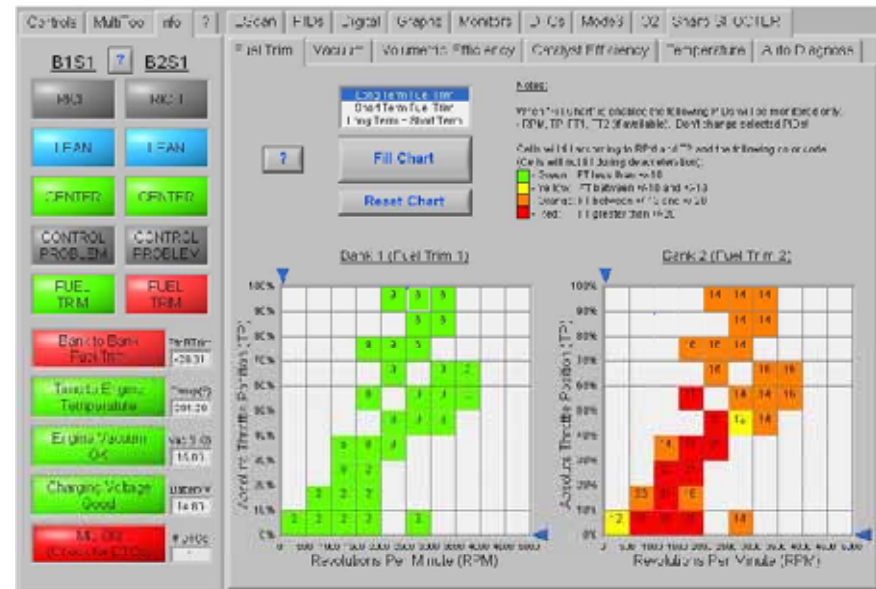
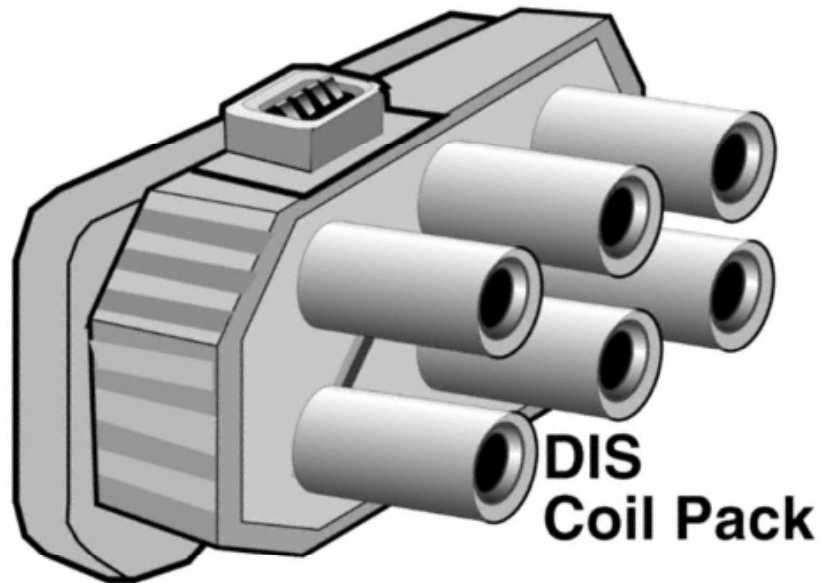


Fuel Trim and Misfire Analysis



A “No Excuse” Approach



Seminar Objectives

- Define “Loop Status”
Definitions (Ford Motor Co.)
- Fuel Trim Interpretation
- Ignition Misfires
- Clogged Injector Misfire
- Engine Mechanical Misfire



Seminar Objectives

- EGR Misfires
- Case Studies



Important Terms to Know

- Open Loop-Normal
- Open Loop-Fault
- Open Loop-Drive
- Closed Loop-Normal
- Closed Loop-Fault





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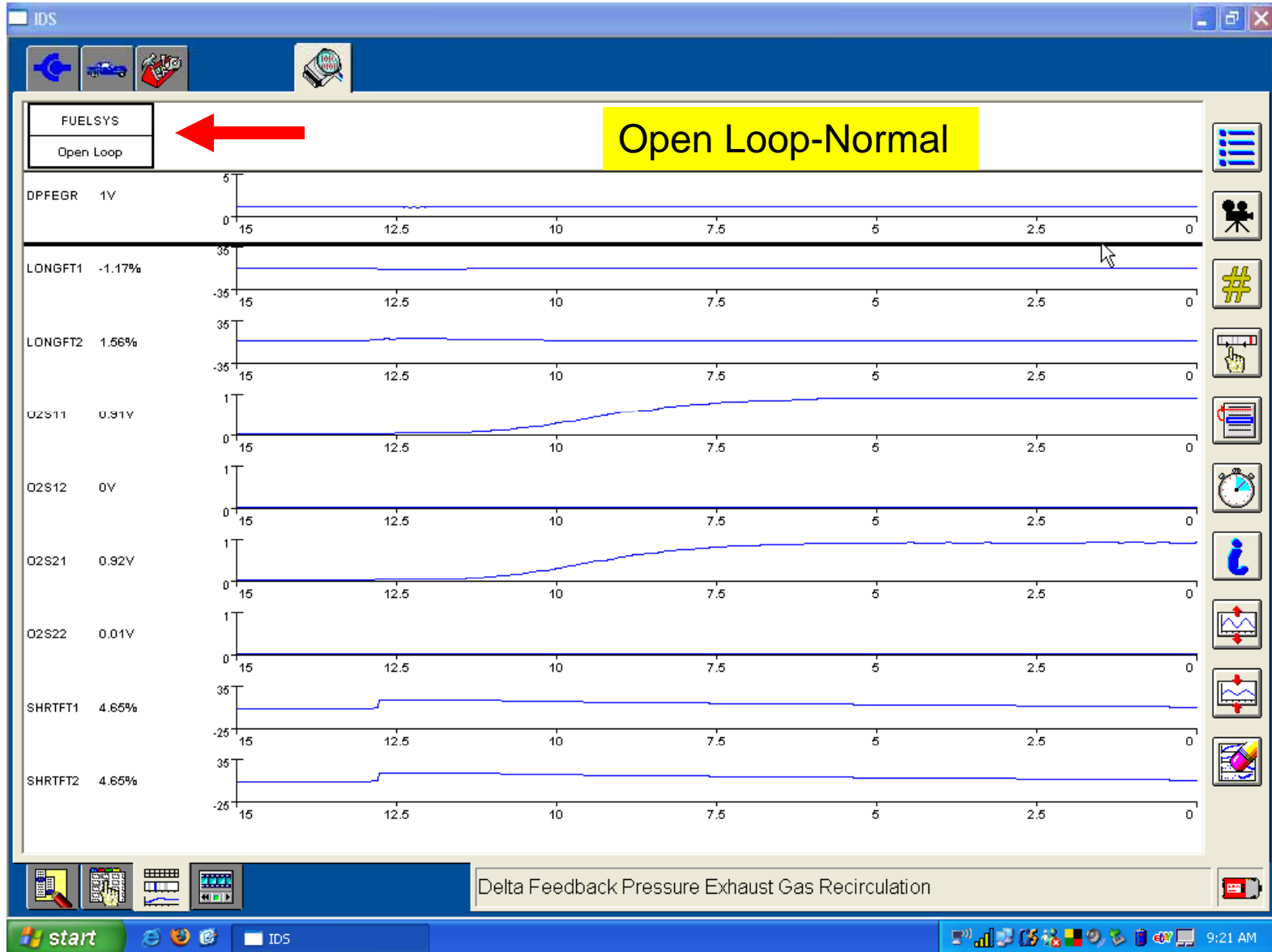




Open Loop-Normal

- Open loop fuel system status, oxygen sensor is not being used as feedback for fuel control
- Ford Motor Company has defined the various loop status that are listed here

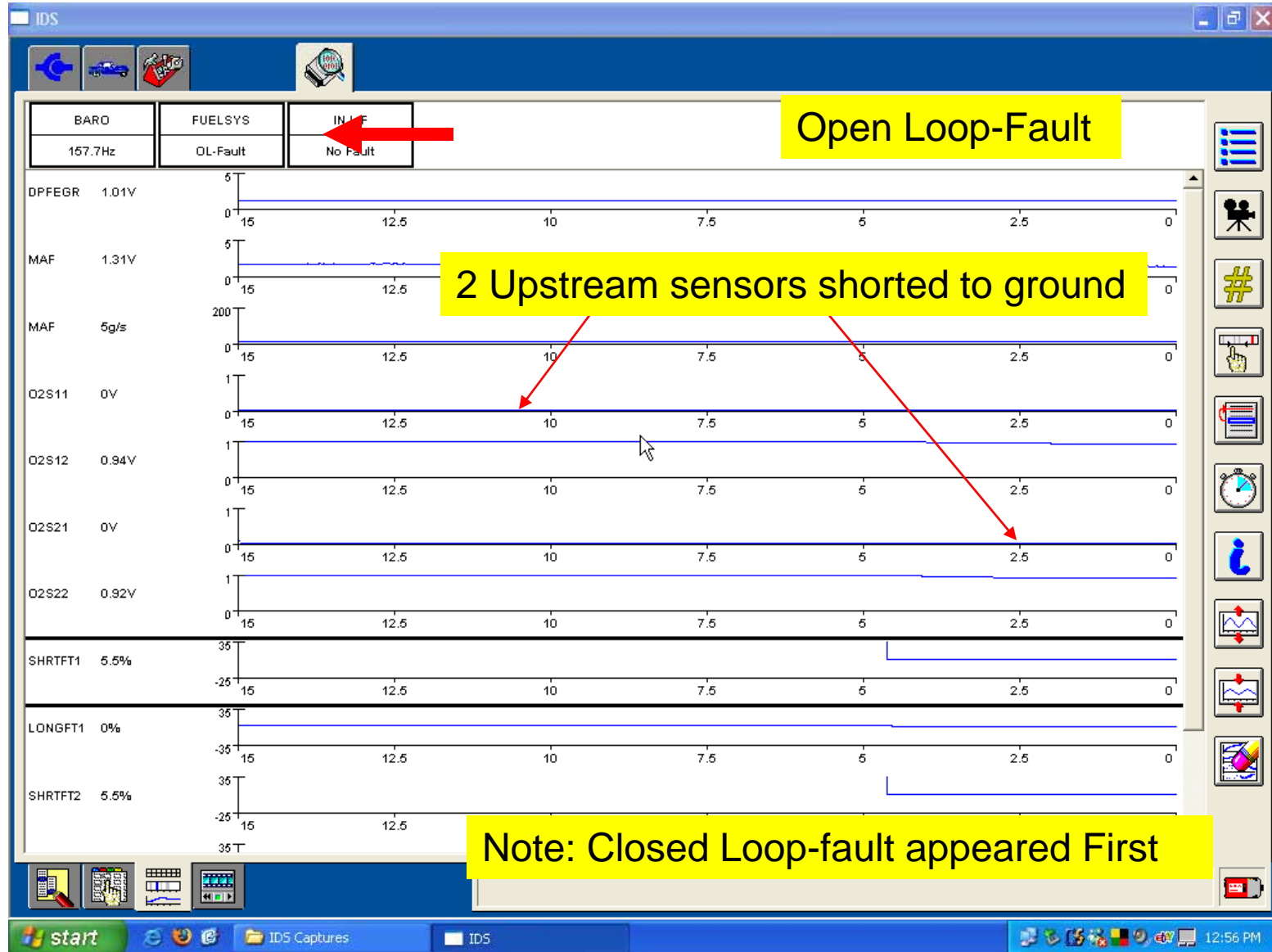




Open Loop-Fault

- Open loop fuel system status due to fault status with all the upstream oxygen sensors
- It appears that Closed loop-fault will occur first, then this status will appear second

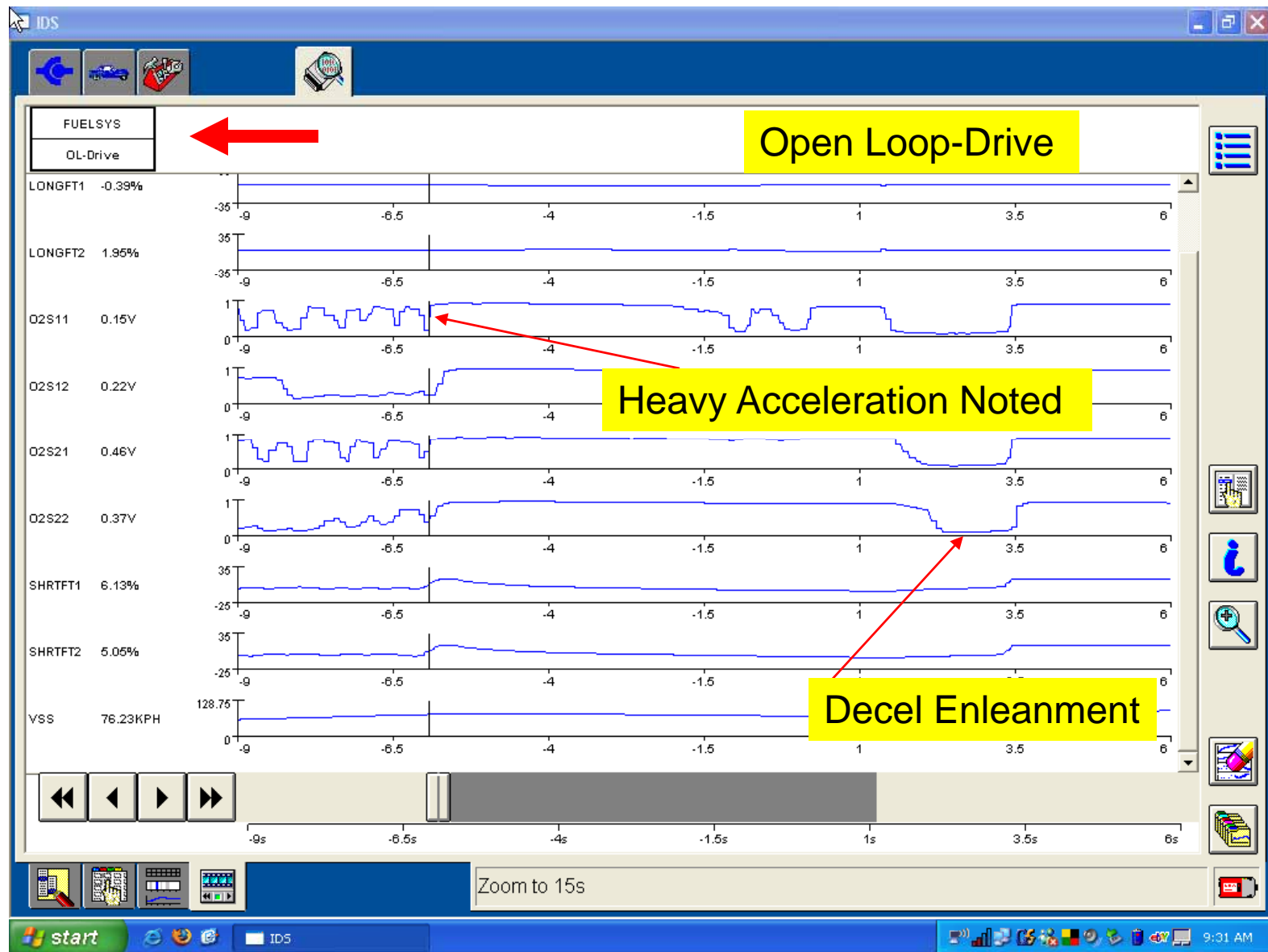




Open Loop-Drive

- Open loop status due to high oxygen sensor voltages as a result of heavy acceleration or extended idle conditions

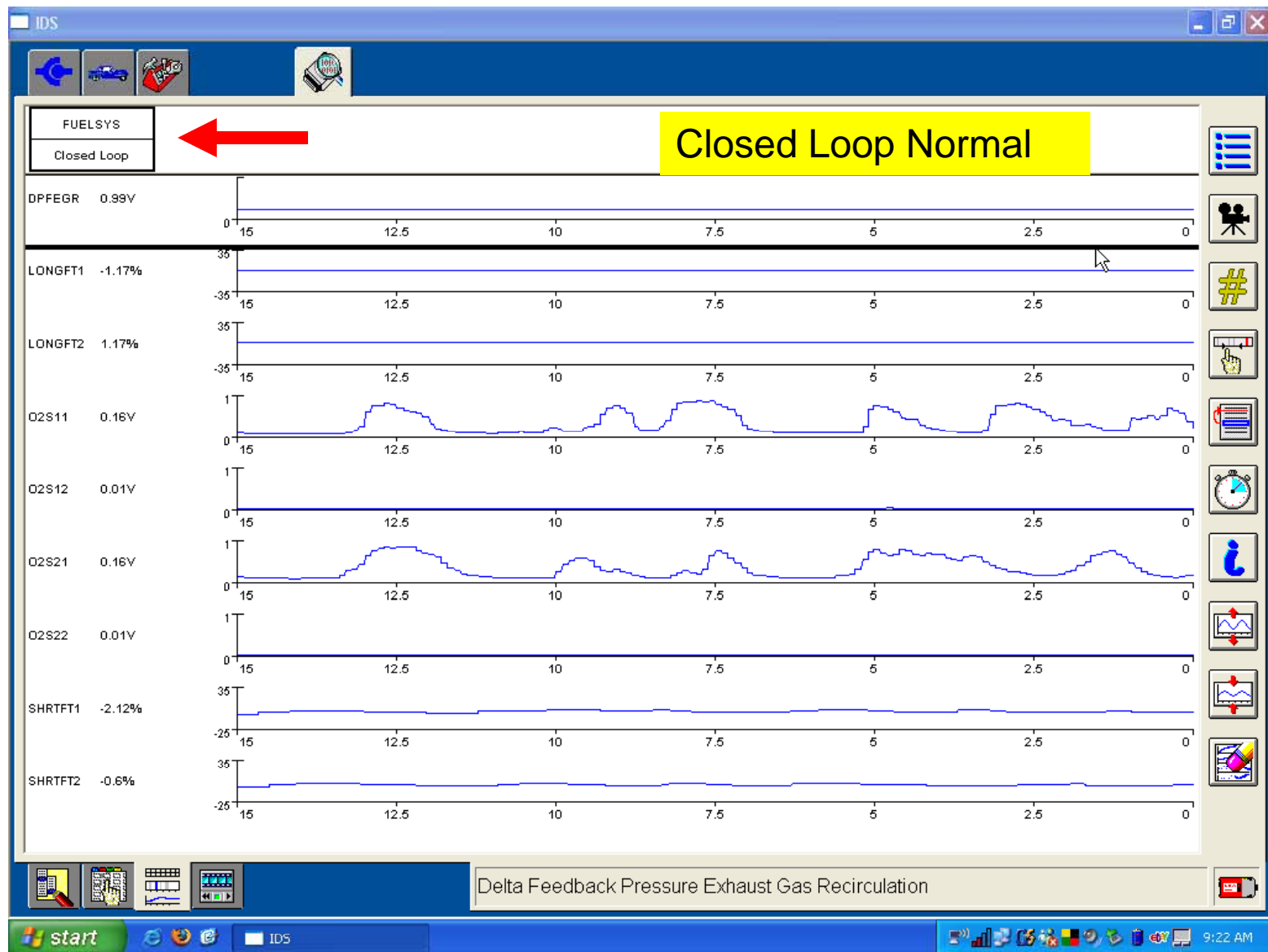




Closed Loop-Normal

- Closed loop fuel status, oxygen sensor is being used as feedback for fuel control

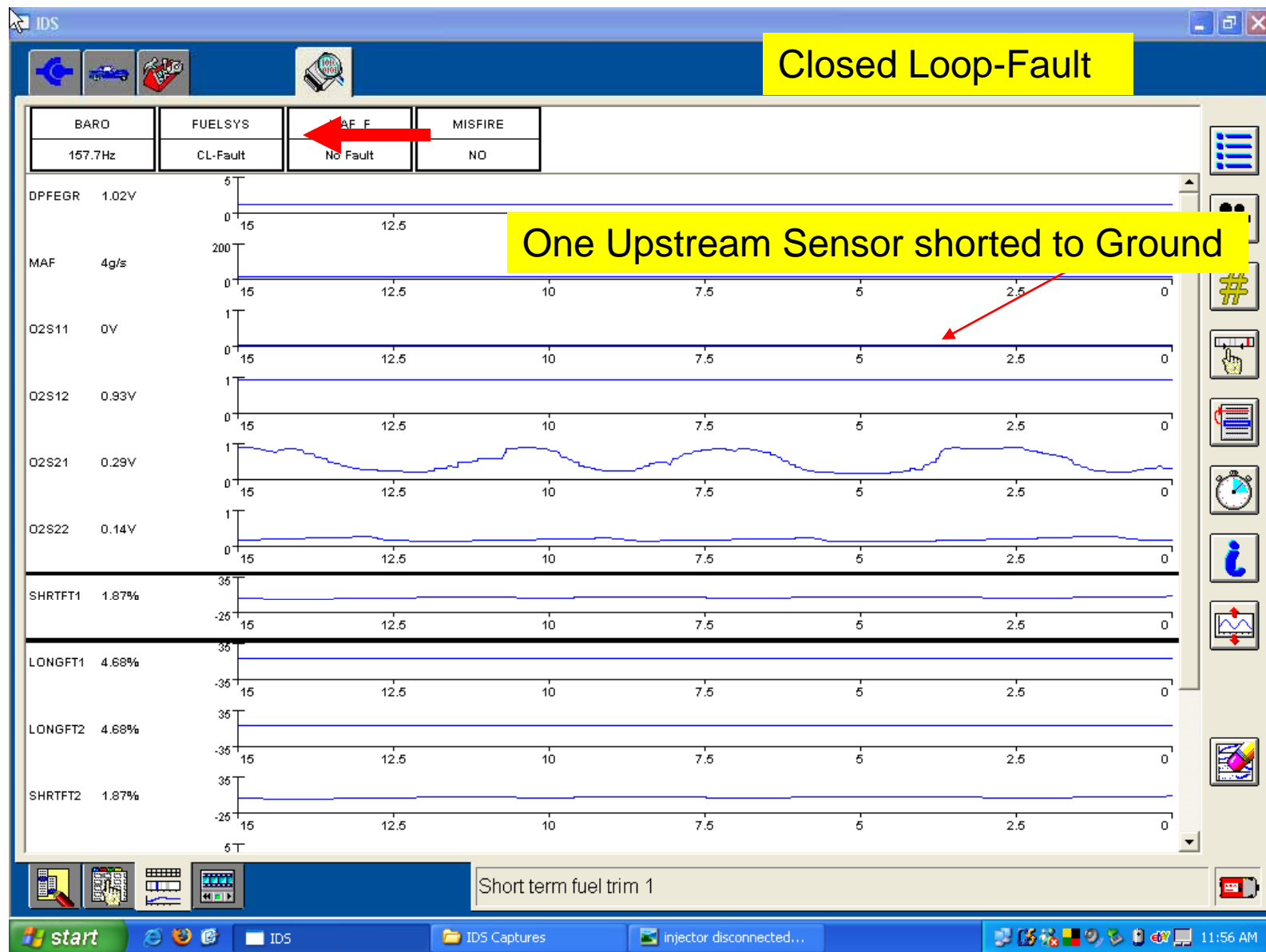




Closed Loop-Fault

- Closed loop fuel status, but a fault status has been established with one oxygen sensor on a dual bank design vehicle



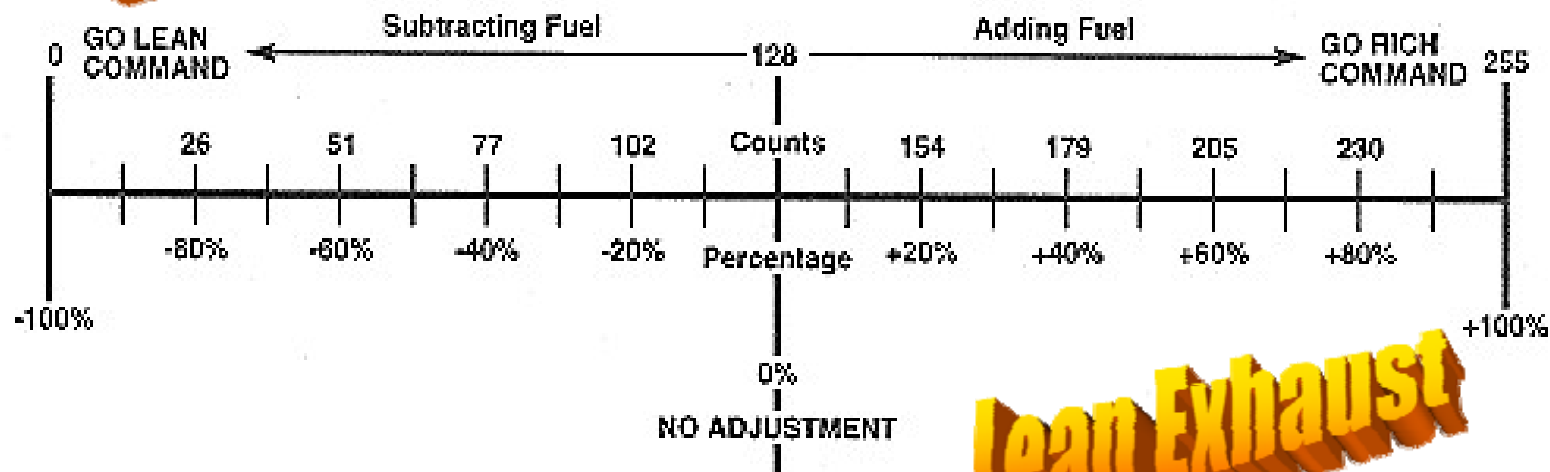


Fuel Trim Interpretation



Fuel Trim Numbers

Rich Exhaust



Lean Exhaust

Conversion of fuel trim from percentages to counts

Positive Percentage Conversions: $128 + (1.28 \times \text{percentage})$

Example: To convert +20% to counts, the formula would be $128 + (1.28 \times 20) = 154$

Negative Percentage Conversions: $128 - (1.28 \times \text{percentage})$

Example: To convert -20% to counts, the formula would be $128 - (1.28 \times 20) = 102$

Fuel Trim download can be obtained at www.atechtraining.com



Short Term Fuel Trim

- This is an immediate correction to the fuel system
- An acceptable range is +/- 10%



Long Term Fuel Trim

- This is how the system has a tendency to run
- An acceptable range is +/- 10%



Positive Fuel Trims

- The system is adding fuel for a perceived lean running condition
- The summation of STFT and LTFT denote a total correction to the system



Negative Fuel Trims

- The system is subtracting fuel for a perceived rich running condition
- The summation of STFT and LTFT denote a total correction to the system



Fuel Trim Example

- LTFT = +12%
- STFT = +2%
- What is the total fuel trim correction on this vehicle?
- Is this vehicle running rich or lean?



Fuel Trim Example

- Would the tailpipe readings on this vehicle be acceptable based on today's standard?
- What do you think the air fuel ratio or Lambda might be on the gas analyzer?



Fuel Trim Diagnostics

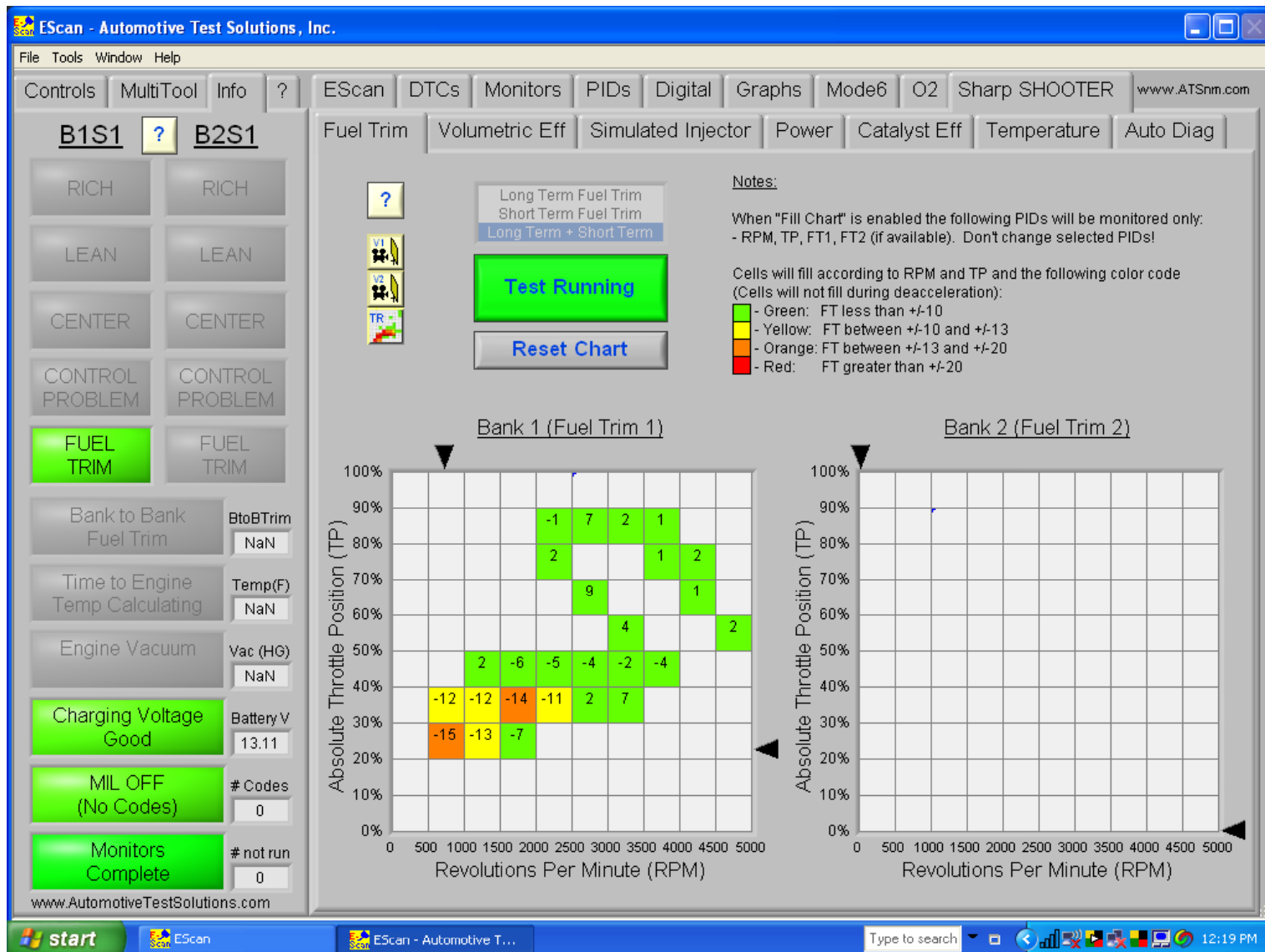






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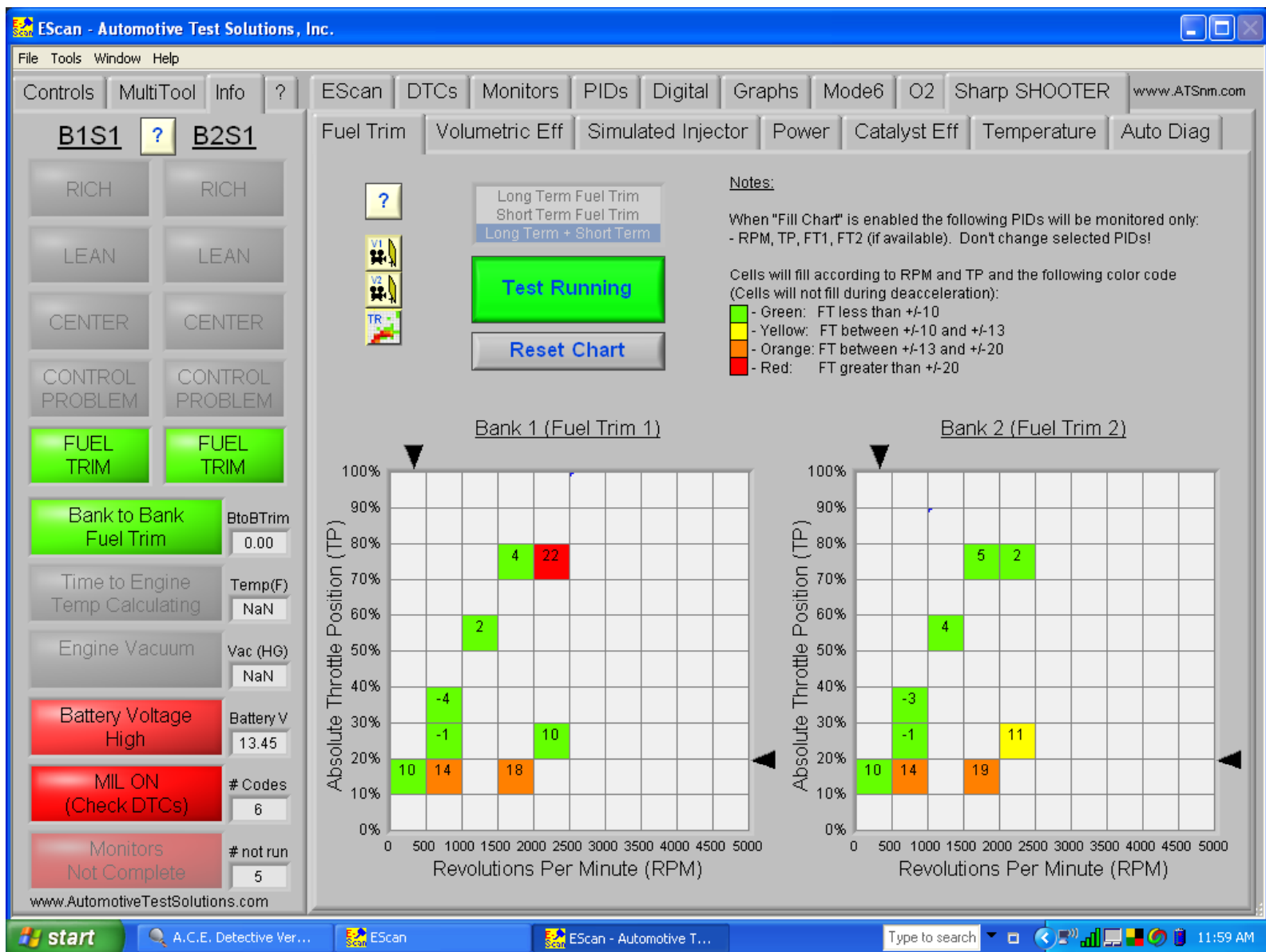






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Fuel Trim Exercise





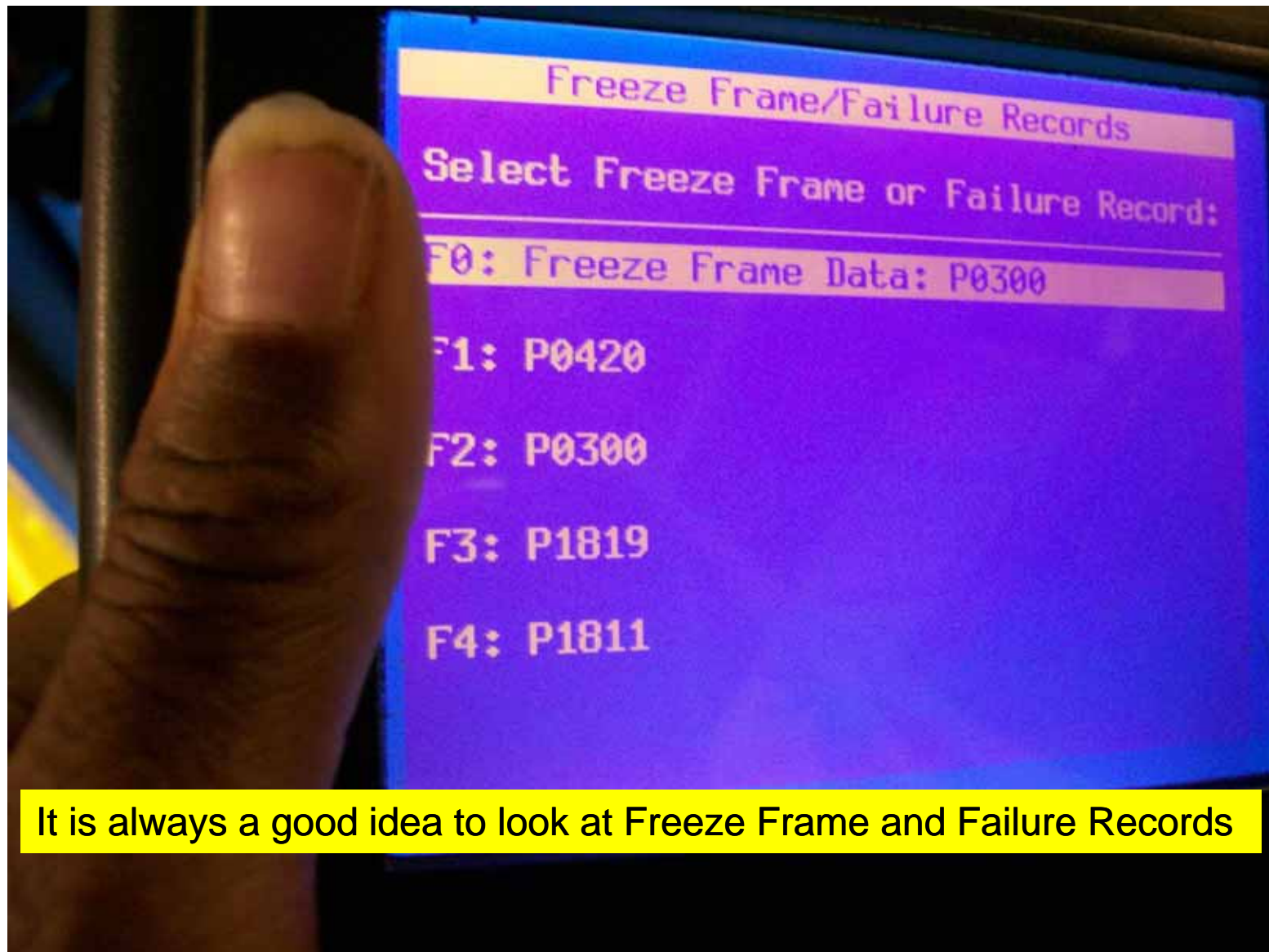
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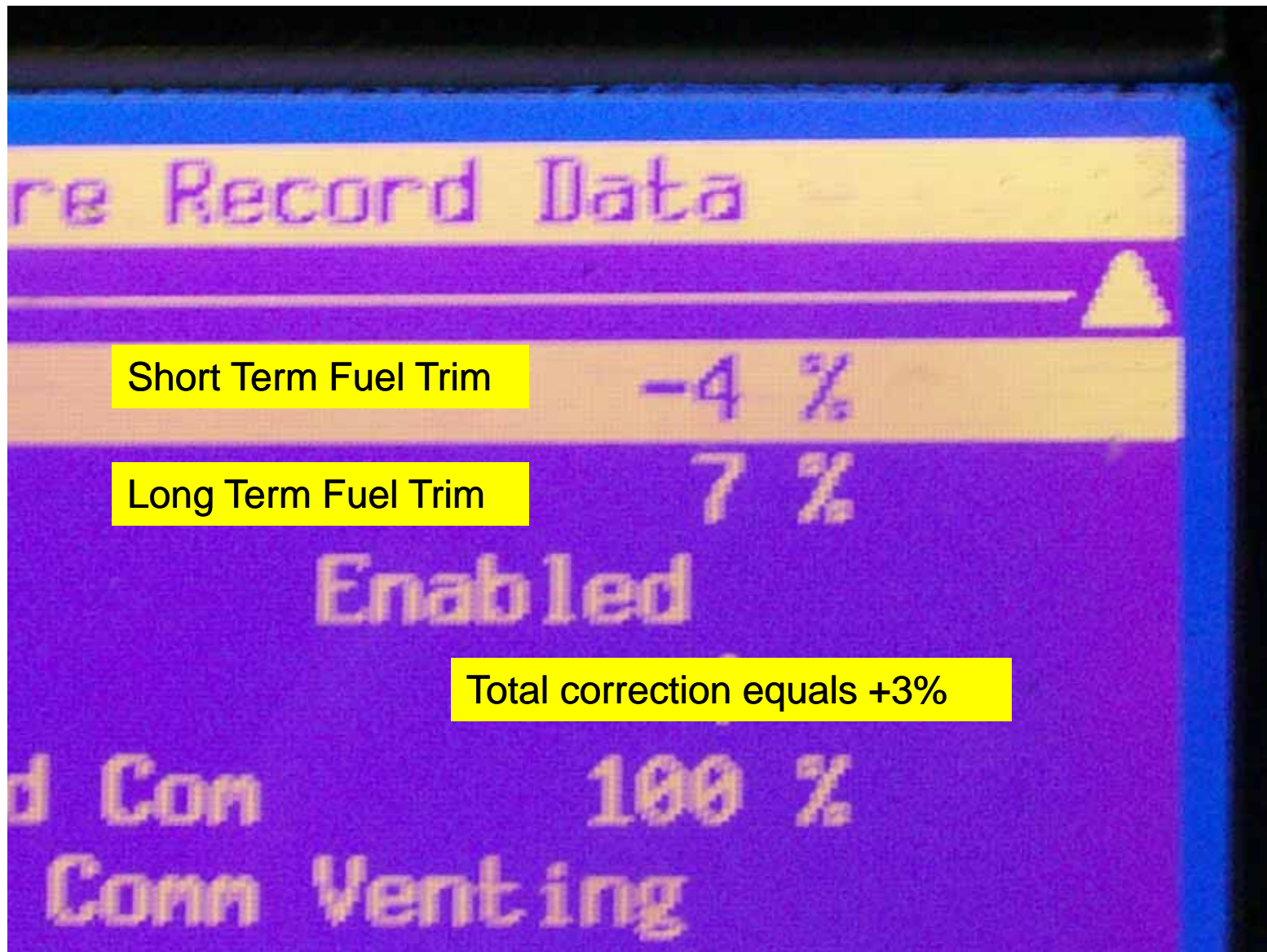
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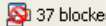

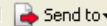







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Ignition System Specifications

Application	Specification	
	Metric	English
Firing Order	1-6-5-4-3-2	
Spark Plug Wire Resistance	3000 ohms per ft	
Spark Plug Wire Resistance - POLICE	600 ohms per ft	
Spark Plug Torque	15 N·m	11 lb ft
Spark Plug Gap	1.52 mm	0.060 in
Spark Plug Type	41-921 [AC plug type]	

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1-6-5-4-3-2

The firing order shows that cylinders 5 and 2 are sister cylinders



Cyl. 2	0
Cyl. 3	0
Cyl. 4	0
Cyl. 5	168
Cyl. 6	0
Cyl. 1	0
Cyl. 2	241
Cyl. 3	0
Cyl. 4	0

Is this misfire activity ignition or fuel related?



