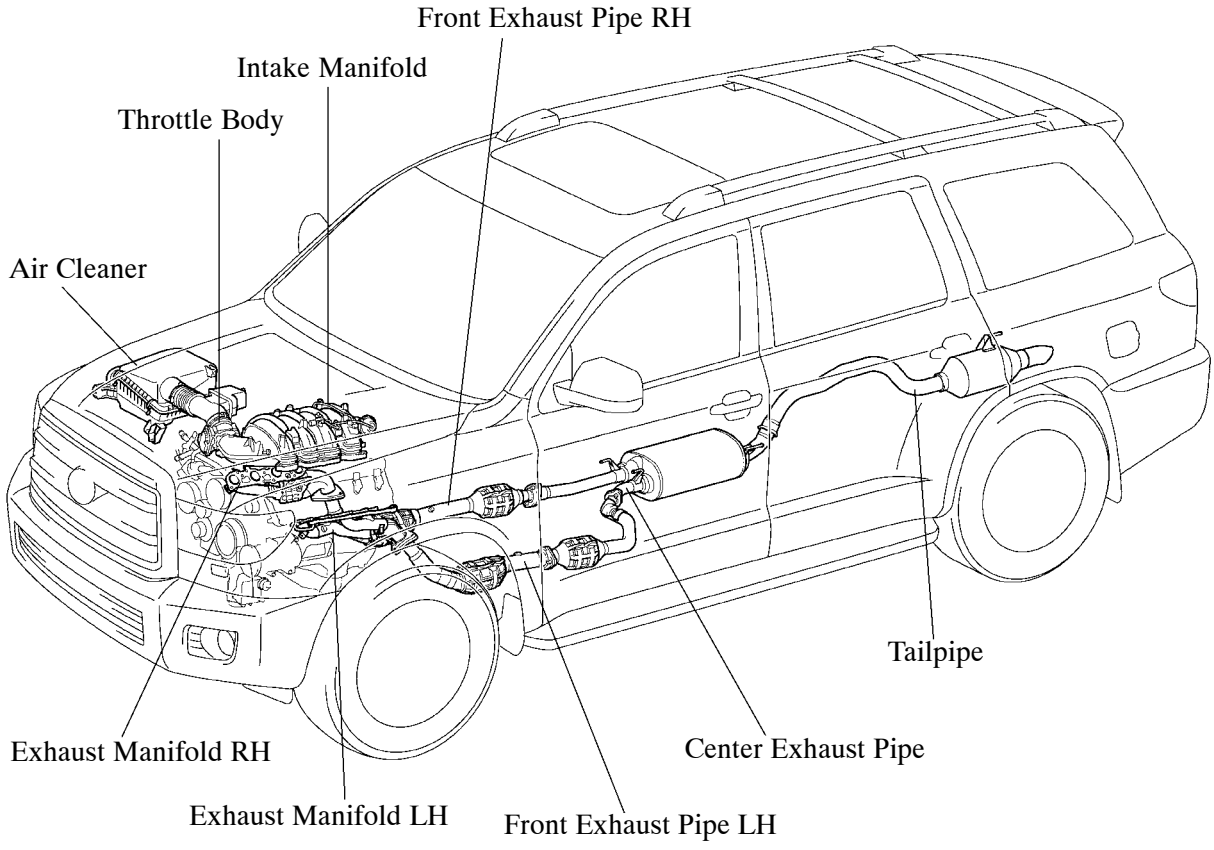
■INTAKE AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

1. General

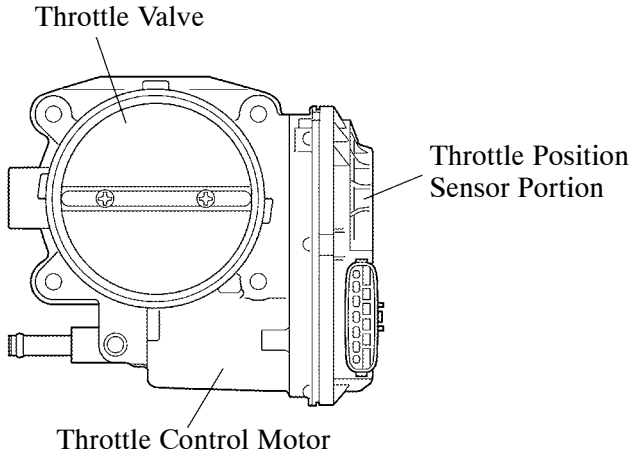
- A linkless-type throttle body is used and it realizes excellent throttle control.
- The ETCS-i (Electronic Throttle Control System-intelligent) is used to ensure excellent throttle control in all operating ranges. For details, see page EG-135.
- The ACIS (Acoustic Control Induction System) is used to improve the engine performance in all speed ranges. For details, see page EG-146.
- A plastic intake manifold is used.
- Stainless steel exhaust manifolds and exhaust pipes are used.



