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## CONSULT-III (C-III) ECM REPROGRAMMING

A symptom based TSB is required before using this procedure.

**IMPORTANT:** Before starting, make sure:

- ASIST on the CONSULT PC has been freshly synchronized (updated).
- All C-III software updates (if any) have been installed.

**NOTE:** The CONSULT PC automatically gets applicable ECM reprogramming data during ASIST synchronization.

- C-III PCMCIA Card Adapter is installed.
- C-III Security Card is installed.

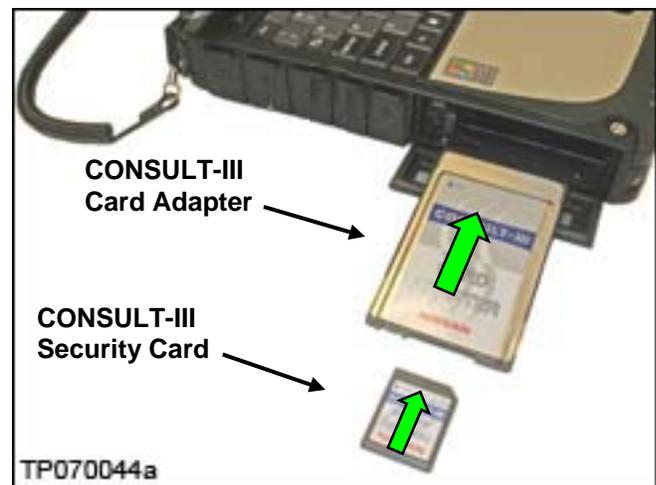


Figure A

- A screen print for Warranty documentation can be done from C-III during this process while still cable-connected to the vehicle.

1. **Use the USB cable** to connect the Vehicle Interface (VI) to the CONSULT PC and then connect the VI to the vehicle.

**CAUTION:** For ECM reprogramming, be sure to have the CONSULT PC connected to the VI with the USB cable. If the C-III computer is not connected to the VI with the USB cable, the **ECM may be damaged.**

2. **Connect the AC Adapter to the CONSULT PC.**

**CAUTION:** Be sure to connect the AC Adapter. If the CONSULT PC battery voltage drops during reprogramming recovery, the process will be interrupted and the **ECM will be damaged.**

3. **Connect a battery charger to the vehicle battery:**

#### For Conventional Vehicles

- Set the battery charger at a low charge rate.

**NOTE:** The GR-8 (Battery and Electrical Diagnostic Station) set to “Power Supply” mode is recommended.

**CAUTION:** Be sure the battery charger is connected securely to the battery. Make sure the battery voltage stays above 12 V during reprogramming. If the battery voltage drops during reprogramming, the **ECM may be damaged.** **NOTE:** ECM recovery data may be available. **Click here** to link to the ECM REPROGRAM INTERRUPTION RECOVERY General Procedure.

#### For Hybrid Vehicles

- Use the GR-8 – Battery and Electrical Diagnostic Station.
- If needed, refer to Hybrid Service TSBs for connecting the GR-8 to the Hybrid 12V battery.

**CAUTION :** DO NOT use a standard battery charger for Hybrid vehicles. Make sure to connect the GR-8 securely to the Hybrid 12V battery. Make sure the battery voltage stays above 12 V during reprogramming. If the battery voltage drops during reprogramming, the **ECM may be damaged.** **NOTE:** ECM recovery data may be available. **Click here** to link to the ECM REPROGRAM INTERRUPTION RECOVERY General Procedure.

4. Turn the ignition ON with the engine OFF.

- The engine must be OFF (not running) during the reprogramming procedure.
- For Hybrid vehicles, Make sure the dash warning lights are ON and the “READY” light is OFF.

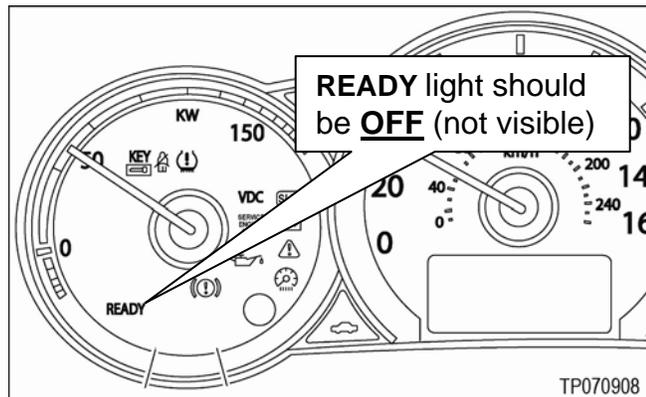


Figure B

- Turn OFF all vehicle electrical loads such as exterior lights, interior lights, HVAC, blower, rear defogger, audio, NAVI, seat heater, steering wheel heater, etc.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure to turn OFF all vehicle electrical loads. If the vehicle battery voltage drops below 12 V before reprogramming starts, reprogramming will not complete. After the “Transfer To VI” is complete, the reprogramming will stop, and “Transfer To ECU” will not start.

- Turn off all external Bluetooth® devices (e.g., cell phones, printers, etc.) within range of the CONSULT PC and the VI.

**CAUTION:** Make sure to turn off all external Bluetooth® devices. If Bluetooth® signal waves are within range of the CONSULT PC and the VI during reprogramming, reprogramming may be interrupted and the **ECM may be damaged**.

5. Make sure the engine cooling fan(s) are not running.

If the cooling fans are running:

- a. Turn the ignition OFF.
- b. Wait for the engine to cool.
- c. Turn the ignition ON (with engine OFF).
- d. Make sure the engine cooling fans are not running.

