

DTC	P2120	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "D" CIRCUIT
DTC	P2122	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "D" CIRCUIT LOW INPUT
DTC	P2123	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "D" CIRCUIT HIGH INPUT
DTC	P2125	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "E" CIRCUIT
DTC	P2127	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "E" CIRCUIT LOW INPUT
DTC	P2128	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "E" CIRCUIT HIGH INPUT
DTC	P2138	THROTTLE/PEDAL POSITION SENSOR/SWITCH "D"/"E" VOLTAGE CORRELATION

HINT:

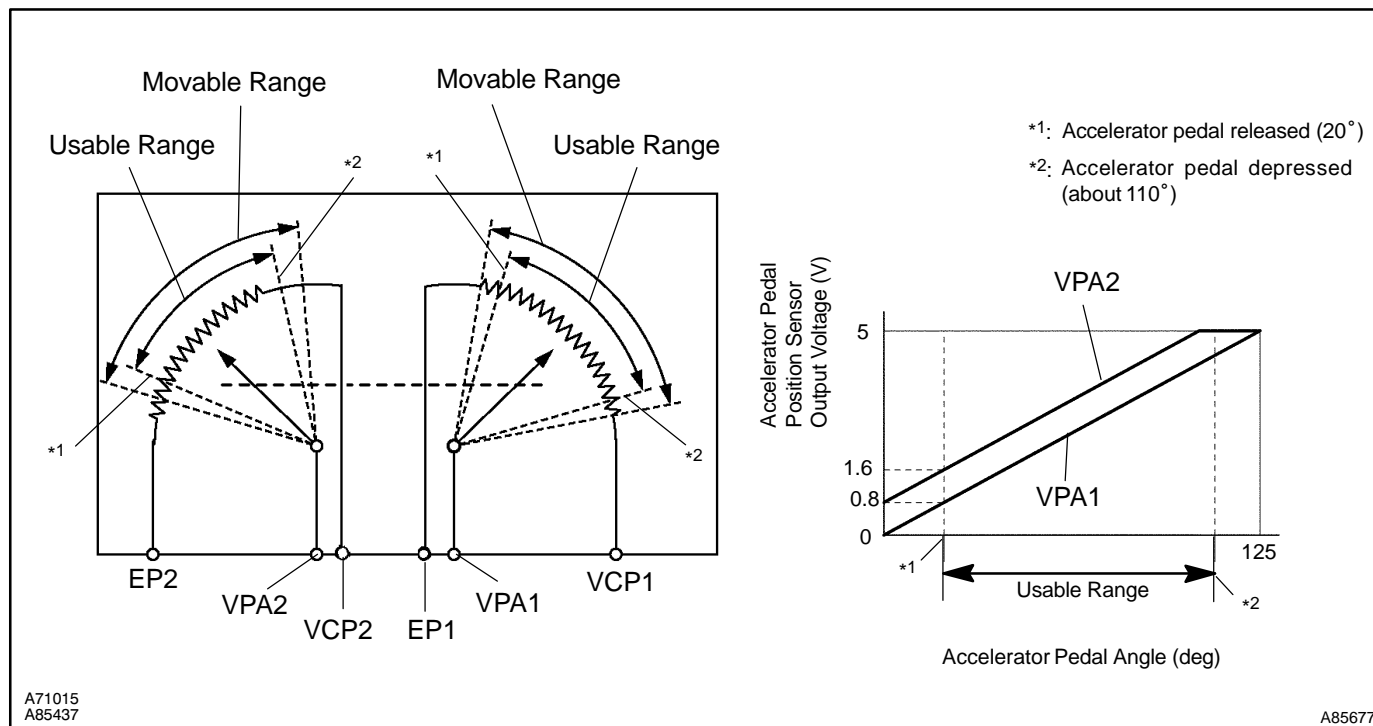
This is the repair procedure for the "accelerator pedal position sensor".

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

HINT:

- This Electronic Throttle Control System (ETCS) does not use a throttle cable.
- This is procedure of accelerator pedal position sensor.

