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FUEL SYSTEM

The fuel system consists of a fuel tank, fuel lines, filter, fuel strainer, pump, fuel manifolds (integral in cylinder heads), fuel pipes (inlet and outlet), and injectors. The fuel system is illustrated in figure 9-1. For further information on engine fuel system components, consult the appropriate Detroit Diesel Engine Service Manual.

Fuel is drawn from the tank, through the primary filter entering the fuel pump at the inlet side. The fuel is then forced through the secondary filter into the manifold and then to the inlet side of the injectors. Surplus fuel returns from the outlet side of the injectors to outlet fuel pipes, into the return manifold and back to the fuel tank. The accelerator linkage connects the accelerator pedal to the governor. Engine speed is controlled through the governor; details may be found in Detroit Diesel Engine Service Manuals.

DIESEL FUEL

The quality of fuel oil used for high-speed diesel engine operation is a very important factor in obtaining satisfactory engine performance, long engine life, and acceptable exhaust emission levels.

Detroit Diesel Allison designs, develops and manufactures commercial diesel engines to operate on diesel fuels classified by the ASTM as Designation D-975 (grades 1-D and 2-D). These grades are very similar to grades DF-17 DF-2 of Federal Specifications VV-F-800.

Burner fuel (furnace oils or domestic heating fuels) generally require an open flame for satisfactory combustion. The ignition quality (cetane rating) of burner fuel (ASTM D-396) is poor compared to diesel fuels (ASTM D-975).

In some regions, however, fuel suppliers may distribute one fluid that is marketed as either diesel fuel (ASTM D-975) or domestic heating fuel (ASTM D-396). Sometimes identified as burner, furnace or residential fuel. Under these circumstances, the fuel should be investigated to determine whether the properties conform with those indicated in the Fuel Oil Selection Chart (figure 9-2).
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**TYPICAL APPLICATION**

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Figure 9-2. Fuel Oil Selection Chart.

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Figure 9-3. Federal Specifications and ASTM Diesel Fuel Properties.

The Fuel Oil Selection Chart will also serve as a guide in the selection of the proper fuel for various applications. The fuel used must be clean, completely distilled, stable, and non-corrosive. Distillation range, cetane number, sulfur content, and cloud point are four of the most important properties of diesel fuel that must be controlled to insure satisfactory engine operation. Engine speed load and ambient temperature all influence diesel fuel selection with respect to distillation range and cetane number.

During cold weather engine operation, the cloud point temperature at which wax crystals begin to form in diesel fuel should be 10°F (0°C) below the lowest expected fuel temperature in order to prevent clogging of the fuel filters by wax crystals.

A reputable fuel oil supplier is the only one who can assure you that the fuel you receive meets the distillation end point, cetane number, sulfur content, and cloud point property limits shown in the Fuel Oil Selection Chart. The responsibility for clean fuel that meets Detroit Diesel Allison specifications lies with the fuel supplier as well as the operator.

At temperatures below 32°F (-1°C) particular attention must be given to cold weather starting aids for efficient engine starting and operation.

Numerous fuels meeting the properties shown in Fuel Oil Selection Chart figure 9-3 may be used in Detroit Diesel engines. Figure 9-3 shows some of the alternate fuels (some with sulfur and/or cetane limitations) that have been used in Detroit diesel engines. Among these are No. 1 and No. 2 diesel fuels, kerosene, aviation turbine (Jet) fuels, and burner fuels.

Fuel selected should be completely distilled material. That is, the fuel should show at least 98% by volume recovery when subjected to ASTM D-86 distillation. Fuels marketed to meet Federal Specification VV-F-800 grades DF-1 and DF-2 and ASTM Designation D-975 (grades 1-2 and 2-2) meet the completely distilled criteria. The differences in properties of VV-F-800 and ASTM D-975 fuels are shown in figure 9-3.

Fuel oil should be clean and free of contamination. Storage tanks and stored fuel should be inspected regularly for dirt, water or water-emulsion sludge, and cleaned if contaminated. Storage instability of the fuel can lead to the formation of varnish or sludge in the tank. The presence of these contaminants from storage instability must be resolved with the fuel supplier.

**PROPOSED ASTM D-975, GRADE 3-D**

TMC/MCI does not recommend the use of proposed grade 3-D diesel fuel in any of its engines. This grade of fuel was proposed, but not accepted by the ASTM.

The grade 3-D which was proposed is undesirable in that it possesses poor ignition quality (i.e., lower cetane); allows greater sulfur content (up to 0.7% by weight); allows the formation of more carbon deposits (Corrodion carbon residue), and allows the blending of heavier, more viscous boiling point fractions that are difficult to burn. The latter tend to increase combustion chamber deposits. This type of fuel usually manifests poor cold weather properties (wax formation tendencies). In addition, the poor ignition quality adversely affects noise and emission levels.

**DRAINED LUBE OIL IN DIESEL FUEL**

TMC/MCI does not recommend the use of drained lubricating oil in diesel fuel. Furthermore, Detroit Diesel Allison will not be responsible for any detrimental effects which it determines resulted from this practice.

**ALCOHOL, DIESOHL, GASOHOL AND GASOLINE IN DIESEL FUEL**

Very small amounts of isopropyl alcohol (isopropanolan) may be used to preclude fuel line freeze-up in winter months. No more than one pint of isopropyl alcohol should be added to 125 gallons of diesel fuel for adequate protection.

**CAUTION**

Commercially marketed diesohol or gasohol or gasoline should never be added to diesel fuel. An explosion and fire hazard exist if these blends are mixed and/or burned.

**POLICY ON FUEL ADDITIVES**

TMC/MCI does not recommend or support the use of any supplementary fuel additives. These include all products marketed as fuel conditioners, smoke suppressants, masking agents, antioxidants, and tune-up compounds.