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2. Throttle Body

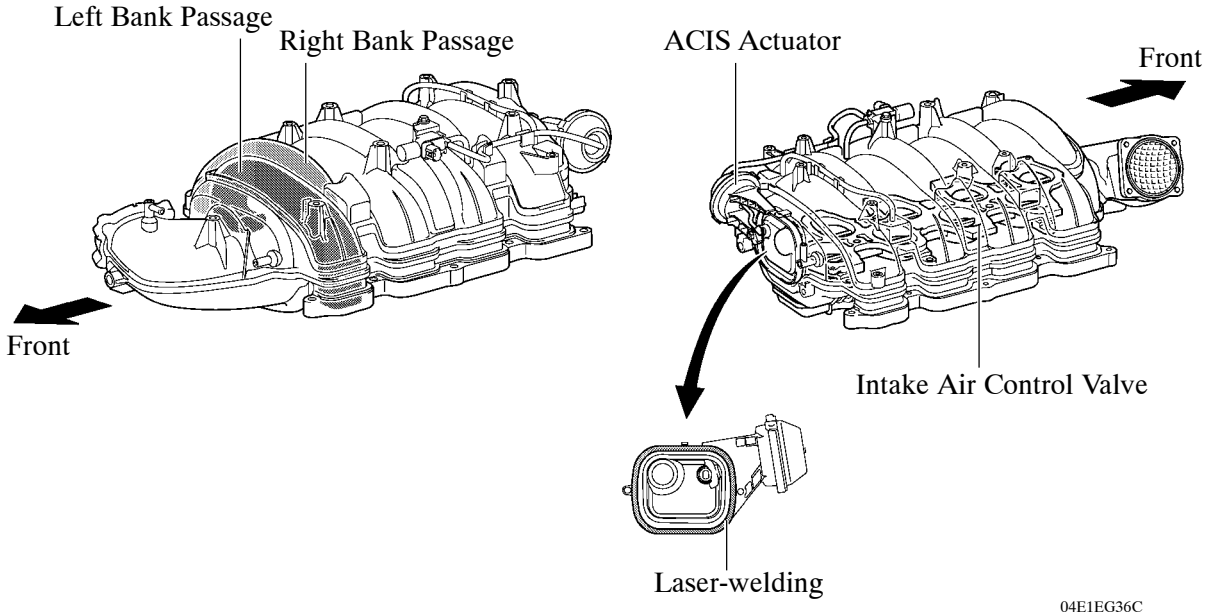
- A linkless-type throttle body in which the throttle position sensor and the throttle control motor are integrated is used. It realizes excellent throttle valve control.
- For a throttle control motor, a DC motor with excellent response and minimal power consumption is used. The ECM performs duty cycle control of the direction and the amperage of the current that is supplied to the throttle control motor in order to regulate the throttle valve angle.



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3. Intake Manifold

- An intake manifold with a built-in plastic intake air chamber is used for weight reduction.
- The port diameter and length are optimized to achieve high torque in all driving ranges.
- The intake manifold contains valves for the ACIS (Acoustic Control Induction System), and the actuator is laser-welded to the intake manifold.



