

# V8 XJ Series/XK8

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**SERVICE** 

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

All Driveability Issues/Engine Non-start – Carbon Deposits on Throttle Blade – Cleaning Procedure – AJ26 Engines MODEL 1997-98 MY XK8 Range 1998 MY V8 XJ Series NA 1998-99 MY XJR VIN 001001-031302 812256-853935 812256-878717

Remove and destroy Bulletin 310-06, amended 06/00. Replace with this Bulletin.

The throttle body is now removed for cleaning

#### Issue:

Some XK8 and V8 XJ Series vehicles, within the above VIN ranges, may experience a condition where the throttle body bore and throttle blade become coated with a soft sticky carbon deposit. This deposit may cause idle/driveability issues, particularly when the part load breather has become blocked. (See Technical Bulletin 600-03 Service Action S474, which is to be performed at regular maintenance intervals of 10,000 miles/16,000 Km.)

#### Action:

In case of a customer complaint of non-start or idle/driveability issues on the above vehicles, **clean the throttle blade** as follows:

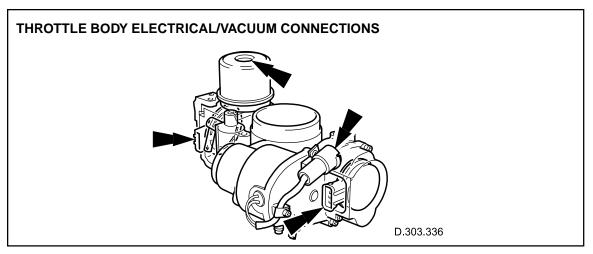
#### THROTTLE CLEANING PROCEDURE

- 1. Ensure ignition is OFF and remains OFF throughout the procedure.
- 2. Open hood and place protective covers on the fenders.
- 3. Clean part-load breather. (Refer to Technical Bulletin 600-03, Service Action S474).

**Note:** It is important to clean the part-load breather to ensure that the throttle body and bore do not become coated in the sticky carbon deposit again.

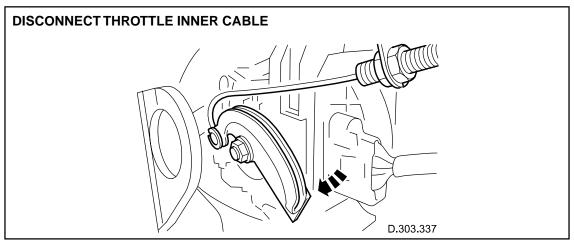
- 4. Disconnect vehicle battery.
- 5. Remove air intake tube/MAFS/cleaner cover assembly.





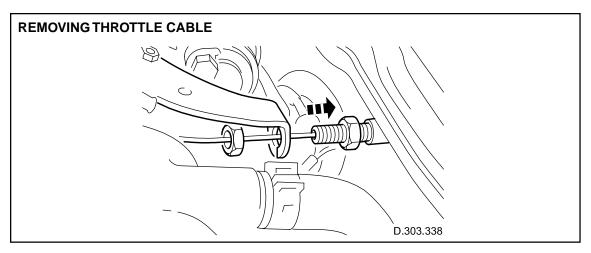
**ILLUSTRATION 1** 

- 6. Disconnect throttle body electrical connectors and vacuum pipe. (Illustration 1)
- 7. Turn throttle pulley to fully open position.



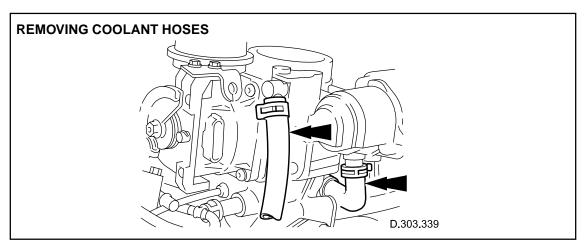
**ILLUSTRATION 2** 

8. Disconnect throttle inner cable from throttle pulley. (Illustration 2)



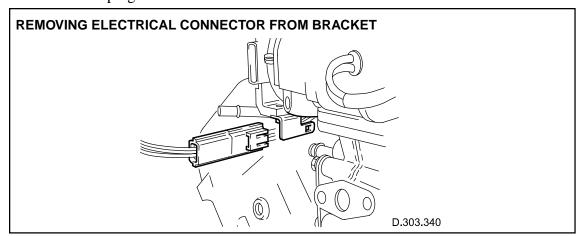
**ILLUSTRATION 3** 

- 9. Undo and displace throttle cable adjusting nut.
- 10. Remove outer throttle cable from adjustment bracket. (Illustration 3)



**ILLUSTRATION 4** 

- 11. Remove coolant hoses. (Illustration 4)
- 12. Insert suitable plugs into coolant hoses.

