

International[®] A26 Engine (2022)

Overview: *Gear Down Protection*

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General Overview: Gear Down Protection

The Gear Down Protection (GDP) feature is designed to improve fuel economy by encouraging the driver to operate the vehicle within the engines most efficient speed range, where fuel consumption is lower. This is done by limiting the vehicle speed in lower gears; motivating the driver to up-shift into a higher gear reducing engine rpm and increasing fuel economy.

This document will address unique GDP functionality for the A26.

Description and Operation

Operation

The GDP feature limits the vehicle speed in top gear minus 1 gear ratio or 2 gear ratios.

Vehicle speed and engine speed are directly related. Therefore, by setting a vehicle speed (MPH) limit you are also effectively setting an engine speed (RPM) limit. GDP can be set to limit vehicle speed significantly. Under light loads, when downshifting is unnecessary, GDP encourages the driver to remain in top gear allowing for optimum performance, higher mph, decreased fuel consumption and lower rpm.

If the engine load exceeds a non-programmable threshold, the GDP feature will increase the vehicle speed limit to allow a higher performance range as required.

Once top gear is reached, GDP is not used, and the vehicle speed will be limited to either the Vehicle Speed Governor or Cruise Control maximum value.

GDP does not limit vehicle speed or engine speed when the clutch pedal is depressed (i.e. while shifting).

Feature Interaction

The GDP feature interacts with the following engine features:

- Cruise Control – When GDP and Cruise Control are both active, GDP has the higher priority.
- Progressive Shift shift – When GDP is active and Progressive Shift is in high gear range.
- Vehicle Speed Governor – GDP will limit vehicle speeds unless overridden by lower set speed by the vehicle speed governor.
- Vehicle Setup – GDP uses the vehicle setup information. GDP will not operate as desired if the required parameters have not been configured properly.

In general, the lowest engine speed limit of GDP, Cruise Control, Progressive Shift or Vehicle Speed Governor will be followed.

Programmable Parameters

The following programmable parameters are available with the GDP feature. These parameters should be programmed to encourage drivers to up-shift into the highest transmission gears while maintaining drivability of the vehicle.

Parameters indicated as customer programmable can be adjusted differently than the production assembly plant setting to meet the customer's needs. If the parameter is indicated as non-customer programmable, the parameter setting is preset from the factory and can't be changed without dealer authorization.

Parameter Value	Description	Possible Values	Cust Pgrm	Recommended Settings
Gear Down Protection Enable (A803 000)	This parameter enables the gear down protection (GDP) feature in the engine.	0: Disable 1: Enable	YES	Customer Chosen
Upshift Indicator (A805 032)	This parameter enables the upshift indicator.	0: Disable 1: Enable	YES	Enabled
GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)	<p>This parameter sets the low load vehicle speed limit in top gear minus 1.</p> <p>NOTE: With a 10 speed manual transmission this parameter would set the vehicle speed limit in 9th gear.</p> <p>This parameter must be set to a value greater than the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) ▪ GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) <p>This parameter must be set to a value less than the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F) 	0 to 155 mph	YES	<p>This parameter value is output from GDP Equation A.</p> <p>Refer to GDP Calculations in the Parameter Setup section of this document for more information.</p>

Parameter Value	Description	Possible Values	Cust Pgrm	Recommended Settings
GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)	<p>This parameter sets the low load vehicle speed limit in top gear minus 2.</p> <p>NOTE: With a 10 speed manual transmission this parameter would set the vehicle speed limit in 8th gear.</p> <p>This parameter must be set to a value less than the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B) ▪ GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F) ▪ GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) 	0 to 155 mph	YES	<p>This parameter value is output from GDP Equation B.</p> <p>Refer to GDP Calculations in the Parameter Setup section of this document for more information.</p>
GDP Top Gear Minus 1 Gear Ratio (A803 001)	<p>This parameter is used by the gear down protection feature. It is the gear ratio which the “Gear Down Protection (GDP) Vehicle Speed Limit (Top Gear Minus 1)” will be active.</p> <p>For example, on a 10 speed transmission this is the gear ratio of 9th gear.</p>	0.00 to 75.00 by 0.01	YES	Varies with Vehicle Application
GDP Top Gear Minus 2 Gear Ratio (A803 002)	<p>This parameter is used by the gear down protection feature. It is the gear ratio which the “GDP Vehicle Speed Limit (Top Gear Minus 2)” will be active.</p> <p>For example, on a 10 speed transmission this is the gear ratio of 8th gear.</p>	0.00 to 75.00 by 0.01	YES	Varies with Vehicle Application
GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)	<p>This parameter sets the high load vehicle speed limit in top gear minus 1.</p> <p>NOTE: With a 10 speed manual transmission this parameter would set the vehicle speed limit in 9th gear.</p> <p>This parameter must be set to a value greater than the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) ▪ GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B) ▪ GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) 	0 to 130 mph	YES	<p>This parameter value is output from GDP Equation C.</p> <p>Refer to GDP Calculations in the Parameter Setup section of this document for more information.</p>

