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ACCELERATOR CONTROL SYSTEMS

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

1. PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a 2006 Dodge Dakota 4-Door Truck, manufactured by DaimlerChrysler Corporation, to determine compliance with FMVSS 124, "Accelerator Control Systems". FMVSS 124 establishes 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 this standard is to reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from engine over-speed caused by malfunctions in the accelerator control system.

All tests were conducted based on the current National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Test Procedures, TP-124-06, dated April 20, 2000, and corresponding KARCO Engineering test procedure KTP-124A, dated May 24, 2006. As per directions of NHTSA, testing was not performed on a dynamometer or at high or low ambient temperature conditions. Detailed procedures for receiving, inspecting, testing and reporting of test results are described in the test procedures and are not repeated in this report.

This report is organized in sections containing pertinent test information and data tables as follows:

Section 2	-	Compliance Test Procedure and Data Summary
Section 3	-	Test Results
Appendix A	-	Photographs
Appendix B	-	Data Plots
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SECTION 2 COMPLIANCE TEST PROCEDURE AND DATA SUMMARY

2. COMPLIANCE TEST PROCEDURE AND DATA SUMMARY

A 2006 Dodge Dakota 4-Door Truck was subjected to FMVSS 124 compliance testing. The tests were conducted at KARCO Engineering in Adelanto, California on July 11, 2006. The following tests were performed:

- Inspection
- Time to Return to Idle Position (Complete Normal Operation)
- Time to Return to Idle Position (1st Energy Source Removed)
- Time to Return to Idle Position (2nd Energy Source Removed)
- Time to Return to Idle Position (Severance)

The tests were conducted per the FMVSS 124 test procedure. The significant aspects of the test procedure are described in the following paragraphs.

A. INSPECTION

The operation of all adjustable accelerator control systems shall be checked to ascertain that the systems operate correctly. The accelerator control systems shall have at least two sources of energy capable of returning the throttle to the idle.

B. COMPLIANCE TEST EXECUTION (STATIC TESTING OF ACCELERATOR CONTROL SYSTEMS)

B.1 FULLY OPERATIONAL SYSTEM

Continuously record ambient temperature, engine coolant temperature, throttle position versus time and engine RPM versus time for the duration of each test. The accelerator may be depressed by hand or foot pressure or by any other mechanical means. Conduct the tests for 25% WOT, 50% WOT, 75% WOT and 100% WOT. Conduct the test a second time with the engine off.

B.2 DISCONNECTION OF THE FIRST SOURCE OF THROTTLE RETURN ENERGY

Remove one of the throttle return springs. Continuously record ambient temperature, engine coolant temperature, throttle position versus time, and engine RPM versus time for the duration of each test. The accelerator may be depressed by hand or foot pressure or by any other mechanical means. Conduct the tests for 25% WOT, 50% WOT, 75% WOT and 100% WOT. Conduct the test a second time with the engine off. Return the system to original condition.

B.3 DISCONNECTION OF THE SECOND SOURCE OF THROTTLE RETURN ENERGY

Remove the second throttle return spring and reconnect the first spring. Continuously record ambient temperature, engine coolant temperature, throttle position versus time, and engine RPM versus time for the duration of each test. The accelerator may be depressed by hand or foot pressure or by any other mechanical means. Conduct the tests for 25% WOT, 50% WOT, 75% WOT and 100% WOT. Conduct the test a second time with the engine off. Return the system to original condition.

B.4 SEVERANCE

Identify the points determined in Section 11.3.4 of the KTP-124A test procedure to be the most critical in the accelerator control system. Induce severance or disconnection in the throttle return linkage. Continuously record ambient temperature, engine coolant temperature, throttle position versus time engine RPM versus time for the duration of each test. The accelerator may be depressed by hand or foot pressure or by any other mechanical means. Conduct the tests for 25% WOT, 50% WOT, 75% WOT and 100% WOT. Conduct the test a second time with the engine off. Return the system to original condition.

B.5 TEST SET-UP

Each series of tests were conducted in the same manner. Throttle plate position was measured using the vehicle's throttle plate position sensor. Engine RPM was obtained with an optical fifth wheel recording speed on the vehicle's engine belt. The Dodge Dakota engine was RPM limited and the RPM of the engine remained relatively constant for multiple throttle plate positions. Release of the accelerator pedal and severance is time zero (0) on the data traces. The data trace for throttle plate is measured as a percentage rotation where 0% is idle and 100% is wide open throttle. Time is for the engine RPM to return to approximate steady state idle on the Data sheet No.4. Severance was accomplished by disconnecting the accelerator cable from the throttle body and actuating the throttle plate with a piece of string. Time zero on the data plots equates to release of string simulating failure.

B.6 ENGINE SPEED FOR THE FOLLOWING THROTTLE PLATE POSITIONS :

Curb Idle Position	800 RPM
100% Wide Open Throttle (WOT)	4000 RPM
Throttle Position When Engine Limits	4000 RPM
75% WOT	4000 RPM
50% WOT	4000 RPM
25% WOT	4000 RPM

SECTION 3 TEST DATA

3. TEST DATA

The results of FMVSS 124 compliance tests that were conducted on the 2006 Dodge Dakota 4-Door Truck on July 11, 2006 to determine compliance with FMVSS 124, "Accelerator Control Systems" are presented in this section.

VEHICLE INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION

TEST VEHICLE INFORMATION				
Manufacturer	DaimlerChrysler CorporationVIN1D7HE28K46S526110			
Manufacturing Date	09/2005	Delivery Date	07/11/2006	
Dealer	Victorville Motors Inc	NHTSA No.	C60302	
Odometer Reading (mi.)	157.9	Fuel Type	Gas	
Engine Displacement (lit.)	3.7	Cylinders	V6	
Transmission	Automatic	Final Drive	Rear	
Engine Placement	Transverse	Color	White	
Tire Press./Max. Cap. Front	302 kpa (44 psi)	Cold Tire Press. Front	240 kpa (35 psi)	
Tire Press./Max. Cap. Rear	302 kpa (44 psi)	Cold Tire Press. Rear	240 kpa (35 psi)	
Recommend Tire Size	P245/70R16	Type of Spare	Full Size	
Tire Size on Vehicle	P245/70R16	Manufacturer	GoodYear	
GVWR	2727 kg (6010 lb)	Cargo Capacity	741 kg (1635 lb)	
GAWR Front	1407 kg (3100 lb)	GAWR Rear	1633 kg (3600 lb)	
Air Conditioning	Yes	Power Steering	Yes	
Power Brakes	Yes	AM/FM/Cassette	Yes	
Disc Brakes (Front)	Yes	Disc Brakes (Rear)	No	
Power Windows	No	Tilt Steering	No	
Anti-lock Brakes (ABS)	Yes	Power Seats	No	
Driver Airbag	Yes	Passenger Airbag	Yes	
Control System	Fuel Injected			
Comments:	None			

VEHICLE THROTLE CONTROL INSPECTION

VEHICLE			
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	30.1° C

Determine how many forms of energy are present on the vehicle to return throttle to idle. If more than two, describe the third in the comments below.	2
Describe the first energy source.	Torsion spring mounted on throttle shaft.
Describe the second energy source.	Torsion spring mounted on throttle shaft.
Does vehicle have a return spring on the accelerator pedal?	No
Describe point of severance.	Throttle cable was disconnected from the throttle shaft.

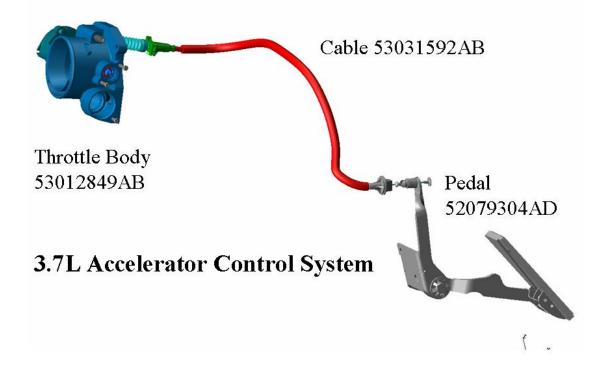
Comments: None

TEST STATUS:	PASSED —	x	FAILED —	
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MANUFACTURER'S DRAWINGS

VEHICLE					
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation		
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck		
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110		
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	30.1° C		



TEST EXECUTION

VEHICLE					
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation		
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck		
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110		
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	30.1° C		

THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:			ACCELERATOR CONTROL SYSTEM INTACT, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE ON				
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.0%	3640.9	67.5°C	0.0%	150 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.1%	3811.7	67.5°C	0.0%	150 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.1%	3837.0	67.5°C	0.0%	160 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.1%	3860.6	67.5°C	0.0%	160 msec	Pass

THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:			ACCELERATOR CONTROL SYSTEM INTACT, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE OFF				
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.0%				140 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.0%				160 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.0%				180 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.0%				180 msec	Pass

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

TEST STATUS:	PASSED —	x	FAILED —	
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DATA SHEET NO. 4...(CONTINUED) TEST EXECUTION

VEHICLE					
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation		
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck		
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110		
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	29.5° C		

THROTT	THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:			1 ST RETURN SPRING REMOVED, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE ON			
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.1%	3705.6	63.8°C	0.0%	180 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.0%	3763.7	63.8°C	0.0%	180 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.1%	3594.2	63.8°C	0.0%	180 msec	Pass
4	100%	99.9%	3709.8	63.8°C	0.0%	210 msec	Pass

THROTT	THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:		1 ST RETURN SPRING REMOVED, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE OFF			NT	
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.1%				140 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.0%				210 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.0%				190 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.1%				200 msec	Pass

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

1 second (1000 msec) for vehicles less than 4536 kg. 2 seconds (2000 msec) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.

TEST STATUS:	PASSED —	X	FAILED —	
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TEST EXECUTION

VEHICLE				
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation	
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck	
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110	
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	29.9° C	

THROTTLE	THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:		2 ND RETURN SPRING REMOVED, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE ON			ENT	
TEST NO.	Nominal Throttle Position	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.1%	3503.6	67.6°C	0.0%	210 msec	Pass
2	50%	49.8%	3556.0	67.6°C	0.0%	140 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.1%	3589.2	67.6°C	0.0%	150 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.0%	3709.7	67.6°C	0.0%	140 msec	Pass

THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:			2 ND RETURN SPRING REMOVED, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE OFF				
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.1%				150 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.0%				170 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.2%				180 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.0%				170 msec	Pass

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

1 second (1000 msec) for vehicles less than 4536 kg. 2 seconds (2000 msec) for vehicles more than 4536 kg.

TEST STATUS:	PASSED —	X	FAILED —	
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TEST EXECUTION

VEHICLE				
YEAR	2006	MAKE	DaimlerChrysler Corporation	
MODEL	Dodge Dakota	BODY STYLE	4-Door Truck	
NHTSA NO.	C60302	VIN	1D7HE28K46S526110	
TEST DATE:	07/11/2006	TEMPERATURE	29.7° C	

THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:				SEVERANCE, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGINE		NGINE	
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.0%	3564.4	67.6°C	0.0%	130 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.1%	3742.4	67.6°C	0.0%	150 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.2%	3622.5	67.6°C	0.0%	130 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.1%	3738.2	67.6°C	0.0%	140 msec	Pass

THROTTLE	THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM CONDITION:			SEVERANCE, AMBIENT TEMPERATURE, ENGIN OFF		NGINE	
TEST NO.	NOMINAL THROTTLE POSITION	ACTUAL THROTTLE POSITION	ENGINE RPM	ENGINE COOLANT TEMPERATURE	THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR READING AT IDLE	TIME TO RETURN TO IDLE	PASS /FAIL
1	25%	25.1%				160 msec	Pass
2	50%	50.0%				140 msec	Pass
3	75%	75.0%				160 msec	Pass
4	100%	100.0 %				160 msec	Pass

RETURN TIME REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

TEST STATUS:	PASSED —	X	FAILED —	
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APPENDIX A PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure A-1: Front View of Vehicle