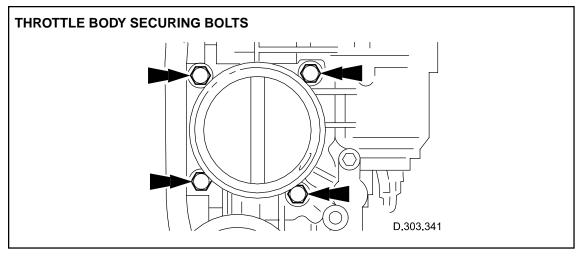


**ILLUSTRATION 5** 

13. Reposition electrical connector from securing bracket under left side of throttle body. (Illustration 5)

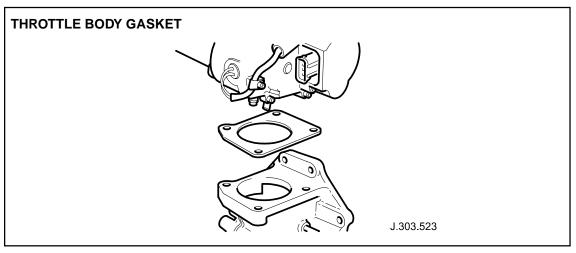


14. Remove throttle body securing bolts. (Illustration 6)



**ILLUSTRATION 6** 

15. Remove throttle body from induction elbow and discard gasket. (Illustration 7)



**ILLUSTRATION 7** 

**A** Warning: Wear suitable gloves, clothing, face and respiratory protection during the following operations.

16. Open throttle butterfly.

**Note:** The throttle blade should be held open during the cleaning process by actuating the throttle. Workshop tools should not be placed inside the throttle bore in order to keep the throttle blade open.

- 17. Using suitable cleaning agent, (see table on last page) liberally spray both sides of throttle bore and butterfly.
- 18. Carefully close throttle butterfly.
- 19. Allow cleaning agent to soak for 10 minutes.
- 20. Open throttle butterfly.



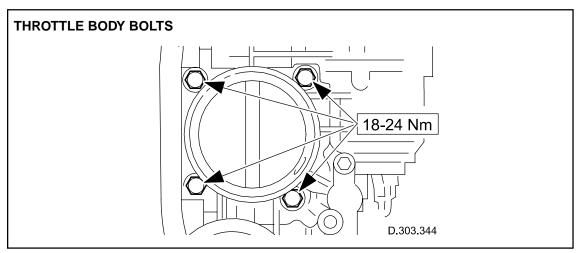
- 21. Using suitable cleaning agent, (see table below) liberally spray both sides of throttle bore and butterfly.
- 22. Using a soft clean cloth, clean residue from throttle body bore and butterfly.

**A** Caution: There is a grey colored Molybdenum Coating on the throttle bore adjacent to the butterfly. Take care not to remove this coating during the cleaning process.

- 23. Carefully close throttle butterfly.
- 24. Manually work the throttle blade to ensure that it operates smoothly by gently pressing the throttle blade down to the closed position. Release the throttle butterfly. It should open at the same rate as it is released. If the throttle butterfly remains closed for a fraction of a second or longer after removing finger pressure, repeat the cleaning process.
- 25. Conduct another manual pressure test again after repeating the cleaning process, and if no sticking is evident continue to the next step.

**Note:** If the butterfly is still sticking partially or fully closed, please contact the Technical Hotline for further information.

26. Install new gasket to throttle induction elbow, install throttle body and tighten securing bolts. (Illustration 8)



**ILLUSTRATION 8** 

27. Reposition and install electrical connector to retaining bracket left side under throttle body. (Illustration 9)

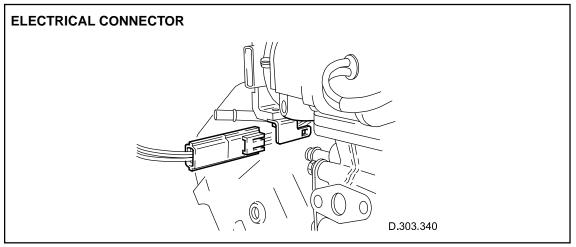
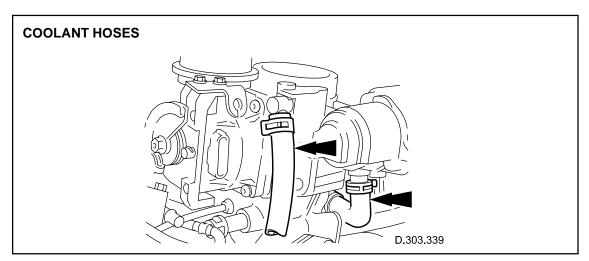