**NOTE**

TMC/MCI warranty applicable to Detroit Diesel engines provides in part that the provisions of such warranty shall not apply to any engine unit which has been subject to misuse, negligence or accident. Accordingly, malfunctions attributable to neglect or failure to follow the manufacturer's fuel recommendations may not be within the coverage of the warranty.

**FUEL SULFUR**

The sulfur content of the fuel should be as low as possible to avoid premature wear, excessive deposit formation, and minimize the sulfur dioxide exhausted into the atmosphere. Limited amounts can be tolerated, but the amount of sulfur in the fuel and engine operating conditions can influence corrosion and deposit formation.

All diesel fuels contain a certain amount of sulfur. Too high a sulfur content results in excessive cylinder wear. For most satisfactory engine life, fuels containing less than 0.5% sulfur should be used. The detrimental effect of burning high sulfur fuel is reflected in Detroit Diesel engine oil change interval recommendations. Detroit Diesel recommends that the Total Base Number (TBN) ASTM D-694 of the lube oil be monitored frequently and that the oil drain interval possibly reduced. Consult the Fuel Oil Selection Chart (figure 9-3).

**NOTE**

TMC/MCI recommends the use of No. 1-D diesel fuel in all applications; however, No. 2-D is acceptable.
DISTILLATION END POINT

Fuel can be burned in an engine only after it has been vaporized. The temperature at which fuel is completely vaporized is described as the distillation end point (ASTM D-86). The distillation range of a fuel is by looking in a distillation column. The fuel is vaporized at various temperatures and the resulting fractions are collected in separate receivers.

Combustion chamber temperature depends on ambient temperature, engine speed, and load. Poor vaporization is most often caused by using fuel in cold weather, prolonged engine idling and light load operation. Therefore, engines will show better performance operating under these conditions when lower distillation end points fuels are used. Consult the Fuel Oil Selection Chart (Figure 9-2).

IGNITION QUALITY – CETANE NUMBER

There is a delay between the time the fuel is injected into the cylinder and the time that ignition occurs. The duration of this delay is expressed in terms of cetane number (rating). Rapidly ignited fuels have high cetane numbers (50 or above). Slowly ignited fuels have low cetane numbers (20 or below). The lower the cetane number, the more the fuel that will ignite quickly.

Difficult starting may be experienced if the cetane number of the fuel is too low. Furthermore, engine knock and pulls of white smoke may be experienced during engine warm-up especially in severely cold weather when operating with a low cetane fuel. If this condition is allowed to continue for a prolonged period, harmful deposits will accumulate within the combustion chamber. Consult the Fuel Oil Selection Chart (Figure 9-2).

FUEL SYSTEM PRIMING

There can be a problem restarting an engine after it has run out of fuel. After the fuel is exhausted from the tank, it is pumped from the primary filter and sometimes partially removed from the secondary filter before the fuel supply is insufficient to sustain engine firing. The primary filter and secondary filter must be filled with air in order for the system to provide adequate fuel for the injectors.

When the engine runs out of fuel, the following procedures must be performed before restarting:

1. Fill the fuel tank with the recommended fuel. If only partial filling is possible, add a minimum of 10 gallons (38 liters).
2. To prime or purge the system, disconnect the line from the fuel pump, then apply fuel under pressure (60-80 psi — 413-552 kPa) to the inlet of the secondary filter. If the system is to be purged of air as well, allow fuel to flow freely from the fuel return line until a solid stream without air bubbles is observed.
3. Reconnect the fuel line, start the engine and check for leaks.

NOTE: It may be necessary to remove a valve rocker cover and loosen a fuel pipe nut in order to bleed any trapped air from the fuel system. Ensure that the fuel pipe nut is tightened before installing the rocker cover.

FUEL SYSTEM PRIMING

A fuel flow check may be made by disconnecting the flexible fuel return line from the fuel tank at the end of the line between the fuel filter and fuel line connections having a -080/-203 (1.78 mm) spool cribe.

2. For turbocharged engines start and run the engine at 1800 RPM. A fuel flow of 0.8 gallons (3.5 liters) per minute is specified with a fuel line restriction fitting having a .070/1.78 mm spool cribe.

3. Dip the end of the return line into the fuel container. Air bubbles rising to the surface indicates that air is being drawn into the fuel system on the suction side of the fuel pump. If air is present, tighten all fuel line connections between fuel tank and fuel pump.

FUEL FLOW S h e c k

1. For turbocharged engines start and run the engine at 1200 RPM. A fuel flow of 0.8 gallons (3.5 liters) per minute is specified with a fuel line restriction fitting having a .080/2.03 mm spool cribe.

2. Dip the end of the return line into the fuel container. Air bubbles rising to the surface indicates that air is being drawn into the fuel system on the suction side of the fuel pump. If air is present, tighten all fuel line connections between fuel tank and fuel pump.

FUEL TANK REMOVAL

A welded aluminum fuel tank with a capacity of 144 gallons (545 liters) is mounted behind the front axle. Fueling is performed through a hose in the body paneling behind the front wheel housing. Provision are made in the body paneling for access to the fuel tank should removal be necessary. A welded type device is provided to indicate when the tank is full.

1. Prior to removal, the fuel tanks should be completely drained. Remove the exterior fuel tank door and the bar that secures the fuel tank in place.

2. Disconnect the feed and return fuel lines. If the coach is equipped with a fuel gauge, disconnect the wire leading to the sensor.

3. Ensure that the filler neck is clear, then carefully slide the fuel tank out of the compartment.

NOTE: On coaches without an auxiliary fuel tank, it will be necessary to raise the tank approximately 1/2 (12 mm) to allow the opening plate to clear the cutout in the floor.

