

DTC	P1120	Accelerator Pedal Position Sensor Circuit Malfunction
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CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

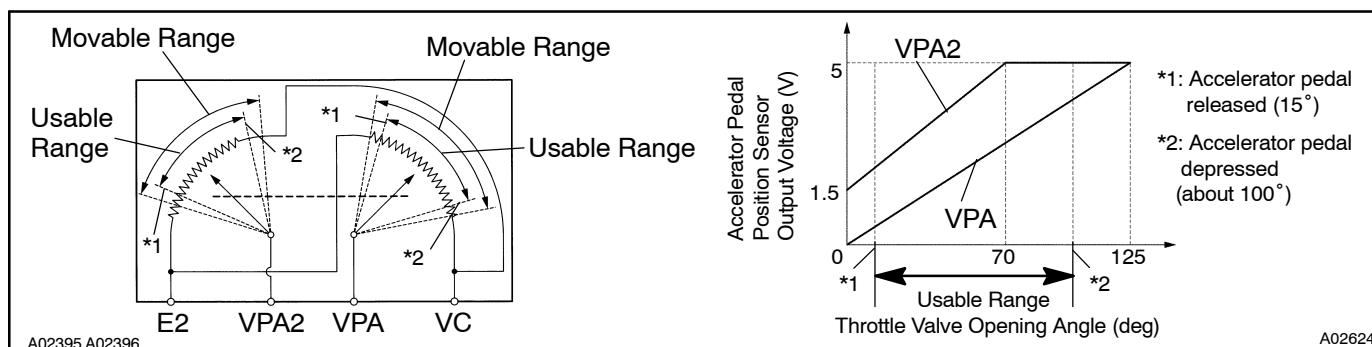
Accelerator pedal position sensor is mounted on the throttle body and it has the 2 sensors to detect the accelerator position and a malfunction of the accelerator position's own.

The accelerator pedal position sensor is connected with the accelerator pedal by the accelerator wire and the voltage applied to the terminals VPA and VPA2 of the ECM changes between 0 V and 5 V in proportion to the opening angle of the accelerator pedal.

The ECM judges the current opening angle of the accelerator pedal from these signals input from terminals VPA and VPA2 and the ECM controls the throttle motor based on these signals.

If this DTC is stored, the ECM shuts down the power for the throttle motor and the magnetic clutch, and the throttle valve is fully closed by the return spring.

However, the opening angle of the throttle valve can be controlled by the accelerator pedal through the throttle cable.



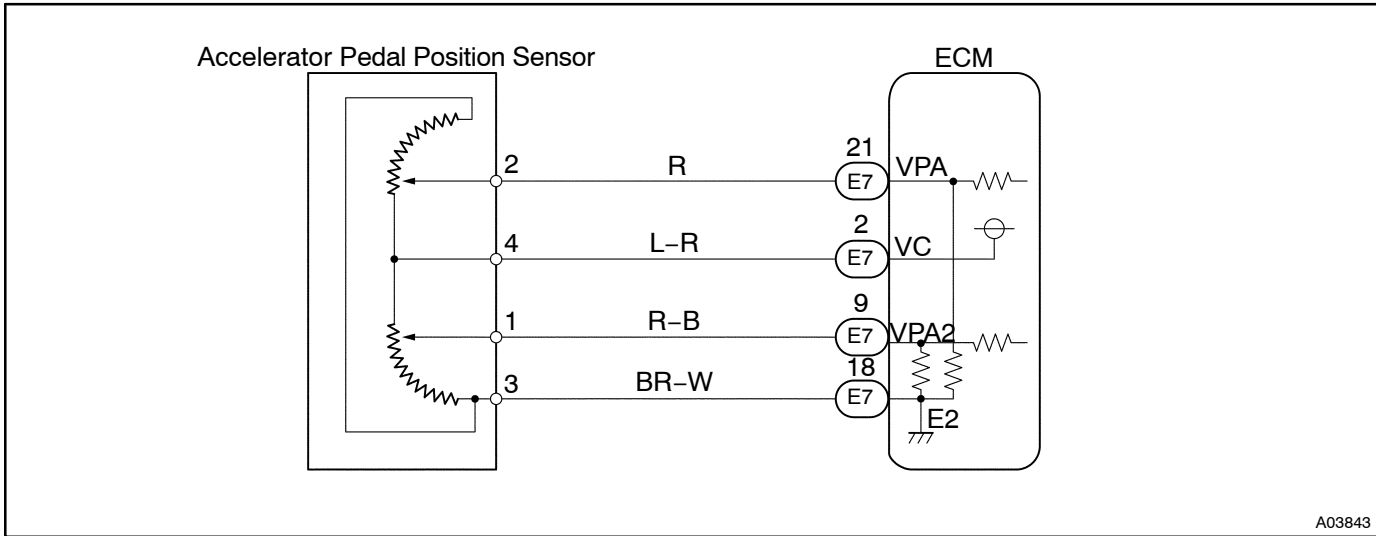
DTC No.	DTC Detecting Condition	Trouble Area
P1120	Condition (a), (b), (c) or (d) or (e) continues for 2.0 seconds: (a) $VPA \leq 0.2 \text{ V}$ (b) $VPA2 \leq 0.5 \text{ V}$ (c) $VPA \geq 4.8 \text{ V}$ (d) When $VPA \geq 0.2 \text{ V}$ and $\leq 1.8 \text{ V}$, and $VPA2 \geq 4.97 \text{ V}$ (e) $VPA - VPA2 \leq 0.02 \text{ V}$, or $VPA2 - VPA \leq 0.02 \text{ V}$	- Open or short in accelerator pedal position sensor circuit - Accelerator pedal position sensor - ECM
	Condition (a) continue for 0.4 seconds: (a) $VPA \leq 0.2 \text{ V}$ and $VPA2 \leq 0.5 \text{ V}$	

