SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS 124 ACCELERATOR CONTROL SYSTEMS

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

FMVSS 124 specifies requirements for the return of a vehicle's throttle to the idle position when the driver removes the actuating force from the accelerator control, or in the event of a severance or disconnection in the accelerator control system. The purpose of FMVSS 124 is to reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from engine overspeed caused by malfunctions in the accelerator control system. This standard applies to passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles (MPV's), trucks and buses.

SECTION 2 TEST PROCEDURES AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Compliance testing was conducted on a 2010 Mercedes GLK 350 MPV, NHTSA No. CA0514 in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Laboratory Procedure TP-124-06.

The vehicle is equipped with two throttle position sensors (TPS) on the air throttle plate shaft. Output from one of the two sensors was used to measure throttle position and data was recorded at 100 HZ with GTL's data acquisition system. Testing was conducted to simulate the normal removal of the driver's foot from the accelerator pedal. This was performed by depressing the accelerator with a control rod which incorporated an electrical contact strip in the depressing end. The accelerator was depressed to the required amount and then the control rod was quickly removed from the pedal, releasing the accelerator and activating the contact strip for time zero. Failures (excluding spring disconnect) were induced simultaneously with release of the accelerator pedal. Testing was performed with the vehicle in drive and the engine running. Testing could not be conducted in neutral as throttle plate movement in this condition was limited upon accelerator pedal application.

Return to idle times were determined for four throttle plate positions (25%, 50%, 75% and 100%) with the accelerator control system complete and with each of the two return springs in the accelerator pedal assembly independently disconnected and disconnection of the throttle body return spring #3 and #4. With each of the wires to the APS and throttle plate position sensor disconnected and shorted to ground, return to idle times were determined at the worst case condition – wide open throttle (100%).

In addition, tests were conducted with the APS and TPS connectors disconnected.

A number of induced failures resulted in the throttle plate return to or below the idle state then shifting to a Limp-Home mode position which allows the vehicle to be removed from the roadway.

This testing was performed at mid ambient temperature of 10° C to 46° C, in accordance with the NHTSA Test Procedure TP-124-06.

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

Test data for this test can be found on the following pages. Photographs are found in Section 5 and Test Plots are found in Section 6.

DATA SHEET 1 VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
VEHICLE VIN:	WDCGG8HB8AF474687
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 19-22, 2010
TEST LAB: GENERAL TESTING LABORATO	DRIES
VEHICLE ENGINE TYPE: GAS	GVWR: <u>2480</u> KG
VEHICLE ENGINE SIZE: 3.5 L	
VEHICLE ACCEL. CONTROL SYSTEM (ACS)	(Air or Fuel Throttled): AIR
MAX. BHP ENGINE SPEED: 268 HP	
MFR. IDLE RPM: 600 RPM	
FUEL METERING DEVICE (Carburetor, fuel inj	ection, etc): FUEL INJECTION

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DATA SHEET 2 NORMAL OPERATION TEST (fully operational system)

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 20, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

SYSTEM CONDITION: COMPLETE (no modifications) Normal Operation

GTL #	ACCELERATOR POSITION % WIDE OPEN THROTTLE (WOT)	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING	RPM	TEMPERA ENGINE COOLANT	TURE (°C) AMBIENT	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING @ IDLE (PASELINE)	RETURN TIME TO IDLE (Msec)	PASS/ FAIL
						(BASELINE)		
6446	100%	100%	600	194	75	16%-20%	260	Р
6447	75%	76%	600	200	75	16%-20%	290	Р
6448	50%	38%	600	200	75	16%-20%	260	Р
6449	25%	24%	600	198	75	16%-20%	160	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.
- 2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.
- 3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

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DATA SHEET 3 (1 of 4) FAIL-SAFE OPERATION DISCONNECTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 21, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

SYSTEM CONDITION: #1 SPRING DISCONNECTED (OUTER SPRING) ON ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSEMBLY

GTL #	ACCELERATOR POSITION	THROTTLE POSITION	RPM	TEMPERA	TURE (ºC)	THROTTLE	RETURN	PASS/ FAII
	% WIDE OPEN THROTTLE (WOT)	SENSOR READING		ENGINE COOLANT	AMBIENT	SENSOR READING @ IDLE (BASELINE)	IDLE (Msec)	.,
6453	100%	100%	600	195	63	16%-20%	430	Р
6454	75%	75%	600	197	63	16%-20%	380	Р
6455	50%	57%	600	200	63	16%-20%	190	Р
6456	25%	24%	600	200	63	16%-20%	50	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.
- 2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.
- 3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