ACCELERATOR AND BRAKE PEDAL TRAVEL

NOTE: The following accelerator adjustment procedure is applicable only to a coach with a non-electronically controlled engine (non-DDEC). If the coach is equipped with an auxiliary fuel tank, it will be necessary to raise the tank approximately 1/2 (12 mm) to allow the opening plate to clear the cutout in the floor.

1. Remove the spare tire and inspection panel from the tire compartment.

2. Shorten the accelerator bell crank rod until the pedal reaches 8 1/2 (206.4 mm). Measure the floor from the lowermost tip of pedal. See Figure 9-5.

CAUTION: After shortening the accelerator rod, check for excess threads protruding in the clevis and binding on the break. Excess threads must be cut off if they interfere with the lever.

NOTE: The brake pedal must be installed with the bend as shown in Figure 8-5. The tip of the stop must also line up with the recess on the underside of the pedal.

TRANSMISSION MODULATOR VALVE

When the accelerator is depressed, the throttle control moves toward the full throttle position. Simultaneously, the piston in the modulator valve extends and provides the throttle valve with a modulating force. When the pedal is released and the throttle returns to idle, modulating force drops to zero. The modulator valve is non-serviceable and if its condition is suspect, it must be replaced as a unit.

NOTE: The brake pedal must be adjusted to ensure the application valve is being fully applied. Care must be taken not to allow the roller on the application valve to go over center.

After the pedal heights have been adjusted, the accelerator pedal stop must be adjusted as follows to ensure a full fuel position of governor lever:

3. Connect the transmission modulator cable at governor bell crank (coaches equipped with automatic transmission).

5. Depress the accelerator pedal and adjust the stop to ensure full travel.

6. While the accelerator is fully depressed, adjust the modulator cable (automatic transmission) by pulling it out to its full limit of travel and adjusting the ball joint so that the ball engages with the hole in the governor bell crank while the cable is fully extended and the accelerator fully depressed.

7. With the engine at idle, depress the accelerator pedal fully, engine RPM should not rise. If RPM increases, the spring is completely compressed to a solid link by too much pedal travel. In this case, the pedal stop should be raised.
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AIR CLEANER (OIL TYPE)

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

Some earlier MC-9 coaches are equipped with a heavy duty oil bath air cleaner. Located in the engine compartment, the air cleaner is accessible through the left hand side engine compartment service door.

Air flows through the left hand radiator and enters the cleaner through the top inlet. As the air passes through the filter element, dirt is trapped in the oil. The oil is condensed as it passes back up through the air cleaner body so that only clean dry air passes through the outlet to the engine. The condensed oil returns to the oil cup where the dirt settles and the clean oil is recirculated.

MAINTENANCE

Efficient engine operation depends on proper maintenance and service. Radiator shutters and blower dampers must work in conjunction with each other. If these assemblies have the air supply closed off, a decided increase in fuel consumption can occur. Periodic checks should be made to determine that no leaks are present in the connections and duct work in the system. Otherwise, dust-laden air may bypass the air cleaner and enter the engine.

The intervals at which the air cleaner should be serviced will vary, depending on the amount of dust present in the air, service conditions, seasons, etc. However, the service intervals should be frequent enough to ensure that no appreciable amount of sludge builds up in the air cleaner cup.

In areas where conditions are ideal, servicing the air cleaner every 150 hours or 5,000 miles (8,000 km) is sufficient, whereas in other regions it may be necessary to service the air cleaner daily. In all cases the oil cup should be serviced when 1/4" (12.5 mm) of sludge has been collected in the bottom of either of the two oil cups.

AIR CLEANER COMPONENTS

The air cleaner is comprised of four separate units that work in conjunction with each other to clean the air.

The body assembly filters the air and condenses the oil from the air stream ensuring that only clean dry air enters the engine. The removable element assembly extracts a major part of the dust from the air stream, decreasing the load to the fixed wire element. The element is removable for cleaning, thus reducing the need for frequent body removal and fixed element service.

The inner cup acts as a baffle in directing oil-laden air to the element. It also controls the amount of oil in circulation and meters the oil flow to the element.

The oil cup supports the inner cup and the removable element assembly. It is also a reservoir for oil and a settling chamber for dirt.

OIL CUP SERVICING

At regular intervals, as outlined previously, the air cleaner should be serviced as follows:

1. Support the bottom of the air cleaner assembly so that it does not drop when the clamps are detached.
2. Detach the two side clamps, remove the bottom oil cup and remove the element assembly.
3. Pour out the oil and remove the inner cup. Remove all sludge and wipe clean.
4. Reassemble the inner cup in the outer cup and refill them both to the indicated oil level.

NOTE: MCI/TMC requires the same oil specified for the engine crankcase for use in the air cleaner.

CAUTION: Do not overtill or underrill the oil cups. Overfilling causes a lack of capacity, whereas undertilling will result in a lack of efficient air cleaning.

OIL CUP SERVICING

The first step in servicing the removable element assembly is to hold a strong light as close to the element as possible. An even, bright pattern of light through the wire element means that the element is clean. A dull pattern of light means that the element is partially plugged with dirt and should be cleaned or replaced. To clean the air cleaner, proceed as follows:

1. Wash the element thoroughly with solvent and blow dry with compressed air.
2. Inspect the lower portion of the air cleaner body and the center tube each time the oil cup is serviced.
3. If there is any sign of sludge build-up or plugging, the body should be removed and cleaned. At least once a year the body should be removed and serviced in the following manner:
   1. Remove the oil cups and removable element assembly.
   2. Check and clean the center tube.
   3. Spray solvent through the air outlet with sufficient force and volume to produce a hard, even stream out the bottom of the body. Reverse flushing in this manner will remove all dirt from the fixed element.

