A/C-HEATER SYSTEM - MANUAL

1995 Nissan Altima

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AIR BAG RESTRAINT SYSTEM article in ACCESSORIES/SAFETY EQUIPMENT SECTION.

A/C SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

MANUAL A/C SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS TABLE

Application Specificat	ion
Compressor Type Zexel DKV-14C Rotary V Compressor Belt Deflection New Belt 5/64-9/32" (6-7 Used Belt 9/32-5/16" (7-8 System Oil Capacity (1) 6.8 c Refrigerant Capacity (R-134a) 24.7-28.2 o System Operating Pressures (2) High Side 152-198 psi (10.7-13.9 kg/c	mm) mm) ZS. ZS.
Low Side	°C),

DESCRIPTION

A separate evaporator housing assembly is combined with a standard heater core assembly to create an integrated A/C-heating unit. Blower motor directs airflow through evaporator and then heater core, to ducting and outlets.

OPERATION

CONTROL PANEL

Desired air control mode is achieved by push buttons on A/C-heater control panel. See Fig. 1. A/C switch and fan controls are independent of mode controls. Slide lever controls temperature setting, and A/C button controls air conditioner operation. Pressing air recirculation button will stop fresh air intake and recirculate inside air. Fan speed is controlled by a dial.

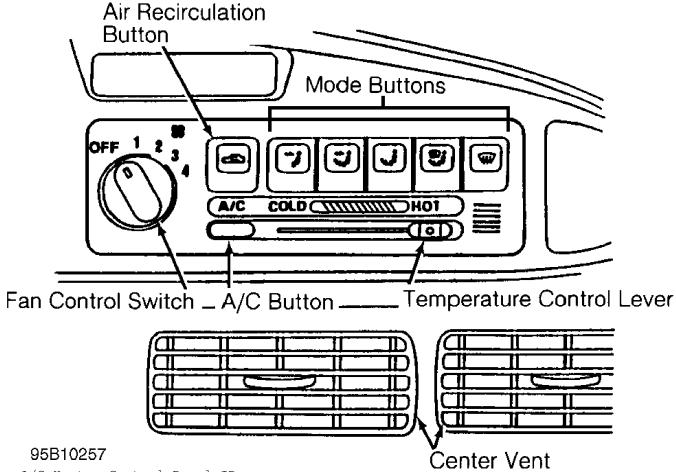


Fig. 1: A/C-Heater Control Panel ID Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

FAST IDLE CONTROL DEVICE (FICD)

When A/C system is energized, the engine control module signals FICD to adjust Auxiliary Air Control (AAC) valve to by-pass additional air and increase idle speed. This higher idle speed allows engine to idle smoothly during compressor operation.

TRIPLE-PRESSURE SWITCH

The triple-pressure switch is mounted on receiver-drier. See Fig. 2. Triple-pressure switch protects A/C system from high pressure b build-up due to restriction, overcharge or compressor malfunction. If excessively low or high system pressure is sensed, the switch stops compressor clutch operation. Switch is also used to activate radiator fan motors.

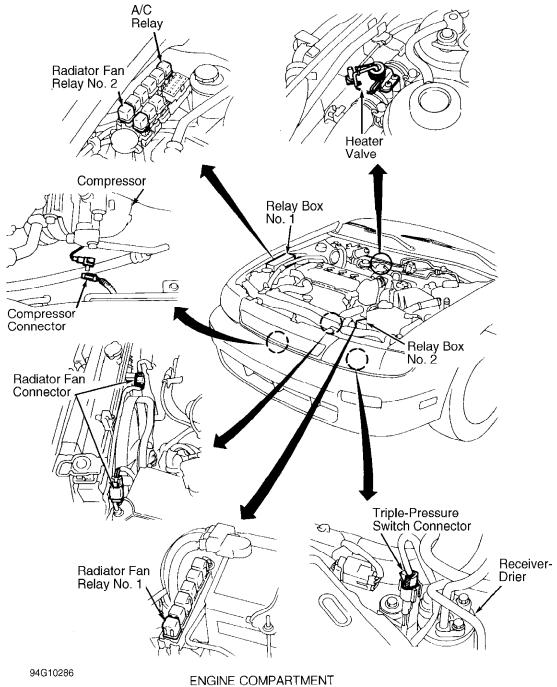


Fig. 2: Electrical Components & Connectors (Engine Compartment) Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

THERMAL PROTECTOR SWITCH

THERMO CONTROL AMPLIFIER

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Thermo control amplifier is mounted on evaporator housing. See Fig. 3. A temperature sensor (thermistor), inside evaporator housing, senses air temperature and sends signal to thermo control amplifier. Thermo control amplifier then cycles compressor clutch on and off according to temperature setting on control panel.

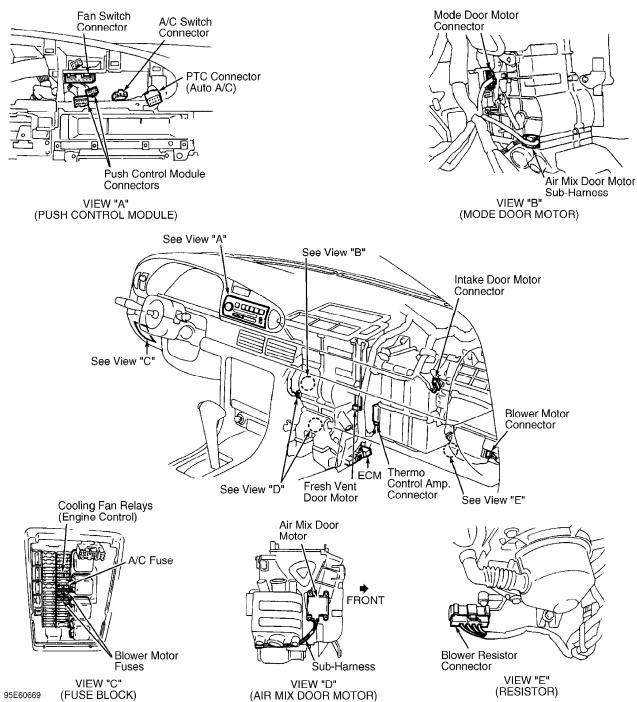


Fig. 3: Electrical Components & Connectors (Passenger Compartment) Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

NOTE: For control cable and door rod adjustments, see appropriate ${\tt HEATER}$ SYSTEM article.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

 $\,$ Perform PRELIMINARY CHECKS prior to using TROUBLE SHOOTING charts in this article.

