## **Summary:**

TOP TEN CAUSES FOR E-TEC ENGINE MISFIRE

# **Type:**General

### **TST Detail:**

Engine misfire could be caused by any one of the items listed here. It is important to consider the following:

- 1. MECHANICAL CONDITION OF ENGINE
- a. Check cylinder compression.
- b. Listen and feel for any obvious engine damage.
- 2. CVT TRANSMISSION OPERATION
- a. Check drive belt.
- b. Check drive and driven pulleys for smooth operation.
- c. Check calibration components versus specifications.
- d. Adjust TRA screws for proper shift RPM.
- 3. COOLING SYSTEM OPERATION
- a. Overheating causes needed ECM protection action.
- b. Check entire cooling system, and do NOT modify.
- 4. SPARK PLUG CONDITION
- a. Check gap.
- b. Check for cracked insulator.
- c. Check and clean plug cap ensuring good fit and no spark "leaks" or cap fouling.
- d. Replace plugs, wires, and caps if suspect.
- e. Make sure spark plugs are properly indexed.
- 5. FUEL QUALITY AND DELIVERY
- a. Check for fresh fuel of proper octane (fuel deteriorates quickly).
- b. Ensure no higher than E-10 fuel is used (10% alcohol).

- c. Check fuel pressure from pump.
- **6. IGNITION TIMING**
- a. Two stroke basics. Timing is critical to performance.
- b. See SHOP MANUAL.

### 7. RAVE VALVE OPERATION

- a. Engine off = Valves at mid position.
- b. Engine idle to approximately 6600 RPM = Closed position. c.

Approximately 6600 to 7700 RPM = Mid position. d. Above

approximately 7700 RPM = Full open position. e. Check RAVE

Position Sensor (RPS) setting and reset if suspect. f. Check all air

lines and RAVE Solenoid for leaks. 8. EXHAUST

### **OVERHEATING**

- a. Check for exhaust leaks.
- b. Check for exhaust obstructions.
- 9. CAPACITOR AND CHARGING SYSTEM CONDITION
- a. Check for low or unstable 55/60 volts using B.U.D.S. I.

Check stator specifications.

- II. Check coils for signs of overheating or shorts.
- III. Check capacitor and all connections.
- 10. INJECTOR OPERATION
- a. Check operation with B.U.D.S.
- b. Ensure calibration coefficients match injectors.
- c. Use known good injector as test if needed.

#### Attachment:

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