



## CHRYSLER/DODGE 41TES/42RLE-VLP

### VARIABLE LINE PRESSURE SOLENOID AND SENSOR

**Change:** The 41TE (A604) transmission underwent a hydraulic revision that accommodated the use of a variable line pressure control solenoid (VLPS) (Figure 1) and is now called the 41TES transmission.

**Application:** 2007 and up Chrysler Sebring 2.4, 2.7L  
2008 and up Dodge Avenger, SE, SXT 2.4, 2.7L  
2009 and up Dodge Journey 2.4L

**Reason:** To reduce main line pressure during idle engagements which lessens engine load improving fuel economy.

**Part Changes:** The implementation of this solenoid caused changes to be made to the transfer plate, valve body, spacer plate, case, vehicle harness and computer strategy in order to facilitate the use of this solenoid. It also introduced the use of a pressure transducer to monitor the VLPS.

**Case:** The case was changed to accommodate an additional pass through connector for the VLPS and Transducer mounted on the valve body (Figure 1).

**Vehicle Harness:** An additional connector was added to the vehicle harness to the transmission to accommodate the added pass through connector mounted on the valve body. The harness plugging into the PCM contains the added wiring for the VLPS and Transducer (Figure 1).

**PCM:** The PCM is programmed with a strategy to operate the solenoid under various conditions to reduce line pressure. It also observes the Transducer to monitor and tailor solenoid operation.

**Valve Body:** Changes were made to the casting of the valve body to provide the fitting of the solenoid and transducer as well as passages for the hydraulics allowing the solenoid to influence the pressure regulator valve (Figure 2).

**Spacer Plate:** Changes were made to the spacer plate by the addition and changes to orifices located within the plate (Figure 3).

**Transfer Plate:** Similar to the valve body, the casting of the transfer plate received changes to the hydraulic passages to accommodate the use of the added solenoid (Figure 4).

**Pressure Regulator Valve:** The pressure regulator valve was changed to a single anodized valve and spring arrangement.

**Part Added:** **Variable Line Pressure Solenoid:** The VLPS is a variable force style solenoid that is duty cycled to reduce line pressure. When the solenoid is off, it blocks pressure from passing through the solenoid. When it is duty cycled, pressure passes through the solenoid and acts on the end of the pressure regulator valve to reduce line pressure output (Figure 5).



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**Part Added:** **VLPS Transducer:** The VLPS Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS) is the same style transducer used in the 45RFE, 62TE and 42RE transmissions in that it is a 3 wire sensor (5 volt supply, ground and signal) which monitors the activity of the VLPS via main line pressure (Figure 2). This information provided by this sensor to the PCM is also used by the PCM to tailor the solenoids operation.

**Diagnostic Codes:** With the addition of the VLPS and Transducer, additional diagnostic codes have been added to reflect failures related to these items. The codes added are as follows:

#### ***Code P0868 - Line Pressure Low***

The PCM continuously monitors Actual Line Pressure (the transducer signal-LPS) and compares it to Desired Line Pressure (VLPS command). If the Actual Line Pressure is more than 10 psi below Desired Line Pressure, this DTC will set.

#### **Possible Causes (no specific order):**

Check for related DTC's

Low Fluid Level

Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit open

Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit shorted to ground

Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit short to voltage

VLPS control circuit shorted to another circuit

Internal transmission failure

Malfunctioning Transducer (LPS)

Malfunctioning VLPS

Cracked, plugged, or mis-installed Primary Oil Filter

Stuck or Sticking Pressure Regulator Valve

Malfunctioning PCM

#### **Theory of Operation**

Line pressure is monitored by the Transducer and regulation is achieved by changing the duty cycle of the VLPS controlled by the Transmission Control System in the PCM. 5% duty cycle = solenoid OFF which equals maximum line pressure. 62% duty cycle = solenoid ON which equals minimum line pressure. The Transmission Control System calculates the desired line pressure based on inputs from both engine load and transmission.

The Transmission Control System calculates torque input to the transmission and uses it as the primary input to the desired pressure calculation. This is called Torque Based Line Pressure. In addition, the line pressure is set to a preset level 827 or 931 kPa (120 or 135 psi) during shifts and in Park and Neutral to ensure consistent shift quality. The desired line pressure is continuously being compared to the actual line pressure. If the actual line pressure is consistently lower than the target while driving, the line pressure low DTC P0868 will set.

Park, Reverse, Neutral, Drive and up-shift hydraulics are provided in figures 6 through 13.



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### **Part Added:** *Code P0869 - Line Pressure High*

The PCM continuously monitors Actual Line Pressure (the transducer signal). If the Actual Line Pressure reading is greater than the highest Desired Line Pressure (VLPS command) ever used in the current gear, while the VLPS duty cycle is at or near maximum value (which should result in minimum line pressure), this DTC will set.

#### **Possible Causes (no specific order):**

- Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit open
- Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit shorted to ground
- Transducer (LPS) ground circuit open
- Transducer (LPS) connection faulty
- Malfunctioning Transducer (LPS)
- VLPS control circuit open
- Transmission Control Relay Output Circuit Open
- Mechanical failure of the VLPS
- Stuck or Sticking Pressure Regulator Valve
- Malfunctioning PCM

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The Transmission Control System calculates torque input to the transmission and uses it as the primary input to the desired pressure calculation. This is called Torque Based Line Pressure. In addition, the line pressure is set to a preset level 827 or 931 kPa (120 or 135 psi) during shifts and in Park and Neutral to ensure consistent shift quality. The desired line pressure is continuously being compared to the actual line pressure. If the actual line pressure is consistently higher than the highest desired line pressure ever used in the current gear, the line pressure high DTC P0869 will set.

### ***Code P0932 - Line Pressure Sensor Circuit***

The PCM continuously monitors Actual Line Pressure (the transducer signal) and compares it to the Desired Line Pressure (VLPS command). If the Actual Line Pressure reading is more than 172.4 kPa (25 psi) higher than the Desired Line Pressure, but is less than the highest Line Pressure ever used in the current gear, DTC P0932 will set.

#### **Possible Causes (no specific order):**

- Check for related DTC's
- Faulty VLPS connector and wiring
- Internal transmission failure
- Malfunctioning PCM



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**Part Added:** *Code P0932 - Line Pressure Sensor Circuit continued:*

### **Theory of Operation**

Line pressure is electronically controlled by the Transmission Control System and is measured by the Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS). The desired line pressure is continuously being compared to the Actual Line Pressure and is regulated electronically changing the duty cycle of the VLPS. 5% duty cycle = solenoid OFF which equals maximum line pressure. 62% duty cycle = solenoid ON which equals minimum line pressure.

The Transmission Control System calculates the desired pressure based on inputs from the transmission and engine. A calculated torque input to the transmission is used as the primary input of the desired line pressure calculation and is called Torque Based Line Pressure. In addition, the line pressure is set to a preset level 827 to 931 kPa (120 to 135 psi) during shifts and in Park and Neutral to ensure shift quality.

### ***Code P0934 - Line Pressure Sensor Circuit Low***

The DTC will set when the monitored Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS) signal voltage is less than or equal to 0.35 volts for 0.18 seconds.

