

DTC	P2121	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "D" CIRCUIT RANGE/PERFORMANCE
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HINT:

This is repair procedure for the "accelerator pedal position sensor".

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Refer to DTC P2120 on page [05-257](#) .

DTC No.	DTC Detection Condition	Trouble Area
P2121	Conditions (a) continue for 0.5 seconds: (a) Difference between VPA and VPA2 exceeds the threshold (1 trip detection logic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open or short in Accelerator pedal position sensor circuit • Accelerator pedal position sensor • ECM

MONITOR DESCRIPTION

The accelerator pedal position sensor is mounted on the accelerator pedal bracket. The accelerator pedal position sensor has two sensor elements/signal outputs: VPA and VPA2. VPA is used to detect the actual accelerator pedal angle (used for engine control) and VPA2 is used to detect malfunctions in VPA. When the difference between the voltage outputs of VPA and VPA2 deviate from the standard, the ECM concludes the accelerator pedal position sensor has a malfunction. The ECM turns on the MIL and a DTC is set.

FAIL-SAFE

The accelerator pedal position sensor has 2 (main and sub) sensor circuits. If a malfunction occurs in either of the sensor circuits, the ECM detects the abnormal signal voltage difference between the 2 sensor circuits and switches to fail-safe mode. In fail-safe mode, the remaining circuit is used to calculate the accelerator pedal opening to allow the vehicle to continue driving.

If both circuits malfunction, the ECM regards the opening angle of the accelerator pedal to be fully closed. In this case, the throttle valve will remain closed as if the engine is idling.

If a "pass" condition is detected and then the ignition switch is turned OFF, the fail-safe operation will stop and the system will return to normal condition.

MONITOR STRATEGY

Related DTCs	P2121: TP sensor malfunction
Required sensors / components (Main)	Accelerator position sensor
Required sensors / components (Related)	-
Frequency of operation	Continuous
Duration	0.5 sec.
MIL operation	Immediate
Sequence of operation	None

TYPICAL ENABLING CONDITIONS

The monitor will run whenever this DTC is not present	See page 05-16
Either of the following conditions is met:	Condition 1 or 2
1. Electronic throttle actuator power	ON
2. Ignition switch	ON

TYPICAL MALFUNCTION THRESHOLDS

Learned voltage value of (VTA1 - VTA2)	Less than 0.4 V, or more than 1.2 V
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WIRING DIAGRAM

Refer to DTC P2120 on page [05-257](#) .

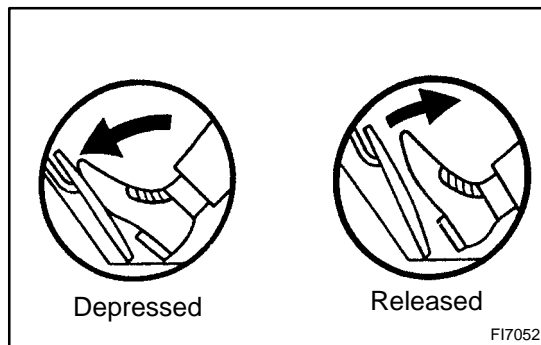
INSPECTION PROCEDURE

HINT:

Read freeze frame data using the hand-held tester or the OBD II scan tool. Freeze frame data records the engine conditions when a malfunction is detected. When troubleshooting, freeze frame data can help determine if the vehicle was running or stopped, if the engine was warmed up or not, if the air-fuel ratio was lean or rich, and other data from the time the malfunction occurred.

Hand-held tester:

1 READ VALUE OF HAND-HELD TESTER (ACCEL POS #1, ACCEL POS #2)



- (a) Connect the hand-held tester to the DLC3.
- (b) Turn the ignition switch ON.
- (c) On the hand-held tester, enter the following menus: DIAGNOSIS / ENHANCED OBD II / DATA LIST / ETCS / ACCEL POS #1 and ACCEL POS #2" and read its value displayed on the hand-held tester.

Standard:

Accelerator Pedal	ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2
Released	0.5 to 1.1 V	1.2 to 2.0 V
Depressed	2.6 to 4.5 V	3.4 to 5.3 V

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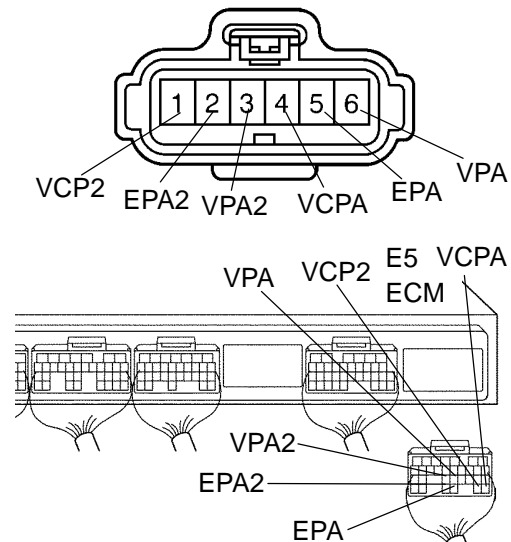
REPLACE ECM (See page [10-9](#))

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2 CHECK WIRE HARNESS (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR - ECM)

Wire Harness Side

A27
Accelerator Pedal
Position Sensor



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- Disconnect the A27 sensor connector.
- Disconnect the E5 ECM connector.
- Measure the resistance of the wire harness side connectors.

