

#87-650-101: LACK OF WARM AIR FROM HEATER CHECK INTAKE MANIFOLD PASSAGE - (Oct 23, 1986)

VEHICLES AFFECTED: 1987 'R' AND 'V' TRUCK WITH 5.0L L03 AND 5.7L L05 ENGINES (VIN CODES H AND K)



Early production 'R' and 'V' trucks equipped with L03 and L05 engines that were built at the Janesville, plant may have a blockage in the inlet manifold that could restrict coolant flow to the heater core. This could lead to customer comments of low or no heat from the vehicle heater.

This condition was repaired after production sequence numbers J103535 for Chevrolet units and J501393 for GMC units.

If a vehicle is in with a no heat condition and the production sequence number is prior to the repair date, the following manifold repair procedure should be used. (Refer to the Illustration for additional details).

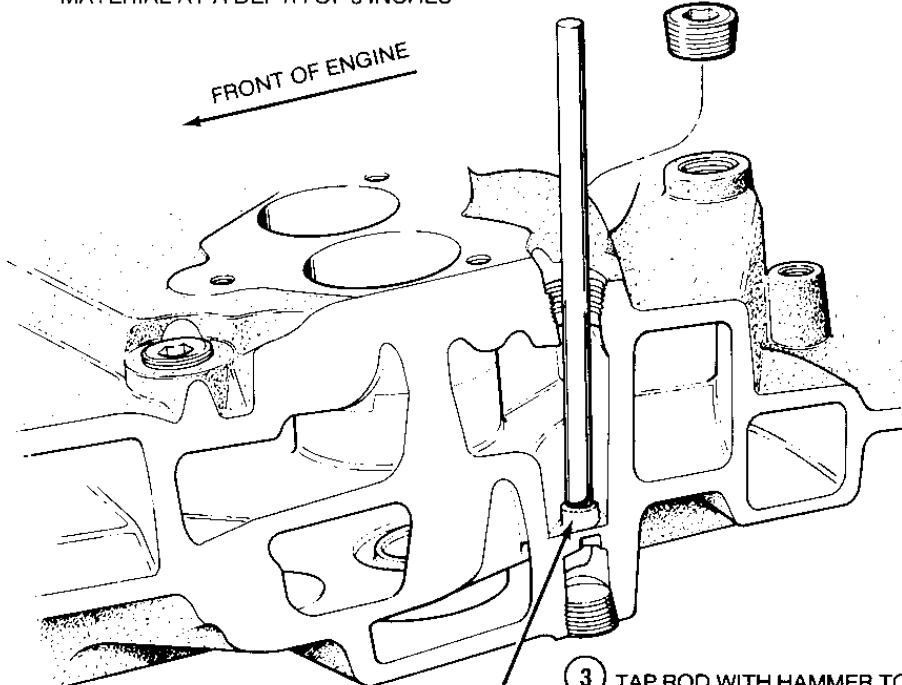
1. Remove. plug from inlet manifold located to the left and rearward of the TBI unit.
2. Probe with a .318 inch (approximately 5/16") rod. Rod should drop into hole to a depth of 10 cm (4 inches).
3. If probing shows no blockage, the plug should be replaced after applying thread sealant.
4. If blockage is found (i.e. probe will only go to a depth of 7.5 cm), continue with the following steps:
5. Drain all coolant from radiator.
6. Insert a 7/16" diameter rod into hole and tap with hammer to break blockage free, being careful to try to trap the broken free material at the bottom of the hole.
7. Using a wet vacuum with an 11/16" diameter suction hose inserted through hole, retrieve broken free material by first starting wet vacuum then pressurizing cooling system through radiator cap to 15 P.S.I.
8. Verify hole is open by re-probing with .318 diameter rod.
9. Re-install plug and refill system with coolant.
10. Verify heater operation.

NOTE: IF "BROKEN FREE" MATERIAL CANNOT BE RETRIEVED, THE INTAKE MANIFOLD SHOULD BE REPLACED.

[Figure 1](#)

MANIFOLD REPAIR PROCEDURE

- ② INSERT A 7/16" DIAMETER ROD THROUGH PLUG OPENING. ROD WILL CONTACT BLOCKAGE MATERIAL AT A DEPTH OF 3 INCHES



- ① REMOVE PLUG FROM MANIFOLD USING 3/8" ALLEN WRENCH. PLUG IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT AND REARWARD OF TBI UNIT.

- ③ TAP ROD WITH HAMMER TO REMOVE BLOCKAGE MATERIAL.

- ④ REMOVE BROKEN MATERIAL USING A SHOP VACUUM AND 5/8" DIAMETER SUCTION HOSE.

**NOTE: SECTIONED VIEW OF INLET
MANIFOLD AS VIEWED FROM
LEFT SIDE OF ENGINE.**

Figure No. 1

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