6. Open / start ASIST on the CONSULT PC.

7. Select CONSULT Utilities, CONSULT-III, and Wait for the “Detecting VI/MI in progress” message to clear.

8. Select the detected VI from the list. (See Figure 1.)
9. Select **Connect**. (See Figure 1.)

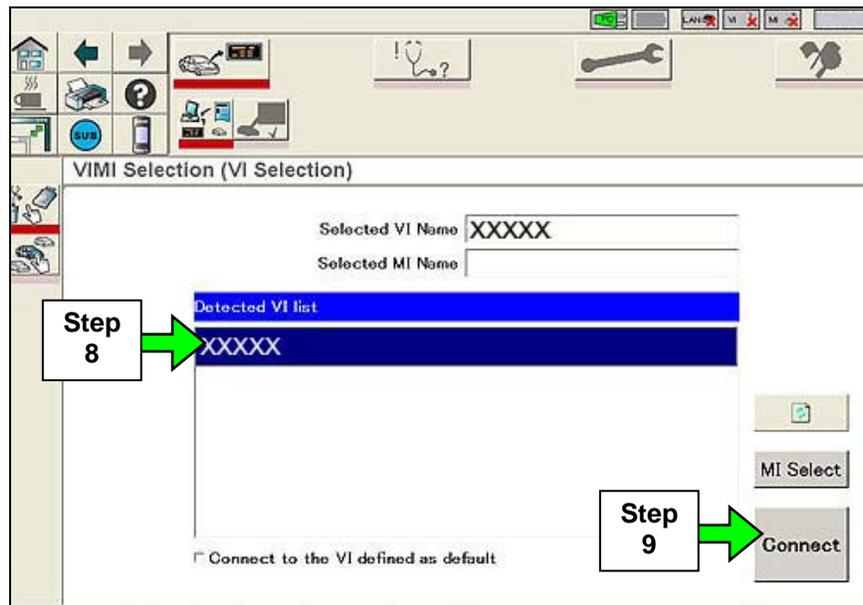


Figure 1

10. Wait for the “Checking the firmware version” message to clear (picture not shown).
11. Select **ECM reprogramming / Programming** (see Figure 2).
12. Select **Select** (see Figure 2).