Figure A-2: Left Side View of Vehicle



Figure A-3: Right Side View of Vehicle

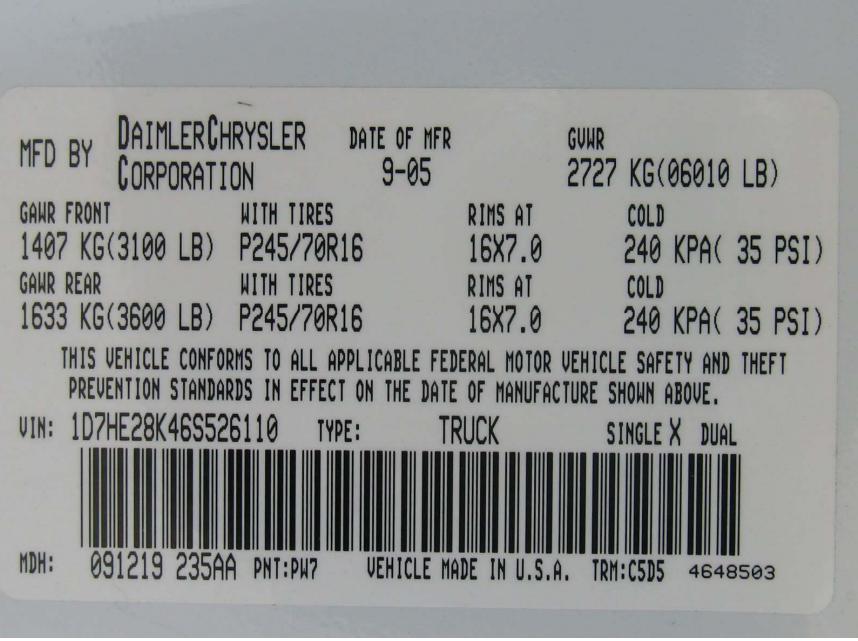


Figure A-4: Vehicle's Certification Label

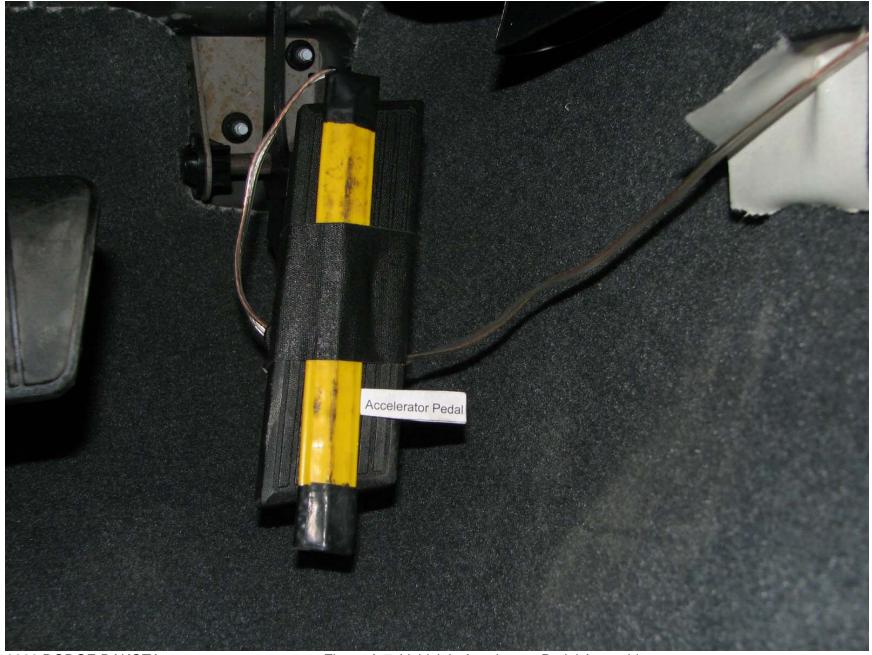
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SEA	TING CAPACITY - TOTAL	ERONT 2 REA	R 3
	NED WEIGHT OF OCCUPAN 741 KG	ITS AND CARGO SHOULI Or 1635 LB	D NEVER EXCEED
TIRE	FRONT	REAR	SPARE
ORIGINAL TIRE SIZE	P245/70R16	P245/70R16	P245/70R16
COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE	240 kPa, 35 PSI	240 kPa, 35 PSI	240 kPa, 35 PSI
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Figure A-5: Vehicle's Tire Information Label



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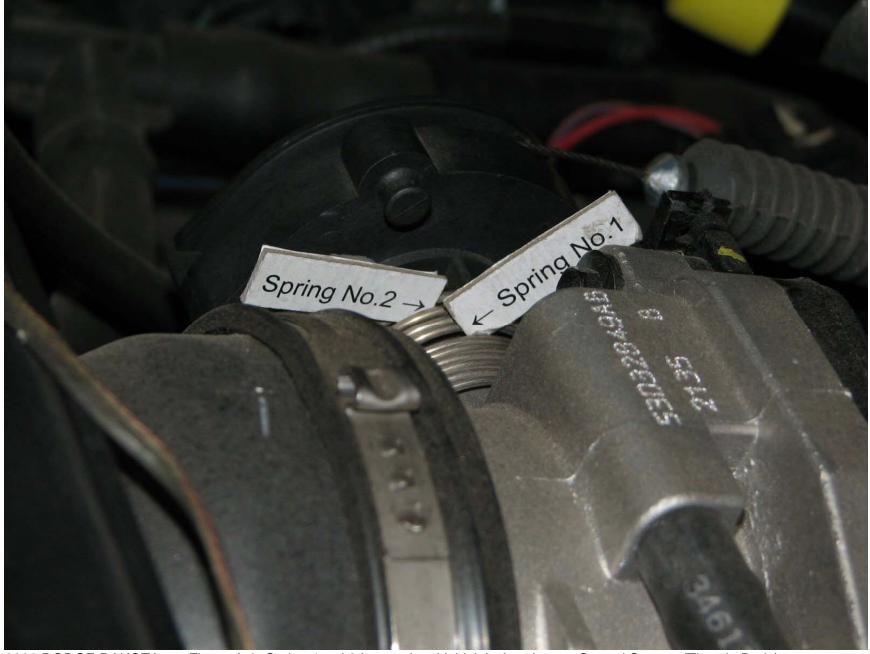
Figure A-6: Vehicle's Engine Compartment



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Figure A-7: Vehicle's Accelerator Pedal Assembly



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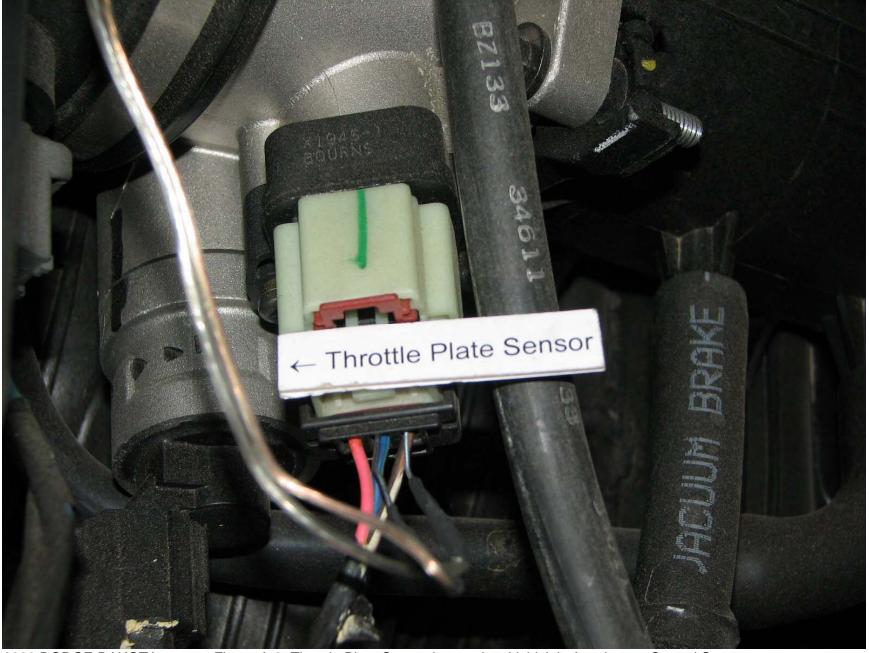


Figure A-9: Throttle Plate Sensor Located on Vehicle's Accelerator Control System