The accelerator pedal position sensor is mounted on the accelerator pedal bracket. The accelerator pedal position sensor has 2 sensor elements/signal outputs: VPA1 and VPA2. VPA1 is used to detect the actual accelerator pedal angle (used for engine control) and VPA2 is used to detect malfunctions in VPA1. Voltage applied to VPA1 and VPA2 changes between 0 V and 5 V in proportion to the accelerator pedal angle. The ECM monitors the accelerator pedal angle from VPA1 and VPA2 signal output, and controls the throttle motor based on these signals.



DTC No.	DTC Detection Condition	Trouble Area
P2120	Condition (a) continues for 0.5 seconds or more: (a) VPA is 0.4 V or less or more; or VPA is 4.8 V or more;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open or short in accelerator pedal position sensor circuit • Accelerator pedal position sensor • ECM
P2122	Condition (a) continues for 0.5 seconds or more when accelerator pedal is fully released: (a) VPA is 0.4 V or less	• Same as DTC No. P2120
P2123	Condition (a) continues for 2.0 seconds or more: (a) VPA is 4.8 V or more	• Same as DTC No. P2120
P2125	Condition (a) continues for 0.5 seconds or more: (a) VPA2 is 1.2 V or less or VPA2 is 4.8 V or more	• Same as DTC No. P2120
P2127	Condition (a) continues for 0.5 seconds or more when accelerator pedal is fully released: (a) VPA2 is 1.2 V or less	• Same as DTC No. P2120
P2128	Conditions (a) and (b) continue for 2.0 seconds or more: (a) VPA2 is 4.8 V or more (b) VPA is 0.4 V or more and VPA is 3.45 V or less	• Same as DTC No. P2120
P2138	Conditions (a) or (b) continue for 2.0 seconds or more: (a) Difference between VPA and VPA2 is 0.02 V or less (b) VPA is 0.4 V or less and VPA2 is 1.2 V or less	• Same as DTC No. P2120

HINT:

After confirming DTC P2120, P2122, P2123, P2125, P2127, P2128 and P2138, use the hand-held tester or the OBD II scan tool to confirm the accelerator pedal position sensor output voltage.

Trouble Area	Accelerator pedal position expressed as voltage output			
	Accelerator pedal released		Accelerator pedal depressed	
	ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2	ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2
VCP circuit open	0 V	0 V	0 V	0 V
VPA circuit open or ground short	0 V	1.5 to 2.9 V	0 V	3.5 to 5.5 V
VPA2 circuit open or ground short	0.5 to 1.1 V	0 V	2.5 to 4.6 V	0 V
EPA circuit open	5V	5 V	5 V	5 V

MONITOR DESCRIPTION

When VPA or VPA2 deviates from the standard, or the difference between the voltage outputs of the 2 sensors is less than threshold, the ECM concludes that there is a defect in the accelerator pedal position sensor. The ECM turns on the MIL and a DTC is set.

Example:

When the voltage output of the VPA is below 0.2 V or exceeds 4.8 V.

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 two sensor circuits and switches to limp mode. In limp 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	P2120: APP Sensor 1 Range Check (Chattering) P2122: APP Sensor 1 Range Check (Low voltage) P2123: APP Sensor 1 Range Check (High voltage) P2125: APP Sensor 2 Range Check (Chattering) P2127: APP Sensor 2 Range Check (Low voltage) P2128: APP Sensor 2 Range Check (High voltage) P2138: APP Sensor Range Check (Correlation)
Required sensors/ components (Main)	APP sensor
Required sensors/ components (Related)	–
Frequency of operation	Continuous
Duration	2 seconds
MIL operation	Immediate
Sequence operation	None

TYPICAL ENABLING CONDITIONS

The monitor will run whenever these DTCs are not present	See page 05-16
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TYPICAL MALFUNCTION THRESHOLDS

P2120:

Either of the following conditions is met:	Condition 1 or 2
1. VPA1 voltage when VPA2 voltage is 0.04 V or more	0.4 V or less
2. VPA1 voltage	4.8 V or more

P2122:

VPA1 voltage when VPA2 voltage is 0.04 V or more	0.4 V or less
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P2123:

VPA1 voltage	4.8 V or more
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P2125:

Either of the following conditions is met:	Condition 1 or 2
1. VPA2 voltage when VPA1 voltage is 0.04 V or more	1.2 V or less
2. VPA2 voltage when VPA1 is 0.4 to 3.45 V	4.8 V or more

P2127:

VPA2 voltage when VPA1 voltage is 0.04 V or more	1.2 V or less
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P2128:

VPA2 voltage when VPA1 is 0.4 to 3.45 V	4.8 V or more
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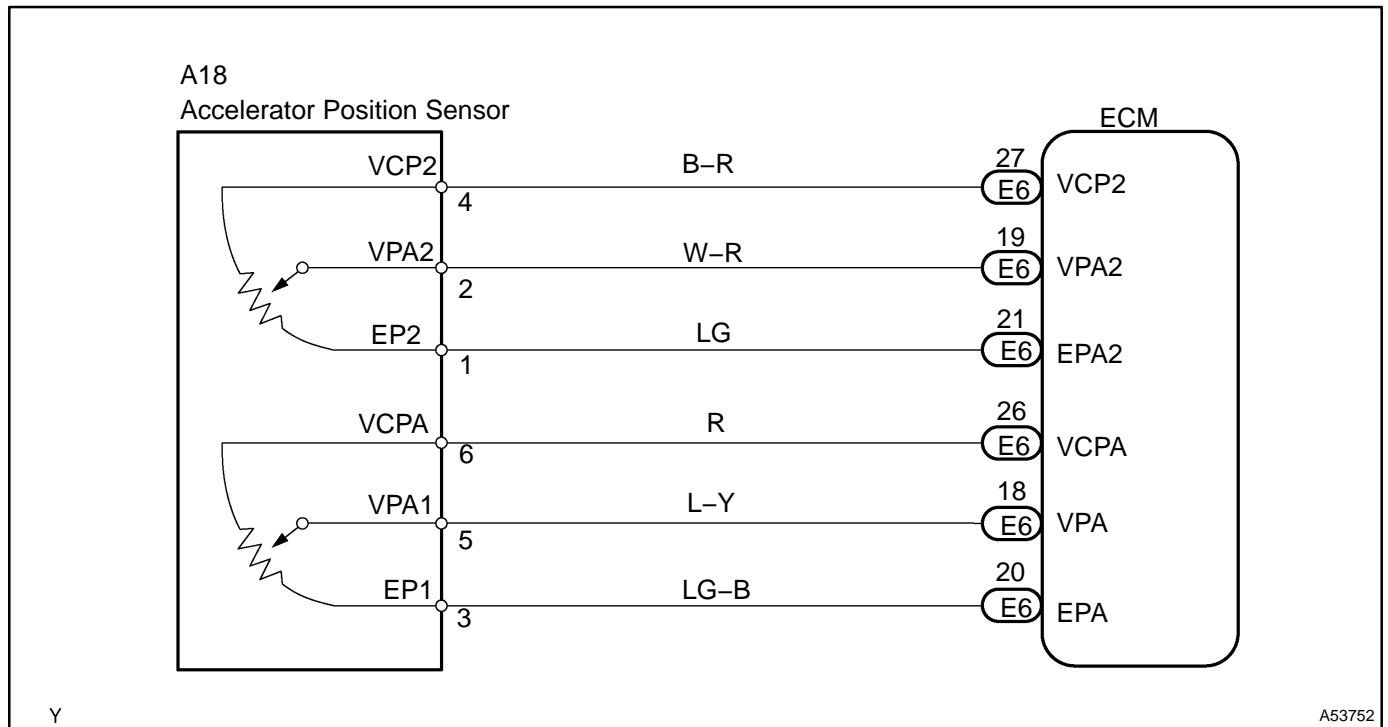
P2138:

Either of the following conditions is met:	Condition 1 or 2
1. Difference between VPA 1 and VPA2 voltage	0.02 V or less
Condition 2	–
VPA1 voltage	0.4 V or less
VPA2 voltage	1.2 V or less

COMPONENT OPERATING RANGE

VPA1 voltage	0.5 to 4.5 V
VPA2 voltage	1.2 to 4.8 V

WIRING DIAGRAM



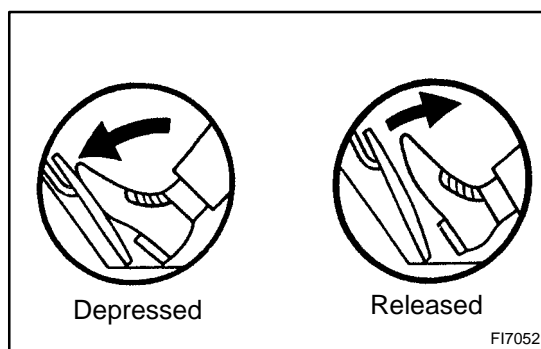
INSPECTION PROCEDURE

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)



- Connect the hand-held tester to the DLC3.
- Turn the ignition switch ON.
- On the hand-held tester enter the following menus: DIAGNOSIS / ENHANCED OBD II / DATA LIST / ETCS / ACCEL POS #1 and ACCEL POS #2. Read the values.

