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6T40-6T45 Updates and Product Concerns

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Transmission Fluid Check

♦ Check fluid level & condition of fluid

♦ NO fill tube on some vehicles – set fluid level w/ oil level plug

♦ Check fluid at TFT – 85-95°C (185-203°F)

♦ If TFT not w/in range – operate vehicle or allow fluid to cool

♦ TFT fluid level outside correct range results in under-fill / over-fill
Transmission Fluid Check

- Connect scan tool / monitor TFT
- Start / idle engine
- Depress brake / shift gears 3 times
- Shift to PARK / ensure 500-800 RPM
- Idle 3 minutes for fluid to stabilize
Checking Fluid Level

The engine MUST be running when the transmission oil level check plug is removed or excessive fluid loss will occur, resulting in an under-filled condition. An under-filled transmission will cause premature component wear or damage.
Pressure Tap & Oil Level Plug
Fluid Level Control Valve

Fluid level control valve (inside transmission)

Fluid level control valve (outside transmission)
Control Solenoid Valve & TCM
Solenoid Performance Test

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DT-48616 Torque Sequence
Control Solenoid Valve & TCM
Solenoid Performance Test
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Service Fast Learn Adapts Procedure

- Transmission internal service/overhaul
- Valve body repair or replacement
- Solenoid Assembly replacement
- TCM software/calibration update
- Service in response to shift quality concern
Service Fast Learn Adapts
Procedure Conditions

- 0% throttle / No RPM control
- 70º–100ºC (158º–212ºF) TFT
- Gear selector cycled 3X from P to R
Service Fast Learn Adapts Steps

♦ PARK
♦ DRIVE
♦ REVERSE
Adapts

If at any time during the procedure, required conditions are not met, Service Fast Learn Adapts may abort and the process may need to be started again from the beginning.

If power is lost or if the scan tool is disconnected, the procedure must be started over.
6T70/75/80/40/45/50 Torque Converter Installation

Special tools are required for the removal or installation of the torque converter. If care is not taken damage to the seal will occur.
### 6T40/6T45/6T50 Updates 2012

- **6T40 (RPO MH8) 6T40 BAS (RPO MHH) 6T45 (RPO MH7) 6T50 (RPO MHK)**
- **Updates for Product Concerns**

Beginning with the start of production (SOP) for the 2012 model year “MOST” 6T40/6T45/6T50 transaxles underwent massive changes that will have a “dramatic impact” on service of the units. The upgrades will be rolled out to future models during 2012/2014. The upgrades deal primarily with the control system (shift feel) but it does also apply to some other areas such as the clutches.

- **Models Effected for 2012**
  - * Buick Lacrosse, Regal, Verano
  - * Chevrolet Cruze 1.4L (RPO LUJ), Equinox, Malibu
  - * GMC Terrain

- **Models not effected for 2012 SOP, as they continue to use Gen 1 components**
  - * Chevrolet Cruze 1.8L (RPO LUW)
  - * Chevrolet Sonic 1.8L (RPO LUW)
  - * Chevrolet Captiva
  - * Orlando

Component interchange is now a major issue because the updated components for the most part, **CAN NOT** be interchanged with the previously designed components. The system upgrades will be defined using the terms:

- **Gen 1** -- 1st design - Previous design
- **Gen 2** -- 2nd design - Updated design
6T40
TEHCM and Valve Body ID
The 6T40 uses several different variations of solenoid cap color codes.

The color of the solenoid cap denotes the difference in the suppliers of the solenoids (Black, Blue, Yellow, Natural & Red)

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The TEHCM used with the Gen II controls system does not use pressure switches. Instead the TEHCM (TCM) utilizes a new process known as “Clutch Pulse Learning”. “The TCM momentarily commands a clutch on at low pressure. The pressure pulse commands are increased until an interruption in transmission input speed is detected. The return spring force is the first characteristic to be learned. After the spring force is learned, the TCM uses different pulse commands to determine the volume of transmission fluid required to move the clutch piston to the point of clutch apply. The TCM calculates fill time based on the learned volume. The CP Learn is conducted during steady conditions in 3rd, 5th and 6th gear. The CP Learn for the 4-5-6 clutch is enabled in 3rd gear. CP Learn for the 1-2-3-4 clutch and 2–6 clutch is enabled in 5th gear. CP Learn for the 3-5-R clutch is enabled in 6th gear. A rough road condition could give a false reading for transmission input speed interruption. When rough road conditions are detected, CP Learn is aborted until road conditions improve.”

