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Subject: Air Conditioning Odor During Restart After Auto-Stop

Brand:	Model:	Model Year:		Build Date:		Engine:	Transmission:
		from	to	from	to		
Chevrolet	Equinox	2018	2022	SOP	VIN 11th Digit = L January 31, 2022. VIN 11th digit = 6 or S - ALL	LYX LTG	
GMC	Terrain				January 31, 2022		

Involved Region or Country	United States, Canada, Mexico
Additional Options (RPOs)	
Condition	Some customers may comment on a strong odor coming from the vents when the air conditioning is on. It may be described as a "chemical" type of odor. It is most noticeable during a restart after a stop/start event. It may vary in severity based on the customer's sensitivity.
Cause	The cause of the condition may be the current calibration of the Electronic Climate Control Module permits the evaporator temperature to go below 0°C/32°F. The air may have an odor as the evaporator is warming up during the stop.
Correction	To address the odor condition, a calibration update has been released for the Electronic Climate Control Module that prevents the evaporator temperature from going below 0°C/32°F.

Service Procedure

Caution: Before downloading the update files, be sure the computer is connected to the internet through a network cable (hardwired). DO NOT DOWNLOAD or install the files wirelessly. If there is an interruption during programming, programming failure or control module damage may occur.

- Ensure the programming tool is equipped with the latest software and is securely connected to the data link connector. If there is an interruption during programming, programming failure or control module damage may occur.
- Stable battery voltage is critical during programming. Any fluctuation, spiking, over voltage or loss of voltage will interrupt programming. Install a GM Authorized Programming Support Tool to maintain system voltage. Refer to www.gmdesolutions.com for further information. If not available, connect a fully charged 12 V jumper or booster pack disconnected from the AC voltage supply. DO NOT connect a battery charger.
- Follow the on-screen prompts regarding ignition power mode, but ensure that anything that drains excessive power (exterior lights, HVAC blower motor, etc) is off
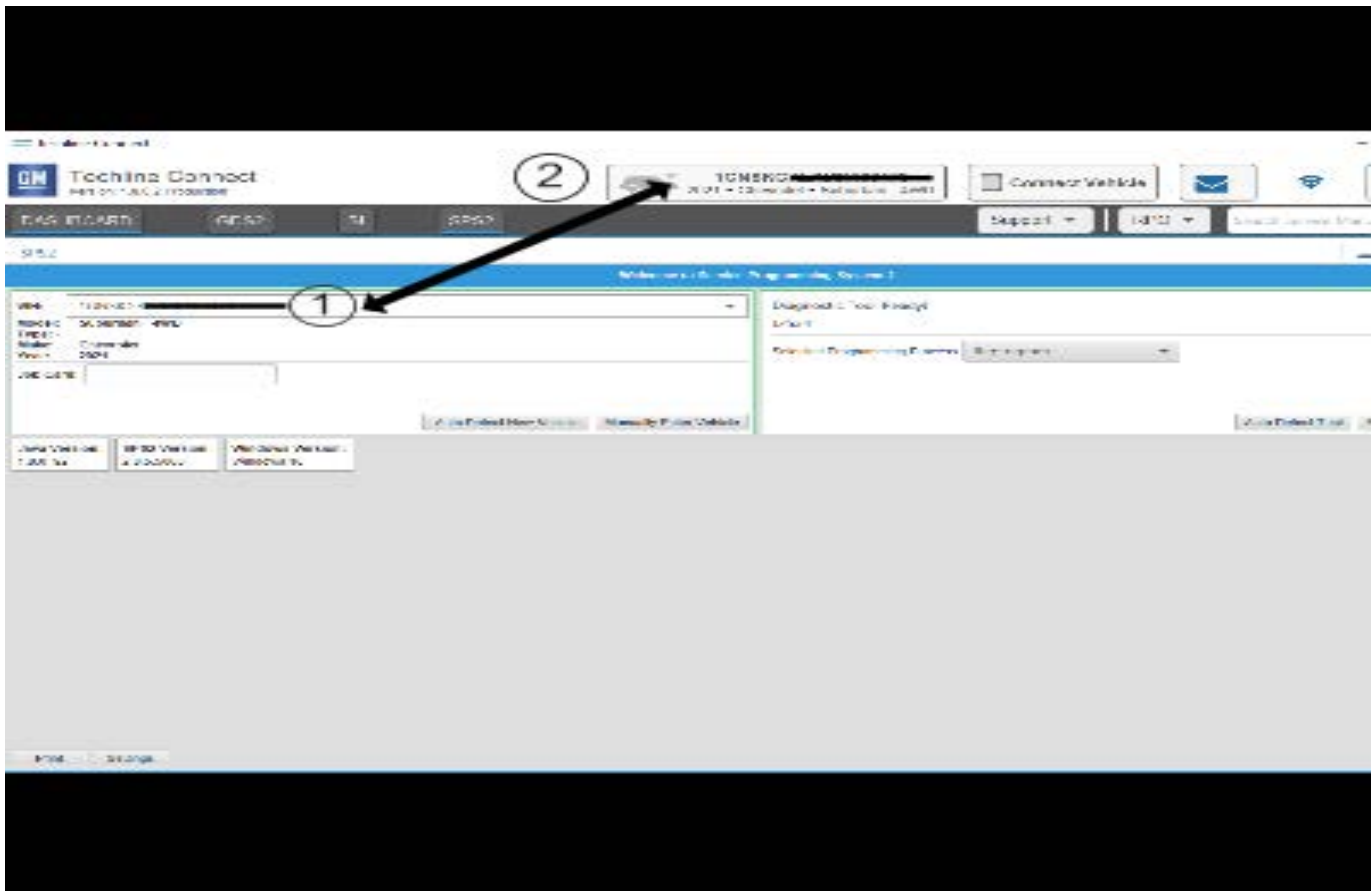
- Please verify that the radio time and date are set correctly before inserting USB drive into vehicle for programming, otherwise an error will result.
- Clear DTCs after programming is complete. Clearing powertrain DTCs will set the Inspection/ Maintenance (I/M) system status indicators to NO.

