

3.5L GTDI—INTERMITTENT STUMBLE/MISFIRE ON ACCELERATION FROM HIGHWAY CRUISE IN HUMID OR DAMP CONDITIONS WITH POSSIBLE DTC

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Some 2011-2012 F-150 vehicles equipped with a 3.5L gasoline turbocharged direct injection (GTDI) EcoBoost engine may exhibit an intermittent engine surge during moderate to light loads at cruise, stumble and/or misfire on hard acceleration after an extended drive at highway speeds during high humid or damp conditions. This could result in a steady or flashing malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) with diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) primarily for misfire P0300, P0304, P0305, P0306. DTCs P0430 and/or P0299 may also be present.

ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

Insure all hard fault powertrain DTCs are addressed prior to performing the calibration update.

1. Check for DTC P0430. Is DTC P0430 present?
 - a. Yes - Replace the left bank catalytic converter assembly. Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 309-00. Proceed to Step 2.
 - b. No - Proceed to Step 3.
2. Is the Charge Air Cooler (CAC) equipped with an air deflector plate? (Figure 1A)

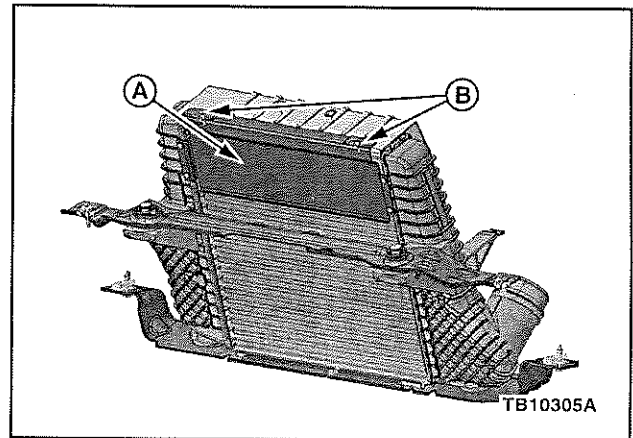


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- a. Yes - Proceed to Step 5.
 - b. No - Proceed to Step 3.
3. Install a new CAC, new air deflector plate, and original shield using new retaining pushpins. Refer to WSM, Section 303-12. (Figure 1B) Proceed to Step 4.
 4. Reprogram the PCM to the latest calibration using IDS release 79.02A or higher. This new calibration is not included in the 2012.5 DVD. Calibration files may also be obtained at www.motorcraft.com.
 5. Install a new CAC and the original air deflector plate and shield using new retaining pushpins. Refer WSM, Section 303-12.

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