“When a CP Learn is occurring, a slight bump or drag may be detected momentarily. The CP Learn will occur on the average vehicle every 1250 miles (2012 km). This is a normal condition and no repair attempts should be performed. The frequency of CP Learn is normally determined by the number of clutch apply cycles. The TCM will also initiate a CP Learn in advance of the clutch apply counter if shifts are detected which indicate an improper clutch fill time.”
6T40
TEHCM and Valve Body ID

Note: Same identifier appears in both locations.
Supplier MFG Line Identifier
GEN 2 / 1st DESIGN
GEN 2 / 2nd DESIGN
GEN 2 / 3rd DESIGN

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

(13) Open Ports And Screens
Control Valve Body Filter Plate Assembly
Gen 1

(2) Open Ports And Screens
Control Valve Body Filter Plate Assembly
Gen 2
6T40/45/50

Updates

Gen 1 = 1\textsuperscript{st} design = previous design
Gen 2 = 2\textsuperscript{nd} design = updated design

A code with a 1, 2 or 3 in the identifier is a Generation 1, while a code with a B, C or D in the identifier is a Generation 2.

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Generation 2 Changes include:
- Manual Valve (Shorter)
- Clutch Select Valve (No ring, larger lands), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and spring (Purple)
- 1-2-3-4 Boost Valve (No ring, Longer, May contain oil grooves), Retainer (Larger) and spring (Dark Green), Added Bore and Valve to Valve Body
- Reverse 4-5-6 Clutch Regulator Valve (Added Grooves, Larger land diameter), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (Shorter)
- 2-6 Clutch Regulator Valve (Center land eliminated), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (Shorter)
- 1-2-3-4 Clutch Regulator Valve (3 grooves no center land), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (Shorter)
- 1-2-3-4 Clutch Wave Plate
- Clutch Piston Dam Feed Regulator Valve (No grooves, land size changes), Bore Plug (Added a bore plug), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (White)
- TCC Regulator Apply Valve (Grooves and cutouts added), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (Added)
- 3-5 Reverse Clutch Regulator Valve (3 grooves, No center land, Added a Shuttle Valve to the Valve Train), Bore Plug (Larger), Retainer (Larger) and Spring (Shorter)
- Actuator Feed Accumulator Pistons/Springs Added to Valve Body
- Variable Clutch Housing Check Ball added to Valve Body
- Control Valve Channel Plate Check Ball and Spring added to Valve Body
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- Updated Spacer Plate and Gaskets
- 3-5 Reverse Clutch Friction material change
- 3-5 Reverse Clutch Wave Plate
- 3-5 Reverse Return Springs
- 4-5-6 Clutch Piston (Pocket changes for new return spring design), Fluid Piston Dam, Return Springs, Snap Ring (Stepped)
- 4-5-6 Piston Seal relocated in Housing
- 1-2-3-4 Clutch Friction material (Internal teeth cutouts for ID of 2nd design)
- 2-6 Clutch Friction material (Internal teeth cutouts for ID of 2nd design)
- 2-6 Clutch Return Spring (Internal teeth cutouts for ID of 2nd design)
- 2-6 Clutch Wave Plate
- Pump, Bushing, Front Seal, Pressure Regulator Valve and Spring
- Input Shaft Support and Support Seal Rings, for the 3-5-Reverse and 4-5-6 Clutches (Changed from 4 Seals on Support to 3 Seals, Support diameter is smaller)
- TEHCM Solenoids changed from a VBS (Variable Bleed Solenoid) to a VFS (Variable Feed Solenoid) (Includes the need for a major TEHCM programming change)
6T40/45/50
Updates (continued)

BAS+

Gen 2 and BAS +

BAS + Only

Gen 2 and BAS +
6T40/45/50 Updates (continued)

Gen 2 BAS+
Gen 2
Rubber Exterior
Steel Exterior
Pump Bushing
Pump Bushing
Pressure Regulator Valve
Gen 2 and BAS+
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Gen 2
6T40/45/50 Updates (continued)

Gen 2 BAS + Only

3 Rings

Height Check (Shorter)
(13) Open Ports and Screens

Control Valve Body Filter Plate Assembly
Gen 1

(2) Open Ports and Screens

Control Valve Body Filter Plate Assembly
Gen 2
6T40/45/50 Updates (continued)