Standard:

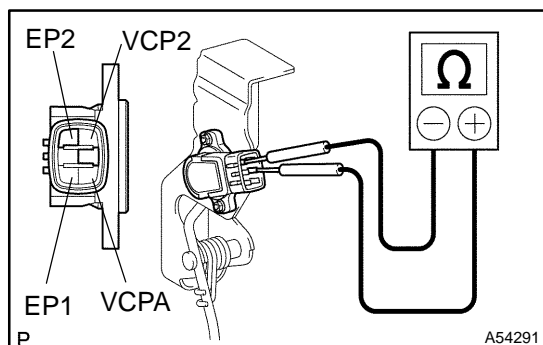
Accelerator Pedal	ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2
Released	0.5 to 1.1 V	1.2 to 2.0 V
Depressed	2.6 to 4.5 V	3.4 to 5.3 V

OK

Go to step 6

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2 INSPECT ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSY (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR)



- Disconnect the A18 sensor connector.
- Check the resistance of the sensor terminals.

Standard:

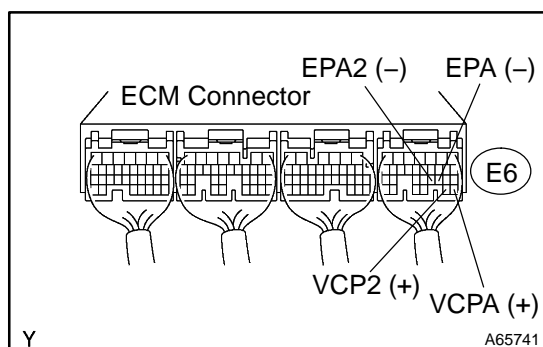
Tester Connection	Condition	Specified Condition
3 (EP1) - 6 (VCPA)	20°C (68°F)	2.25 to 4.75 kΩ
1 (EP2) - 4 (VCP2)		

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REPLACE ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSY

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3 INSPECT ECM (VCPA, VCP2 VOLTAGE)



- Turn the ignition switch ON.
- Check the voltage of the E6 ECM connector.

Standard:

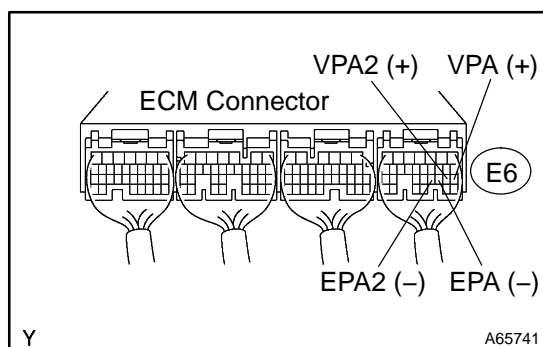
Tester Condition	Specified Condition
E6-26 (VCPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	4.5 to 5.5 V
E6-27 (VCP2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	

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REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)

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4 INSPECT ECM (VPA, VPA2 VOLTAGE)



- Turn the ignition switch ON.
- Check the voltage of the E6 ECM connector.

Tester Condition	Accelerator Pedal Condition	Specified Condition
E6-22 (VPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	Released	0.5 to 1.1 V
E6-22 (VPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	Depressed	2.6 to 4.5 V
E6-23 (VPA2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	Released	1.2 to 2.0 V
E6-23 (VPA2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	Depressed	3.4 to 5.3 V

