

**RED TRIANGLE ON AND STOP SAFELY NOW  
MESSAGE—DTC P1A0C**

**TSB 09-8-9**

**FORD:**  
2005-2009 Escape Hybrid

**MERCURY:**  
2006-2009 Mariner Hybrid

**ISSUE**

Some 2005-2009 Escape Hybrid and 2006-2009 Mariner Hybrid vehicles may exhibit an intermittent Red Triangle On and Stop Safely Now message displayed on the message center accompanied by a sudden RPM loss/no start symptom with a diagnostic trouble code (DTC) P1A0C. Vehicles may exhibit this symptom on the first start of the morning or after an extended idle. The symptom will clear on the next key cycle.

**ACTION**

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

**SERVICE PROCEDURE**

For vehicles outside the new vehicle limited warranty, if diagnostics lead to replacing the throttle body you may use this procedure to clean the throttle body as an alternative to replacing it.

This procedure is not covered by the new vehicle limited warranty.

**NOTE**

THIS CLEANING PROCEDURE CAN ONLY BE USED ON NON-COATED THROTTLE BODIES.

Refer to Workshop Manual, Section 303-04C Removal and Installation - Throttle Body.

1. Remove the throttle body.
2. With the throttle body positioned to the side, open the throttle plate.
3. Using Motorcraft® Choke and Linkage Cleaner or equivalent, spray the throttle body plate and bore.
4. Using a suitable (nylon) brush, clean the edges of the throttle plate and the mating surface of the throttle bore to remove all carbon build up.
5. Reapply Motorcraft® Choke and Linkage Cleaner or equivalent and wipe clean with a lint-free cloth.
6. Remove old throttle body gasket and discard. Install a new throttle body gasket.
7. Install the throttle body.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
PM-14	Motorcraft® Choke and Linkage Cleaner

**WARRANTY STATUS:** Information Only - Not Warrantable

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