### **Possible Causes (no specific order):**

- Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit open
- Transducer (LPS) 5 volts supply circuit shorted to ground
- Transducer (LPS) signal circuit shorted to ground.
- Malfunctioning Transducer (LPS)
- Malfunctioning PCM

### **Theory of Operation**

Line pressure is electronically controlled by the Transmission Control System and is measured by the Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS). The desired line pressure is continuously being compared to the Actual Line Pressure and is regulated electronically changing the duty cycle of the VLPS. 5% duty cycle = solenoid OFF which equals maximum line pressure. 62% duty cycle = solenoid ON which equals minimum line pressure.

The Transmission Control System calculates the desired pressure based on inputs from the transmission and engine. A calculated torque input to the transmission is used as the primary input of the desired line pressure calculation and is called Torque Based Line Pressure. In addition, the line pressure is set to a preset level 827 to 931 kPa (120 to 135 psi) during shifts and in Park and Neutral to ensure shift quality.

The monitored Transducer (LPS) signal voltage should always be between 0.35 and 4.75 volts. Any monitored voltages outside of these parameters indicate a faulty Transducer or associated wiring and will cause either DTC P0934 or P0935 to set.



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**Part Added:** *Code P0935 - Line Pressure Sensor Circuit High*

The DTC will set when the monitored Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS) signal voltage is greater than or equal to 4.75 volts for the period of 0.18 seconds.

**Possible Causes (no specific order):**

Transducer (LPS) sensor ground circuit open  
Transducer (LPS) signal circuit shorted to power  
Malfunctioning Transducer (LPS)  
Malfunctioning PCM

**Theory of Operation**

Line pressure is electronically controlled by the Transmission Control System and is measured by the Transducer (Line Pressure Sensor - LPS). The desired line pressure is continuously being compared to the Actual Line Pressure and is regulated electronically changing the duty cycle of the VLPS. 5% duty cycle = solenoid OFF which equals maximum line pressure. 62% duty cycle = solenoid ON which equals minimum line pressure.

The Transmission Control System calculates the desired pressure based on inputs from the transmission and engine. A calculated torque input to the transmission is used as the primary input of the desired line pressure calculation and is called Torque Based Line Pressure. In addition, the line pressure is set to a preset level 827 to 931 kPa (120 to 135 psi) during shifts and in Park and Neutral to ensure shift quality.

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**Parts Interchangeability:**

None of the parts listed are interchangeable with previous models nor are previous model parts interchangeable with the new 41TES transmission

*We would like to thank the good folks at WIT for providing ATSG with a 41TES valve body.*



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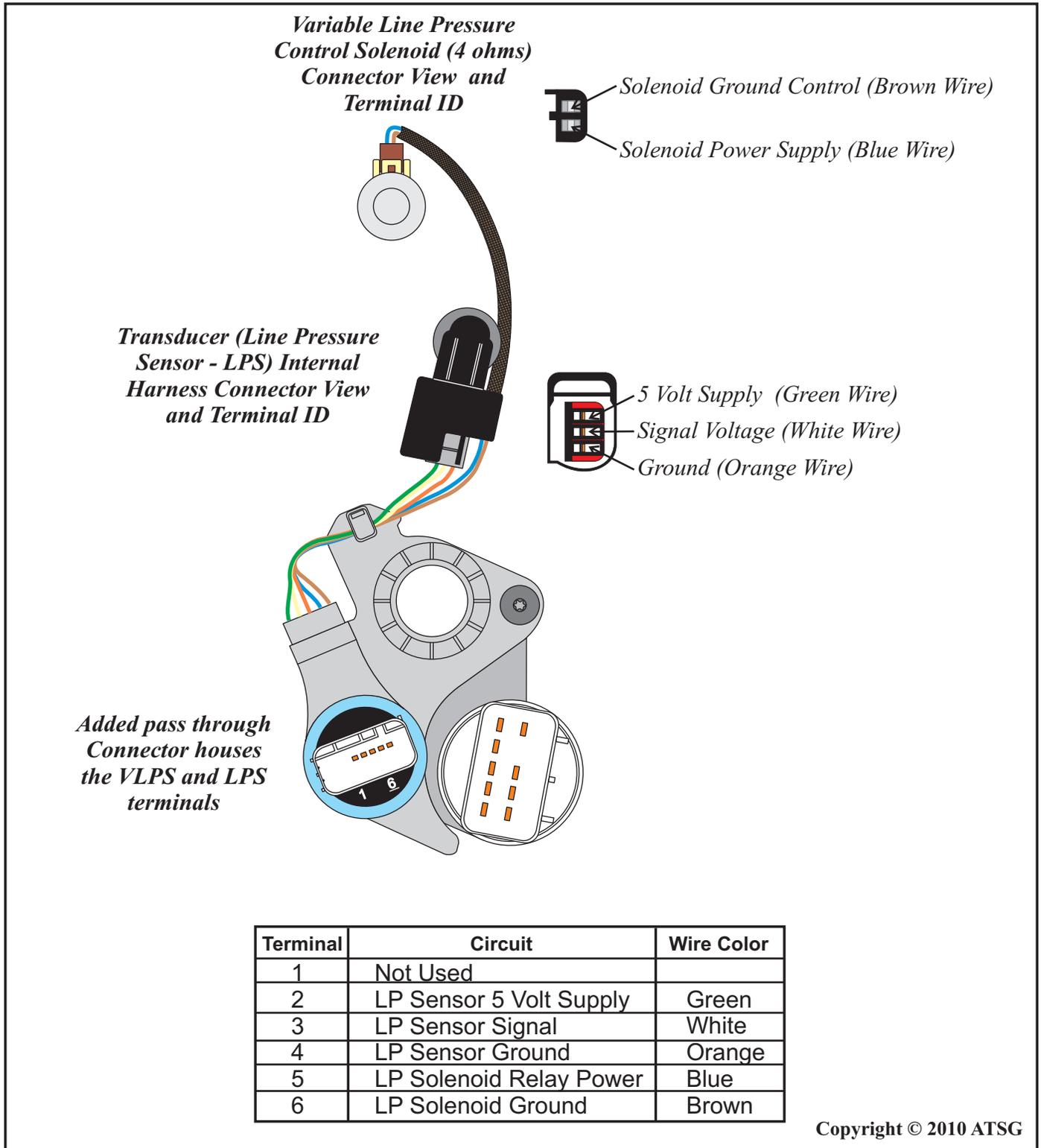