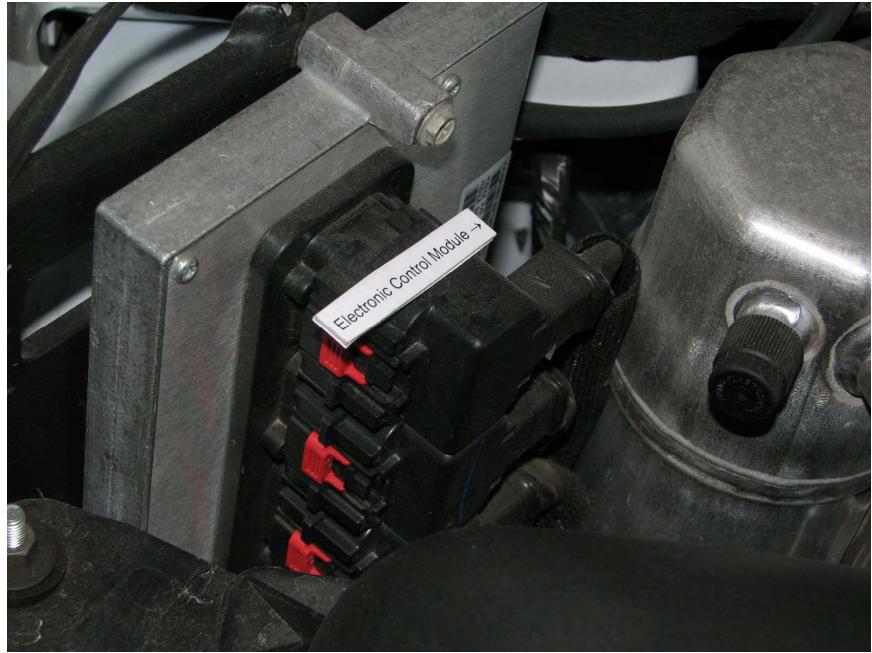




Figure A-11: Vehicle Test Setup



Figure A-12: Instrumentation

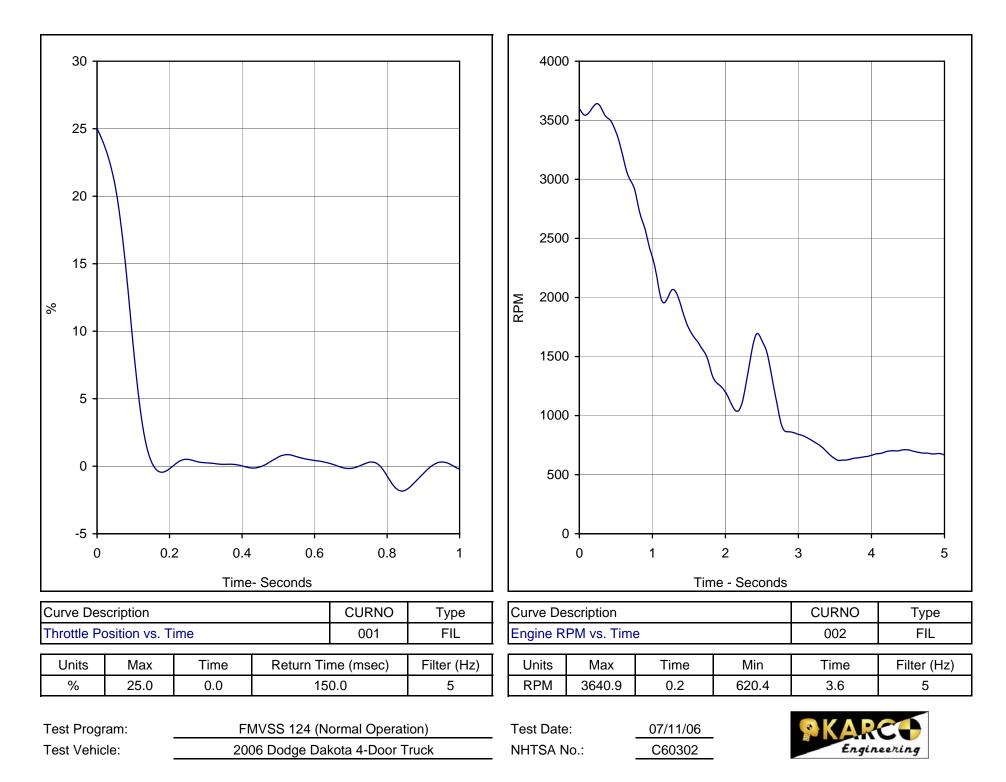


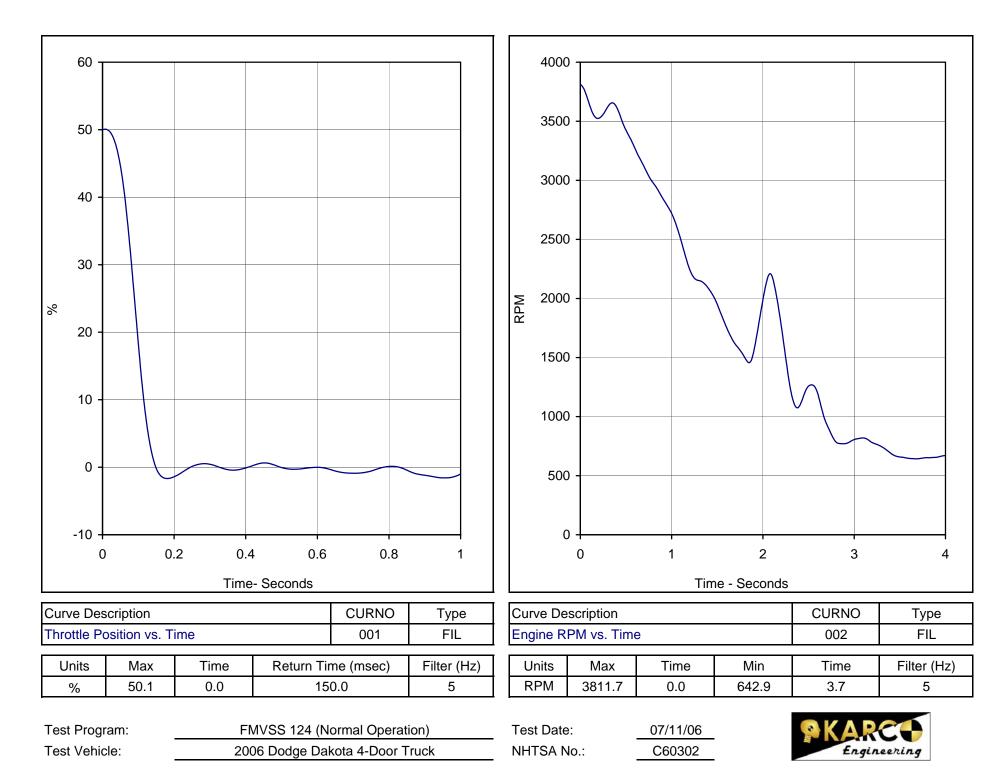
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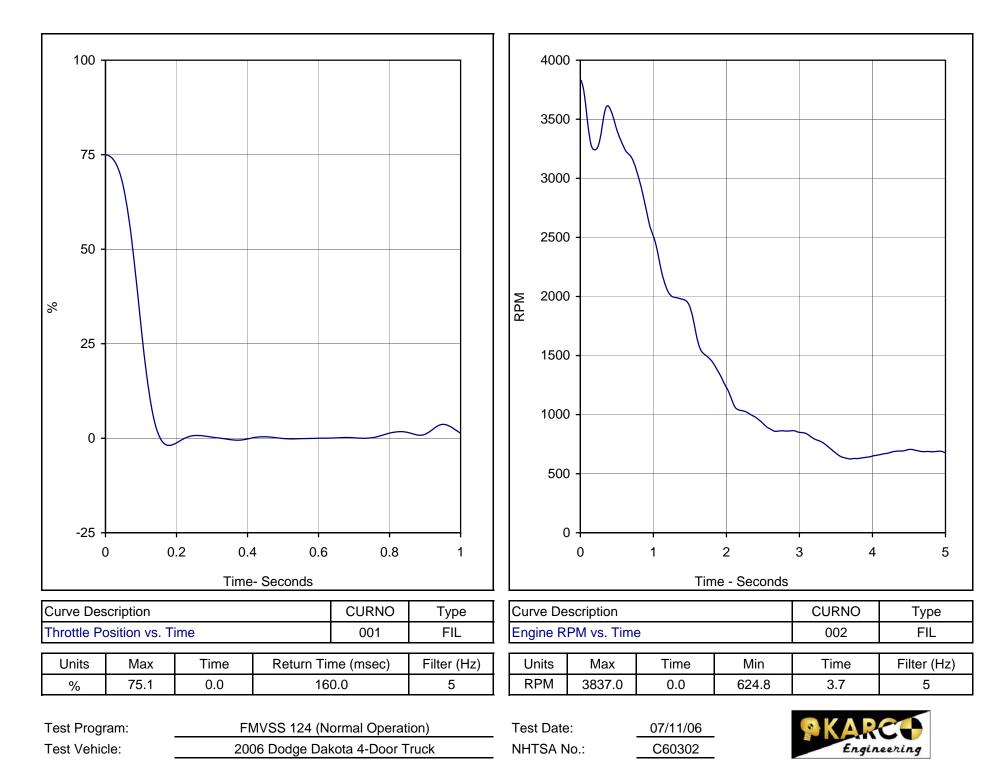
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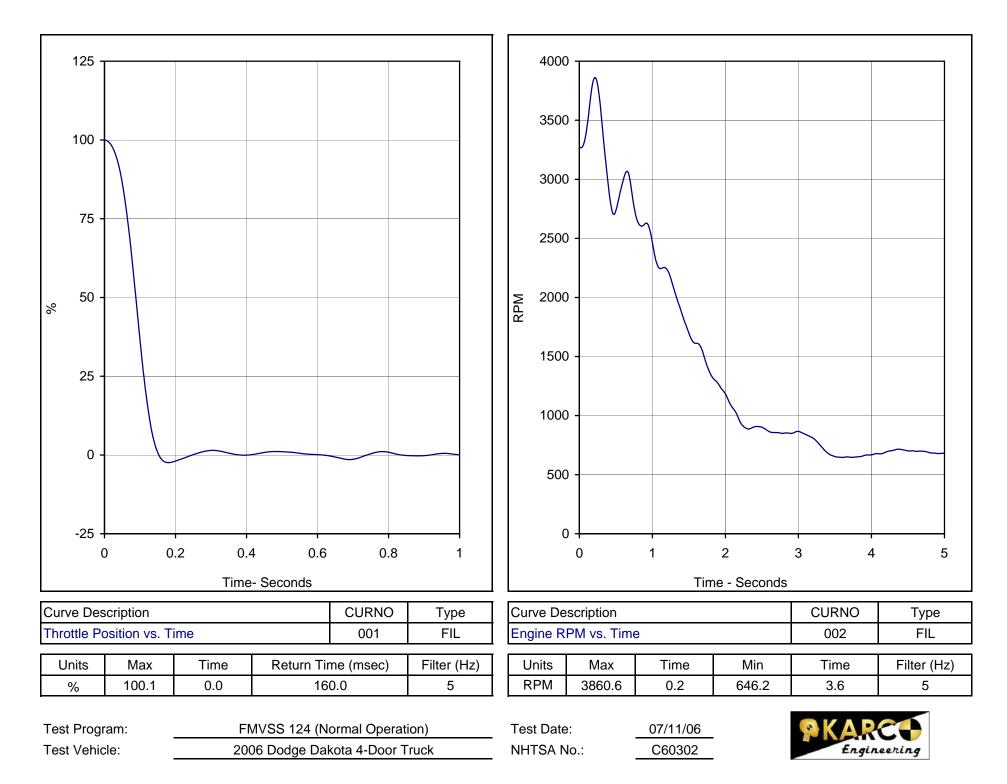
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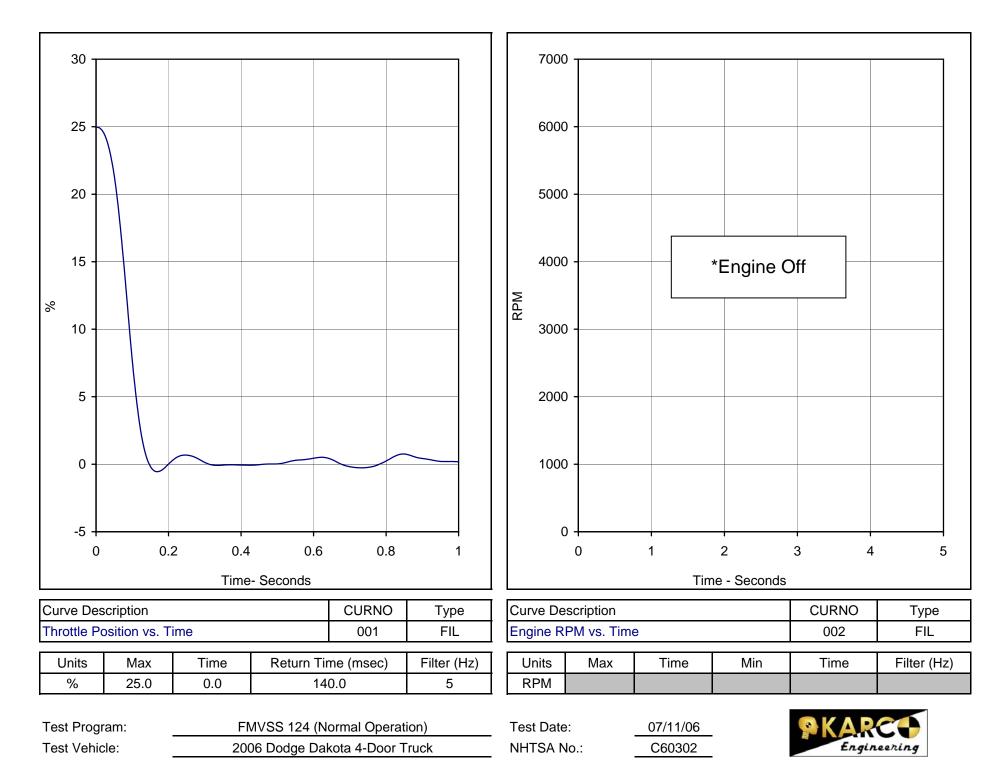
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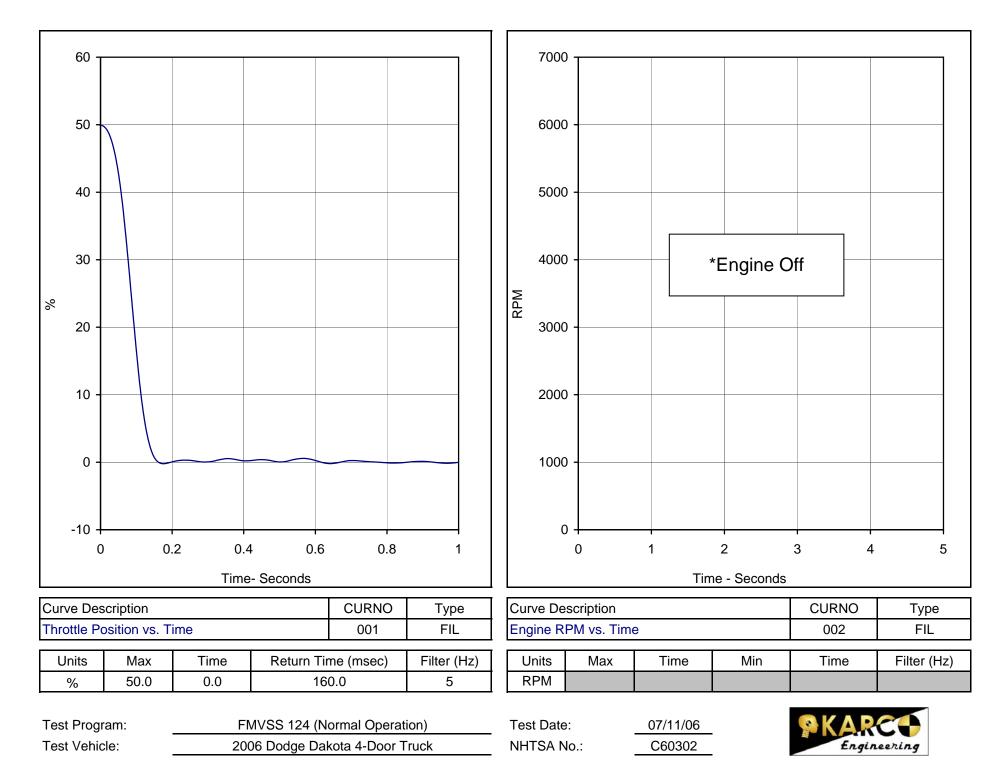


