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Symptom/Vehicle Issue: Check Engine Light (CEL) Illuminated Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) P0381-00 Wait to Start Lamp Inoperative

Models Affected: 2025-2026 RAM 2500 (DJ) 2025-2026 RAM 3500 (D2)
2025-2026 RAM 3500 (DD) 2025-2026 RAM 45/5500 (DP)

Customer Complaint/Technician Observation: Customer may have a CEL illuminated; technician may find DTC P0381-00 Wait to Start Lamp Inoperative setting in the powertrain control module (PCM)

Discussion: If the vehicle is only exhibiting the P0381 DTC and there are no other related DTCS to the glow plugs and/or is not exhibiting glow plug performance operation, it is advised not to replace any parts, this issue is under investigation.

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