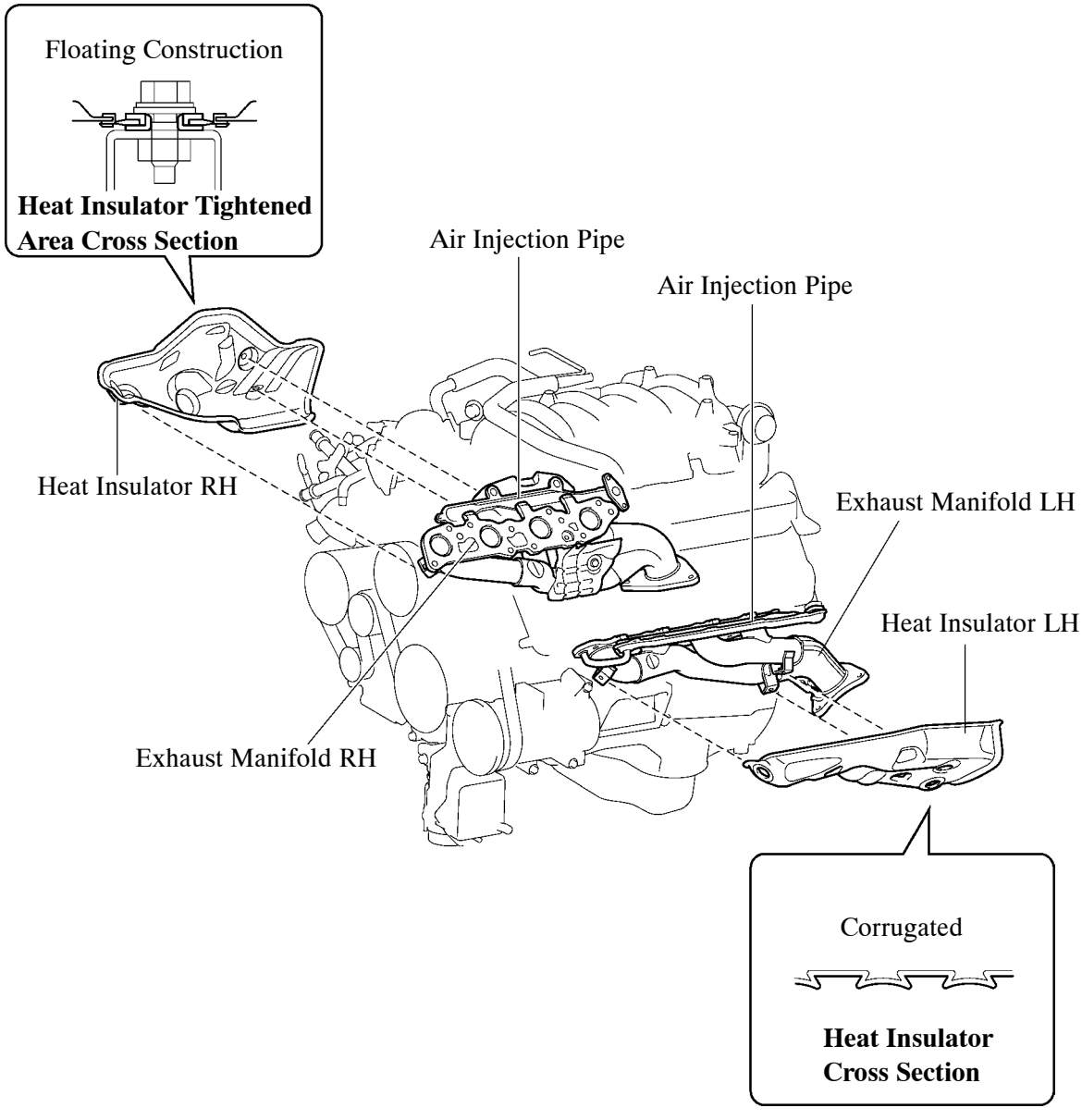
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Laser-welding:

In laser-welding, a laser-absorbing material (for the intake manifold) is joined to a laser-transmitting material (for the ACIS actuator). Laser beams are then irradiated from the laser-transmitting side. The beams penetrate the laser-transmitting material to heat and melt the surface of the laser-absorbing material. Then, the heat of the laser-absorbing material melts the laser-transmitting material and causes both materials to become welded.

4. Exhaust Manifold

- A stainless steel exhaust manifold is used for weight reduction and rust resistance.
- The exhaust manifold for each bank uses a semi-dual structure (a 4-2-1 grouping). This structure combines the 4 exhaust ports of one bank into 2 groups, then the 2 groups into 1 group, before the exhaust pipe. This reduces exhaust gas interference and improves power output.
- The exhaust manifold heat insulator is made of corrugated aluminum. This ensures rigidity, and at the same time, increases the surface area to improve heat dissipation. Furthermore, a floating construction is used at the tightened area to reduce the transfer of heat and vibration to the heat insulator and improve reliability.
- Along with the adoption of the air injection system, air injection pipes are provided for the right and left bank exhaust manifolds.