CAUTION: Always cover the engine air intake while the air cleaner is being serviced.

FILTER INSPECTION CHECK-OFF

Check the following items at regular intervals:

1. Mounting Bolts and Brackets
2. Air Cleaner Body Damage
3. Restriction Indicator Connection (Leak)
4. Body to Inlet Joint (Damage)
5. Body to Outlet Joint (Leak)
6. Connections to Engine (Leak, Damage)
7. Filter Element (Dirty, Damage)

AIR CLEANER (DRY TYPE)

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

The later MC-9 coach is equipped with a dry-type air cleaner with a replaceable filter located at the rear of the coach. The air cleaner is accessible through the left hand side engine compartment service door.

Air flows through the left hand radiator and enters the air cleaner through the top inlet. As air passes through the air cleaner, dirt is deposited in the filter element, allowing clean air to flow through the outlet into the engine.

INSPECTION

A routine inspection of the air induction system will help to prolong engine life.

The air filter restriction indicator (see figure 9-7) should be checked daily to ensure that the filter element does not require changing.

Figure 9-6A. Oil Type Air Cleaner.

Figure 9-6B. Oil Type Air Cleaner Installed.

GENERAL SERVICING

The air cleaner should be routinely inspected for leaks. A damaged air cleaner can seriously affect the performance and life of the engine. The following simple service practices are easily made while the engine is being serviced:

1. Inspect all connections for mechanical tightness and be sure that the air cleaner outlet port is not fractured.
2. If the air cleaner has been dented or damaged, inspect all connections immediately.

Figure 9-7. Restriction Indicator.
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At each engine oil change the air cleaner should be inspected as follows:
1. Check for proper mounting of air cleaner assembly.
2. Check the air cleaner body for cracks and dents, and ensure that the cover is fastened securely.
3. Check the air cleaner clamps at the inlet and outlet ports to ensure that there are no air leaks.

AIR CLEANER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION
1. Loosen the clamps at the air cleaner inlet and outlet ports and disconnect the line from the air cleaner to the air filter restriction indicator.
2. Support the bottom of the air cleaner so that it does not drop when the mounting bands are loosened.
3. Remove the capscrews and nuts from the bands and remove the air cleaner from the coach.
4. To install the air cleaner, reverse the removal procedure. Ensure that all mounting hardware is fastened tightly and that all air lines are properly connected, preventing the entry of dirt.

REPLACING THE FILTER ELEMENT
1. Remove the air cleaner assembly, as outlined previously.
2. Remove the twelve nuts that secure the air cleaner cover and remove the cover and filter element.
3. Wipe the inside of the air cleaner body, as well as the inlet and outlet ports, with a clean damp cloth.
4. Install the new element, ensuring that the open end of the element is facing the inlet port on the air cleaner cover.
5. Install the cover and tighten the twelve nuts to 7.0 lbs. ± 0.5 lbs. (36 kg ± 2 kg) before the speed can be set. (The 20 mph minimum speed may vary due to tire size and rear-end ratio.)

NOTE: Before installing the cover, check the condition of the gasket and replace if necessary.
6. Install the air cleaner into the coach.

TROUBLESHOOTING
Short Element Life
Air cleaner inlet restricted. Ensure that no foreign material is blocking inlet pipe.
Air filter element too small. Replace element with one of correct size as per Parts Manual.
Dirty element. Replace. Damaged or improperly calibrated restriction indicator. Replace restriction indicator.
Airborne Contaminants Entering Engine
Damaged element. Check the element for dents before installing. Never use an element which shows obvious signs of damage.

Leaky gaskets. Before reassembly, ensure gaskets will seal correctly. Look for dust trails which indicate leaky gaskets. Replace any brittle or damaged gaskets.
Leaky air inlet. Examine air inlet for cracks or loose flange joints.

Figure 9-8. Cover Nut Tightening Sequence.

GENERAL CAUTIONS
A. Never operate the vehicle without an element in the air filter assembly.
B. Use only original equipment filter elements.
C. Whenever element has been removed from filter body, clean inside of filter body with a clean, damp cloth.
D. Do not ignore the warning given by the air restriction indicator. To do so is to invite serious engine damage.
E. Store new elements in a protected area free from dust and damage.
F. Use the proper element when replacing element in filter.
G. Dirty elements should not be washed or reused.

CRUISE CONTROL (OPTION)
Cruise control is a driver controlled, automatic speed control system designed for use on heavy duty highway vehicles.

The system incorporates the following features:
A. Set/Resume - permits vehicle speed to be set or to resume a previously set speed after disengagement.
B. Accelerate/Coast - permits vehicle speed increase or decrease with control switches.
C. Top speed, Set limit - prevents cruise control use above a preset maximum vehicle speed.

The cruise control system may be turned on at any time; however, vehicle speed must be greater than approximately 5 mph (8 km) before the speed can be set. (The 20 mph minimum speed may vary due to tire size and rear-end ratio.)

CAUTION: The cruise control system should not be used in heavy traffic or when road surfaces are slippery.

OPERATION
Turning The System On - Flip the Cruise Control switch on.
Setting The Vehicle Speed - Accelerate vehicle to desired speed above approximately 20 mph (32 km) and momentarily depress and release the SET side of the Set/Resume switch
Release accelerator pedal. Cruise control system will not accept speed settings below approximately 20 mph (32 km).
Increasing Vehicle Speed Setting - A previously selected set speed may be increased by one of two methods:
a. Depress and hold Resume switch until desired speed is obtained. While Resume switch is depressed, vehicle speed will increase by one mph per second. When switch is released, new speed is set.
b. Depress accelerator pedal until desired speed is obtained and depress Set switch. When driving with cruise control in use, speed may be increased for passing, etc., by depressing accelerator in normal procedure. When foot is removed from accelerator pedal, cruise control will return vehicle to set speed.
Decreasing Vehicle Speed Setting - There are two methods of decreasing a previously selected speed setting:
a. Lightly depress brake and allow vehicle to coast to desired speed and depress and release Set switch. Depressing the brake pedal slightly disengages the system.
b. Depress and hold the SET side of the Set/Resume switch until the desired speed is obtained and release SET switch. While the Set switch is set, the vehicle will "coast" down in speed. When the switch is released, the system will be set at the new speed.