HINT:

After confirming DTC P1120 use the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester to confirm the throttle valve opening percentage.

Accelerator pedal position expressed as voltage				Trouble area
Accelerator pedal released		Accelerator pedal depressed		
ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2	ACCEL POS #1	ACCEL POS #2	
0 V	0 V	0 V	0 V	VC line open
0 V	1.8 ~ 2.7 V	0 V	4.7 ~ 5.1 V	VPA line open or grand short
0.3 ~ 0.9 V	0 V	3.2 ~ 4.8 V	0 V	VPA2 line open or grand short
5 V	5 V	5 V	5 V	E2 line open

WIRING DIAGRAM



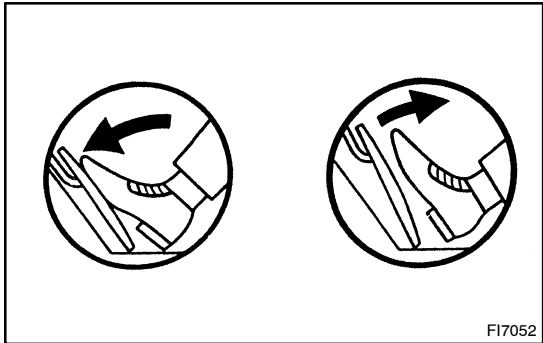
INSPECTION PROCEDURE

HINT:

- If DTC P0110 (Intake Air Temp. Circuit Malfunction), P0115 (Engine Coolant Temp. Circuit Malfunction), P0120 (Throttle/Pedal Position Sensor/Switch "A" Circuit Malfunction), P0450 (Evaporative Emission Control System Pressure Sensor Malfunction) and P1120 (Accelerator Pedal Position Sensor Circuit Malfunction) are output simultaneously, E2 (Sensor Ground) may be open.
- Read freeze frame data using LEXUS hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool. Because freeze frame records the engine conditions when the malfunction is detected, when troubleshooting it is useful for determining whether the vehicle was running or stopped, the engine warmed up or not, the air-fuel ratio lean or rich, etc. at the time of the malfunction.

LEXUS hand-held tester

1	Connect LEXUS hand-held tester, read the voltage for accelerator pedal position sensor data.
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PREPARATION:

- Connect the LEXUS hand-held tester to DLC3.
- Turn the ignition switch ON and switch the LEXUS hand-held tester main switch ON.

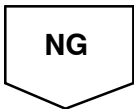
CHECK:

Read the voltage for the accelerator pedal position sensor data.

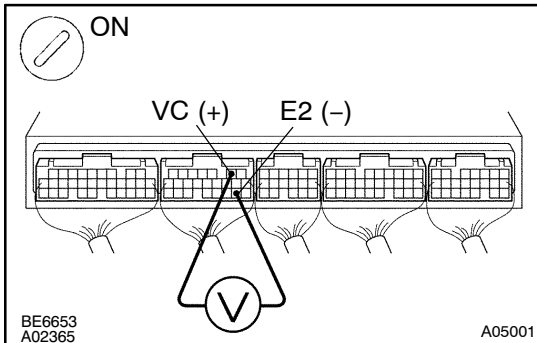
OK:

Accelerator pedal	VPA	VPA2
Released	0.3 ~ 0.9 V	1.8 ~ 2.7 V
Depressed	3.2 ~ 4.8 V	4.7 ~ 5.1 V

OK	Check and replace ECM (See page IN-34).
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2 Check voltage between terminals VC and E2 of ECM connector.