Figure 1

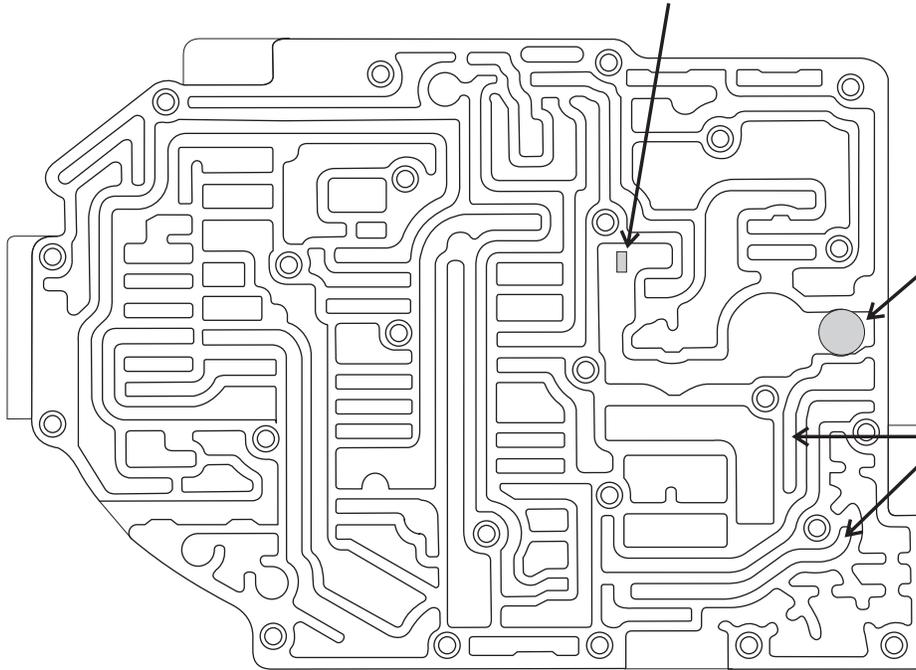


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### VALVE BODY

*Transducer (LPS) monitors  
line pressure here.*



*VLPS Feed from Pressure  
Regulator Valve.*

*VLPS Out Pressure to the  
Pressure Regulator valve  
through a 0.124" orifice  
and then through a 0.35"  
orifice in the spacer plate.*

*Inside Circuit View*

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Figure 2



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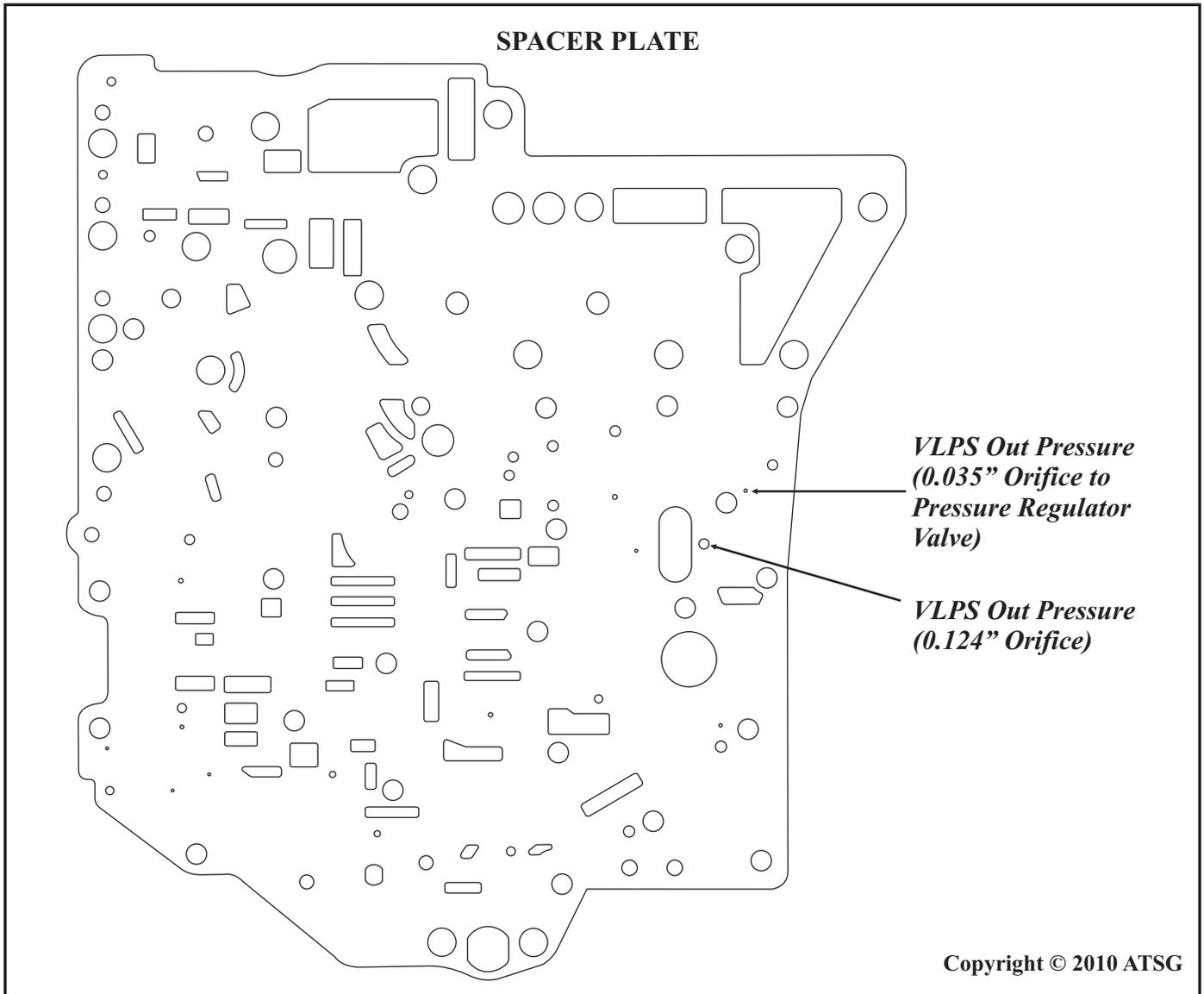


Figure 3



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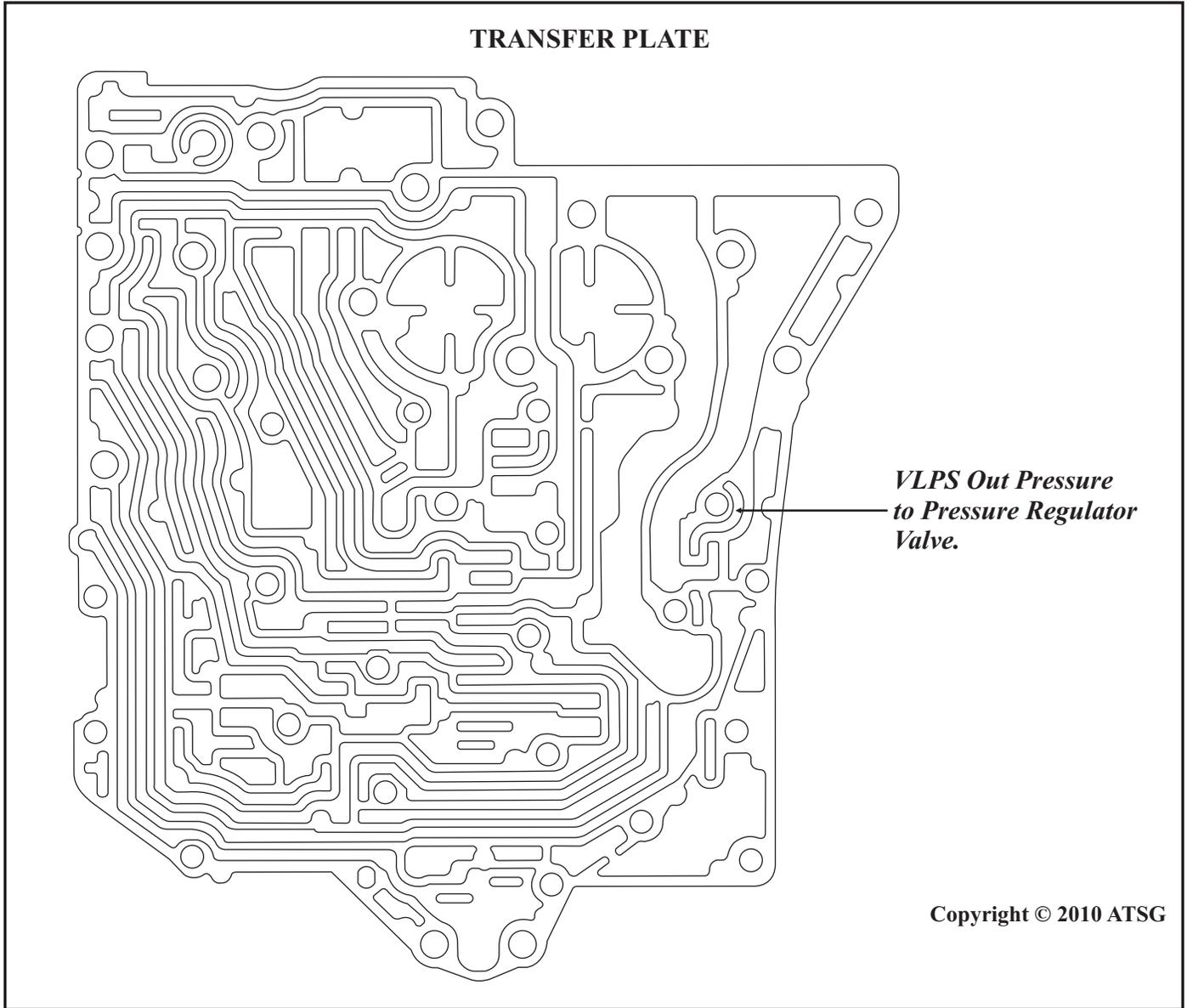