Shifting Gears (Standard Transmission) - With cruise control in use, the transmission may be shifted in the normal procedure without disengaging cruise control. When the clutch pedal is depressed, the cruise control will disengage, allowing the shift to be completed. When the clutch is released, the cruise control will engage, adjusting engine rpm to the new gear selection in order to maintain the set speed, provided the vehicle speed has not dropped below approximately 20 mph (32 km).
Resuming Automatic Operation After Brake Application - Accelerate vehicle to a speed above approximately 20 mph (32 km) and depress and release Resume switch. Resume feature will automatically return the vehicle speed to the prior to the brake application and maintain that speed. The Resume feature will not operate if:
a. Vehicle speed is below approximately 20 mph (32 km).
b. Cruise control system has been turned off.
c. Vehicle ignition or ON/OFF switch has been turned off.

Cancelling Automatic Operation - Cancelling the cruise control automatic operation is accomplished by one of four methods:

NOTE: Any objectionable vehicle motion when system is disengaged can be minimized by placing foot on accelerator before disengaging cruise control.

a. Turn off the ON/OFF switch.
b. Turn the ignition off or kill switch.

NOTE: a & b cancels automatic operation and Resume feature will not operate.
c. Make a slight brake application.
d. Slow vehicle speed to 20 mph (32 km) below the "set speed."

NOTE: c & d cancels automatic control but Resume feature can be used if automatic operation is desired.
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COMPONENT DESCRIPTION - NON-DDEC II INSTALLATION (EXCEPT SWITCH PANEL ON DASH)

The cruise control system is a combination of the following pneumatic and electronic components:

CONTROL MODULE — a digital microcomputer that serves as the control center for the cruise control system. The function of the module is to process vehicle speed information and control vehicle speed, or throttle position, commanding the solenoids to either increase or decrease air pressure to the air cylinder.

SOLENOID ASSEMBLY — mounted directly to the module case, the assembly employs two solenoids; one controls the air valve, the other controls the exhaust valve (figure 9-10).

WIRE HARNESS MOUNTING HOLES

Figure 9-9. Control Module.

The control module is comprised of the electronic package, housed in a 5" x 7" (127 x 178 cm) steel case. See figure 9-9.

SOLENOID EXHAUST EXHAUST SOLENOID PORT

Figure 9-10. Solenoid Assembly.

WIRE SUPPLY HARNESS

The air cylinder assembly is a cast aluminum, piston type air cylinder which controls the throttle position while cruise control is in operation. A potentiometer located in the end of the cylinder monitors and reports throttle position to the control module via the connecting wire harness. The cylinder is approximately two inches in diameter and nine inches long (5.1 x 22.9 cm) with a single 1/4" (6.35 mm) NPTF air connection port. The end of the cylinder body and piston rod are threaded to accept the throttle cable assembly. Two mounting lugs are provided Refer to figure 9-11.

AIR CYLINDER — a cast aluminum, piston type air cylinder which controls the throttle position while cruise control is in operation. A potentiometer located in the end of the cylinder monitors and reports throttle position to the control module via the connecting wire harness. The cylinder is approximately two inches in diameter and nine inches long (5.1 x 22.9 cm) with a single 1/4" (6.35 mm) NPTF air connection port. The end of the cylinder body and piston rod are threaded to accept the throttle cable assembly. Two mounting lugs are provided. Refer to figure 9-11.

PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE — (60 psi (414 kPa) delivery pressure) is installed between the vehicle air supply and the solenoid assembly. The 60 psi air pressure is necessary for proper operation of the solenoid assembly. (Figure 9-20 shows all components of the cruise control system.)

STOP LAMP SWITCH — connected to the control module. In addition to lighting the vehicle stop lights, it signals the control module to disengage the cruise control when the service brakes are applied.

Figure 9-11. Air Cylinder.

Figure 9-12. Throttle Cable Assembly.

Figure 9-13. Cruise Control Switch Leg.

Figure 9-14. Clutch Switch.

Figure 9-15. Speed Sensor.

CLUTCH SWITCH — utilized on vehicles with standard transmission to disengage the cruise control system each time the clutch is depressed. The cruise control will re-engage at the previously selected speed when the clutch is released. This permits the driver to shift gears in the normal manner (figure 9-14).

SPEED SENSOR — provides vehicle speed information to the control module. It is a unitized module which is installed in the transmission speedometer output circuit (figure 9-15).
CRUISE CONTROL
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE (NON-DDEC)

Every three months, 25,000 miles (40,233 km) or 900 operating hours:
1. Inspect the air cylinder for secure mounting.
2. Remove accumulated grime from the outside of the air cylinder with particular attention to the three body vents (figure 9-16).
3. Remove accumulated grime from the exterior of the solenoid assembly.
4. Visually inspect the throttle cable and cable end for fraying or wear. Replace if necessary.
5. Inspect the throttle cable hardware for secure mounting.
6. Visually inspect the system wiring and connectors for deterioration or wear.
7. Perform the system operation road test. Every year, 100,000 miles (161,000 km) or 3,600 operating hours, remove, repair or replace and test the following components:
   A. Inversion Valve.
   B. Reducing Valve.
   C. Air Cylinder.
   D. Solenoid Assembly.

