

What is a PLC?

PLC stands for Programmable Logic Controller.



Figure 1 - PLC

A PLC is, by definition, a relay which is controlled by standard electrical inputs in combination with internal relay contacts to provide a variety of control parameters for an output. A PLC is a box with solid state relays.



Figure 2 - Typical PLC location

Uses for the PLC

The PLC is used to control:

- Transmission shifting
- Control panel displays
- Options relay
- CAT engine torque limiting



Figure 3 - Current PLC Model (without Optional Digital Display Monitor)



Inputs and Outputs



Figure 4 - PLC, Obsolete

Inputs (indicated by an X) are similar in function to a coil on a relay.

Outputs (indicated by a Y) are the controlled circuits or relay contacts.

The outputs connect to a given Y terminal and its corresponding COM terminal. COM terminals can either be (+) or (-).

For old-style (obsolete) PLC models:		For current PLC mode	ls:
OUTPUTS	COM TERMINALS	<u>OUTPUTS</u>	COM TERMINALS
Y0, Y1	COM0 (+)	Y0	COM0 (+)
Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5	COM1(+)	Y1	COM1 (+)
Y6, Y7, Y10, Y11		Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5	COM2 (+)
Y12, Y13, Y14, Y15	COM3 (-)	Y6, Y7, Y10, Y11	COM3 (+)
		Y12, Y13, Y14, Y15	COM4 (-)

This controller uses the following +24V inputs (X):



Figure 5 - Speed Sensor Location

- A speed sensor in the bell housing. This provides a pulse to determine engine speed.
 NOTE: Machines with the Cummins QSX Engine receive the engine speed signal from the engine's electronic control module (ECM).
- A pressure switch on the left brake pedal, for the declutch.



Figure 6 - Pressure Switch Location

- The shift selector, Forward/Reverse, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Fourth gear is designated by either forward or reverse inputs only.
- The key switch. Signal from the starter circuit to reset the transmission to neutral.

The following outputs (Y) are controlled by the PLC:

- The transmission manifold solenoids for Forward, Reverse, 1st, 2nd, 3rd gear.
- The option relay solenoid.
- The torque limit on the CAT 3406E engine control module.
- The torque converter.







Figure 8 - Imputs & Outputs (Current PLC model without Optional Digital Display Monitor)

The Internal Logic Used to Control Inputs

- Shifting direction and resetting the declutch is only allowed when the engine speed is between 480 and 900 rpm.
- The option relay (Y7) is activated when the engine speed is **greater** than 480 rpm. This relay powers the Air Dryer, Strobe Lights, Defroster Fan, and the Air Conditioner.
- Torque Limit (Y15) is turned on if the engine speed is greater than 1900 rpm and you are not using the hoist or tilt function. A pressure switch is located on the pressure side of the hoist/tilt control valve. Unless this switch is activated the available engine torque is kept at its lower preset value. When engine speed is between low idle and 1900 rpm, Y15 is off and the engine is at its highest torque setting.



Figure 9 - Pressure Switch Location

Troubleshooting Outputs



Figure 10 - Troubleshooting Ouputs

Whenever the ignition switch is in the on position, both the Power and the Run indicator lights should be on. Y12 is on only when the engine speed is between 480 and 900 rpm (refer to Figure 10). This will provide a check of the speed sensor operation. The speed sensor is critical to declutch and shifting operations.

NOTE: For machines using the rocker pedal controls, X12 will always be on whenever the power is on.

- At any engine speed between 480 and 900 rpm the Y12 light on the PLC should be on.
- If this light comes on or is intermittent at high engine speeds, check the wiring to the switch assembly. Verify that the speed sensor is adjusted properly (refer to page 8 for procedure), or replace the speed sensor if necessary. For the location of the speed sensor, refer to Figure 5.
 NOTE: All PLC models have an RUN/STOP switch located under the access door. When the PLC is being programmed, the switch should be in the STOP position. For the PLC to function correctly, it should be in the RUN position and remain there.

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Speed Sensor

NOTE: Not applicable for machines with Cummins QSX engines.

To ensure a strong signal it is critical for both the speed sensor/flywheel tooth gap to be correctly set, and the keyway/index mark must be oriented perpendicular to the plane of flywheel rotation.

The engine flywheel tooth gap/proximity switch gap can be between 0.055 in. and 0.150 in. We recommend a gap of 0.110 ± 0.014 in. See Figure 11. Each complete revolution of the proximity switch will change the gap by 0.055 in. (1 turn = 0.055 in.).

The slight keyway located at the knurled end of the sensor functions as an index mark. The keyway/index mark must be oriented perpendicular to the direction of flywheel rotation. See Figure 12.

