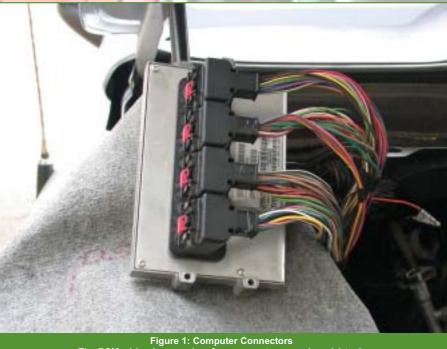
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uring my tenure as a technical advisor on the ATRA technical support HelpLine, I've come to realize that accurate information is hard to come by for most repair shops. I get a lot of calls related to the availability of general information, ranging from the simple discussion about transmission operation to the most complex problems involving computer system diagnosis.

Much of the information requested is available through normal resources, such as factory repair manuals; aftermarket repair manuals, such as Chilton, Mitchell and Motors; industry service bulletins; local libraries; or even through the internet. There are also a few online or CD-driven information systems available to the automotive repair industry.

With all this information available, I wondered why it was so hard for many repair shops to gain access to it. Well, my journey back into the shop has really opened my eyes to what the repair shops are fighting just to get the basic information they need to repair vehicles properly.

The Initial Road Test

My journey back into the shop

began like most projects, with an idea, a plan of execution and a library of technical information to complete the project. The goal of the project was simple: Provide up-to-date information for the 45RFE transmission. I soon learned that this project wasn't going to be easy.

I started by procuring a new 2003 Dodge R1500 truck with a 4.7L engine and a 45RFE transmission. I picked up the project vehicle and drove it back to the shop. During this impromptu road test, I noticed the transmission shift timing and feel were different than I was used to with other transmissions.



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The shifts were fairly soft; sometimes I couldn't even tell whether the transmission had shifted. And the shift timing was kind of erratic. The transmission would shift either earlier or later than I was used to, depending on what gear the computer system requested.

Realizing that I didn't know a whole lot about this new transmission's operation, I wasn't concerned about the shifts. I continued back to the shop, ready to begin my project.

Looking for the Codes... and the Computer

Back at the shop, I gathered up all the equipment and technical information I needed and got ready to start. I was confident this was going to be easy.

The first thing I did was hop into the cab and connect my scan tool to check for codes. But my scan tool wouldn't communicate with the vehicle's computer system: "no communication," it said. I thought to myself "what do you mean... no communication?" I checked the scan tool and found that I had the most up-to-date cartridge available for this vehicle.

So I switched over to the generic

side of the scan tool. That allowed me to communicate with the vehicle's computer system. I was able to check for generic codes and was able to monitor only a few of the inputs to the computer system. Transmission information wasn't available through the scan tool. For now, I still wasn't too worried about the communication problem.

The next step was to locate the Transmission Control Module (TCM) and gain access to the TCM connector. The purpose of this project was to provide TCM pin charts, with values for the input systems to the TCM. After spending about 30 minutes looking for the 60-pin TCM - which was supposed to be located in the right rear engine compartment — I came across a control module with 152 pins. "Hmmm," I said, "where's the TCM?" According to my library of technical information, the TCM should have been located in the engine compartment, but if it was, I couldn't find it.

After exhausting another 30 minutes of searching through the engine compartment, underneath the dash, and throughout the vehicle, I was frustrated to say the least. What a nightmare this simple project was becoming. Fortunately, I have friends at the local dealerships who would be willing to help. I gave them a call and talked to the transmission technician, who readily agreed to assist me with anything I needed. So I drove down to my local dealership with the hope of gathering top secret information on the TCM location.

The Search for the TCM Continues

I arrived at the dealership knowing that if anybody had the information I was looking for, this would be the place to find it. I walked into the dealership service department and was greeted by a very friendly service advisor. After a brief conversation, he escorted me to the transmission area where their transmission technician was waiting.

