

GENERIC · BODY

B0265

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Driver Door Lock/Unlock Switch Circuit

B0265 indicates that the body control module (BCM) has detected an abnormal condition in the driver door lock/unlock switch circuit, which typically involves the switch, its wiring, or the BCM's input processing. The computer monitors the voltage or resistance on the circuit and sets this code when the signal falls outside the expected range during lock or unlock commands.

SYSTEM	CODE TYPE	SEVERITY	FIX DIFFICULTY	AREA
Body	Generic (all makes)	Low	Intermediate	Airbags, seats, doors, lights and comfort systems

Symptoms you may notice

- The driver door lock and unlock buttons may not respond when pressed.
- The power door locks may work intermittently or only from the passenger door switch.
- The central locking system may fail to lock or unlock all doors from the driver's switch.
- The key fob may still operate the locks, but the physical switch does not.
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light, especially if the fault is intermittent.

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Faulty driver door lock/unlock switch assembly, worn contacts or internal failure.
- 2 Damaged or chafed wiring in the driver door harness, particularly at the hinge area.
- 3 Corroded or loose electrical connector at the switch or BCM.
- 4 Blown fuse or poor ground connection for the door lock circuit.
- 5 Water intrusion into the door causing corrosion on the switch or connector.
- 6 Failed body control module (BCM) input circuit, though this is less common.

How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Verify the fault by pressing the driver door lock and unlock buttons while watching live data for the switch inputs on a scan tool.
- 2 Inspect the driver door wiring harness for chafing, breaks, or corrosion, especially where it flexes at the door hinge.
- 3 Check the fuse and ground connections related to the door lock circuit.
- 4 Disconnect the switch and test its continuity in both lock and unlock positions using a multimeter.
- 5 Clean or repair any corroded connectors and apply dielectric grease to prevent future issues.
- 6 If the switch tests bad, replace the driver door lock/unlock switch assembly.
- 7 If wiring and switch are good, test the BCM input circuit and replace the BCM only if confirmed faulty.

Before you replace the door lock switch

- A common oversight is assuming the switch is bad when the real problem is a broken wire inside the rubber boot between the door and body, which flexes every time the door opens.
- The code can set intermittently due to water intrusion from a failed window seal or clogged sunroof drain, so always check for moisture inside the door.
- Some vehicles use a multiplexed signal where the switch shares a wire with other door functions, so a fault in a different component can trigger this code.
- After replacing the switch or BCM, some models require a relearn procedure for the door locks, which a scan tool can perform.
- Do not overlook the passenger door lock switch, as a shorted switch on that circuit can affect the driver's switch input on shared networks.

Can I keep driving with B0265?

The vehicle remains safe to drive because the door lock switch fault does not affect engine, steering, or braking, but you may need to lock or unlock doors manually or with the key fob until repaired. Avoid relying on the central locking system to secure the vehicle, and address the issue promptly to prevent battery drain from a stuck switch.

Tools that help

- Scan tool with live data capability
- Digital multimeter
- Trim removal tools
- Electrical contact cleaner
- Dielectric grease

Reading B0265

B	Body: airbags, seats, doors, lights and comfort systems.
0	Generic (SAE) code: it means the same thing on every OBD-II vehicle.
2	Airbags, seats, doors, lights and comfort systems.
65	The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

B0268 HVAC Mode Door 1 Circuit



See it working

Watch the animated explainer [Helicopter Simulator: Take Off, Hover and Land](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/b0265/>