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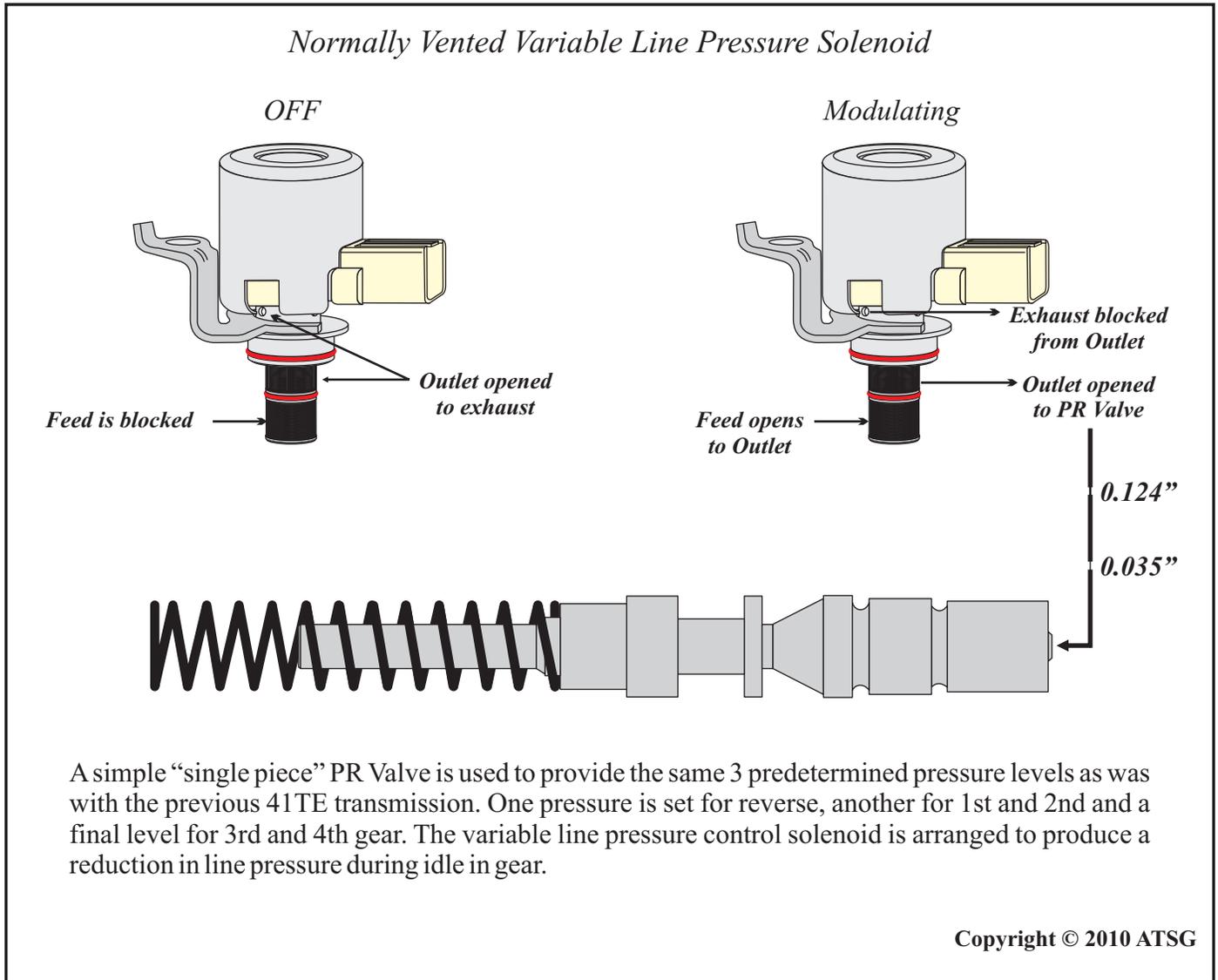