Standard:

Tester Connection	Specified Condition
VPA (A27-6) - VPA (E5-22) EPA (A27-5) - EPA (E5-28) VCPA (A27-4) - VCPA (E5-26) VPA2 (A27-3) - VPA2 (E5-23) EPA2 (A27-2) - EPA2 (E5-29) VCP2 (A27-1) - VCP2 (E5-27)	Below 1 Ω
VPA (A27-6) or VPA (E5-22) - Body ground EPA (A27-5) or EPA (E5-28) - Body ground VCPA (A27-4) or VCPA (E5-26) - Body ground VPA2 (A27-3) or VPA2 (E5-23) - Body ground EPA2 (A27-2) or EPA2 (E5-29) - Body ground VCP2 (A27-1) or VCP2 (E5-27) - Body ground	10 k Ω or higher

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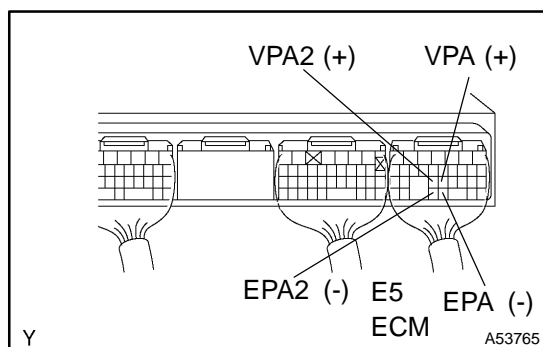
REPAIR OR REPLACE HARNESS AND CONNECTOR

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REPLACE ACCELERATOR PEDAL ROD ASSY (See page 10-1 1)

OBD II scan tool (excluding hand-held tester):

1 INSPECT ECM (VPA AND VPA2 VOLTAGE)



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- Turn the ignition switch ON.
- Measure the voltage between the specified terminals of the E5 ECM connector.

Standard:

Accelerator Pedal Position	Tester Connection	Tester Connection
	VPA (E5-22) - EPA (E5-28)	VPA2 (E5-23) - EPA2 (E5-29)
Released	0.5 to 1.1 V	1.2 to 2.0 V
Depressed	2.6 to 4.5 V	3.4 to 5.3 V

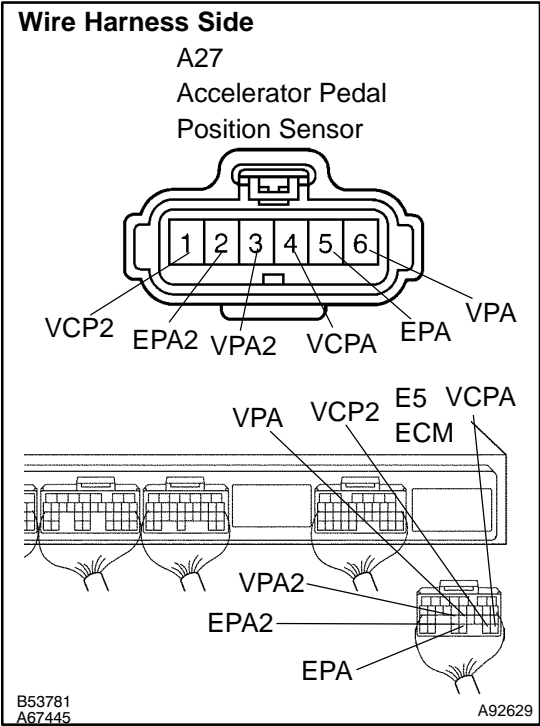
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REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)

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CHECK WIRE HARNESS (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR - ECM)



- (a)
- Disconnect the A27 sensor connector.
- (b)
- Disconnect the E5 ECM connector.
- (c)
- Measure the resistance of the wire harness side connectors.

Standard:

Tester Connection	Specified Condition
VPA (A27-6) - VPA (E5-22) EPA (A27-5) - EPA (E5-28) VCPA (A27-4) - VCPA (E5-26) VPA2 (A17-3) - VPA2 (E5-23) EPA2 (A27-2) - EPA2 (E5-29) VCP2 (A27-1) - VCP2 (E5-27)	Below 1 Ω
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