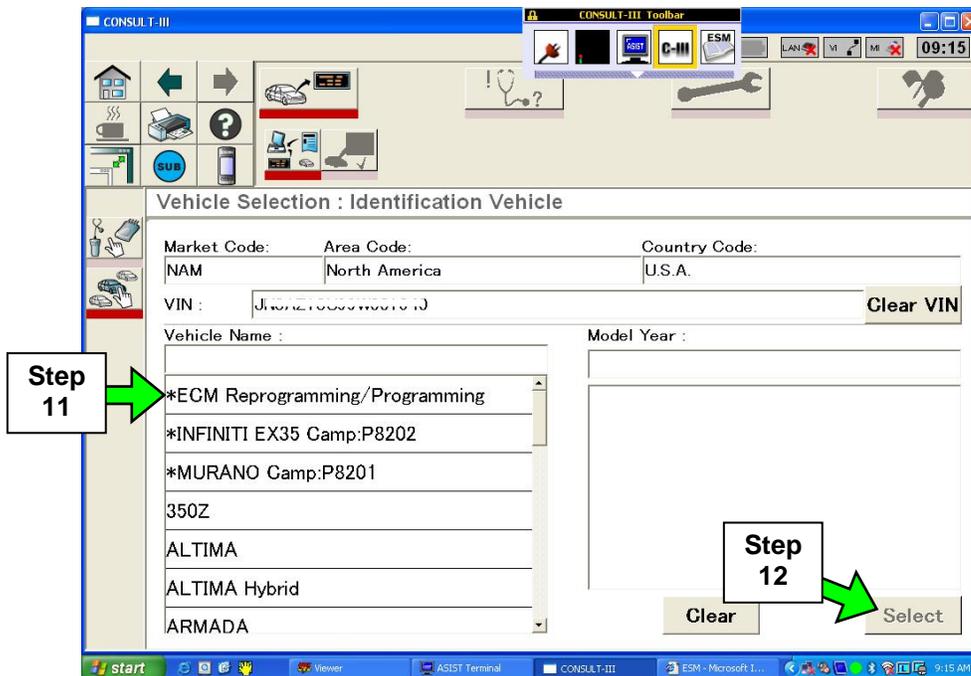


Figure 2

13. Select **Confirm** (see Figure 3).

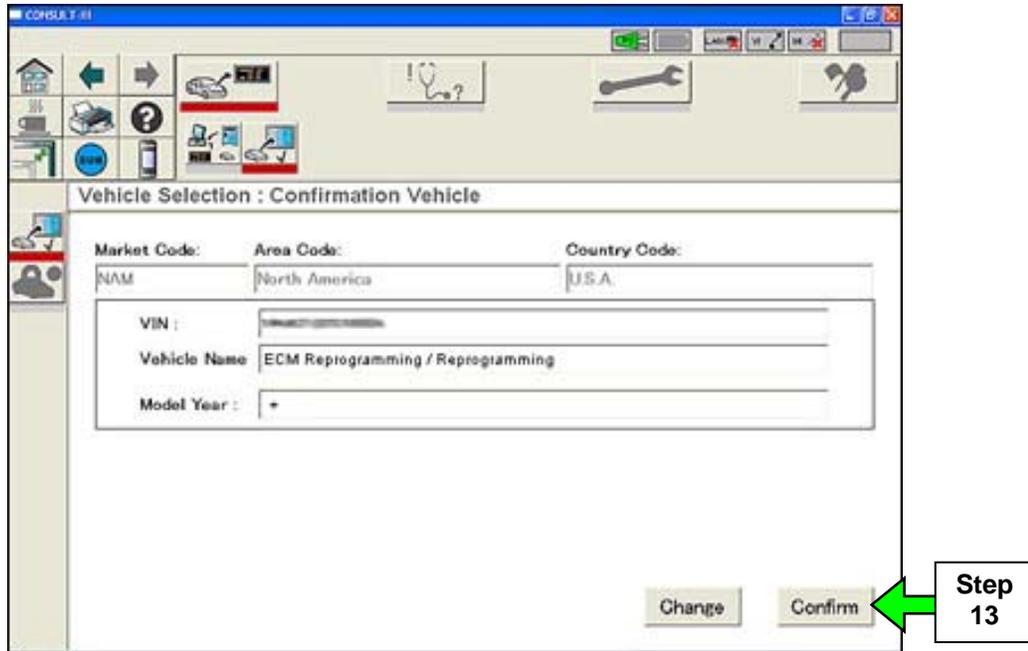


Figure 3

14. Select **Diagnosis** (see Figure 4).

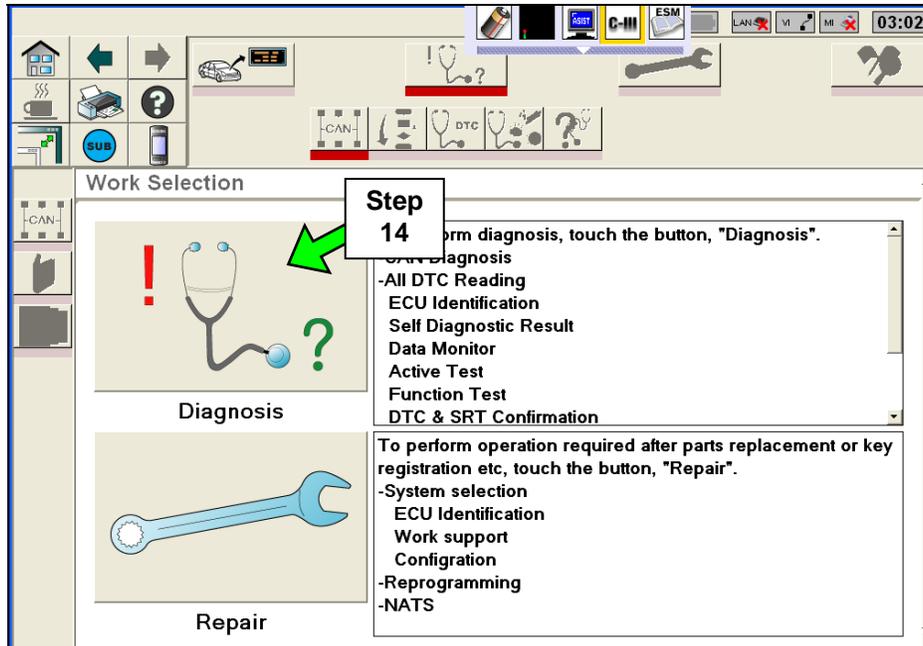


Figure 4

15. Wait for ECM Diagnosis to complete.

16. If there are no DTCs, select the “Repair” icon (see Figure 5).

- If there are any DTCs other than those listed in the accompanying Symptom