



Here's How to Use Intake Snake on a Drive-by-Wire Controlled Throttle

COMPLAINT: Possible problem with the drive-by-wire system after a fuel system service.

CAUSE: Cleaner entering the drive-by-wire sensors or motors.

CORRECTION: Here's how to use the Intake Snake safely to service the throttle body on cars equipped with drive-by-wire or electronic throttle control systems.

- Remove the air intake boot.
- Key on, engine off.
- Use a throttle depressor to open the throttle plate.
- Attach a new cleaning pad to your Intake Snake tool.
- Wring out most of the cleaning fluid from the Intake Snake cleaning pad with a clean shop towel. Leave the pad just damp.
- Carefully wipe the edges of the throttle plate and the bore.
- Use a clean shop towel to dry the throttle bore.
- Remove the throttle pedal depressor.
- Key off.
- Reconnect the intake boot.

That's all there is to it: The throttle bore and plate should be clean and working like new, without any damage to the drive-by-wire control system.