Figure 5

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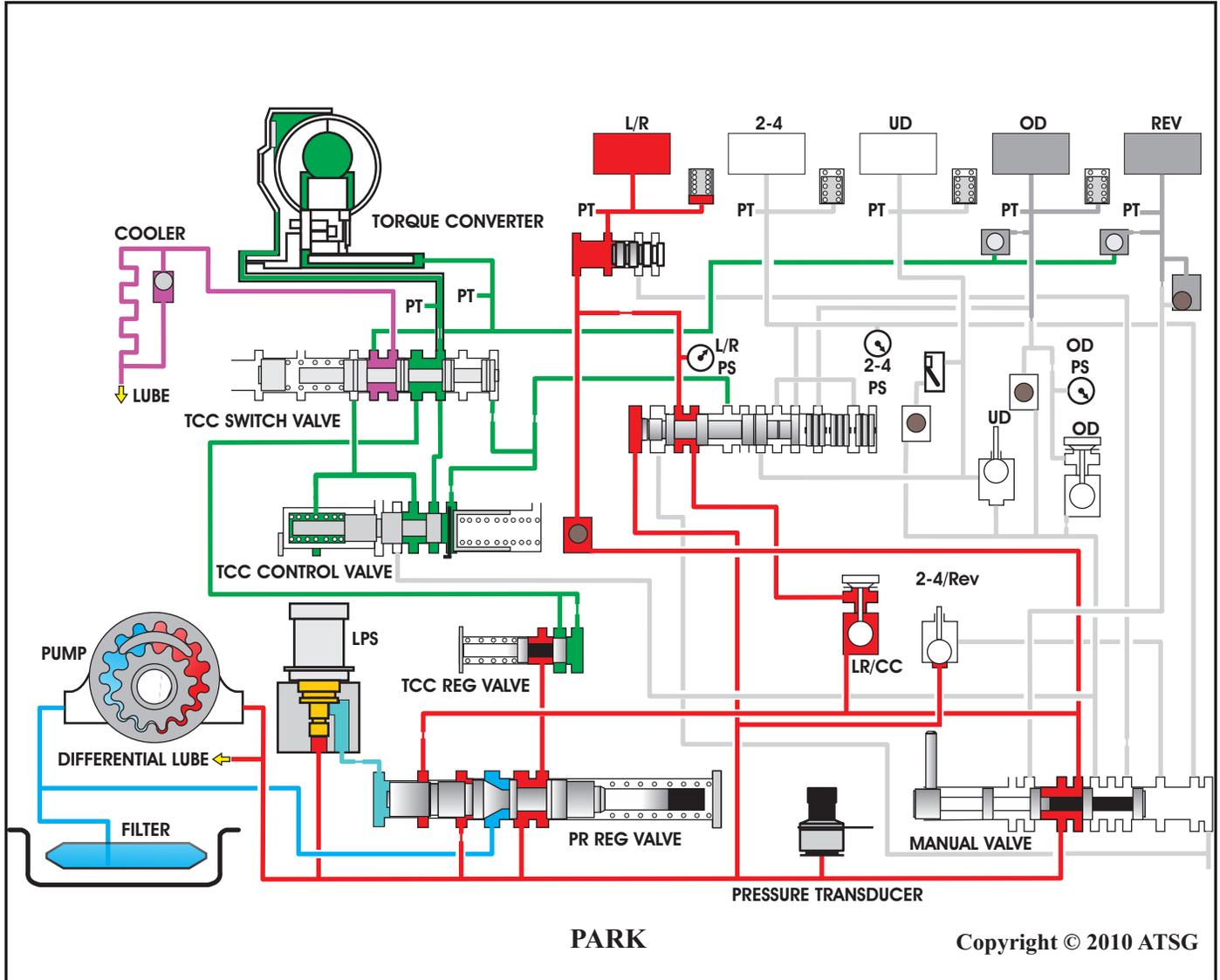
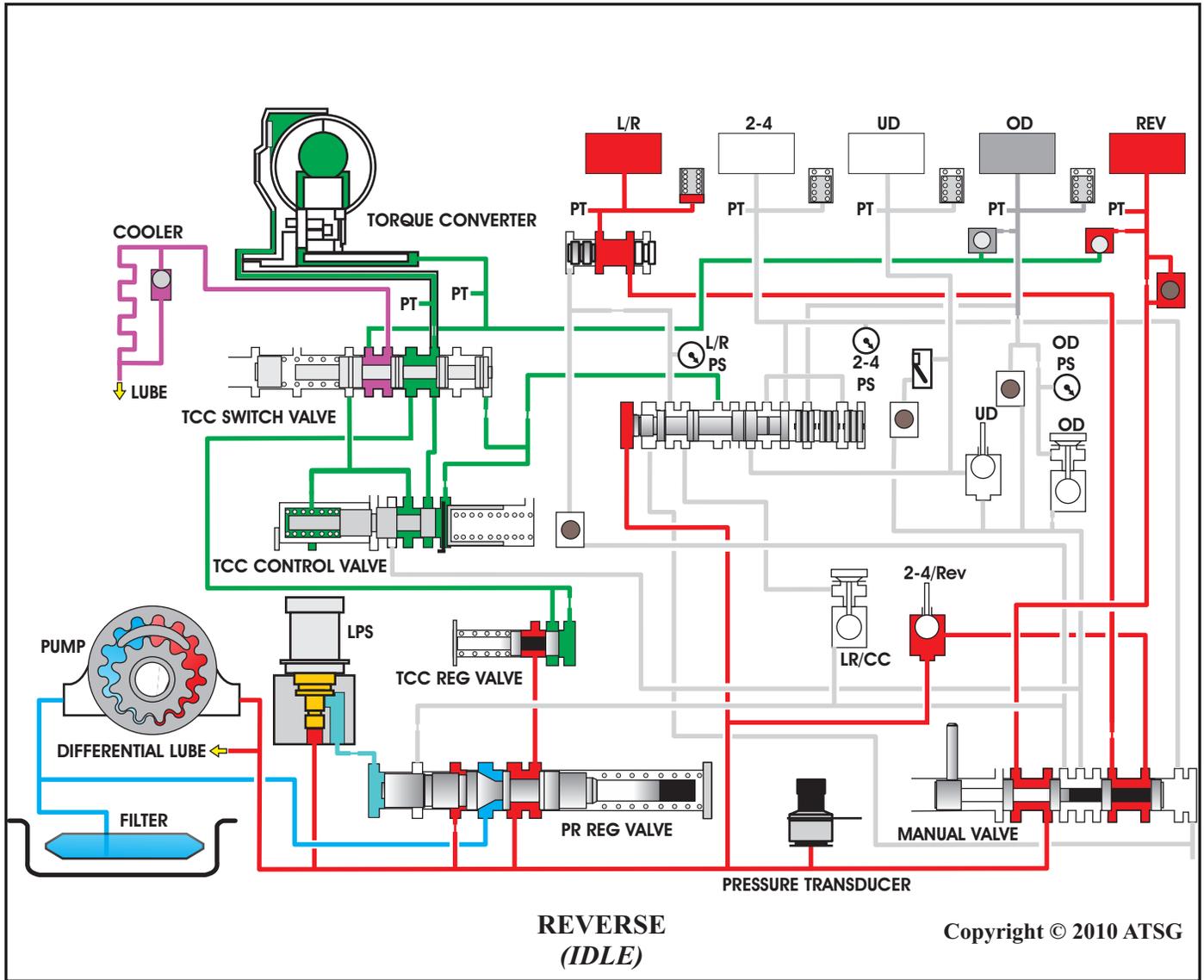


Figure 6



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REVERSE  
(IDLE)