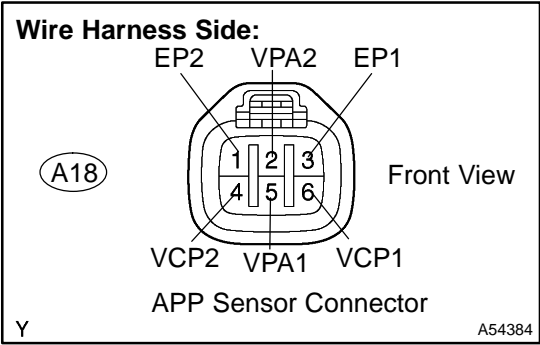
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REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)

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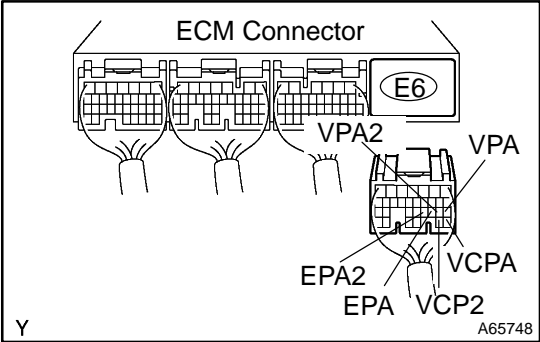
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CHECK WIRE HARNESS (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR – ECM)



- (a) Disconnect the A18 sensor connector.
- (b) Disconnect the E6 ECM connector.
- (c) Check the resistance of the wire harness side connectors.
- Standard:

Tester Connection	Specified Condition
A18-5 (VPA1) – E6-18 (VPA) A18-3 (EP1) – E6-20 (EPA) A18-6 (VCPA) – E6-26 (VCPA) A18-2 (VPA2) – E6-19 (VPA2) A18-1 (EP2) – E6-21 (EPA2) A18-4 (VCP2) – E6-27 (VCP2)	Below 1 Ω
A18-5 (VPA1) or E6-18 (VPA) – Body ground A18-3 (EP1) or E6-20 (EPA) – Body ground A18-6 (VCPA) or E6-26 (VCPA) – Body ground A18-2 (VPA2) or E6-19 (VPA2) – Body ground A18-1 (EP2) or E6-21 (EPA2) – Body ground A18-4 (VCP2) or E6-27 (VCP2) – Body ground	10 kΩ or higher



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REPAIR OR REPLACE HARNESS AND CONNECTOR

OK

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READ OUTPUT DTC (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR DTCS ARE OUTPUT AGAIN)

- (a) Clear the DTC (see page 05-41).
- (b) Start the engine.
- (c) Run the engine at idle for 15 seconds or more.
- (d) Read the DTC.

Result:

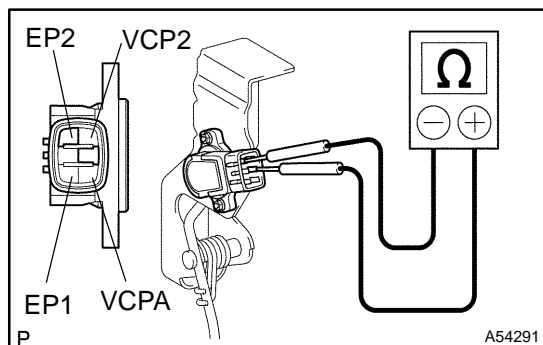
Display (DTC Output)	Proceed to
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No DTC output	B

B

SYSTEM OK

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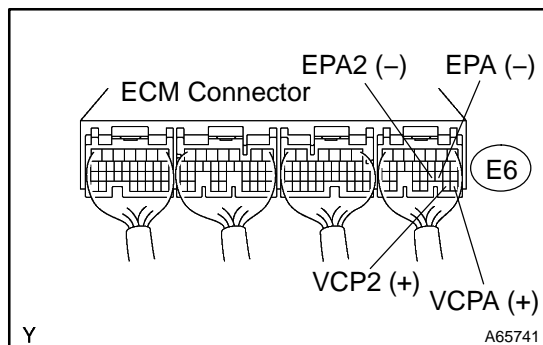
REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)

OBD II scan tool (excluding hand-held tester):**1 INSPECT ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSY (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR)**

- (a) Disconnect the A18 sensor connector.
 (b) Check the resistance of the sensor terminals.