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DATA SHEET 3 (2 of 4) FAIL-SAFE OPERATION DISCONNECTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 14, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

SYSTEM CONDITION: #2 SPRING DISCONNECTED (INNER SPRING) ON ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSEMBLY

GTL #	ACCELERATOR POSITION % WIDE OPEN THROTTLE (WOT)	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING	RPM	TEMPERA ENGINE COOLANT	TURE (°C)	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING @ IDLE (BASELINE)	RETURN TIME TO IDLE (Msec)	PASS/ FAIL
6457	100%	100%	600	198	63	16%-20%	260	Р
6458	75%	73%	600	200	63	16%-20%	380	Р
6459	50%	46%	600	200	63	16%-20%	160	Р
6460	25%	%	600	201	63	16%-20%	40	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.

2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.

3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

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DATA SHEET 3 (3 of 4) FAIL-SAFE OPERATION DISCONNECTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 22, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

	SYSTEM CONDITION: #3 SPRING DISCONNECTED (OUTER SPRING) IN THROTTLE BODY							
GTL	ACCELERATOR	THROTTLE	RPM	TEMPERA	TURE (°C)	THROTTLE	RETURN	PASS/
#	% WIDE OPEN THROTTLE	SENSOR READING		ENGINE AMBIENT COOLANT		SENSOR READING @	IDLE (Msec)	FAIL
	(WOT)					IDLE (BASELINE)		
6485	100%	100%	600	195	66	16%-20%	330	Р
6486	75%	75%	600	198	66	16%-20%	360	Р
6487	50%	49%	600	200	66	16%-20%	210	Р
6488	25%	24%	600	198	66	16%-20%	70	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.

2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.

3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

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DATA SHEET 3 (4 of 4) FAIL-SAFE OPERATION DISCONNECTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE:	2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 22, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

	SYSTEM CONDITION: #4 SPRING DISCONNECTED (INNER SPRING) IN THROTTLE BODY							
GTL	ACCELERATOR	THROTTLE	RPM	TEMPERA	TURE (°C)	THROTTLE	RETURN	PASS/
#	% WIDE OPEN	POSITION		ENGINE	AMBIENT	SENSOR	I IME TO	FAIL
	THROTTLE	READING		COOLANT		READING @	(Msec)	
	(WOT)							
						(BASELINE)		
6489	100%	97%	600	200	66	16%-20%	180	Р
6490	75%	69%	600	198	66	16%-20%	200	Р
6491	50%	42%	600	201	66	16%-20%	120	Р
6492	25%	24%	600	200	66	16%-20%	60	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.

2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.

3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

REMARKS:

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DATA SHEET 4 FAIL-SAFE OPERATION DISCONNECTION

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV
 VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:
 CA0514

 DATE OF TEST:
 APRIL 22, 2010

Check one:

Mid Temp. Test: X Low Temp. Test: High Temp. Test:

	SYSTEM CONDITION: SEVERANCE OF APS CONNECTOR							
GTL #	ACCELERATOR POSITION % WIDE OPEN THROTTLE (WOT)	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING	RPM	TEMPERA ENGINE COOLANT	TURE (°C)	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING @ IDLE (BASELINE)	RETURN TIME TO IDLE (Msec)	PASS/ FAIL
6461	100%	100%	600	198	62	16%-20%	50*	Р

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 second (1000 ms) for vehicles less than 4536 kg.
- 2 seconds (2000 ms) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.
- 3 seconds (3000 ms) for vehicles exposed to -18° C or less

PASS X FAIL

REMARKS: *Engine stopped running when connector was removed.