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Figure 7



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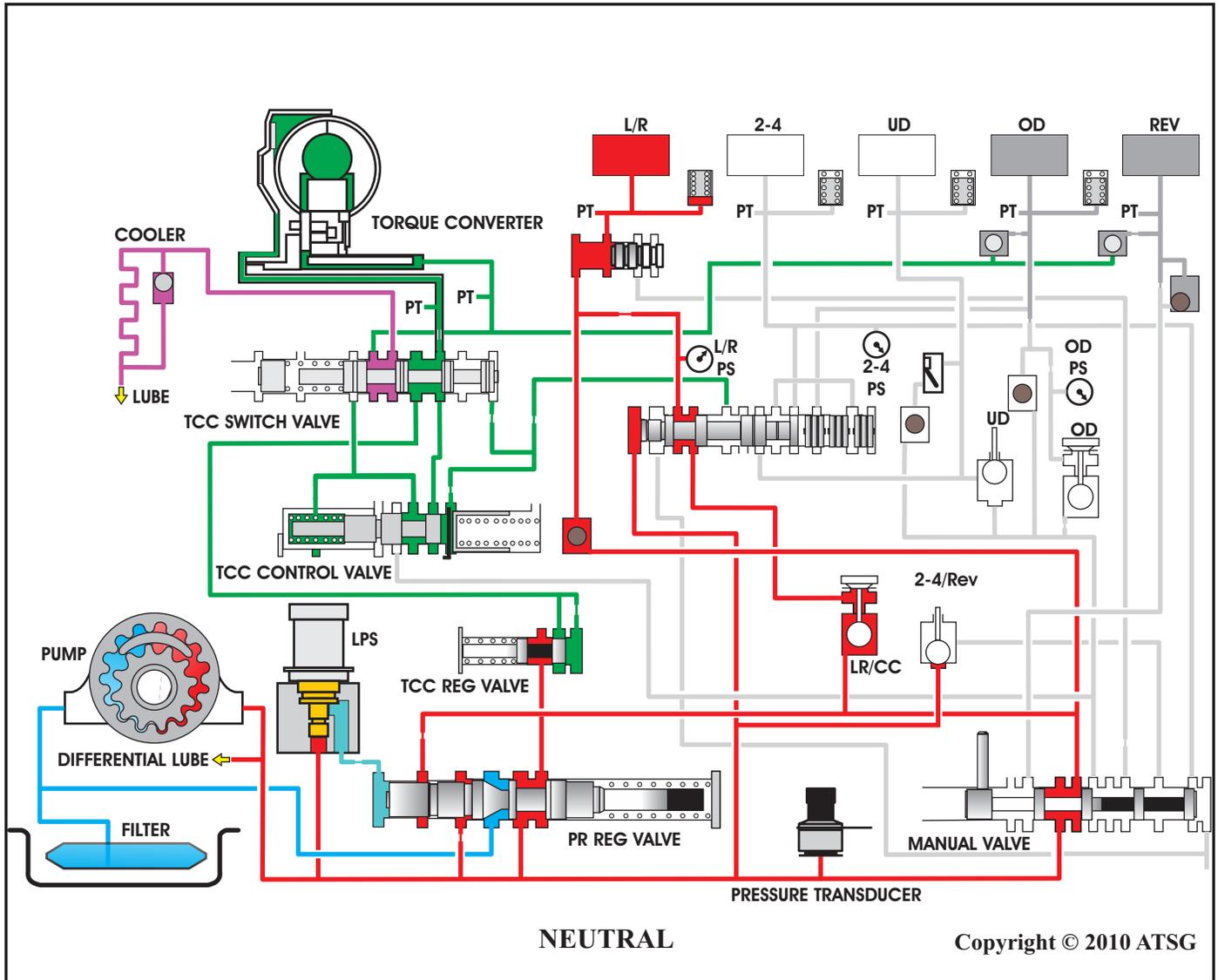


Figure 8



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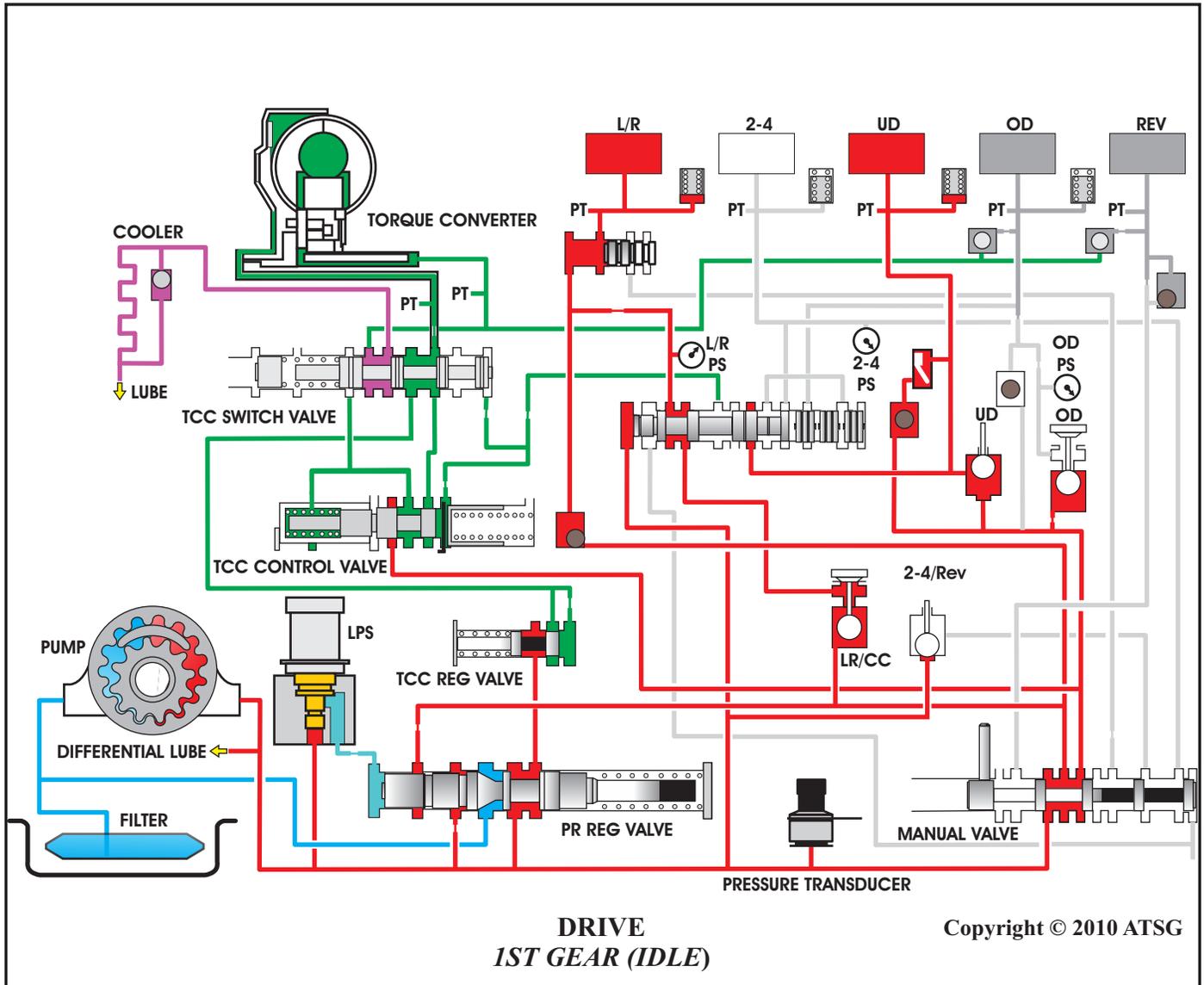