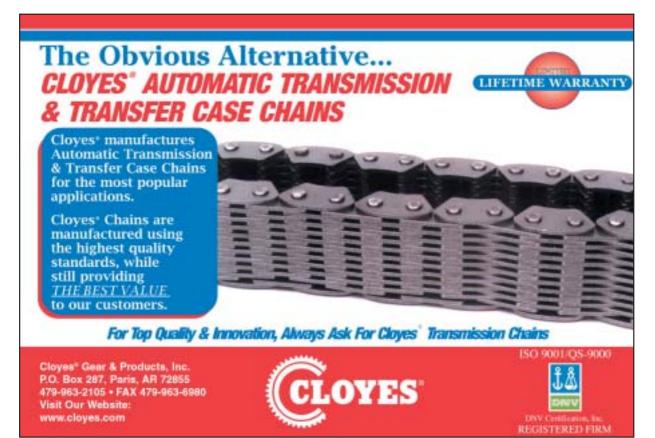
After the normal greetings and catching up on things, the technician dug out his factory manuals to show me the TCM location. A quick look at the factory manuals revealed that we both had the same information. The TCM should be located in the right rear of the engine compartment. Again, frustrated with the same information as before, I talked the technician into showing me the TCM on one of the new vehicles on the lot. After looking at three 2003 R1500 4.7L trucks, we still couldn't locate the TCM. So we both walked back to his area, shaking our heads and muttering, "Hmmm, I wonder where the TCM is?"

We return to the transmission bay, both stumped as to the location of the TCM. Then, just as the frustration was mounting and the project was in jeopardy of falling apart, the engine performance technician walked by and asked what was going on. After a brief discussion, he explained that in the middle of 2002, the TCM was integrated into the PCM. The engine performance technician said that the manuals were printed before the TCM integration, which is why the information wasn't in the manuals. Makes sense.

So I followed the engine performance technician back to his bay area, where he provided me with a copy of the PCM location and pin identification chart. Needless to say, I was pretty happy with this new discovery. As I left



the dealership, I thought about how lucky I was to have friends in the local dealerships who were willing to help me. Without them, I'd never have been able to find the information I needed. I drove back to our shop with a smile, knowing that I was now armed with the information I had been searching for.



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		TRAIN CONTROL MODULE C1 (BLACK)	0:
Pin#	Function	Conditions	Signal
9	Ground	constant ground	<0.1 VDC
11	Fused ignition switch out-put	ignition switch on	B+
12	Fused ignition switch out-put	ignition switch on	B+
13	VSS signal	a/c volts increase w/whl speed	0.401/20
18	Ground	constant ground	<0.10 VDC
29	Fused B+	constant B+	B+
30	Fused ignition switch out-put	ignition switch on	B+
		TRAIN CONTROL MODULE C4 (GREEN)	
Pin#	Function	Conditions	Signal
1	Overdrive solenoid control	energized when commanded	B+
2	4C solenoid control	energized when commanded	B+
3	(5.7L) TPS #1 output	not used on 4.7L	
4	Pressure control solenoid control	varies with throttle input	idle: 13.0VDC wot: 2.8VDC
5	(5.7L) apps #1 output	not used on 4.7L	
6	2C solenoid control	energized when commanded	B+
7	Torque management request sense	not used on 4.7L	
8	Underdrive solenoid control	energized when commanded	B+
9	(5.7L) sensor ground	not used on 4.7L	
10	LR solenoid control	energized when commanded	B+
11	Pressure control solenoid control	varies with throttle input	idle: 13.0VDC wot: 2.8VDC
12	Ground	constant ground	<0.10 VDC
13	Ground	constant ground	<0.10 VDC
14	Ground	constant ground	<0.10 VDC
15	TRS T1 sensor	depends on TRS position	PRN1-13vdc D- 2 vdc
16	TRS T3 sensor	depends on TRS position	PR2- 13 vdc ND1- 2 vdc
17	Overdrive off switch sensor	cycle switch off/on	cycles between 0 vdc- 12 vdc
18	Transmission control relay control	ignition switch on /no codes present	B+
19	Transmission control relay output	ignition switch on /no codes present	 B+
20	4C pressure switch sensor	grounds when 4C commanded on	<0.10 VDC
21	Underdrive pressure switch sensor	grounds when u/d clutch commanded on	<0.10 VDC
22	Overdrive pressure switch sensor	grounds when o/d clutch commanded on	<0.10 VDC
23	Not used	grounds when old oldten commanded on	-0.10 700
24	Not used		
25	Not used		
26	TRS T2 sensor	depends on TRS position	P21- 2 vdc RND- 13 vdc
20	Not used		1 21- 2 VUG TAND- 13 VUG
28	Transmission control relay output	ignition switch on /no codes present	B+
20	LR pressure switch sensor	grounds when L/R clutch commanded on	<0.10 VDC
30	2C pressure switch sensor	grounds when 2C clutch commanded on grounds when 2C clutch commanded on	<0.10 VDC <0.10 VDC
30	Line press sensor signal	varies with line pressure rise and fall	NU. 10 VDC
31			ACV increases 0.0 acv-15 acv
	Output speed sensor signal	varies with output speed	
33	Input speed sensor signal	varies with engine/input speed	idle:4.1 acv 60mph: 10.4 acv
34	Speed sensor ground	constant ground	<0.10 VDC
35	Transmission temperature sensor	varies with transmission temperature	3.5 VDC w/warm
36	Not used		
37	TRS T42 sensor	depends on TRS position	PRN- 2.2 vdc D21-0.8 VDC
38	Transmission control relay output	ignition switch on /no codes present	B+
		Powertrain Control Module	