Preliminary Information

The Engine Control Module (ECM) may be referred to as Engine Concentrated Control System (ECCS) control unit and the A/C-heater control panel may also be referred to as push control module in the trouble shooting charts.

PRELIMINARY CHECK 1

Intake Door Is Not Set At Fresh In Defrost Or Foot/Defrost Mode

- 1) Turn ignition on. Place blower motor on speed 4. Select vent mode. Turn intake (fresh/recirculated air) switch off. While in vent mode, turn intake (fresh/recirculated air) switch on. If intake door changes from fresh to recirculate position, go to next step. If intake door does not change from fresh to recirculate position, go to DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 3.
- 2) With intake door in recirculated air position, select defrost or foot/defrost mode. If intake door changes to fresh position, no problem is indicated at this time. If intake door does not change to fresh position, replace control panel (push control module).

PRELIMINARY CHECK 2

A/C Does Not Blow Cold Air

- 1) Turn ignition on. Turn on A/C and blower motor. Select vent mode. Move temperature control lever to full cold position. If air does not flow from vents, go to step 6). If air flows from vents, check compressor operation.
- 2) If compressor is operating properly, go to step 4). If compressor is not operating properly, check belt tension. Adjust or replace as necessary. See MANUAL A/C SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS table at beginning of article. If belt is okay, connect gauge set.
- 3) Check refrigerant system pressures. See MANUAL A/C SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS table at beginning of article. If refrigerant pressure is okay, go to DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 6. If refrigerant pressure is not okay, check for refrigerant leaks. Repair as necessary and recharge system.
- 4) Connect gauge set. Check refrigerant system pressures. See MANUAL A/C SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS table at beginning of article. If system pressures are not as specified, service refrigerant system. If system pressures are as specified, go to next step.
- 5) Check evaporator air temperature. See information in A/C SYSTEM PERFORMANCE under TESTING. If temperature is as specified, visually check air mix door linkage and motor operation. If air mix door linkage and motor do not operate properly, go to steps listed in DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 4. If air mix door linkage and motor operate properly, check water valve operation and air mix door operation. Repair or adjust as necessary.
- 6) If air did not flow from vents in step 1), check blower motor operation. If blower motor does not operate, go to steps listed in DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 1. If blower motor operates, check evaporator for freezing. If evaporator is frozen, check thermo control amplifier.

See THERMO CONTROL AMPLIFIER under TESTING. Replace amplifier if necessary. If evaporator is not frozen, check for leaks in ducting. Repair ducting as necessary.

PRELIMINARY CHECK 3

Compressor Clutch Does Not Operate In Defrost Mode Start engine. Turn on A/C and blower motor. If compressor clutch does not engage, go to DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 6. If compressor clutch engages, turn off A/C. Ensure compressor clutch disengages. Leave engine and blower motor running. Select defrost mode. If compressor clutch does not engage, replace control panel (push control module). If compressor clutch engages, no problem is indicated at this time.

PRELIMINARY CHECK 4

Air Outlet (Mode) Does Not Change
Turn ignition on. If air does not come out of correct duct,
or if air distribution ratio is not as specified, go to steps listed
in DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 2. See AIR DISTRIBUTION RATIOS table. If air

comes out of correct duct and air distribution ratio is as specified, no problem is indicated at this time.

AIR DISTRIBUTION RATIOS TABLE

Switch Position	Distribution
Vent Bi-Level Foot Foot/Defrost Defrost	60% Vent; 40% Foot 78% Foot; 22% Defrost 55% Foot; 45% Defrost

PRELIMINARY CHECK 5

Noisy Blower Motor Replace blower motor.

Noisy Expansion Valve Replace expansion valve.

Noisy Compressor Replace compressor.

Noisy Refrigerant Line Ensure line is secured. If necessary, attach rubber or other vibration-absorbing material to line.

Noisy Belt

If belt vibration is intense, adjust belt tension. If side of belt is worn, align pulleys. Replace belt if necessary.

PRELIMINARY CHECK 6

Insufficient Heating

1) Turn ignition on. Turn on blower motor. Select foot mode. Move temperature control lever to full hot position. If air does not flow from vents, go to DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 1. If air flows from vents, check for proper coolant level, kinked or leaking hoses, faulty radiator cap or air in cooling system. Repair or replace as necessary.

- 2) Check air mix door adjustment. Check water valve operation. Adjust or replace as necessary. Check by feel inlet and outlet heater hoses. If both heater hoses are warm, go to next step. If both hoses are cold, check thermostat installation and operation. Replace if necessary.
- 3) Ensure heater hoses are properly installed. Backflush heater core and refill system with coolant. Recheck heater hoses by feel. If both hoses are warm, replace heater core. If inlet hose is hot and outlet hose is warm, heating system is good.

PRELIMINARY CHECK 7

NOTE: For connector and terminal ID, see WIRING DIAGRAMS.

A/C-Heater Control Panel Power Supply Check
Ensure ignition is off. Disconnect A/C-heater control panel
connector. Turn ignition on. Connect voltmeter between ground and A/Cheater control panel connector terminal No. 14 (Light Green/Black
wire). Voltage should be 12 volts. Repair if necessary. If malfunction
still exists after performing proper trouble shooting procedures and
ensuring voltage readings are okay, replace A/C-heater control panel.

A/C-Heater Control Panel Ground Circuit Check Ensure ignition is off. Disconnect A/C-heater control panel connector. Connect an ohmmeter between A/C-heater control panel connector terminal No. 17 (Black wire) and ground. Continuity should exist. Repair if necessary.

