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# Troubleshooting Guide

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MBE900**

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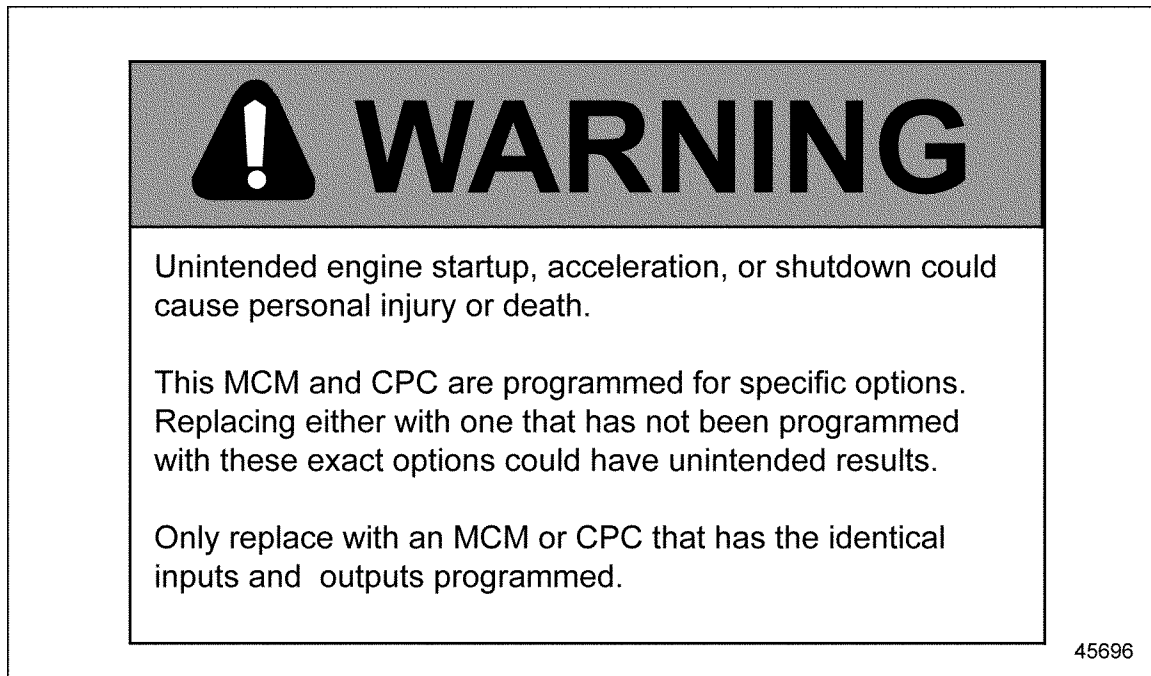
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## MCM/CPC WARNING



**Figure 1 MCM/CPC Replacement Warning**

## SOFTWARE UPGRADES

### NOTE:

These engines are equipped with DaimlerChrysler software. This software generally assures optimal engine performance. The installation of software upgrades may cause minor changes in features and engine performance.

## ABSTRACT

This manual provides instruction for troubleshooting the 2007 Electronic Controls engines. Specifically covered in this manual are troubleshooting and repair steps that apply to DDEC VI.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

To reduce the chance of personal injury and/or property damage, the instructions contained in this Troubleshooting Manual must be carefully observed. Proper service and repair are important to the safety of the service technician and the safe, reliable operation of the engine.

If part replacement is necessary, the part must be replaced with one of the same part number or with an equivalent part number. Do not use a replacement part of lesser quality. The service procedures recommended and described in this manual are effective methods of performing repair. Some of these procedures require the use of specially designed tools. Accordingly, anyone who intends to use a replacement part, procedure or tool which is not recommended, must first determine that neither personal safety nor the safe operation of the engine will be jeopardized by the replacement part, procedure or tool selected.

It is important to note that this manual contains various "Cautions" and "Notices" that must be carefully observed in order to reduce the risk of personal injury during repair, or the possibility that improper repair may damage the engine or render it unsafe. It is also important to understand that these "Cautions" and "Notices" are not exhaustive, because it is impossible to warn personnel of the possible hazardous consequences that might result from failure to follow these instructions.