Powertrain Control Module

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Identifying the Connectors

After returning to the shop, I prepared my equipment and was ready to begin. I quickly located the PCM mounted on the firewall. It's amazing how easy it is to find what you're looking for with the right information.

After removing the air cleaner assembly, it was easy to reach the three PCM mounting bolts. The PCM wiring harness is quite long and the PCM can be moved to the air cleaner mounting area for better access to the PCM connectors.

The PCM wiring harness has four connectors, numbered 1 to 4 (figure 1, page 18). Connector 1 is closest to the two PCM mounting screws; connector 4 is closest to the mounting screws at the bottom of the PCM. Each connector is color-coded. Connector 1 is black, 2 is gray, 3 is white and 4 is green. Connectors 1, 2 and 3 contain all of the engine performance system inputs and outputs.

Connector 4 is solely for the transmission inputs and outputs. In this

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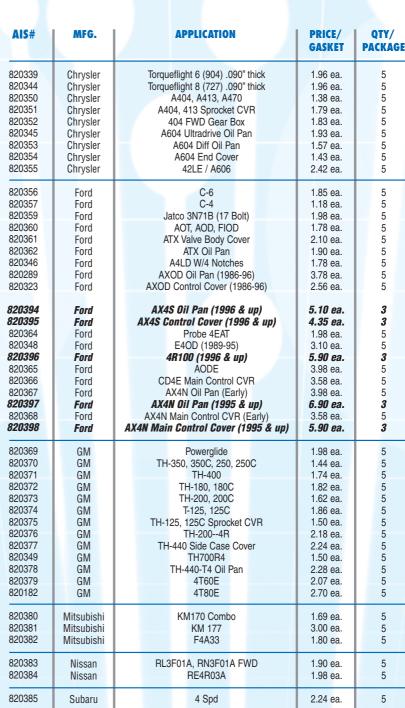
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- ✔ Full time lube ✔ Rapid fill manual valve ✔ Regular, Heavy Duty, Gas & Diesel
- The governor control valve limits excess governor pressure caused by increased mainline operating pressure needed for Heavy Duty use.
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Inconsistent shift feel
Includes complete PR valve train
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- New O-ring sealed end plug for the actuator feed filter bore — helps stop units from falling out of 4th when hot and helps stop wrong gear starts when hot.
- This one kit services all units 1991 thru 2002.

