

# **Technical Service Information**

# FORD AX4N ENGINE STALLS IN ANY GEAR

**COMPLAINT:** After rebuild, the engine stalls as soon as the manual shift lever is moved into any position

except Park or Neutral.

CAUSE: The cause may be, the Bypass Clutch Control Plunger, located in the bypass clutch control

valve line-up has been installed backwards, as it is shown backwards in most service

manuals.

When the spring and/or plunger are installed backwards, the plunger blocks the feed hole in the plunger sleeve, which in turn causes the balance of the valve to be lost, as shown in Figure 1. This allows the bypass clutch control valve to stroke to a position that will allow all converter clutch release oil to be exhausted. This of course will allow the converter clutch to be applied, and the engine will stall as soon as the manual shift lever is moved out of Park or

Neutral.

**CORRECTION:** Install the Bypass Clutch Control Valve, Plunger, Spring and Sleeve, as shown in the "Correct" illustrations in Figures 1 and 2.

**Do Not** install the valve train as seen in the "Incorrect" illustrations in Figures 3 and 4.

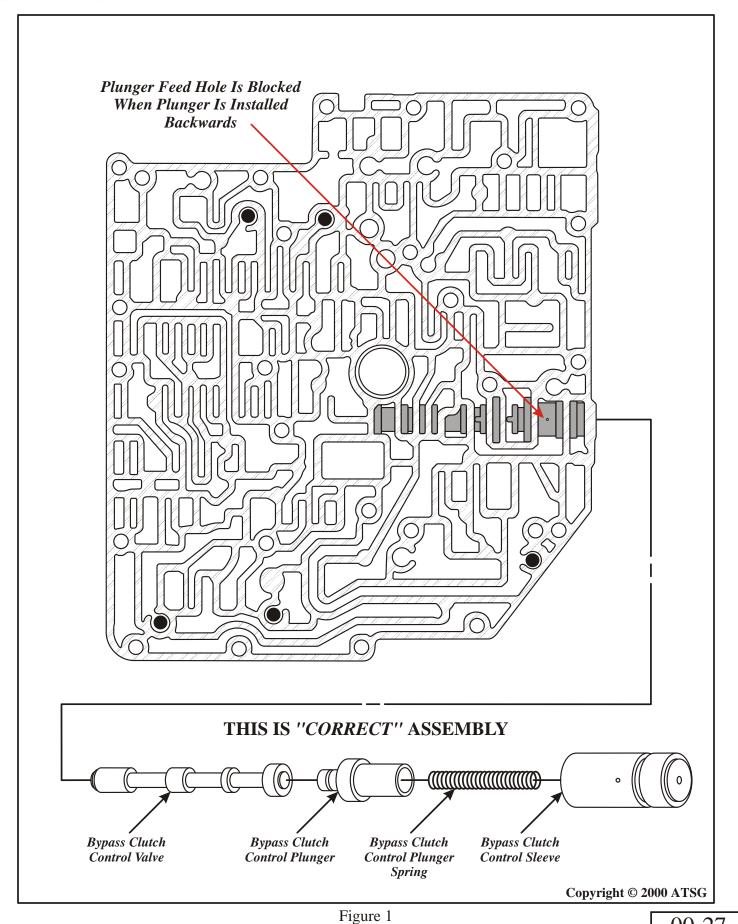
**Note:** The Bypass Clutch Control Sleeve should *always* be checked during rebuild, as this

is a high wear item, and can cause TCC apply and lube circuit problems.

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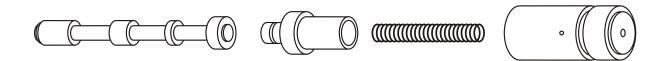


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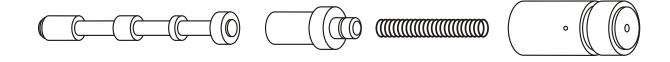


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Figure 2

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As Shown In Most Manuals



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Figure 3

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