Lean Running Engine Interpretations

Fuel Trims will increase in a positive going direction



Lean Running Engine Interpretation

- Single Cylinder Ignition misfire
- Clogged Injector Misfire
- Vacuum Leak Misfire
- Fuel Pump Low Volume Issue
- O2 signal shorted to ground

Fuel trim values will increase if the PCM thinks or knows the vehicle is running lean



Lean Running Engine Interpretation

- EGR Misfire-MAF Engine
 - Significant misfire occurring
- Shorted Injector
 - Pintle may not lift off its seat

Fuel trim values will increase if the PCM thinks or knows the vehicle is running lean



Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire



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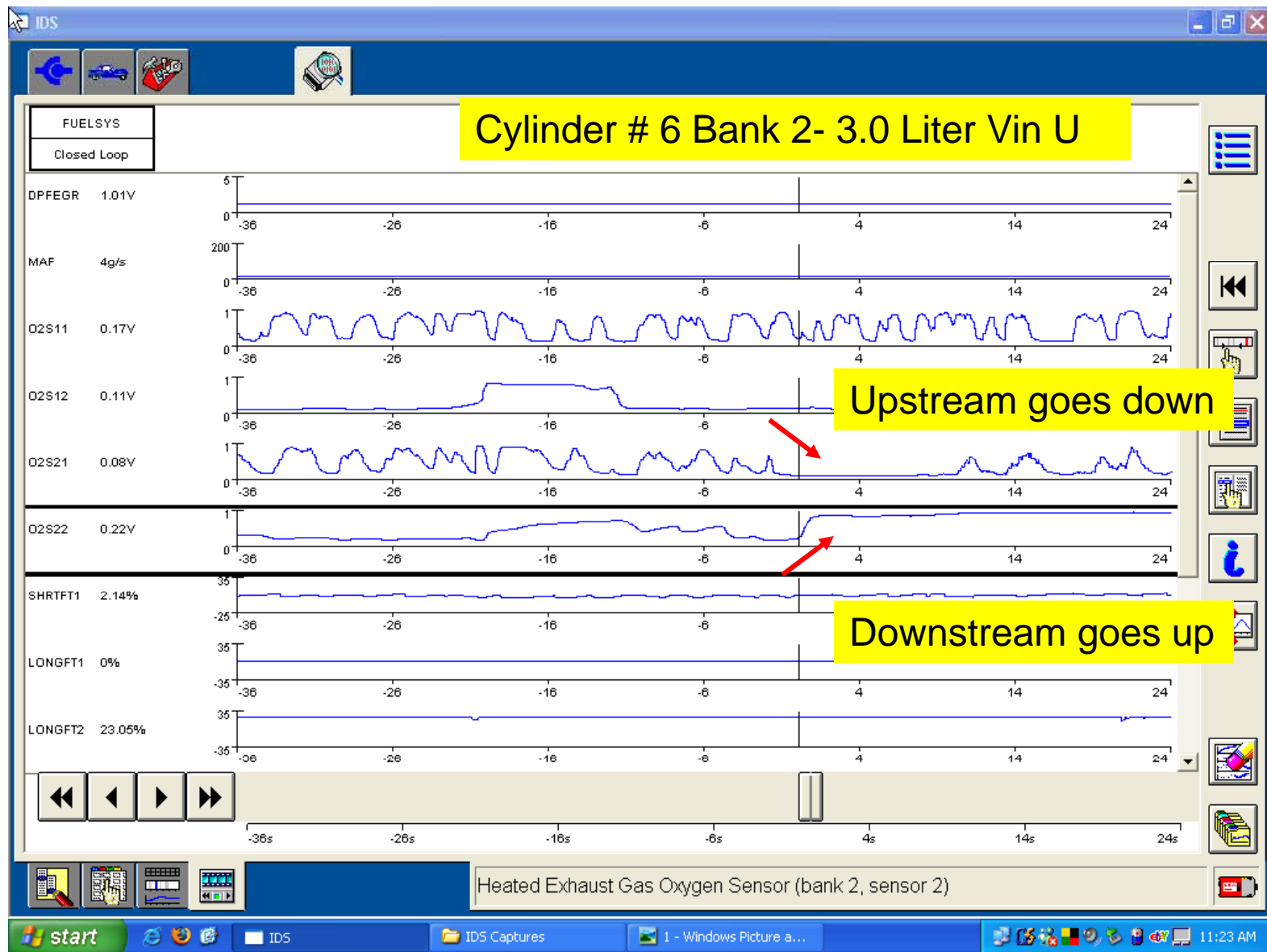
The misfire occurs on cylinder # 6 Bank 2



Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire Theory

- When the initial misfire occurs the pre-oxygen sensor voltage will go low due to the additional oxygen in the cylinder
- STFT will increase slightly to compensate for this initial effect





Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire Theory

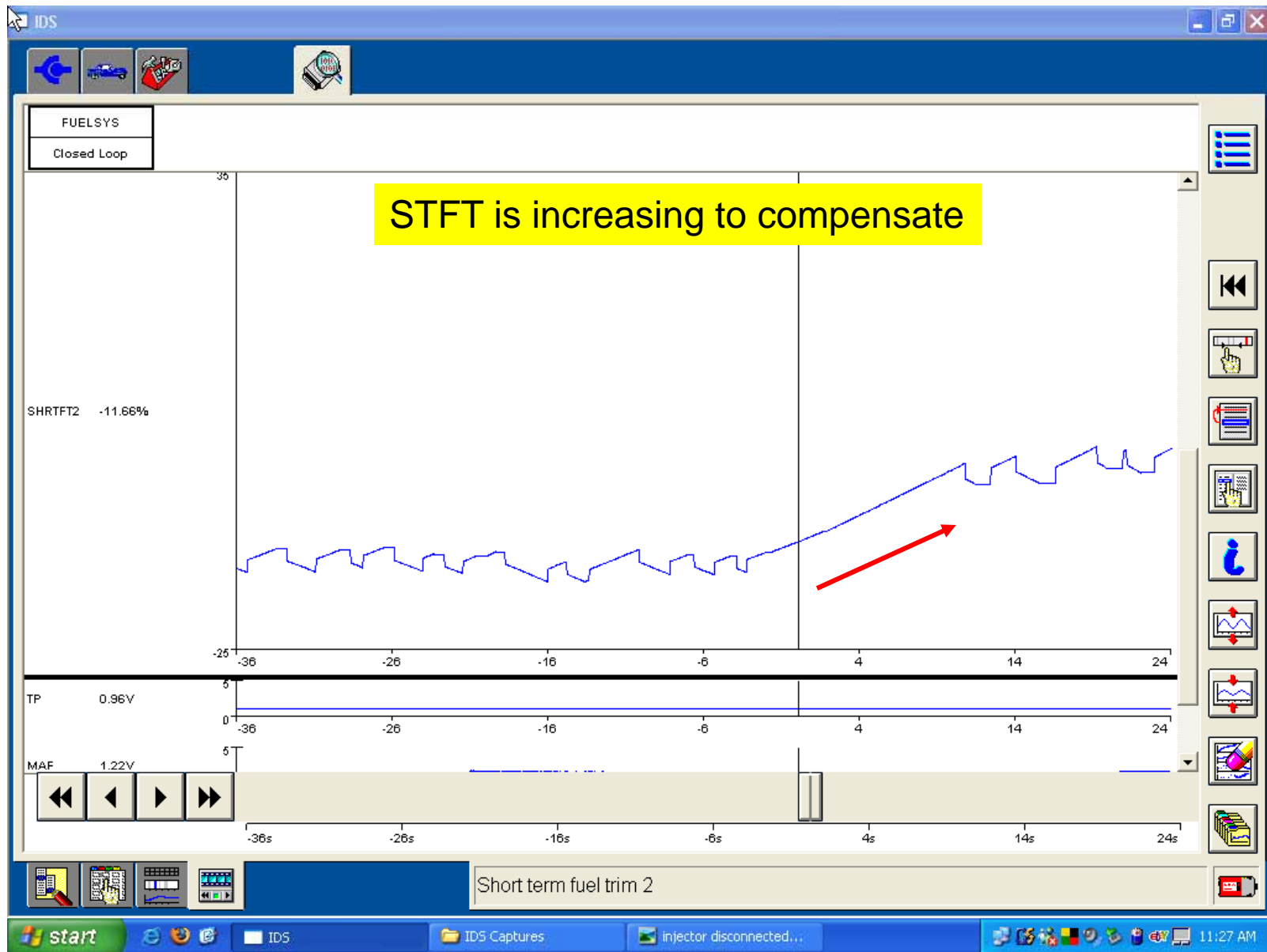
- The pre-oxygen sensor will eventually begin to switch again due to this compensation



Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire Theory

- LTFT will begin to increase in an effort to bring STFT as close to zero as possible
- Post oxygen sensor voltage will be high indicating that the vehicle is running rich





Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire Theory

- STFT may show a minimal impact as a result of the single cylinder ignition misfire.
- LTFT may show a noticeable impact as a result of the single cylinder ignition misfire ranging from single to dual digit positive values



Single Cylinder Ignition Misfire Theory

- A possible end result may show a pre oxygen sensor that is switching and in fuel control
- A post oxygen sensor that is slightly higher in sensor voltage
- This is what you may see in the service bay



PCM Rich Running Engine Interpretation

Fuel Trims will increase in a negative going direction



PCM Rich Running Engine Interpretation

- O2 sensor shorted to voltage
- EGR Misfire-Speed Density
 - Significant misfire occurring
- Leaking Injector misfire

Fuel trim values will decrease if the PCM thinks or knows the vehicle is running rich



PCM Rich Running Engine Interpretation

- Shorted Injector
 - Pintle maybe open longer
- Fuel Pressure Regulator
 - Leaking Diaphragm
 - No vacuum applied

Fuel trim values will decrease if the PCM thinks or knows the vehicle is running rich



O2 Sensor Shorted to Voltage



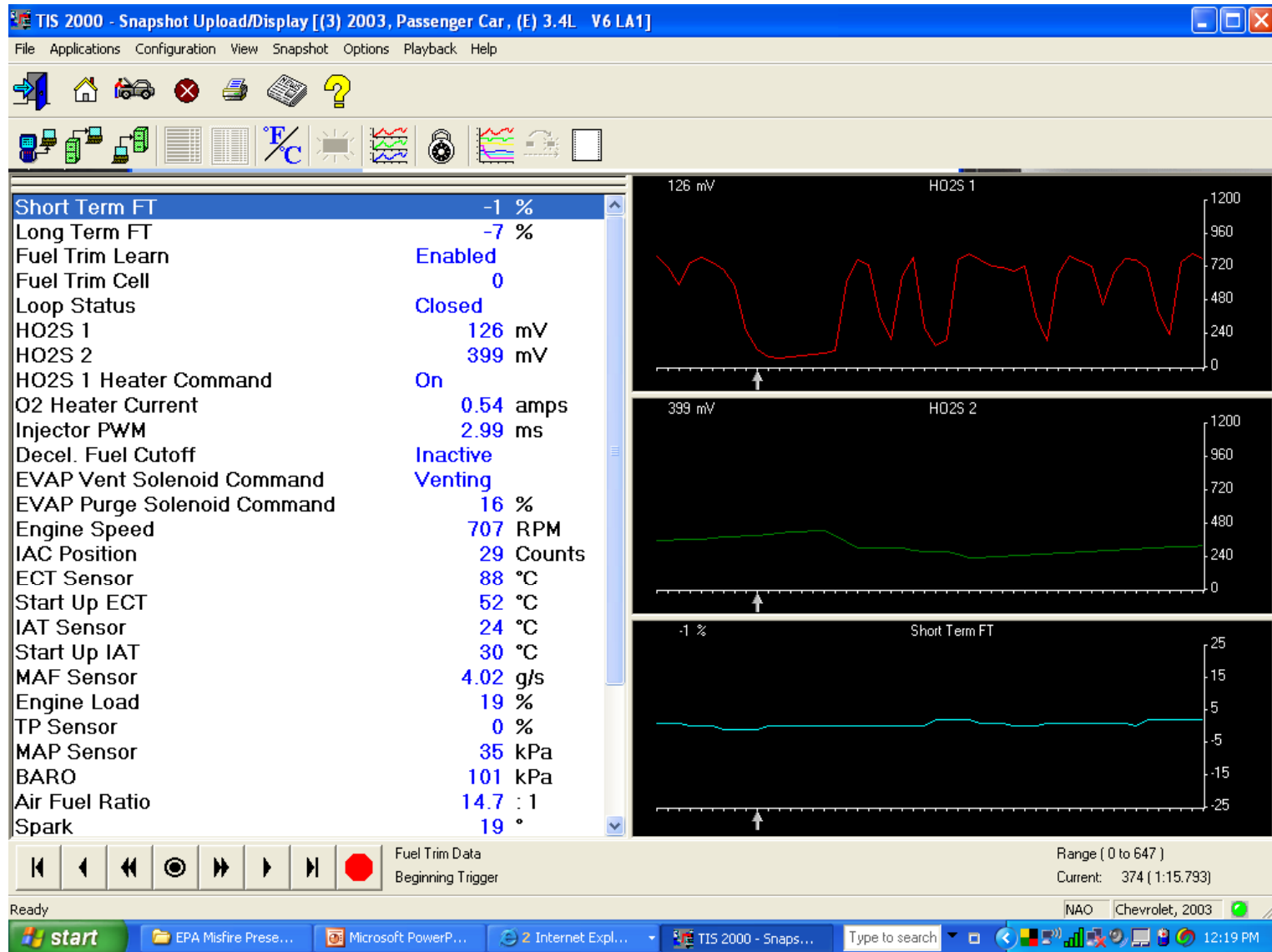
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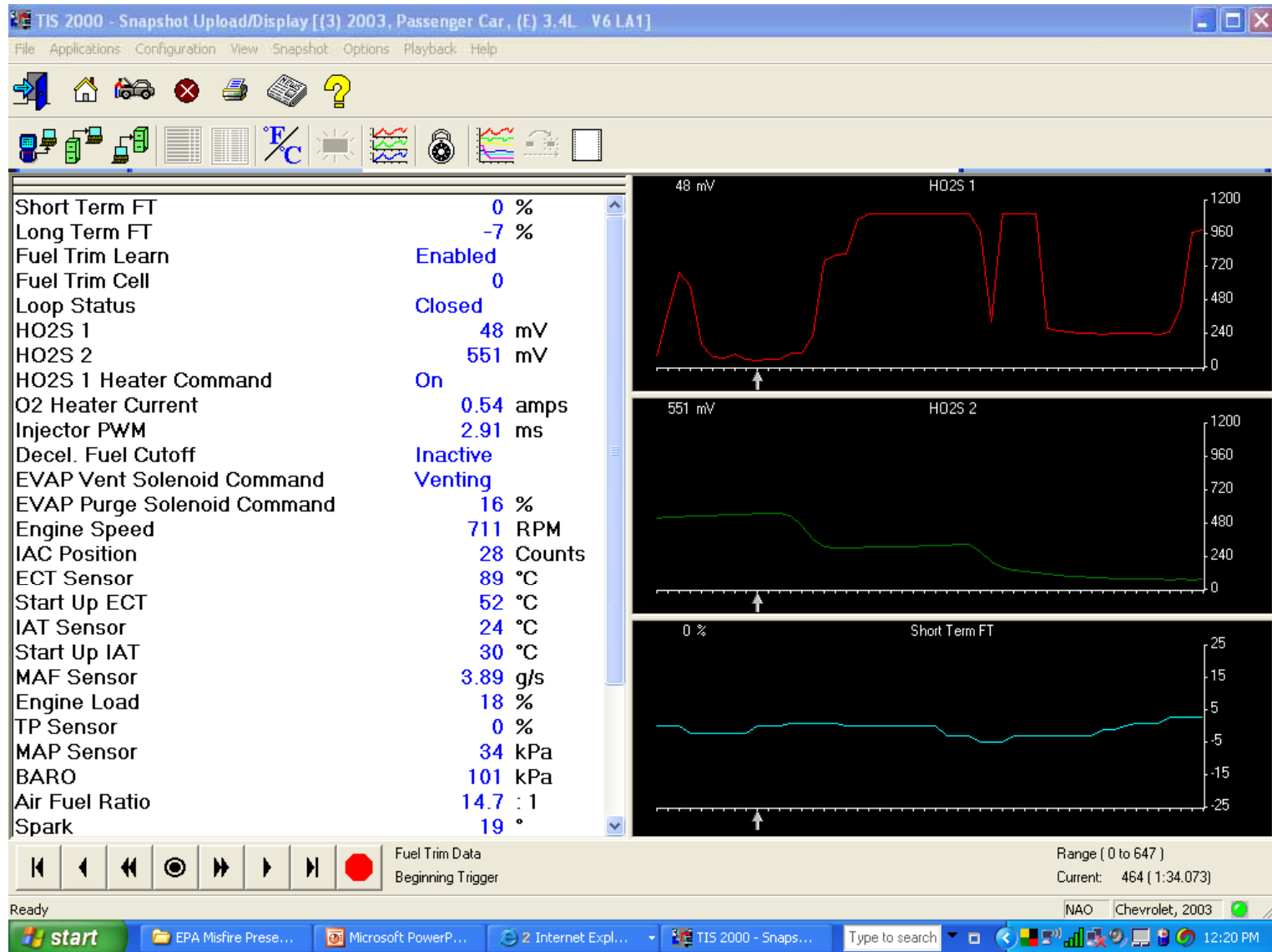
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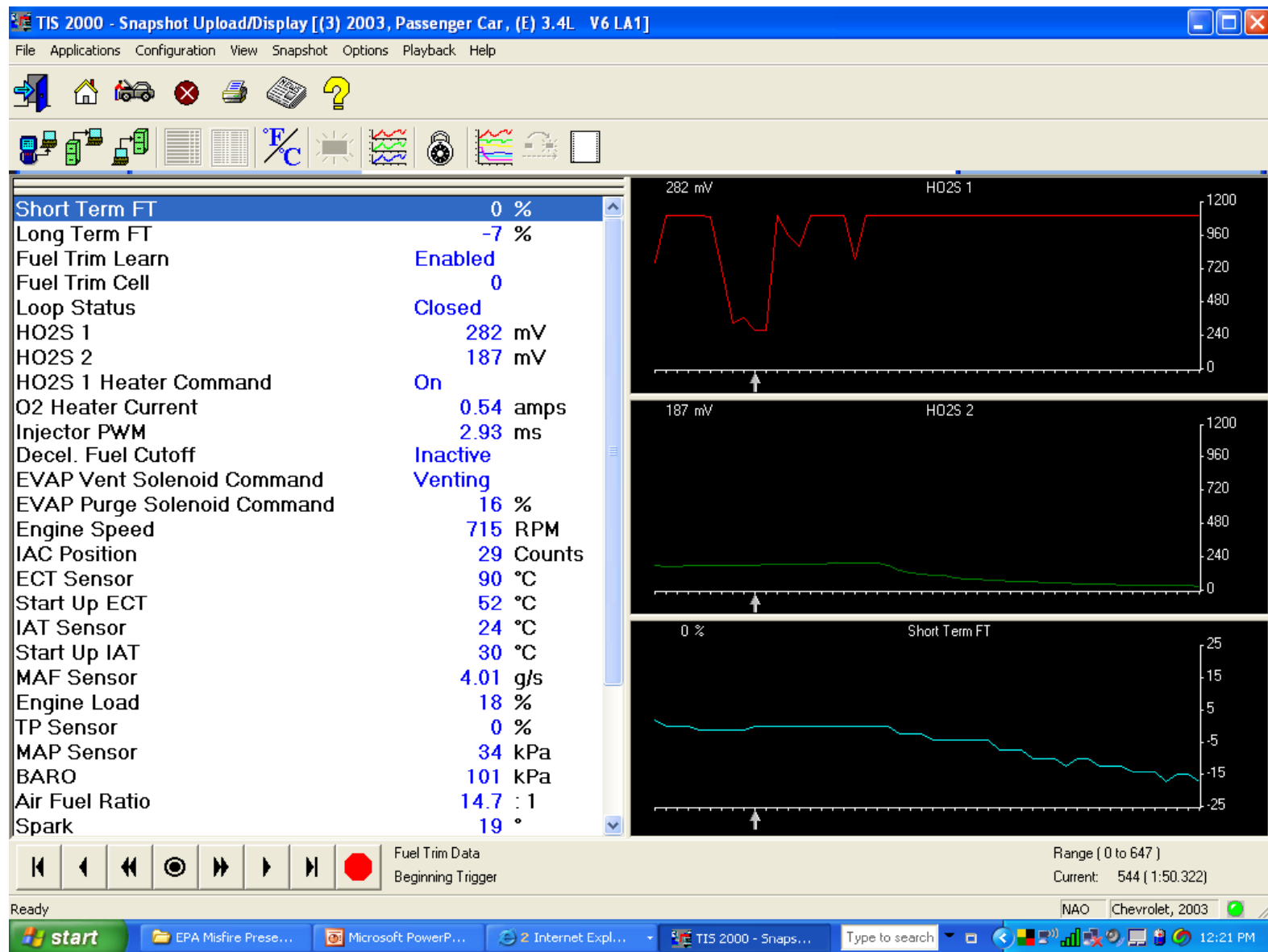
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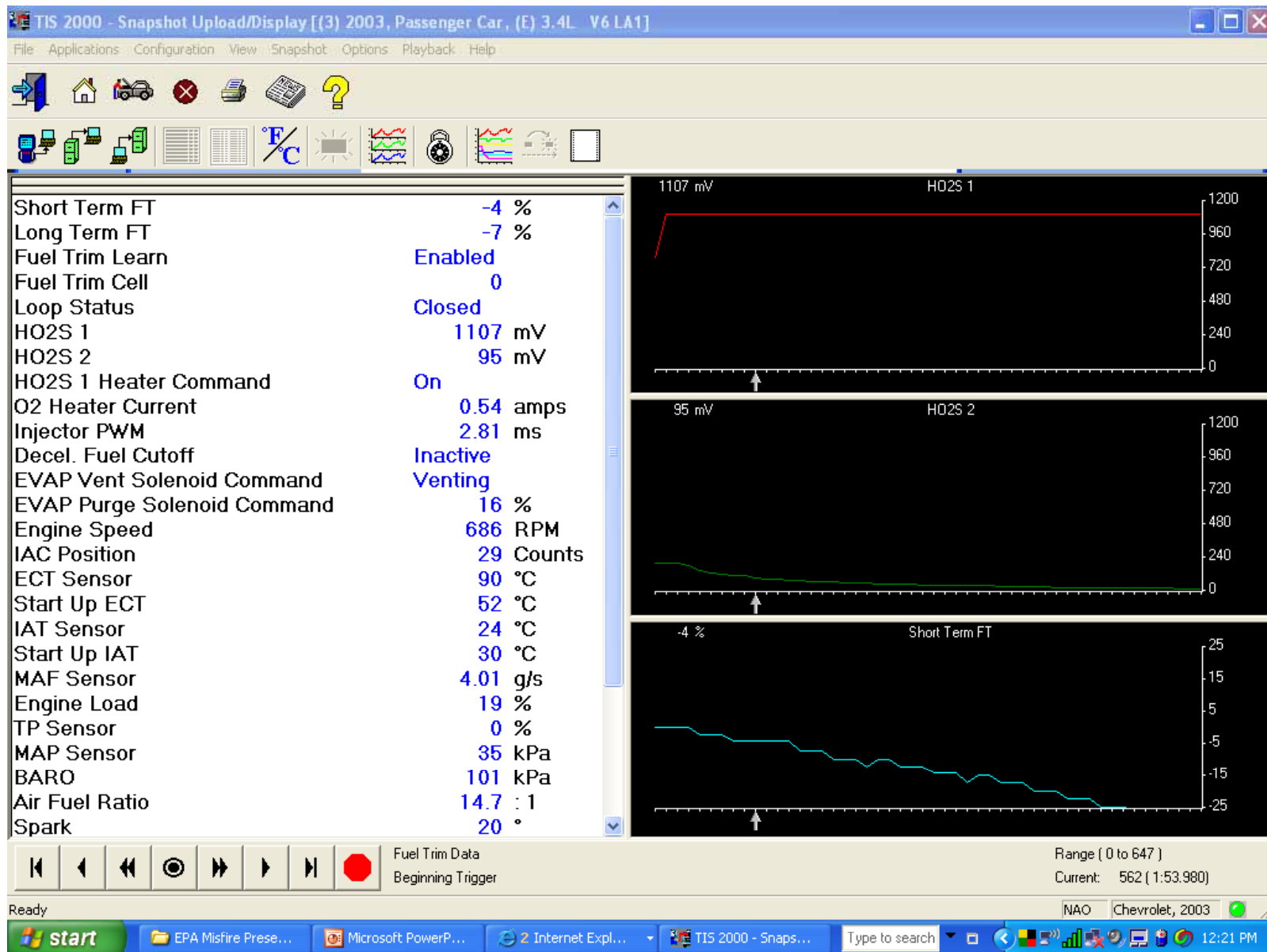


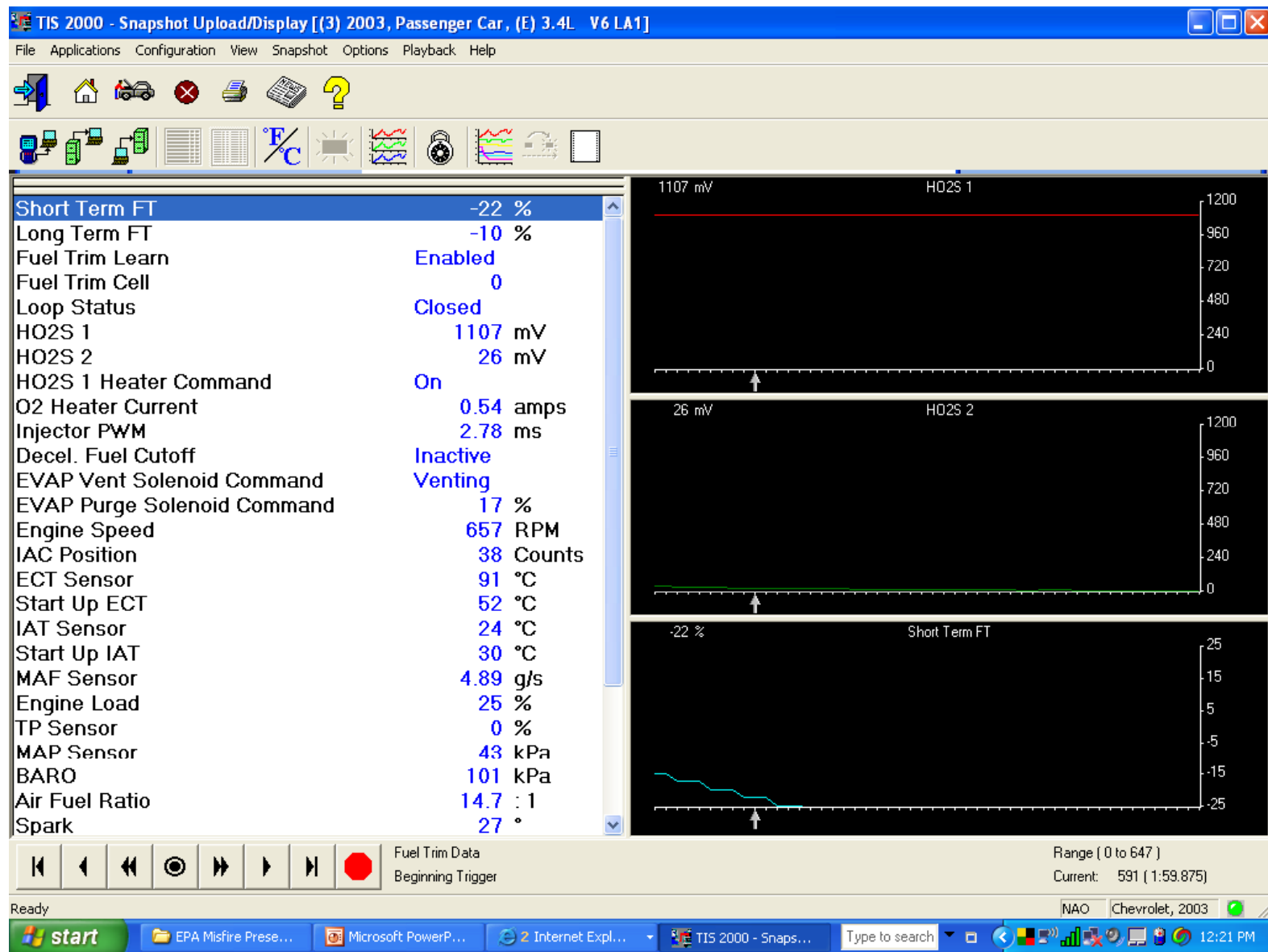












Case Study #1

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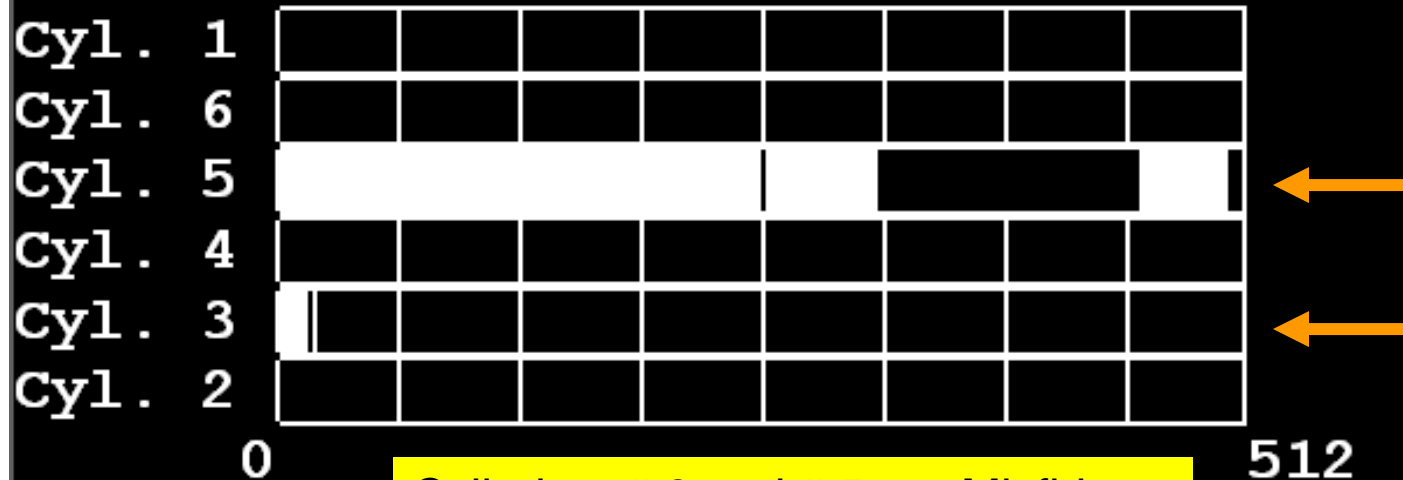
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- This vehicle had multiple misfire activity
- Scan tool data was reviewed to get an idea of the cylinders involved
- A relative compression test was then performed on the vehicle



Misfire Graphic

Accumulated Current Counters



Cylinders # 3 and # 5 are Misfiring

Cycles of Misfire Data

65

Engine Speed

1036 RPM

Engine Load

5 %

Reset
Graph





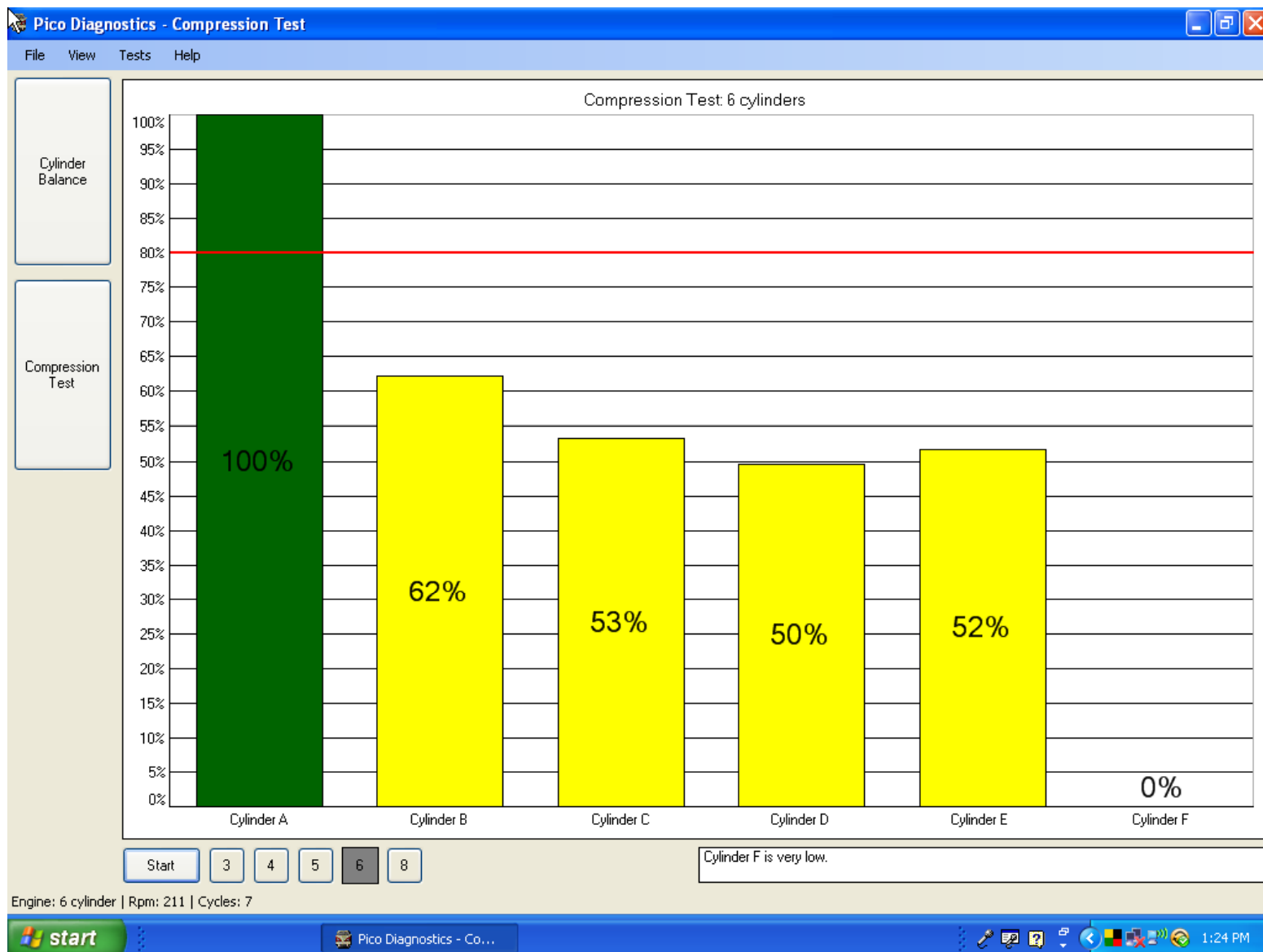
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PICO Diagnostics

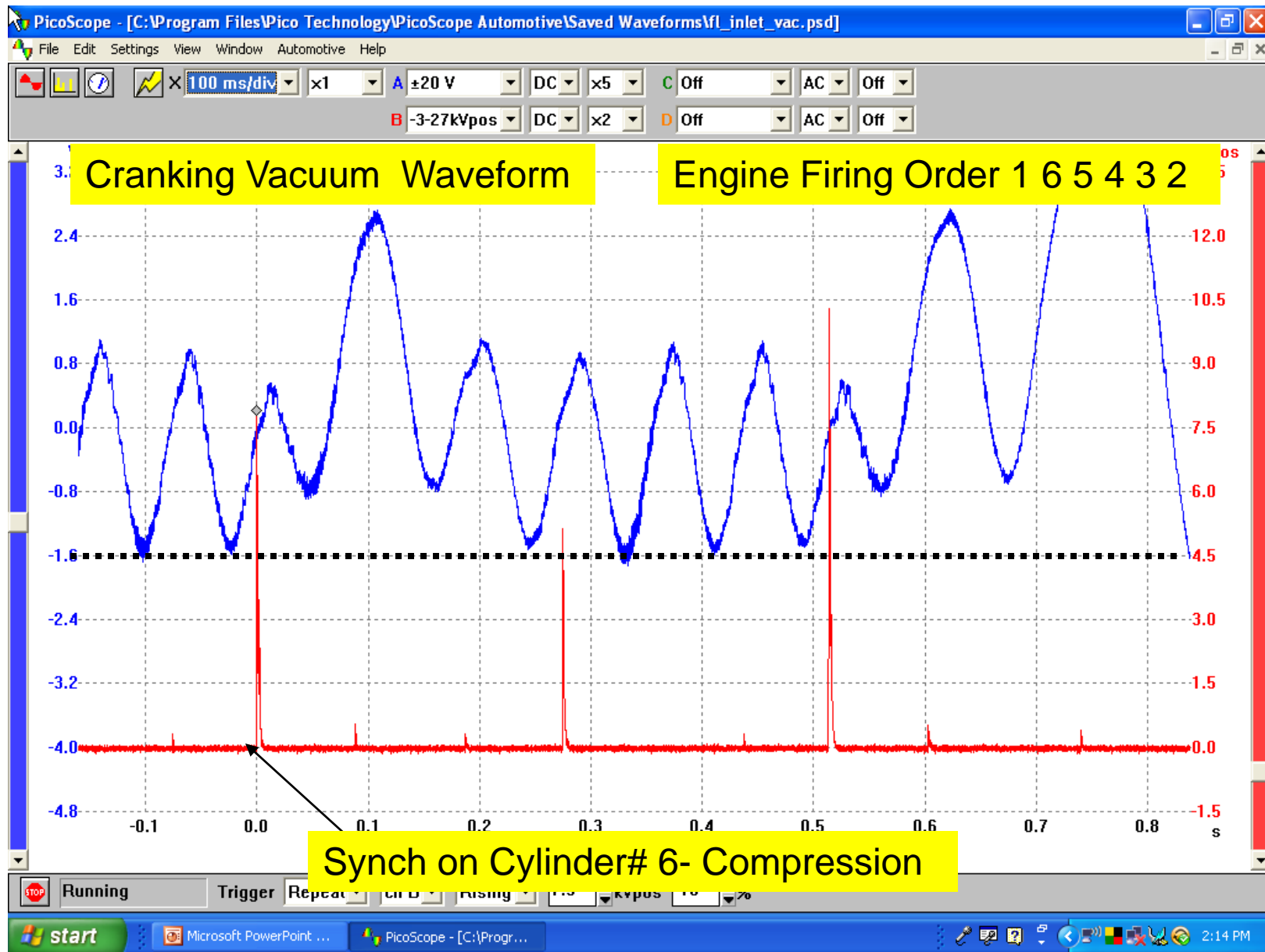
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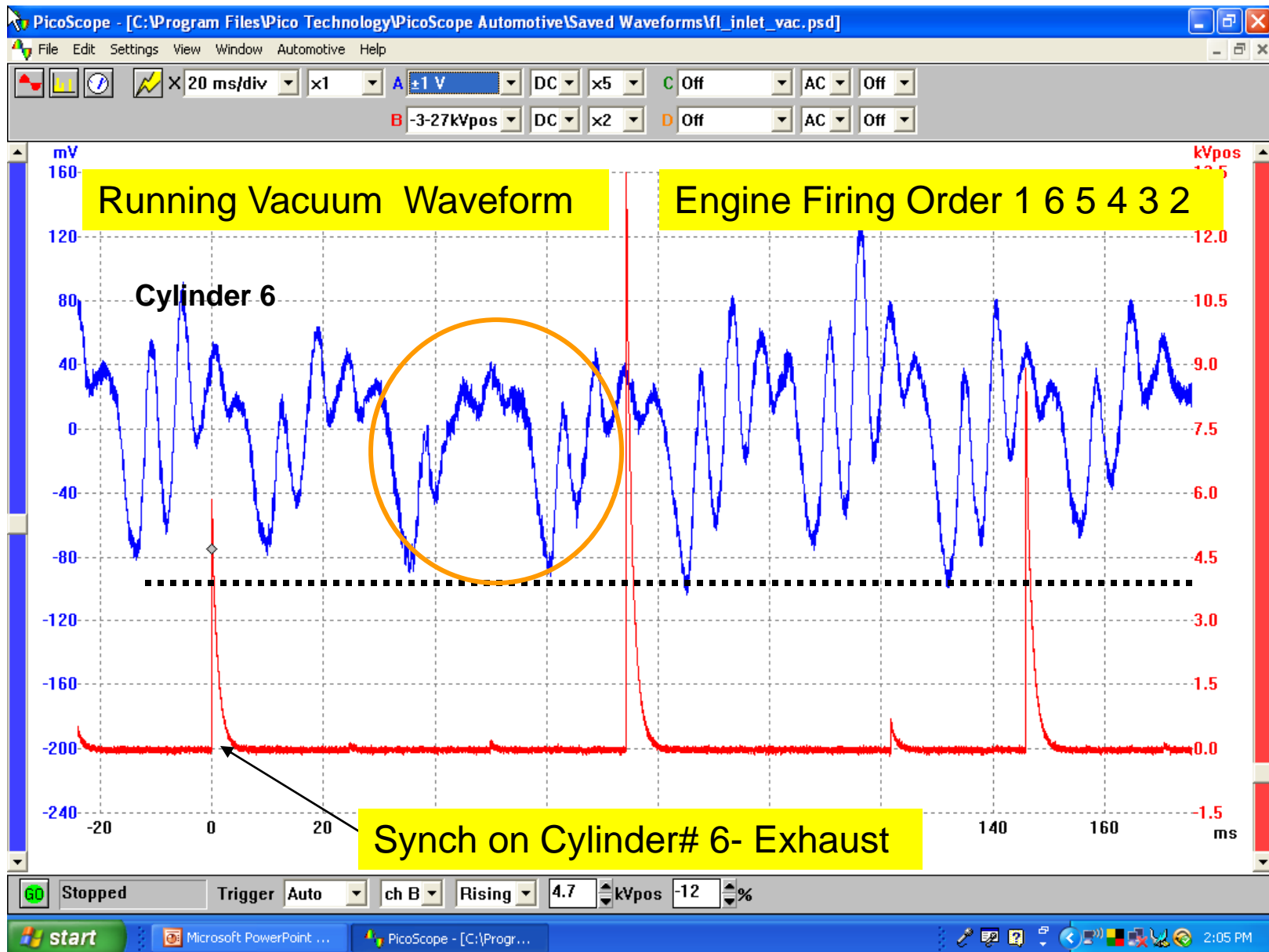




Vacuum Waveforms

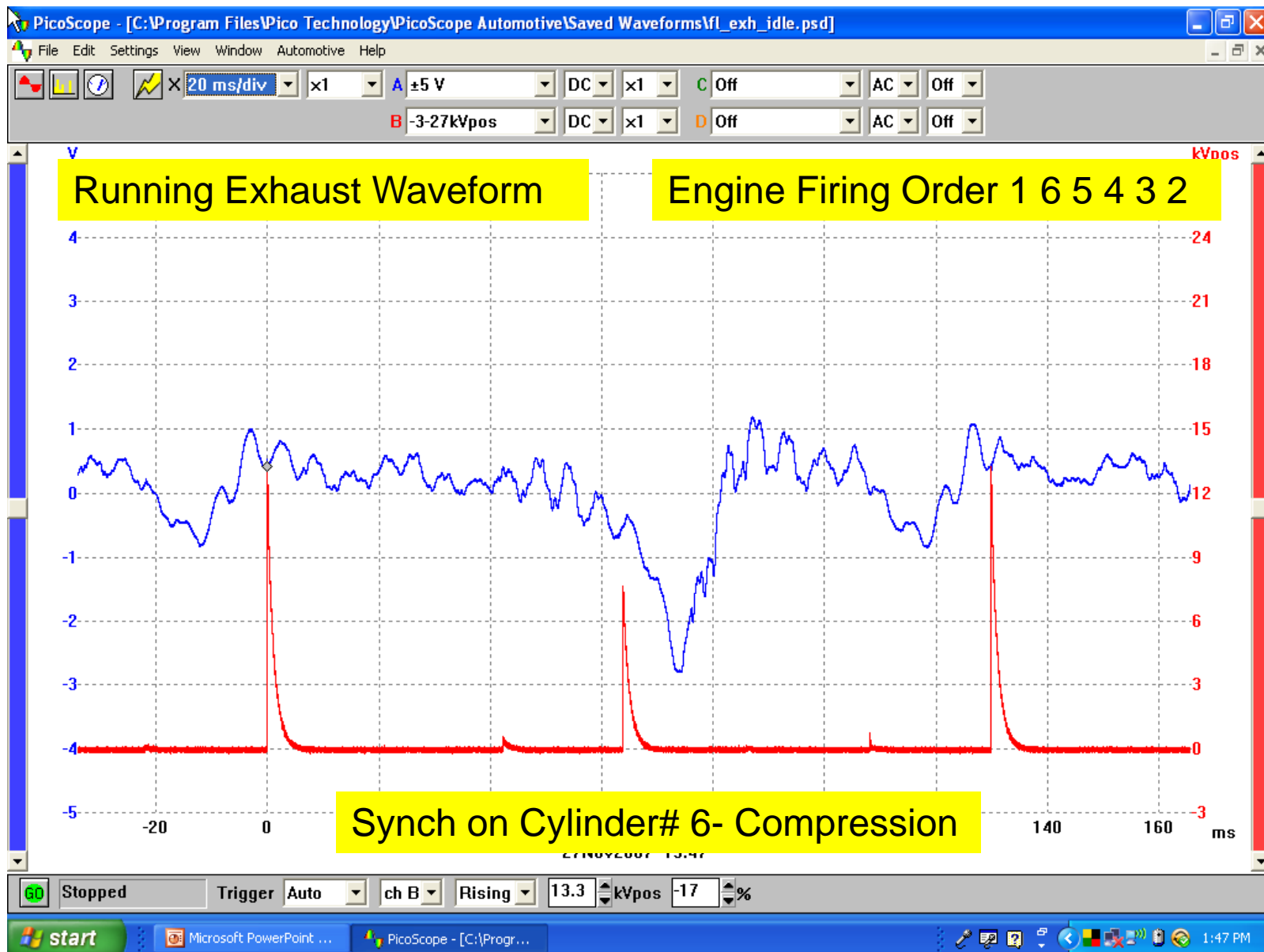






Exhaust Waveforms





ACE Misfire Software



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EXHAUST Sync Cylinder: 6 Samples: 20

Connect channel A to SenX after placing in tailpipe.
Connect channel B to # 6 cylinder spark plug wire with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.
Click START button.