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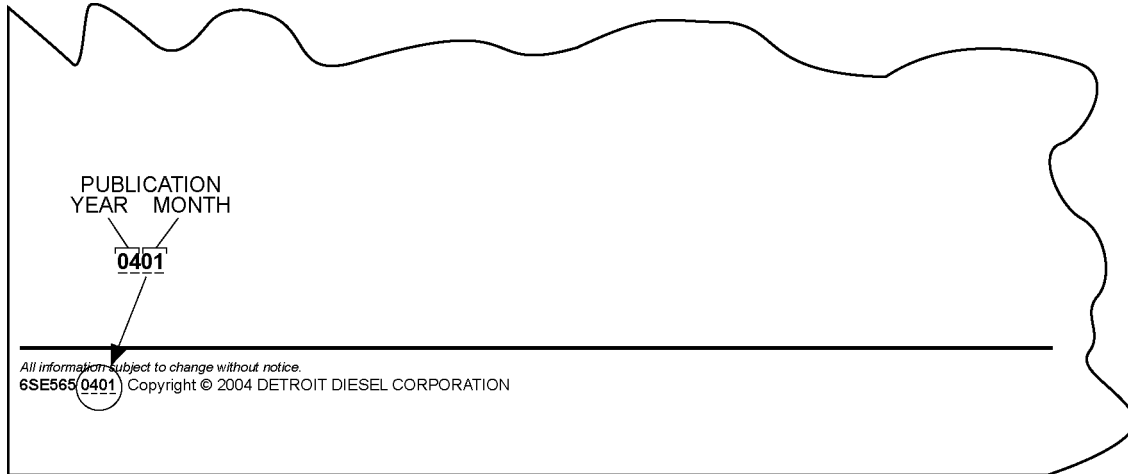
Technicians today are required to have computer skills, excellent comprehension of the written word and possess an extensive diagnostic understanding of the various technological systems and components. Technicians today must perform at a higher level of efficiency and competency than their predecessors and at the same time furnish professional quality support.

As the leader in engine computer systems and technology, Detroit Diesel Corporation remains focused on providing excellence in products, service support and training. As products become more and more advanced, technicians must become specialized in multiple areas. This manual is designed with that thought in mind. The DDEC VI MBE900 and MBE 900 Troubleshooting Guide will provide you with concentrated information that will allow you to excel in DDEC VI technology.

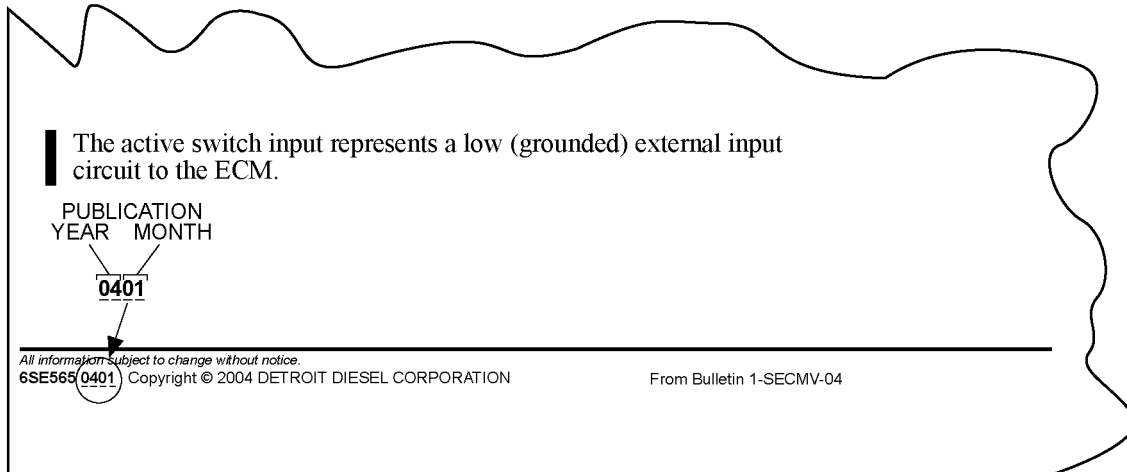
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 OVERVIEW

Detroit Diesel Corporation is the world leader in diesel engines and diesel engine electronics. DDC has made technological leaps in engine performance and fuel economy. Today, we build the most dependable electronically controlled diesel engine in the industry.

2007 Electronic Controls provides two industry standard serial data links: SAE Standards J1587 and J1939. SAE Standard J1587 provides two way communications for the diagnostic equipment and vehicle displays. SAE Standard J1939 provides control data to other vehicle systems such as transmissions and traction control devices.

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Our goal at Detroit Diesel is to be the most customer focused and most responsive engine manufacturer in the world.

## 1.2 SCOPE AND USE OF THIS GUIDE

The first half of the manual contain mechanical troubleshooting procedures. The second half contains instructions for troubleshooting the electronic controls.