based TSB, diagnose, perform repairs, and erase DTCs **before** continuing.

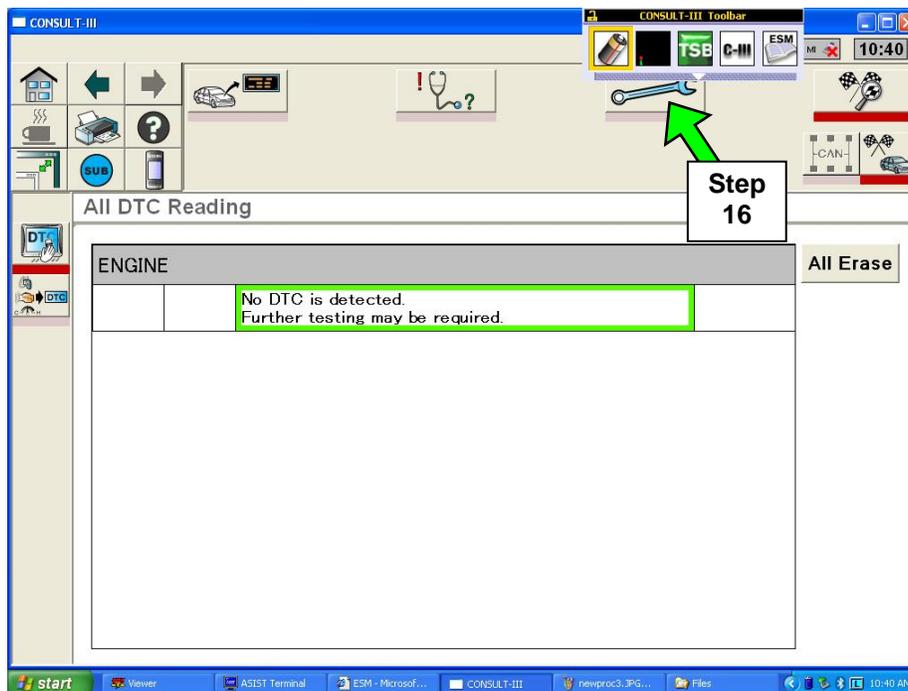


Figure 5

17. Select the “ECM Reprogram” icon (see Figure 6).

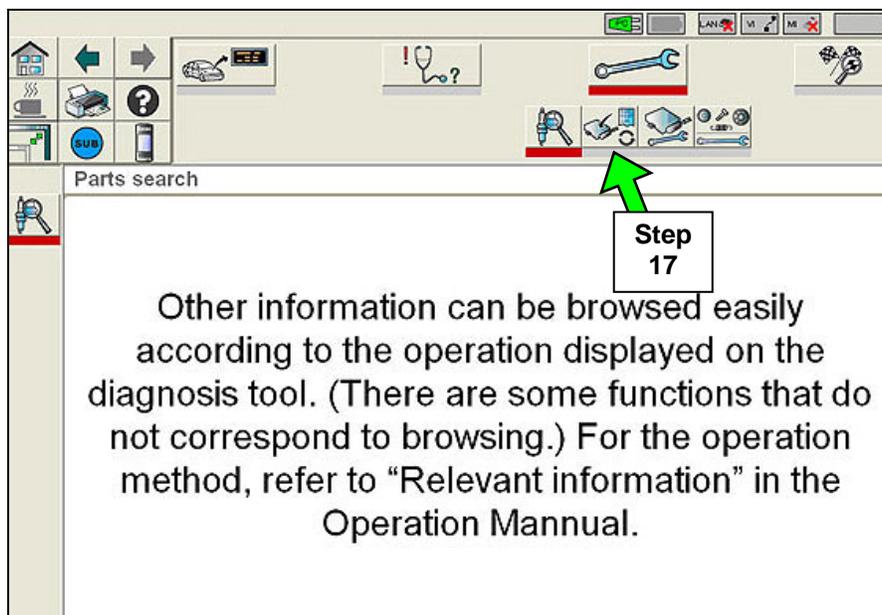


Figure 6

18. At this point, refer to the symptom based TSB that directed you to reprogram the ECM.

- **The symptom based TSB is required in order to determine which reprogramming part number to use.**