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DATA SHEET 5 FMVSS 124

VEHICLE MY/MAKE/MODEL/BODY STYLE: 2010 MERCEDES GLK 350 MPV

VEHICLE NHTSA NO.:	CA0514
DATE OF TEST:	APRIL 19, 2010

GTL #	CONNECTOR	WIRE/PIN DESCRIPTION	FAULT CONDITION	ENGINE TEMP. ⁰F	% THROTTLE/ RETURN TIME (MS)	PASS/FAIL/NOTES
6462	APS	#1/Blue	OPEN	192	100/450	Р
6463	APS	#2/Purple/Green	OPEN	195	100/450	Р
6464	APS	#3/Brown/Yellow	OPEN	198	100/250	Р
6465	APS	#4/Brown/White	OPEN	198	100/450	Р
6466	APS	#5/Purple/Yellow	OPEN	200	100/420	Р
6467	APS	#1/Blue	SHORT	201	100/40	Р
6468	APS	#2/Purple/Green	SHORT	205	100/400*	Р
6469	APS	#3/Brown/Yellow	SHORT	206	100/260	Р
6470	APS	#4/Brown/White	SHORT	209	100/410	Р
6471	APS	#5/Purple/Yellow	SHORT	202	100/420	Р
6472	TPS	#1/Pink/Purple	OPEN	200	100/<200*	Р
6473	TPS	#2/Pink/Black	OPEN	201	100/<200*	Р
6474	TPS	#3/Orange	OPEN	200	100/40**	Р
6475	TPS	#4/Pink/Blue	OPEN	202	100/150**	Р
6476	TPS	#5/Pink/Green	OPEN	200	100/<200***	Р
6477	TPS	#6/Pink/Gray	OPEN	198	100/430	Р
6478	TPS	#1/Pink/Purple	SHORT	198	100/160**	Р
6479	TPS	#2/Pink/Blue	SHORT	200	100/50*	Р
6480	TPS	#3/Orange	SHORT	201	100/540	Р
6481	TPS	#4/Pink/Blue	SHORT	200	100/710**	P
6482	TPS	#5/Pink/Gray	SHORT	200	100/<200***	P
6483	TPS	#6/Pink/Gray	SHORT	205	100/450	Р
6484	TPS	Pins 1-6	DISCONNECT	204	100/60**	Р

*Engine stopped running when fault was induced.

**Limp Home Mode at 950 RPM.

***Engine went to idle in the time frames indicated based on laboratory judgment even though output for throttle position sensor which was instrumented went to 150%. The actual position of the air plate did not correspond to the TPS output which was measured.

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SECTION 4
TEST EQUIPMENT LIST AND CALIBRATION INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	MODEL/	CAL. DATE	NEXT CAL.
		SERIAL NO.		DATE
THERMOCOUPLES	OMEGA	43P136P	08/09	08/10
ENGINE	GTL COMPUTER	CPU1	BEFORE	BEFORE
RECORDING			USE	USE
TACHOMETER	MONARCH	1444664	05/09	05/10

SECTION 5 PHOTOGRAPHS



FIGURE 5.1 FRONT VIEW OF VEHICLE

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FIGURE 5.2 LEFT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE



FIGURE 5.3 RIGHT SIDE VIEW OF VEHICLE



FIGURE 5.4 CLOSE-UP VIEW OF VEHICLE CERTIFICATION LABEL



FIGURE 5.5 CLOSE-UP VIEW OF VEHICLE PLACARD



FIGURE 5.6 ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSEMBLY SHOWING SPRING 1 & 2 19



FIGURE 5.7 CLOSE-UP OF SPRINGS 1 & 2



FIGURE 5.8 TEST SET-UP



FIGURE 5.9 ACCELERATOR TEST SET-UP



FIGURE 5.10 WIRE OPEN/SHORTING SYSTEM



FIGURE 5.11 ENGINE INSTRUMENTATION SET-UP



FIGURE 5.12 THROTTLE BODY



FIGURE 5.13 THROTTLE BODY SHOWING SPRINGS 3 & 4

SECTION 6 PLOTS



GTL 6446, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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GTL 6447, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

Time in Seconds

% Throttle & Foot Release.







% Throttle & Foot Release.



GTL 6453, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

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% Throttle & Foot Release.




Time in Seconds

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% Throttle & Foot Release.

















% Throttle & Foot Release.

















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GTL 6468, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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GTL 6471, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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GTL 6474, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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GTL 6476, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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GTL 6481, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

















GTL 6489, NHTSA CA0514, FMVSS 124.

% Throttle & Foot Release.

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% Throttle & Foot Release.



% Throttle & Foot Release.