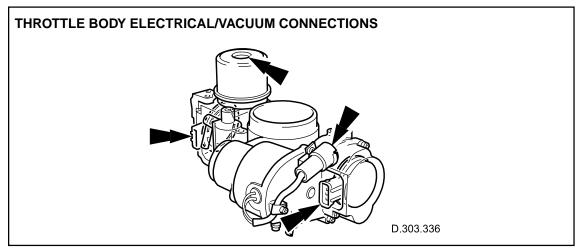
ILLUSTRATION 9

- 28. Remove and discard blanking plugs from coolant hoses.
- 29. Install coolant hoses. (Illustration 10)



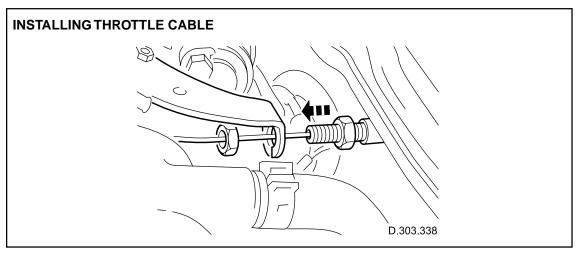
**ILLUSTRATION 10** 

30. Install throttle body electrical connectors and vacuum pipe. (Illustration 11)



**ILLUSTRATION 11** 

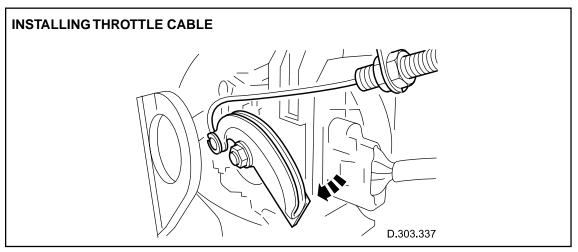
31. Reposition and install throttle outer cable to adjustment bracket. (Illustration 12)



**ILLUSTRATION 12** 

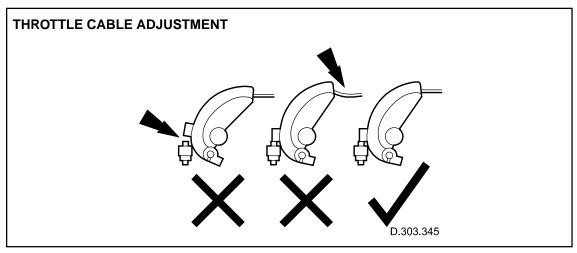
- 32. Install but do not fully tighten outer cable adjustment nut.
- 33. Turn throttle pulley fully open.

## 34. Reconnect throttle inner cable to throttle pulley. (Illustration 13)



**ILLUSTRATION 13** 

#### 35. Adjust throttle cable. (Illustration 14)



**ILLUSTRATION 14** 

- 36. Tighten throttle cable adjusting nut.
- 37. Install air intake tube/meter/ cleaner cover assembly.
- 38. Check coolant level and top up if required.
- 39. Reconnect vehicle battery. (See Workshop Manual, JTIS CD ROM 1997-99 XK or XJ, section: 414-01, SRO 86.15.15)
- 40. Remove fender protector covers and close hood.



## **SUITABLE CLEANING AGENTS:**

MANUFACTURER **BRAND** Valvoline Synpower Pennzoil Gumout

BG Air Intake Cleaner

Carb Chem Mark V

Ford Carburetor tune-UPCleaner

Forte Carburetor Cleaner

> Note: If the above cleaning agents are not available make sure that a siliconfree cleaning agent is used. The presence of silicon may affect oxygen sensor performance.

#### **Parts Information:**

**DESCRIPTION** PART NUMBER QTY. Throttle body gasket NCA 3021BA

## **Warranty Information:**

**FAULT** R.O. TIME

CODE NUMBER **DESCRIPTION ALLOWANCE** CD KF 69 19.91.52/01

Clean throttle body - XK8 0.6 hrs.

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**Note:** Failure to follow the procedures outlined in this bulletin prior to replacing a throttle body may result in debiting of a warranty claim.

