



Applies To: 2001–02 MDX – ALL
2001–03 3.2 CL Type S – ALL
2002–03 3.2 TL Type S – ALL

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Accelerator Pedal Feels Like It Pops When First Pressed

(Supersedes 04-035, *Accelerator Pedal Hard to Press*, dated November 9, 2004, to update the information marked by the black bar)

SYMPTOM

The client may “feel” the release of the throttle plate through the accelerator pedal when first pressing the accelerator pedal after a cold start. Some describe it as a “pop” sensation.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Primarily in coastal regions, carbon and salt deposits accumulate on the Molykote® in the throttle bore.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Install a new throttle body and gasket.

NOTE: Cleaning is not sufficient. Changes have been made to the throttle plate angle and stop settings of the new throttle body.

PARTS INFORMATION

Throttle Body (MDX):

P/N 16400-PGK-A03

Throttle Body (3.2 CL/TL Type S, A/T):

P/N 16400-PGE-A02

Throttle Body (3.2 CL Type S, M/T):

P/N 16400-PGE-A12

Gasket (all models):

P/N 16176-PGE-A01

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

In warranty: The normal warranty applies.

Operation Number: 121165

Flat Rate Time: 0.5 hour

Failed Part: P/N 16400-PGE-A01

Defect Code: 03001

Symptom Code: 09201

Template ID: 04-035A (MDX)
04-035C (3.2 CL/TL Type S, A/T)
04-035B (3.2 CL Type S, M/T)

Skill Level: Repair Technician

Out of warranty: Any repair performed after warranty expiration may be eligible for goodwill consideration by the District Parts and Service Manager or your Zone Office. You must request consideration, and get a decision, before starting work.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Replace the throttle body and gasket.
 - Refer to page 11-141 of the *2001–02 MDX Service Manual*.
 - Refer to page 11-202 of the *2001–03 3.2 CL Service Manual*.
 - Refer to page 11-189 of the *1999–2003 3.2 TL Service Manual*.
 - In ISIS, enter the keyword **THROTTLE BODY**, and select **Throttle Body Removal/Installation** from the list.
2. Do the idle learn procedure:
 - Make sure all of the electrical items (A/C, audio unit, window defogger, lights, etc.) are off.
 - Start the engine, and let it reach normal operating temperature (the cooling fans cycle twice).
 - Let the engine idle (throttle fully closed and all electrical items off) for **10 minutes**.