START **STOP**

Vehicle/Engine
 Manufacturer: GM
 Engine ID: 3.8 FWD
 Engine Type: V6
Engine Details
 Engine Size: 3.8
 Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2
 Spark Dist.: D.I.S.
Optional Car/Customer Info
 Year: 1997
 Make: BUICK
 Model: Park Av
 VIN #:
 Customer:
 Mileage:
 Comment:

P.M. **Mechanical Integrity** **Diagnose Misfire**

Sample
 Vacuum Reading:
 Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY
 Long Term Fuel Trim:
 Note:

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:
 Relative Combustion Efficiency has not changed significantly (-1%)
 Number of misfires has not changed significantly (0%)

DIAGNOSIS:
 PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED
 Cylinder #5 SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:
 Input vacuum reading
 Scan vehicle's computer for Long Term Fuel Trim (LTFT) for Bank #1
 Put results (with '+' or '-') in field on left

2 4 6
1 3 5
Front of Vehicle

sync on 6

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Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust





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START

STOP

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: GM

Engine ID: 3.8 FWD

Engine Type: V6

Engine Details

Engine Size: 3.8

Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2

Spark Dist.: D.I.S.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1997

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Model: Park Av

VIN #:

Customer:

Mileage:

Comment:

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Click START button.

P.M.

Mechanical Integrity

Diagnose Misfire

Sample

Vacuum Reading:

Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY

Long Term Fuel Trim:

Note:

2

4

6

1

3

5

Front of Vehicle

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:

Relative Combustion Efficiency has not changed significantly (1%)
Number of misfires has not changed significantly (0%)

DIAGNOSIS:

PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED: Cylinder #5

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Input vacuum reading
Scan vehicle's computer for Long Term Fuel Trim (LTFT) for Bank #1
Put results (with '+' or '-') in field on left

sync on 6

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START

STOP

Vehicle/Engine
Manufacturer: GM
Engine ID: 3.8 FWD
Engine Type: V6
Engine Details
Engine Size: 3.8
Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2
Spark Dist.: D.I.S.
Optional Car/Customer Info
Year: 1997
Make: BUICK
Model: Park Av
VIN #:
Customer:
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Comment:

EXHAUST

Sync Cylinder: 6

Samples: 20

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Click START button.

P.M.

Mechanical Integrity

Diagnose Misfire

Sample

Vacuum Reading:

Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY

Long Term Fuel Trim:

Note:

2

4

6

1

3

5

Front of Vehicle

INITIAL TEST DATA

DIAGNOSIS:

PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED

Cylinder #5 SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Input vacuum reading

Scan vehicle's computer for Long Term Fuel Trim (LTFT) for Bank #1

Put results (with '+' or '-') in field on left

sync on 6

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Fuel Trim and Vacuum Readings



Engine Data 1

H02S Sensor 1	Rea	
H02S Sensor 1		885 mV
H02S Sensor 2		815 mV
Rich/Lean Status	Ric	
Short Term FT	Cold Engine	0 %
Long Term FT		8 %
Loop Status	Clo	
Fuel Trim Cell		0
Actual EGR Position		0 %
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H02S Sensor 1

Select
Items

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Engine Data 1

H02S Sensor 1	Rea	
H02S Sensor 1		121 mV
H02S Sensor 2		859 mV
Rich/Lean Status	Lean	
Short Term FT		0 %
Long Term FT	Warm Engine	-5 %
Loop Status	Clo	
Fuel Trim Cell		0
Actual EGR Position		0 %
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Select
Items

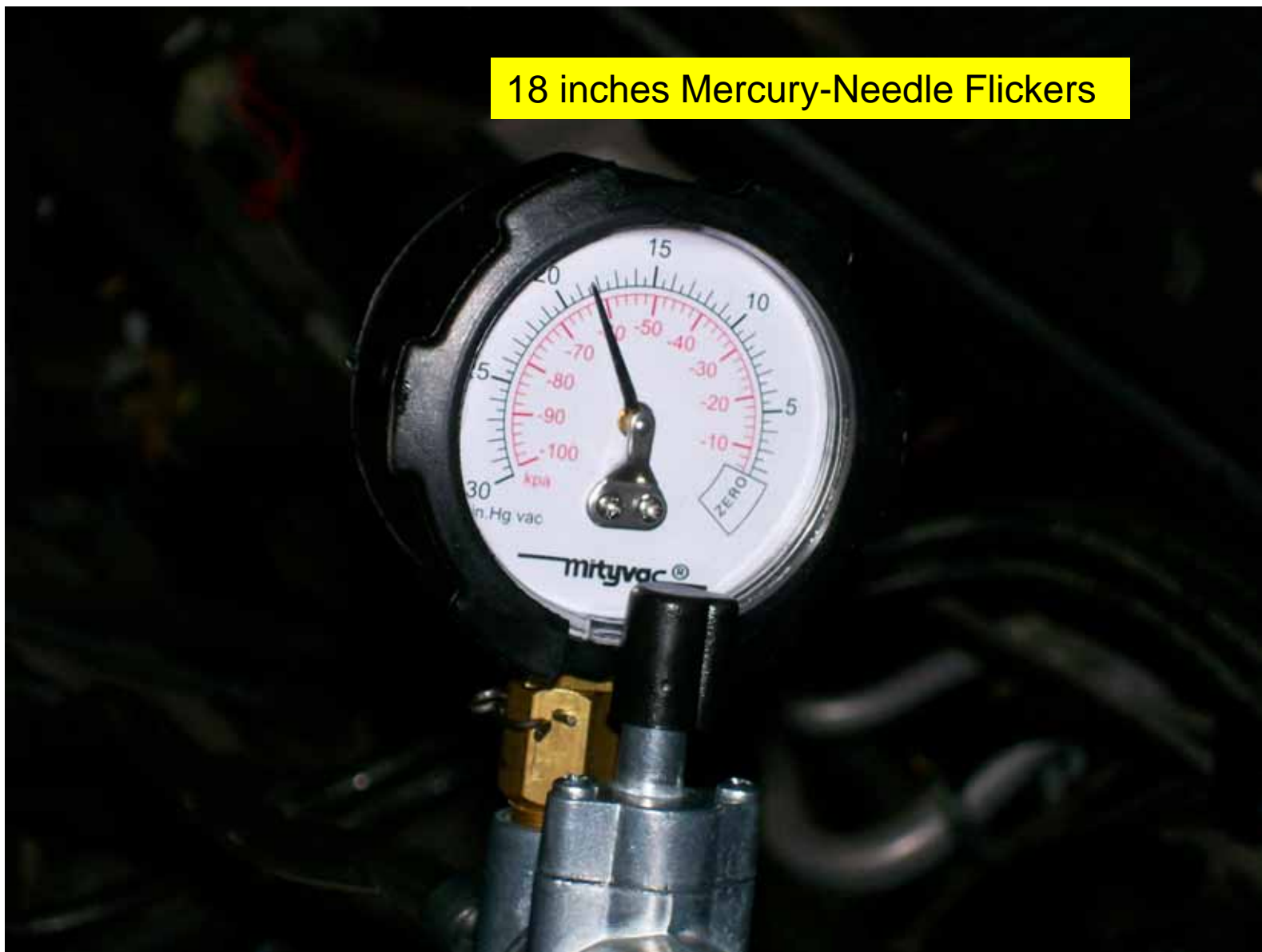
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18 inches Mercury-Needle Flickers



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EXHAUST Sync Cylinder: 6 Samples: 20

START STOP

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: GM
Engine ID: 3.8 FWD
Engine Type: V6

Engine Details

Engine Size: 3.8
Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2
Spark Dist.: D.I.S.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1997
Make: BUICK
Model: Park Av
VIN #:
Customer:
Mileage:
Comment: This is the data obtained after extensive evaluation

Connect channel A to SenX after placing in tailpipe.
Connect channel B to # 6 cylinder spark plug wire with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.
Click START button.

P.M. Mechanical Integrity Diagnose Misfire

Sample

Vacuum Reading: 18
Vacuum Needle Condition: FLICKING
Long Term Fuel Trim: -5
Note: We are advised to check compression on this vehicle.

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:
Relative Combustion Efficiency has not changed significantly (0%)
Number of misfires has not changed significantly (-7%)

DIAGNOSIS:
PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED: Cylinder #5
VALVE TRAIN DEFICIENCY SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Check Compression on Suspected Cylinder(s)

2 4 6
1 3 5
Front of Vehicle

sync on 6

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Exhaust We are advised to check compression on this vehicle. ⌘



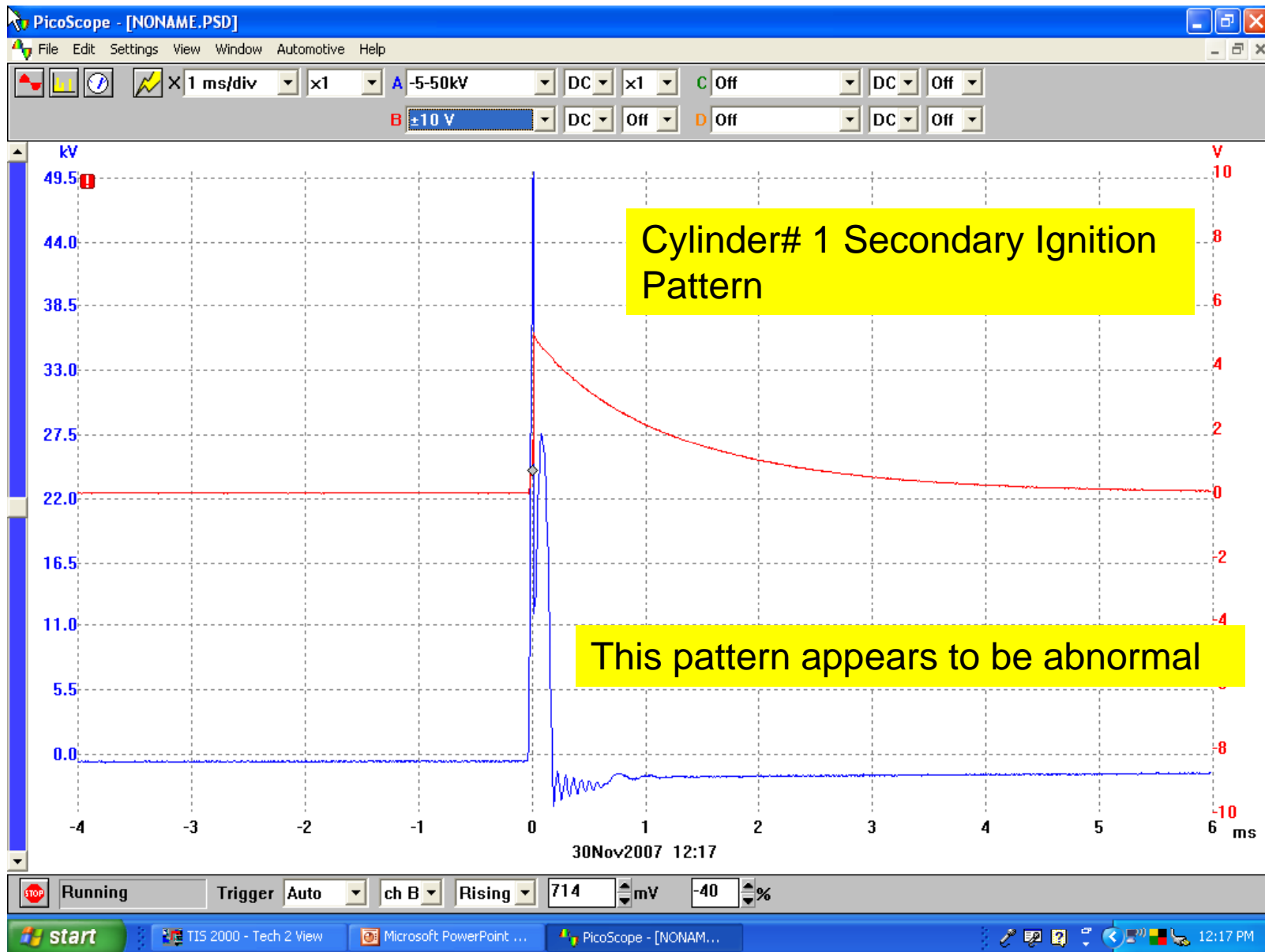
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- This misfire activity appears to be mechanical or an ignition related issue.

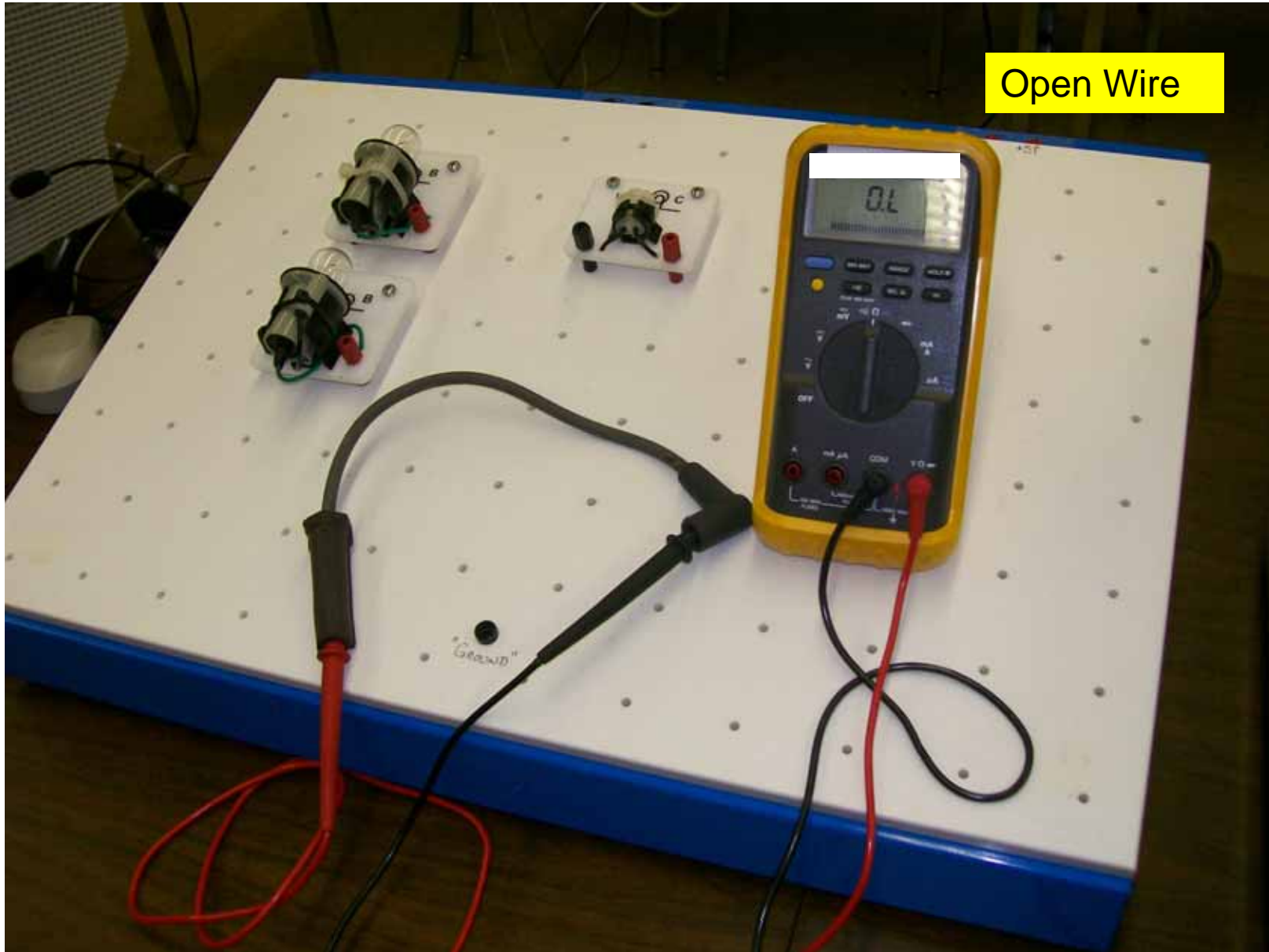


Secondary Ignition Waveforms



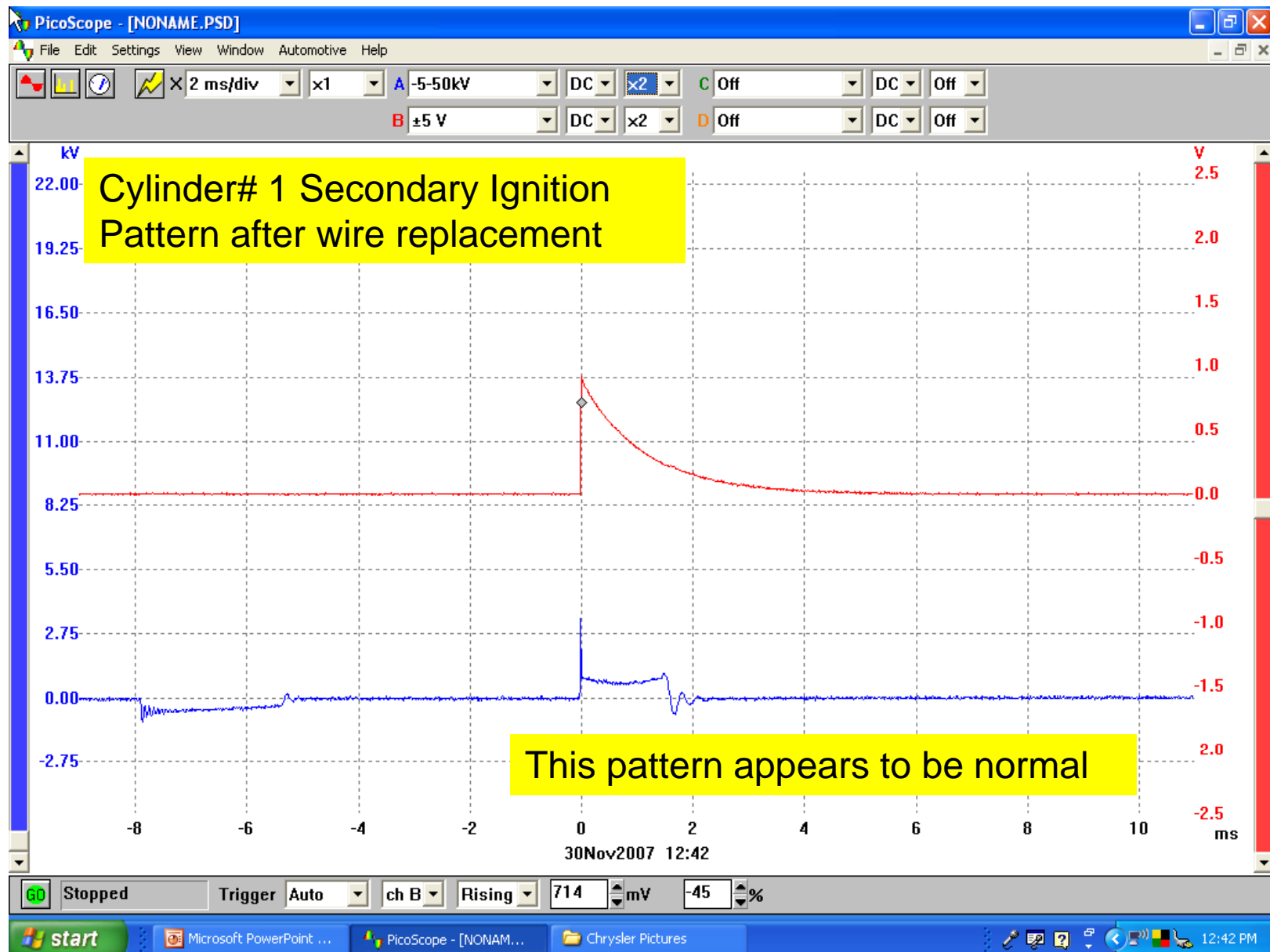


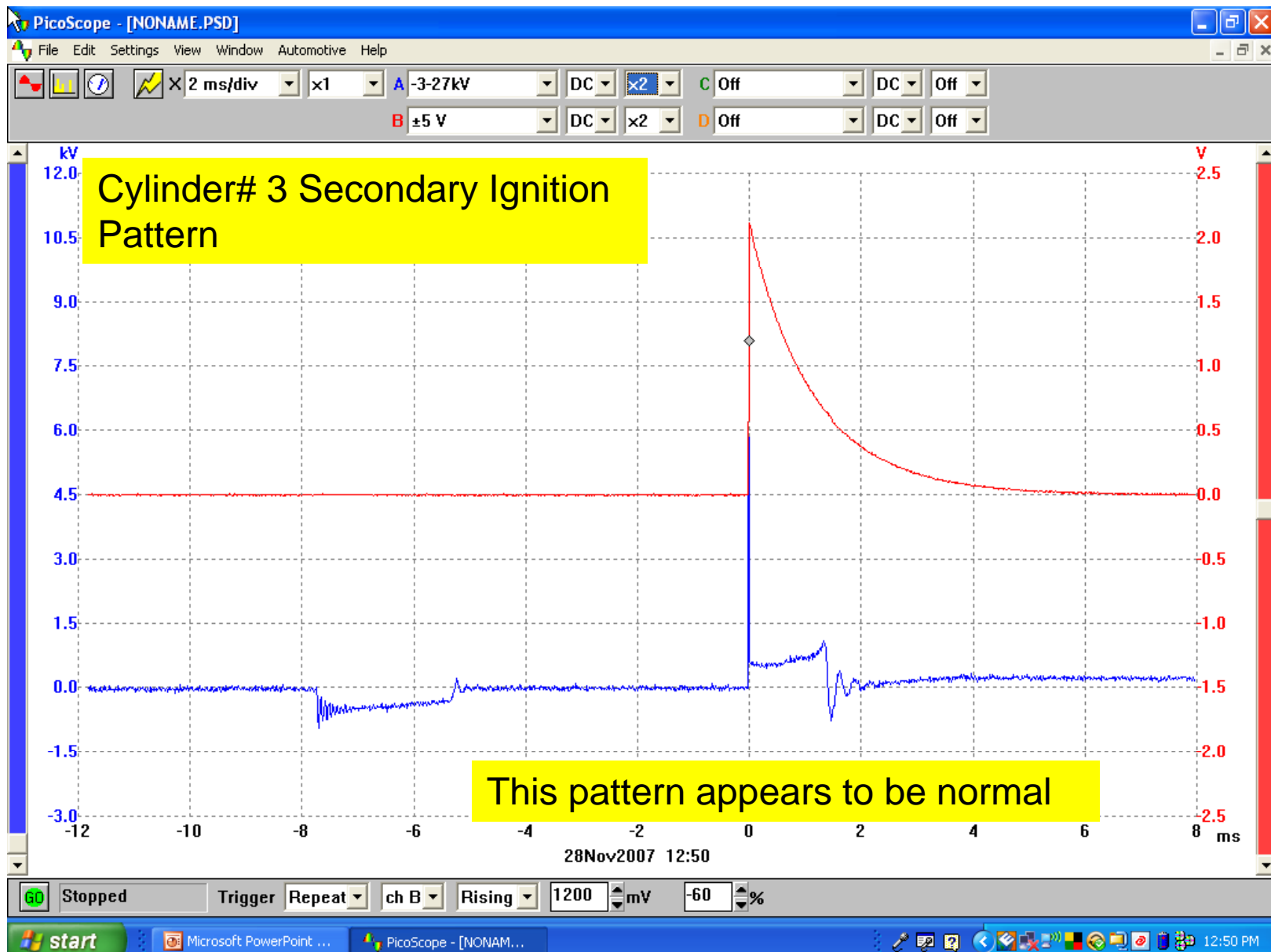
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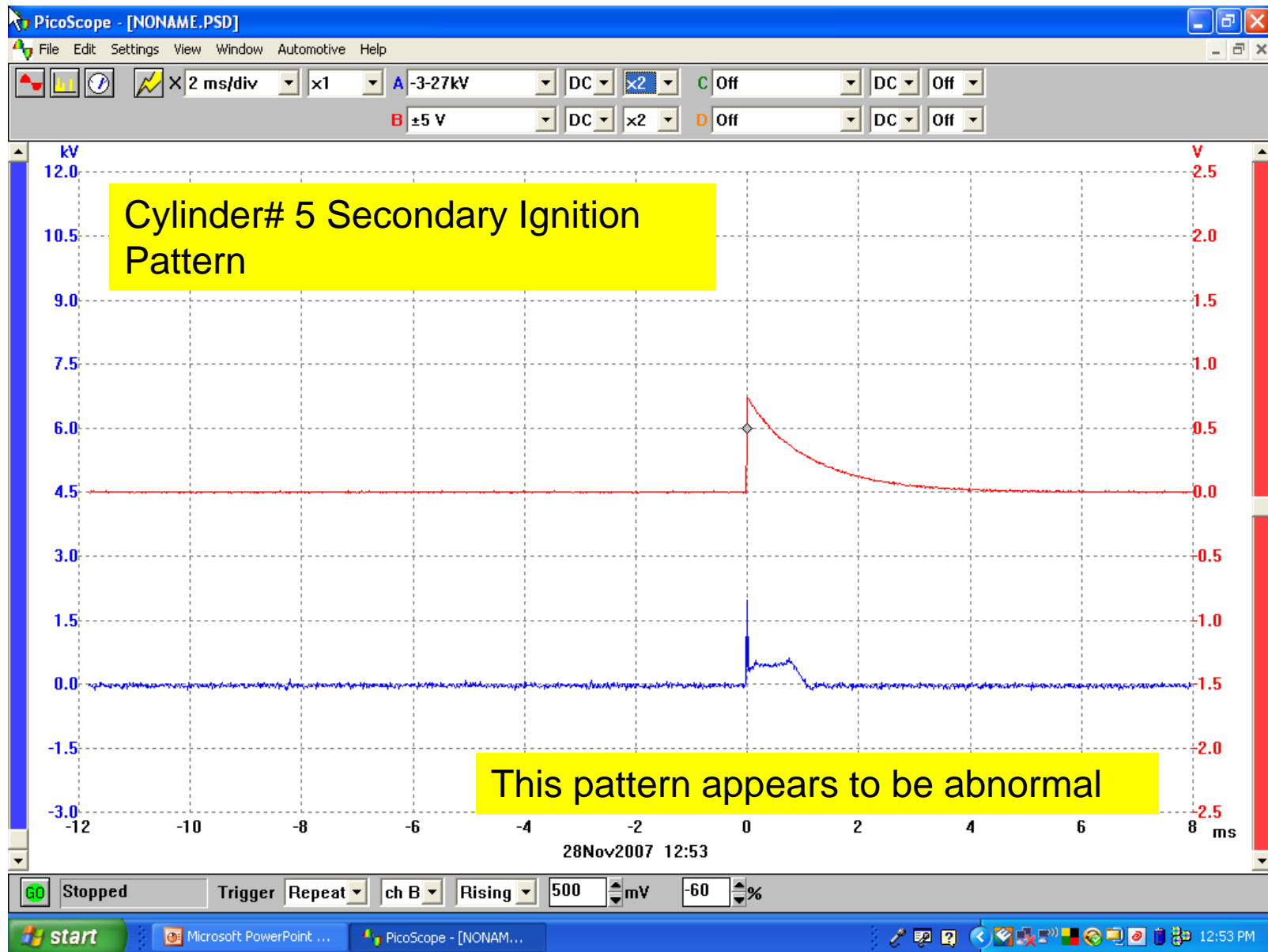


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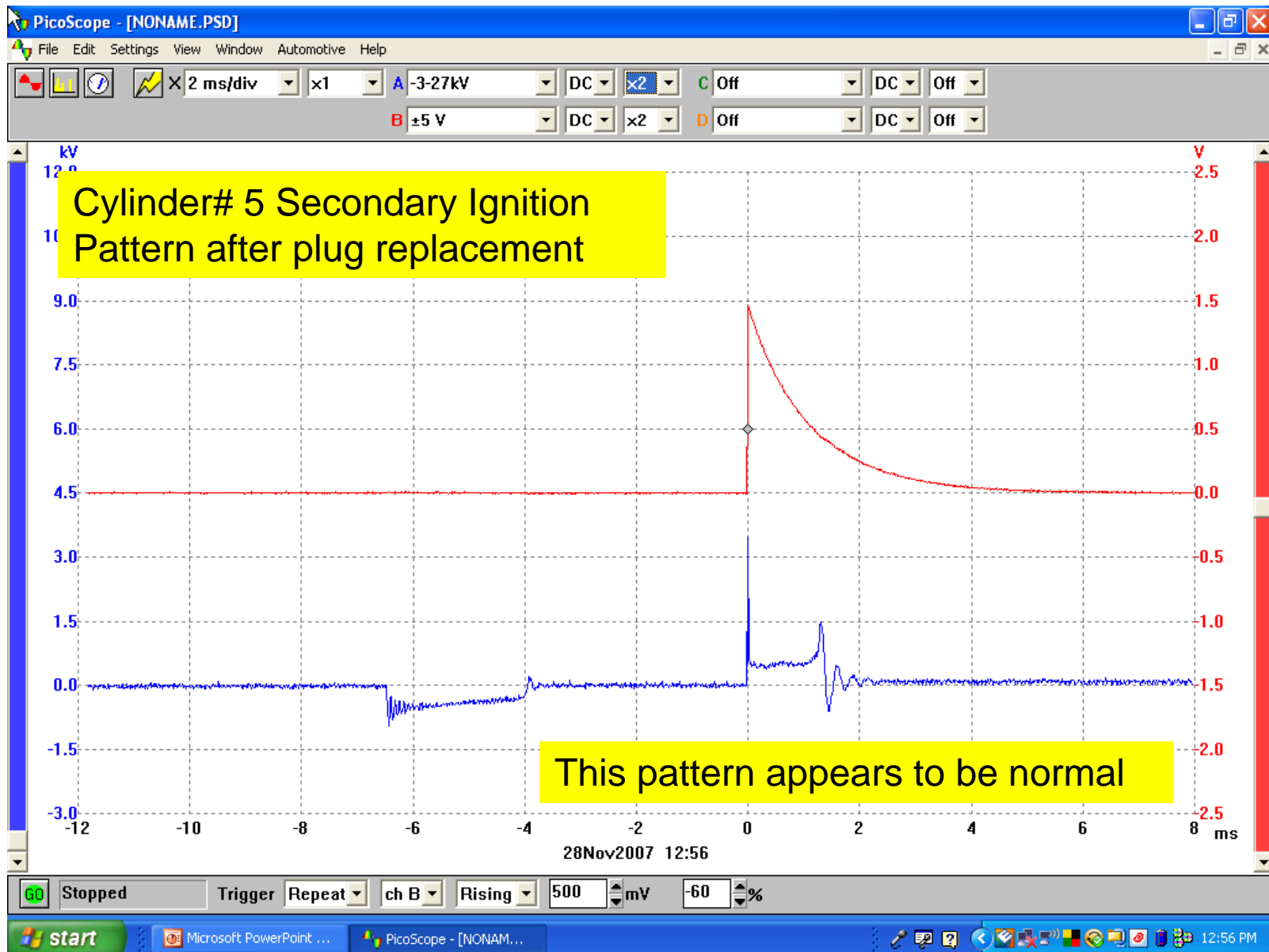
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- The ignition wire was checked and passes its test
- A visual of the spark plug indicated it to be at a failure status



Cylinder# 5 has a Fouled Spark Plug





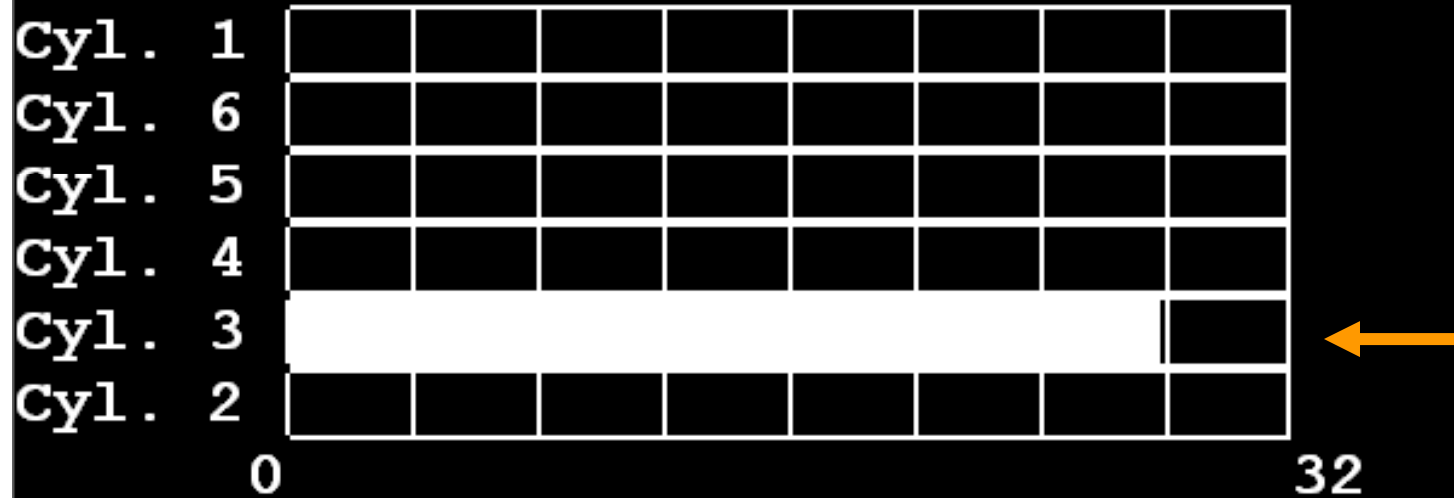
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- Misfire activity on cylinder #1 and #5 has been corrected
- Cylinder #3 alone now shows consistent misfire activity on the Tech 2 scantool
- Time to review fuel trim and vacuum readings again