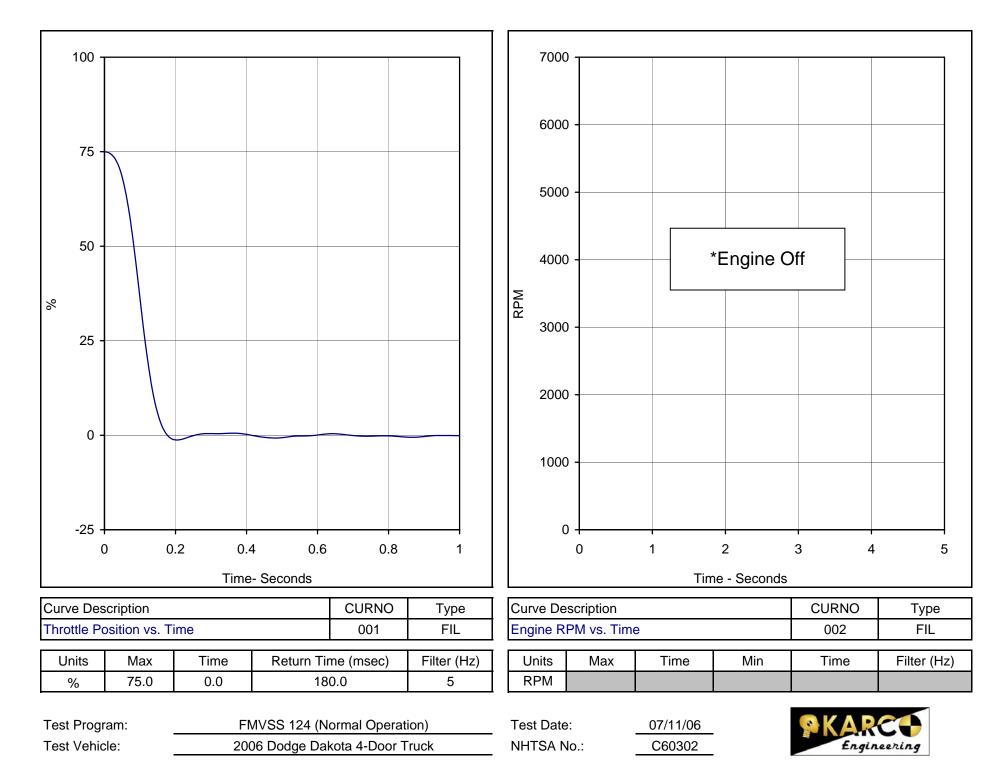




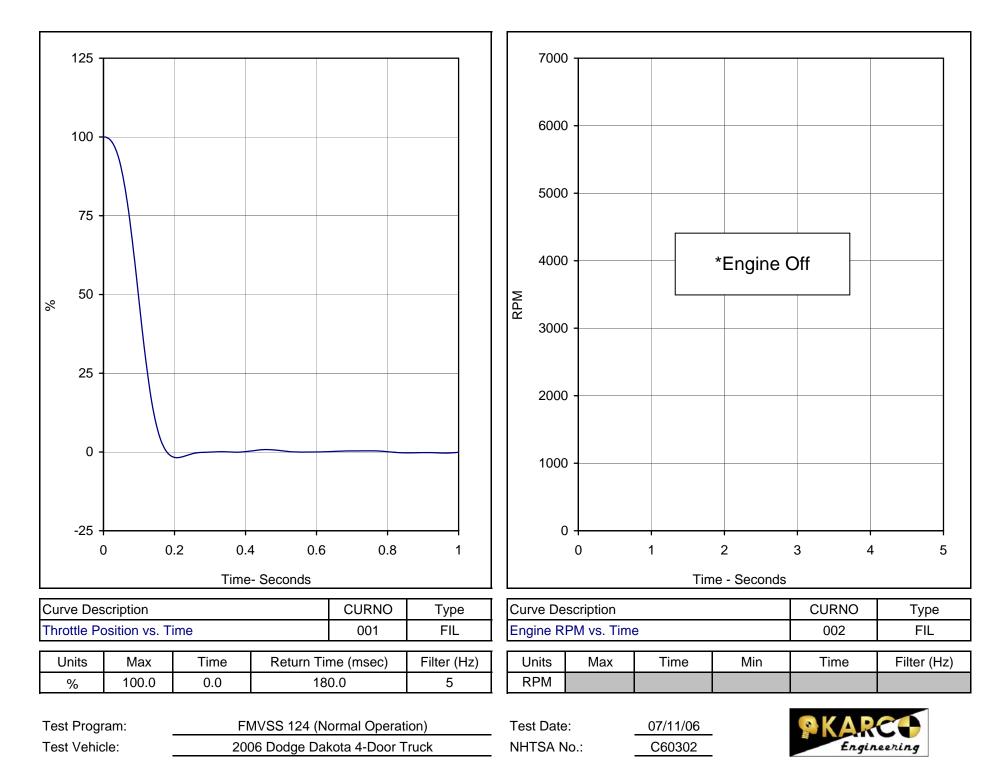


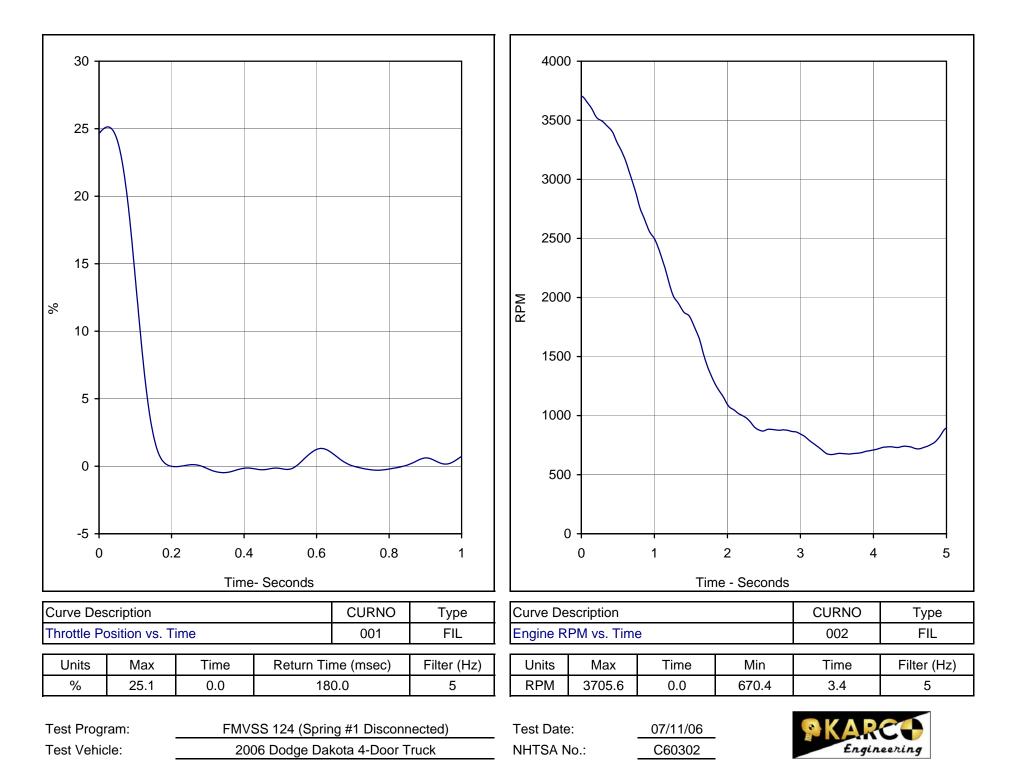


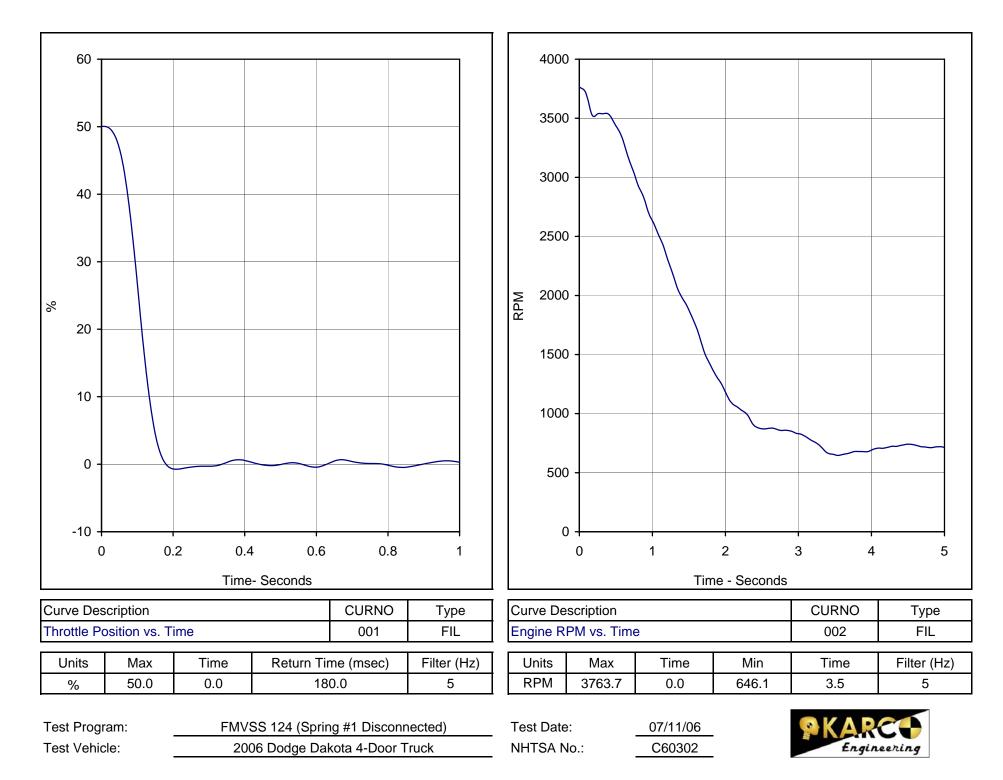


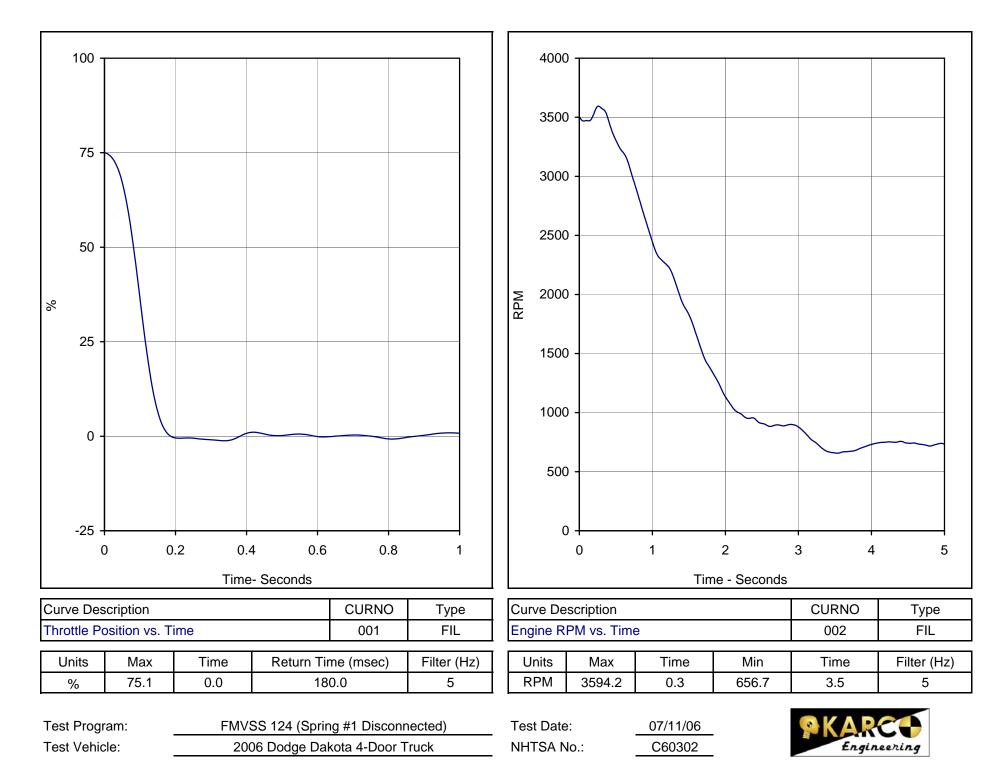


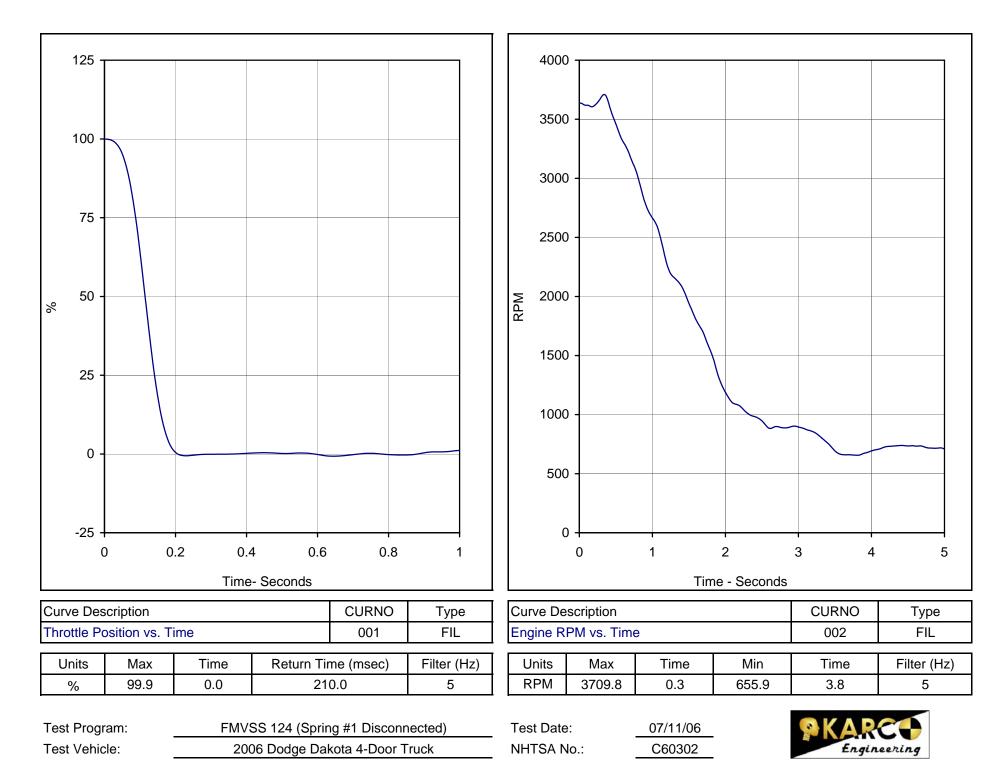
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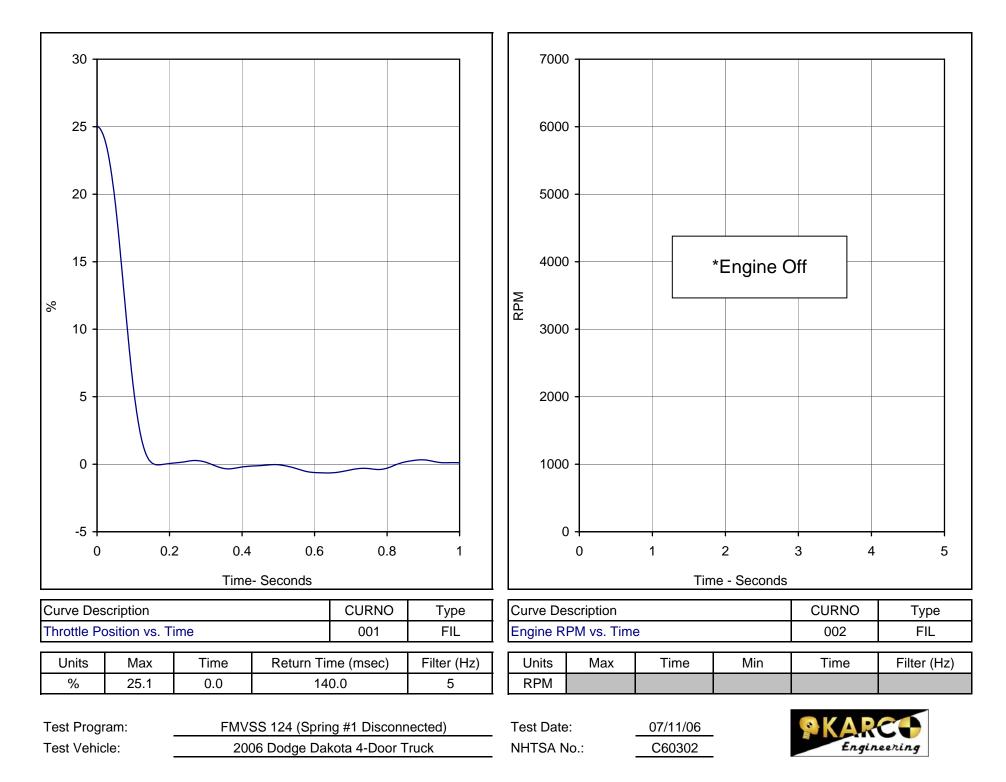