OPERATING AND LEAKAGE TESTS

NOTE: To properly test the solenoid assembly and air cylinder, remove from the vehicle and bench test. An ohmmeter is required to perform the tests.

Figure 9-16. Air Cylinder — Sectional.

Figure 9-17. Potentiometer Harness Connector.

Figure 9-18. Solenoid Assembly Harness Connector.

5. Unscrew the cable nut at the end of the piston and rod assembly (1).
6. Disconnect the air inlet line.
7. Disconnect the electrical connector for the potentiometer assembly (7).
8. Remove the two mounting screws and remove the air cylinder from the vehicle.

NOTE: A maintenance kit (4G-22-141) containing all parts necessary for minor rebuild is available.

To disassemble the CC-5 air cylinder, proceed as follows:
1. Remove and discard retaining ring (5).
2. Remove and retain the potentiometer assembly (7).

CAUTION: Do not apply force to end of potentiometer plunger and spring assembly.

3. Remove and discard O-ring (6) from potentiometer assembly (7).
4. Push the piston and rod assembly (1) out of the body (8).
5. Remove and discard O-ring (3) and wear ring (4) from the piston assembly (1).
6. Remove and discard O-ring (2) from the air cylinder body (8). This is an internal O-ring and will require an O-ring removal tool.

Prior to assembly of the air cylinder, the piston and rod assembly and the body should be cleaned with mineral spirits. Make certain the vent holes (9) in the body (8) are open. Using lubricant 4G-22-140 ( Dow Corning 3-5M furnished in maintenance kit), lubricate all O-rings, O-ring grooves, the piston bore in the body and the rod of the piston assembly. Then follow this procedure:

1. Install O-ring (2) in body (8). Be sure O-ring (2) and the body are well lubricated before installing. Bend the O-ring in half and insert it into the body. Using the "dulled" point of a wooden pencil, push part of the O-ring into the groove in the body (use care not to damage the O-ring). Using the eraser end of the pencil, push the balance of the O-ring into the body groove. The O-ring should slide into the groove.

2. Install O-ring (3) and wear ring (4) on piston and rod assembly (1).

3. Install piston and rod assembly (1) in body (8), taking care not to damage O-rings (2 and 3).

4. Install O-ring (6) on potentiometer assembly (7).

5. Install potentiometer assembly (7) in body (8) and install retaining ring (5). Make sure that retaining ring (5) is completely seated in its groove in the body (8).

6. Perform operating and leakage tests prior to remounting the air cylinder assembly.
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Figure 9-19. Throttle Cable Adjustment.

Installation of the air cylinder is as follows:
1. Install two mounting screws and reconnect the potentiometer (1) electrical connector. Mounting screw torque is not to exceed 125 in. lbs. (14.123 Nm).
2. Reconnect the air line to the cylinder body (8).
3. Reconnect the cable nut to the piston rod assembly (7). Torque not to exceed 100 in. lbs. (11.29 Nm).
4. Reconnect the cable coupling nut to the end of the air cylinder. Torque not to exceed 125 in. lbs. (14.1 Nm).
5. Reconnect the cable assembly at the engine throttle lever. Using the air cylinder mounting screws, move air cylinder and adjust the throttle cable (figure 9-16) so that it is taut when the accelerator pedal is released. Cable nut torque not to exceed 175 in. lbs. (19.772 Nm).

CAUTION: The cable must be taut; however, the engine throttle should remain closed and in the idle position.

SYSTEM ROAD TEST

When the cruise control system or any of its features are not used regularly, the operational check and road test should be performed monthly. If the road test indicates the system is not operating properly, system should not be used until it has been repaired, tested and proven to be operating properly. Select a road where traffic and weather conditions will safely permit the road test to be performed.

CAUTION: Cruise control should not be used on wet or slippery roads.

1. With a vehicle speed of 40 mph (64 km/h) turn the system on.
2. Activate the Set switch to establish a speed setting greater than 20 mph (32 km/h). Vehicle speed should be maintained within one mph of speed setting.
3. Apply the brake and allow vehicle to coast down to less than 20 mph (32 km/h). Depress and release the Resume switch. The original vehicle speed should not be resumed.

NOTE: On vehicles with standard transmission, cruise control system should temporarily disengage each time clutch is depressed.

4. Accelerate vehicle to 30 mph (48 km/h) and activate Resume switch; vehicle should automatically accelerate to original set speed.
5. When vehicle has reached its set speed of 40 mph (64 km/h) depress the clutch and allow the vehicle to coast to less than 20 mph (32 km/h). Release the clutch. The original vehicle speed should not be resumed.
6. Repeat step 4 and proceed to step 7.
7. Depress and hold Resume switch in. Vehicle speed should increase at approximately 1 mph per second. Release Resume switch at 50 mph (80 km/h). This should establish a new set speed of 50 mph (80 km/h).
8. Depress and hold SET switch and allow vehicle to coast down to 40 mph (64 km/h) and release switch. This should establish a new set speed of 40 mph (64 km/h).

NOTE: The minimum speed at which the cruise control will function is approximately 20 mph (32 km/h). However, this will vary slightly due to axle ratio, tire size, etc.

TROUBLESHOOTING - NON-DEC

The purpose of the troubleshooting guide is to assist you to locate the cause of system malfunctions. System malfunction should be confirmed by performing the road test procedure. This will minimize the possibility of unnecessary work due to a lack of understanding of how the system operates.

Before beginning the checks, visually inspect all electrical wiring, connectors, air lines and components for obvious damage, corrosion, etc.

Electrical tests can be performed with a volt-ohmmeter. The electrical tests described in this section are to be performed on the wiring connectors attached to system components and not the connectors leading to the control module. The connectors illustrated in figures 9-20 and 9-21 are connectors leading to system components.