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 1 - BLOWER MOTOR DOES NOT ROTATE

NOTE: The following procedures are courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

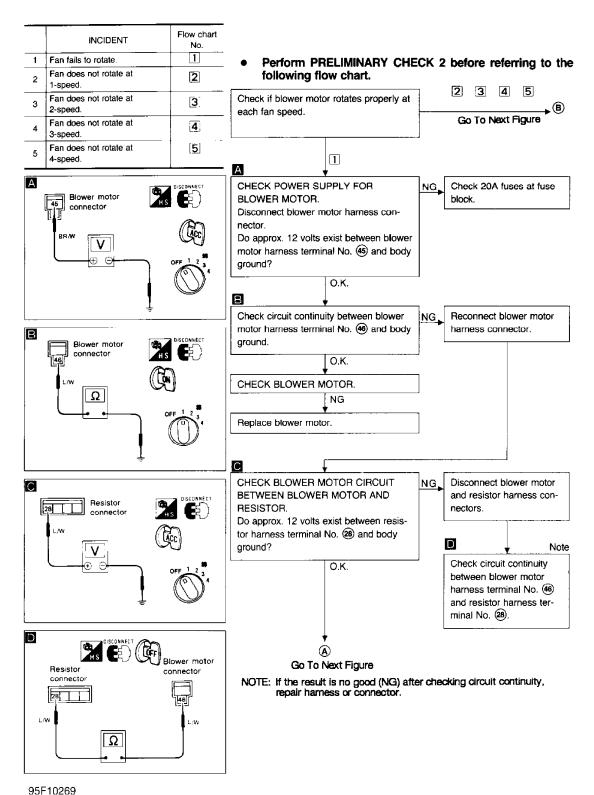


Fig. 4: Diagnostic Procedure 1 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)

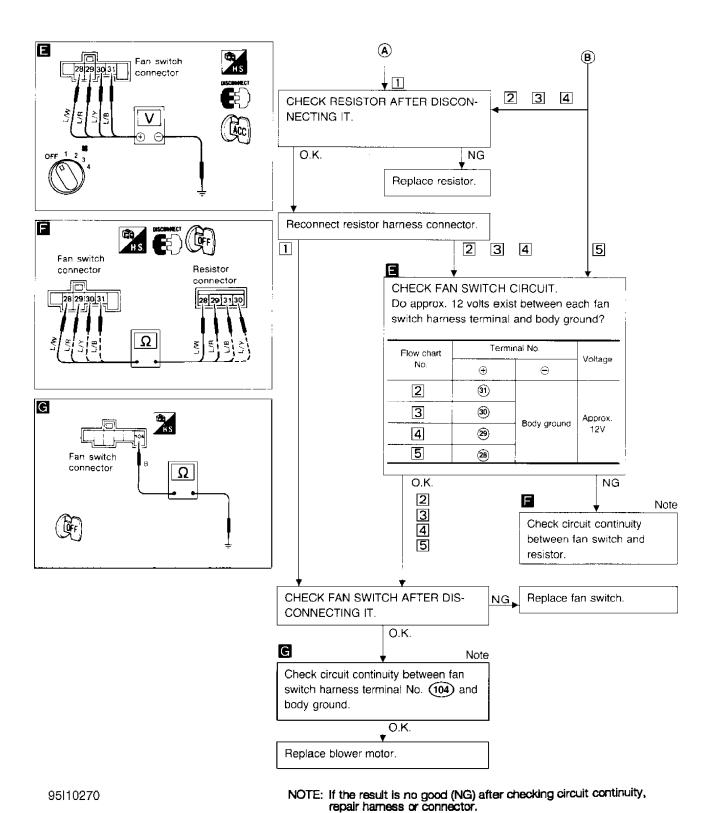
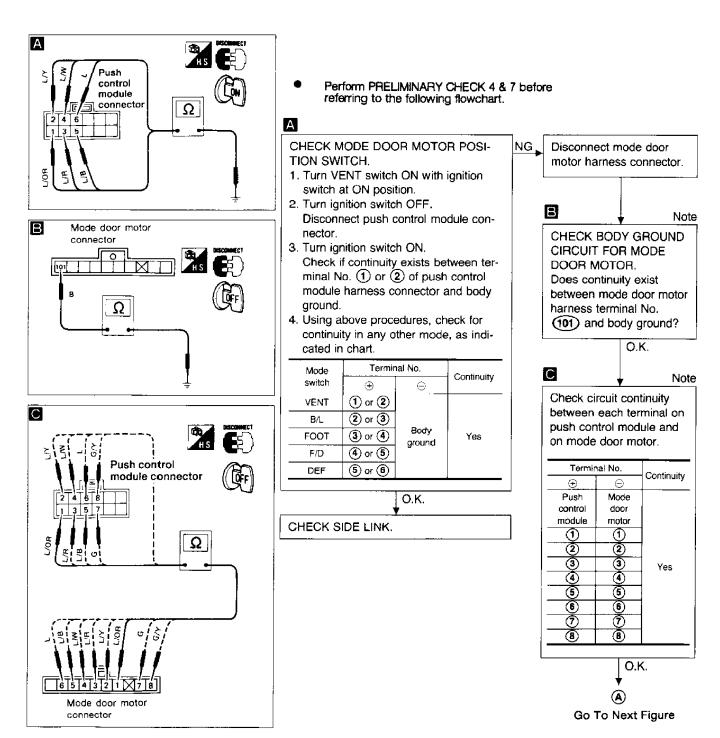


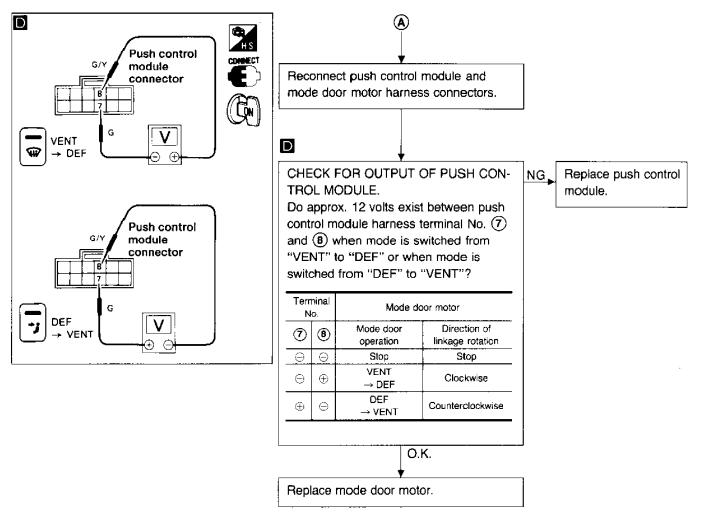
Fig. 5: Diagnostic Procedure 1 Trouble Shooting Chart (2 Of 2)



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NOTE: If the result is no good (NG) after checking circuit continuity, repair harness or connector.