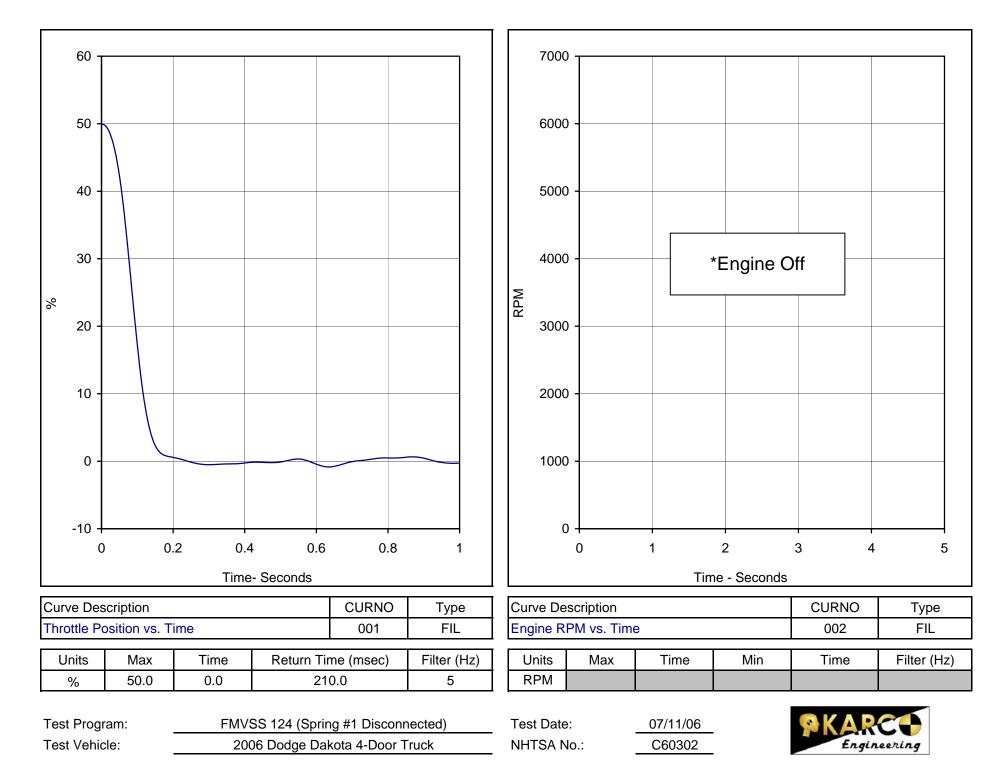


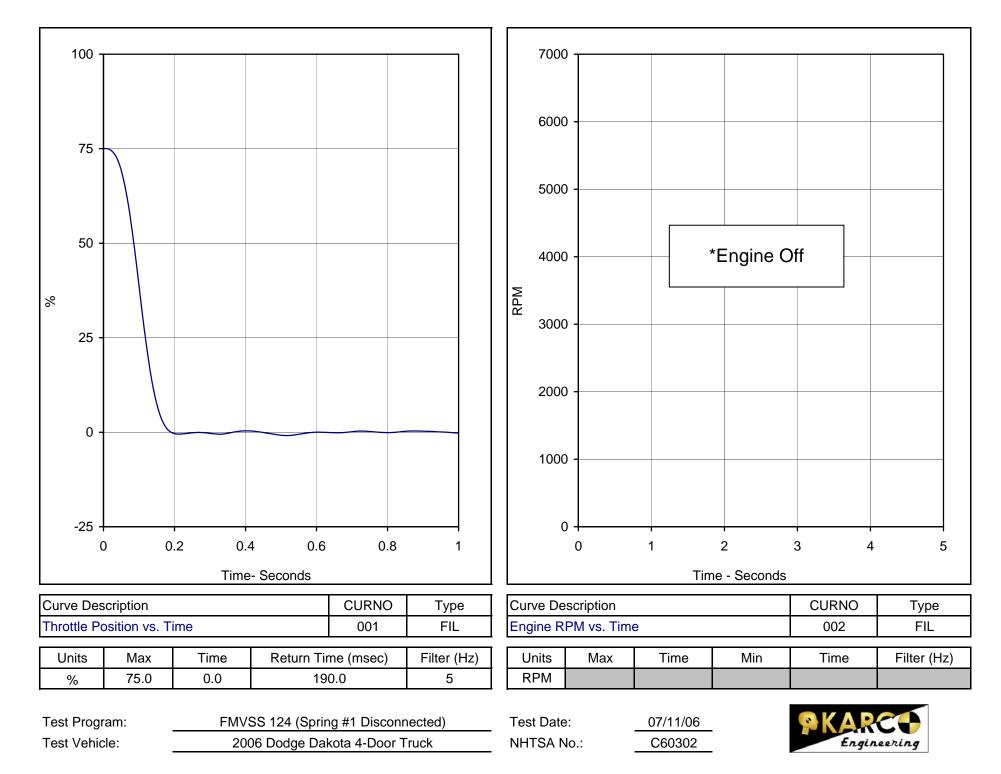


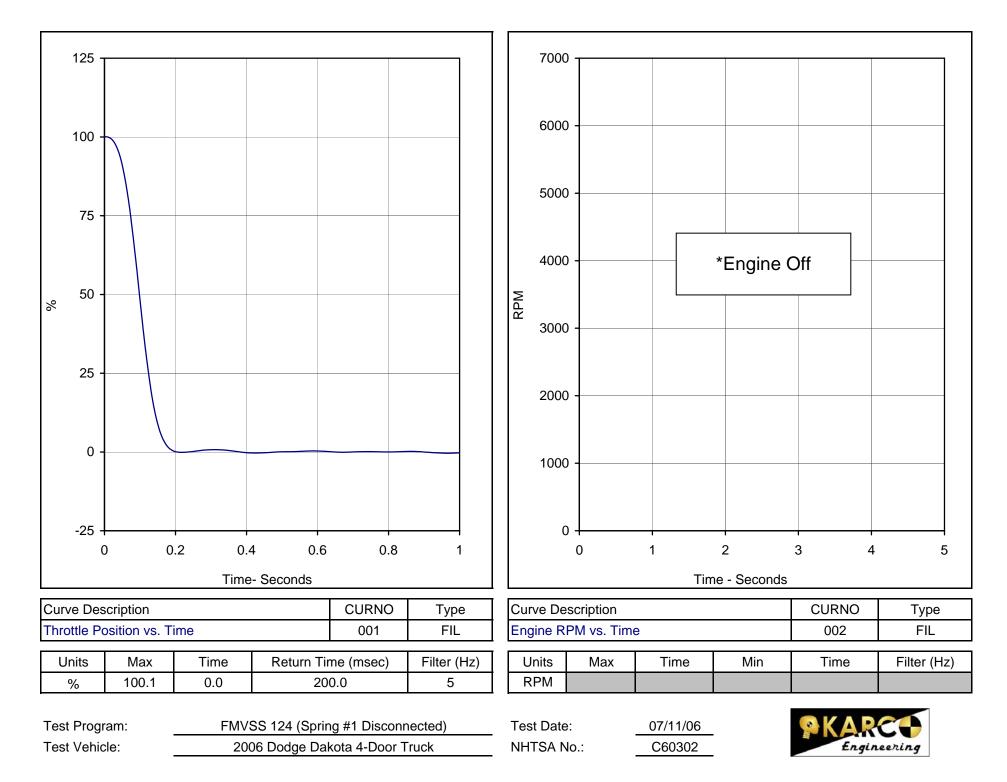


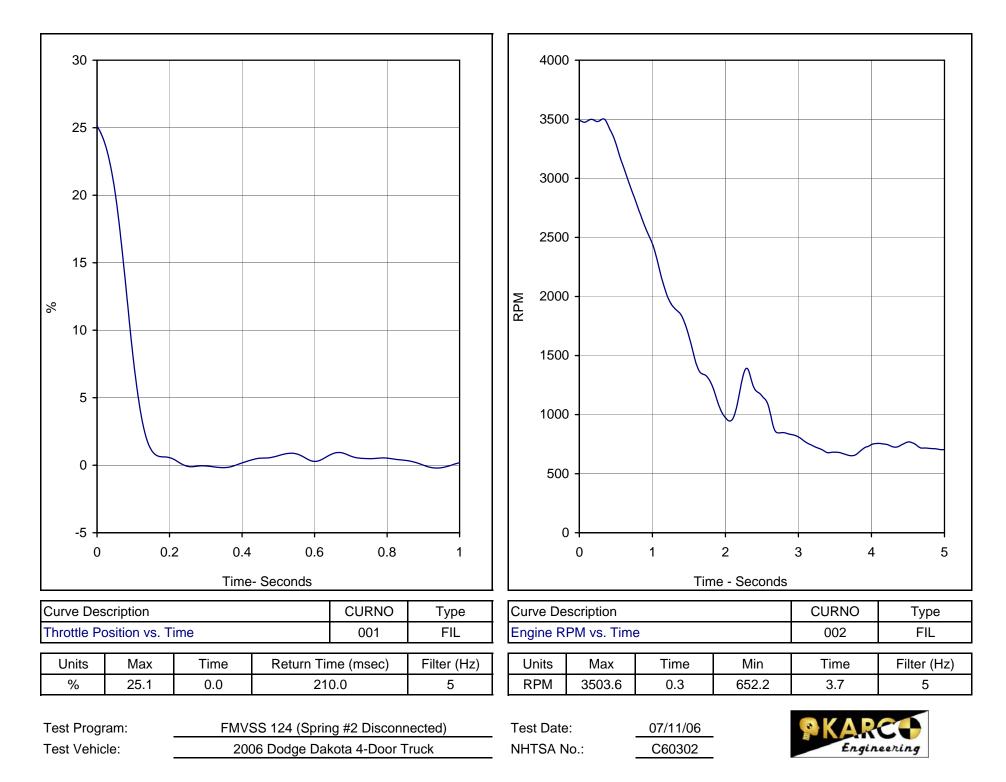


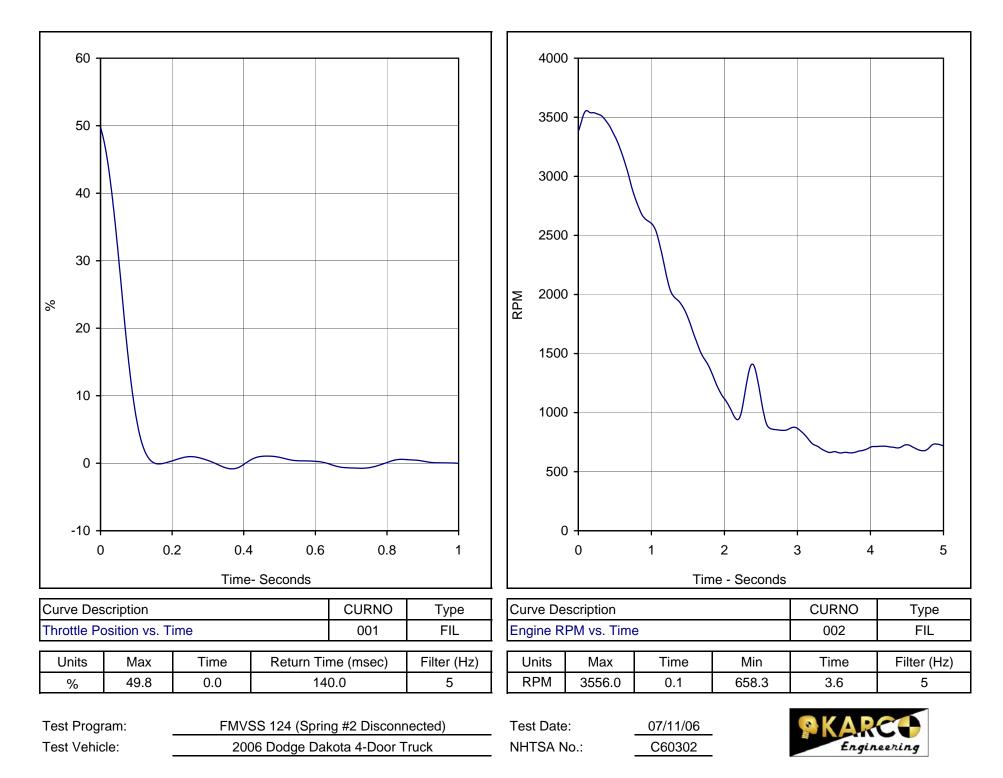


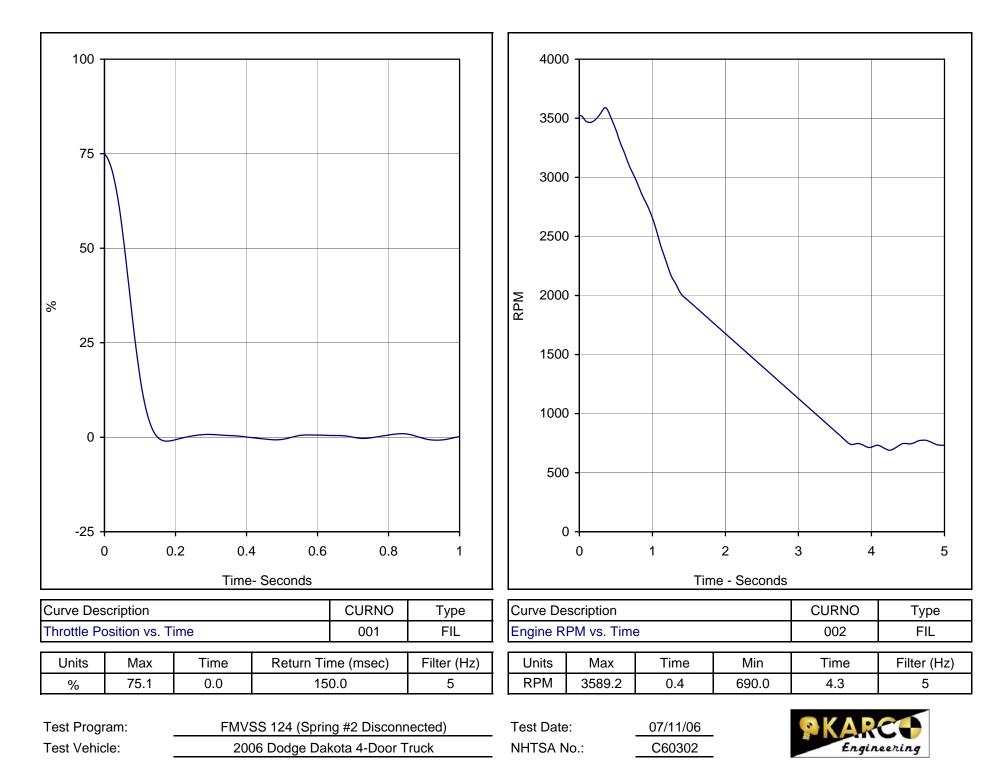


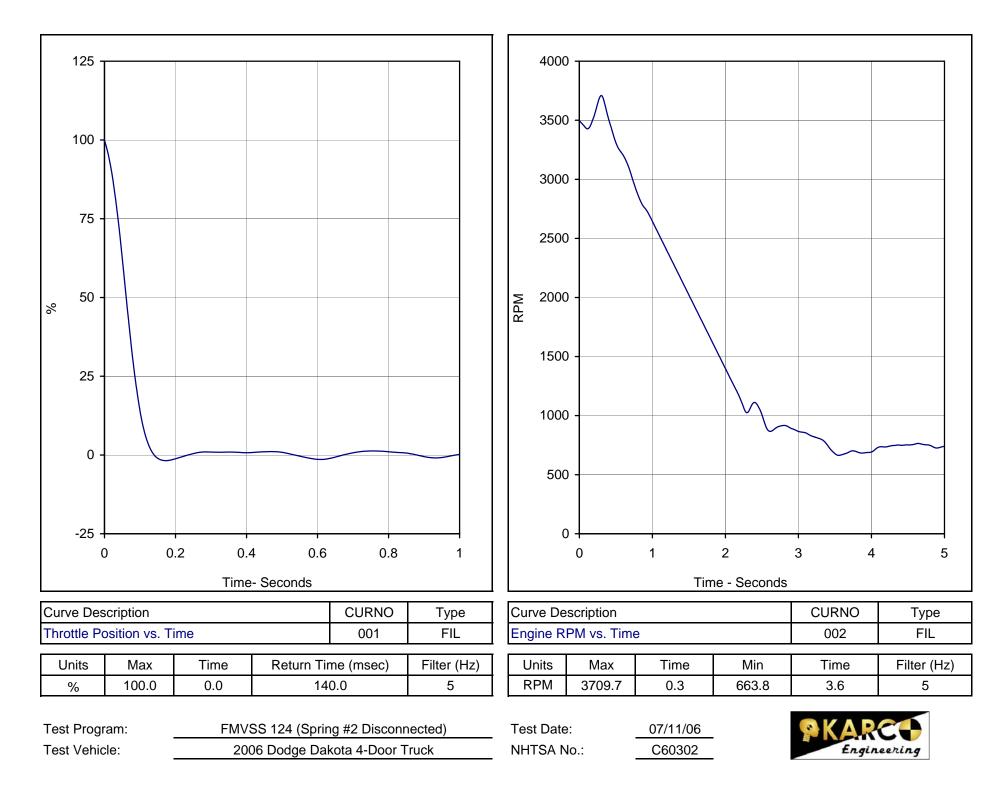


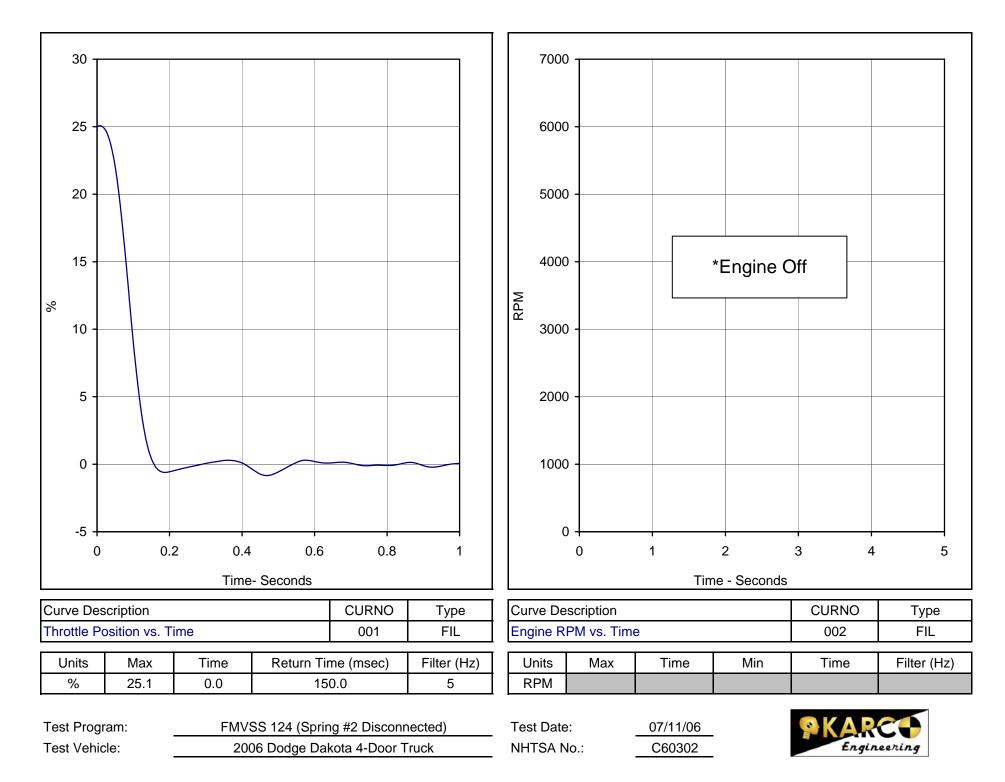