Important: The service technician always needs to verify that the VIN displayed in the TLC left side drop down menu and the top center window match the VIN plate of the vehicle to be programmed prior to using Service Programming System 2 (SPS2) for programming or reprogramming a module.

- For the TLC application, service technicians need to always ensure that the power mode (ignition) is "ON" before reading the VIN from the vehicle's VIN master module and that they do not select a VIN that is already in the TLC application memory from a previous vehicle.
- If the VIN that shows up in the TLC top center window after correctly reading the VIN from the vehicle does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, manually type in the VIN characters from the vehicle VIN plate into the TLC top center window and use these for programming or reprogramming the subject module with the correct vehicle VIN and software and/or calibrations.

- The Engine Control Module (ECM) is the master module (for VIP vehicles) that TLC reads to determine the VIN of the vehicle. If the VIN read from the vehicle by TLC does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, the ECM also needs to be reprogrammed with the correct VIN, software and calibrations that match the vehicle's VIN plate.
- The Body Control Module (BCM) is the master module (for GEM vehicles) that TLC reads to determine the VIN of the vehicle. If the VIN read from the vehicle by TLC does not match the VIN plate of the vehicle, the BCM also needs to be reprogrammed with the correct VIN, software and calibrations that match the vehicle's VIN plate.
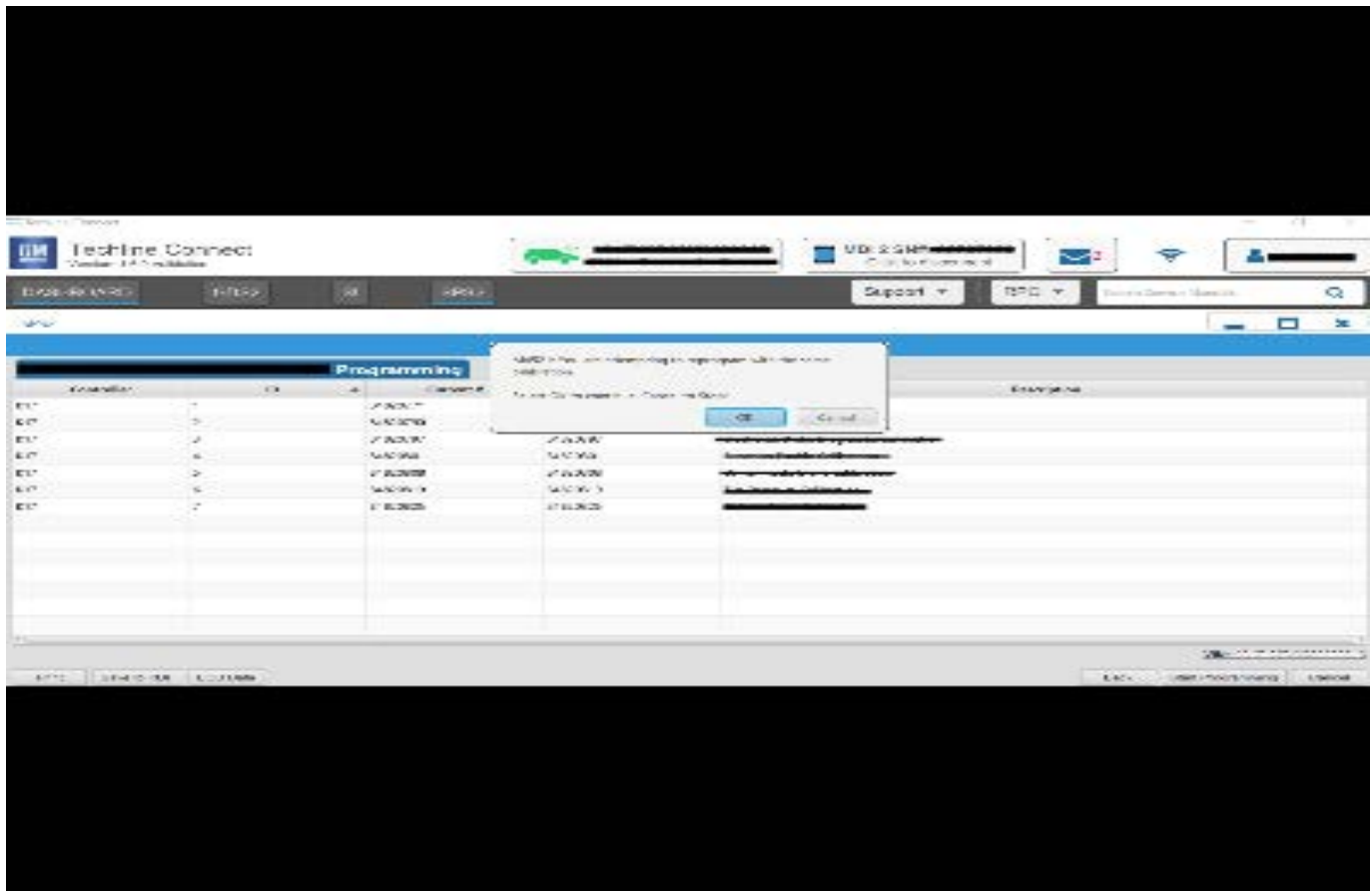
Caution: Be sure the VIN selected in the drop down menu (1) is the same as the vehicle connected (2) before beginning programming.