Figure 9



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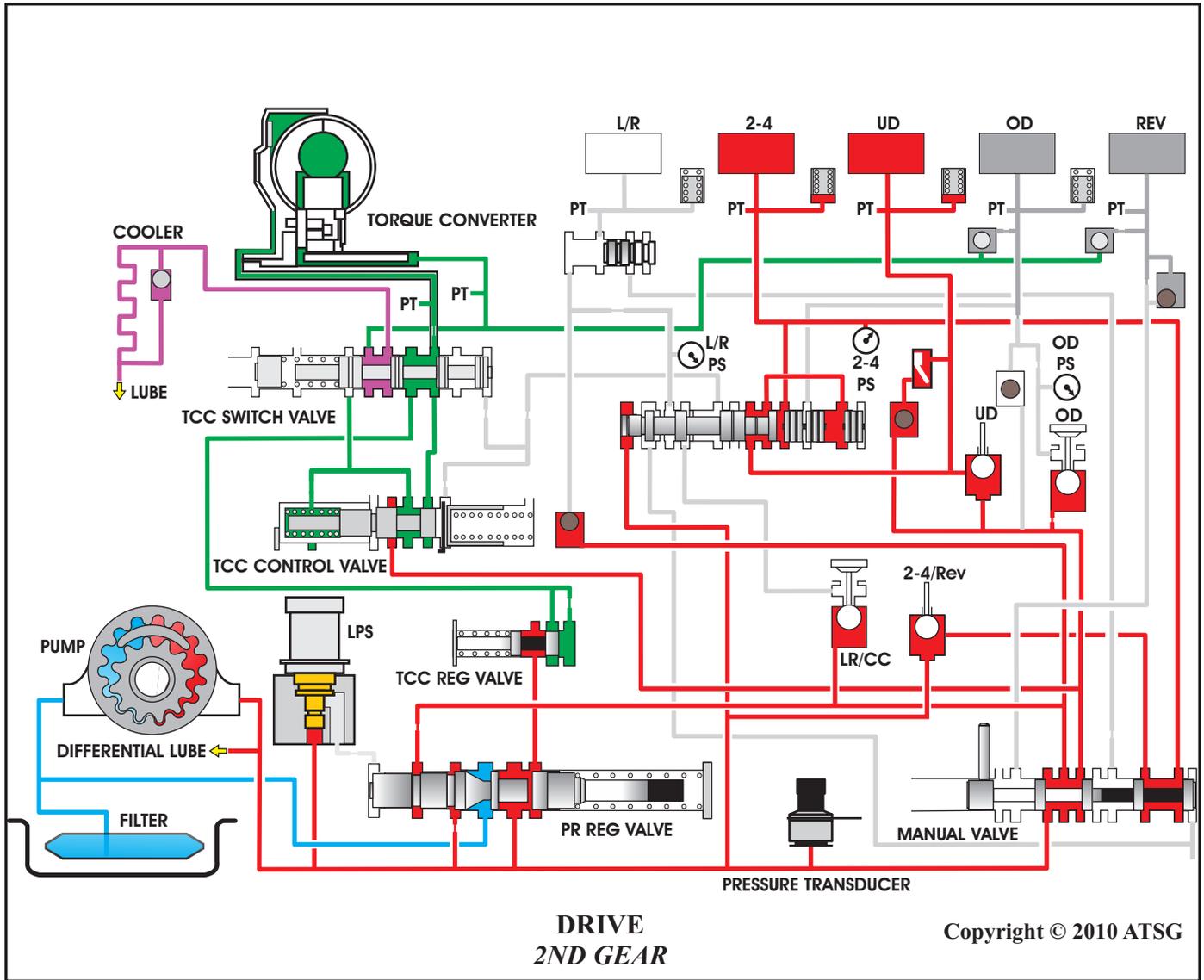


Figure 10



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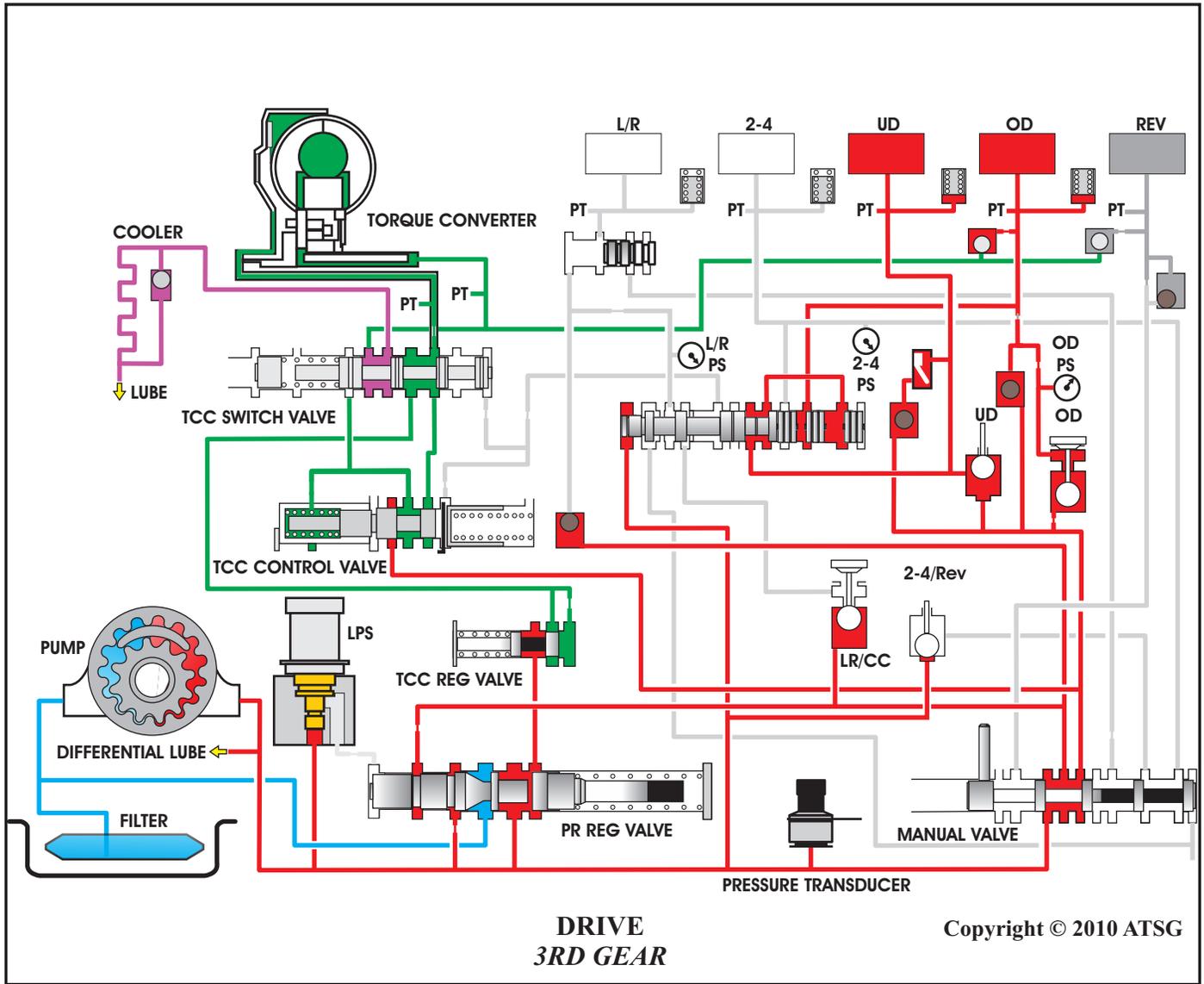