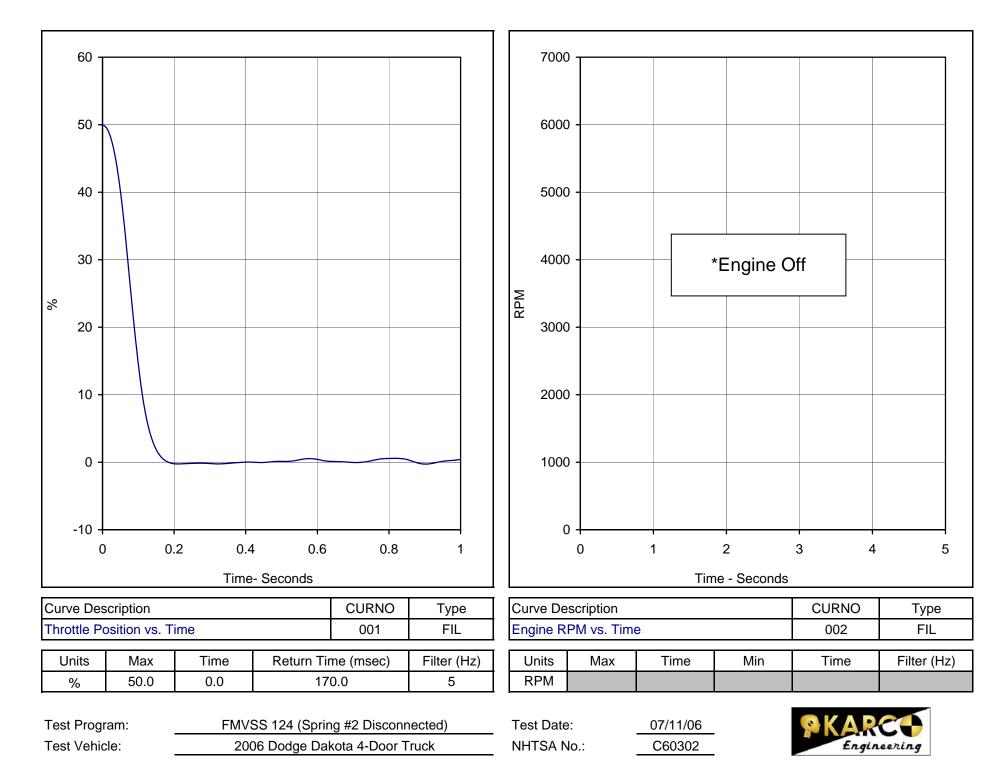


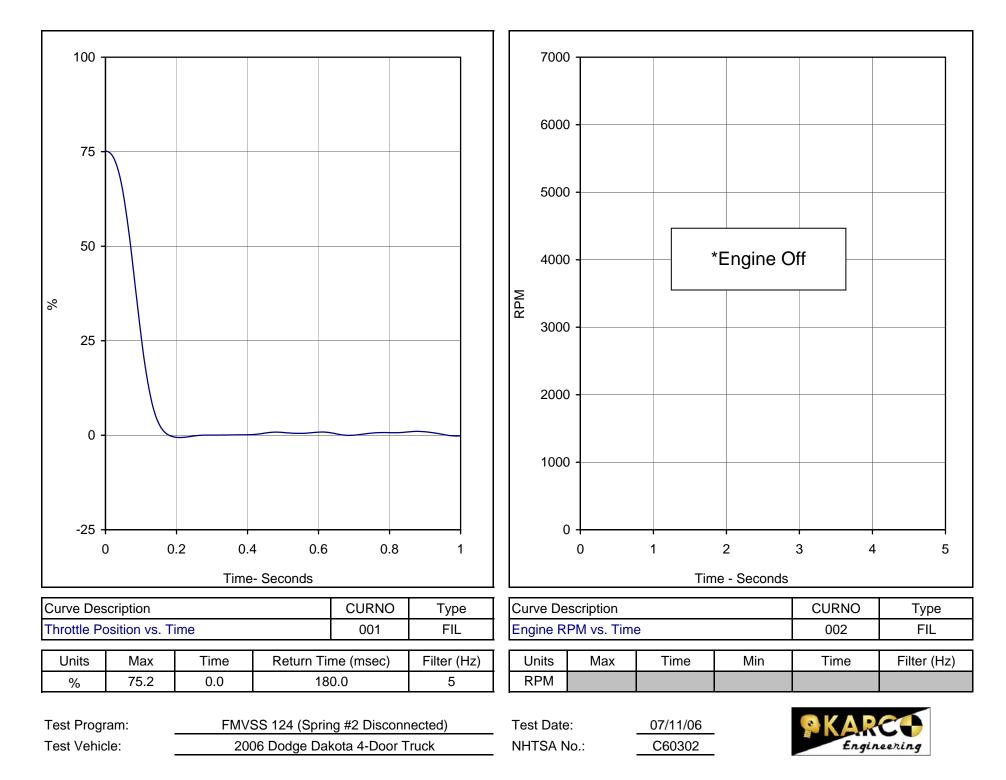




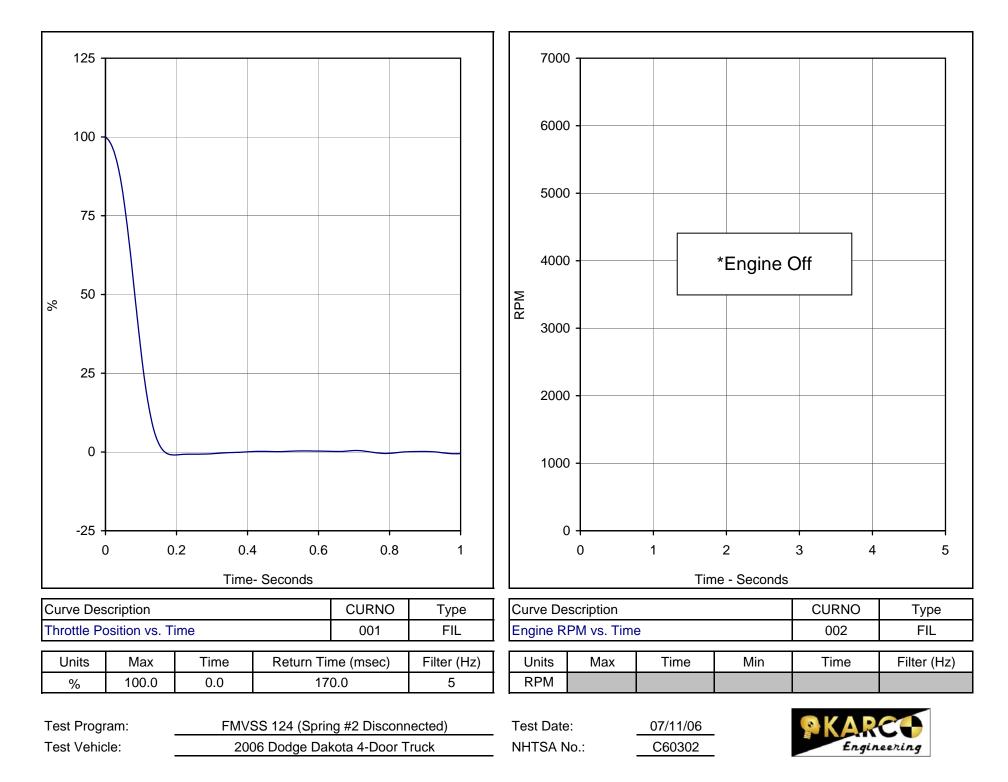


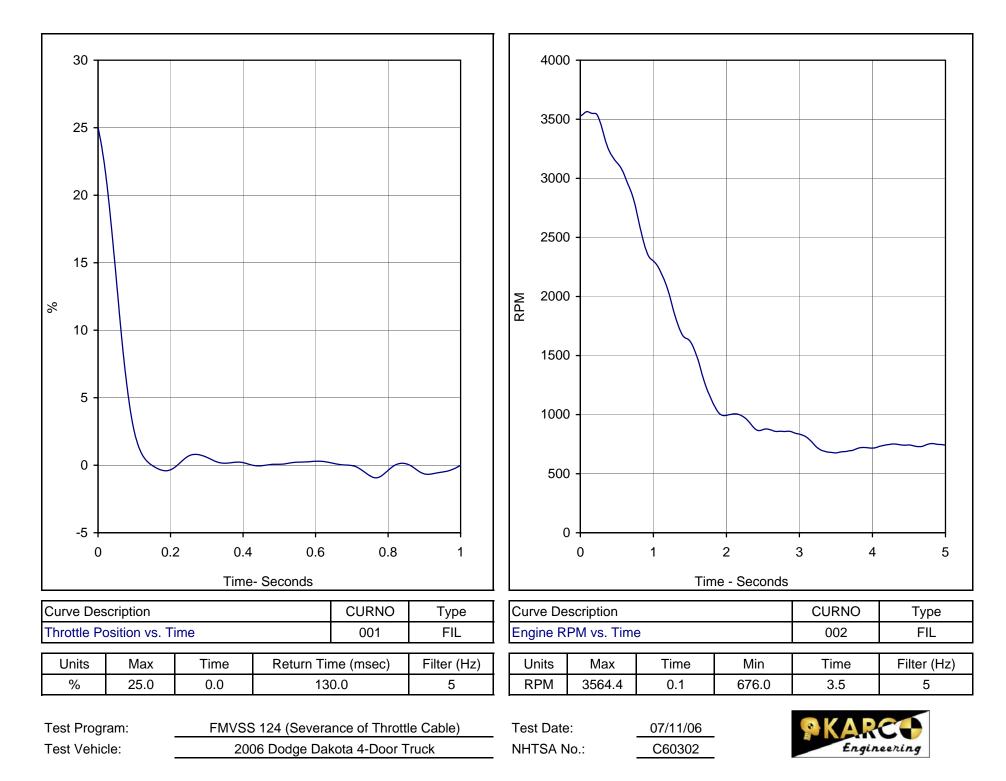


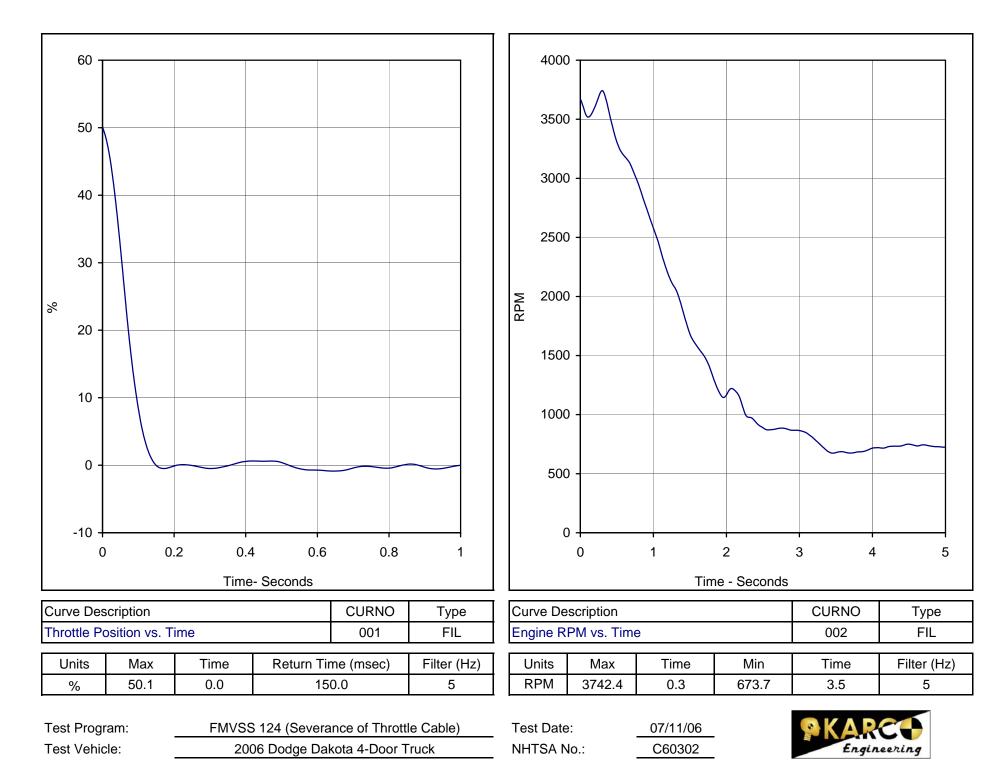


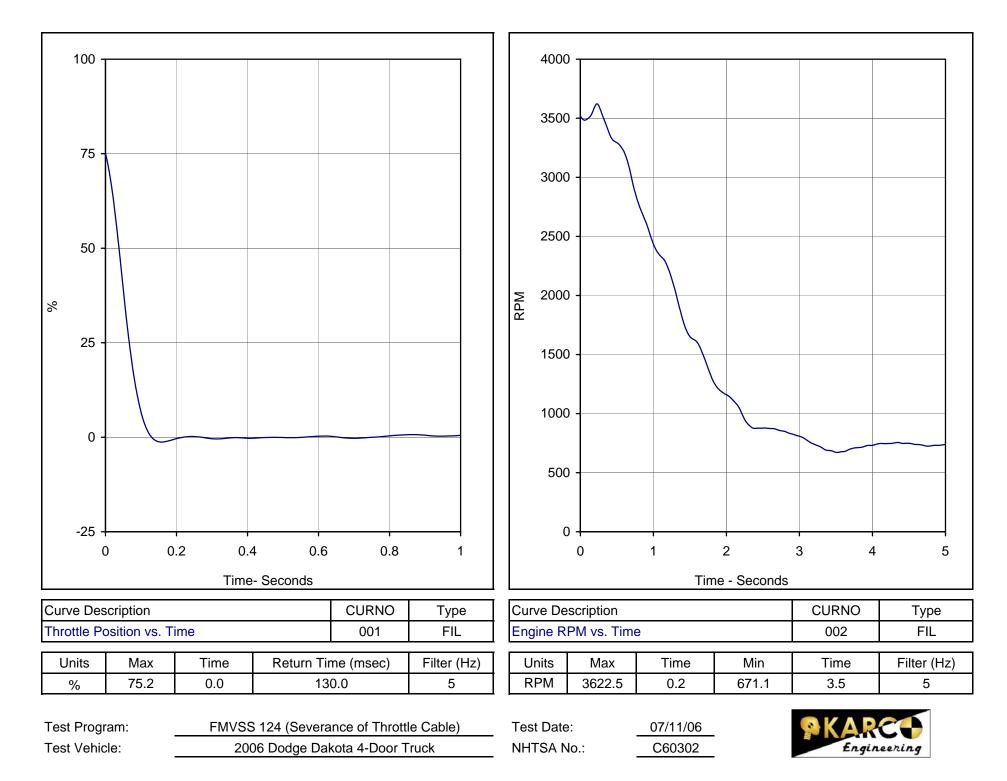


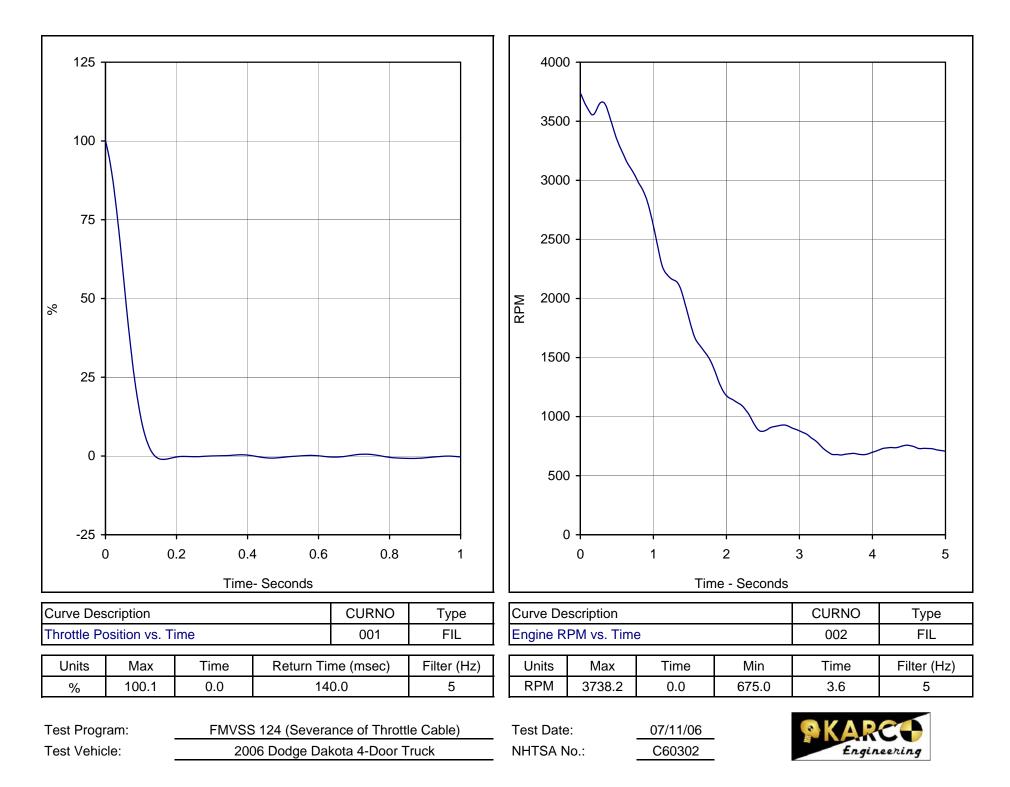
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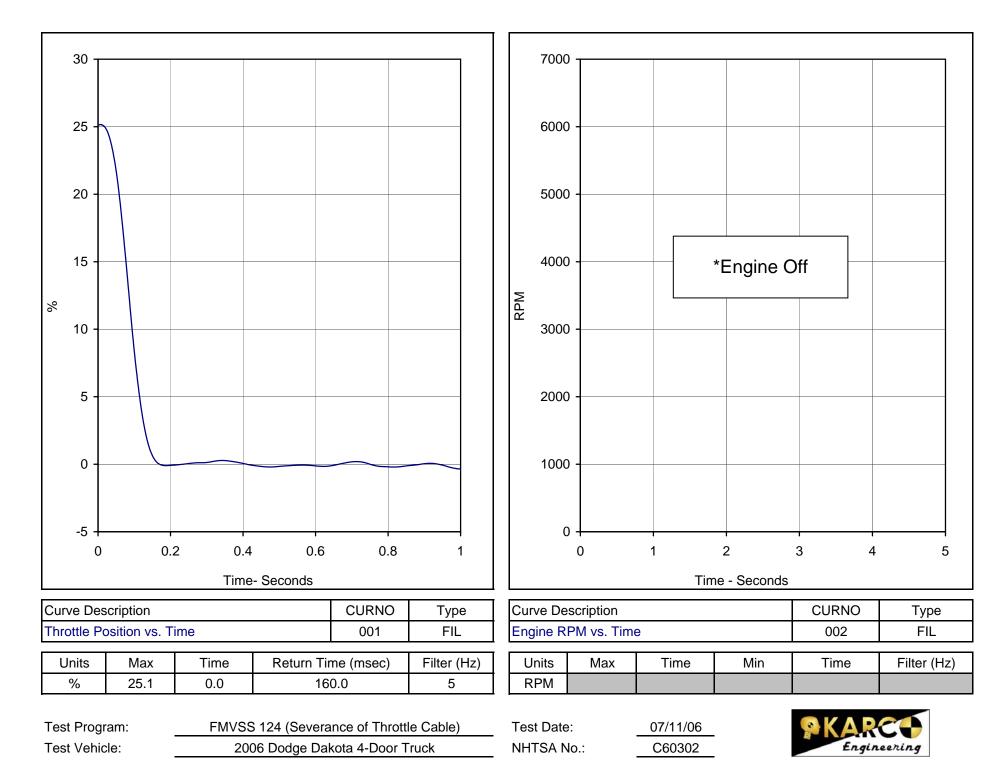