Misfire Graphic

Accumulated Current Counters



Cycles of Misfire Data

96

Engine Speed

1233 RPM

Engine Load

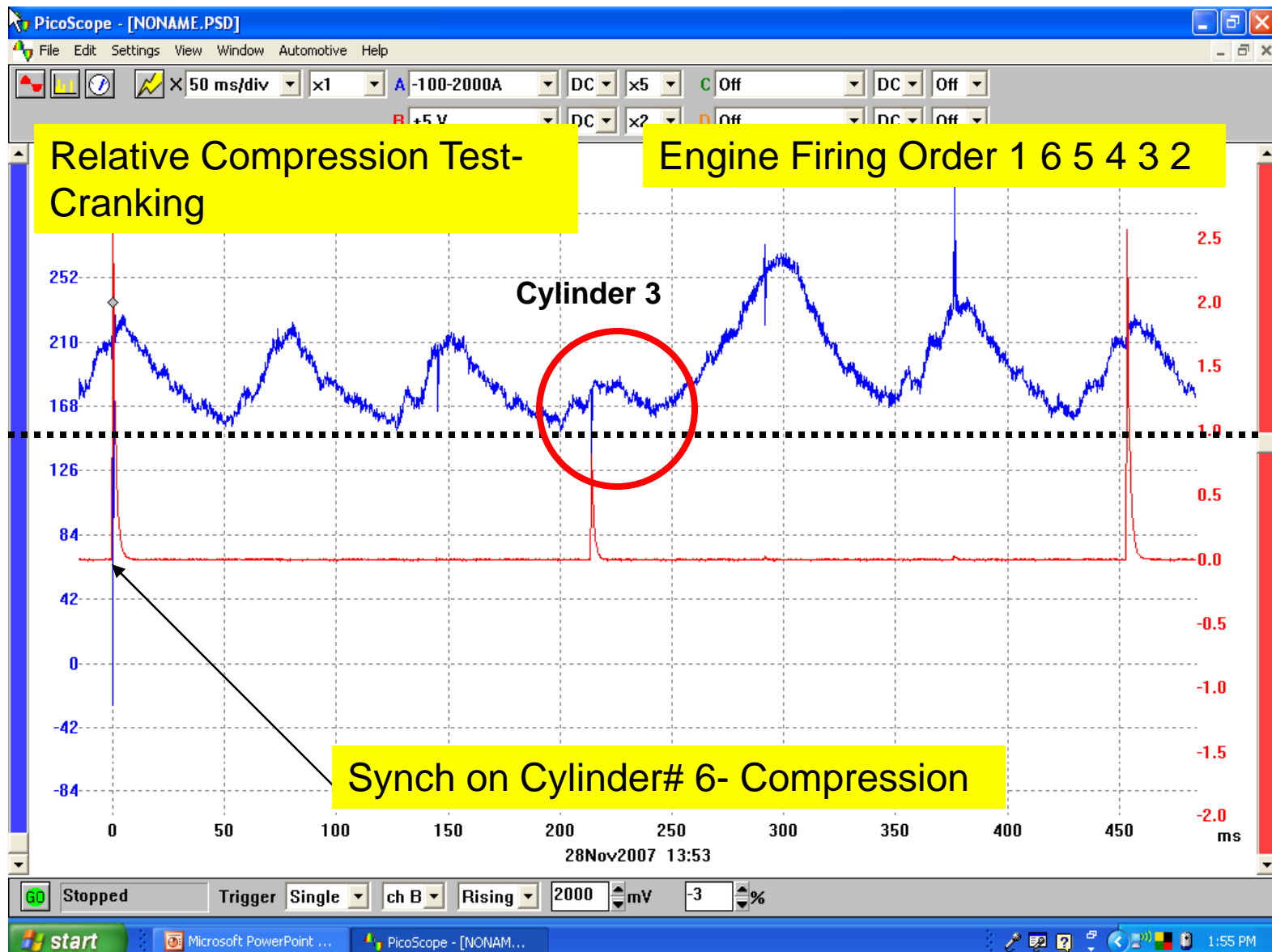
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Reset
Graph



Relative Compression Test





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- If you get this activity, you should run a compression test on that cylinder right away
- The crankcase vacuum should also be checked as well as engine vacuum







Cylinder # 3 – Bad



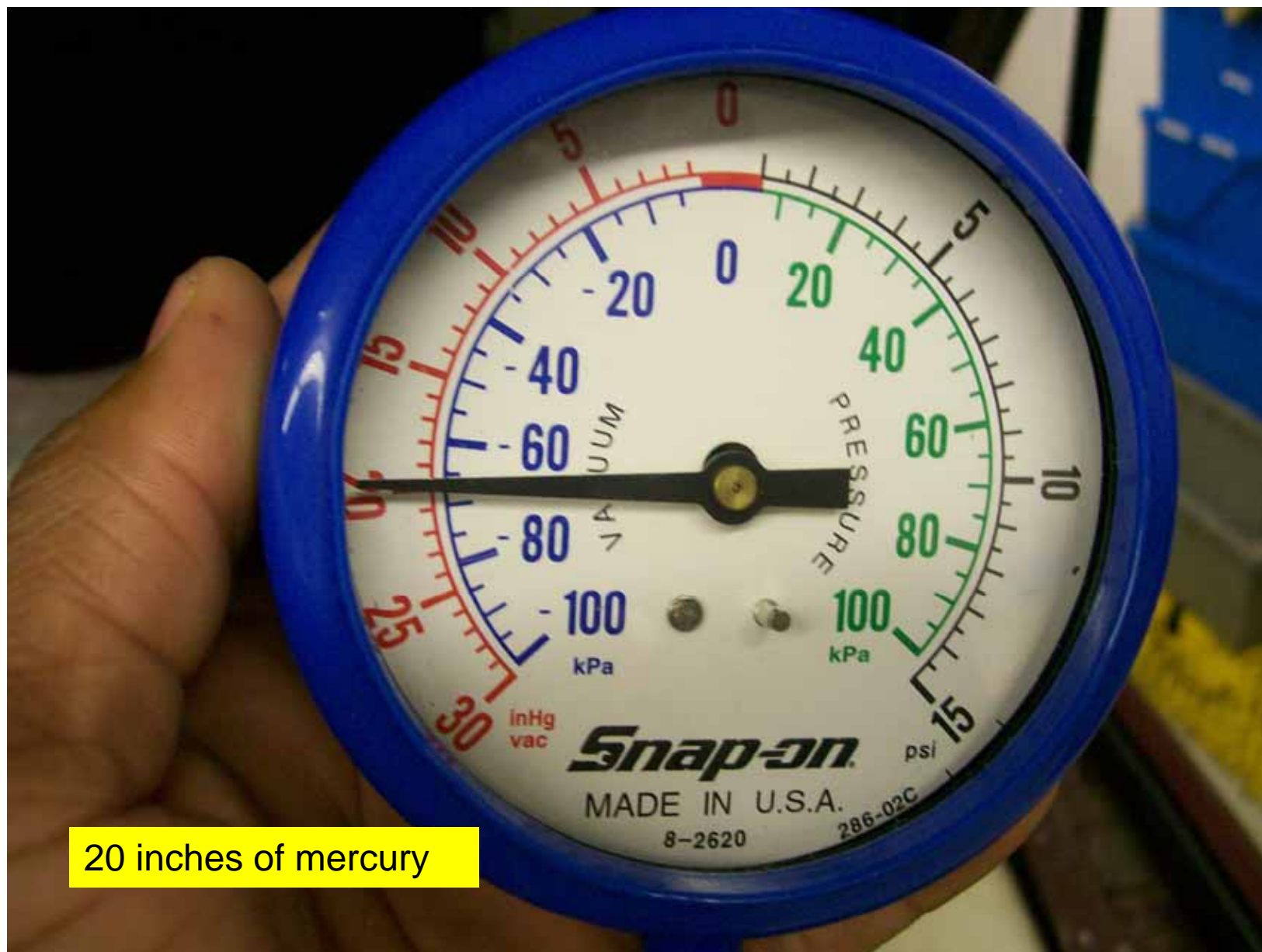
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- It has been confirmed that there is a mechanical issue with cylinder#3



Vacuum Readings



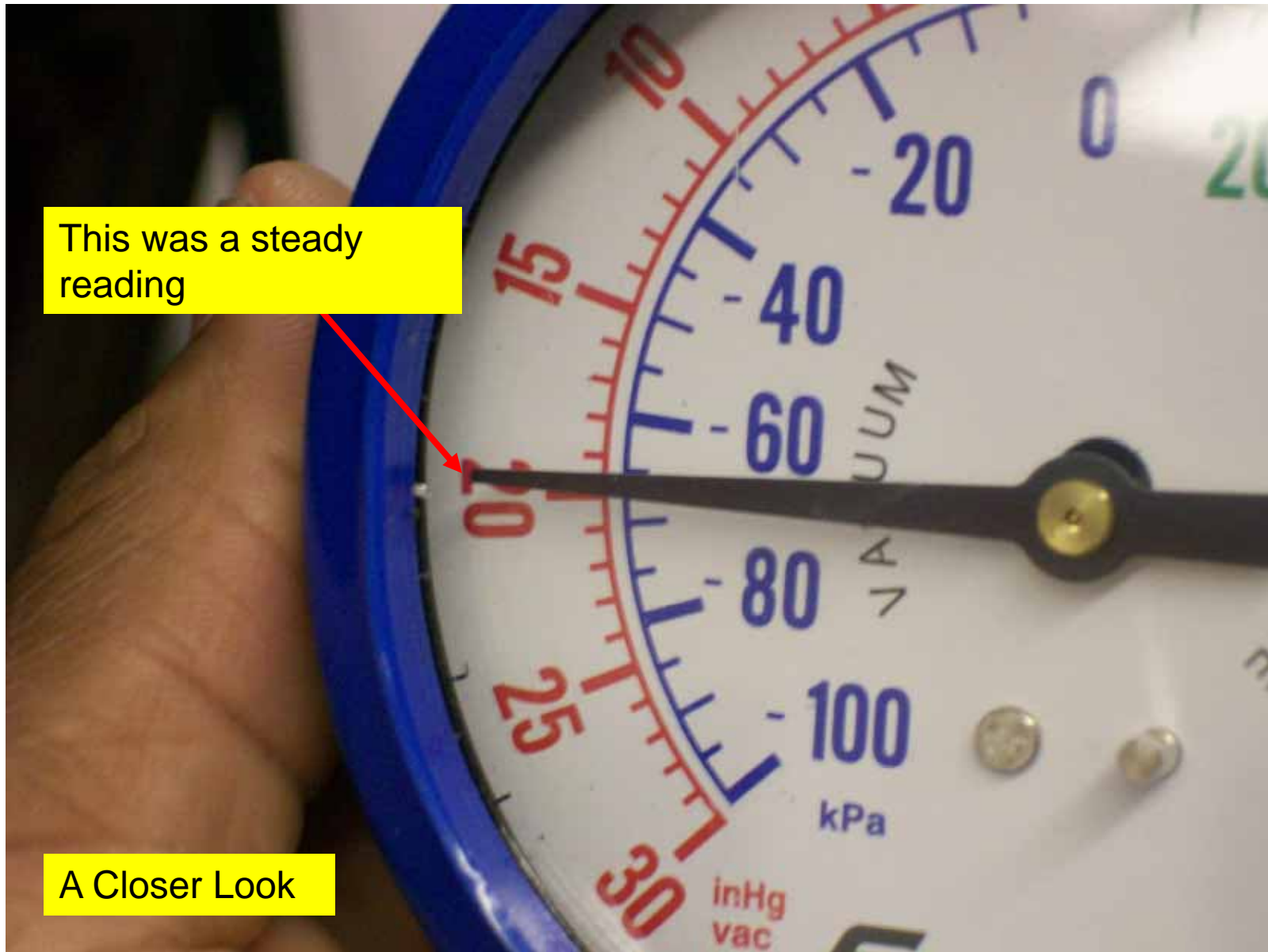


20 inches of mercury



This was a steady reading

A Closer Look



Fuel Trim Readings



Engine Data 1

Short Term FT	1 %
Long Term FT	-15 %

Engine Speed	1200 RPM
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Desired Idle Speed	800 RPM
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ECT	199 °F
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IAT	78 °F
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MAF Frequency	2846 Hz
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MAF	6.82 g/s
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Engine Load	3 %
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Engine Speed

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ACE Misfire Software





START

STOP

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: GM

Engine ID: 3.8 FWD

Engine Type: V6

Engine Details

Engine Size: 3.8

Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2

Spark Dist.: D.I.S.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1997

Make: BUICK

Model: Park Av

VIN #:

Customer: Research

Mileage: 122646

Comment:

This was research purposes for the misfire analysis class

EXHAUST

Sync Cylinder: 5

Samples: 40

Connect channel A to SenX after placing in tailpipe.

Connect channel B to # 5 cylinder spark plug wire with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.

Click START button.

P.M.

Mechanical Integrity

Diagnose Misfire

Sample

Vacuum Reading: 20

Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY

Long Term Fuel Trim: -15

Note:

2 4 6

1 3 5

Front of Vehicle

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:

Relative Combustion Efficiency has not changed significantly (-6%)

Number of misfires has significantly increased (26%)

DIAGNOSIS:

INTERMITTENT MISFIRES DETECTED: Cylinder #3

RICH FUEL MIXTURE SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Perform fuel system cleaning and/or de-carbonizing

Current ramp suspected injector(s)

Perform gas analysis

sync on 5

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START **STOP**

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Engine Details
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Connect channel B to # 5 cylinder spark plug wire with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.
Click START button.

P.M. Mechanical Integrity **Diagnose Misfire**

Sample
Vacuum Reading: 20
Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY
Long Term Fuel Trim: 19
Note:

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:
Relative Combustion Efficiency has significantly decreased (-27%)
Number of misfires has significantly increased (80%)

DIAGNOSIS:
PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED: Cylinder #3
RICH FUEL MIXTURE SUSPECTED

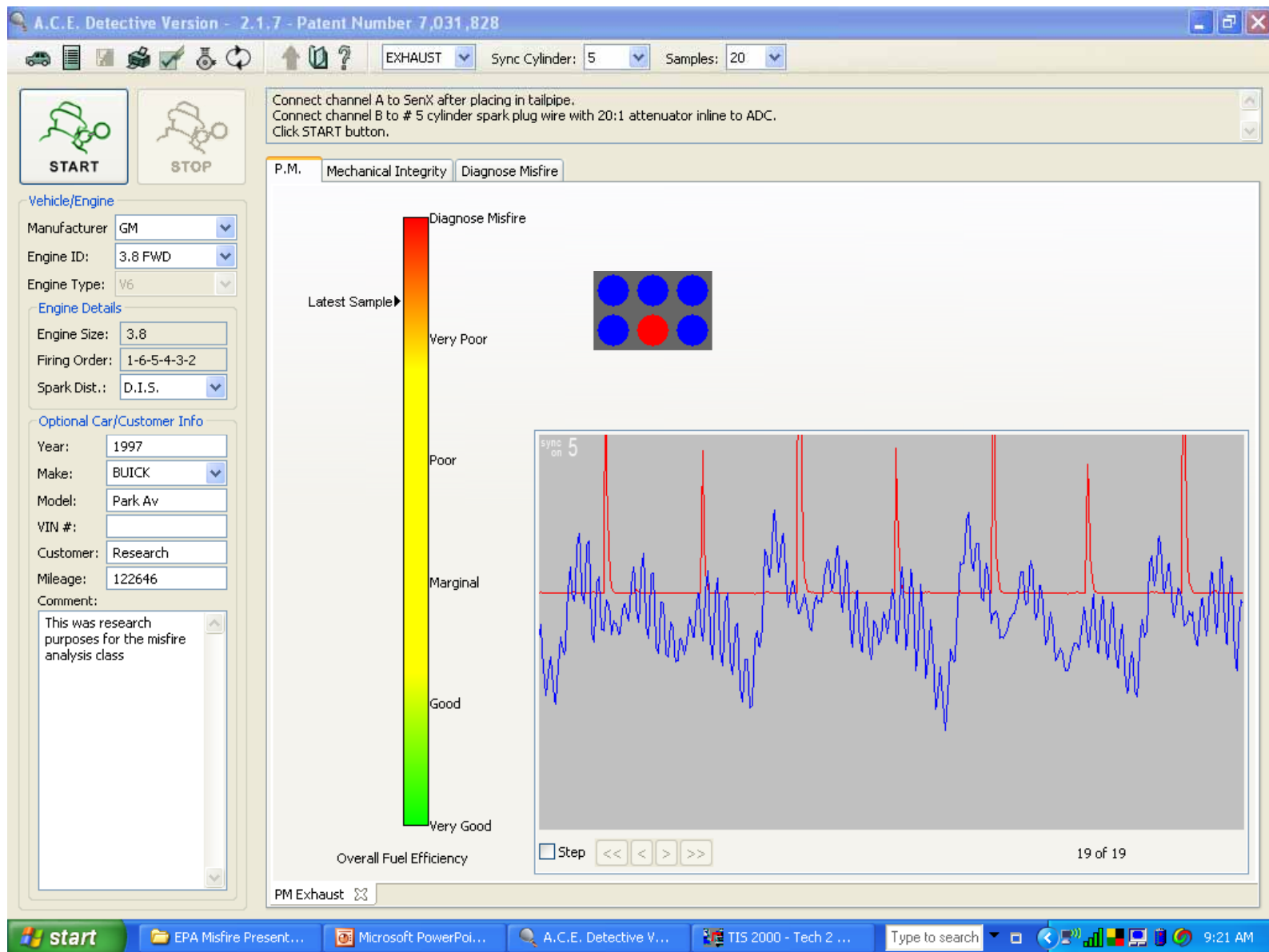
RECOMMENDATIONS:
Perform fuel system cleaning and/or de-carbonizing
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Perform gas analysis

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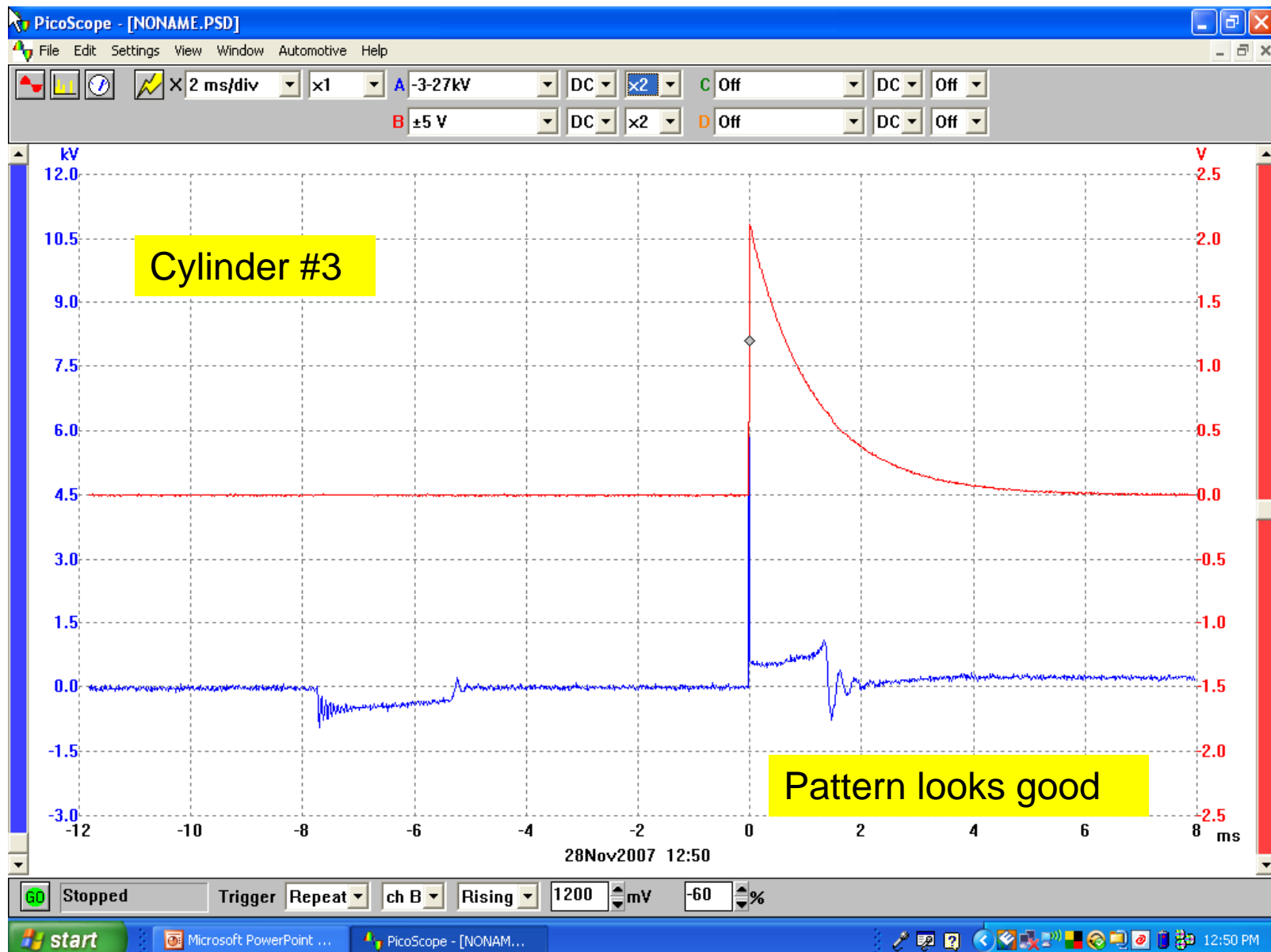
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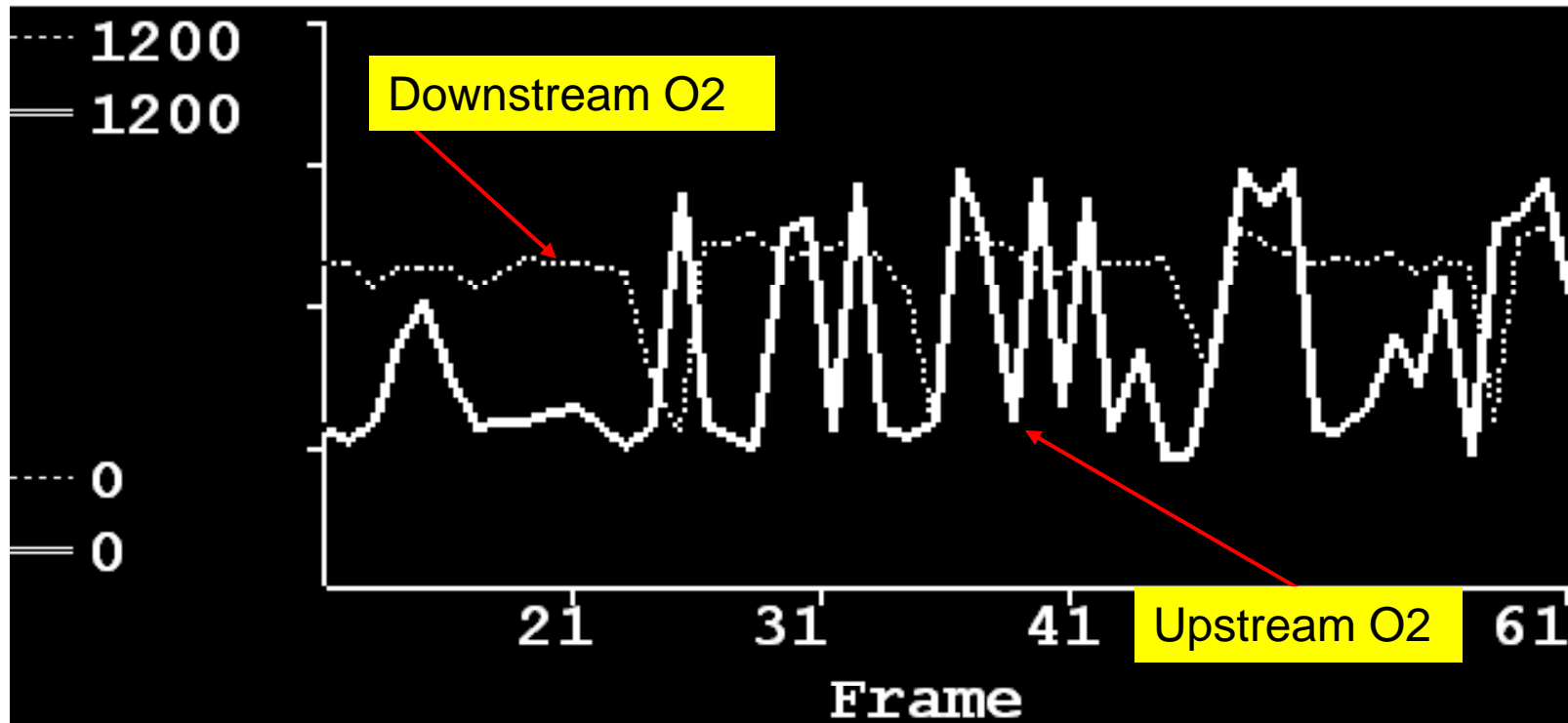




Fuel System Analysis



Live Plot



H02S Sensor 2

737 mV

H02S Sensor 1

638 mV

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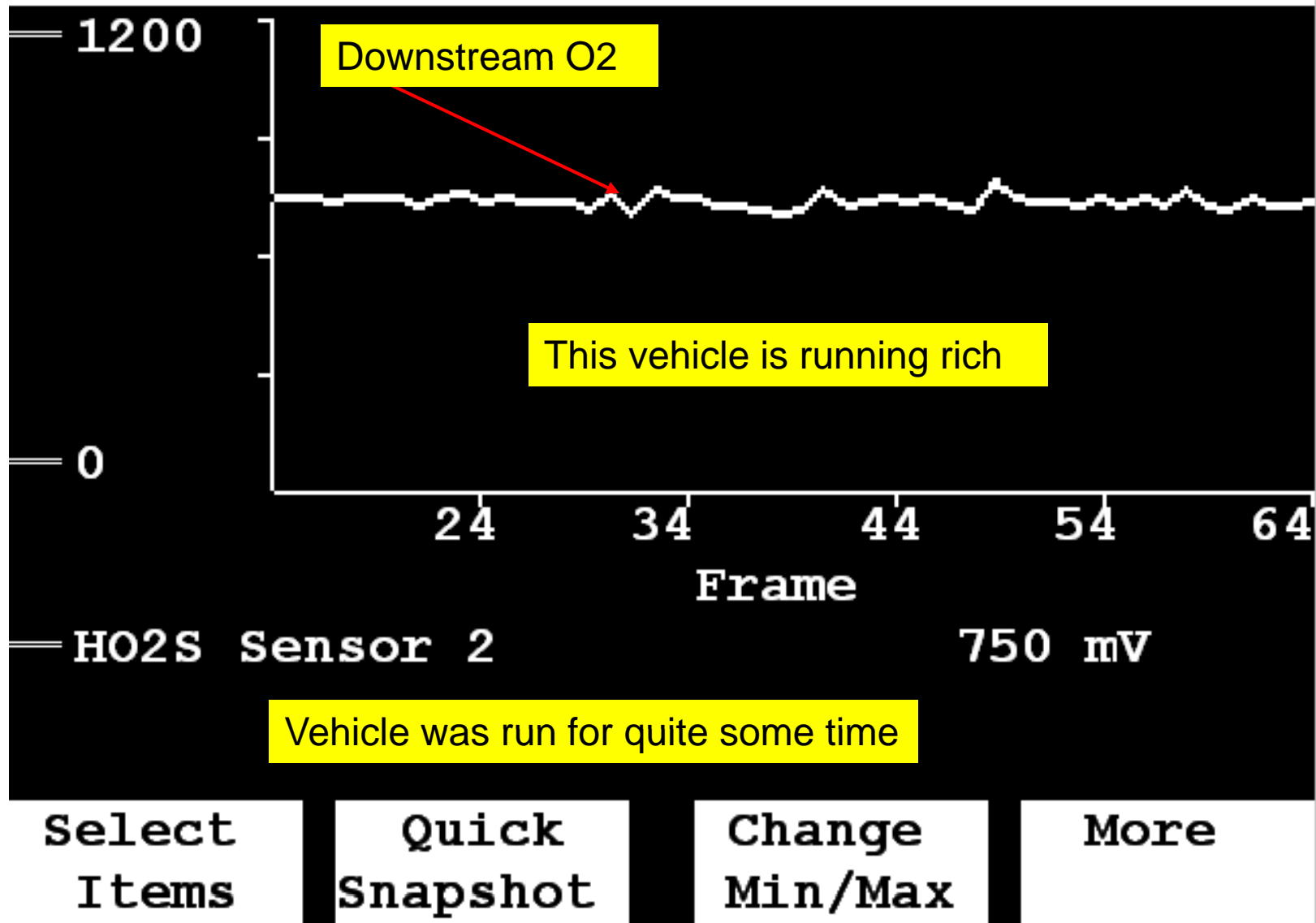
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Live Plot



1997 Buick Park Av

- Fuel Pump
 - Pressure/check valve Test
 - Volume
 - Amperage
- Fuel Pressure Regulator
 - Pull line off, note increase in Pressure
 - Apply vacuum to regulator



1997 Buick Park Av

- Fuel Injectors
 - Voltage Waveforms
 - Current Waveforms
 - Pressure Waveforms
- Fuel Trims
 - Significant impact will be noted on fuel related issues





Fuel Flow Meter



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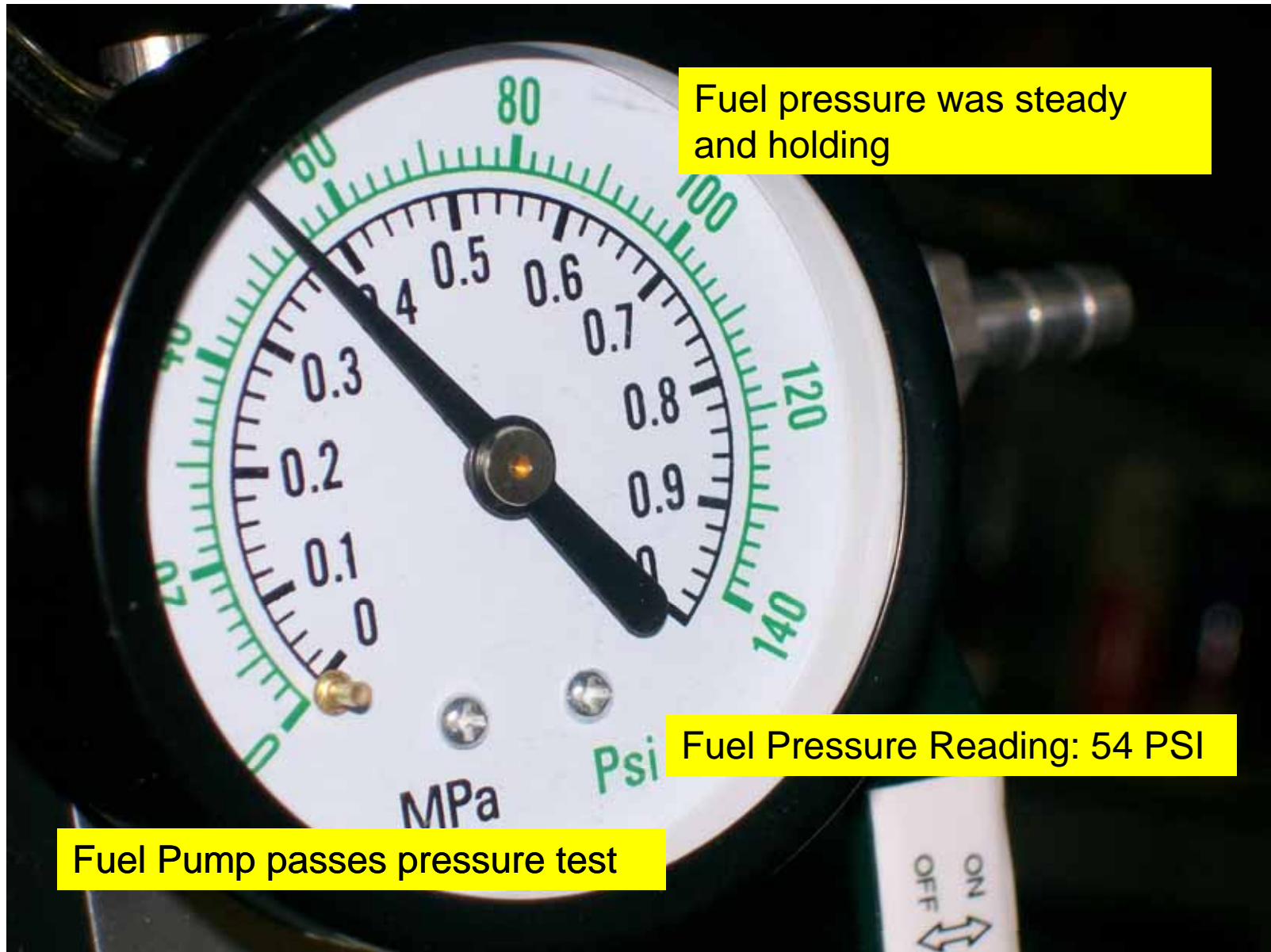
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2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn the ignition OFF. 2. Turn the air conditioning system OFF. <p>Caution: Wrap a shop towel around the fuel pressure connection in order to reduce the risk of fire and personal injury. The towel will absorb any fuel leakage that occurs during the connection of the fuel pressure gage. Place the towel in an approved container when the connection of the fuel pressure gage is complete.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Install the J 34730-1A fuel pressure gage. 4. Place the bleed hose of the fuel pressure gauge into an approved gasoline container. 5. Turn the ignition ON. 6. Bleed the air out of the fuel pressure gauge into an approved gasoline container. 7. Turn the ignition OFF for 10 seconds. 8. Turn the ignition ON. <p>Important:: The fuel pump will run for approximately 2 seconds. Cycle the ignition as necessary in order to achieve the highest possible fuel level</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Observe the fuel pressure indicated by the fuel pressure gage with the fuel pump running. <p>Is the fuel pressure within the specified limits?</p>	<p>333-376 kPa (48-55 psi)</p>	<p>Go to Step 3</p> <p>Go to Step 12</p>

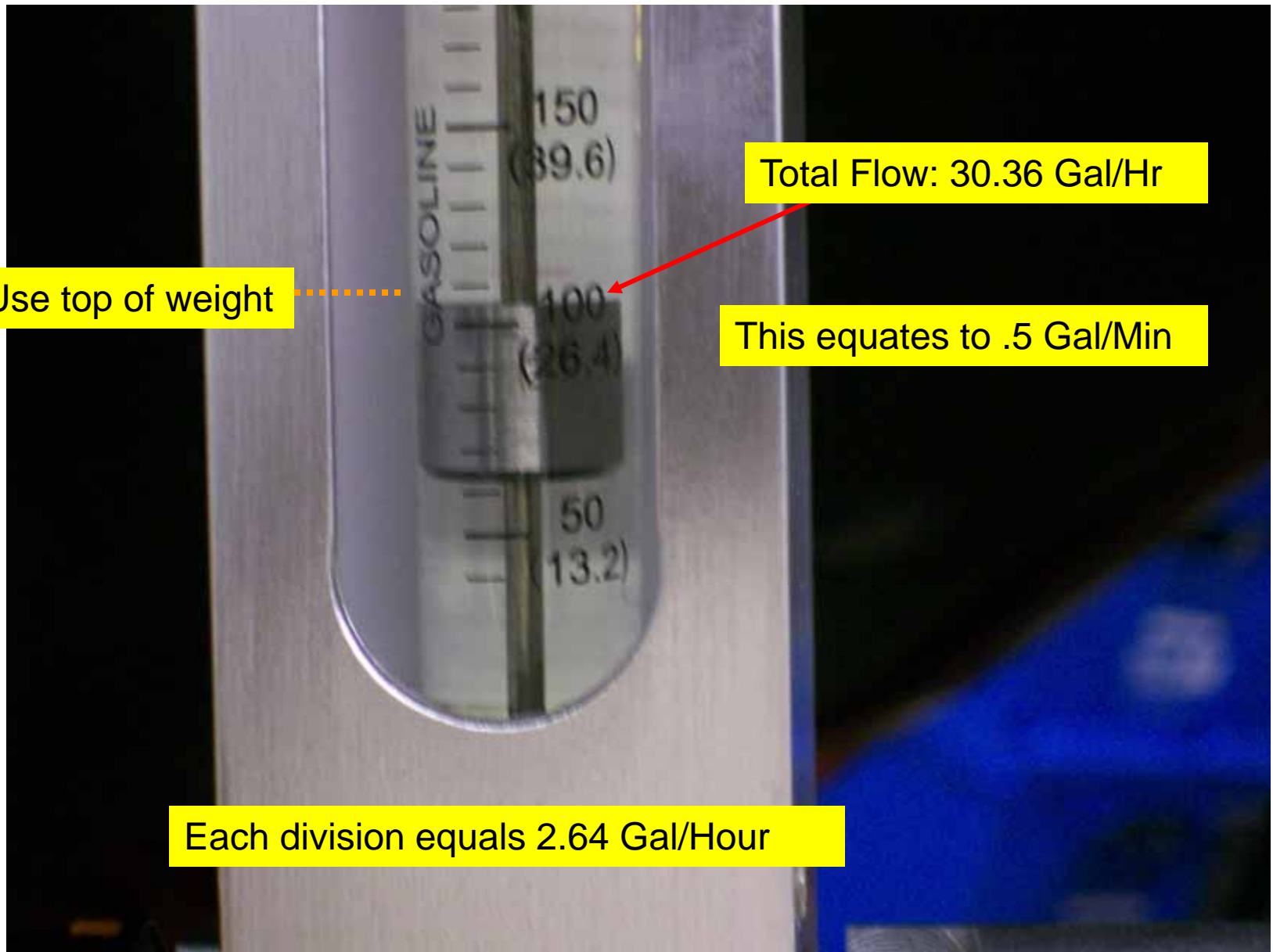
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FLOW RATE

BALANCE 1

PASS RANGE (+08%,-08%)

InjA = -06.8
InjB = +00.4
InjC = +04.1
InjD = -00.9
InjE = -00.8
InjF = +01.4
InjG = OPEN
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BALANCE

BALANCE 2

PASS RANGE

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Engine Mechanical Analysis



A.C.E. Detective Version - 2.1.7 - Patent Number 7,031,828

START

STOP

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: GM

Engine ID: 3.8 FWD

Engine Type: V6

Engine Details

Engine Size: 3.8

Firing Order: 1-6-5-4-3-2

Spark Dist.: D.I.S.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1997

Make: BUICK

Model: Park Av

VIN #:

Customer: Research

Mileage: 122646

Comment: This was research purposes for the misfire analysis class

Connect Channel A to Exhaust Sensor and insert into tailpipe. (Disable fuel or ignition). After clicking the START button, you will have approximately 30 seconds to start Cranking the Engine for at least 3 seconds with throttle pedal pressed fully to the floor.

P.M.

Mechanical Integrity

Diagnose Misfire

Sample

Note:

DIAGNOSIS:

Did not gather enough data to diagnose

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2 4 6

1 3 5

Front of Vehicle

Engine Mechanical is suspect

Mechanical

start

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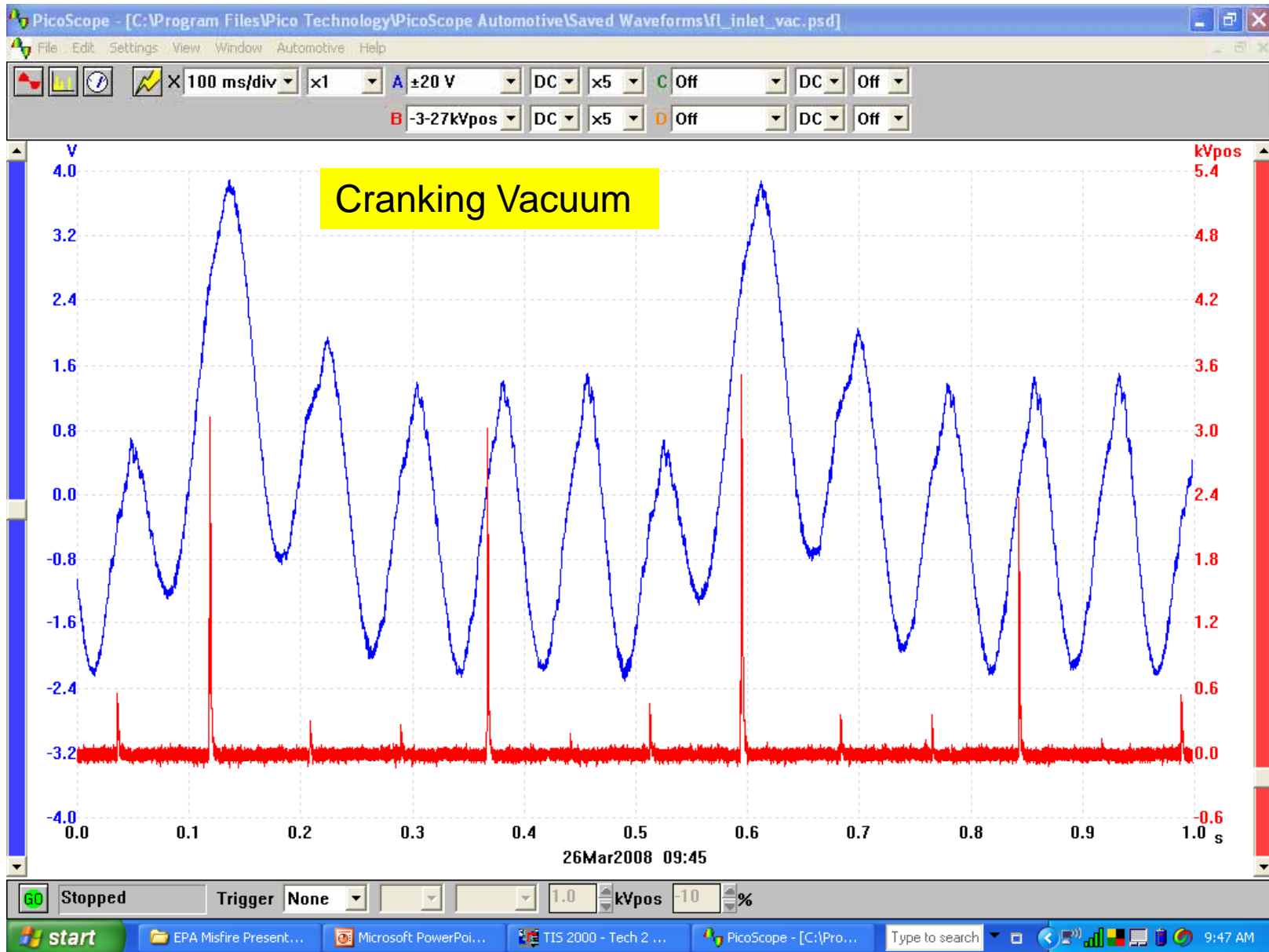
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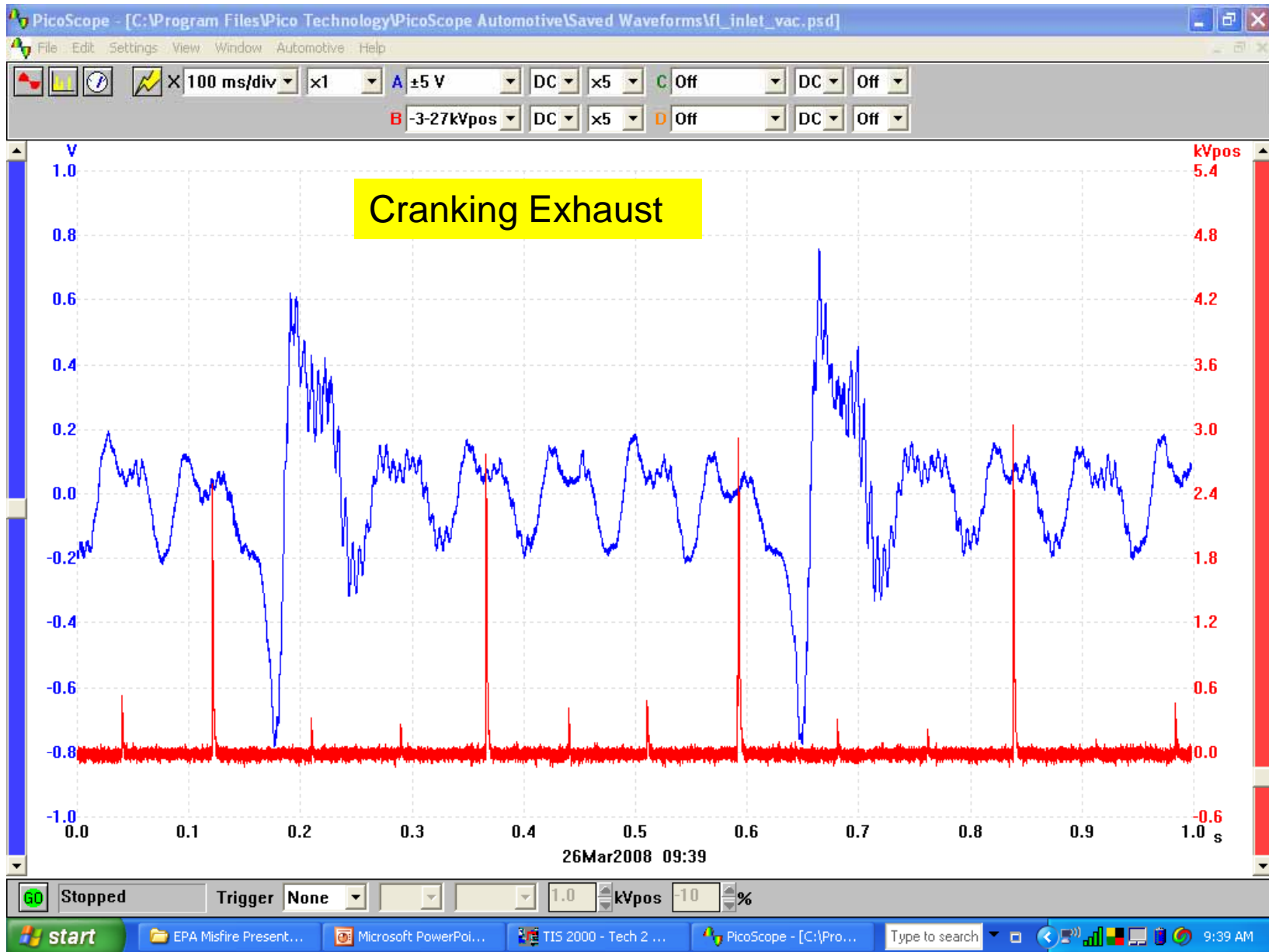
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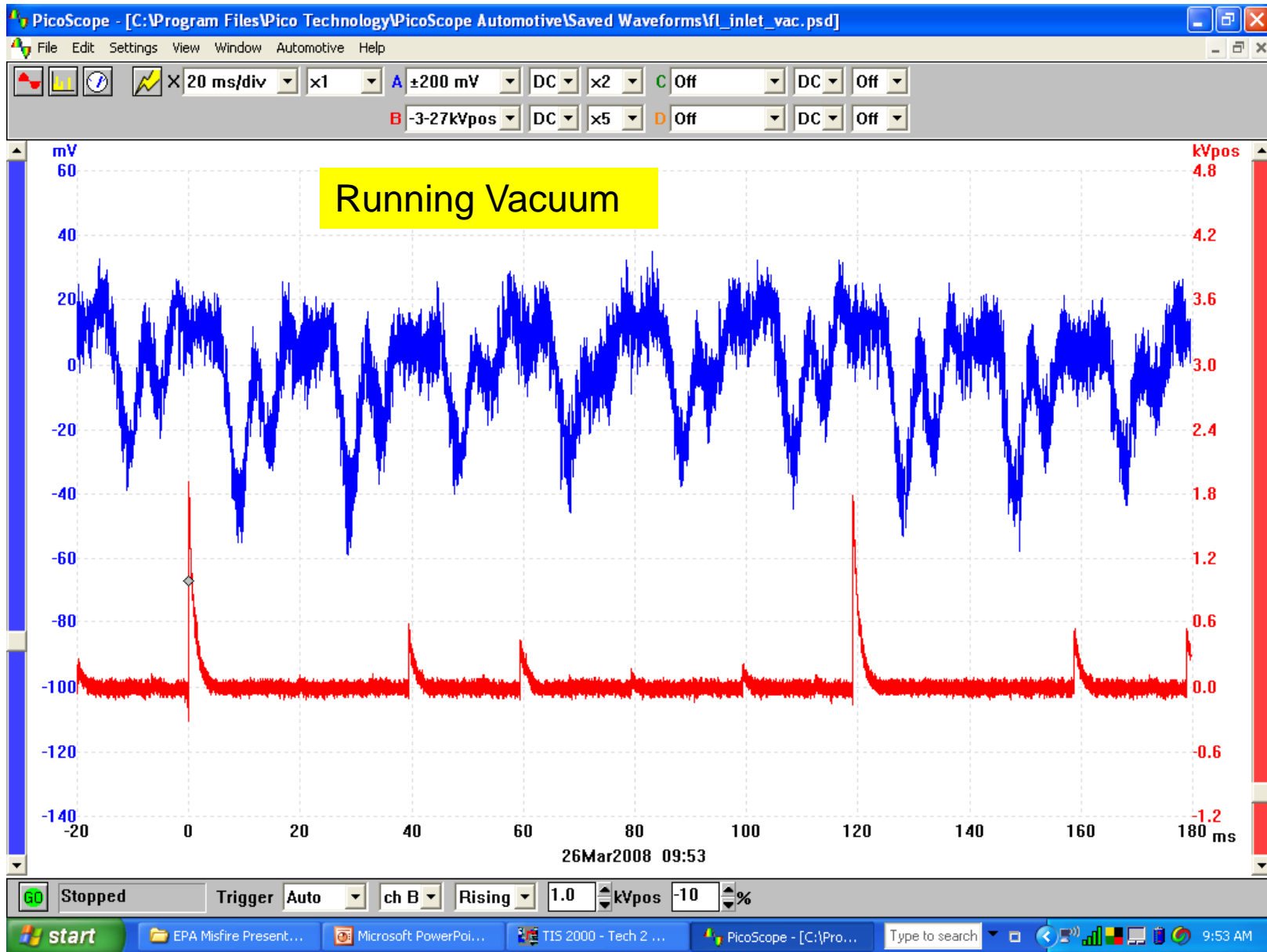
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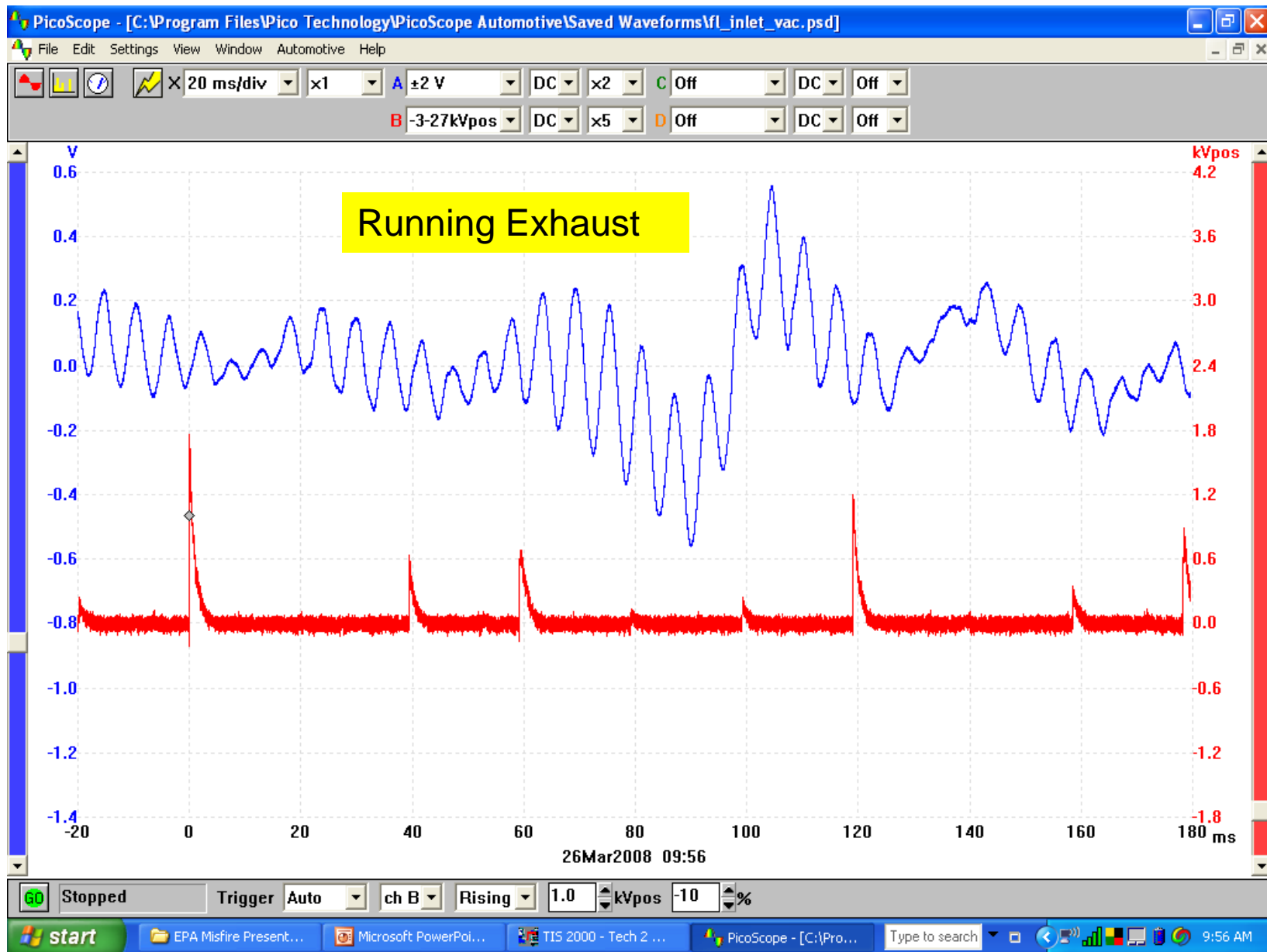
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1997 Buick Park Av

- This vehicle will need a pressure waveform analysis performed
- The information recorded stills points to a mechanical condition on this engine
- There is also concern on the negative going fuel trims





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Engine Mechanical Specifications

Application	Specification	
	Metric	English
General Data		
• Engine Type	90° V-6	
• Displacement	231 cu in	
• Liter (VIN)	3.8L (K), (1)	
• RPO	L36, L67	
• Bore	96.52 mm	3.8 in
• Stroke	86.36 mm	3.4 in
• Compression Ratio (VIN K)	9.4:1	
• Compression Ratio (VIN 1)	8.5:1	
• Firing Order	1-6-5-4-3-2	

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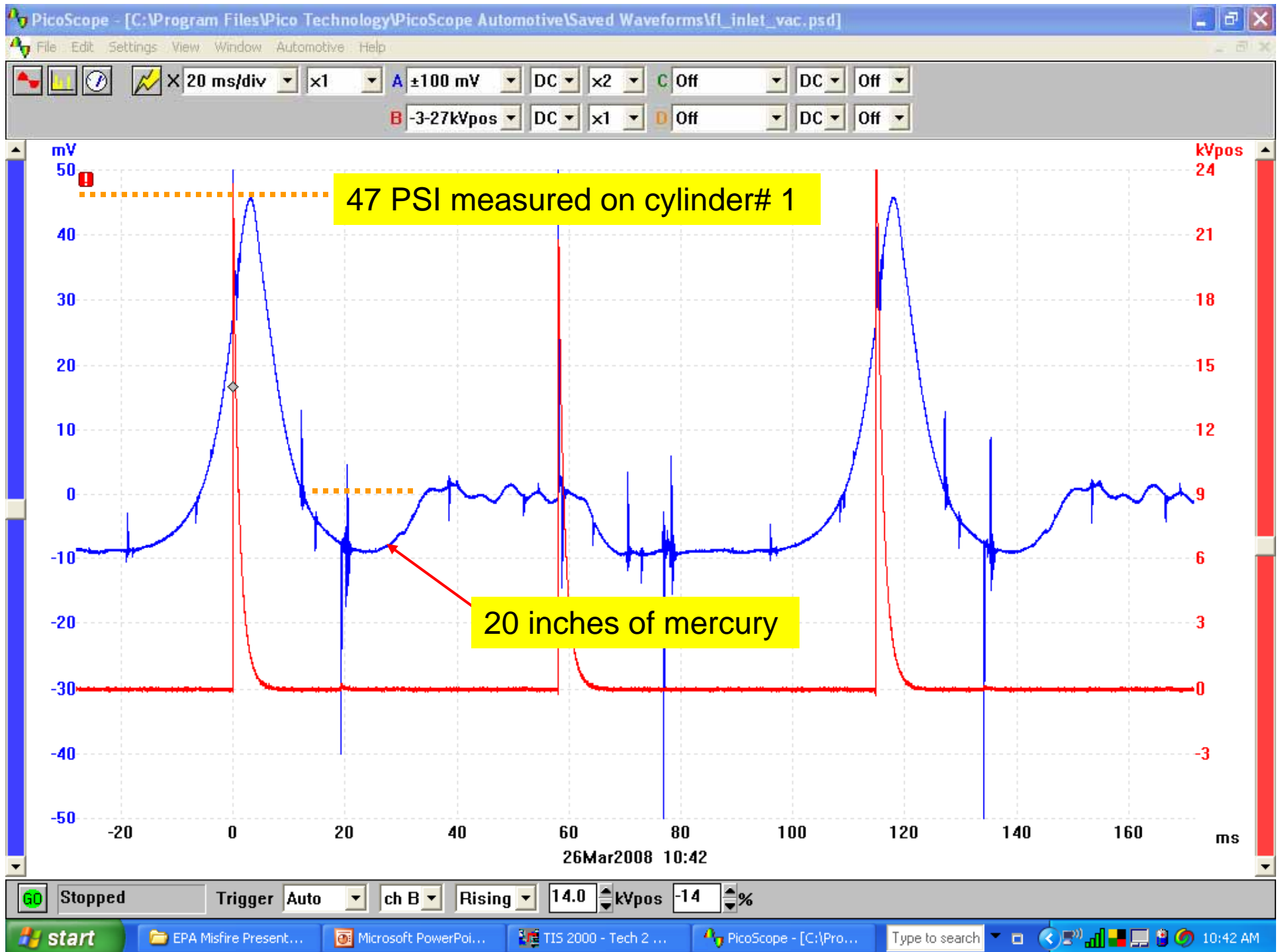
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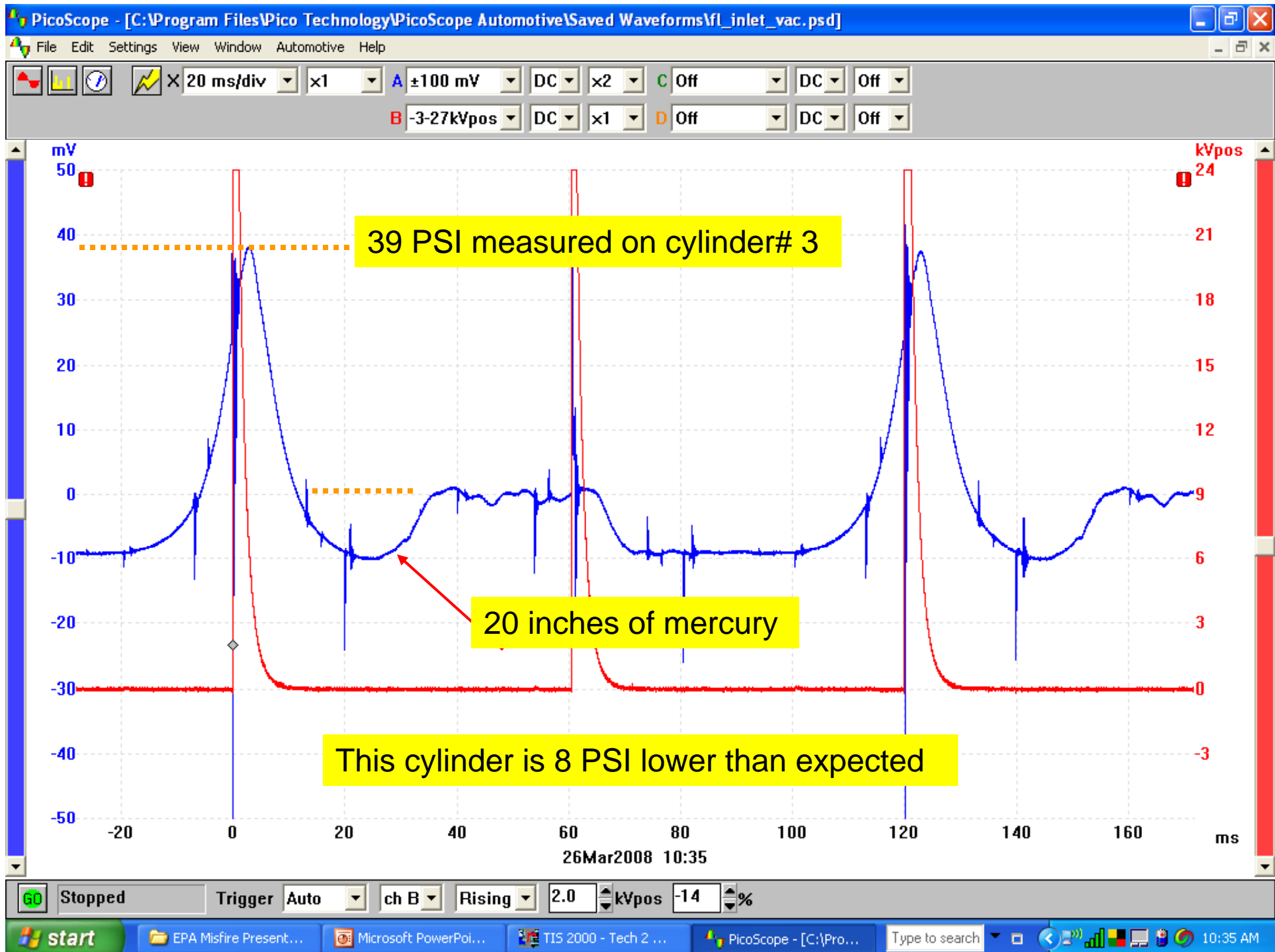


1997 Buick Park Av

- There is about 5 PSI in the manifold with the engine running
- The amount of pressure in the cylinder is equal to $9.4 \times 5 \text{ PSI} = 47 \text{ PSI}$
- This is the amount of pressure that should be observed with the engine running







1997 Buick Park Av

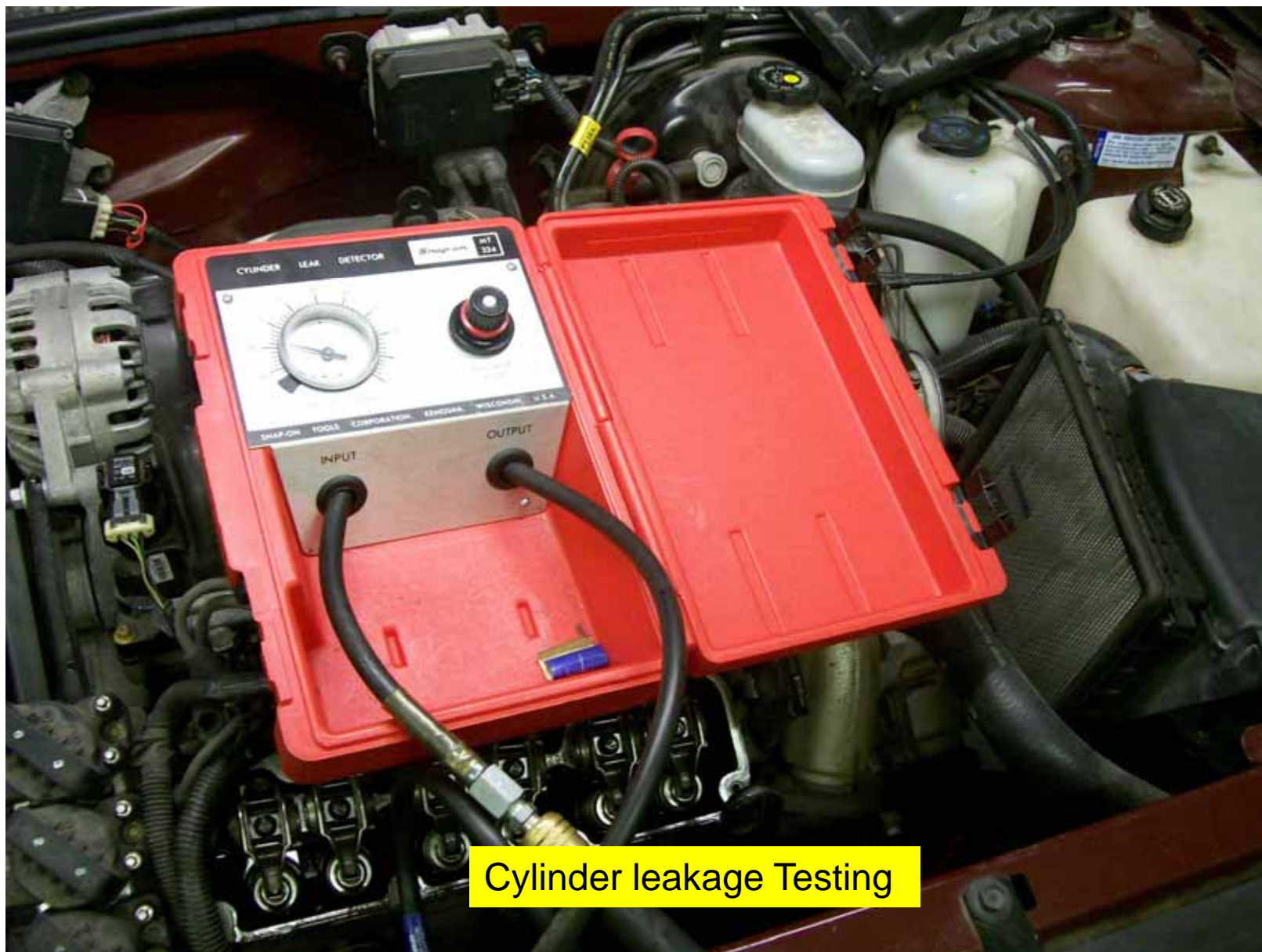
- There are several possible suspects that may could cause this issue:
 - Valve issues
 - Piston issues



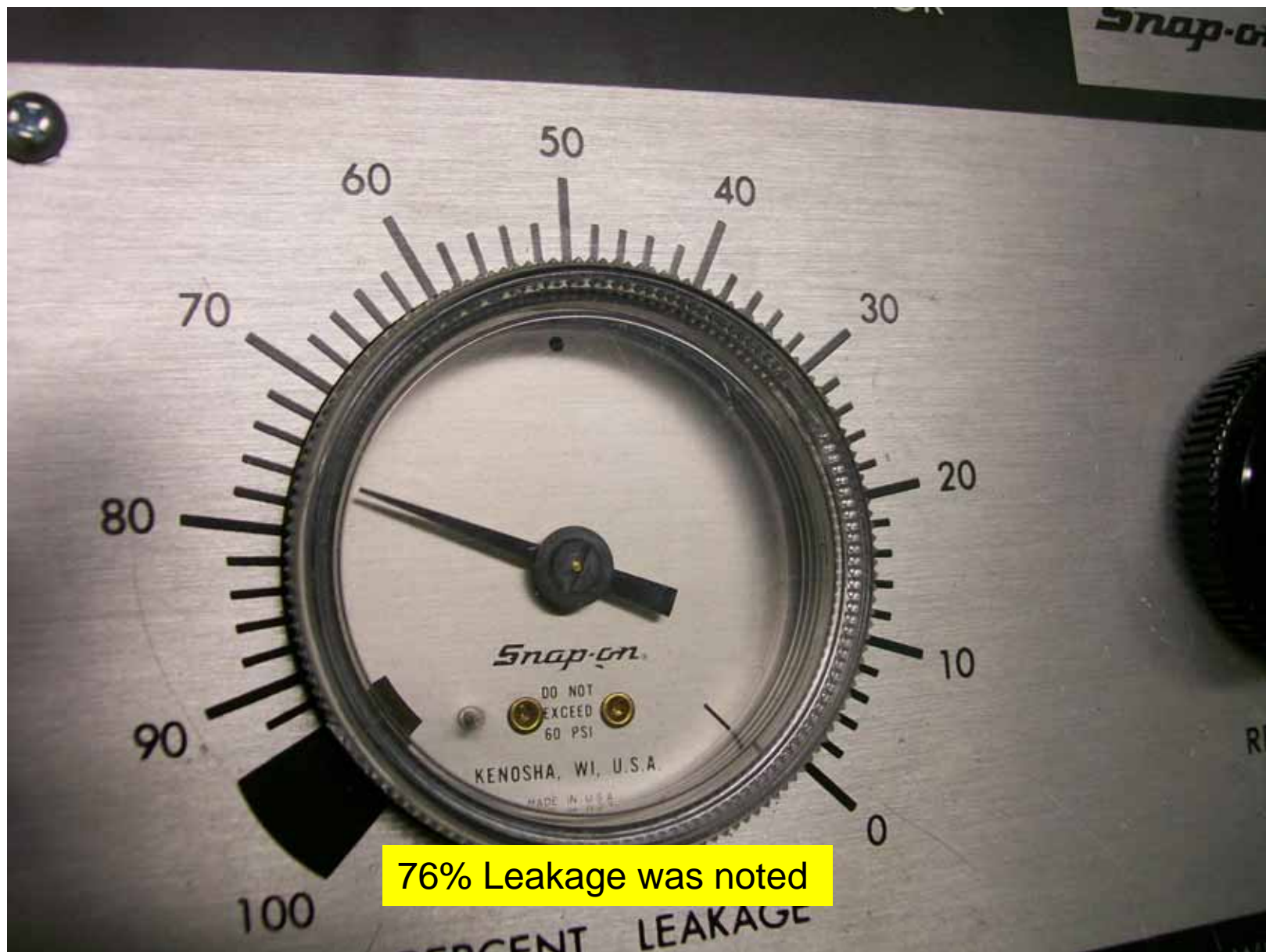
Conventional Test Procedure

Cylinder Leakage





Cylinder leakage Testing







Let's go in and take a look



1997 Buick Park Av Summary

- A visual inspection of the cylinder revealed that the top of the cylinder piston head was cracked, thereby leading to a slight loss in compression as witnessed by the pressure waveform.



Case Study #2

1998 Pontiac Grand Prix



1998 Pontiac Grand Prix

- This vehicle has misfire activity once the engine warms up
- The spark plugs and wires have been replaced
- The crank sensor has been replaced



DTC Info.

P0102 Mass Air Flow (MAF) Sensor
Circuit Low Frequency

Last Test: Passed

This Ignition: Passed

Since Cleared: Passed & Failed
History

1 / 5

Info



DTC Info.

P0135 H02S Heater Performance Sensor 1 ▲

Last Test: Not Ran

This Ignition: Not Ran

Since Cleared: Passed & Failed

2 / 5 ▼

Info



DTC Info.

P0336 Crankshaft Position (CKP) Sensor
Performance

Last Test: Passed

This Ignition: Passed

Since Cleared: Passed & Failed
History

3 / 5

Info



DTC Info.

**P0440 Evaporative Emission (EVAP)
System**

Last Test:	Not Ran
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Ignition	Not Ran
This Ignition:	Not Ran

Since Cleared:	Passed & Failed
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Info



DTC Info.

P0442 Evaporative Emission (EVAP)
System Small Leak Detected

Last Test: Not Ran

This Ignition: Not Ran

Since Cleared: Passed & Failed
History

5 / 5

No Misfire Codes

Info



Misfire Graphic

Accumulated Current Counters

Cyl. 1								
Cyl. 2								
Cyl. 3								
Cyl. 4								
Cyl. 5								
Cyl. 6								

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Audible misfire activity is noticable at the exhaust pipe

Cycles of Misfire Data

7

Engine Speed

723 RPM

Engine Load

1 %

Reset
Graph

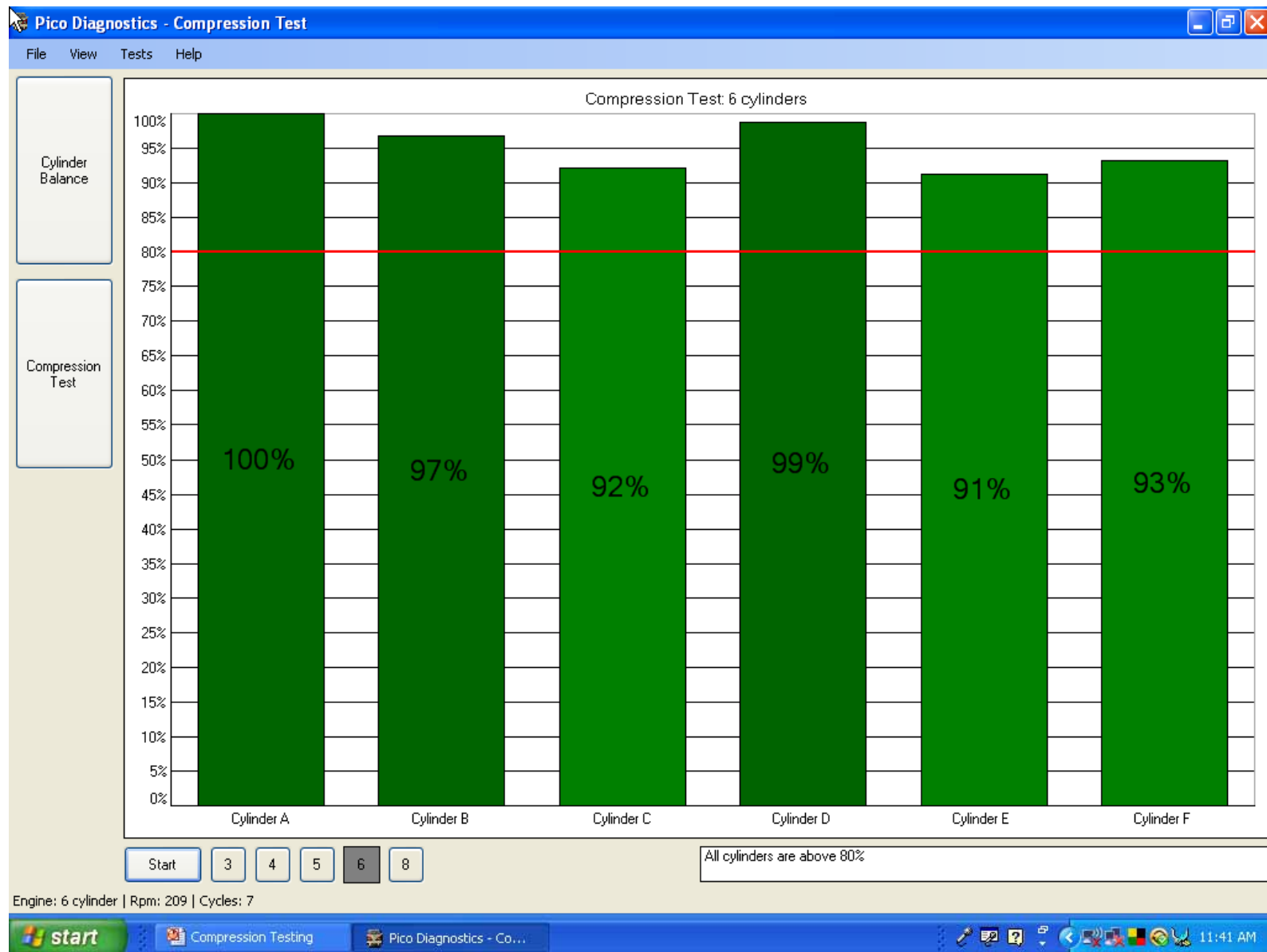
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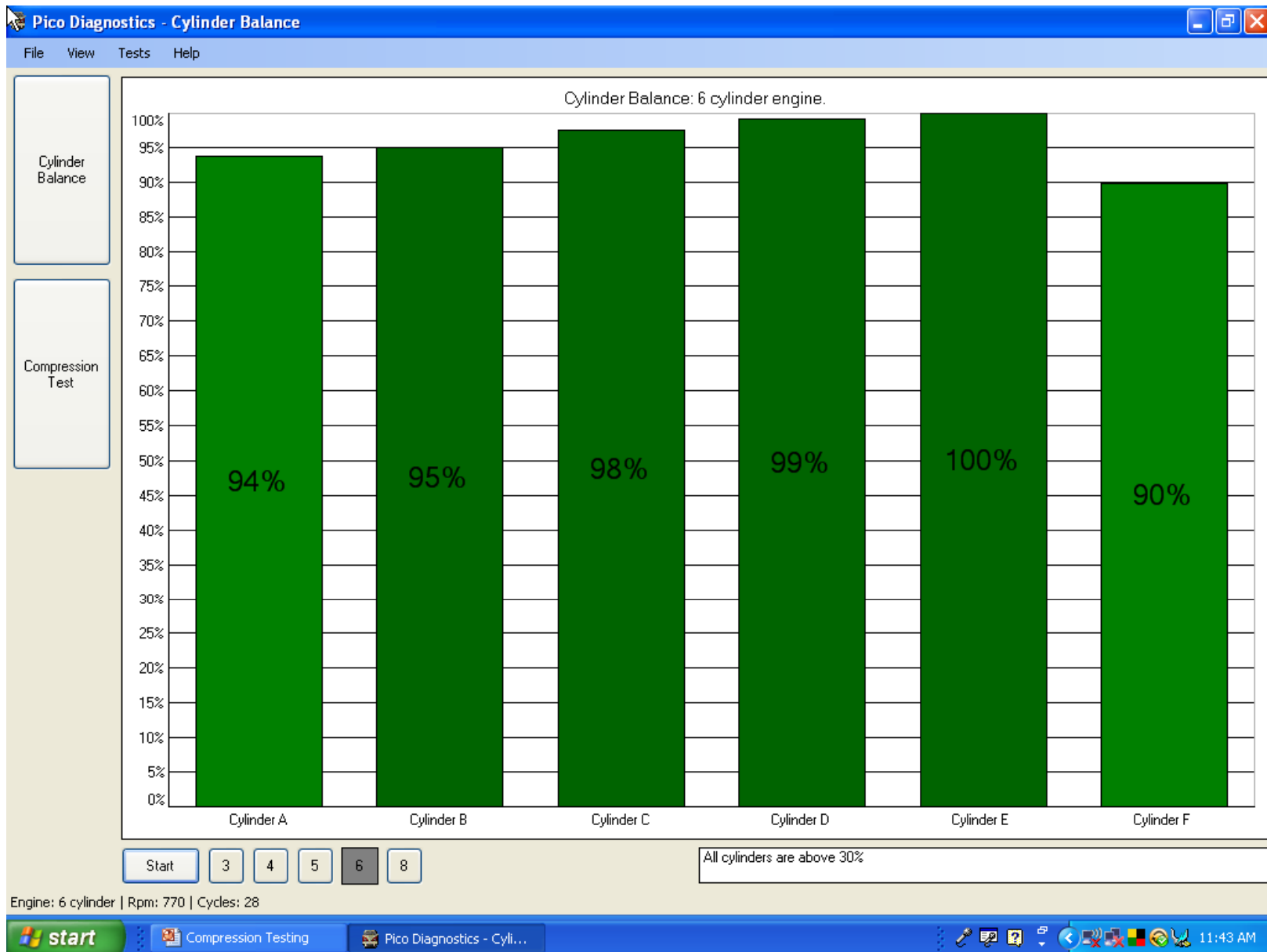


PICO Diagnostics

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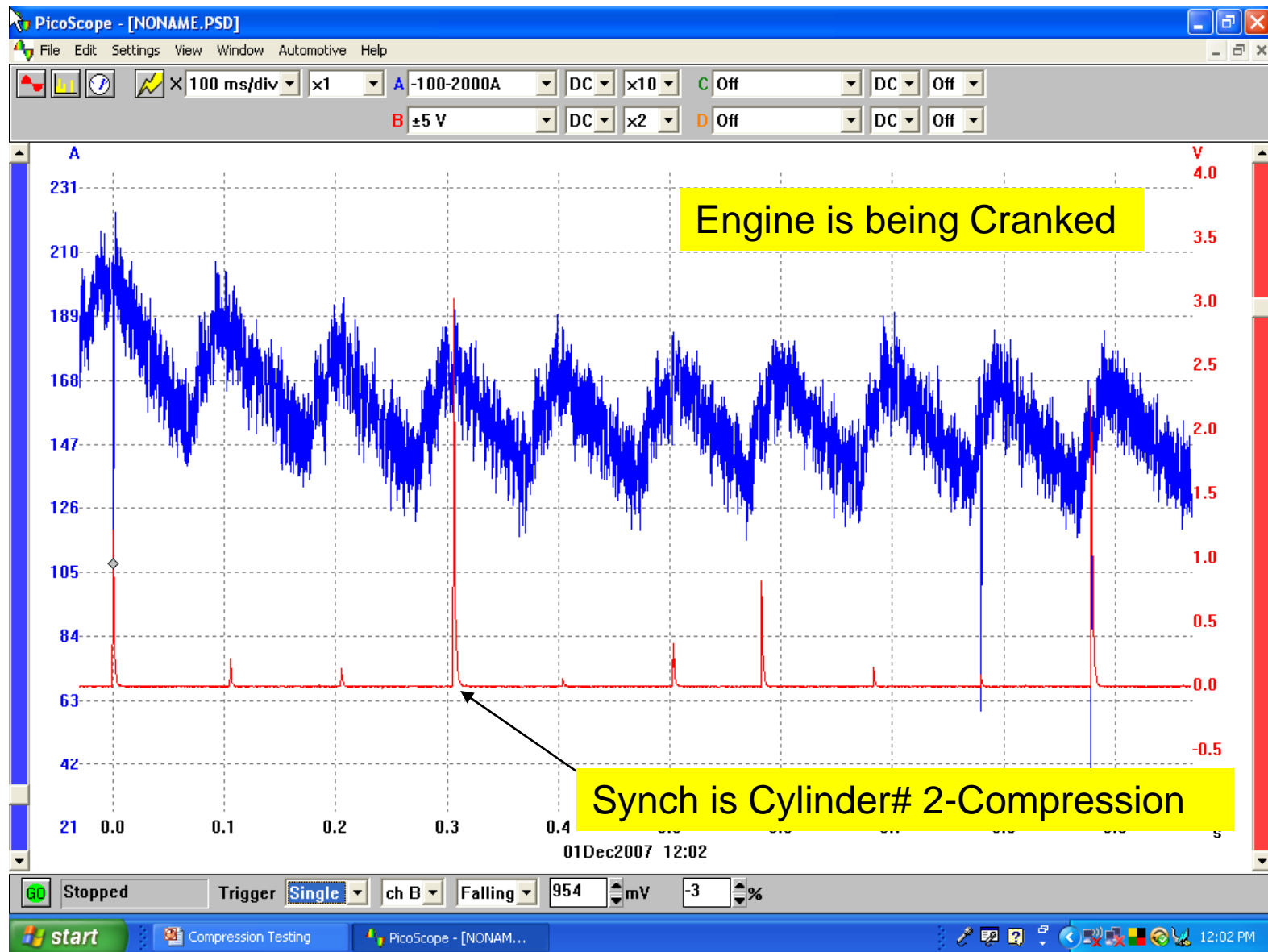




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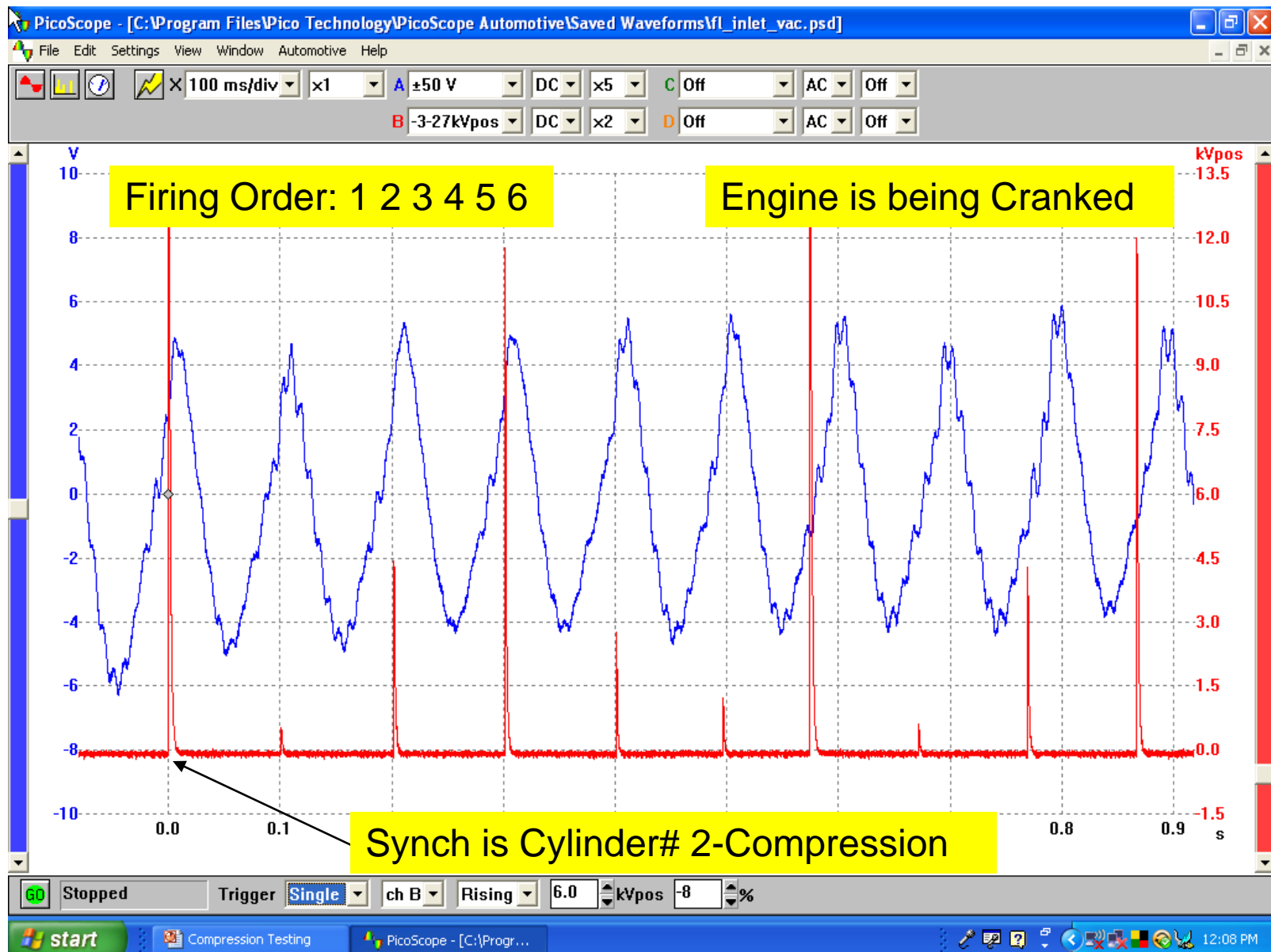
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Vacuum Waveforms

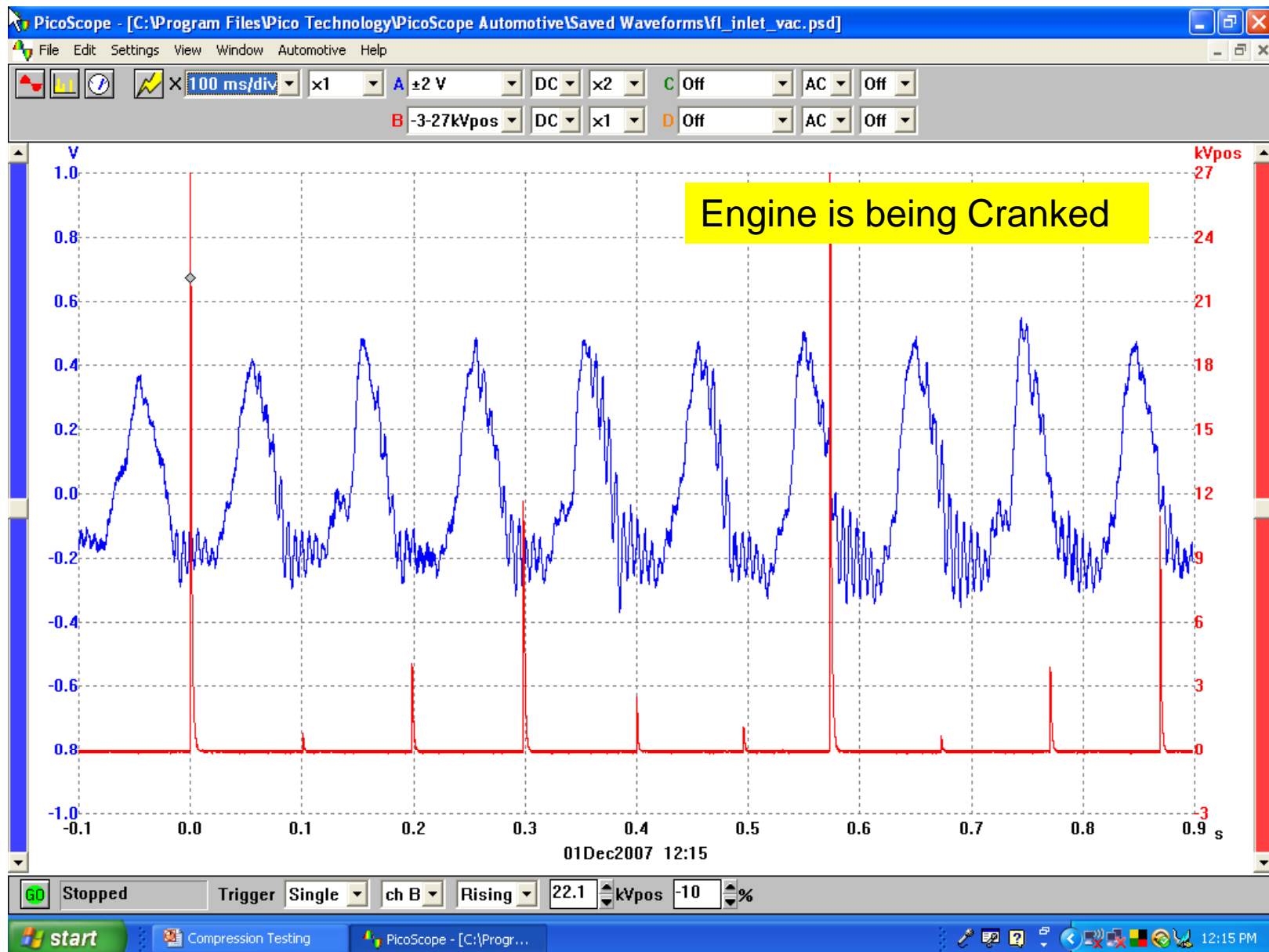


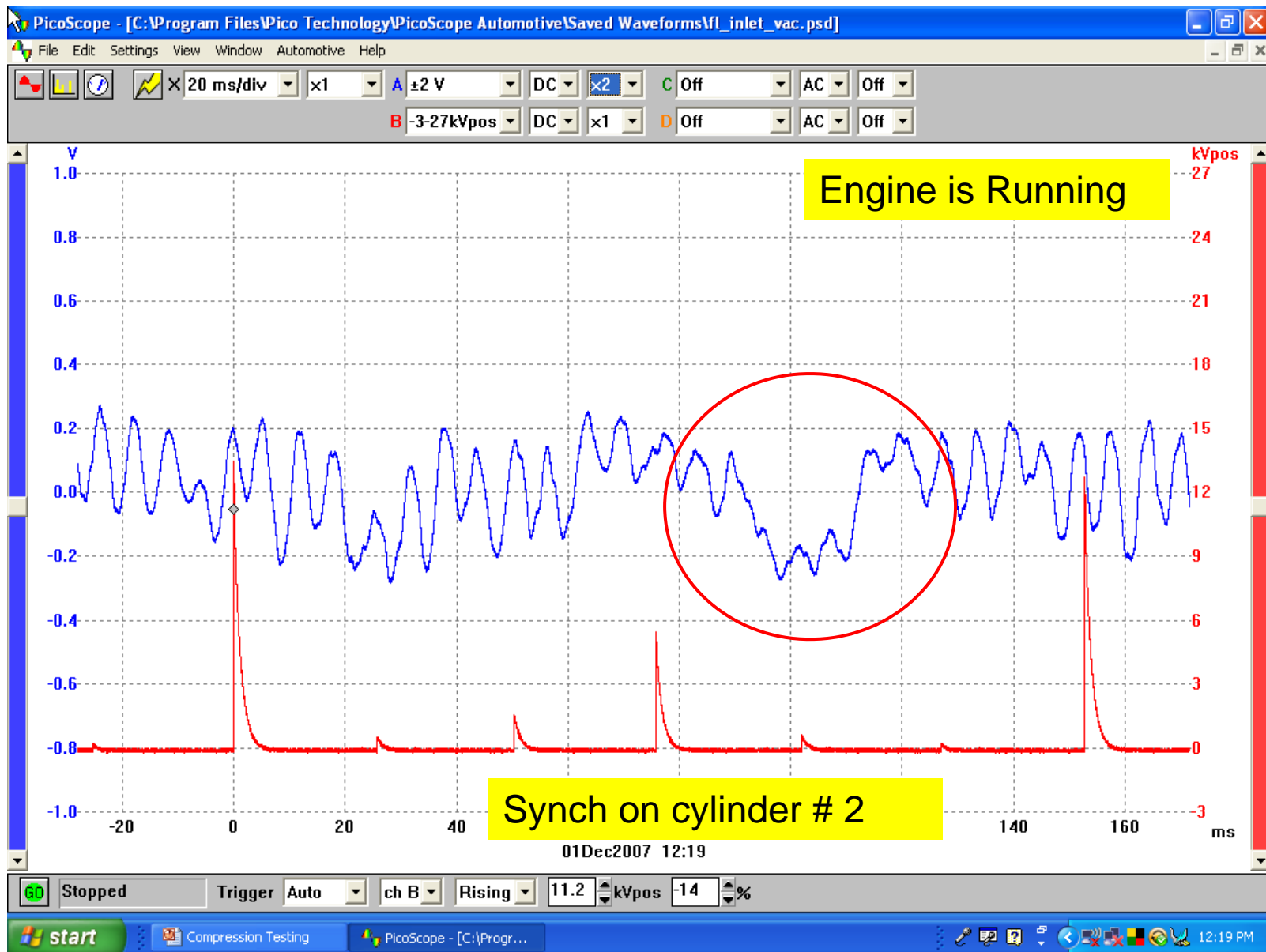




Exhaust Waveforms







Vacuum Levels



Engine Running Vacuum Reading: 7 Inches Mercury



Let's Smoke the System!



ACE Misfire Software

A Double Check



A.C.E. Detective Version - 2.1.7 - Patent Number 7,031,828

EXHAUST Sync Cylinder: 2 Samples: 20

START **STOP**

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: GM
Engine ID: 3.1
Engine Type: V6

Engine Details

Engine Size: 3.1
Firing Order: 1-2-3-4-5-6
Spark Dist.: D.I.S.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1998
Make: PONTIAC
Model: Grand Prix
VIN #:
Customer:
Mileage:
Comment:

Connect channel A to SenX after placing in tailpipe.
Connect channel B to # 2 cylinder spark plug wire with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.
Click START button.

P.M. Mechanical Integrity **Diagnose Misfire**

Sample

Vacuum Reading: 7
Vacuum Needle Condition: WANDERING
Long Term Fuel Trim: **-14**
Note:

INITIAL TEST DATA

DIAGNOSIS:
INTERMITTENT MISFIRES DETECTED
CYLINDER COMPRESSION DEFICIENCY, VACUUM LEAK OR IMPROPER FUEL MIXTURE SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Check Compression on Suspected Cylinder(s)
Test for vacuum leak

sync on 2

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Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust



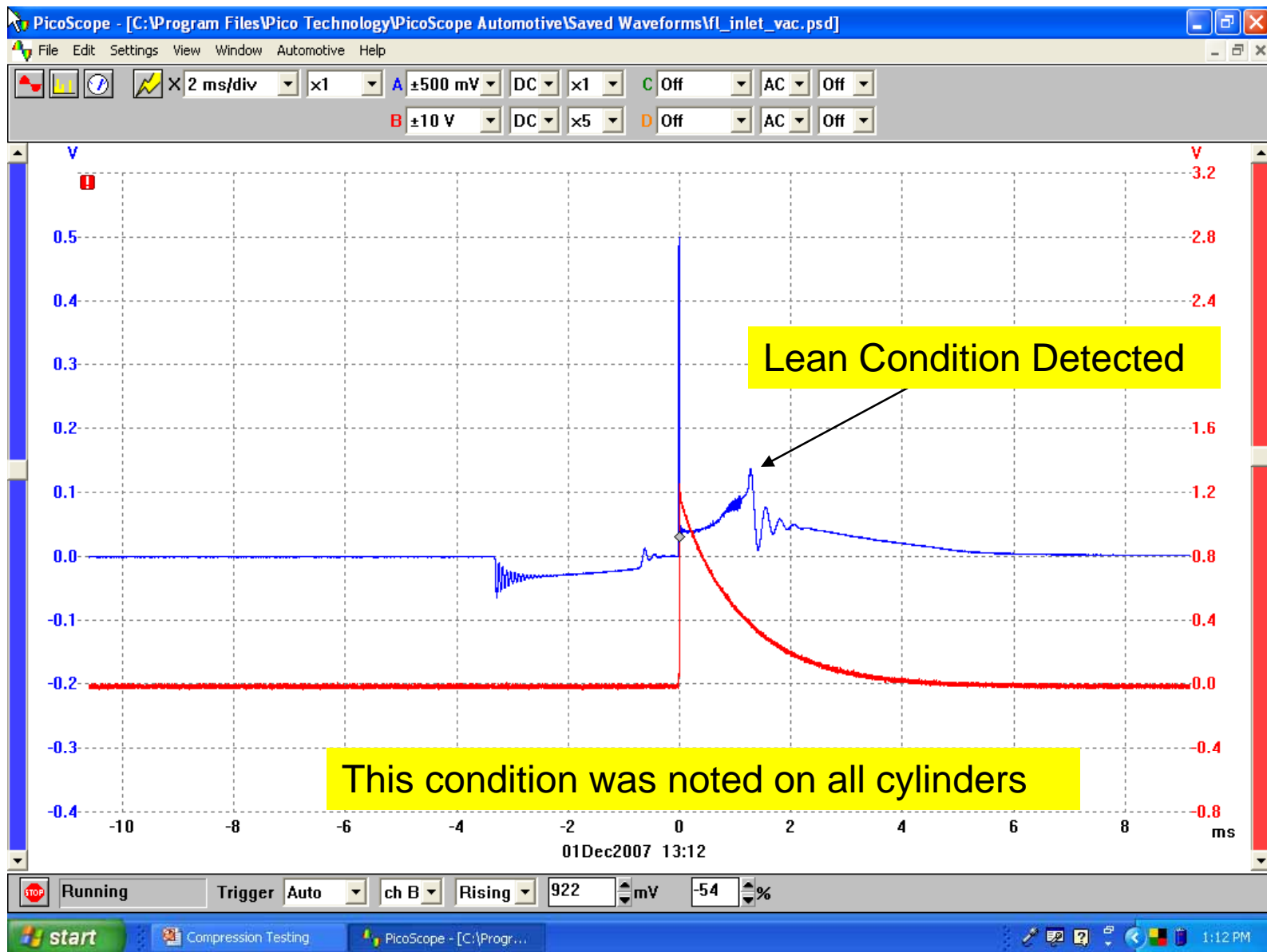
1998 Pontiac Bonneville

- This misfire activity appears to be mechanical or a vacuum leak issue.



Secondary Ignition Waveforms





1998 Pontiac Grand Prix

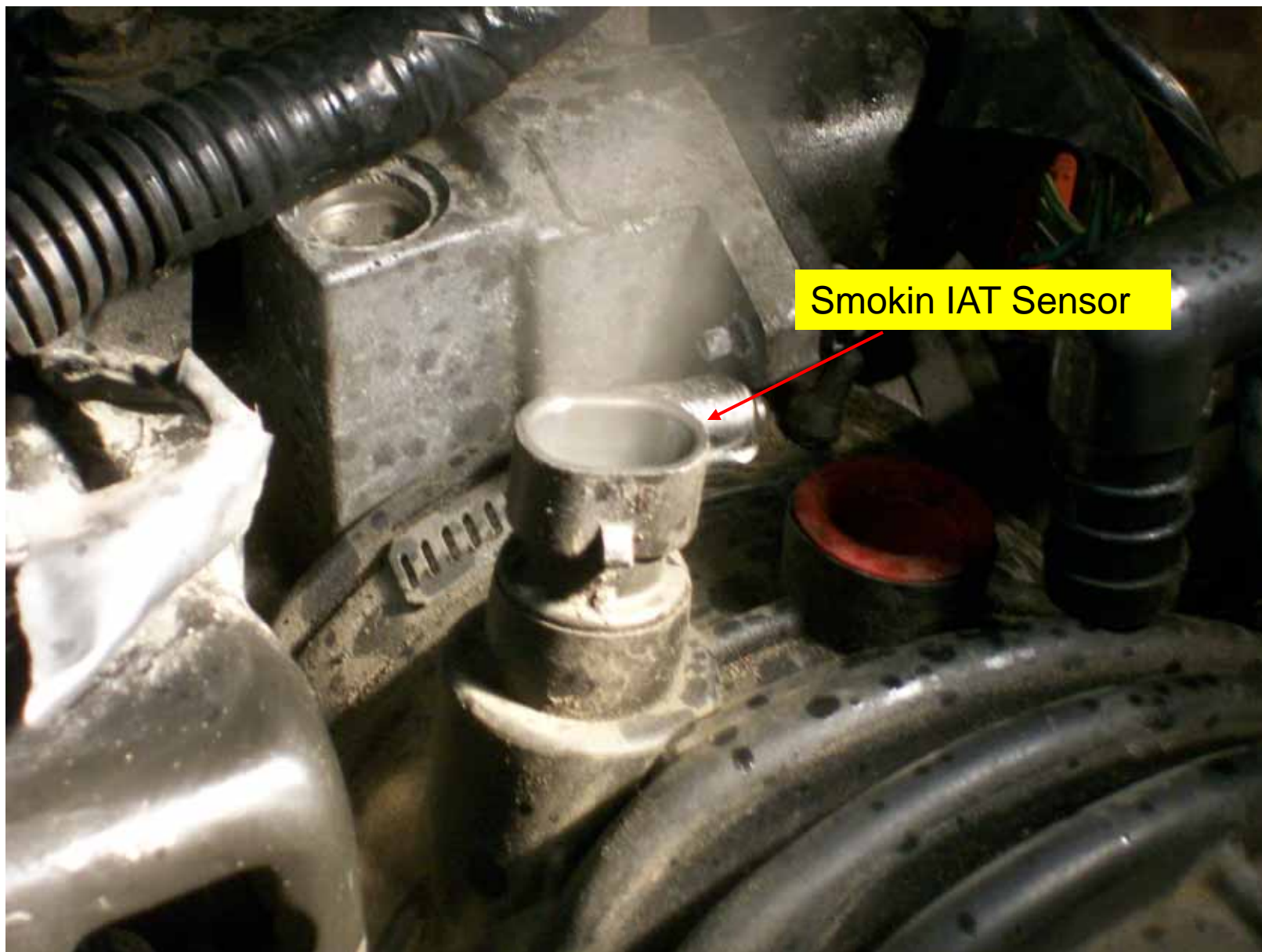
- A vacuum cup was placed in the intake at the air cleaner housing
- The system was then smoked for leaks
- A smoke machine should be used anytime vacuum readings are low

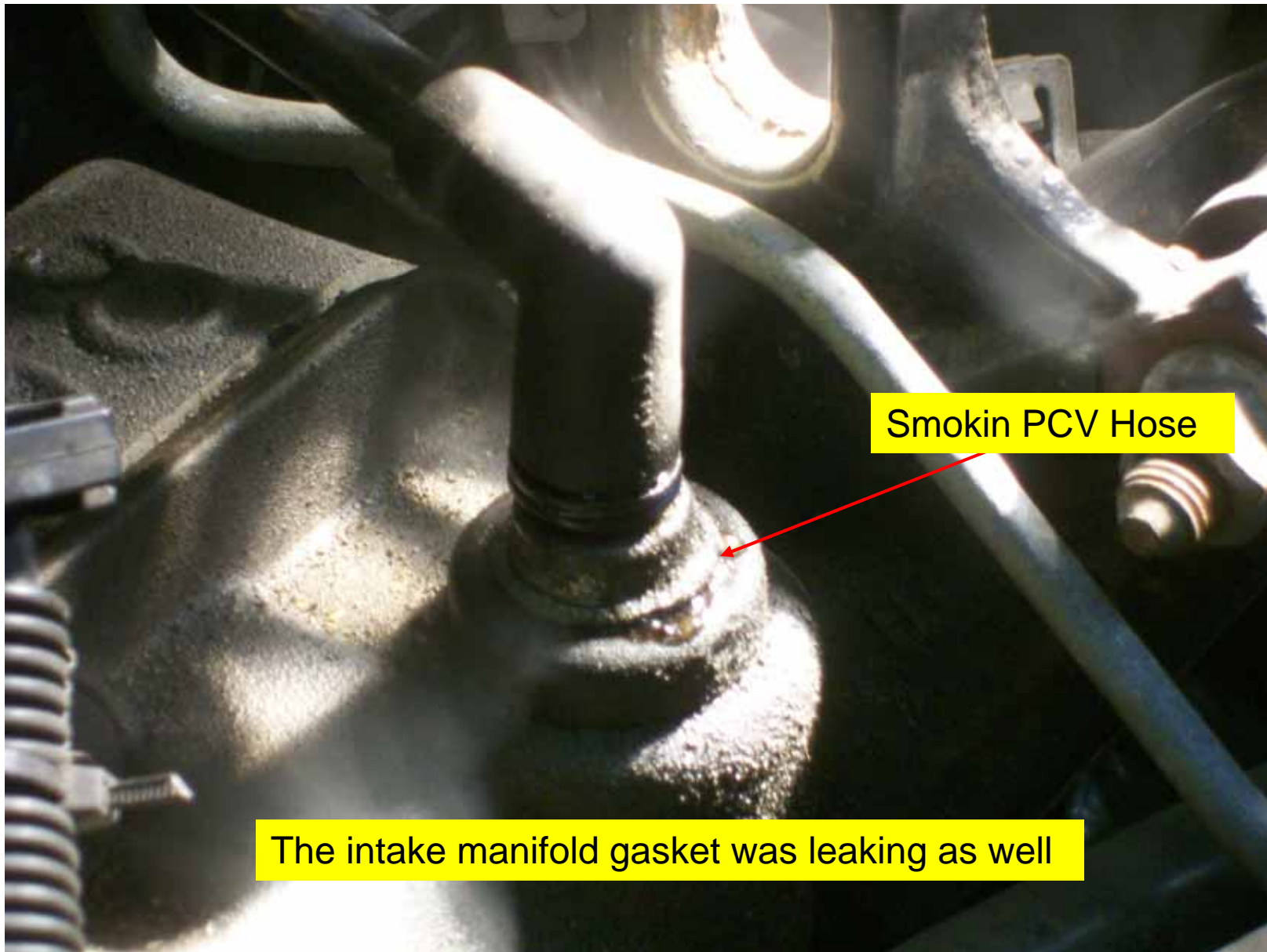


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Place cup in air intake at the air cleaner housing







Smokin PCV Hose

The intake manifold gasket was leaking as well



1998 Pontiac Grand Prix

- The IAT sensor and PCV valve hose assembly were replaced
- The intake manifold gasket was replaced as well
- The vehicle is now operating as designed



Case Study #3

1996 Mercedes Benz





1996 Mercedes Benz

- A single cylinder misfire is occurring.
- All trouble code information has been cleared by the repairing technician.
- The scantool shows that the 2-5 coil pair has a spark duration of 2.5 ms.
- The technician states the miss occurs on cylinder# 6



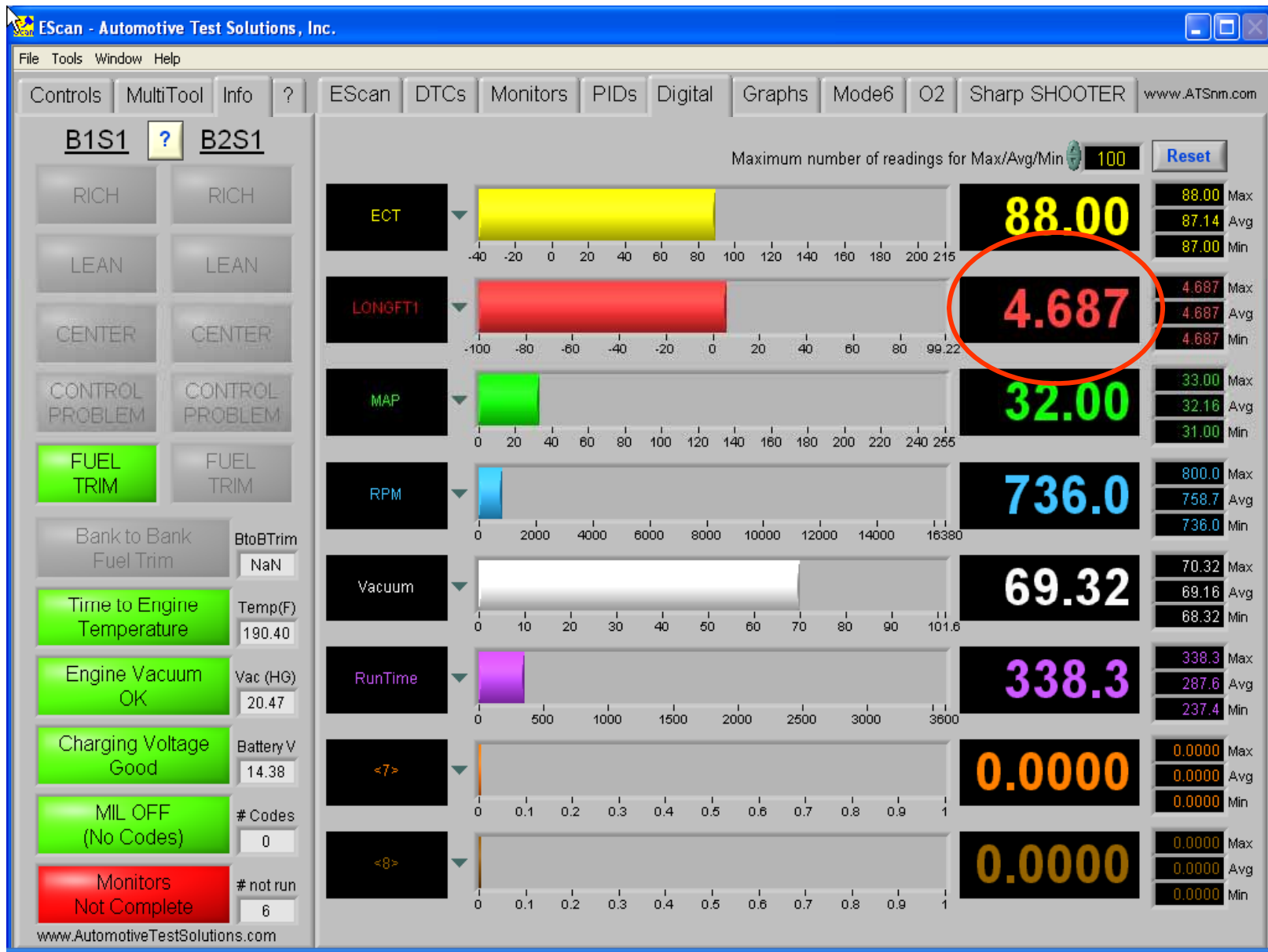
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- Long Term Fuel Trim is at + 5%.
- The fuel injector for cylinder # 6 has been replaced.
- One cylinder has been checked for compression and the results showed 150 PSI.





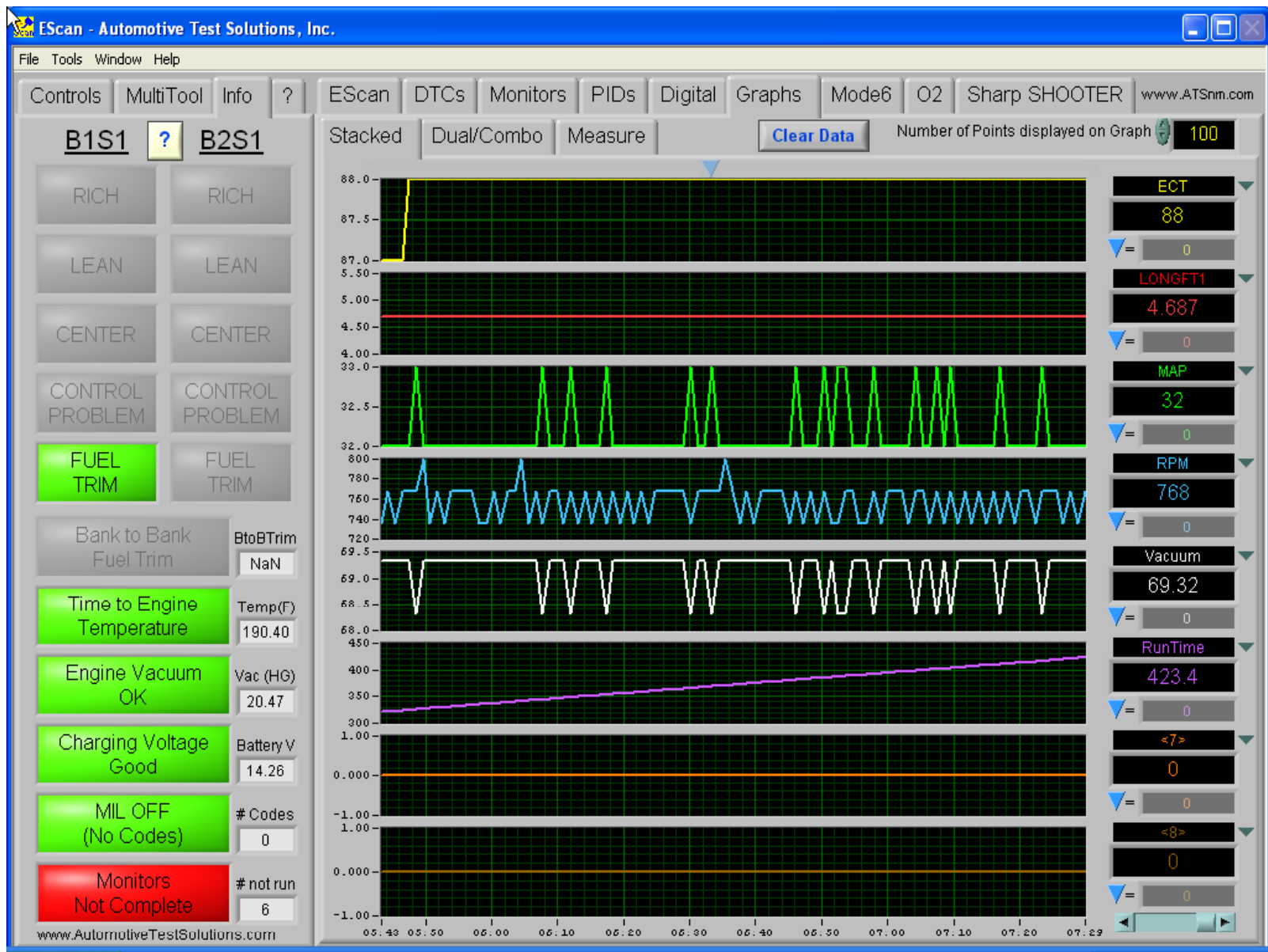




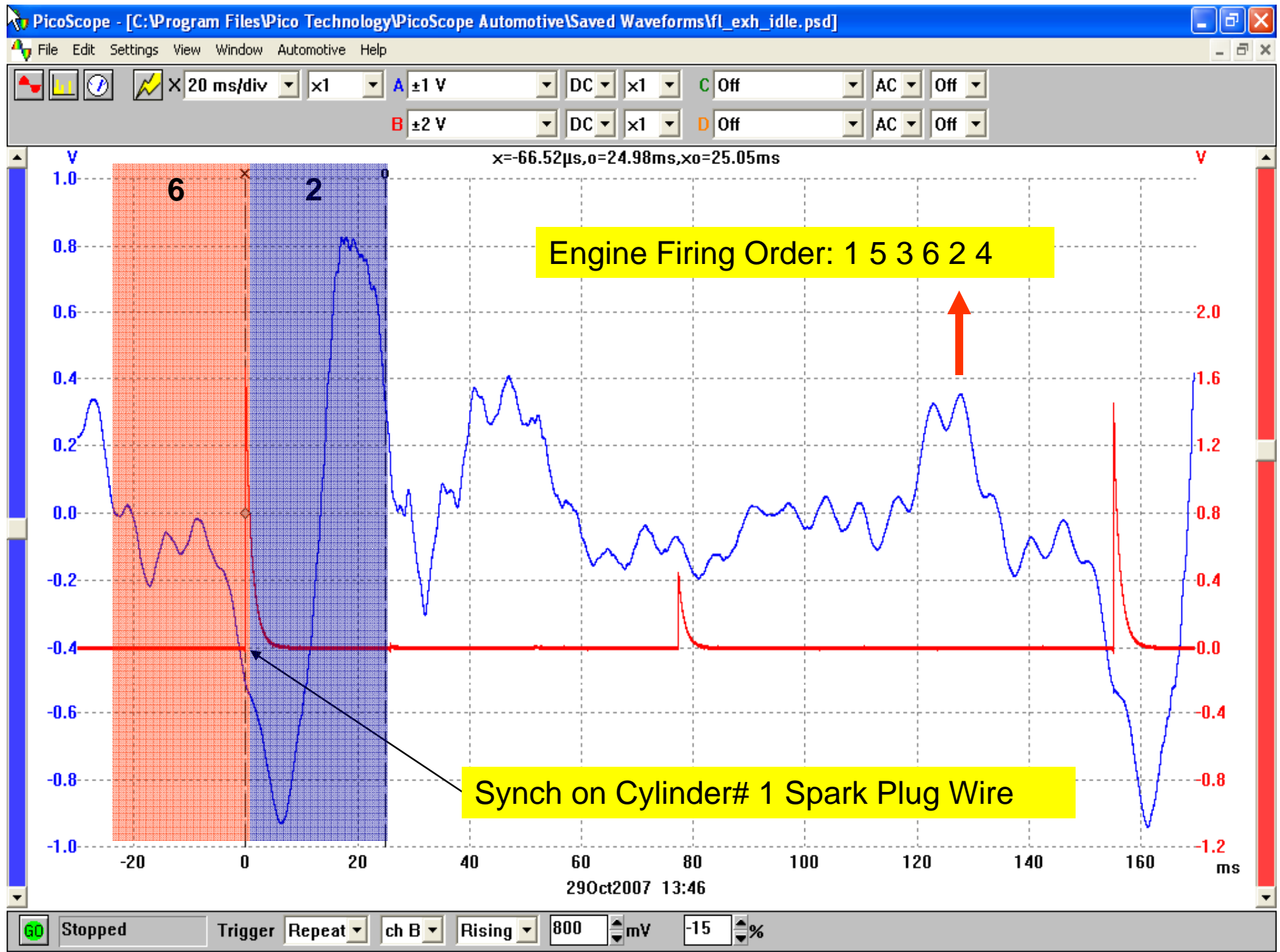
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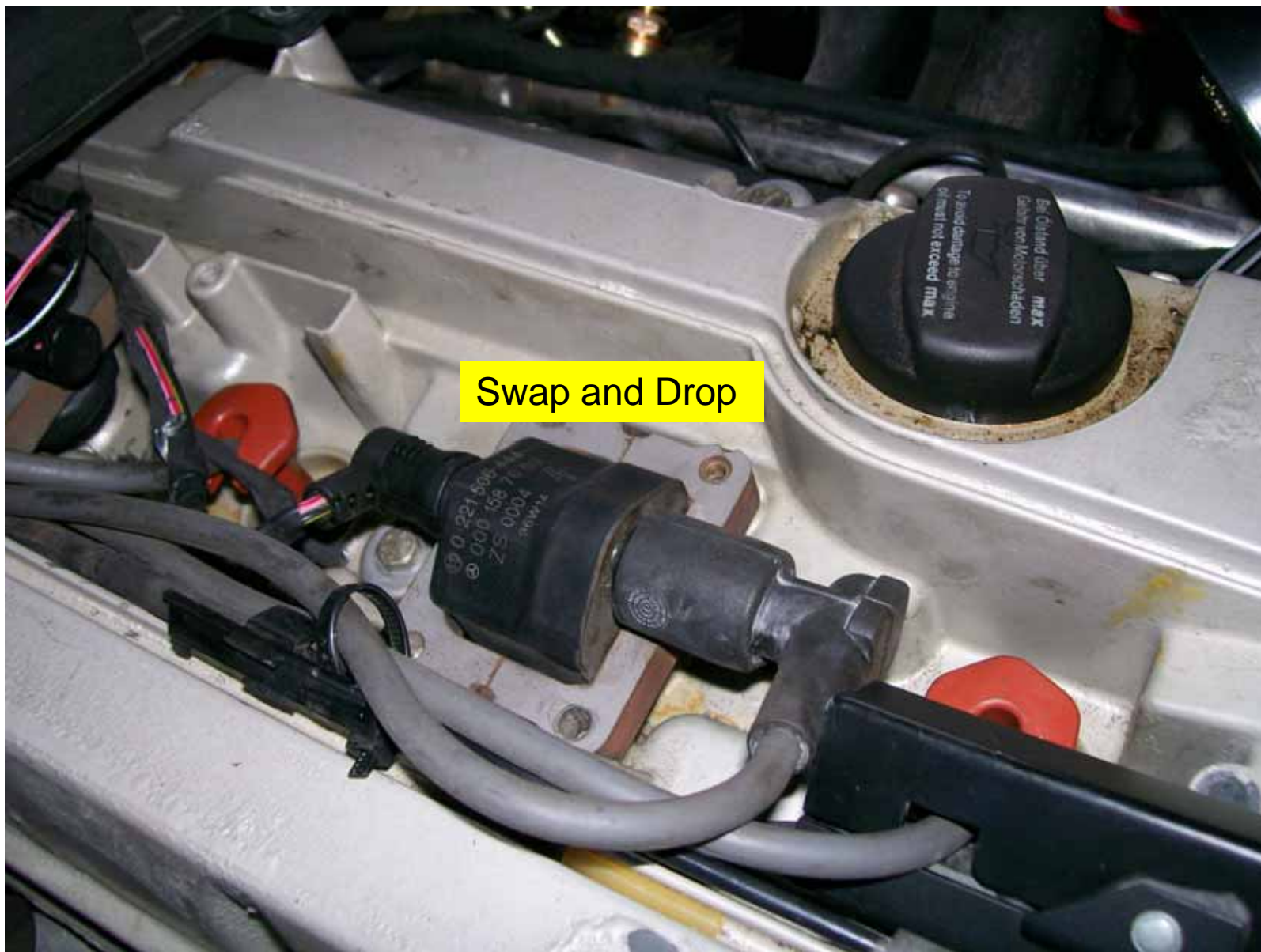
- This misfire activity appears to be ignition related





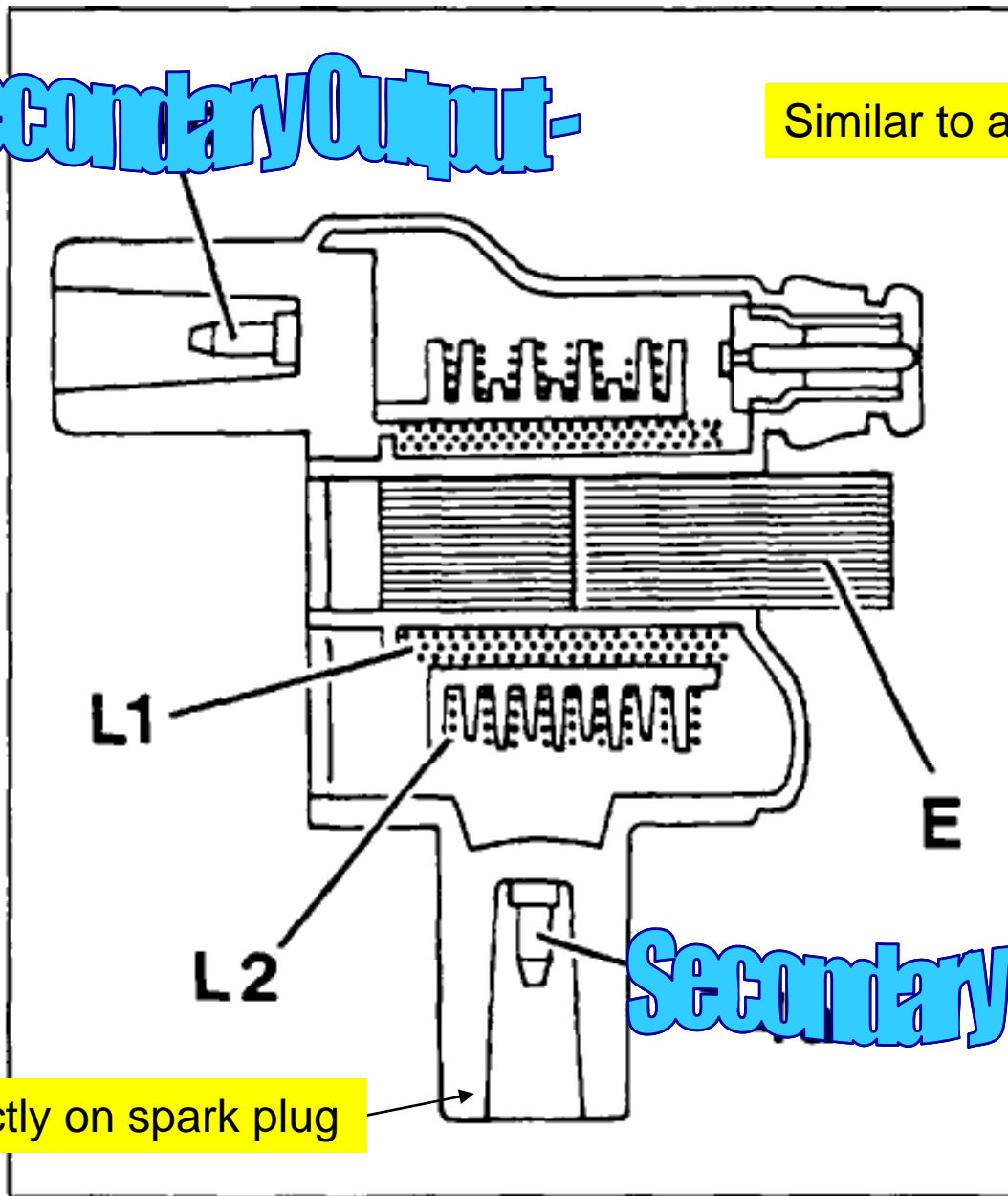






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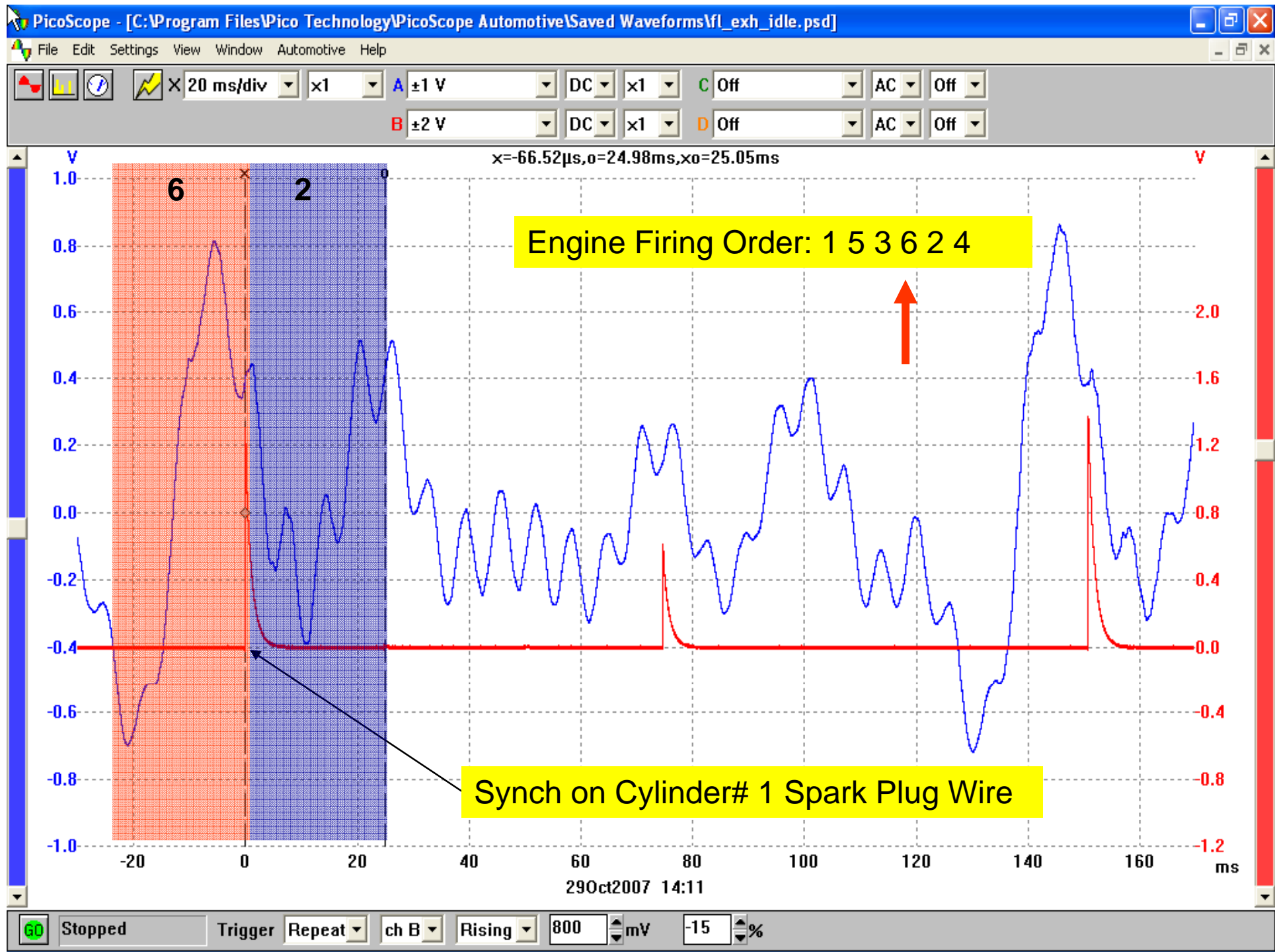
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Secondary Output+

Mounts directly on spark plug





1996 Mercedes Benz

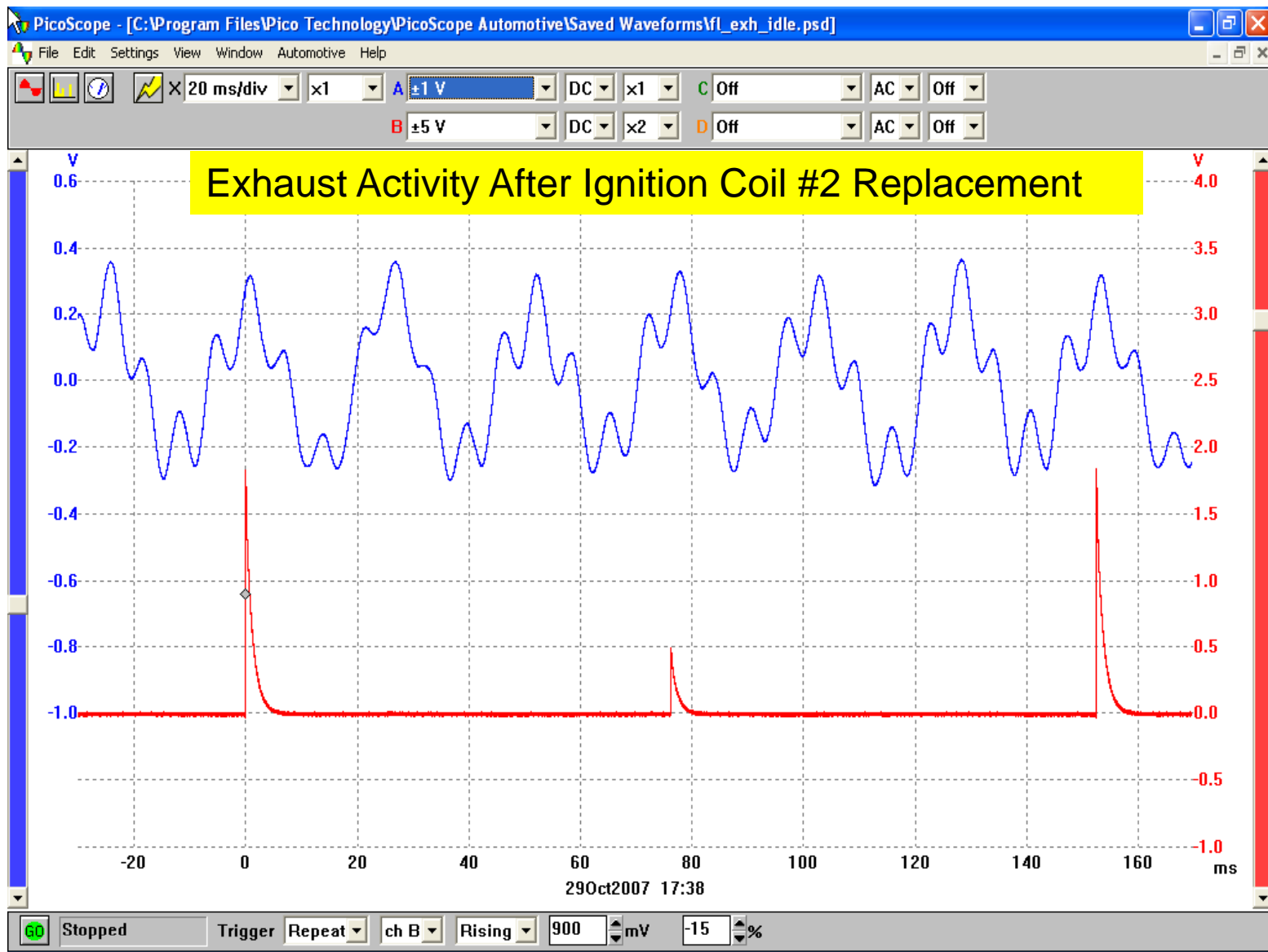
- The fix was the replacement of a bad ignition coil# 2.
- There were no visual signs of damage to the coil.
- A labscope pattern show no signs of failure per a primary current waveform.





Bad Ignition Coil #2





Case Study #4

1999 Volkswagon Passat





1999 Volkswagen Passat

- Vacuum level is at 17 inches mercury.
- There appears to be no misfire activity as stated by the customer
- The vehicle is run for a long period of time to see if we can confirm misfire activity





1999 Volkswagen Passat

- The pre oxygen sensor went low and the post went slightly high.
- There is now misfire activity that is present
- Our vehicle went into what is called *open loop fault* status as a result of the misfire activity



Auto Enginuity Software



AutoEnginuity's ScanTool

Data Logging Vehicle Options Help

Stopped Data Logging File Playback Speed

Diagnostic Trouble Codes Live Data Meter Live Data Graphs (2x) Live Data Graph (4x) Live Data Grid O2 Sensors Test OnBoard System OnBoard Test Results

Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC)

- P0302 Cylinder 2 Misfire Detected
 - Module: Ignition System Misfire
 - Status: Stored
 - Freeze Frame (Frame 0)
 - Calculated Load: 4 %
 - Coolant Temperature: 100 F
 - Engine RPM: 0 r/min
 - Fuel System Status Bank One: Closed Loop
 - Fuel System Status Bank Two: Not Reported
 - Long Term Fuel Trim Bank One: 0.00 %
 - Short Term Fuel Trim Bank One: 5.46 %
 - Vehicle Speed: 0 MPH

Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL)

☒ Check

Since MIL Activated

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Min. Run:	0 mins
Distance:	0.00 miles

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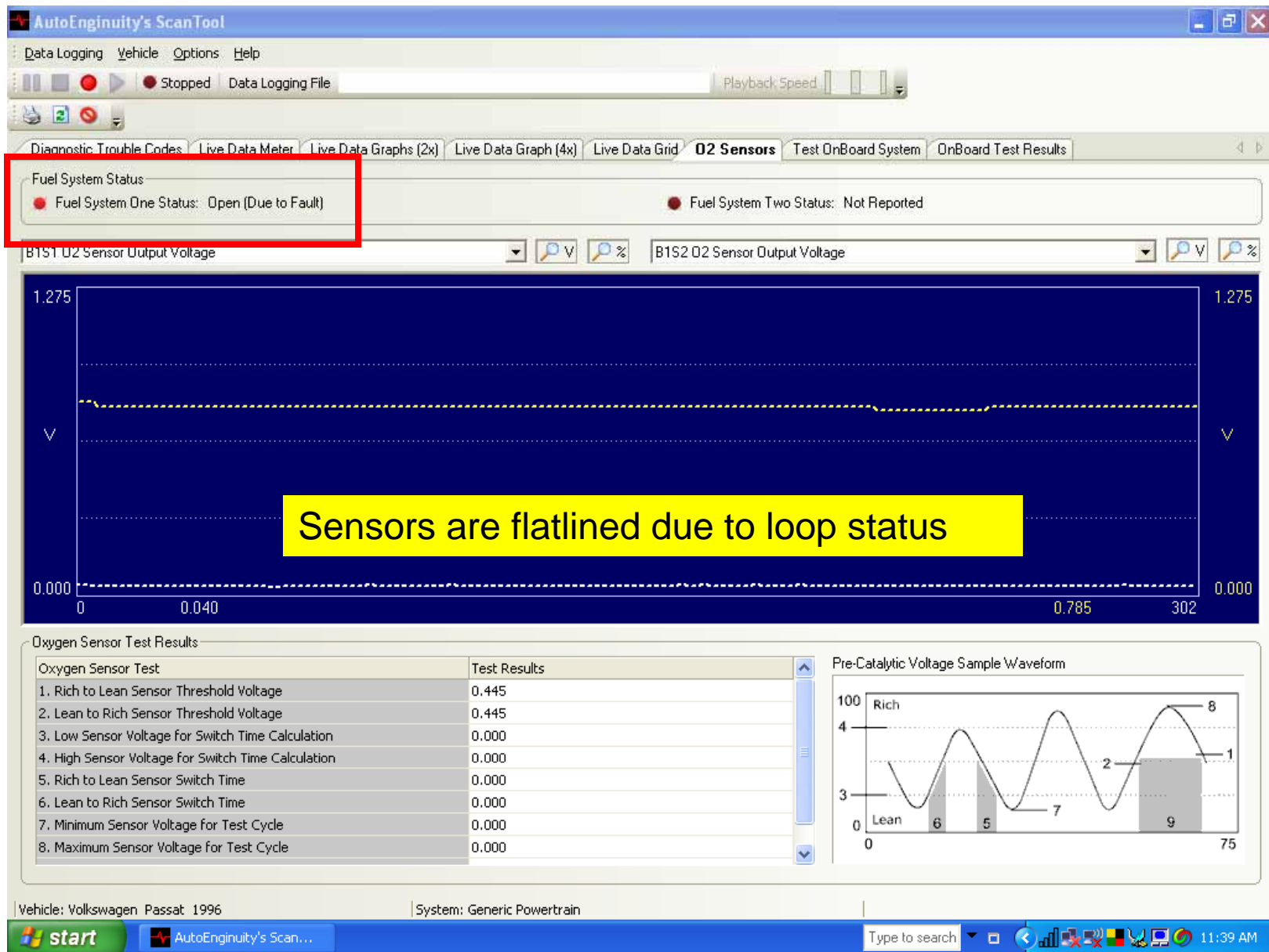
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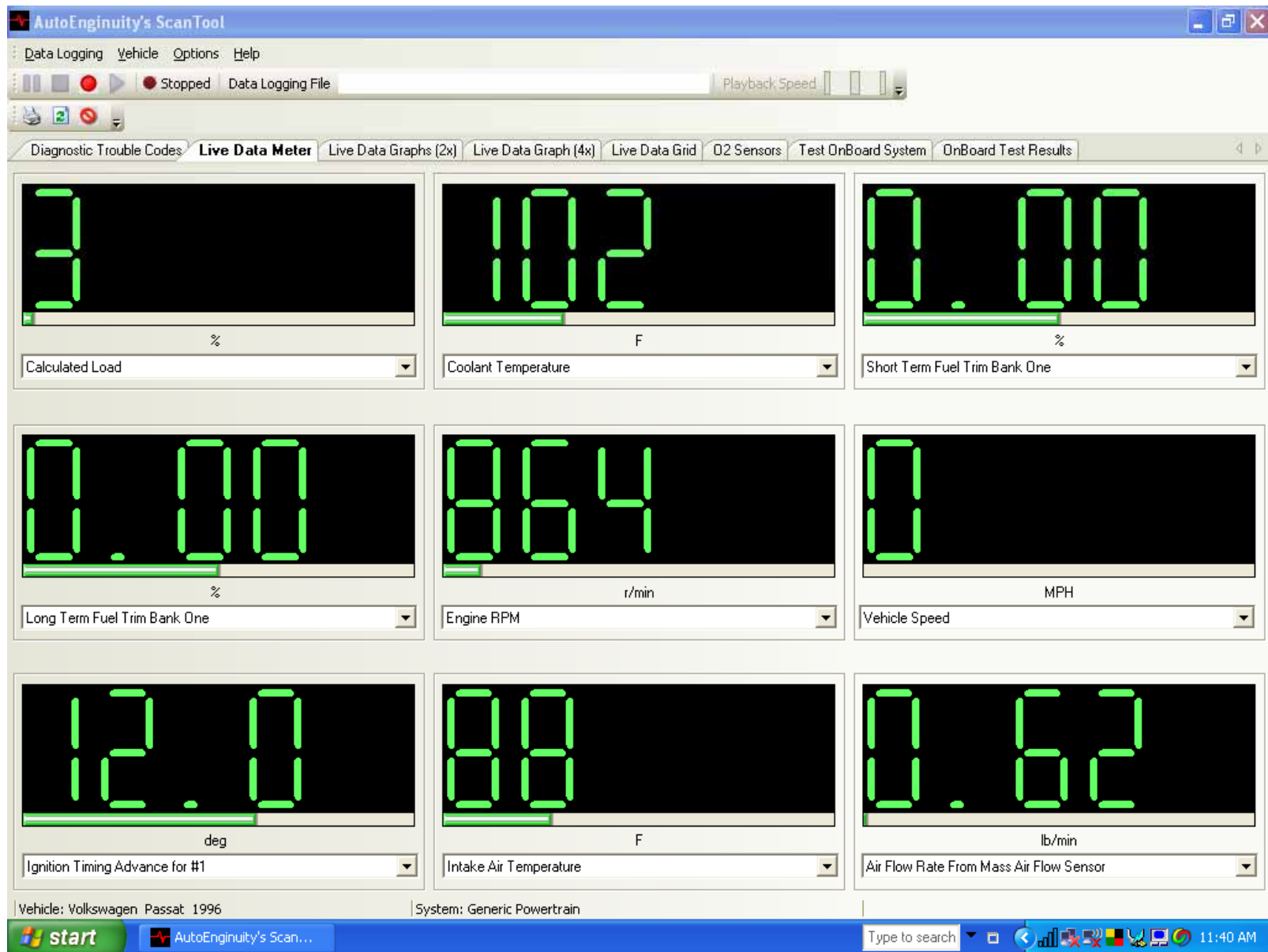
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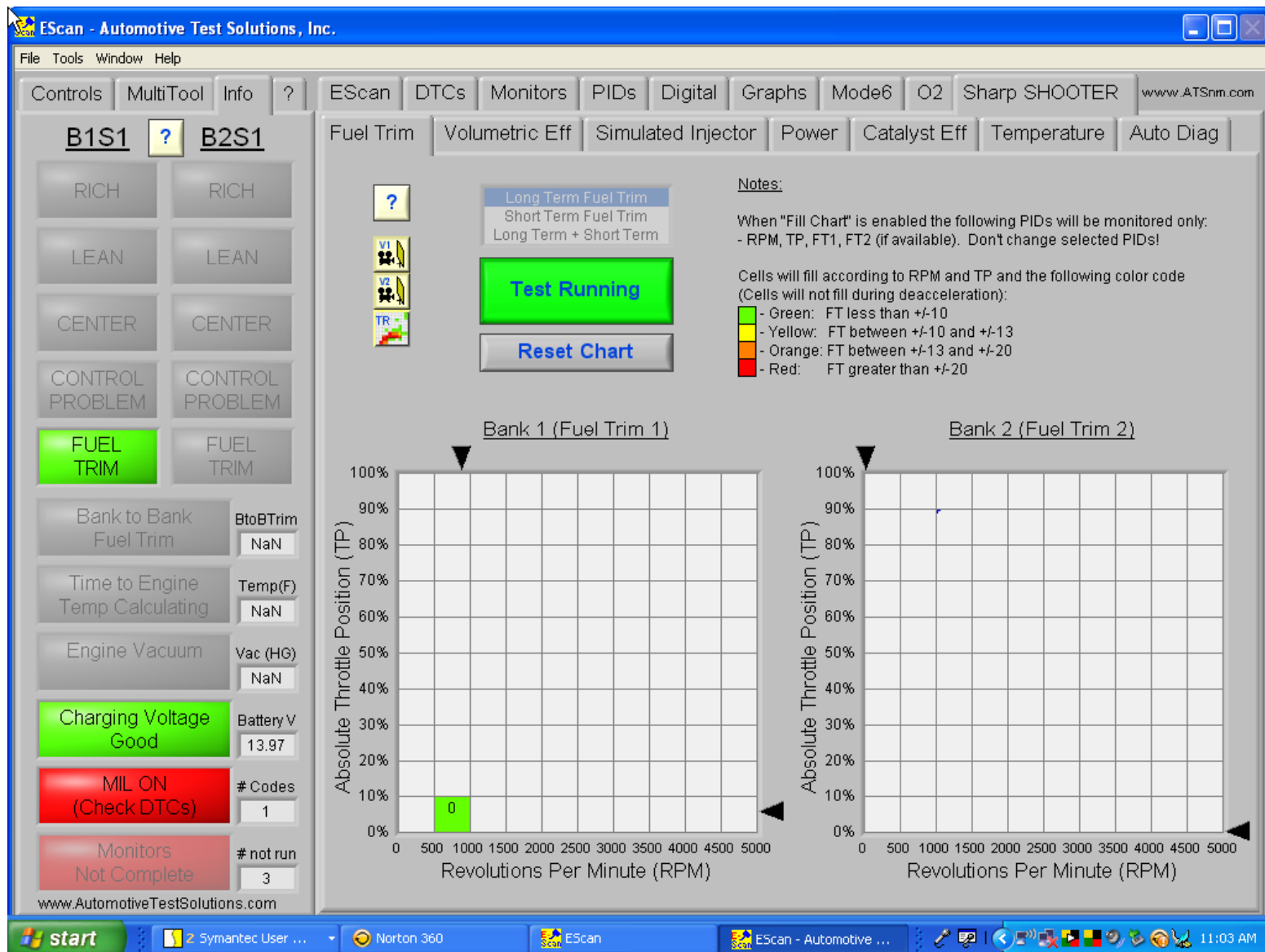


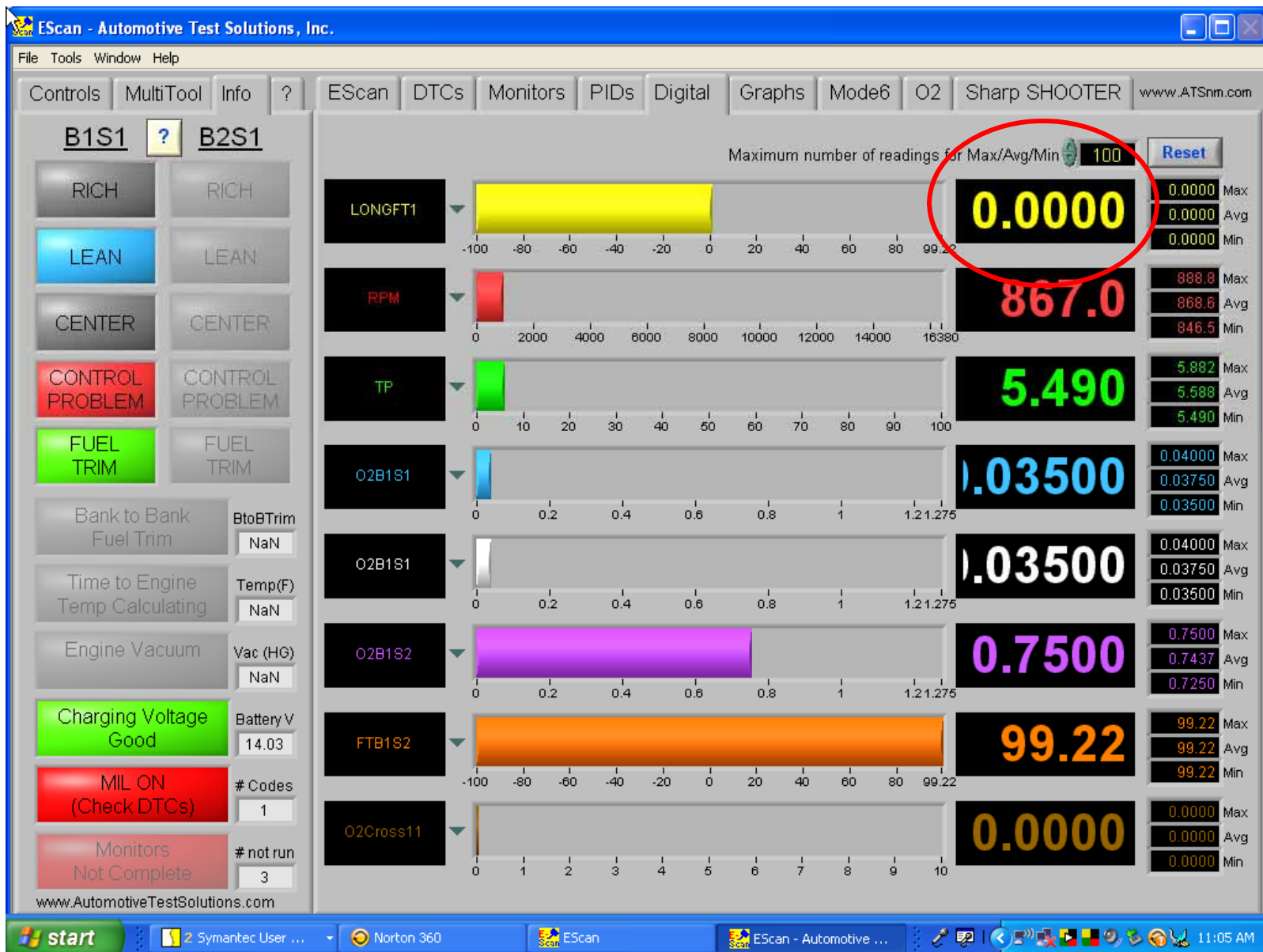




EScan Software







ACE Misfire Software



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EXHAUST Sync Cylinder: 1 Samples: 40

START STOP

Connect channel A to SenX after placing in tailpipe.
Connect channel B to # 1 cylinder coil trigger with 20:1 attenuator inline to ADC.
Click START button.

P.M. Mechanical Integrity Diagnose Misfire

Vehicle/Engine

Manufacturer: VOLKSWAGEN
Engine ID: 1.8
Engine Type: I4

Engine Details

Engine Size: 1.8
Firing Order: 1-3-4-2
Spark Dist.: C.O.P.

Optional Car/Customer Info

Year: 1999
Make: VOLKSWAGEN
Model: Passat
VIN #:
Customer: Research Vehicle
Mileage:
Comment:

Sample

Vacuum Reading: 17
Vacuum Needle Condition: STEADY
Long Term Fuel Trim: +0
Note:

CHANGE SINCE LAST TEST:
Relative Combustion Efficiency has significantly decreased (-59%)
Number of misfires has not changed significantly (0%)

DIAGNOSIS:
PERSISTENT MISFIRES DETECTED: Cylinder #2
IGNITION SUSPECTED

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Analyze primary or secondary ignition system for suspected cylinder(s)

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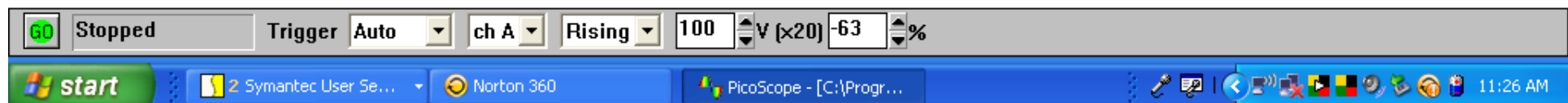
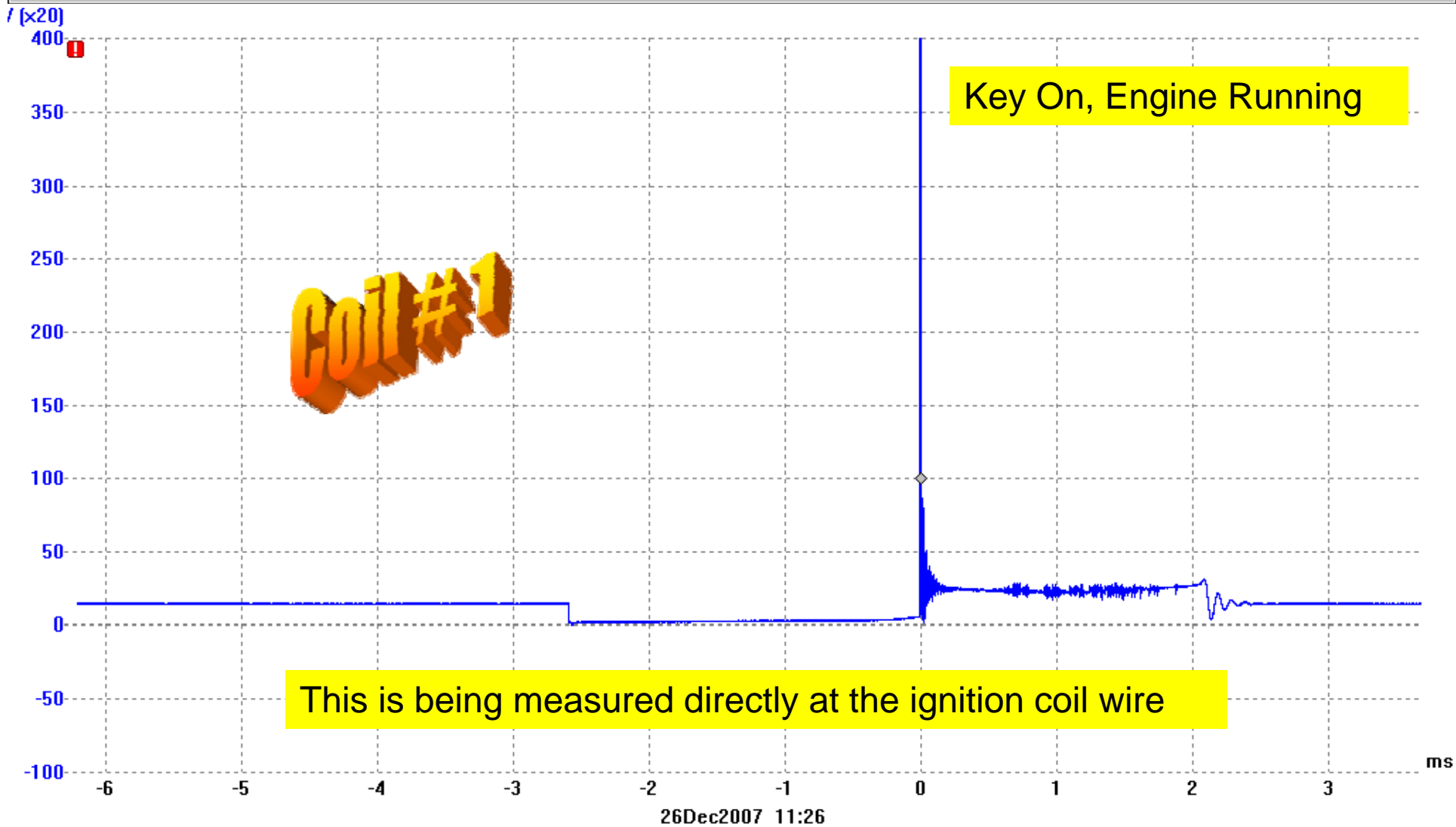
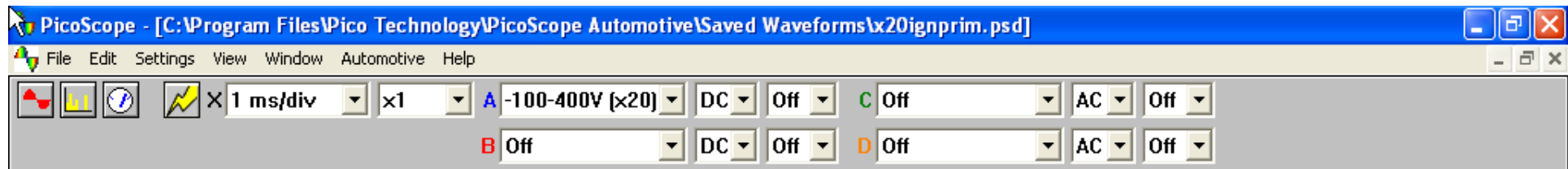
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Primary Ignition Waveforms Quick Evaluation



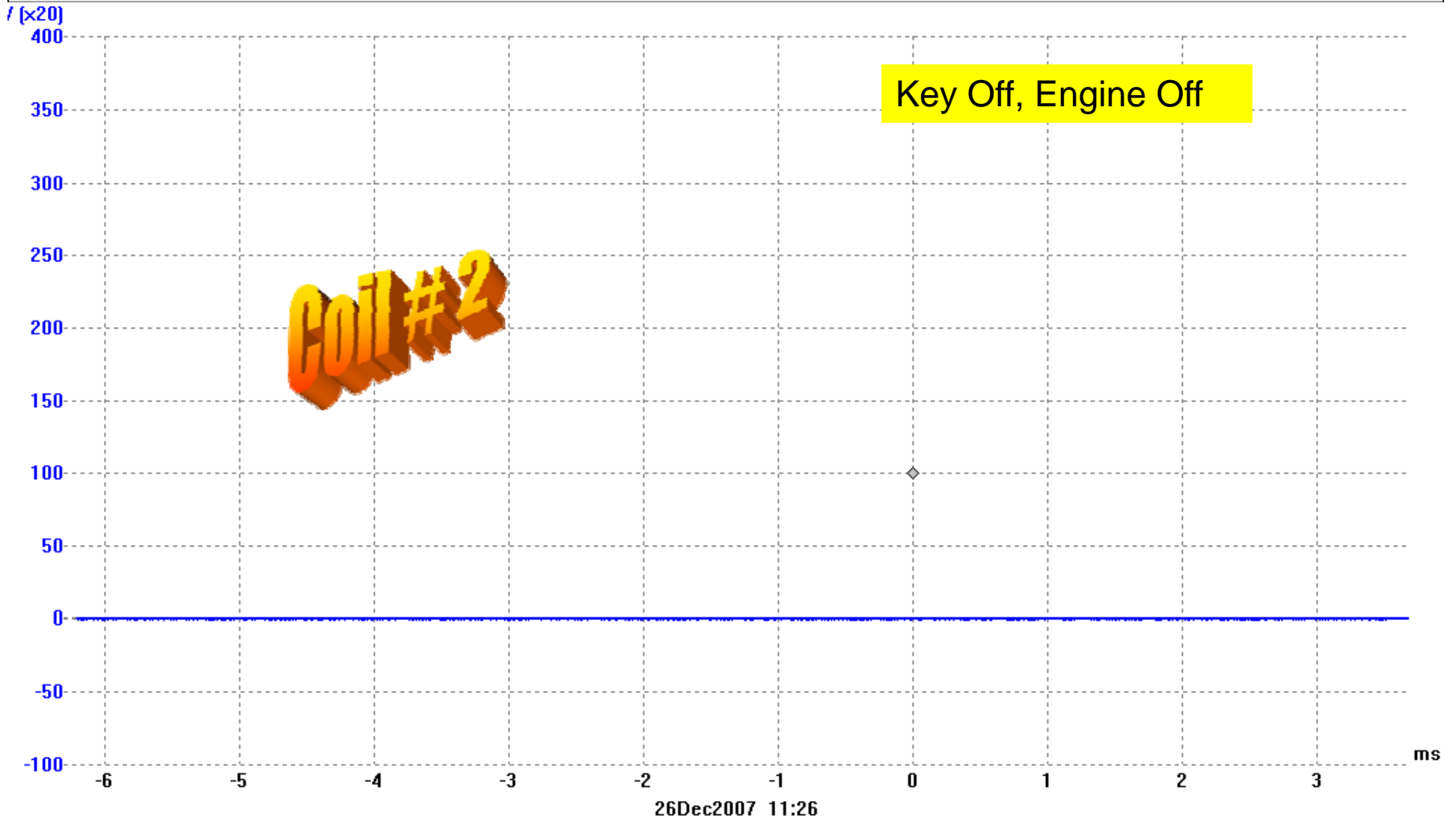


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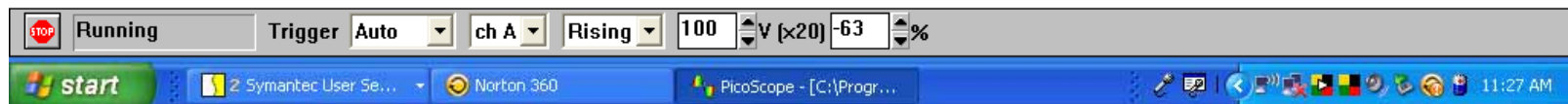
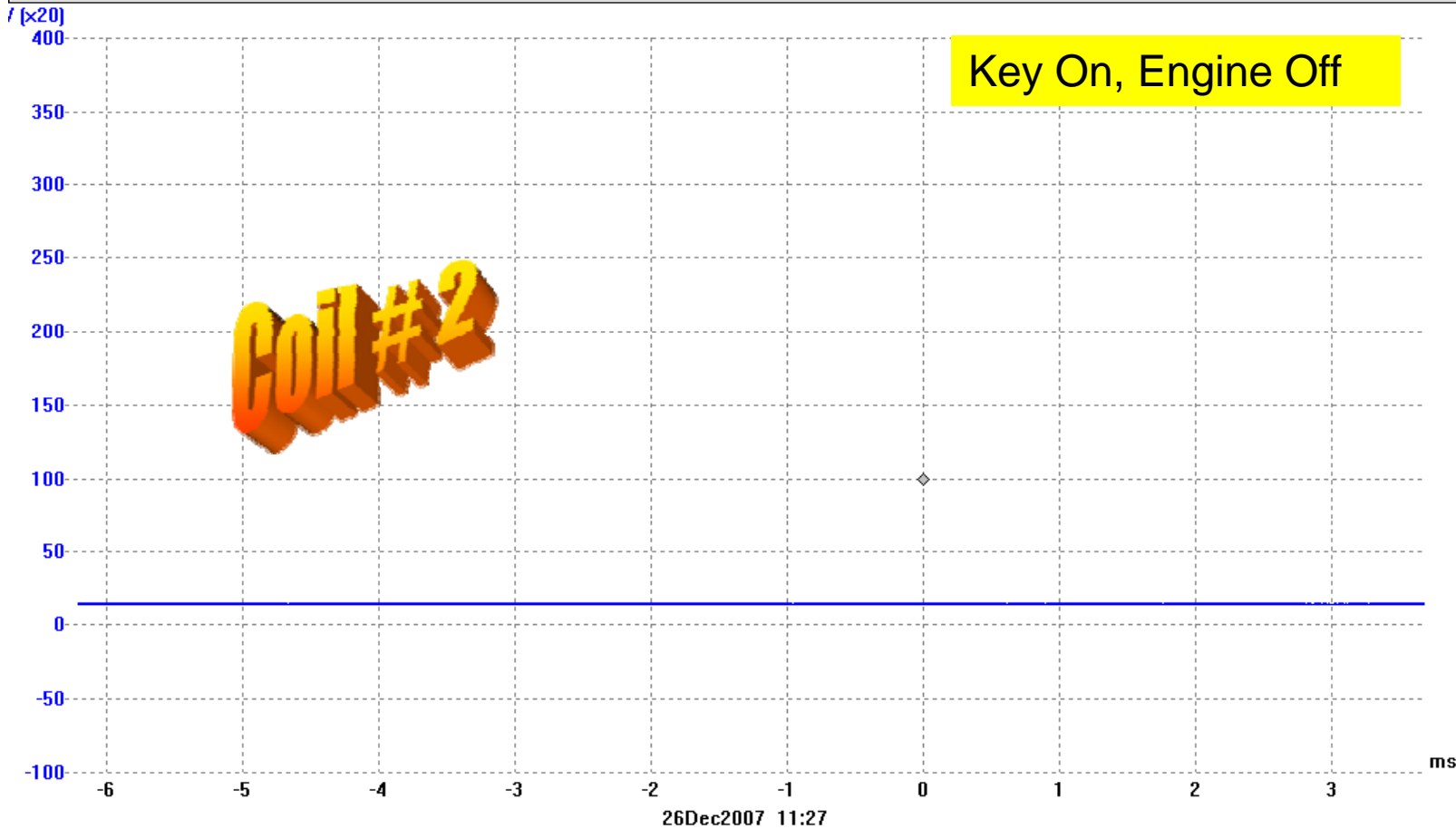
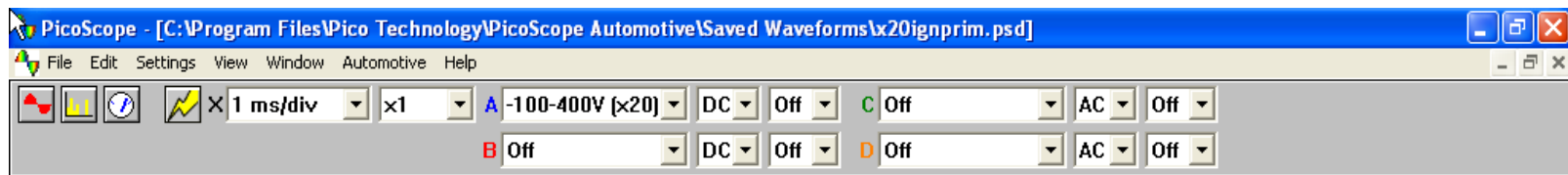
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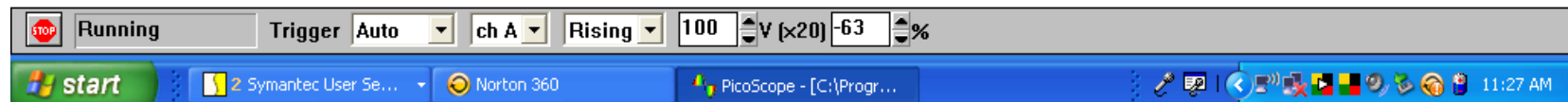
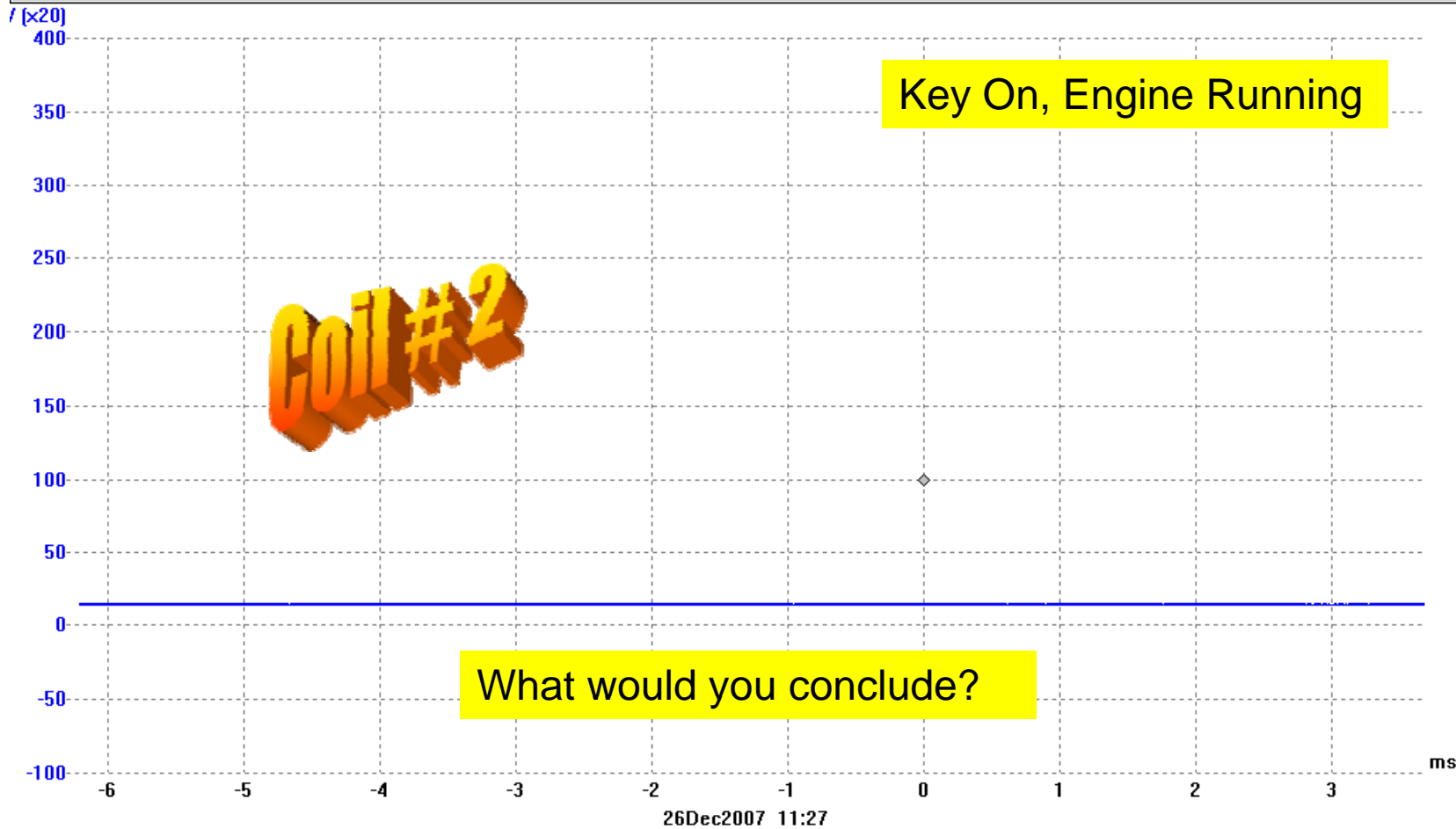
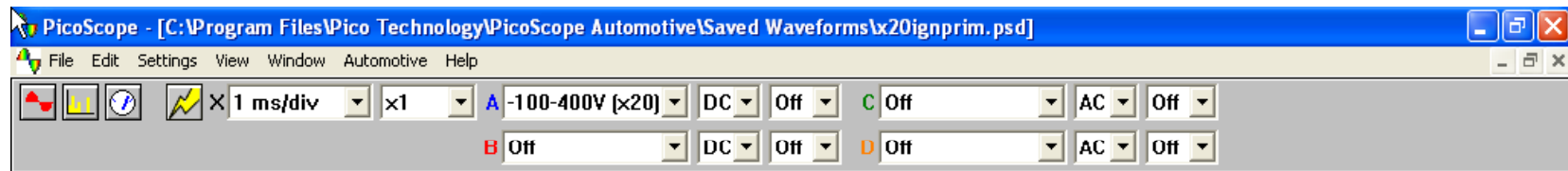
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Running Trigger Auto ch A Rising 100 V [x20] -63 %