The AOD-E/4R70W Shift Correction Package (KAOD-E)

The AOD-E/4R70W Kit helps eliminate the following problems:



✓ Second roller clutch failure ✓ Soft or sloppy 3-4 shifts ✓ Slip bang on takeoff ✓ Improves overall performance ✓ Soft or sloppy 1-2 shifts ✓ Inadequate lube oil 3-4 band failure 3rd clutch failure ✓ New steel no-stick solenoid regulator valve added.

- New steel no stick solenoid pressure regulator valve added, helping to stop a neutral bang under heavy throttle take-off.
- New O-ring sealed end plug for the 2-3 shift valve bore, to replace OE. plug that may leak and cause the unit to fall out of 4th or fault on the 2-3 shift.

The AXOD-E/AX4S Shift Correction Package (KAXOD-E)

The AXOD-E/AX45 kit helps eliminate the following problems:



✓ Delayed shifts ✓ Down shift bump ✓ Flare on 3-2 down shift ✓ Neutrals at a stop ✓ Improves overall performance ✓ Inadequate lube oil ✓ Converter chatter ✓ Newly designed boost valve and 2-3 servo regulator valve assembly included ✓ Soft or sloppy up-shifts

- Steel 2-3 servo regular valve added to replace a sticky OE, aluminum valve. This sticking valve is often the cause for a neutral condition that occurs after coming to a stop.
- This one kit will service units 1991 2002.

The E4OD/4R100 Shift Correction Package (KE4OD)

The E4OD/4R100 kit deals with the following problems:



- ✓ Converter shudder ✓ Converter burn up ✓ Reverse problems ✓ Weak shifts ✓ Stack shifts ✓ Lube problems ✓ Front seal blow outs ✓ Improves overall performance
- Allows the conversion of PWM lock-up to an On/Off apply operation. This modification delivers a more dependable lube
- New outer accumulator spring added to allow replacement of broken OEM springs
- · This one kit services all units 1989 2002



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Now we're ready to dig into the meat and potatoes of this article: the PCM pin tests. The following are illustrations of the PCM connectors with pin and circuit identifications, wire colors, and circuit function information.

article, we will mostly be looking at connector 4 for our inputs and outputs. You should be aware that the PCM shares some of the engine performance inputs with the transmission side of the PCM, to maximize transmission efficiency and operation. We'll look at these inputs as well.

Each of the PCM connectors has a shield installed over them to prevent water and dirt intrusion. You can remove these shields easily to gain access to the connector terminals, and are perfect for backprobing (figure 2, page 20). Backprobing and watching actual inputs and outputs is easy, once you get to this point. To make things even easier, the connectors have the terminal identification numbers listed on the back of the connectors. Someone must have been thinking of us.

The Pin Tests

Now we're ready to dig into the meat and potatoes of this article: the PCM pin tests. The following are illustrations of the PCM connectors with pin and circuit identifications, wire colors, and circuit function information. Most of this information is being provided for your own information. Many of the inputs and outputs from connectors 1, 2 and 3 aren't related to transmission operation.

The PCM connector we will be discussing most is connector 4, or the green connector. Performing the PCM pin voltage checks with the PCM sitting on the fender or air cleaner support is easy, once you become familiar with the connector terminal locations.

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You should start any good PCM pin test with power and ground circuits. These circuit tests are easy because they have no variables; either you have power or you don't, and all ground circuits are constant. We'll start by checking the power sources. The PCM gets its primary power source through connector 1 at pin 29. This is fused battery power. Fused ignition power is provided through connector 1 at pins 11, 12 and 30. These are the four power sources to the PCM.

The ground circuits for the PCM are located in connector 1 at pins 9 and 18. The remaining ground circuits for the PCM are in connector 4 at pins 12, 13 and 14. The power and ground circuit tests should go very quickly.

