

**NOTE:** The expected completion time for the flash download portion of this procedure is approximately 7 minutes. Actual flash download times may be affected by vehicle connection and network capabilities.

**FAILURE CODE:**

The dealer must use failure code CC with this Service Bulletin.

- If the customer's concern matches the SYMPTOM/CONDITION identified in the Service Bulletin, failure code CC is to be used.
- When utilizing this failure code, the 3C's (customer's concern, cause and correction) must be provided for processing Service Bulletin flash/reprogramming conditions.

CC	Customer Concern
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