Fig. 6: Diagnostic Procedure 2 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)



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Fig. 7: Diagnostic Procedure 2 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 3 - INTAKE DOOR DOES NOT CHANGE IN VENT,
BI-LEVEL OR FOOT MODE

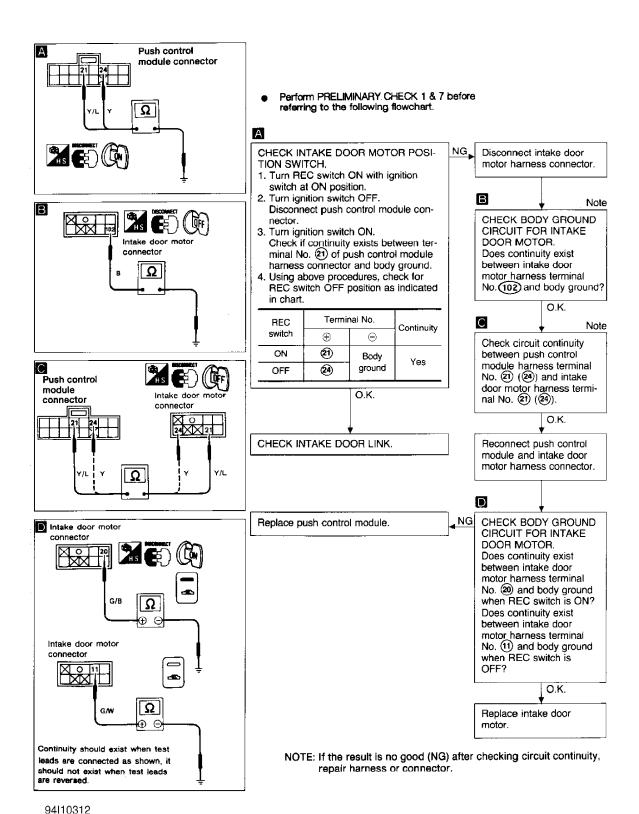


Fig. 8: Diagnostic Procedure 3 Trouble Shooting Chart

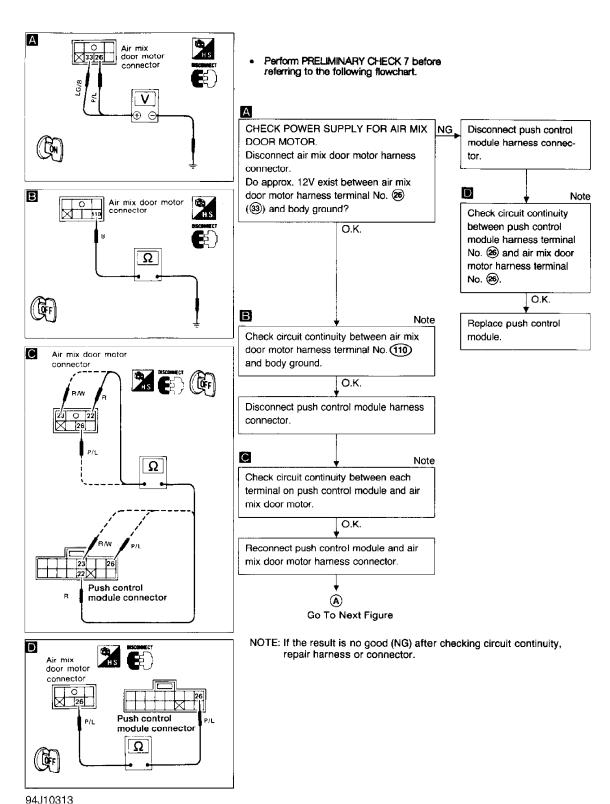


Fig. 9: Diagnostic Procedure 4 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)

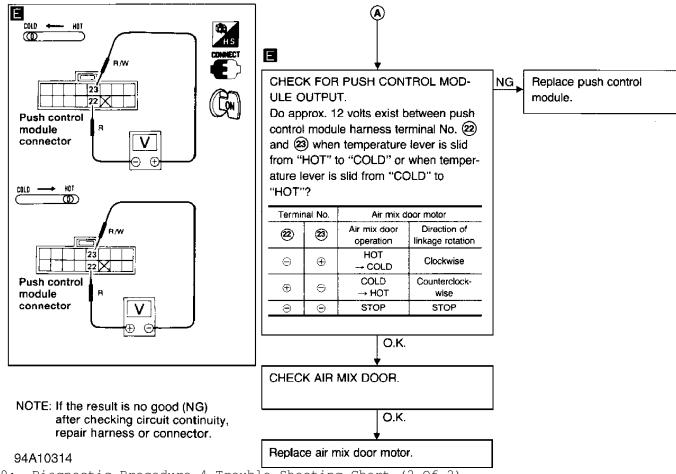


Fig. 10: Diagnostic Procedure 4 Trouble Shooting Chart (2 Of 2)

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 5 - FRESH VENT DOOR DOES NOT OPERATE

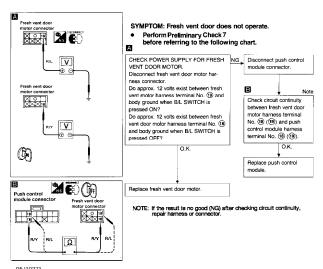
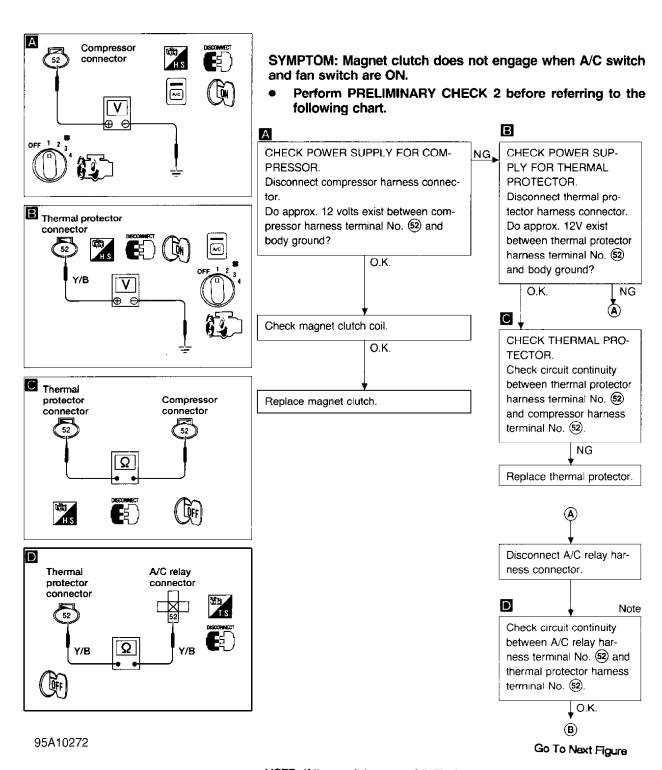


Fig. 11: Diagnostic Procedure 5 Trouble Shooting Chart

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 6 - COMPRESSOR (MAGNET) CLUTCH DOES



NOTE: If the result is no good (NG) after checking circuit continuity, repair harness or connector.