The next step is to check the transmission relay control. The transmission relay control circuit energizes the transmission relay, which in turn powers up the rest of the transmission system. The transmission relay control is located at

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		the second s	RAIN CONTROL MODULE C4 (NGC)
	CVA	CIRCLET	FUNCTION
	1	T00 1888 (4.7L)	OVERDRIVE SOLENOID CONTROL
	2	T159 1806/WT (4.7L)	4C SOLEMOID CONTROL
	3	7207 18RD/WT (5.7L)	TPS NO. 1 DUTPUT
	- 4	1140 18VT/LG (4.7L)	PRESSURE CONTROL SOLENDID CONTROL
	- 5	Y208 1808/YL (5.7L)	APPS NO. 1 OUTPUT
	- 6	T119 18WT/08 (4.7L)	2C SOLENOID CONTROL
	17	T10 18YL/D6 (5.7L)	TORQUE NAMAGEMENT REQUEST SENSE
	8	T59 18PK (4.7t)	UNDERDRIVE SOLENOID CONTROL
	9	Y209 (87%/8K (5.7L)	SENSOR GROUND
	-10	T120 18LG (4.7L)	LR SOLENDID CONTROL
	11	TITE TEYLOB (4.7L)	PRESSURE CONTROL SOLENDID CONTROL
	13	Y210 18YL/RD (5.7L EATX)	RPM SIGNAL
GREEN	12	213 168K/RD (4.7L)	GROUMD
F SHEEN	13	213 168K/RD (4.7L)	GROUND
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040480400 20	17	T6 180R/WT (4.7L)	OVERDRIVE OFF SWITCH SENSE
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	19	T16-1680 (4.7L)	TRANSMISSION CONTROL RELAY DUTPUT
OWEDTOAW	20	T48 1808 (4.7L)	4C PRESBURE SWITCH SENSE
OWERTRAIN CONTROL	21	129 186Y (4.7L)	UNDERDRIVE PRESSURE SWITCH SENSE
CONTROL LODULE C4	22	T9 180R/8K (4.7L)	OVERDRIVE PRESSURE SWITCH SENSE
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	26	T4 18PK/OR (4.7L)	TRS T2 SEMSE
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	28	T16 16RD (4.7L)	TRANSMISSION CONTROL RELAY OUTPUT
	29	T50 18D5 (4.7L)	LOW/REVERSE PRESSURE SWITCH SENSE
	30	T147 18LB (4.7L)	2C PRESSURE SWITCH SENSE
	31	T38 18VT/TN (4.7L)	LINE PRESSURE SENSOR SIGNAL
	32	T14 18LE/WT (4.7L)	DUTPUT SPEED SENSOR SIGNAL
	33	752 18R0/8K (4.7L)	IMPUT SPEED SENSOR SIGNAL
	34	T13 18D8/8K (4.7L)	SPEED SENSOR GROUND
	35	154 18VT (4.7L)	TRANSMISSION TEMPERATURE SENSOR SIGNAL
	26		-
	17	142 18VT/WT (4.7L)	TRS T42 SENSE
	38	T16 16RD (4.7L)	TRANSMISSION CONTROL HELAY DUTPUT

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pin 18 in connector 4. With the key on, you should have system voltage to this terminal. If pin 18 doesn't have system voltage, check the computer for codes or for being in failsafe. This circuit must energize the transmission relay for the relay to provide power to the rest of the transmission computer system.

With the transmission relay energized, system power is sent to pins 19, 28 and 38 in connector 4. Once you've checked the power and ground circuits, you know whether the PCM is powered up and ready to go. The remaining inputs and outputs are variable. This means the voltage on each of the reaming circuits varies, depending on the input. The pin chart provides the varying voltages for each of the remaining circuits related to the transmission operation.

The Journey Comes to an End

By now you should have a better understanding of Chrysler's new integrated PCM system. Armed with this information, it should be easy to check all of the inputs and outputs for the transmission side of the PCM.

As you know, accurate information can be hard to come by these days. If it wasn't for the help of fellow technicians throughout the industry, I wouldn't have been able to complete this project. It's important to remember that we aren't alone: There are a lot of us working on vehicles. We should all be working together to help each other do a better job. Remember: together, we can keep those trannys rolling.

