DTC P0110 Intake Air Temperature Circuit Malfunction

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The intake air temperature sensor is built into the mass air flow meter and senses the intake air temperature. A thermistor built in the sensor changes the resistance value according to the intake air temperature. The lower the intake air temperature, the greater the thermistor resistance value becomes, and the higher the intake air temperature is, the lower the thermistor resistance value becomes (See Fig. 1).

The intake air temperature sensor is connected to the ECM (See below). The 5 V power source voltage in the ECM is applied to the intake air temperature sensor from terminal THA via resistor R. That is, resistor R and the intake air temperature sensor are connected in series. When the resistance value of the intake air temperature sensor changes in accordance with changes in the intake air temperature, the potential at terminal THA also changes. Based on this signal, the ECM increases the fuel injection volume to improve driveability during the cold engine operation.

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| P0110  | Open or short in intake air temp. sensor circuit | • Open or short in intake air temperature sensor circuit  
• Intake air temp. sensor (built into mass air flow meter)  
• ECM |

HINT:
After confirming DTC P0110, use the hand–held tester or OBD II scan tool to confirm the intake air temperature from the CURRENT DATA.

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INSPECTION PROCEDURE

HINT:
- If DTCs P0110, P0115 and P0120 are output simultaneously, E2 (sensor ground) may be open.
- Read freeze frame data using hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool, as freeze frame data records the engine conditions when a malfunction is detected. When troubleshooting, it is useful for determining whether the vehicle was running or stopped, the engine was warmed up or not, the air-fuel ratio was lean or rich, etc. at the time of the malfunction.

1. Connect hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool, and read value of intake air temperature.

PREPARATION:
(a) Connector the hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool to the DLC3.
(b) Turn the ignition switch ON and push the hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool main switch ON.

CHECK:
Read the temperature value on the hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool.

OK:
Same value as the actual intake air temperature.

HINT:
- If there is open circuit, hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool indicates −40°C (−40°F).
- If there is short circuit, hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool indicates 140°C (284°F) or more.

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−40°C (−40°F) ..... Go to step 2.
140°C (284°F) or more ..... Go to step 4.

OK

Check for intermittent problems (See page DI–157).
2 Check for open in harness or ECM.

PREPARATION:
(a) Disconnect the mass air flow meter connector.
(b) Connect the sensor wire harness terminals together.
(c) Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:
Read the temperature value on the hand–held tester or OBD II scan tool.

OK:
Temperature value: 140°C (284°F) or more

OK Confirm good connection at sensor. If OK, replace mass air flow meter.

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3 Check for open in harness or ECM.

PREPARATION:
(a) Remove the glove compartment (See page SF–58).
(b) Connect terminals THA and E2 of the ECM connector.

HINT:
The mass air flow meter connector is disconnected. Before checking, do a visual and contact pressure check for the ECM connector (See page IN–28).

CHECK:
Read the temperature value on the hand–held tester or OBD II scan tool.

OK:
Temperature value: 140°C (284°F) or more

OK Open in harness between terminals E2 or THA, repair or replace harness.

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Confirm good connection at ECM. If OK, check and replace ECM (See page IN–28).
4  Check for short in harness and ECM.

**PREPARATION:**
(a) Disconnect the mass air flow meter connector.
(b) Turn the ignition switch ON.

**CHECK:**
Read the temperature value on the hand–held tester or OBD II scan tool.

**OK:**
Temperature value: –40°C (–40°F)

**OK** Replace mass air flow meter.

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5  Check for short in harness or ECM.

**PREPARATION:**
(a) Remove the glove compartment (See page SF–58).
(b) Disconnect the E8 connector from the ECM.

**HINT:**
The mass air flow meter connector is disconnected.
(c) Turn the ignition switch ON.

**CHECK:**
Read the temperature value on the hand–held tester or OBD II scan tool.

**OK:**
Temperature value: –40°C (–40°F)

**OK** Repair or replace harness or connector.

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Check and replace ECM (See page IN–28).