

DTC P0131

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Heated oxygen sensors (HO2S) are used for fuel control and post catalyst monitoring. Each HO2S compares the oxygen content of the surrounding air with the oxygen content in the exhaust stream. The HO2S must reach operating temperature to provide an accurate voltage signal. Heating elements inside the HO2S minimize the time required for the sensors to reach operating temperature. The powertrain control module (PCM) supplies the HO2S with a reference, or bias, voltage of about **450 mV**. When the engine is first started the PCM operates in open loop, ignoring the HO2S voltage signal. Once the HO2S reaches operating temperature and closed loop is achieved, the HO2S generates a voltage within a range of **0-1,000 mV** that fluctuates above and below bias voltage. High HO2S voltage indicates a rich exhaust stream; low HO2S voltage indicates a lean exhaust stream. If the PCM detects an HO2S voltage that stays below a specified value, DTC P0131 sets for HO2S bank 1 sensor 1, or DTC P0151 sets for HO2S bank 2 sensor 1.

DTC DESCRIPTORS

This diagnostic procedure supports the following DTCs:

- DTC P0131 HO2S Circuit Low Voltage Bank 1 Sensor 1
- DTC P0151 HO2S Circuit Low Voltage Bank 2 Sensor 1

CONDITIONS FOR RUNNING THE DTC

Lean Test Enable:

- DTCs P0068, P0101, P0102, P0103, P0106, P0107, P0108, P0112, P0113, P0116, P0117, P0118, P0120, P0128, P0200, P0220, P0442, P0446, P0452, P0453, P0455, P0496, P1125, P1258, P1516, P2101, P2108, P2135, U0107 are not set.
- The Loop Status parameter is closed.
- The Ignition 1 Signal parameter is between **10-18 volts**.
- The **Fuel Tank** Level Remaining parameter is more than **10 percent**.
- The TP Indicated Angle parameter is between **3-70 percent** more than the value observed at idle.
- The above conditions are met for **2 seconds**.
- This diagnostic runs continuously once the above conditions are met.

Power Enrichment Test Enable:

- DTCs P0068, P0101, P0102, P0103, P0106, P0107, P0108, P0112, P0113, P0116, P0117, P0118, P0120, P0128, P0200, P0220, P0442, P0446, P0452, P0453, P0455, P0496, P1125, P1258, P1516, P2101, P2108, P2135, U0107 are not set.
- The Loop Status parameter is closed.
- The Ignition 1 Signal parameter is between **10-18 volts**.
- The **Fuel Tank** Level Remaining parameter is more than **10 percent**.
- The Engine Run Time parameter is more than **30 seconds**.
- The Power Enrichment parameter is active for more than **1 second**.
- This diagnostic runs continuously once the above conditions are met.

CONDITIONS FOR SETTING THE DTC

Lean Test:

The PCM detects that the affected HO2S voltage parameter is less than **200 mV** for **165 seconds**.

Power Enrichment Test:

The PCM detects that the affected HO2S voltage parameter is less than **360 mV** for **10 seconds**.

ACTION TAKEN WHEN THE DTC SETS

- The **control module** illuminates the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) on the second consecutive ignition cycle that the diagnostic runs and fails.
- The **control module** records the operating conditions at the time the diagnostic fails. The first time the diagnostic fails, the control module stores this information in the Failure Records. If the diagnostic reports a failure on the second consecutive ignition cycle, the control module records the operating conditions at the time of the failure. The control module writes the operating conditions to the Freeze Frame and updates the Failure Records.
- The **control module** commands the Loop Status open.

CONDITIONS FOR CLEARING THE MIL/DTC

- The **control module** turns OFF the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) after 3 consecutive ignition cycles that the diagnostic runs and does not fail.
- A current DTC, Last Test Failed, clears when the diagnostic runs and passes.
- A history DTC clears after 40 consecutive warm-up cycles, if no failures are reported by this or any other emission related diagnostic.
- Clear the **MIL** and the DTC with a scan tool.