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Important: If the vehicle VIN DOES NOT match, the message below will be shown

WARNING: You have selected a VIN different from the VIN read from the vehicle. Proceeding could lead to damaging the vehicle and/or safety concerns. Do you wish to proceed?

Yes   Cancel

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Important: Techline Connect and TIS2WEB screens shown above.

Important: If the same calibration/software warning is noted on the TLC or SPS Summary screen, select OK and follow screen instructions. After a successful programming event, the WCC is located in the Service Programming System dialogue box of the SPS Summary screen. No further action is required. Refer to the Warranty section of the bulletin.

1. Reprogram the HVAC Control Module. Refer to *K33 HVAC Control Module: Programming and Setup* in SI.
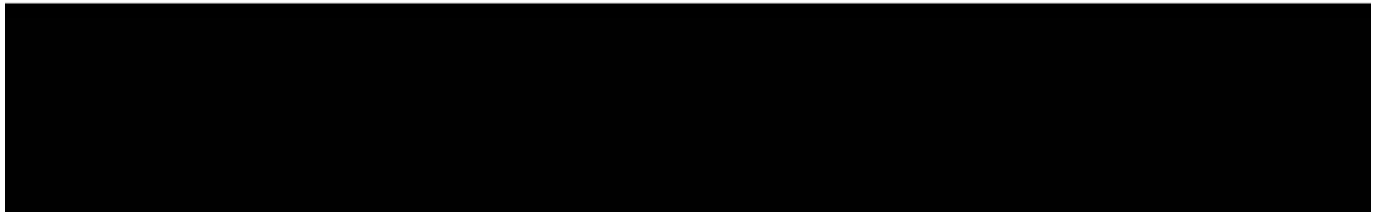
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Note: The screenshots above are an example of module programming and may not be indicative of the specific module that is being programmed. Module selection and VIN information have been blacked out.

Important: To avoid warranty transaction rejections, you **MUST** record the warranty claim code provided on the Warranty Claim Code (WCC) screen shown above on the job card. Refer to callout 1 above for the location of the WCC on the screen.

2. Record Warranty Claim Code on job card for warranty transaction submission.

Warranty Information

For vehicles repaired under the Bumper-to-Bumper coverage (Canada Base Warranty coverage), use the following labor operation. Reference the Applicable Warranties section of Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) for coverage information.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time
2886868	Update HVAC Control Module Calibration HVAC Odor	0.3 hr
Important: *To avoid warranty transaction rejections, carefully read and follow the instructions below:		

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time

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- The Warranty Claim Code must be accurately entered in the "Warranty Claim Code" field of the transaction.
- When more than one Warranty Claim Code is generated for a programming event, it is required to document all Warranty Claim Codes in the "Correction" field on the job card. Dealers must also enter one of the codes in the "Warranty Claim Code" field of the transaction, otherwise the transaction will reject. It is best practice to enter the FINAL code provided by SPS2.