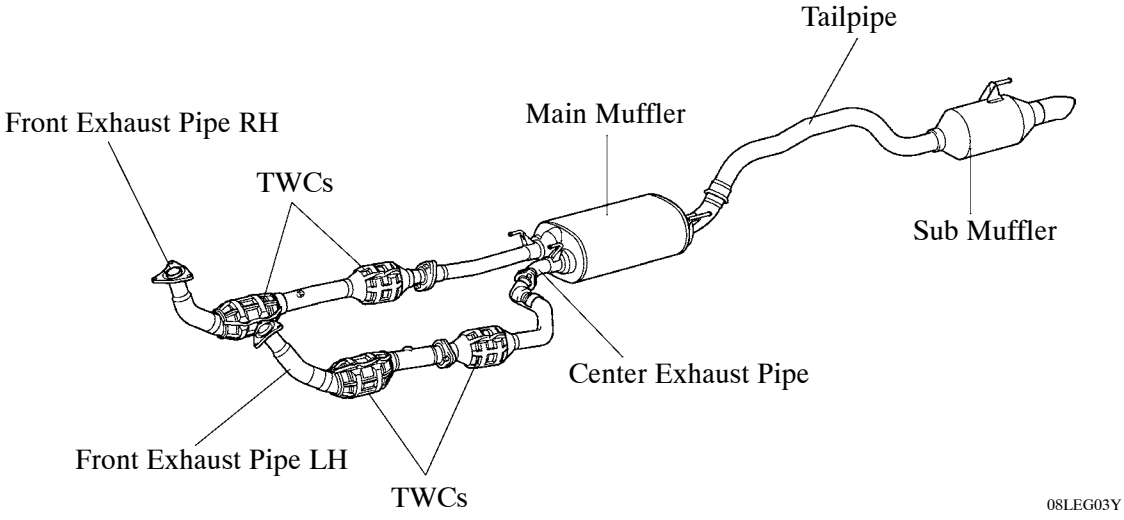


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5. Exhaust Pipe

General

- The exhaust pipes are made of stainless steel to reduce their weight and improve rust resistance.
- A 2-way exhaust control system is provided in the muffler.
- Two ceramic type TWCs (Three-Way Catalytic converters) are provided in the front exhaust pipe for the right bank and also two for the left bank. As a result, exhaust emission performance of the engine is improved.



2-way Exhaust Control System

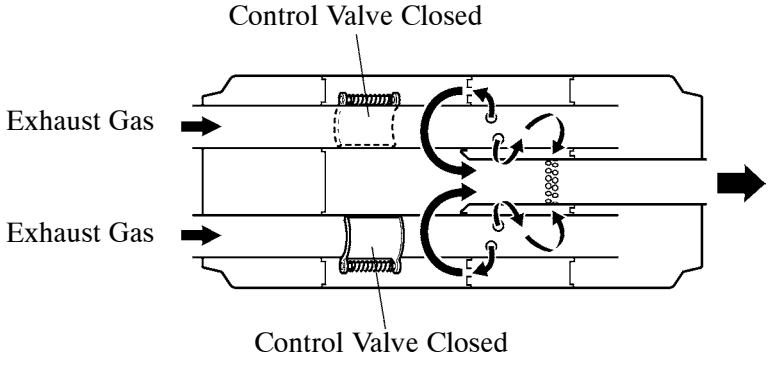
1) General

- 2-way exhaust control system reduces the back pressure by opening and closing a control valve that is enclosed in the main muffler, thus varying the exhaust gas pressure.
- The control valve opens steplessly in accordance with the operating condition of the engine, thus enabling a quieter operation at lower engine speeds, and reducing back pressure at higher engine speeds.
- The back pressure overcomes the spring force of the control valve. The control valve opens steplessly in accordance with the exhaust gas pressure.

2) Operation

a. When Control Valve is Closed (Low Engine Speed)

Since the pressure in the main muffler is low, the control valve is closed. Hence exhaust gas does not pass the bypass, and exhaust noise is decreased in the main muffler.



b. When Control Valve is Open (Middle to High Engine Speed)

The valve opens as the engine speed and the back pressure in the main muffler increase. This allows a large volume of exhaust gas to pass the bypass, thereby substantially decreasing the back pressure.