Fig. 12: Diagnostic Procedure 6 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 4)

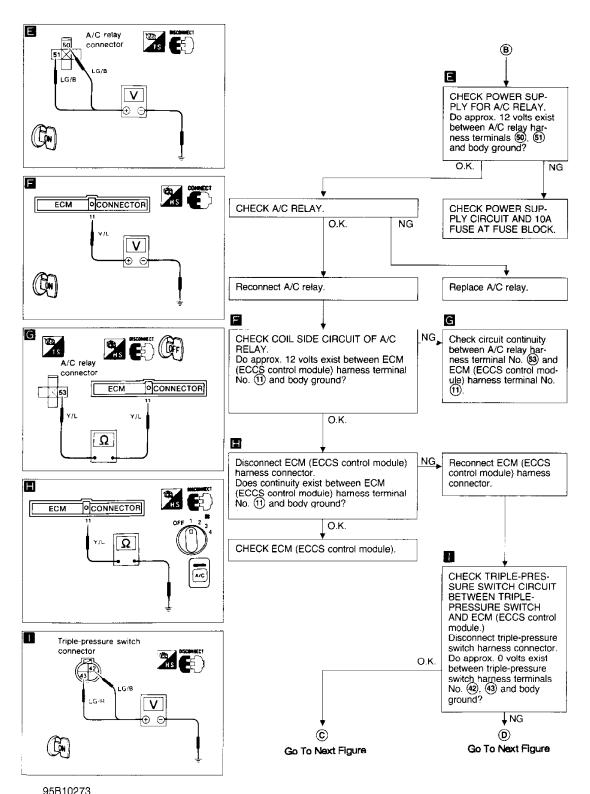


Fig. 13: Diagnostic Procedure 6 Trouble Shooting Chart (2 Of 4)

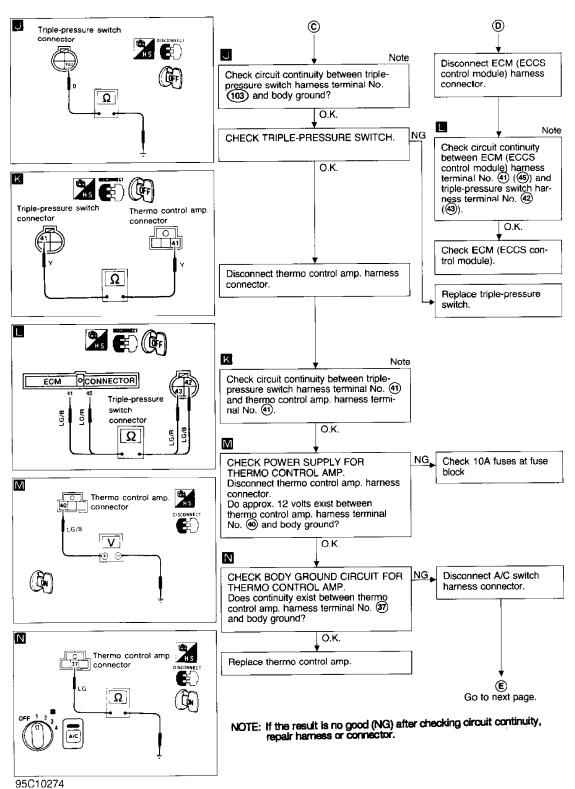
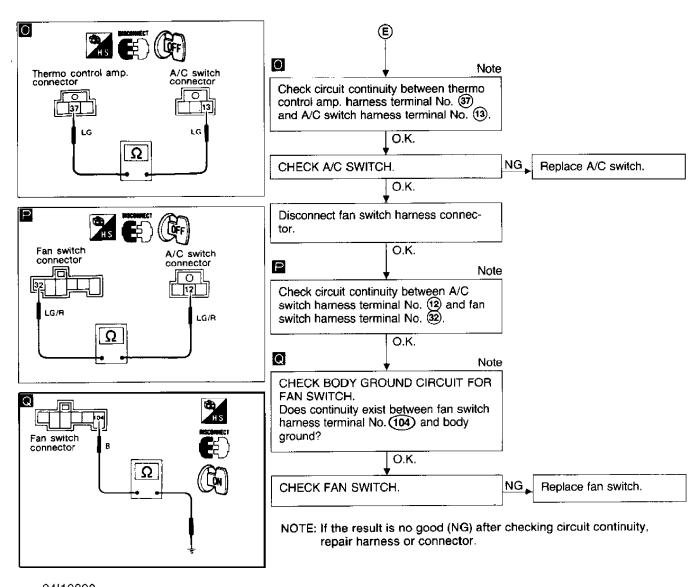


Fig. 14: Diagnostic Procedure 6 Trouble Shooting Chart (3 Of 4)



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Fig. 15: Diagnostic Procedure 6 Trouble Shooting Chart (4 Of 4)

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 7 - RADIATOR FAN LOW SPEED OPERATION