Easy installation procedure:

- 1. Ensure that the top of a flywheel tooth is in line with the center of the proximity switch hole.
- 2. Gently screw in the proximity switch until it touches the top of a tooth on the flywheel.
- 3. Back out the proximity switch 1 full turn \pm 1/4 turn.
- 4. Turn the proximity switch keyway/index mark to the nearest side perpendicular to the direction of flywheel rotation. This will result in a flywheel tooth/switch gap of 0.110 ± 0.014 in. -
- Secure in position using the proximity switch's jam nuts. To avoid damaging the switch do not over tighten. Torque to 50 lbs. ft. ± 10 lbs. ft.). Make sure the index mark remains perpendicular to flywheel rotation.

CAUTION

CAUTION: DO NOT ALLOW SENSOR FACE TO CONTACT OTHER MAGNETS, AS THIS WILL CHANGE THE SENSOR'S CALIBRATION.



Figure 11 - Flywheel Tooth/Switch Gap



Figure 12 - Keyway/Index Mark Orientation



Figure 13 - Troubleshooting Outputs

Y13 is on when declutched (refer to figure 13). This light will remain on after declutching at high rpm until the engine speed is lowered to between 480 and 900 rpm and resets. When Y13 is on, Y0 and Y1 will be off regardless of inputs X2 and X3.

Troubleshooting guide

- 1. Check for the power to the PLC. The **POWER** indicator light on the cover of the PLC should be on. The PLC is powered by the accessory relay and protected by a 3 amp circuit breaker on the input (X) side and a 15 amp circuit breaker on the output side (Y). See Figure 14.
- Next, make sure that the 24V output terminals, (COM0, COM1 and COM2 on machines using the old PLC model, and COM0, COM1, COM2 and COM3 on machines using the current PLC model) all have 24 volts. The COM terminals provide power to the output relays.
- 3. On old PLC models, make sure that COM3 is connected to ground (-). On current PLC models, COM4 should be connected to ground.

In order for the PLC to control the various outputs, all inputs must be correct. To troubleshoot the transmission problems, verify the inputs from the Shifter and the outputs to the Transmission control module. See Figures 7 and 8 for inputs and outputs on PLC models.

When experiencing a problem with the PLC, a simple check to determine if the PLC is operating correctly is to install a jumper wire. On the obsolete models, jump from COM2 to X10. On current models, jump from COM3 to X10.

NOTE: Remove the jumper wire after the test.

If the PLC operates correctly with the jumper, the problem is not with the PLC but indicates a problem with receiving the correct signal from the proximity switch.





For machines using Clark Transmission Shifter Controls:

NOTES:

- When Declutch Indicator is on, Y0 and Y1 will remain off regardless of inputs X2 and X3.
 Y13 will stay on after X7 is turned off until engine rpm is between 480 and 900.

Clark Transmission Shifter Controls Troubleshooting Guide

Scenario:











Engine Speed=1500 Declutch Pedal Released Speed Selection=2nd Declutched Range Selection=Forward Scenario:	 RPM greater than 480 so Y7 is on RPM greater than 900 so Y12 is off 2nd Gear: X5, X6, Y3 & Y4 are on
	 Foward Gear: X3 is on Declutched: Y13 is on Declutch pedal released: X7 is off Power to PLC: X0, Power & Run lights are on
Current model	





Engine Speed=750 Speed Selection=2nd Range Selection=Forward	Declutch Pedal Released Declutched above 900 RPM	 RPM is above 480: Y7 is on RPM is between 480 & 900: Y12 is on 2nd Gear: X5, X6,Y3 & Y4 are on 	2
		Forward Range: X3 is on	
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Rocker Pedal Controls Troubleshooting Guide

Scenario:



Scenario:	
Engine Speed=2000 Not Declutched Speed Selection=2nd Range Selection=Reverse	 RPM greater than 480: Y7 is on RPM greater than 900 so Y12 is off Reverse Range: X2 is on momentarily & Y0 is on
	 2nd Gear: X5, Y3 & Y4 are on RPM is greater than 1900 with less than 600 psi on Hoist/Tilt Hydraulic Circuit so Y15 is on Power to PLC so X0, X12, Power & Run lights are on



Scenario: Engine Speed=1500 Speed Selection=2nd Range Selection=Forward Scenario:	Declutch Pedal Released Declutched above 900 RPM	 RPM greater than 480 so Y7 is on RPM greater than 900 so Y12 is off 2nd Gear: X5, Y3 & Y4 are on 	
Image: system	x6 x7 x10 x11 x12 x13 x14 x15 x16 x17 (x) 00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	 Foward Gear: X3 is on momentarily Declutched: Y13 is on Declutch pedal released: X7 is off Power to PLC: X0, X12, Power & Run lights are on 	