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- This misfire activity appears to be ignition related



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- A swap and drop technique shows that the misfire does not follow the coil placement
- It appears that this may be a PCM, power stage output or a wiring issue



TSB Search

P0300 Codes



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- ECM part # 8D0907558M was noted on the current ECM
- The Freeze Frame shows code storage was indicated at 100 F
- TSB# 99-07; Dated: May 25, 1999 addresses P0300 codes



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tion, Measuring Value Blocks)

3. Address word 33, Mode 2 (module 10 only) Freeze Frame Data
(* use coolant temperature value only) see example below (arrow)

Mode 42	0	PID 5	Module 10
Coolant Temperature			12°C

Does misfire occur or engine run rough?
Check engine misfire counter using Function 08
Read Measuring Value Block Display group 014
Display field 3 (sum of all misfires)
Note: Specific cylinder misfire can be identified within Display groups 015 (cyls. 1, 2, 3) and 016 (cyl 4)

If Yes → Check & repair:
Spark Plugs
Ignition Coils/ power output stage
Injectors
Engine Speed Sensor
Altitude Sensor

If No → Check ECM Part No. (see printout)
Is ECM Part No: 8D0907558M

If Yes → Install new ECM only if coolant temp. is below 50°C in freeze frame data (* above)
Part No: 8D0907559 with Software level D03

If No → Check ECM Part No. (see printout):
Is ECM Part No: 8D0907557P with software level D01, D02, D03, D04 or D05

If Yes → Install new ECM only if coolant temp. is below 50°C in freeze frame data (* above)
Part No: 8D0907557P with Software level D06 or higher

If No → If ECM Part No: is 8D0907559 with software level D03 or
If ECM Part No: is 8D0907557P with software level D06 or Higher and Condition is still present → Contact Volkswagen Dealer Technician Helpline for further Instructions

This bulletin states to check the Power Output Stage

If the above listed items are ok, the ECM should then be replaced

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- The cost of the new ECM is \$750.00
- It is important to make a thorough checkout of the ignition system before buying a new ECM



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Passat Ignition System



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[Notes](#)

General Notes On The Ignition System

The ignition system and fuel injection system are controlled by the **Motronic Engine Control Module**

- Only the components which specifically relate to the ignition system are described here.
- Disconnecting and connecting the battery must only be done with the ignition switched off, otherwise the Engine Control Module (ECM) could be damaged.
- The [ECM](#) is equipped with On Board Diagnostic (OBD).
- Components marked with * are checked by on board diagnostic, See "Checking and Erasing DTC memory."
- For trouble-free operation of the electrical components a voltage of at least **11.5 volts** is necessary.
- During some checks it is possible that the [ECM](#) will recognize and store a DTC. After completing all checks and repairs the DTC memory must be checked and if necessary erased.

This does not provide much information on how the ignition system works

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PM sends a trigger to the Power Output



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r = red
br = brown
gn = green
bl = blue
gr = grey
li = violet

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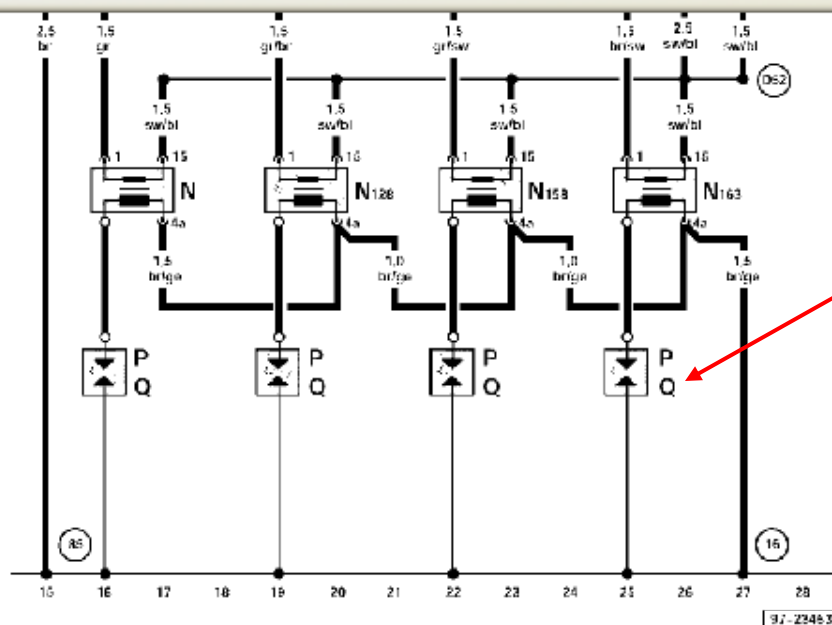
Power Output Stage

ECM

Ignition Coil Assemblies

The ECM provides also feed to the ignition coil

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ro = red
br = brown
gn = green
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gr = grey
li = light blue



Spark Plugs

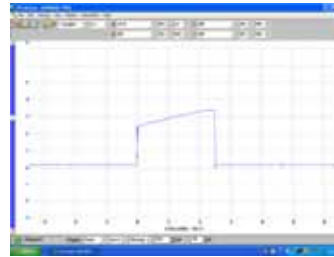
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- D - Ignition/Starter Switch
- J220 - Motronic Engine Control Module (ECM)
- N - Ignition Coil
- N122 - Power Output Stage
- N128 - Ignition Coil 2
- N158 - Ignition Coil 3
- N163 - Ignition Coil 4
- P - Spark Plug Connectors
- Q - Spark Plugs
- S231 - Fuse 31 in fuse holder
- S232 - Fuse 32 in fuse holder
- T4a - 4-Pin Connector, black, on power output stage
- T5 - 5-Pin Connector, black, on power output stage
- T10e - 10-Pin Connector, black, on protective housing for control module, in engine compartment, left
- T80 - Connector, 80 point, on Motronic Engine Control Module (ECM)

- 16 - Ground connection - 1, on valve cover
- 80 - Ground connection - 1, in engine compartment wiring harness
- A2 - plus connection (15), in instrument panel wiring harness
- A20 - wire connection (15a), in instrument panel wiring harness
- D52 - plus connection (15a), in engine compartment wiring harness

The Power Output Stage will then ground the primary circuit for the coils thus firing the spark plugs

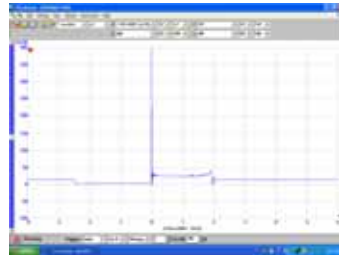
ECM



Trigger Pulse is sent

Power Output Stage

Ignition Coil
Fires



Primary Circuit is
Grounded

Ignition Coil



Activation Checking

Signal from PCM



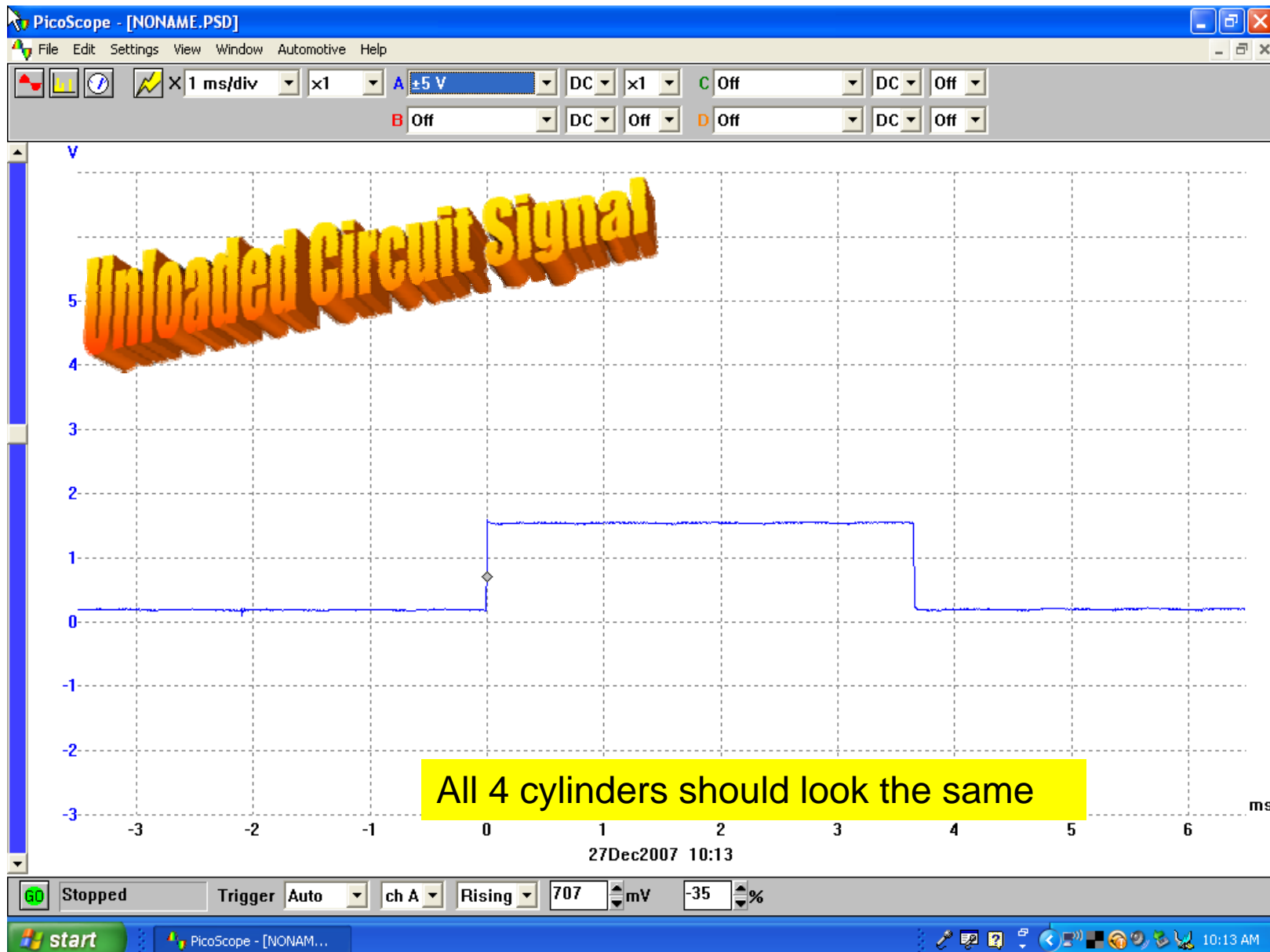
Disconnect the 5 wire connector from the PCM side of the Power Output Stage

Ignition coil side

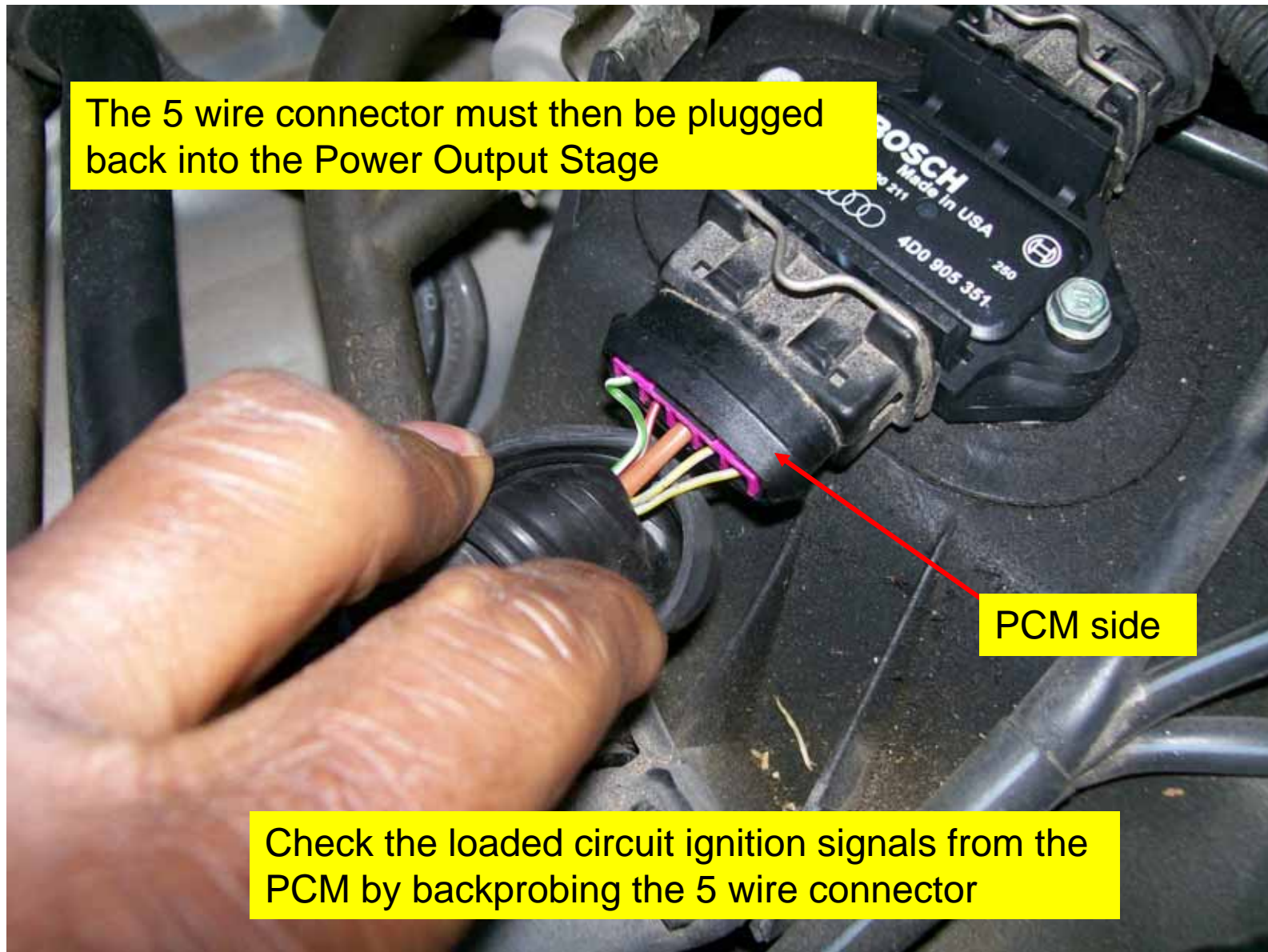
PCM side

Check the unloaded circuit ignition signals integrity from the PCM using a labscope



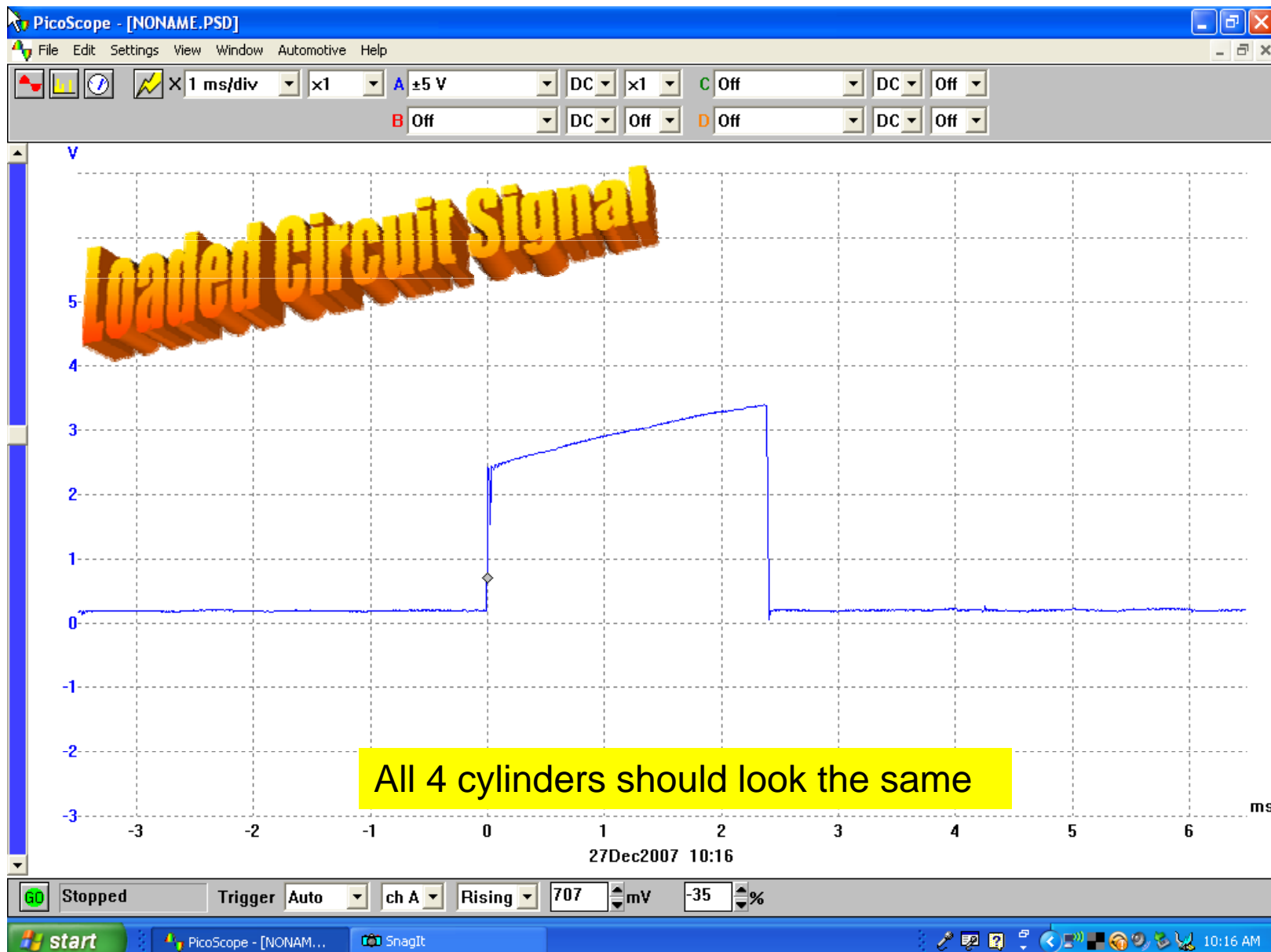


The 5 wire connector must then be plugged back into the Power Output Stage



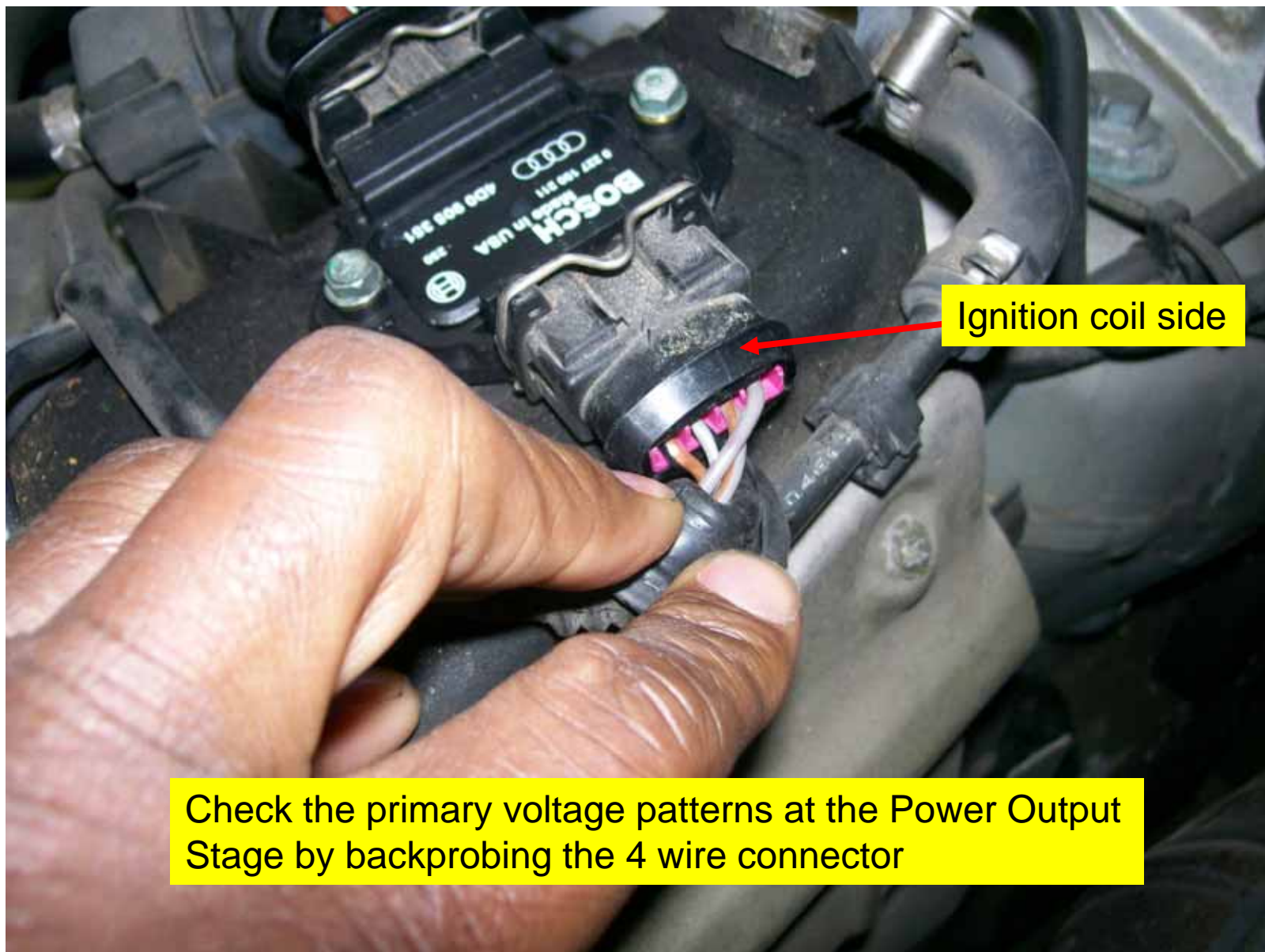
Check the loaded circuit ignition signals from the PCM by backprobing the 5 wire connector

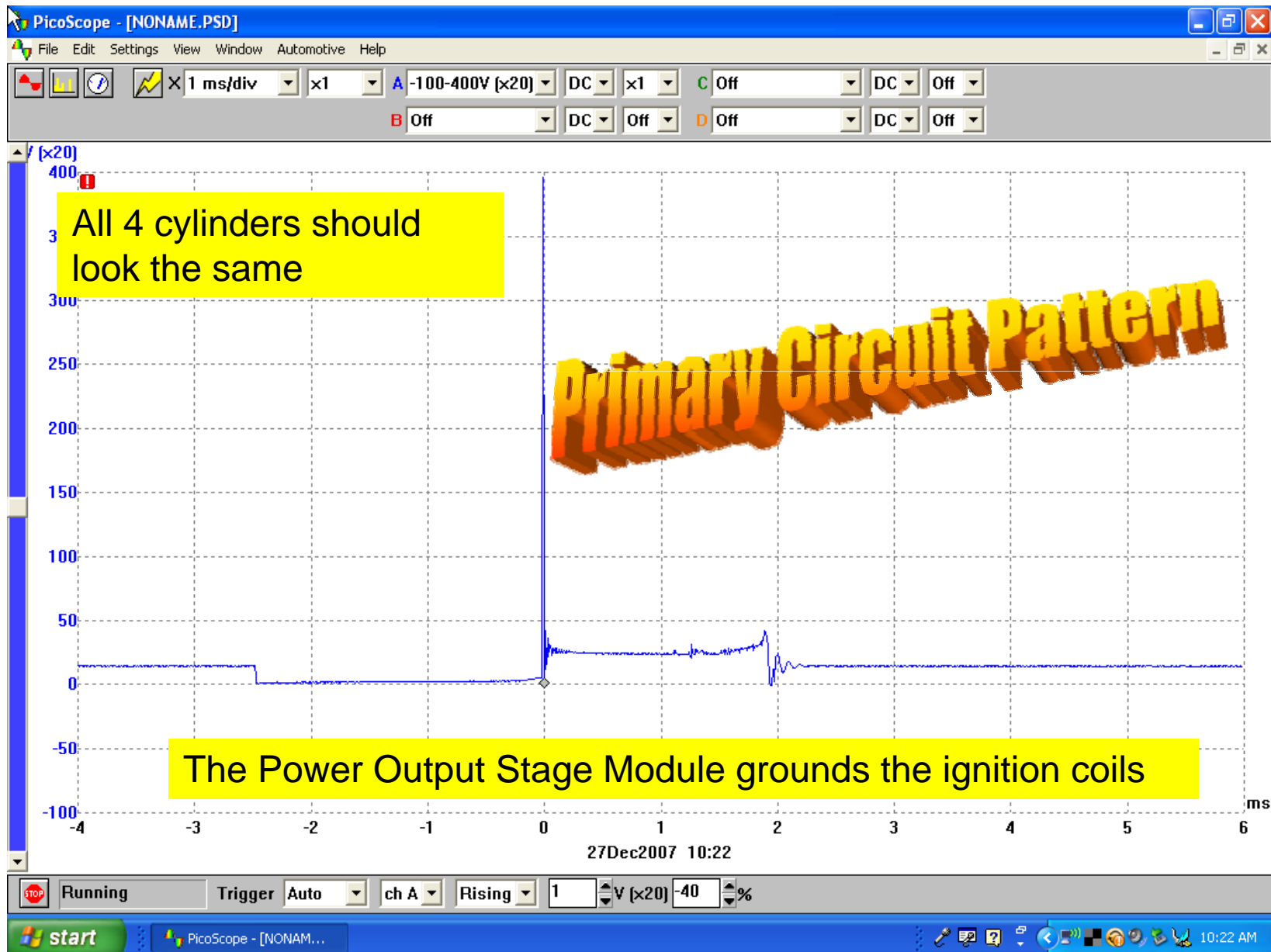




Power Output Stage Checking Primary Circuit Grounding







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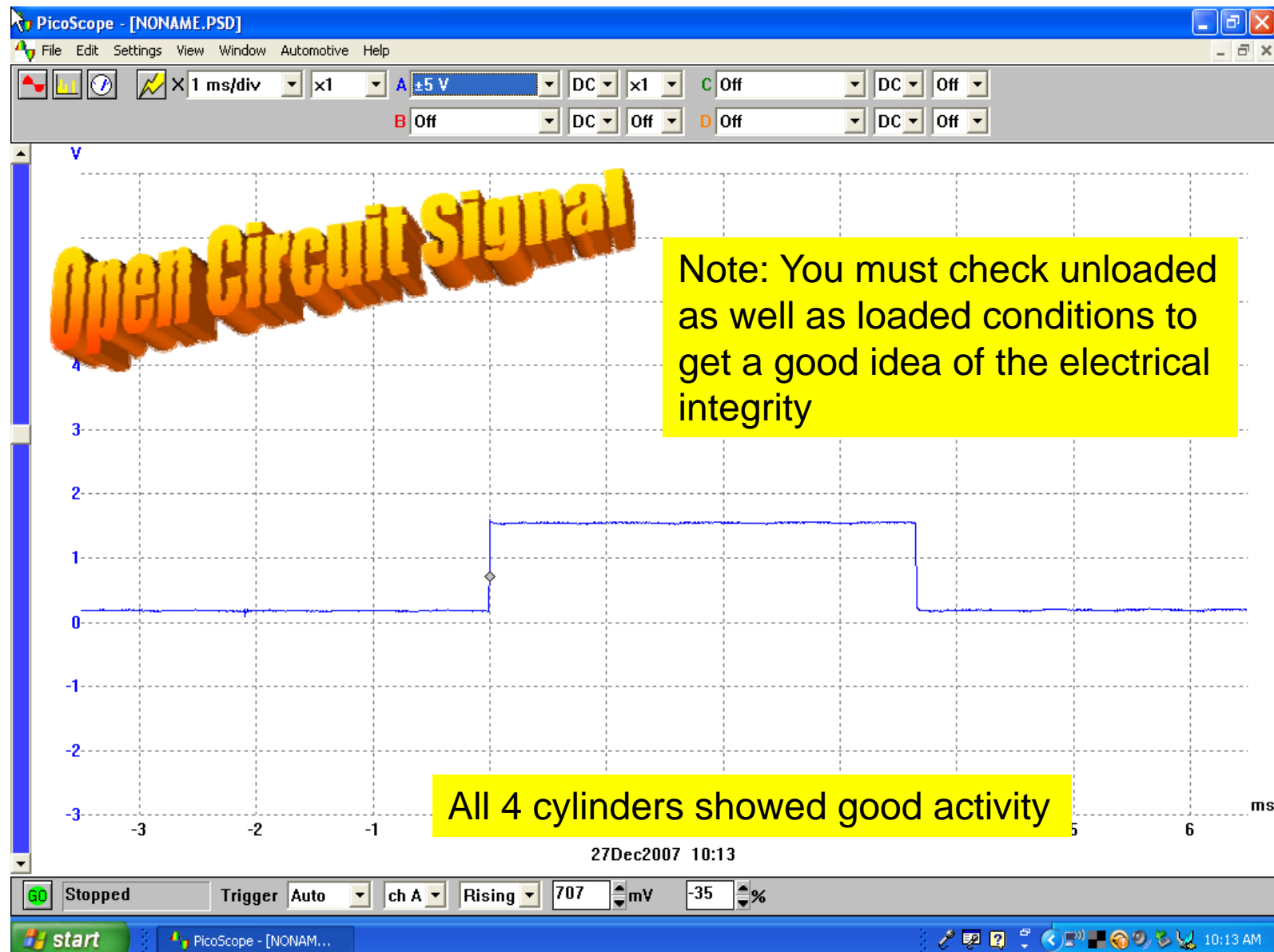
PCM Activation Checking



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- Cylinders 1,2,3 and 4 showed good open circuit PCM ignition trigger patterns





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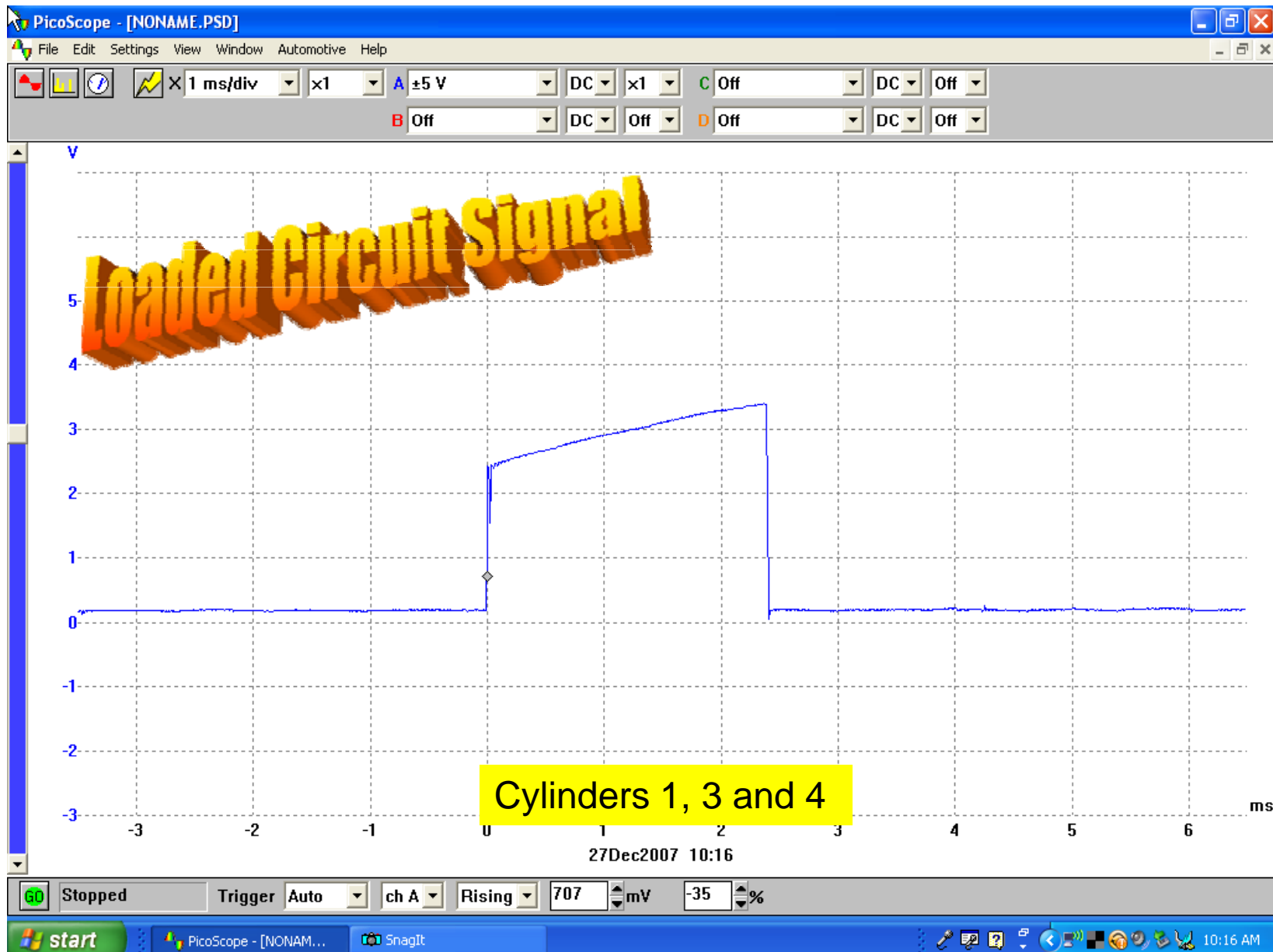
Power Stage Output Checking

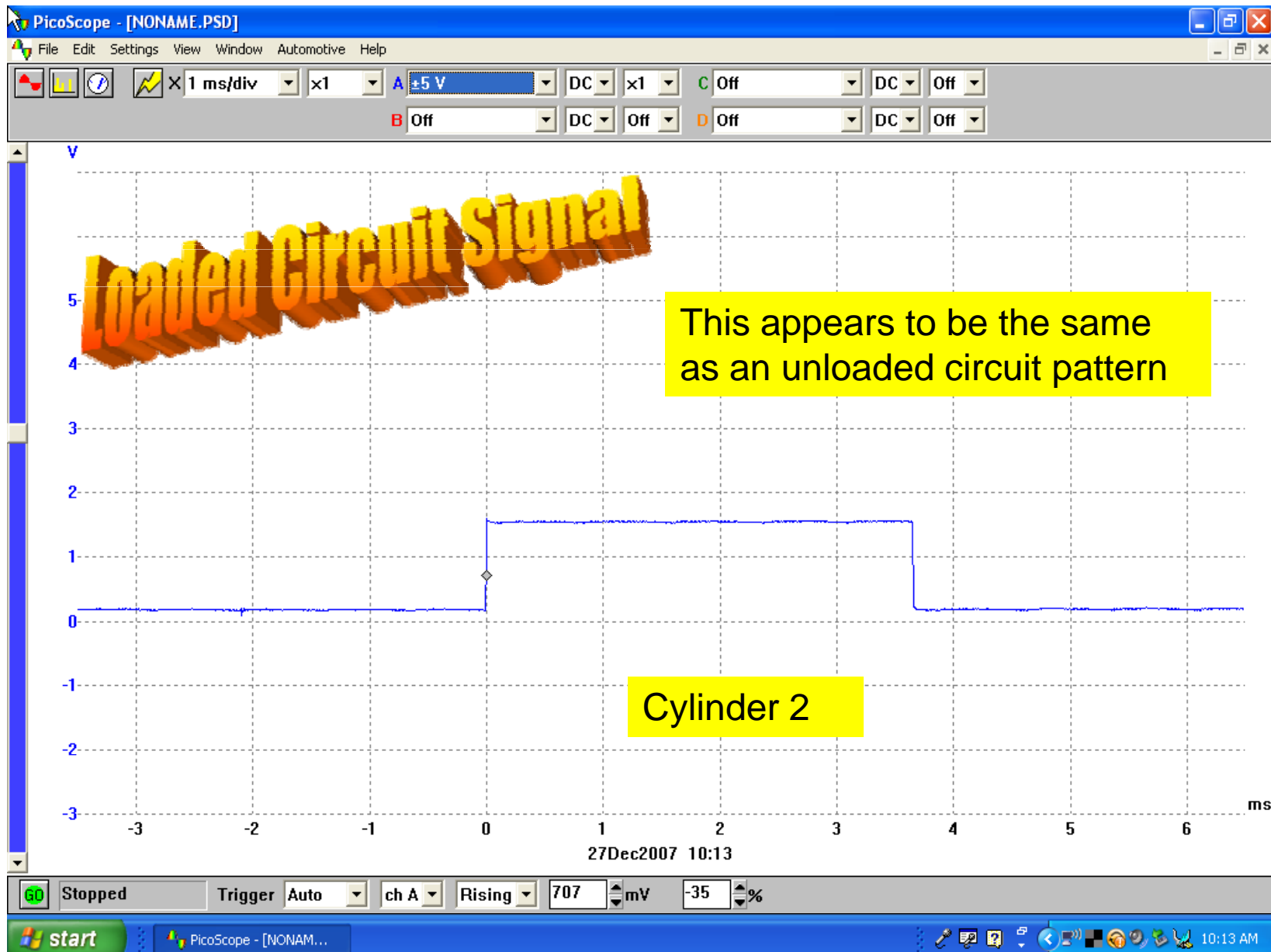


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- Cylinders 1,3 and 4 showed good loaded circuit PCM ignition trigger patterns
- Cylinder 2 pattern looked the same as the unloaded circuit pattern
- The *Power Output Stage* is what provides the loading effect for this circuit









The PCM is working as designed, but the Power Stage Output needs to be replaced



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- The Power Stage Output was replaced and the vehicle is now operating as designed.



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