

DIY: M271 Throttle Body Cleaning/Getting to Your Throttle Body

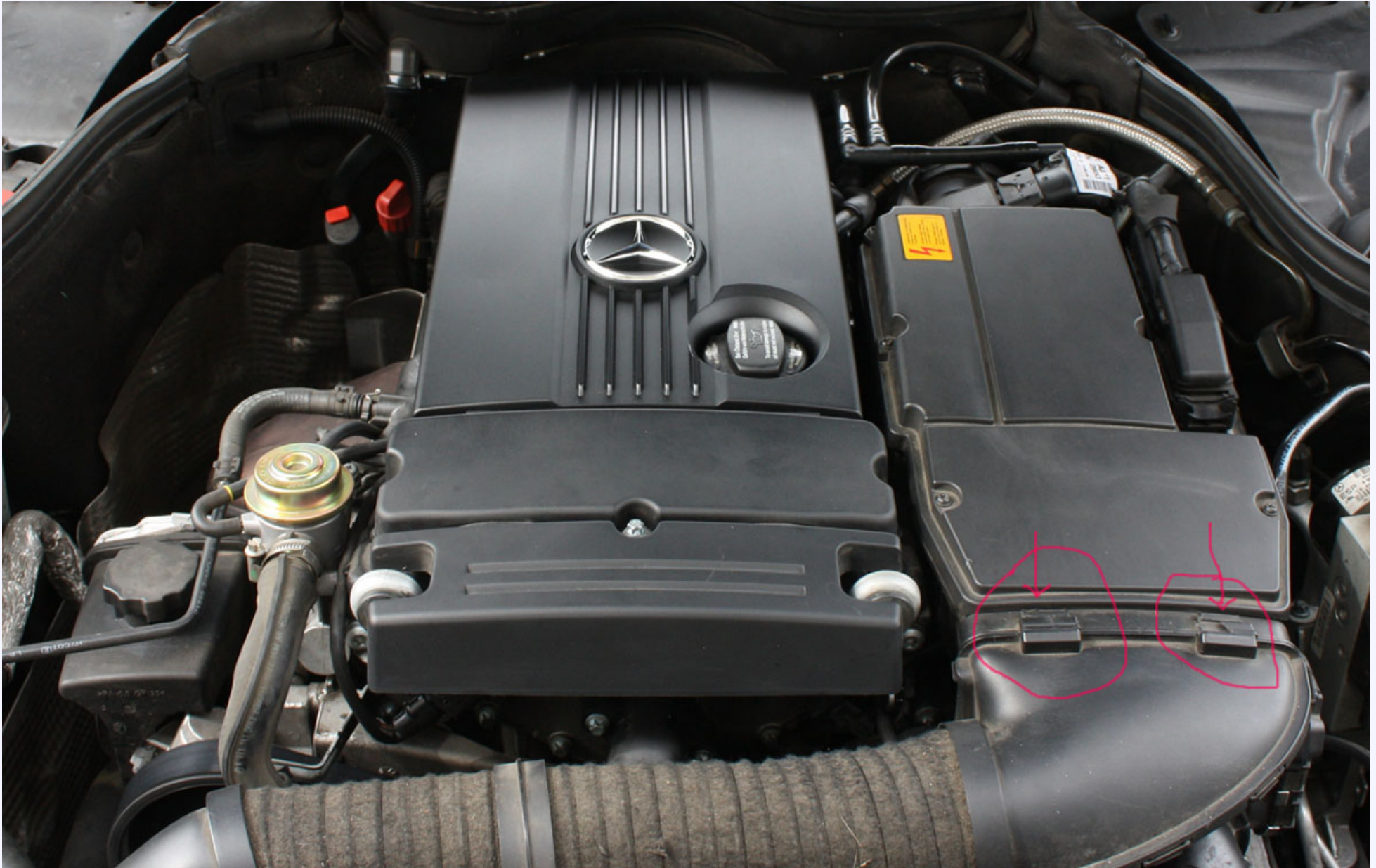
This is a guide to getting access to your throttle body in order to clean it.

Please use this at your own risk.

First, make sure the car is off and the key is not in the ignition.

Locate your airbox and disconnect the piping and move it to the side so that you can get access to the throttle body.

There are two tabs circled in this picture. Use a flat head screwdriver to push down on the tabs (see the arrows) and slide it forward towards the bumper of the car. Keep in mind, there is a tab on the bottom, so once you have loosened the tabs, move it forward and up to the left.





From here, you'll see the tube that connects the intercooler to the throttle body. The throttle body is connected to the tube by a hose clamp (circled) and a bracket that is mounted by two screws (circled).



The hose clamp is easily removed by using a flat headed screwdriver.

You then need to remove the two screws below:



Then, pull the hose off of the throttle body by pulling the hose forward towards the bumper of the car and to the right. This is what it should look like when you've done the aforementioned.



Now, that's one dirty throttle body!



We cleaned it off with paper towels and q-tips and a couple light sprays of throttle body/air intake cleaner:



This is what it looks like when it's clean



To put it back together, follow these steps.

Push the hose back into the TB;
Line up the bracket and put the screws back on;
Tighten the hose clamp;
Put back the airbox piping--you must first secure the bottom tab into the airbox, then put the top tabs in place.

Done!

Hope this helps.

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-Phil



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