Parameter Value	Description	Possible Values	Cust Pgrm	Recommended Settings
GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)	<p>This parameter sets the high load vehicle speed limit in top gear minus 2.</p> <p>NOTE: For a 10 speed manual transmission this parameter would set the vehicle speed limit in 8th gear.</p> <p>This parameter must be set to a value greater than the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) <p>This parameter must be set to a value less than the following parameter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F) GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B) 	0 to 130 mph	YES	<p>This parameter value is output from GDP Equation D.</p> <p>Refer to GDP Calculations in the Parameter Setup section of this document for more information.</p>
Transmission Top Gear Ratio (A803 00C)	The gear ratio of the highest gear in the transmission.	60 to 2000 No_Units/100	YES	Varies with Vehicle Application

Parameter Setup

GDP Calculations

Calculate a vehicle speed limit based on an engine speed (shift point) that meets your vehicle application. Higher engine speeds provide more power, but reduce fuel economy. Vehicle speed changes not only based on the speed of the engine, but also based on the transmission gear ratio, rear axle ratio and the tire size (revs per mile).

The table below indicates the recommended engine RPM limits that should be chosen to be used in the GDP equations based on desired engine performance.

The recommended values vary according to the vehicle configuration and customer application.

Desired Engine Performance	Recommended RPM for GDP Equation- Low Load	Recommended RPM for GDP Equation - High Load
Fuel Economy	1500 RPM	1650 RPM
Horsepower (HP)	1600 RPM	1800 RPM
Blend of Performance and fuel Economy	Choose an RPM between 1500 and 1600 RPM	Choose an RPM between 1600 and 1900 RPM

Refer to the following GDP equations before deciding an appropriate vehicle speed limit value. The output of the equation (resulting GDP vehicle speed limits) is based on how the vehicle was built and the customer's needs/desires.

GDP - Equation A

$$\text{GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)} = \frac{60 * \text{Desired RPM}}{\text{Top Gear Minus 1 Gear Ratio (A803 001)} * \text{Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)} * \text{Tire Revs per Mile (A803 009)}}$$

GDP - Equation B

$$\text{GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)} = \frac{60 * \text{Desired RPM}}{\text{Top Gear Minus 2 Gear Ratio (A803 002)} * \text{Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)} * \text{Tire Revs per Mile (A803 009)}}$$

GDP - Equation C

$$\text{GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)} = \frac{60 * \text{Desired RPM}}{\text{Top Gear Minus 1 Gear Ratio (A803 001)} * \text{Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)} * \text{Tire Revs per Mile (A803 009)}}$$

GDP - Equation D

$$\text{GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)} = \frac{60 * \text{Desired RPM}}{\text{Top Gear Minus 2 Gear Ratio (A803 002)} * \text{Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)} * \text{Tire Revs per Mile (A803 009)}}$$

Rear axle ratio and tire revs per mile are already programmed into the engine software and can be retrieved using an electronic service tool.

The resulting value from each equation can now be programmed into the respective GDP vehicle speed limit parameters.

Round up to the next whole number before inputting the resulting vehicle speed limit values into the GDP vehicle speed limit parameters.

When in top gear minus 3, the vehicle speed is not limited by GDP. It is limited to the programmed High Idle Engine Speed (A801 005) value.
When in top gear, the vehicle speed is limited to the Maximum Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 010) value.