19. Select **Next** (see Figure 7).

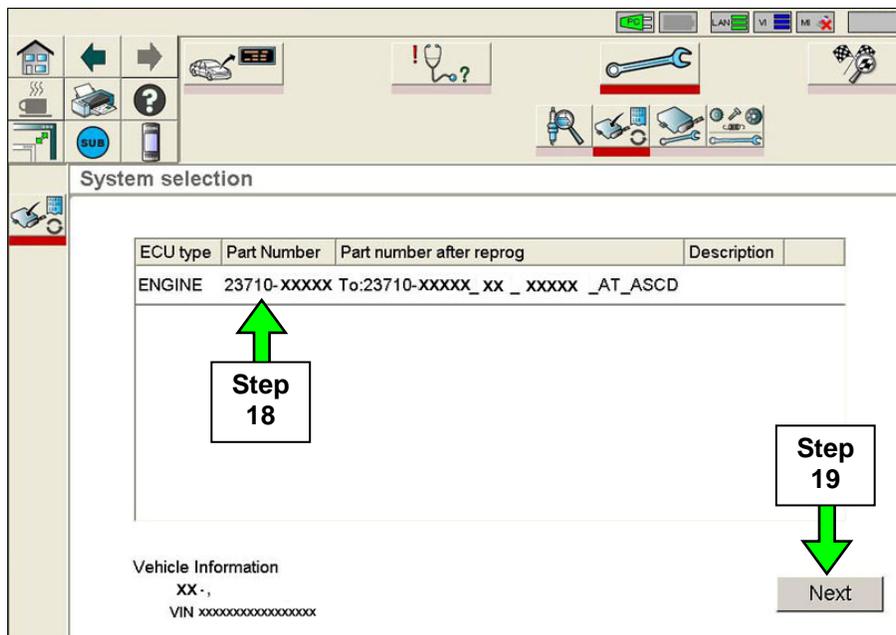


Figure 7

**NOTE:** If the screen in Figure 8 appears, there is data stored in the VI. Select “**Yes**” to proceed with Reprogramming.

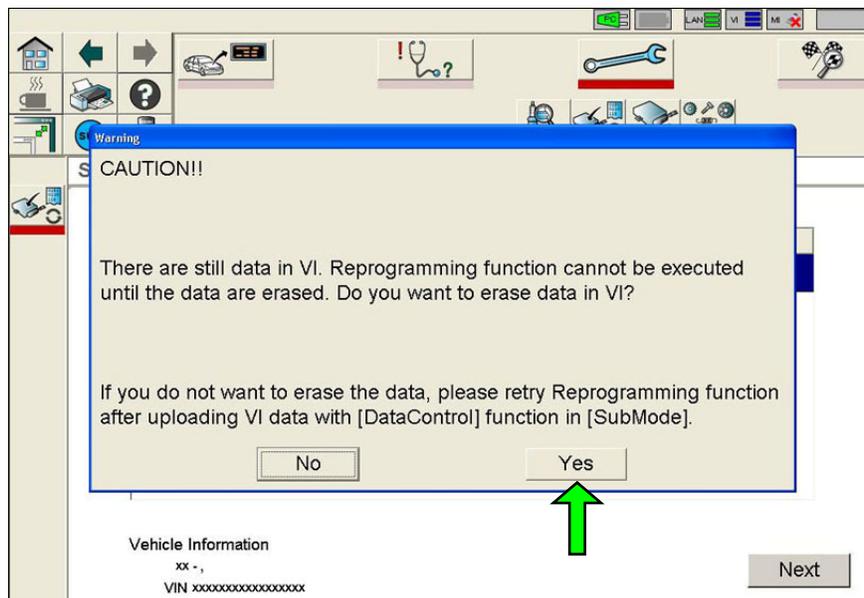


Figure 8

20. The screen in Figure 9 is displayed during data transfer.

**CAUTION:** During data transfer:

- **DO NOT** disturb the VI, DDL, or USB connections.
- **DO NOT** try to start the engine or turn the ignition OFF.
- The engine fans may turn on. This is normal.

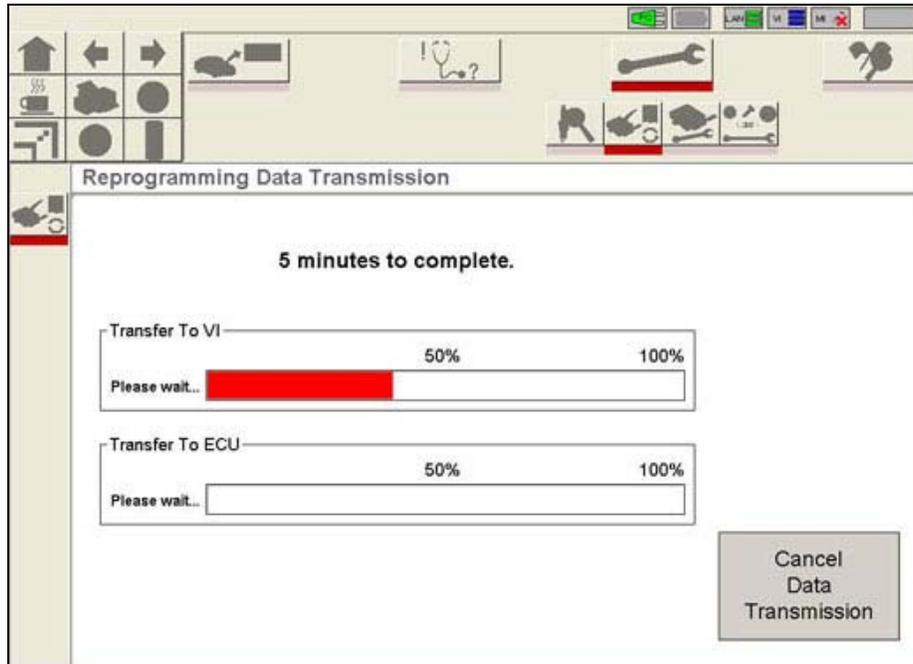


Figure 9

**NOTE:**

- If "Transfer To VI" reaches 100%, and "Transfer To ECU" does not start, or
- The Error in Figure 9A displays.
  - DO NOT replace the ECM. The ECM is not damaged.**
  - Check / make sure the battery voltage is above 12 V and all vehicle electrical loads are turned OFF (see Page 2, Step 3 and Page 3, Step 4).
  - Select **Cancel Data Transmission**, then click on the "Home" icon (upper left corner of C-III screen) and re-start from the beginning (go to Page 2, Step 1).



Figure 9A

21. When the screen in Figure 10 appears, ECM reprogramming is complete.

- **Print this screen and attach it to the Repair Order for Warranty documentation.**

**NOTE:** If the screen in Figure 10 does not display (reprogramming does not complete), click [here](#) to link to the ECM REPROGRAM INTERRUPTION RECOVERY General Procedure.