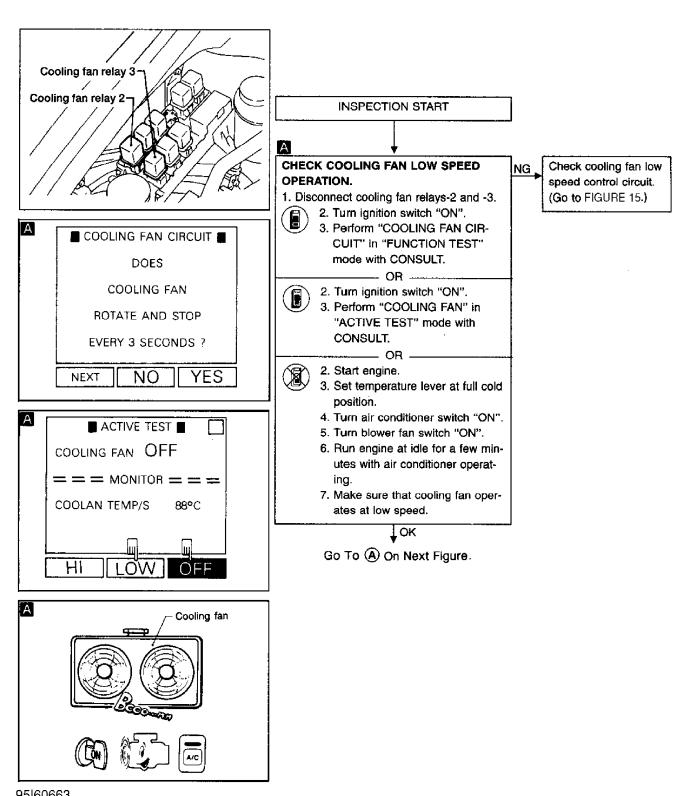
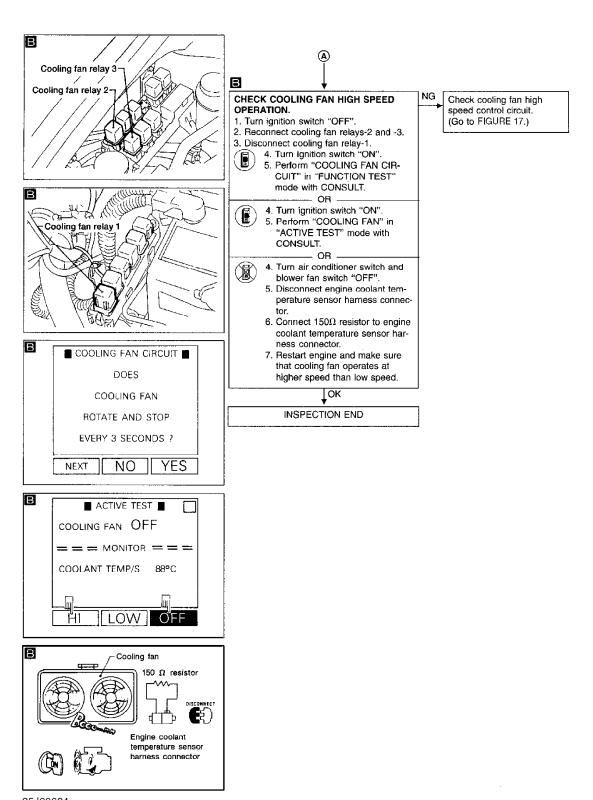


Fig. 16: Diagnostic Procedure 7 Trouble Shooting Chart



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Fig. 17: Diagnostic Procedure 8 Trouble Shooting Chart

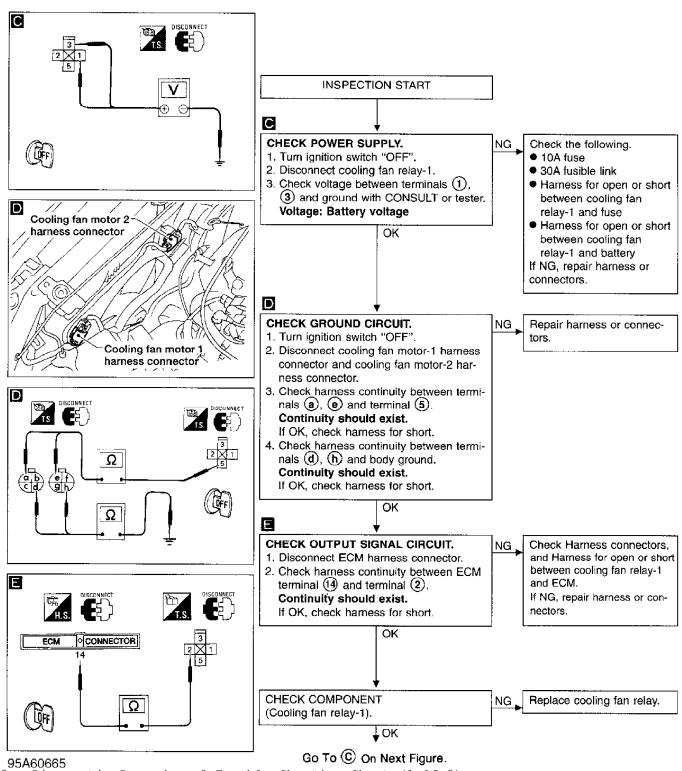
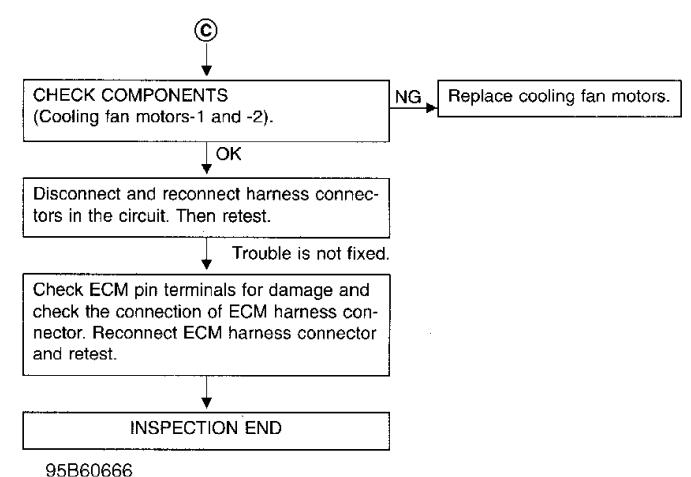


Fig. 18: Diagnostic Procedure 9 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)



Diagnostic Procedure 9 Trouble Shooting Chart (2 Of 2)

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE 10 - RADIATOR FAN HIGH SPEED CONTROL CIRCUIT

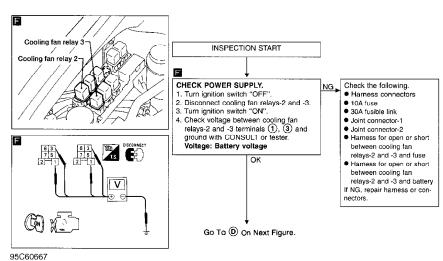


Fig. 20: Diagnostic Procedure 10 Trouble Shooting Chart (1 Of 2)