This manual is divided into numbered chapters. Each chapter begins with a table of contents. Pages and illustrations are numbered consecutively within each chapter.

Information can be located by using the table of contents at the front of the manual or the table of contents at the beginning of each chapter.

Instructions to "Contact Detroit Diesel Customer Service Center" indicate that at the time of this publication, all known troubleshooting checks have been included. Review any recent Service Information Bulletins (SIB) or Service Information letters before calling.

It is also suggested that other DDC outlets be contacted. e.g. if you are a dealer or user, contact your closest DDC Distributor.

Ensure you have the engine serial number when you call. The phone number for Detroit Diesel Customer Service Center is 313-592-5800.

Instructions in this manual may suggest replacing a non DDC component. It may be required to contact the supplier of the component, e.g. truck manufacturer for a TPS concern, to obtain approval to replace the component.

**Important:** To ensure you receive updates to this manual should the need arise, you must fill out the Information Card in the front of this manual. Service Information Bulletins are issued via the DDC extranet. Visit DDCDIRECT at [www.accessfreightliner.com](http://www.accessfreightliner.com).

### **NOTE:**

It is absolutely **critical** that you understand the EGR system to be qualified to offer any type of proper diagnostics. Do not **waste time** trying to troubleshoot a DDC product, you are not qualified to troubleshoot. Your company may incur wasted labor hours. If you are qualified to perform a troubleshooting task and have spent more than one hour on that task, **STOP**, and contact the Detroit Diesel Customer Support Center at (313) 592-5800. Once you have discussed your options with a customer support center person, you can perform the required tests and evaluations. Please keep in contact with your customer support person. Doing so allows you to stay on track.

### 1.2.1 Mechanical Troubleshooting

Each chapter has a fault as the title (i.e. Excessive White Smoke). The next level within the chapter is the probable cause/symptom of the fault. Following this are the resolution and verification of the resolution. The mechanical troubleshooting should be used before the electronic troubleshooting.



## 1.2.2 Electronic Troubleshooting

The 2007 Electronic Controls system allows for an increased processor speed and increased memory.

Instructions for repair in this manual are generic. For example, "Repair Open" is used to advise the technician that a particular wire has been determined to be broken. In some cases it may not be best to try and locate the open. It may be that the best repair technique is to replace a complete harness. The technician should make the determination of the proper repair, with the best interest of the customer in mind.

Instructions to check terminals and connectors should include checking for proper contact tension. Using a mating terminal, a modest force should be required to remove a terminal from its mate. Replace terminals with poor tension.


After completing any repair, always clear fault codes that may have been generated during the troubleshooting process.


### **NOTE:**


Be aware that troubleshooting in this manual is mostly concerned with DDEC related codes. Codes associated with other components, e.g. transmissions, ECUs, ABS, etc. can be found in the related publication.

### 1.3 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The following safety precautions must be observed when working on a Detroit Diesel engine:

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<p><b>Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Always start and operate an engine in a well ventilated area.</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>If operating an engine in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system or emission control system.</b></li></ul>

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<p><b>During stationary regeneration the exhaust gases will be extremely HOT and could cause a fire if directed at combustible materials. Ensure that the vehicle is in a well ventilated area and do not park where the exhaust will discharge in a manner that could create a fire.</b></p>

 <b>WARNING:</b> <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>
<p><b>To avoid injury from accidental engine startup while servicing the engine, disconnect/disable the starting system.</b></p>

All engine installations, especially those within enclosed spaces, should be equipped with an exhaust discharge pipe so that exhaust gases are delivered into the outside air.

 **WARNING:**

**PERSONAL INJURY**

**To avoid injury from the sudden release of a high-pressure hose connection, wear a face shield or goggles. Bleed the air from the air starter system before disconnecting the air supply hose.**

### 1.3.1 Ether Start

The DDEC Ether Start System is a fully-automatic engine starting fluid system used to assist a DDEC equipped diesel engine in cold starting conditions. The amount of ether is properly controlled to optimize the starting process and prevent engine damage. DDEC will control ether injection using standard sensors to control the ether injection hardware.

**FIRE AND TOXICITY**

Some pressurized fluid may be trapped in the system. To avoid personal injury, loosen all connections slowly to avoid contact with fluid. When required, spray fluid into a proper container. The engine starting fluid used in DDEC Ether Start Systems contains extremely flammable and toxic substances.

**FIRE AND TOXICITY**

To avoid personal injury, spray the fluid from the bottom of the valve into an appropriate container. The engine starting fluid used in DDEC Ether Start Systems contains extremely flammable and toxic substances.