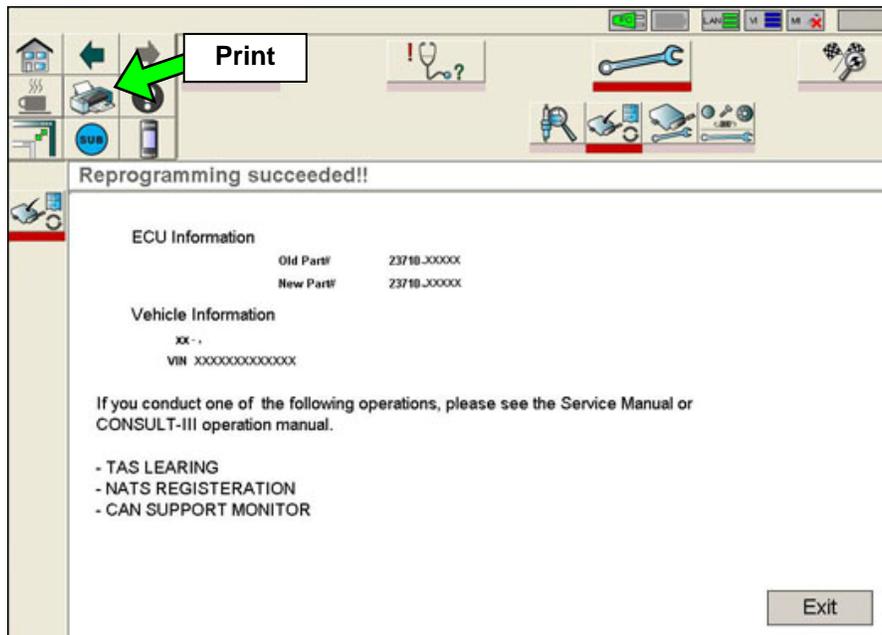


Figure 10

**NOTE:** If you can't print the above screen:

- a. Select the **Print** icon.
- b. Select **Save**.
- c. Select **OK**.

A copy of the screen is now saved in the CONSULT PC.

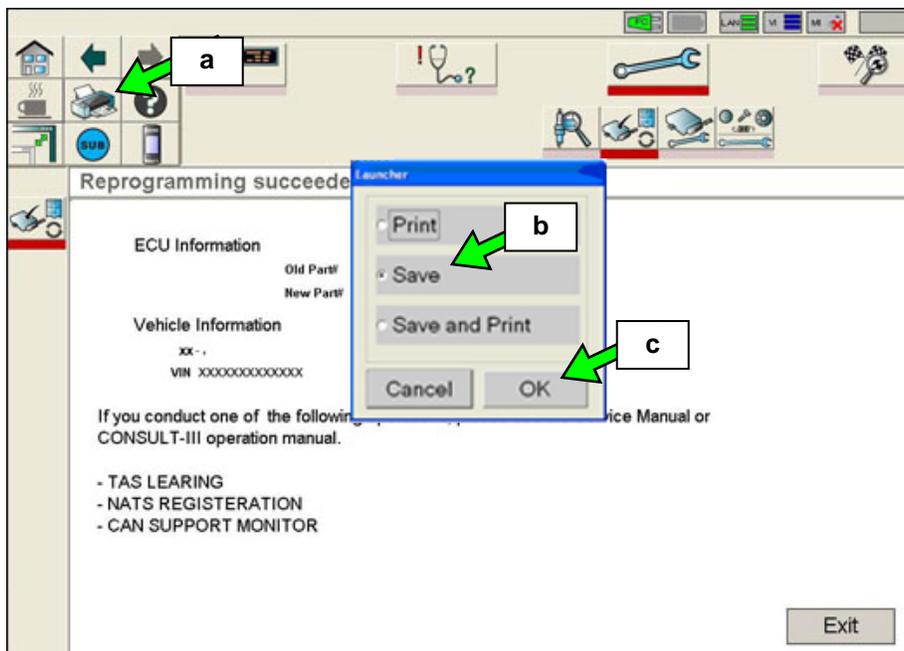


Figure 11

**NOTE:** If you saved a copy of the screen in Figure 10 and need to print it at a later date, you can find it in the following file location:

At the bottom left corner of the CONSULT PC screen click on **Start**.

In the Administrator window select **My Computer**.

In the My Computer screen select **Local Disc (C)**.

In the Local Disc (C) screen select **Consult III** folder.

In the Consult III screen/folder select **ApplicationData** folder.

In the ApplicationData screen/folder select **PrintImages** folder.

When the file was saved, it was automatically given a file name using the current date and time. Select and print the file/screen image that you want.