GDP Calculation Examples

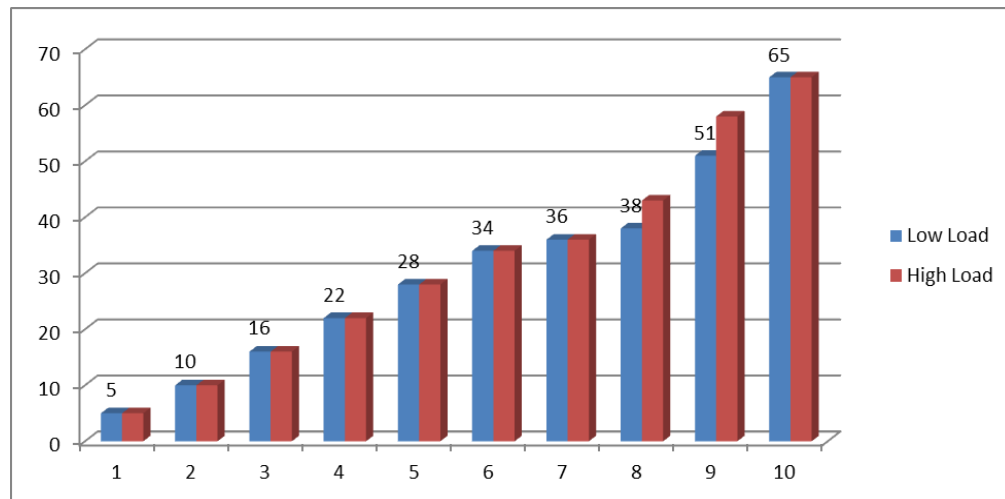
This section helps demonstrate how the GDP parameter setup can affect GDP operation while driving.

Example A

The following "Example A" table and graph illustrates the vehicle speed limit and corresponding engine speed limit in each gear for a 10 speed manual transmission with Gear Down Protection parameters set according to the "Example A" values.

GDP Programmable Parameter Setup for Example A:		
Parameter	Value	Units
GDP Enable (A803 000)	Enabled	
GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)	51	MPH
GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)	38	MPH
GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)	58	MPH
GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)	43	MPH
Tire Revs Per Mile (A803 009)	492	Revs/Mile
Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)	3.58	Ratio
Transmission Top Gear Ratio (A803 00C)	0.74	Trans Ratio
Top Gear Minus 1 Gear Ratio (A803 001)	1	Trans Ratio
Top Gear Minus 2 Gear Ratio (A803 002)	1.36	Trans Ratio
Maximum Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 010)	65	MPH
High Idle Engine Speed (A801 005)	2200	RPM

GDP Graph - Example A



"Example A" Discussion (observe the graph)

In less than 8th gear, the driver will be limited, not by GDP, but by the "Engine - High Idle Engine Speed" (A801 005) value of 2200 rpm.

In 8th Gear under Low Engine Loads, GDP will limit the vehicle speed to 38 mph and force the driver to up shift due to the GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) parameter as demonstrated by the blue vertical column. If you wanted to force the driver to shift from 8th to 9th gear sooner, the GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) could be set to a lower value.

In 8th Gear under High Engine Loads, GDP will limit the vehicle speed to 43 mph and force the driver to up shift due to the GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) parameter as demonstrated by the blue vertical column. If you wanted to force the driver to shift from 8th to 9th gear sooner, the GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) could be set to a lower value.

In 9th Gear under Low Engine Loads, GDP will limit the vehicle speed to 51 mph and force the driver to up shift due to the GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B) parameter as demonstrated by the blue vertical column. If you wanted to force the driver to shift from 9th to 10th gear sooner, the GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B) parameter could be set to a lower value.

In 9th Gear under High Engine Loads, GDP will limit the vehicle speed to 58 mph and force the driver to up shift due to the GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F) parameter as demonstrated by the blue vertical column. Again, if you wanted to force the driver to shift from 9th to 10th gear sooner, the graph illustrates that the GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F) parameter could be set to a lower value.

NOTE: The limits for 8th and 9th gear above are only examples and we recommend that you use the appropriate "GDP Equation" to find appropriate GDP vehicle speed limits for your specific vehicle application.

In 10th Gear, the vehicle speed governor feature will limit the vehicle speed to 65 mph.