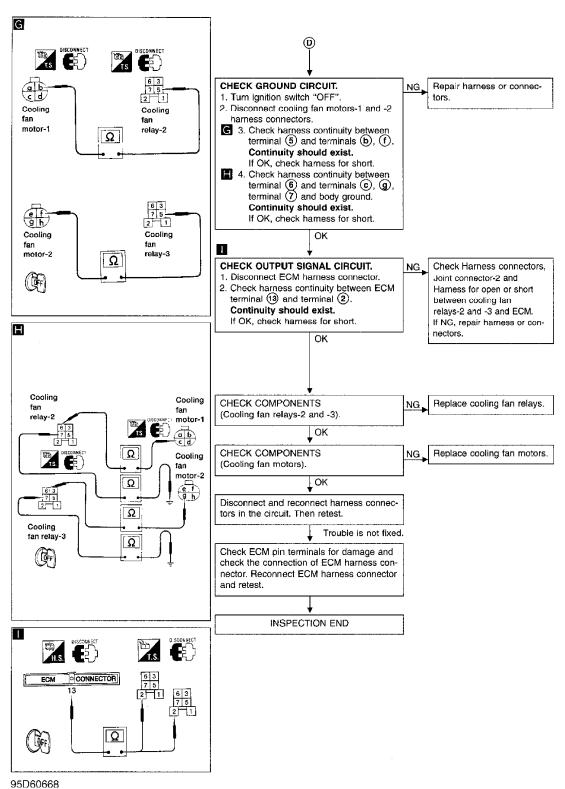


Fig. 21: Diagnostic Procedure 10 Trouble Shooting Chart (2 Of 2)

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A/C SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- 1) Park vehicle out of direct sunlight. Close all doors and open engine hood and one window. Connect A/C pressure gauges to the high and low side pressure ports of system. Determine relative humidity and ambient air temperature.
- 2) Set temperature control to maximum cold, mode control to face vent, and recirculation switch to recirculation position. Turn blower fan switch to highest position. Start and run engine at 1500 RPM.
- 3) After running A/C for 10 minutes, check high and low side system pressures. See A/C SYSTEM PRESSURES table. Measure air outlet temperature at center vent. See RECIRCULATING-TO-DISCHARGE AIR TEMPERATURE table.

A/C SYSTEM PRESSURES TABLE (1)

Ambient A		Pressure (kg/cm²)		Pressure (kg/cm²)
68 (20) 77 (25) 86 (30) 95 (35) 104 (40)	 152-198 178-235 182-249	(8.5-11.2) (10.7-13.9) (12.5-16.5) (12.8-17.5) (15.7-20.7)	 17.8-23.5 19.9-26.3 22.0-29.2 24.2-33.4 29.2-41.9	(1.4-1.9) (1.6-2.1) (1.7-2.4)

(1) - Specification is with relative humidity at 50-70%.

RECIRCULATING-TO-DISCHARGE AIR TEMPERATURE TABLE (1)

<pre>Inlet Air Temp. °F (°C) (2)</pre>	Outlet Air Temp. °F (°C)
(-,	40-46 (4.2-8.0) 47-57 (8.5-14.1) 56-69 (13.5-20.3)

- (1) Specification is with relative humidity at 50-70%.
- (2) Measure inlet air temperature at blower inlet under right side of instrument panel.

A/C SWITCH

Disconnect negative battery cable. Remove A/C switch from control panel. Turn A/C on. Using an ohmmeter, check continuity between switch terminals. Continuity should exist. If no continuity exists, replace A/C switch.

BLOWER MOTOR

Disconnect wiring harness at blower motor. Apply battery voltage to blower motor terminals. Ensure blower motor operation is smooth. If blower motor operation is rough or not up to speed, replace

BLOWER SPEED CONTROL SWITCH

See TESTING in HEATER SYSTEM article.

BLOWER MOTOR RESISTOR

Disconnect wiring harness connector. See Fig. 3. Check continuity between all resistor terminals. Ensure continuity exists. If continuity does not exist, replace resistor.

TRIPLE-PRESSURE SWITCH

- 1) Connect gauge set. Start engine and turn A/C system on. Disconnect triple-pressure switch connector. Triple-pressure switch is located on top of receiver-drier. See Fig. 2.
- 2) Using an ohmmeter, check continuity between terminals of triple-pressure switch connector as indicated. See TRIPLE-PRESSURE SWITCH SPECIFICATIONS table. Replace switch if it does not test as indicated.

TRIPLE-PRESSURE SWITCH SPECIFICATIONS TABLE

Application psi (kg/cm²)	System Operation	Continuity
A/C Control (1) Low Pressure	2 1)	27
Decreasing To 22-29 (1.6-2 Increasing To 23-33 (1.6-2 High Pressure	•	No
Increasing To 356-412 (25-2) Decreasing To 242-299 (17-2) Radiator Fan Control (2)	•	No
Increasing To 206-235 (14.5- Decreasing To 164-206 (11.5-	,	Yes
(1) - Check continuity between wires.	n Light Green/Blac	ck and Yellow
(2) - Check continuity between wires.	n Black and Light	Green/Red

A/C & BLOWER HI RELAYS

Remove relay to be tested. See Fig. 2 or 3. Apply battery voltage between terminals No. 1 and 3. Check for continuity between remaining relay terminals. See Fig. 22. Continuity should exist. If no continuity exists, replace relay.

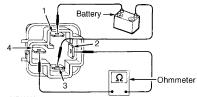


Fig. 22: Testing A/C & Blower Hi Relays Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

THERMAL PROTECTOR SWITCH

Thermal protector switch is located on A/C compressor. Check continuity between thermal protector switch terminals. If compressor temperature is approximately $266-284\,^{\circ}F$ ($130-140\,^{\circ}C$) or less, continuity should exist. If compressor temperature is approximately $293-311\,^{\circ}F$ ($145-155\,^{\circ}C$) or more, continuity should not exist. Replace switch if compressor does not test as specified.