TEST DESCRIPTION

Step	Action	Value(s)	Yes	No
1	Did you perform the Diagnostic System Check – Vehicle?	—	Go to Step 2	Go to Diagnostic System Check - Vehicle in Vehicle DTC Information
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start the engine. 2. Allow the engine to reach operating temperature. Refer to Special Tools Page 1-8. 3. Observe the affected HO2S voltage parameter with a scan tool. <p>Is the HO2S voltage parameter varying above and below the specified range?</p>	300–600 mV	Go to Step 3	Go to Step 4
3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observe the Freeze Frame/Failure Records for this DTC. 2. Turn OFF the ignition for 30 seconds. 3. Start the engine. 4. Operate the vehicle within the Conditions for Running the DTC. You may also operate the vehicle within the conditions that you observed from the Freeze Frame/Failure Records. <p>Did the DTC fail this ignition?</p>	—	Go to Step 4	Go to Intermittent Conditions
4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Disconnect the affected heated oxygen sensor (HO2S). 3. Turn ON the ignition, with the engine OFF. 4. Observe the HO2S voltage parameter with a scan tool. <p>Is the HO2S voltage parameter less than the specified value?</p>	100 mV	Go to Step 6	Go to Step 5
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect a 3-amp fused jumper wire between the high signal circuit of the HO2S harness connector on the engine harness side and a good ground. 2. Observe the HO2S voltage parameter with a scan tool. <p>Is the HO2S voltage parameter less than the specified value?</p>	100 mV	Go to Step 7	Go to Step 8
6	Test the HO2S high signal circuit for a short to ground. Did you find and correct the condition?	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 9
7	Test the HO2S low signal circuit for a short to the HO2S heater low control circuit. Did you find and correct the condition?	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 10
8	Test the HO2S high signal circuit for an open or high resistance. Did you find and correct the condition?	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 12
9	Test the HO2S high signal circuit for a short to the following circuits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HO2S low signal circuit • HO2S heater low control circuit <p>Did you find and correct the condition?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 12

Step	Action	Value(s)	Yes	No
10	<p>1. The HO2S may be detecting a lean exhaust condition or may be contaminated. Inspect for the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Notice <p>Refer to Silicon Contamination of Heated Oxygen Sensors Notice in Service Precautions.</p> <p>A silicon contaminated HO2S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Any water intrusion into the HO2S connector o An exhaust leak between the HO2S and the engine o Any vacuum leaks o An incorrect fuel pressure—Refer to P0176 System Diagnosis. o Any lean fuel injectors—Refer to P0171 Injector Balance Test with Tech 2. o An inaccurate mass air flow (MAF) sensor—Refer to P0171 Tool Data List. <p>2. Repair any of the above or similar engine conditions as necessary.</p> <p>Did you find and correct the condition?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 11
11	<p>Test for shorted terminals and for poor connections at the HO2S.</p> <p>Did you find and correct the condition?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 13
12	<p>Test for shorted terminals and for poor connections at the powertrain control module (PCM).</p> <p>Did you find and correct the condition?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	Go to Step 14
13	<p>Replace the affected HO2S.</p> <p>Did you complete the replacement?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	—
14	<p>Replace the PCM.</p> <p>Did you complete the replacement?</p>	—	Go to Step 15	—
15	<p>1. Clear the DTCs with a scan tool. 2. Turn OFF the ignition for 30 seconds. 3. Start the engine. 4. Operate the vehicle within the Conditions for Running the DTC. You may also operate the vehicle within the conditions that you observed from the Freeze Frame/Failure Records.</p> <p>Did the DTC fail this ignition?</p>	—	Go to Step 2	Go to Step 16
16	<p>Observe the Capture Info with a scan tool.</p> <p>Are there any DTCs that have not been diagnosed?</p>	—	Go to P0171 Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) List - Vehicle in Vehicle DTC Information	System OK

Steps 10-16

The number below refers to the step number on the diagnostic table.

2. If the voltage is varying above and below the specified range, the condition is not present.