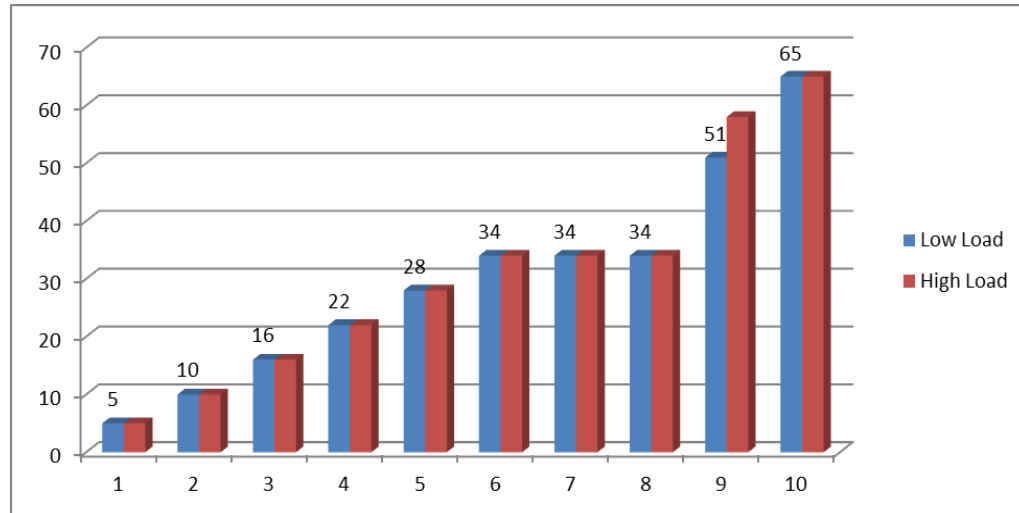
Example B

The following "Example B" table and graph illustrates the vehicle speed limit (and corresponding engine speed limit) in each gear for a 10 speed manual transmission with Gear Down Protection parameters set according to the "Example B" values.

GDP Programmable Parameter Setup for Example B:		
Parameter	Value	Units
GDP Enable (A803 000)	Enabled	
GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)	51	MPH
GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)	34	MPH
GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)	58	MPH
GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)	34	MPH
Tire Revs Per Mile (A803 009)	492	Revs/Mile
Rear Axle Ratio Low (A803 00A)	3.58	Ratio
Transmission Top Gear Ratio (A803 00C)	0.74	Trans Ratio

Top Gear Minus 1 Gear Ratio (A803 001)	1	Trans Ratio
Top Gear Minus 2 Gear Ratio (A803 002)	1.36	Trans Ratio
Maximum Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 010)	65	MPH
High Idle Engine Speed (A801 005)	2200	RPM

GDP Graph (Example B):



"Example B" Discussion (observe the graph)

In Example B, observe what happens if the GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) and the GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) parameters are set incorrectly. In this example, these parameters are both set to 34 mph.

Notice that the GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A) and the GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E) parameters in this example are limiting the vehicle speed to 34 MPH in 6th, 7th, and 8th gear. The vehicle in this example would most likely not be drivable as it is currently programmed.

In "Example A" (above), we arbitrarily chose 51 and 38 mph as "desired" Low Load GDP Vehicle Speed Limits for a 10 speed manual transmission. This means that in 9th gear the vehicle speed is limited to 51 mph and in 8th gear the vehicle speed his limited to 38 mph. However, it is recommended that you choose a vehicle speed limit based on an engine speed (shift point) that meets your vehicle application. Higher engine speeds provide more power but reduce fuel economy.

Before you start selecting a vehicle speed it is important to understand the relationship between vehicle speed and engine speed. It is also important to understand that GDP limits the vehicle speed by limiting engine speed.

GDP Applications

This section describes only a few possible feature applications and how the programmable parameters can be effectively configured for each application. This is

not a comprehensive list, and does not include all possible applications that an owner/operator might encounter

Please review the description and operation section and the programmable parameter for a better understanding of how the various engine parameters might be best configured to your vehicle.

Application A - Customer desires to maximize fuel economy due to light vehicle loads.

Adjust parameters as follows:

Parameter Name	Action Required
GDP Enable (A803 000)	Select enabled (1)
GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1500 into GDP Equation A
GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1500 into GDP Equation B
GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1650 into GDP Equation C
GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1650 into GDP Equation D

Application B - Customer desires to maintain engine performance due to heavy vehicle loads.

Adjust parameters as follows:

Parameter Name	Action Required
GDP Enable (A803 000)	Select enabled (1)
GDP High Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00B)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1600 into GDP Equation A
GDP Low Gear Low Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00A)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1600 into GDP Equation B
GDP High Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00F)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1800 into GDP Equation C
GDP Low Gear High Load Vehicle Speed Limit (A801 00E)	To calculate this value, input a Desired RPM of 1800 into GDP Equation D

Frequently Asked Questions

My driver gets excellent fuel economy. Will I see an improvement with GDP?

No, if your driver follows the driver training recommended by Navistar this feature will provide no benefit. This feature is designed to “push” the driver to shift as the engine is designed.

Can I use this feature as part of a driver reward program?

Yes, if you want your top drivers to be rewarded you can turn GDP off to allow the full engine power range to be available. This may encourage good driving behavior,

such as using the cruise control feature and shutting down the engine during extended idle time.

Definitions/Acronyms

The following terms are referenced in this document:

Acronym	Definition
ECM	Engine Control Module
GDP	Gear Down Protection
MPH	Miles Per Hour
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute