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The Isuzu 4LE2 Tier 4 Final engine may experience heavy Unburnt Fuel (**Soot**) deposits in the Exhaust Gas Recirculation (**EGR**) Valve due to Light Loading situations, thus causing the specific EGR flash codes 44 (P0409) or 45 (P0404).

Normal EGR Valve Operation in the System

• Mixes exhaust with incoming air to meet emissions.

Effects on EGR Valve in Light Loading Situations

- The EGR valve is not commanded to open due to a small volume of air being used by the engine.
- There is not enough volume of cooler or denser air to mix with the exhaust from the EGR without negatively affecting engine performance.
- Soot deposits begin accumulating in the EGR valve.
- Continuous operation of the unit will give little to no warning of soot accumulation in the EGR valve.

ECU's Fault Detection of EGR Valve Deviation

- Fault codes are set in the ECU during a restart attempt due to a shutdown of any type i.e. running out of fuel, normal servicing etc.
- As a function of normal operation, the engine ECU confirms all components are operating in their normal range at <u>every key on/start up</u> by sweeping the range and looking at the feedback from those components.

Corrective Action for EGR Valve Fault Codes 44 or 45

- 1. Remove the valve to clean off the deposits, (one electrical plug and 7 bolts), (Note: Gaskets can be reused), Ref. Fig. 1 & 2.
- 2. Remove unwanted deposits using a flat blade screwdriver. Once deposits have been cleared, confirm the spool moves freely.
- 3. These EGR faults will self-clear at the next power (operator key or toggle switch) cycle. No code clearing via IDST or jumping V53, unless other codes are active.

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PLEASE NOTE:

OPERATING THE UNIT IN A LIGHT LOAD SITUATION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WOULD REQUIRE INSPECTING/CLEANING THE EGR VALVE EVERY <u>500 HOURS</u> AS PART OF THE NORMAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.





