



CHART C-2C

IDLE AIR CONTROL, 5.7L "Y" SERIES

The ECM will control engine idle speed by moving the IAC valve to control air flow around the throttle plate. It does this by sending voltage pulses to the proper motor winding for each IAC motor. This will cause the motor shaft and valve to move "IN" or "OUT" of the motor a given distance for each pulse received. ECM pulses are referred to as "counts".

- To increase idle speed - ECM will send enough counts to retract the IAC valve and allow more air to flow through the idle air passage and bypass the throttle plate until idle speed reaches the proper RPM. This will increase the ECM counts.
- To decrease idle speed - ECM will send enough counts to extend the IAC valve and reduce air flow through the idle passage around the throttle plate. This will reduce the ECM counts.

Each time the engine is started and then the ignition is turned off the ECM will reset the IAC valve. This is done by sending enough counts to seat the valve. The fully seated valve is the ECM reference Zero. A given number of counts are then issued to open the valve, and normal ECM control of IAC will begin from this point. The number of counts are then calculated by the ECM. This is how the ECM knows what the motor position is for a given idle speed.

The ECM uses the following information to control idle speed.

- Battery voltage
- Coolant Temperature
- Throttle Position Sensor
- Engine Speed
- A/C clutch signal

Don't apply battery voltage across the IAC motor terminals. It will permanently damage the IAC motor windings.

1. Be sure to disconnect the IAC valve prior to this test. The test light will confirm the ECM signals by a steady or flashing light, all circuits.
2. Before replacing an ECM, be sure to check the resistance at the IAC motor windings. Failure to do so may result in a repeat ECM failure.
3. **Diagnostic Aids**
Engine idle speed can be adversely affected by the following:
 - Park/Neutral Switch - If ECM thinks the car is always in neutral, then idle will not be controlled to the specified RPM when in drive range.
 - Leaking injector(s) will cause fuel imbalance and poor idle quality due to excess fuel. See Chart A-7
 - Vacuum or crankcase leaks can affect idle.
 - When the throttle shaft or throttle position sensor is binding or sticking in an open throttle position, the ECM does not know if the vehicle has stopped and does not control idle.
 - Check Air management system for intermittent air to ports while in closed loop.
 - In addition to electrical control of EGR, be sure to examine the EGR valve for proper seating.
 - Faulty battery cables can result in voltage variations. The ECM will try to compensate, which results in erratic idle speeds.
 - The ECM will compensate for A/C compressor clutch loads. Loss of this signal would be most apparent in neutral.
 - Contaminated fuel can adversely affect idle.
 - Perform injector balance test CHART C-2A.

CHART C-2C

IDLE AIR CONTROL

5.7L "Y" SERIES FUEL INJECTION (PORT)

- ENGINE AT NORMAL OPERATING TEMPERATURE AND RECORD RPM IN PARK.
- NOTE CLOSED THROTTLE RPM IN PARK.

- IGNITION "OFF".
- DISCONNECT IAC VALVE.
- START ENGINE, NOTE RPM IN PARK.

IDLE RPM, NO INCREASE

IDLE RPM INCREASE

- IGNITION "OFF".
- RECONNECT IAC VALVE.
- START ENGINE AND NOTE RPM IN PARK.

WILL NOT RETURN TO IDLE RPM
RECORDED ABOVE.

- DISCONNECT IAC HARNESS.

RETURN TO IDLE RPM RECORDED ABOVE.

IDLE AIR CONTROL OK.

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- IGNITION "ON", ENGINE STOPPED.
 - GROUND DIAGNOSTIC TEST TERMINAL.
 - CONNECT A TEST LIGHT BETWEEN EACH HARNESS CONNECTOR PIN AND GROUND.

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SEE FACING PAGE "DIAGNOSTIC AIDS"

NO LIGHTS, ONE OR MORE CIRCUITS.

LIGHT STEADY OR FLASHING ALL CIRCUITS

CHECK FOR OPEN OR SHORT TO GROUND IN CIRCUIT WITH NO LIGHT.

FAULTY IAC CONNECTOR TERMINALS OR IAC VALVE.

ALL CIRCUITS OK.

CHECK RESISTANCE ACROSS IAC COILS. SHOULD BE MORE THAN 20 OHMS BETWEEN IAC TERMINALS OPPOSITE HARNESS CONNECTOR TERMS. "A" TO "B" AND "C" TO "D".

OK

NOT OK

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FAULTY ECM CONN. OR ECM.

REPLACE IAC VALVE AND ECM.

CLEAR CODES AND CONFIRM "CLOSED LOOP" OPERATION AND NO "SERVICE ENGINE SOON" LIGHT

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