Warranty Claim Code Information Retrieval

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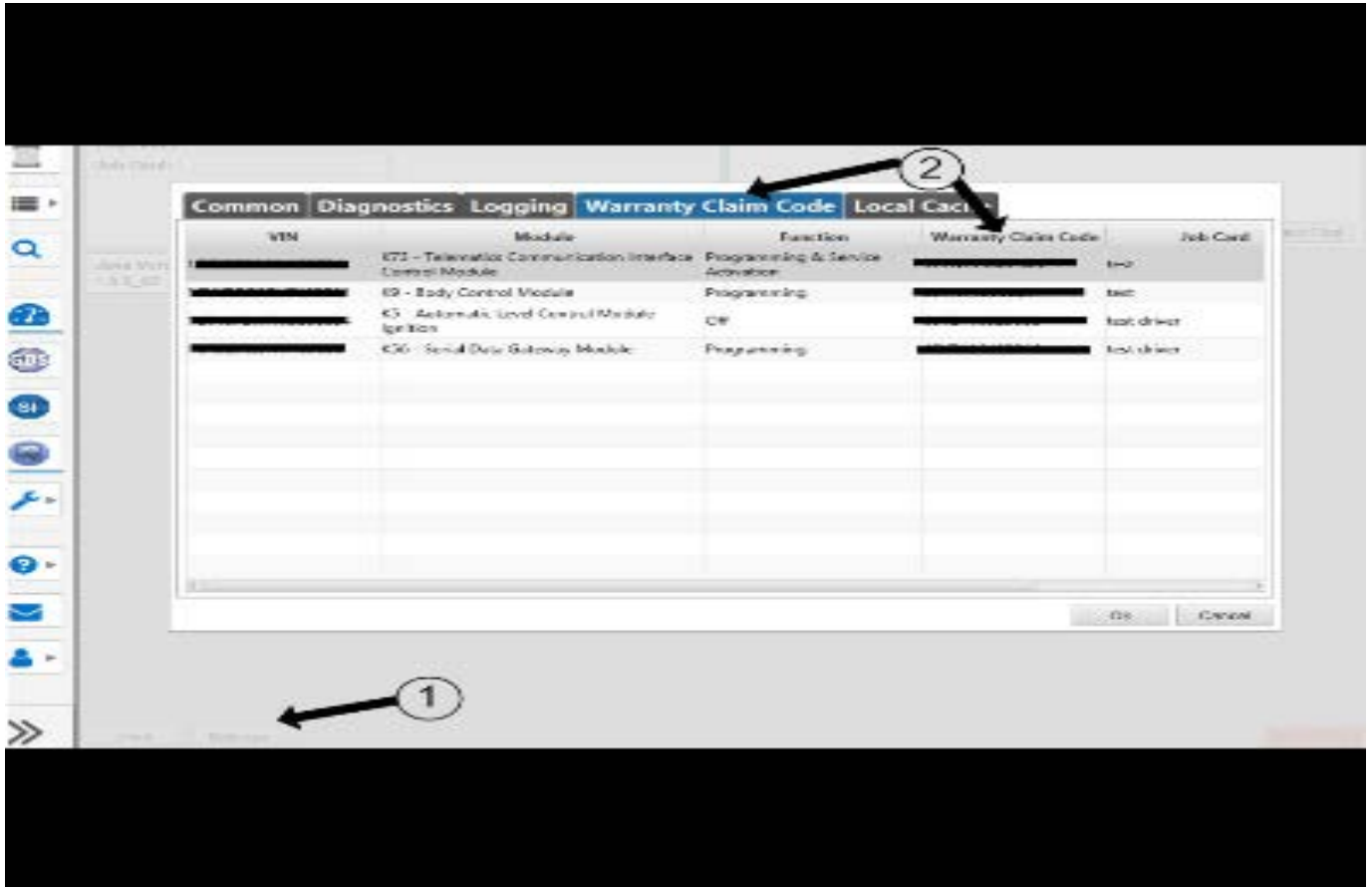
If the Warranty Claim Code was not recorded on the Job Card, the code can be retrieved in the SPS2 system as follows:

1. Open TLC on the computer used to program the vehicle.
2. Select and start SPS2.
3. Select Settings (1).
4. Select the Warranty Claim Code tab (2).

The VIN, Warranty Claim Code and Date/Time will be listed on a roster of recent programming events. If the code is retrievable, dealers should resubmit the transaction making sure to include the code in the SPS Warranty Claim Code field.

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	Revised May 04, 2022 – Added Model Year 2020 and 2021, removed countries from Involved Regions, Updated Cause and Correction Sections
	Revised May 10, 2022 – Added engine RPO LTG and removed RPO LYT.
	Revised February 27, 2023 – Added 2018 and 2019 Model Years