

14. Fail-Safe

General

When the ECM detects a malfunction, the ECM stops or controls the engine according to the data already stored in the memory.

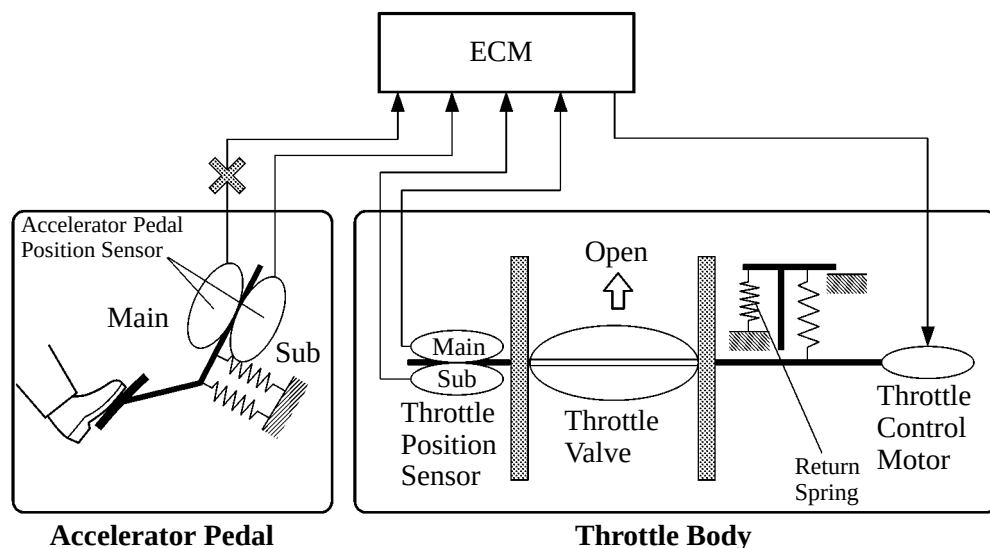
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Location on Malfunction	Description Control
Mass Air Flow Meter	In case of a signal malfunction, the engine could operate poorly or the catalyst could overheat if the engine continues to be controlled with the signals from the sensors. Therefore, the ECM effects control by using the values in the ECM or stops the engine.
Accelerator Pedal Position Sensor (For details, see page EG-54)	In case of a signal malfunction, the ECM calculates the accelerator pedal opening angle that is limited by the dual system sensor value and continues effecting throttle valve control. If both system malfunction, the ECM considers that the accelerator pedal is fully closed.
Throttle Position Sensor (For details, see page EG-55)	In case of a signal malfunction, the ECM cuts off the current to the throttle control motor. The throttle valve returns to the prescribed opening by the force of the return spring. The ECM then adjusts the engine output by controlling the fuel injection and ignition timing in accordance with the accelerator pedal opening angle to enable the vehicle to continue driving.
Engine Coolant Temp. Sensor and Intake Air Temp. Sensor	In case of a signal malfunction, the use of the values from the sensors will make the air-fuel ratio become too rich or too lean, which could causes the engine to stall or to run poorly during cold operation. Therefore, the ECM fixes the air-fuel ratio to the stoichiometric ratio and uses the constant values of 80°C engine coolant temperature and 20°C intake air temperature to perform the calculation.
Knock Sensor	In case of a malfunction in the knock sensor or in the knocking signal system (open or short circuit), the engine could become damaged if the timing is advanced despite the presence of knocking. Therefore, if a malfunction is detected in the knock sensor system, the ECM turns the timing retard correction of the knock sensor into the maximum retard value.
Ignition Coil (with Igniter)	In case of a malfunction in the ignition system, such as an open circuit in the ignition coil, the catalyst could be become overheated due to engine misfire. Therefore, if the (IGF) ignition signal is not input twice or more in a row, the ECM determines that a malfunction occurred in the ignition system and stops only the injection of fuel into the cylinder with the malfunction.

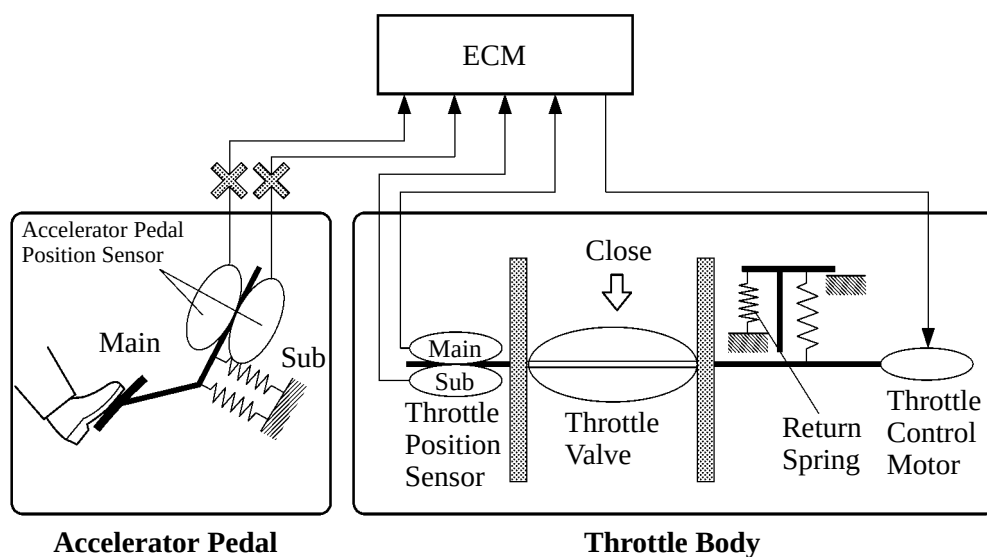
Fail-Safe of Accelerator Pedal Position Sensor

- The accelerator pedal position sensor comprises two (main, sub) sensor circuits. If a malfunction occurs in either one of the sensor circuits, the ECM detects the abnormal signal voltage difference between these two sensor circuit and switches to the limp mode. In the limp mode, the remaining circuit is used to calculate the accelerator pedal opening, in order to operate the vehicle under limp mode control.



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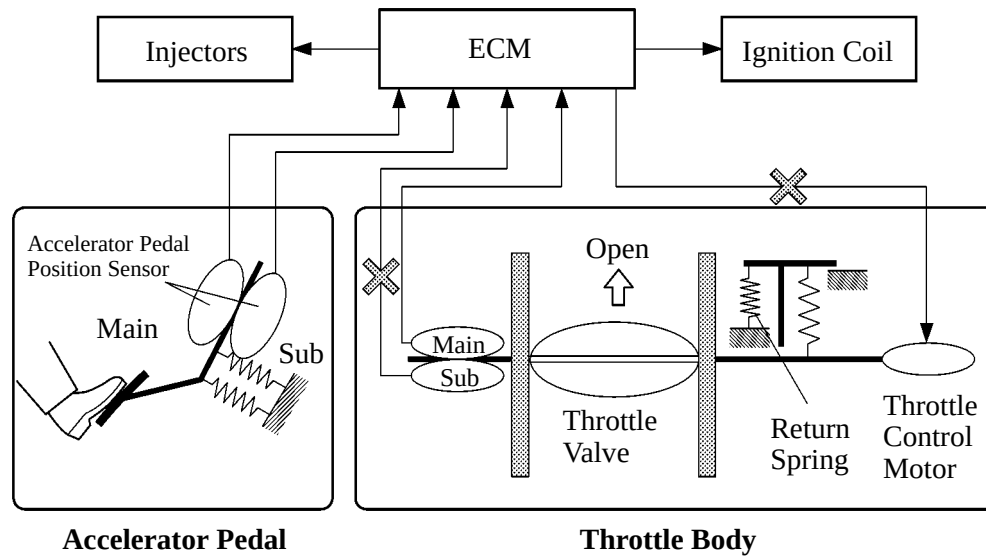
- If both systems malfunction, the ECM detects the abnormal signal voltage between these two sensor circuits and regards that the opening angle of the accelerator pedal is fully opened and then continues the throttle control. At this time, the vehicle can be driven within its idling range.



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Fail-Safe of Throttle Position Sensor

- The throttle position sensor comprises two (main, sub) sensor circuits. If a malfunction occurs in either one of the sensor circuits, the ECM detects the abnormal signal voltage difference between these two sensor circuits, cuts off the current to the throttle control motor, and switches to the limp mode. Then, the force of the return spring causes the throttle valve to return and stay at the prescribed opening. At this time, the vehicle can be driven in the limp mode while the engine output is regulated through the control of the fuel injection and ignition timing in accordance with the accelerator opening.
- The same control as above is effected if the ECM detects a malfunction in the throttle control motor system.



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