The following component connector identification chart should be of additional help when used in conjunction with figure 9-21.

The system wiring schematic is shown in figure 9-22.

Figure 9-20. Cruise Control System.

CONNECTOR IDENTIFICATION

Figure 9-21. Cruise Control Pictorial and Connector Diagrams.
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**Figure 8-32: Cruise Control Wiring Schematic (Non-DDEC Engine)**

**Trouble**

SYSTEM IS "SLUGGISH" IN RESPONSE WHEN THE SPEED IS SET OR THE ACCELERATION OR COAST FEATURES ARE USED.

SYSTEM WILL DISENGAGE WHEN A BRAKE APPLICATION IS MADE, BUT AFTER BRAKE RELEASE, THE SYSTEM WILL ATTEMPT TO RESUME THE SET SPEED.

COACH WILL NOT ACCELERATE WHEN THE RESUME SWITCH IS DEPRESSED AND HELD; WILL NOT RESUME ORIGINAL SET SPEED AFTER BRAKE APPLICATION.

**Cause**

1. Bent, kinked, or damaged throttle cable assembly.
2. Obstructed or restricted air flow to air regulator. Check all air lines for kinks, bends or damage. Inspect the air lines, reducing valve, and solenoid assembly. Clean the inversion valve of excessive grease and dirt.
3. Faulty control module. If the source of the problem was not located in the previous checks, replace the control module.
4. Defective stop lamp switch or wiring. Test switch and wiring as specified under 8 following.
5. Defective control module. Replace the control module if the cause of the trouble was not the stop lamp switch.

- Coach speed was at or above the top speed set limit or below the minimum speed setting. The accelerator feature will not operate below 20 mph (32 kmh) or above the top speed set limit. Test the accelerator function with a coach set speed of at least 22 mph (35 kmh) but less than 55 mph (88 kmh).
- System was turned off since the last speed setting. If the Master Control switch or the cruise control system was turned off, a speed set must be made before the resume or accelerate function will operate.
- Faulty Resume switch or wiring. With system turned on, disconnect connector number 1. With Resume switch depressed, check for 24 VDC at socket 2. If power is not detected, check for power at the Resume switch while it is being depressed. If 24 VDC is present, replace the wiring harness. If not, replace the resume switch.
- Defective control module. If the cause of the trouble was not located in the previous tests, replace the control module.

1. Defective stop lamp switch or wiring. Test switch and wiring as specified under 8 following.
2. Faulty control module. If the stop lamp switch was found to be in good condition, replace the control module.
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TROUBLE
CRUISE CONTROL WILL NOT SET

1. Coach speed was below 20 mph or above the preset top limit when Set switch was depressed.
2. Cruise control Power switch not ON.
3. Defective Power switch or wiring to or from Power switch. Check for presence of 24 VDC at SWITCH TERMINALS AS REQUIRED. Replace switch or wiring if defective.
4. Set/Resume switch defective or grounded, or defective wiring to or from switch. Check for presence of 24 VDC at connector 1 when switch is held in SET and RESUME positions. Replace switch or wiring if defective.
5. Defective solenoid assembly, air pressure reducing valve, or wiring. Perform the following tests:
   a. Build coach air system pressure to governor cutout and secure in place by means other than air brakes.
   b. Turn off cruise control.
   c. Disconnect wiring connector 4.
   d. Apply +24 VDC to socket 1 and -24 VDC to pin 4 while making observation in step 5.
   e. Listen for audible click and sound of air escaping from exhaust port on exhaust solenoid. If exhaust is heard, proceed to step 7.
   f. If no clicks are heard, solenoid assembly must be replaced.
   g. If solenoid clicks and no air is exhausted, check for presence of 60 psi (414 kPa) air pressure at the solenoid. If air pressure is satisfactory, replace exhaust solenoid. If 60 psi is not present, the reducing valve or connecting air lines must be repaired or replaced.
6. Defective inversion valve or air cylinder. Perform the following tests:
   a. Apply +24 VDC to pins 3 and 4 and -24 VDC to sockets 1 and 2 of connector 4 while making observation in step 2.
   b. Listen for audible click and observe movement of Piston/cylinder at air cylinder.
   c. If throttle does not move, check for air pressure at fittings B and C (solenoid assembly and air cylinder).
   d. If air pressure is present at B but not at C, inversion valve or connecting air lines must be repaired or replaced.
   e. If no air pressure is present at B, replace solenoid assembly.
   f. If air pressure is present at C, check for damage to air cylinder and/or Piston/cylinder. Check for cable binding and repair as required. Check resistance between sockets of connector 3, as shown in following chart:

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<td>1 and 3</td>
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If these values are not obtained, replace air cylinder potentiometer or repair potentiometer wiring as required.
7. Defective control module. Perform the following tests:
   a. Turn cruise control system off.
   b. Measure resistance between control module ground wire and coach ground. Measure resistance between socket 3 of connector 3 and control module ground wire. In both cases resistance should be 9. Replace control module if any resistance is measured.

