

2018 ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Engine Controls And Fuel - 2.0L (LTG) - Description And Operation - Traverse

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

CAMSHAFT ACTUATOR SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Circuit/System Description

The camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust system enables the engine control module (ECM) to change camshaft timing while the engine is running. The camshaft position actuator assembly varies camshaft position in response to directional changes in oil pressure. The camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust controls the oil pressure that is applied to advance or retard the camshaft. Modifying camshaft timing under changing engine demand provides better balance between the following performance concerns:

- Engine power output
- Fuel economy
- Lower exhaust emissions

The ECM uses information from the following sensors in order to calculate the desired camshaft position:

- The engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor
- The mass air flow (MAF) sensor
- The throttle position sensor
- The vehicle speed sensor (VSS)

Camshaft Position Actuator System Operation

The ECM operates the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust by pulse width modulation (PWM) of the solenoid coil. The higher the PWM duty cycle, the larger the change in camshaft timing. Oil pressure that is applied to the advance side of the fixed vanes will rotate the camshaft in a clockwise direction. The clockwise movement of the camshaft will advance the timing up to a maximum of 21° . When oil pressure is applied to the return side of the vanes, the camshaft will rotate counterclockwise until returning to 0° .

Oil flowing to the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust housing from the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust advance passage applies pressure to the advance side of the vane wheel in the camshaft position actuator assembly. At the same time the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust retard passage is open, allowing oil pressure to decrease on the retard side of the vane wheel. These two simultaneous actions cause the vane wheel to rotate clockwise, advancing camshaft advance timing.

When the oil flowing to the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust housing is from the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust retard passage, oil pressure is applied to the retard side of the vane wheel. Because the solenoid advance passage is open, allowing oil pressure to decrease on the advance side of the vane wheel, the camshaft position retards.

The ECM can also command the camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust to stop oil flow from both passages in order to hold the current camshaft position. The ECM is continuously comparing camshaft position sensor - intake and camshaft position sensor - exhaust input with camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - Intake and camshaft position actuator solenoid valve - exhaust input in order to monitor camshaft position and detect any