

MAF Sensor Diagnosis

Meets NATEF Task: (A8-B-5) Inspect and test sensors, actuators, and circuits using a graphing multimeter (GMM)/digital storage oscilloscope (DSO); perform necessary action. (P-1)

Name _____ Date _____ Time on Task _____

Make/Model/Year _____ VIN _____ Evaluation: 4 3 2 1

A "Mass Air Flow" sensor produces a variable output depending on the MASS of the air flow through the sensor. A faulty MAF can cause driveability problems and stalling. A good MAF sensor should produce a signal that increases with engine speed.

_____ 1. Check service information for the specified procedure to follow to test the MAF sensor.

_____ 2. Use a meter or scope with a frequency counter to record frequency or voltage at idle and at WOT (short bursts).

at idle = _____ at WOT = _____

_____ 3. Use a scan tool and record grams per second.

at idle = _____ at WOT = _____



A good MAF should read:

- greater than 100 grams per second (scan tool diagnosis)
- higher than 7000 Hertz (7 KHz) (digital MAF)
- higher than 4 volts (analog MAF)

_____ 4. If the MAF sensor reading does not exceed these values, the sensing wire may be contaminated or the sensor itself is defective.

_____ 5. Based on the test results, what is the necessary action? _____