**NOTE:** During reprogramming, DTCs will set in several systems. DTCs must be erased from all systems.

### Erase DTCs from all systems

22. Click on the “Home” icon (top left corner of the C-III screen).

23. Wait for the “Detecting VI/MI in progress” message to clear (picture not shown).

24. Select the detected VI from the list (see Figure 12).

25. Select **Connect** (see Figure 12).

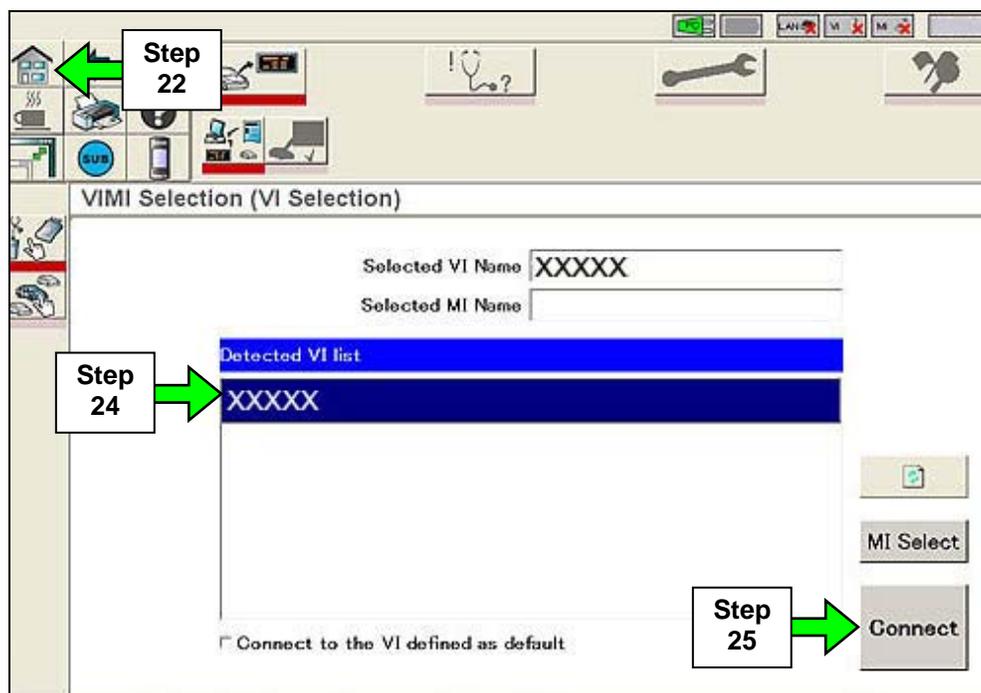


Figure 12

26. Wait for the “Checking the firmware version” message to clear (picture not shown).

27. Select the correct **Vehicle Name** and **Model Year** from the list (see Figure 13 for example).

28. Select **Select** (see Figure 13).

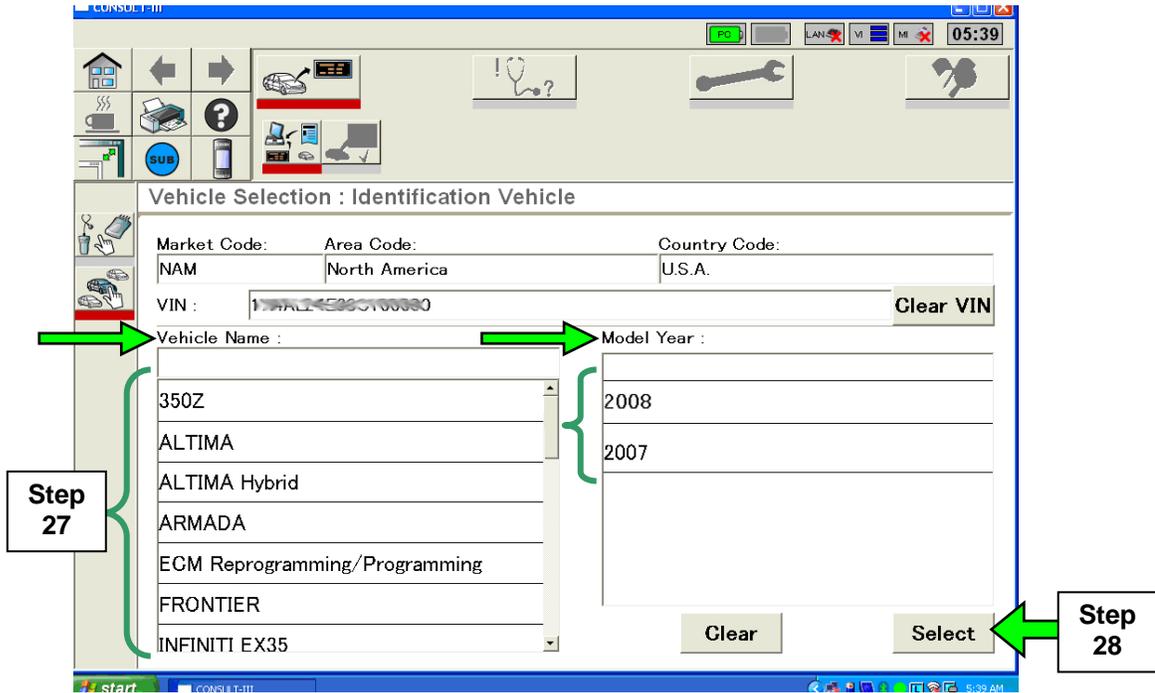


Figure 13

29 Make sure the correct vehicle is displayed (see Figure 14 for example).

30. Select **Confirm** (see Figure 14).

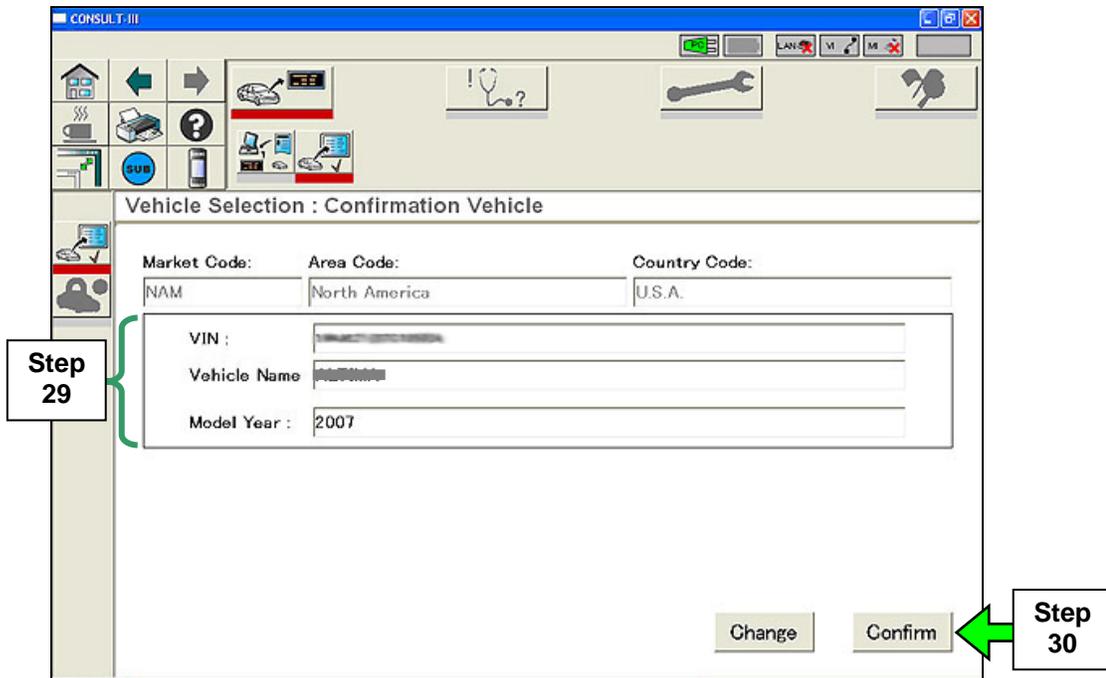


Figure 14

31. Select **Diagnosis** (see Figure 14).

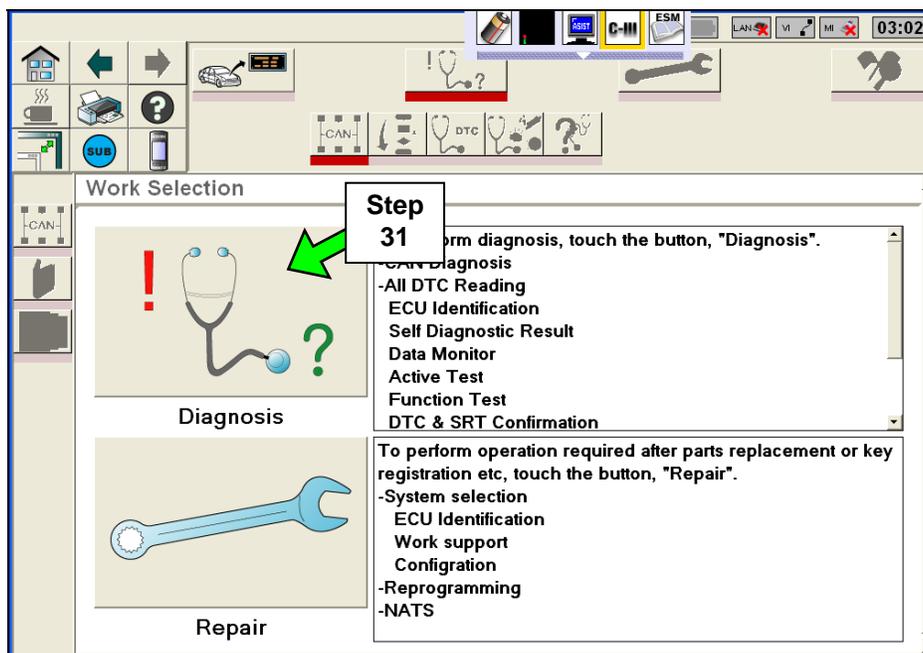


Figure 15

32. Wait for System Call to complete and CAN Diagnosis to reach 51% (see Figure 16 for example).

**When the CAN diagnosis reaches 51%, the process icons in the Process Guide Area at the top of the screen will light (become enabled).**