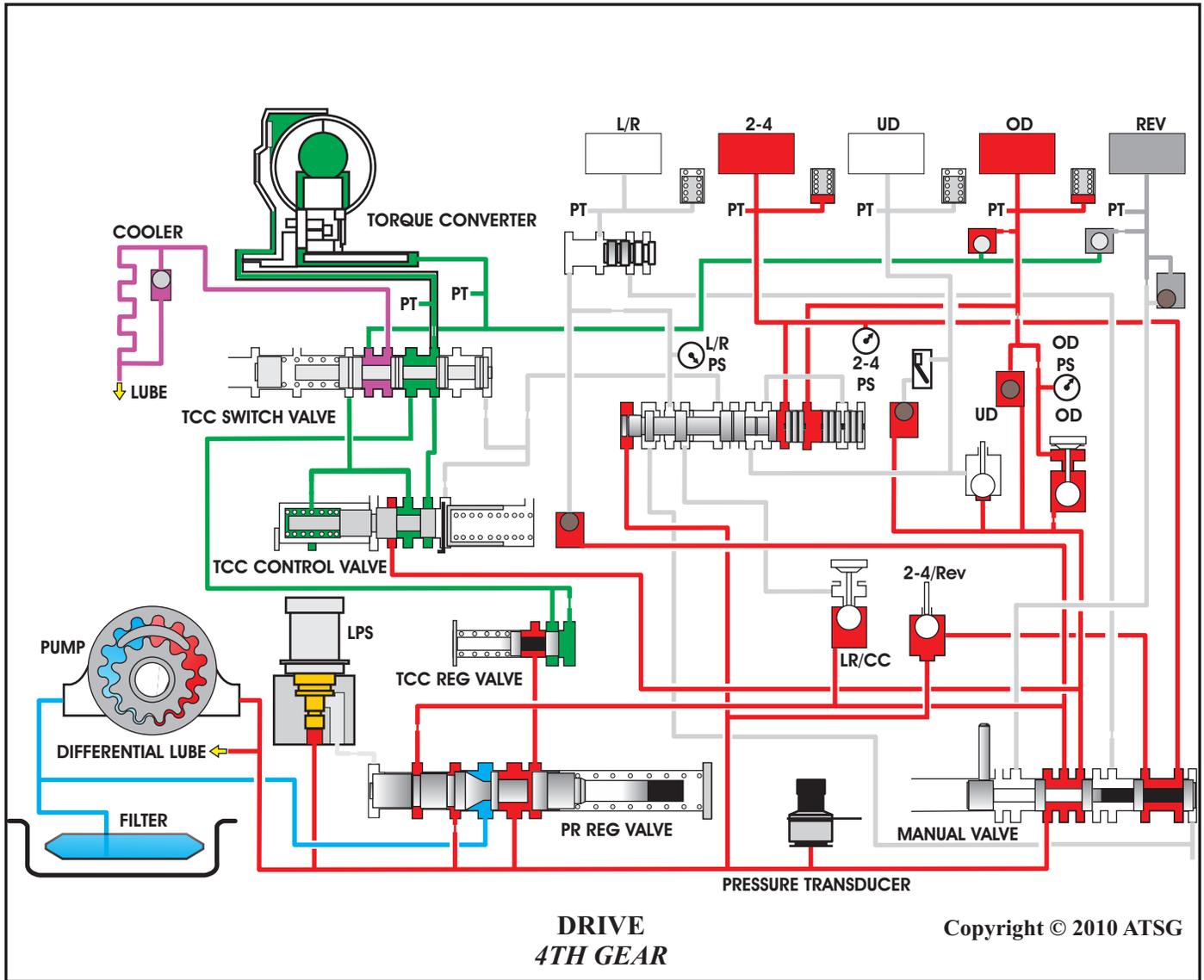
Figure 11



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**DRIVE  
4TH GEAR**

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Figure 12



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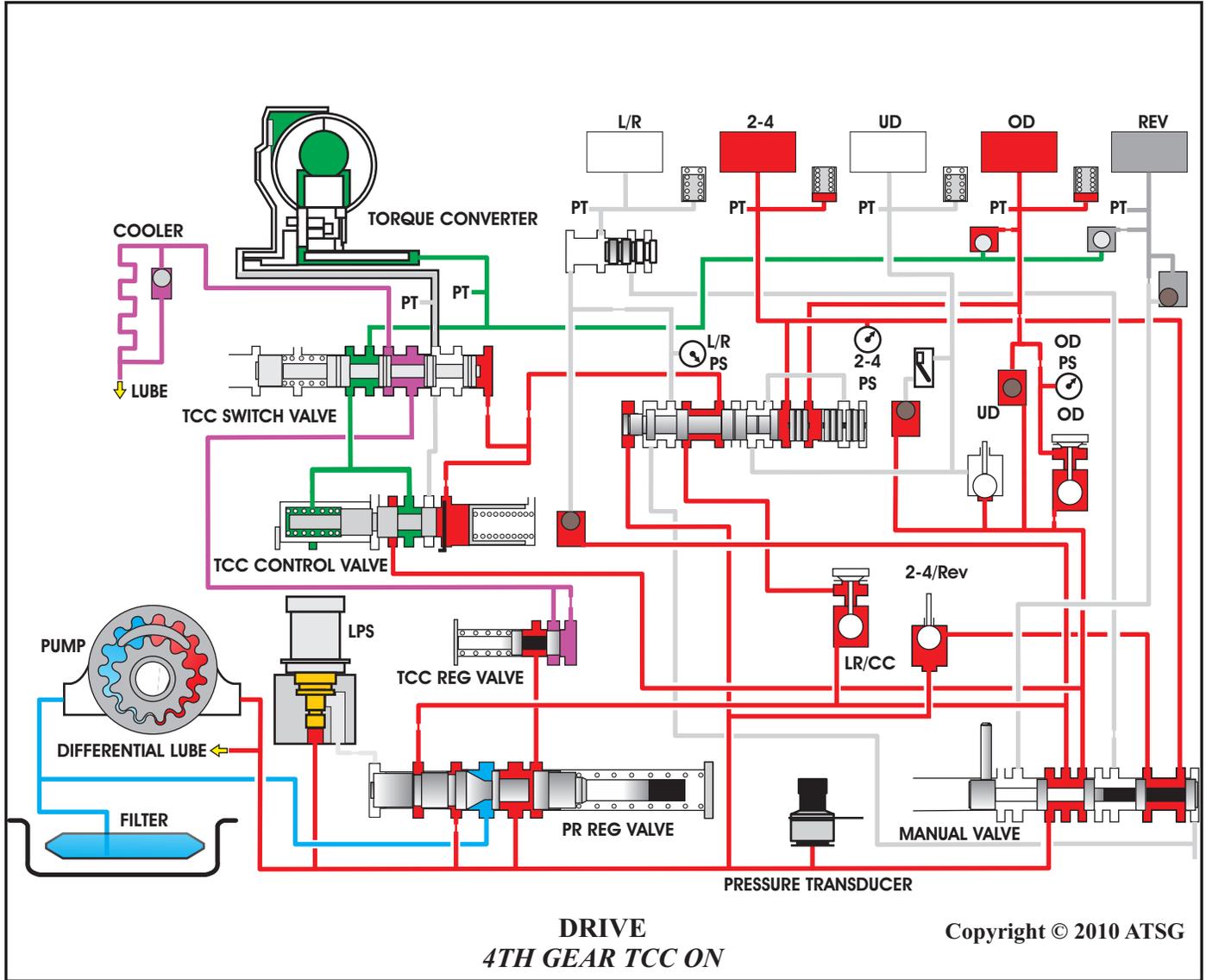


Figure 13