THERMO CONTROL AMPLIFIER

Thermo control amplifier is mounted on cooling unit. See Fig. 3. Start engine and turn A/C system on. Using a DVOM, backprobe th thermo control amplifier connector between terminal No. 41 (Yellow wire) and ground. See Fig. 23. If voltage is not as specified, replace thermo control amplifier. See THERMO CONTROL AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATIONS table.

THERMO CONTROL AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATIONS TABLE

Evaporator	Temp.	°F	(°C)	Thermo	Ampli	ifier	Operati	on v	Volts
Decreasing Increasing									

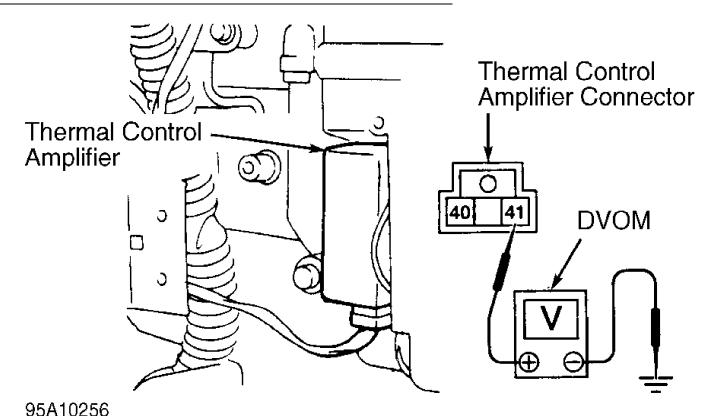


Fig. 23: Testing Thermo Control Amplifier Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

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EQUIPMENT SECTION.

A/C COMPRESSOR

Removal

Loosen idler pulley bolt, and remove compressor belt. Discharge A/C system, using approved refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment. Disconnect compressor clutch lead. Remove discharge and suction hoses from compressor, and plug hose openings. Remove compressor bolts and compressor.

Installation

To install, reverse removal procedure. Tighten compressor bolts to 33-44 ft. lbs. (45-60 N.m). Coat NEW "O" rings with refrigerant oil when attaching hoses to compressor. Evacuate and recharge system.

A/C-HEATER ASSEMBLY

Removal & Installation Removal and installation procedures are not available from manufacturer. See illustration to aid in removal and installation. See Fig. 24.

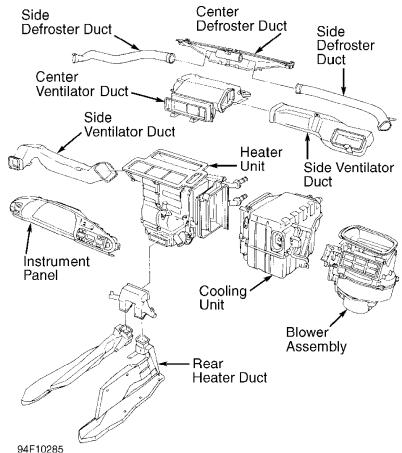


Fig. 24: Exploded View Of A/C-Heater Assembly Courtesy of Nissan Motor Co., U.S.A.

WIRING DIAGRAMS

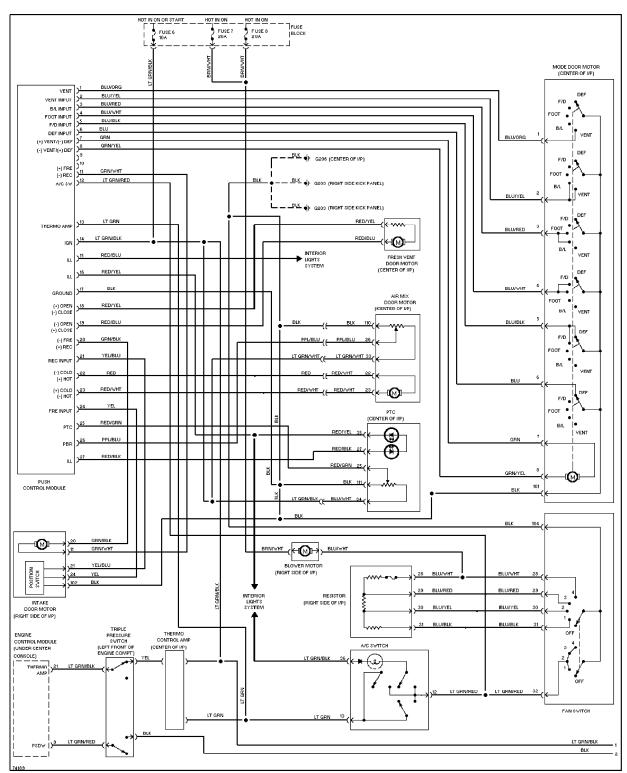


Fig. 25: Manual A/C-Heater System Wiring Diagram (1 Of 2)

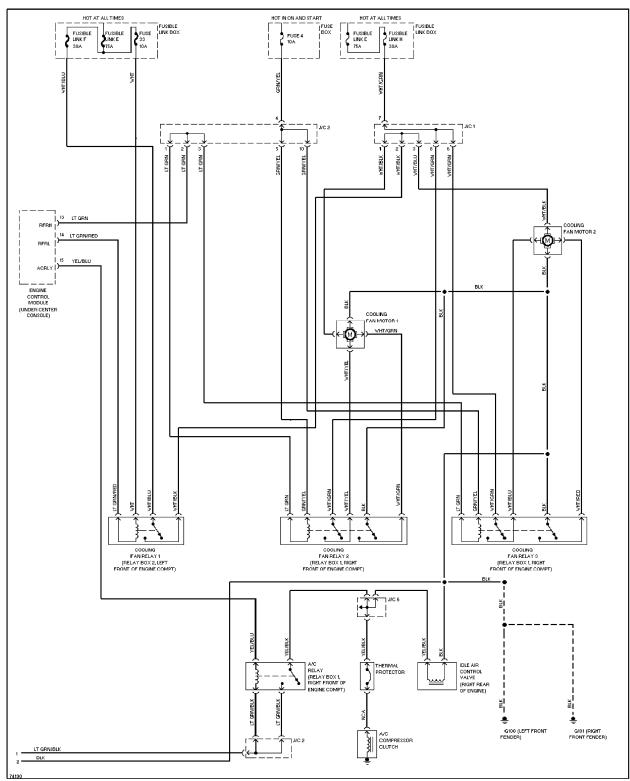


Fig. 26: Manual A/C-Heater System Wiring Diagram (2 Of 2)