PREPARATION:

- Remove the glove compartment door.
- Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Measure voltage between terminals VC and E2 of the ECM connector.

OK:

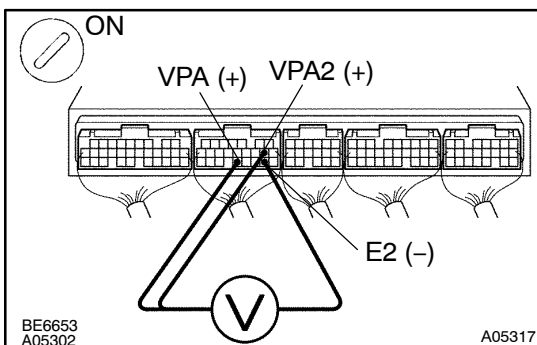
Voltage: 4.5 ~ 5.5 V

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Check and replace ECM (See page IN-34).

OK

3 Check voltage between terminals VPA, VPA2 and E2 of ECM connector.



PREPARATION:

- Remove the glove compartment door.
- Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Measure voltage between terminals VPA, VPA2 and E2 of the ECM connector.

OK:

Accelerator pedal	Voltage	
	VPA	VPA2
Released	0.3 ~ 0.9 V	1.8 ~ 2.7 V
Depressed	3.2 ~ 4.8 V	4.7 ~ 5.1 V

OK

Check and replace ECM (See page IN-34).

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4 Check accelerator pedal position sensor (See page [SF-35](#)).

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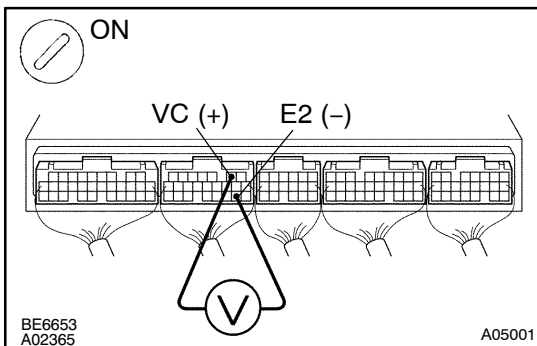
Replace accelerator pedal position sensor (See page [SF-40](#)).

OK

Check for open and short in harness and connector between ECM and accelerator pedal position sensor (VC, VPA, VPA2, E2 line) (See page [IN-34](#)).

OBD II scan tool (excluding LEXUS hand-held tester)

1 Check voltage between terminals VC and E2 of ECM connector.



PREPARATION:

- (a) Remove the glove compartment door.
- (b) Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Measure voltage between terminals VC and E2 of the ECM connector.

OK:

Voltage: 4.5 ~ 5.5 V

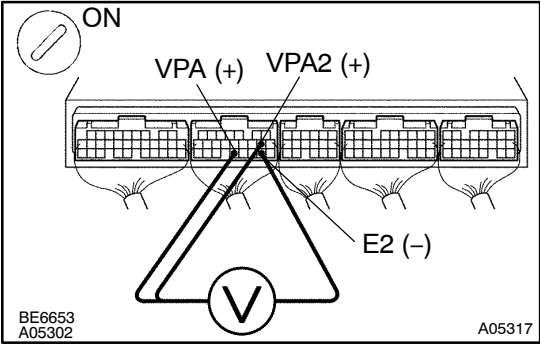
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Check and replace ECM (See page [IN-34](#)).

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Check voltage between terminals VPA, VPA2 and E2 of ECM connector.



PREPARATION:

- (a) Remove the glove compartment door.
- (b) Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Measure voltage between terminals VPA, VPA2 and E2 of the ECM connector.

OK:

Accelerator pedal	Voltage	
	VPA	VPA2
Released	0.3 ~ 0.9 V	1.8 ~ 2.7 V
Depressed	3.2 ~ 4.8 V	4.7 ~ 5.1 V

OK

Check and replace ECM (See page [IN-34](#)).

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Check accelerator pedal position sensor (See page [SF-35](#)).

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Replace accelerator pedal position sensor (See page [SF-40](#)).

OK

Check for open and short in harness and connector between ECM and accelerator pedal position sensor (VC, VPA,VPA2, E2 line) (See page [IN-34](#)).