33. When the icons light, click on the “Final Check” icon.

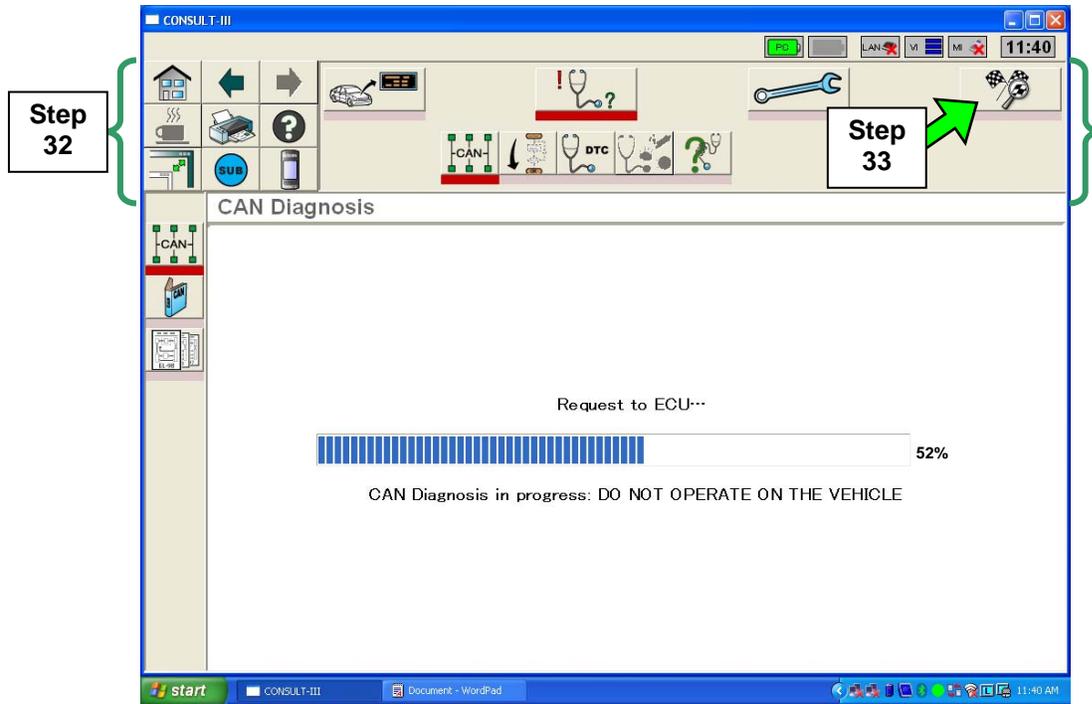


Figure 16

34. CAN diagnosis will run again. When it reaches 51% and the icons light, click on the “Duplication Test” icon.

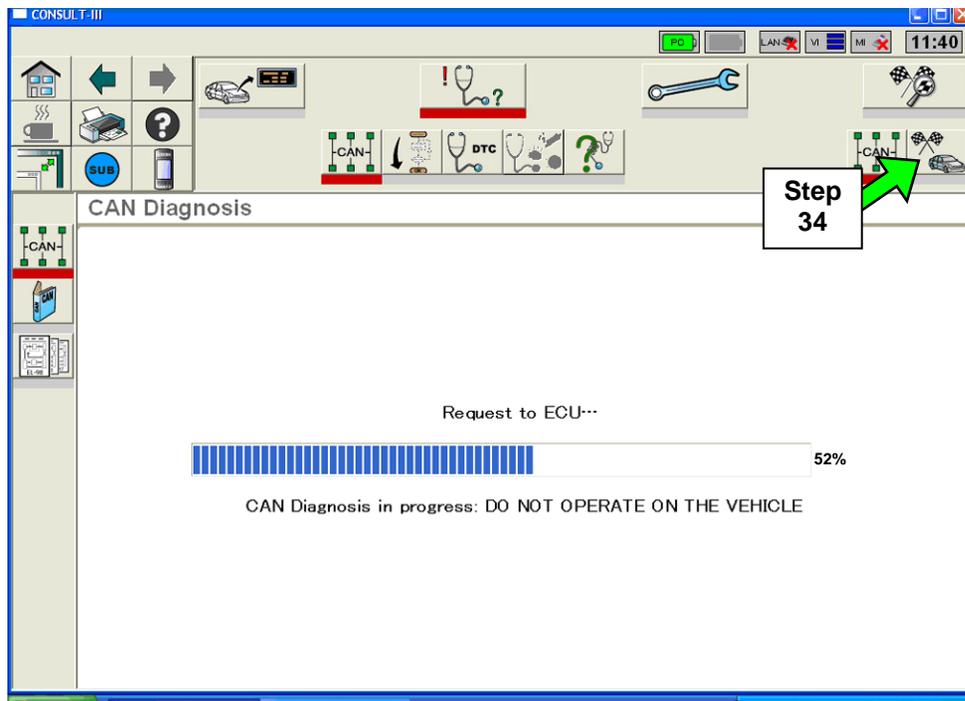


Figure 17

35. When the screen in Figure 18 appears, click on **All Erase**.

36. Click on **Yes** (see Figure 18).

37. Use the scroll bar to scroll down the page and make sure all DTCs are erased (see Figure 18).

- For any DTCs that do not erase: diagnose, perform repairs, and erase DTCs.
- Refer to the Service Manual as needed.

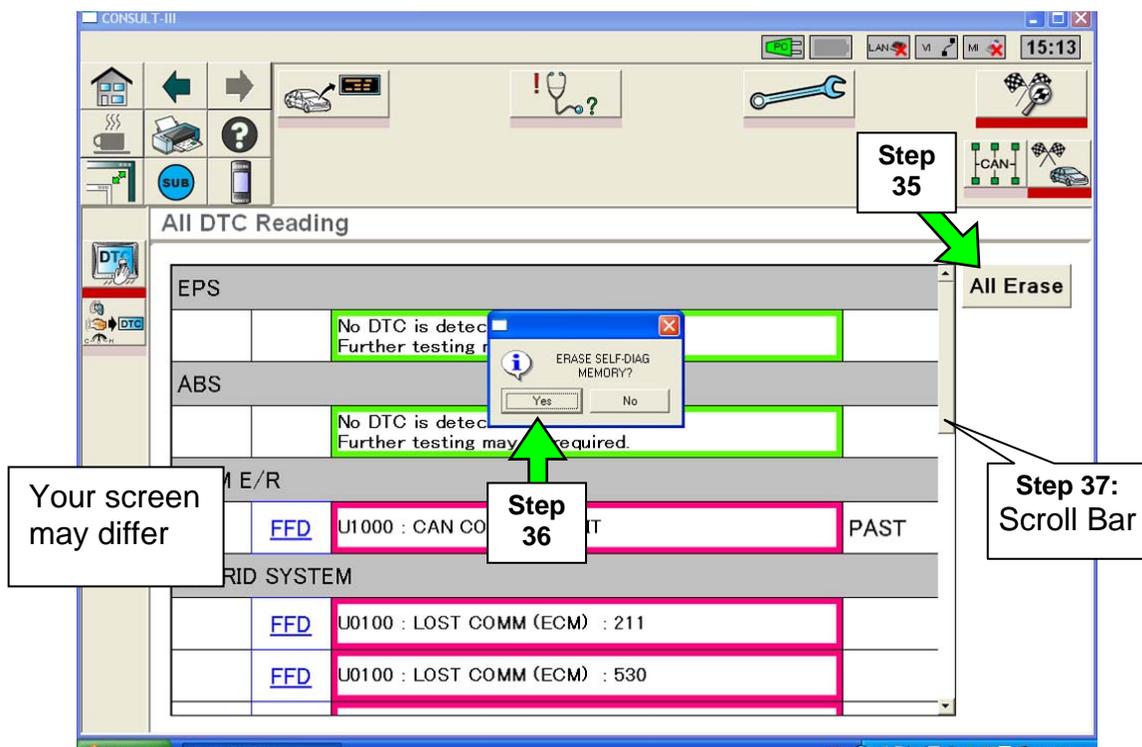


Figure 18

Reprogramming is finished. Continue with the Procedure on the next page.

38. Close C-III, and then turn the ignition OFF.

39. Make sure the throttle is released and your foot is **NOT** pressing either the brake or clutch (M/T) pedal.

40. Operate the ignition as shown in Figure 19.

**NOTE:** For Hybrid vehicles, ignition ON = dash warning lights ON and the “READY” light OFF.

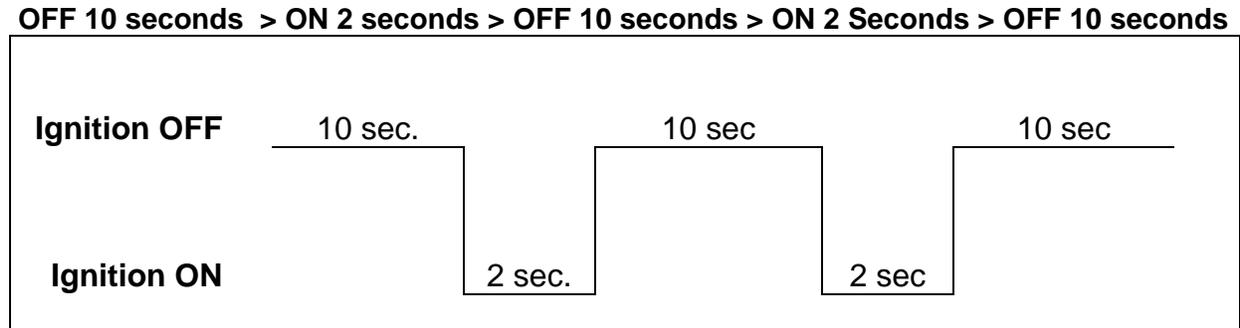


Figure 19

- The above ignition cycle will reset ECM self learned Data.

41a. For Hybrid vehicles, skip to step 42.

41b. Start the engine and check the idle speed.

- If idle speed is too low, perform Idle Air Volume Learning (IAVL). See the appropriate Service Manual (ESM) for this procedure.

**NOTE:** If the engine will not idle, hold the engine RPM at about 2000, then slowly bring it down to an idle. IAVL can now be performed.

42. Test drive the vehicle; make sure it is operating correctly and the Check Engine light is OFF.

- If the Check Engine light comes ON; diagnose, repair, and erase DTCs.