Spacer Plate Retainers

Control Valve Channel Plate Ball and Spring

Variable Hi and 2-3-4 Clutch Housing Valve Ball

AFA = Actuator Feed Accumulators
6T40/45/50 Updates (continued)
6T40/45/50 Updates (continued)

- TCC Regulator Valve (No Center Land, (3) Grooves)
- 2–6 Clutch Regulator Valve (No Center Land)
- 1-2-3-4 Clutch Regulator Valve (No Center Land (3) Grooves)
- Low/Reverse & 4-5-6 Clutch Regulator Valve ((3) Grooves)
- Default Override Valve
6T40/45/50
Updates (continued)

TCC Regulator Apply Valve (Added Grooves)

1-2-3-4 Clutch Boost Valve
(May Contain Grooves, New Retainer)

Clutch Select Valve (No Ring)

Low/Reverse & 4-5-6 Clutch Boost Valve
(May Contain Oil Grooves, New Ring)

Manual Valve (Shorter)
6T40/45/50
Updates (continued)

1st Design

2nd Design*

*BAS+ Only for 2012MY All Models for 2013 MY

Color ID on Spline (Gen 2 Only)
6T40/45, 6T70/75

PRNDL Doesn’t Illuminate

GM Z body (Malibu, Aura 6T40/45 (RPO MH7/MHC) 6T70/75 (RPO MH2/MH4/MY9/MH6) applications may exhibit a condition where the PRNDL display does not indicate the gear position the customer has selected.

This condition in many instances is intermittent and difficult to duplicate.

Inspect circuits 5981, 5982, 5983 and 5984 for poor or damaged connections between the Instrument Panel Cluster, Body Control Module and the Shift Lever assembly. Inspect connectors X206, X303 and X304 for damaged or loose terminals.
Intermittent Hard Shifts

A 2011 Chevrolet Cruze with a harsh, flare or bump shift complaint that is typically more pronounced when the transmission is cold may be caused by a calibration error. In addition the concern may lead some customers to complain and others not to complain depending on the adapt tables they typically operate the vehicle in. This concern is related to applications with GEN I control systems.

This complaint can be corrected with an updated TCM calibration.
A 2009 (Z BODY) Malibu, Aura, G6 with the 2.4L engine may set a Output Speed Sensor code P0723 caused by a calibration error.

If there are no problems found with the output speed sensor. The TCM calculation strategy has been updated to correct this problem. Reflash the TCM with the new strategy.
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No 3rd, 5th or Reverse Gears

Some applications may develop a no 3rd/5th/Reverse condition. This may be caused by the 3rd/5th/Reverse clutch snap ring popping out preventing the apply of the clutch.

This condition may occur on 2010 and earlier applications. As a running change during the 2010 model year the 3-5-Reverse/4-5-6 clutch drum and snap rings were updated to address a problem with snap ring retention. The 2nd design parts will back service if they are used as a complete set.

The following parts were changed:
- 3-5-Reverse/4-5-6 clutch drum (groove dimensional depth changed to 2.38mm)
- 3-5-Reverse backing plate (step changed to 3.0mm and 3.25mm respectively)
- 3-5-Reverse backing plate snap ring (thickness changed to 1.6mm)
6T40/45/50
No 3rd, 5th or Reverse Gears
DO NOT intermix 1st design and 2nd design parts for the 3-5 reverse clutch housings, snap ring or backing plates. If parts are intermixed shift conditions or clutch failure may result.

The updated parts package is available as kit, part number #24255922
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Hard Shifts, Broken 3-5-Reverse Wave Plate, Possible DTC P0776 Set

2011 and earlier and some 2012/2013 6T40/45/50 applications with the generation 1 control system may exhibit a hard shift concern.

This may be caused by the 3-5-Reverse wave plate being broken. The wave plate may have broken due to the design of the 3-5-Reverse piston. The previous piston design can lead to a fatigue failure of the wave plate. In addition the technician may find DTC P0776 set.

The TCM detects an incorrect oncoming clutch gear ratio, or flare, when the 3-5-R clutch is commanded ON for 3 seconds and the transmission input shaft speed is 200 RPM or greater from the anticipated input shaft speed.
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Hard Shifts, Broken 3-5-Reverse Wave Plate, Possible DTC P0776 Set

Inspect the 3-5-Reverse piston. The previous design piston can be identified by looking for “Notches” in the OD of the piston. If notches are present, the piston “MUST” be updated to the new design prior to installing the wave plate and clutches or wave plate failure may occur again.

The updated piston is available as part number 24259061.

The wave plate is available as part number 24230757.
Questions?