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TROUBLE
CRUISE CONTROL WILL NOT SET

8. Defective air brake stop lamp switch or associated lines. Perform the following tests:
   a. Secure coach from rolling by blocking the wheels.
   b. Vent all air pressure by opening the drain cocks.
   c. Turn ignition or master control switch of CN and observe the brake lights. If they are lighted, replace the air brake stop lamp switch.
   d. If brake lights are not lighted, close the drain cocks and build coach air pressure to 100 psi (690 kPa). With engine operating, apply and release the service brakes.
   e. Vent all air pressure by opening the drain cocks.
   f. Check for presence of 24 VDC at both terminals of the brake stop lamp switch. If voltage is present, check for air pressure trapped in stop lamp switch (air line). If air pressure is present, determine the cause and repair the air system. If no air pressure is present, replace the stop lamp switch.
9. Defective speed sensor. Perform the following test:
   a. Check for loose or improper mounting of speed sensor. Correct as required.
   b. Jack up the coach drive wheels and block the front wheels. Place transmission in neutral and release the air brakes.
   c. Disconnect connector number 2. Measure the resistance between terminal 3 of the connector and coach ground. If resistance is not between 250 and 3000 ohms, speed sensor or associated wiring is shorted or open.
   d. Ground pin 3 of connector with a jumper wire. Disconnect connector 5. Measure the resistance between pin 1 and coach ground, and between socket 2 and ground. If the resistance is greater than 10 ohms in either test, replace the wiring between connectors 2 and 5.
   e. Set ohmmeter on lowest DC voltage scale and connect the leads to pin 1 and socket 2 of the speed sensor side of connector 5. Rotate the coach drive wheels and observe the ohmmeter indication. If the meter needle is not deflected from one side of 0 to the other during wheel rotation, the speed sensor is defective.
   a. Turn cruise control system power on. Check if clutch pedal is fully released and in firm contact with clutch switch.
   b. With clutch out released, check for 24 VDC at both terminals of clutch switch. If voltage is present at both terminals, proceed to step 5.
   c. If voltage is present at only one terminal, depress the switch manually and check for power at both terminals. If there is power at both terminals when the switch is manually depressed, the switch requires adjustment. If not, the switch is defective.
   d. If there is not 24 VDC at either switch terminal, turn the cruise control system off and measure the resistance across the terminals of the clutch switch. If resistance is more than 2 ohms, the switch is defective.
   e. Measure the resistance across pins 1 and 2 of connector 2. If the resistance measures more than 5 ohms, the wire to the clutch switch is defective.
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TROUBLE
SYSTEM DROPS OUT OF CRUISE MODE BY ITSELF, AND SPEED MUST BE RESET

SYSTEM INTERMITTENTLY DROPS OUT OF CRUISE MODE BUT RESUMES ORIGINAL SPEED OR CLOSE TO IT, DOES NOT REQUIRE MANUAL RESETING OF THE SYSTEM

SYSTEM DROPS OUT OF A SMOOTH CONTROL AND OSCILLATES ABOVE AND BELOW SPEED SETTING, RETURNS BY ITSELF TO SMOOTH CONTROL MODE

SYSTEM OSCILLATES ABOVE AND BELOW SPEED SETTING; WILL NOT HOLD SET SPEED WITHIN ±1 MPH ON LEVEL HIGHWAY

CAUSE
1. Shorted stop lamp switch or wiring.
2. Power to control module intermittent. Inspect wiring and on/off switch and replace as needed.
3. Speed sensor switch defective or improperly adjusted. Switch wiring faulty.
4. Protective CA-1 control module; replace if 1,2 or 3 are not the cause of the trouble.
1. Set switch has internal mechanical fault — replace.
2. On standard transmission coach, clutch switch faulty or improperly adjusted.
3. Defective control module; replace if 1 or 2 is not the cause of the trouble.
1. Intermittent shorting or breaking of the air cylinder potentiometer wiring, inspect for faulty wiring; replace potentiometer.
2. Defective control module or wiring. Replace module if source of trouble was not potentiometer.
1. Speed sensor defective or improperly adjusted. Test sensor output as described in 9 above.
2. Air cylinder improperly installed. Check the travel of the throttle cable in relation to the full travel of the engine throttle. The air cylinder should increase engine rpm from idle to governed rpm in not less than 1 1/2 (31 mm).
3. Air cylinder potentiometer or associated wiring defective. Visually inspect for broken or damaged wiring. Disconnect connector number 3 and check the resistance between the sockets and terminals. Resistance values are shown in 16 above. If these readings are not obtained, replace the air cylinder potentiometer.
4. Faulty control module. If the cause of the trouble was not isolated in the previous tests, replace the control module.

FUEL SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD PRIMARY FUEL FILTER (STRAINER)
Manufacturer: AC
Type: Cartridge
Element & Gasket Part No.: 25010776 (T-915)
Element Torque: Torque 2/3 of a turn after contacting gasket

STANDARD SECONDARY FUEL FILTER
Manufacturer: AC
Type: Cartridge
Element & Gasket Part No.: 25010778 (TP-916)

OPTIONAL PRIMARY FUEL FILTER (STRAINER)
Manufacturer: AC
Type: Cartridge
Element & Gasket Part No.: 5575032 (T-552)

OPTIONAL SECONDARY FUEL FILTER
Manufacturer: AC
Type: Cartridge
Element & Gasket Part No.: 5274508 (TP-542X)

FUEL TANK
Capacity, Imp. 120 gals. (545 liters)
Capacity, U.S. 144 gals. (545 liters)
Auxiliary Fuel Tank, U.S. (Option) 35 gals. (132.5 liters)

AIR CLEANER — DRY TYPE
Number Used 1
Manufacturer Nelson
Element No. 9G-3-37170773-A

AIR RESTRICTION INDICATOR
Number Used 1
Manufacturer Filter Minder
Indicates at 25° (635 mm) water

SERVICE TOOLS

MANY OF THE TOOLS LISTED IN THIS SECTION ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VARIOUS SERVICE OPERATIONS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES. SERVICE PARTS DIVISION AND UNIVERSAL COACH PARTS OR WHERE PRACTICAL, MAY BE MANUFACTURED BY THE OPERATOR. IN THESE CASES, DRAWINGS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

20-33 Socket - Tightening Fuel Line Fittings
Service Bulletins will be issued from time to time to acquaint users with the latest service procedures. The number, date and title of bulletins pertaining to this section should be noted below as soon as received. Bulletins should then be filed for future reference.

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