WHY IS THE MIL ON?

EMISSIONS PROBLEMS

The Leading Cause Of Emissions Test Failure Is Engine System Component Failure

Check These Emission System Components!

• High NOx, Exhaust Emissions
• Coated/Oil Fouled Substrate
• Overheated, Melted or Broken
• Excessive Fuel Conditions
• Emissions System Component Failure

MIL ON? What is the REAL PROBLEM?

Thermal Failure can destroy a Catalytic Converter.

A converter can be destroyed by excessive heat. Since there are NO MOVING PARTS in a converter the usual suspect is fuel contamination, the result of an engine operating system failure or malfunction.

When the vehicle is running in a rich air-fuel mixture condition, unspent or raw fuel (HC) along with carbon monoxide (CO) is pumped into the converter through the exhaust system.

The oxidation or burning process of the raw fuel continues unchecked, raising the internal temperature of the converter to a point where the converter matting and substrate are destroyed.

The conditions of “thermal failure” prohibit the converter from storing oxygen thus setting off a PO420 diagnostic trouble code.

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Catalytic Converter

What can render a Catalytic Converter inefficient?

Poor vehicle maintenance is a major contributor to the creation of conditions that eventually lead to converter inefficiency. With a dirty air filter, a lack of scheduled oil changes, severe driving conditions, poor fuel, and short trips, you have the makings for an inefficient catalytic converter.

Eventually a combination of these conditions can increase carbon accumulation in the combustion chamber leading to higher combustion temperatures and compression ratios. The result is excessive NOx output by the engine.

Combining excessive NOx output with carbon fouling of the spark plugs and O2 sensors, the contamination or fouling of the catalytic converter and you have the ingredients for an emissions system failure. In short, the catalyzing metals in the converter are no longer exposed to the exhaust gases, and the converter is rendered inactive.

The deactivation of the catalytic converter causes a reduction of O2 storage which is detected by the O2 sensor resulting in a PO420 diagnostic trouble code.

Engine Operating Systems Diagnostics . . . DO IT NOW!

Check These Components:

• Front Oxygen Sensor(s)
• Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor (ECT)
• Engine Thermostat
• EGR Valve Position Sensor (EVP)
• Idle Air Control Valve (IAC)
• Idle Speed Control Motor
• Ported Vacuum Switch (PVS)

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