Standard:

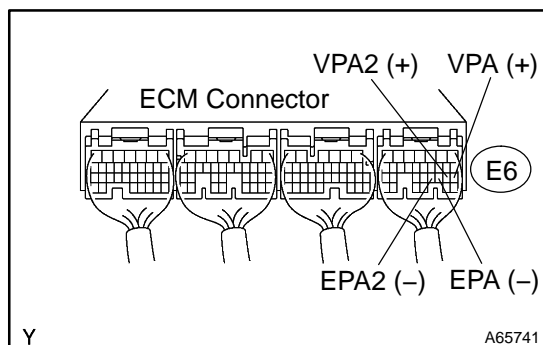
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1 (EP2) - 4 (VCP2)		

NG**REPLACE ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSY****OK****2 INSPECT ECM (VCPA, VCP2 VOLTAGE)**

- (a) Turn the ignition switch ON.
 (b) Check the voltage of the E6 ECM connector.

Standard:

Tester Condition	Specified Condition
E6-26 (VCPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	4.5 to 5.5 V
E6-27 (VCP2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	

NG**REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)****OK****3 INSPECT ECM (VPA, VPA2 VOLTAGE)**

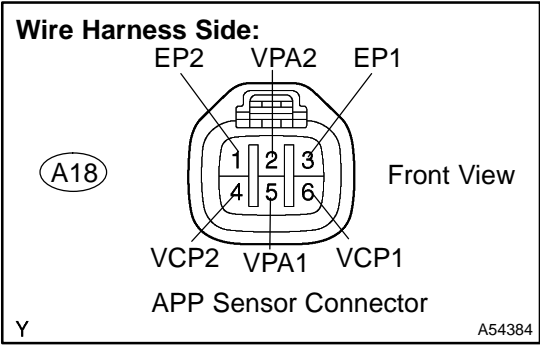
- (a) Turn the ignition switch ON.
 (b) Check the voltage of the E6 ECM connector.

Tester Condition	Accelerator Pedal Condition	Specified Condition
E6-22 (VPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	Released	0.5 to 1.1 V
E6-22 (VPA) - E6-20 (EPA)	Depressed	2.6 to 4.5 V
E6-23 (VPA2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	Released	1.2 to 2.0 V
E6-23 (VPA2) - E6-21 (EPA2)	Depressed	3.4 to 5.3 V

OK**REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)****NG**

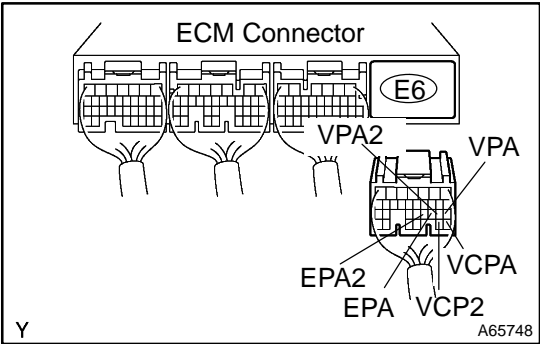
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CHECK WIRE HARNESS (ACCELERATOR PEDAL POSITION SENSOR – ECM)



- (a) Disconnect the A18 sensor connector.
- (b) Check the resistance of the wire harness side connectors.
- Standard:**

Tester Connection	Specified Condition
A18-5 (VPA1) – E6-18 (VPA) A18-3 (EP1) – E6-20 (EPA) A18-6 (VCPA) – E6-26 (VCPA) A18-2 (VPA2) – E6-19 (VPA2) A18-1 (EP2) – E6-21 (EPA2) A18-4 (VCP2) – E6-27 (VCP2)	Below 1 Ω
A18-5 (VPA1) or E6-18 (VPA) – Body ground A18-3 (EP1) or E6-20 (EPA) – Body ground A18-6 (VCPA) or E6-26 (VCPA) – Body ground A18-2 (VPA2) or E6-19 (VPA2) – Body ground A18-1 (EP2) or E6-21 (EPA2) – Body ground A18-4 (VCP2) or E6-27 (VCP2) – Body ground	10 kΩ or higher



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REPAIR OR REPLACE HARNESS AND CONNECTOR

OK

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- (d) Read the DTC.

Result:

Display (DTC Output)	Proceed to
P2120, P2122, P2123, P2125, P2127, P2128 and/or P2138 are output again	A
No DTC output	B

B

SYSTEM OK

A

REPLACE ECM (See page 10-9)