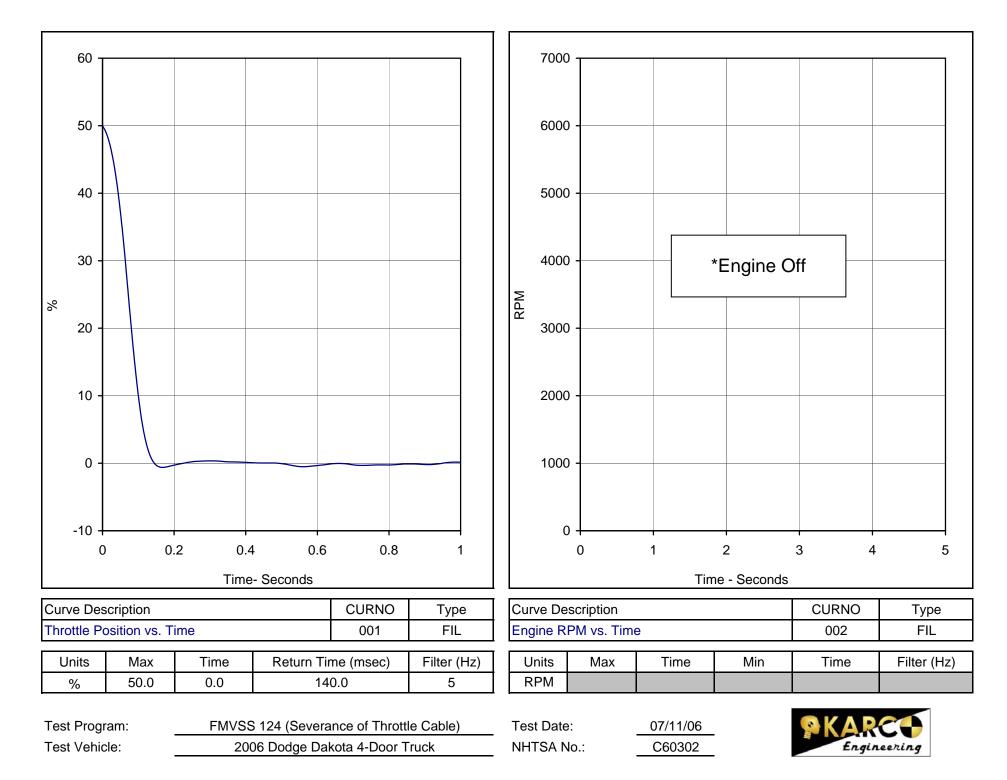


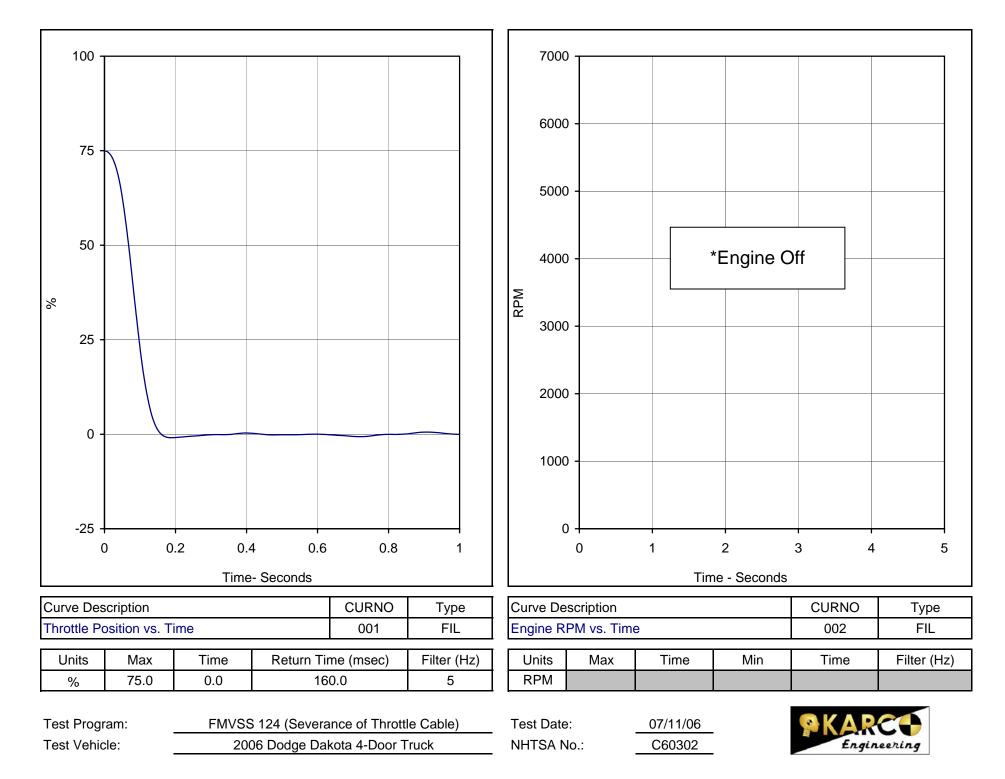




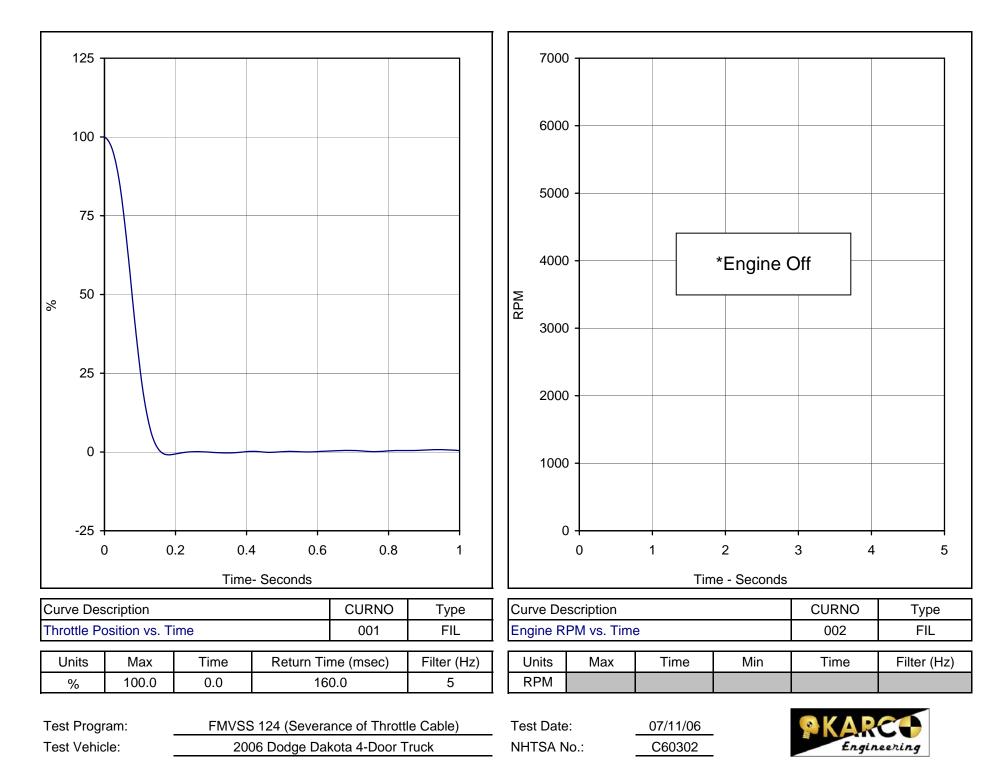








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APPENDIX C TEST EQUIPMENT LIST

FMVSS 124 Accelerator Control Systems Test Equipment List and Calibration Information 07/11/06 2006 Dodge Dakota 4-Door Truck

Description	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Limit	Accuracy	Cal. Date	Due Cal.
TDAS	DTS	TDAS	DM0101	N/A	SAE J211	11/14/05	11/14/06
Computer	Toshiba	PAS4014	X8065355A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Optical 5th Wheel	Datron	DLS-2	06-262	150 MPH	± 1.0%	06/05/06	06/05/07

