

GENERIC · BODY

B0560

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Driver Power Seat Forward/Back Circuit

B0560 indicates that the driver's power seat control module has detected a fault in the forward/backward movement circuit for the driver's seat. The module monitors the motor circuit for abnormal voltage or current and sets this code when the circuit does not behave as expected during a command.

SYSTEM

Body

CODE TYPE

Generic (all makes)

SEVERITY

Low

FIX DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

AREA

Airbags, seats, doors, lights and comfort systems

Symptoms you may notice

- The driver's seat does not move forward or backward when the switch is pressed.
- The seat moves in one direction only, or moves intermittently.
- The seat may move slowly or struggle under load.
- A warning light or message may appear on the dash, though often no symptoms besides the warning light are noticed.
- The seat may stop moving unexpectedly during adjustment.
- Other power seat functions (recline, height) may still work normally.

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Failed seat adjustment switch or faulty switch contacts.
- 2 Damaged or chafed wiring in the seat harness, especially where it flexes with seat movement.
- 3 Corroded or loose electrical connector at the seat motor or control module.
- 4 Seat track obstruction or mechanical binding preventing movement.
- 5 Faulty seat position sensor or limit switch.
- 6 Failed seat motor (forward/back motor) due to wear or internal short.
- 7 Water intrusion or debris in the seat connector causing intermittent shorts.



How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Check for any mechanical obstructions or debris in the seat tracks and clear them.
- 2 Inspect the seat harness and connectors for damage, corrosion, or loose pins; repair or replace as needed.
- 3 Test the seat switch for continuity and proper operation in both directions; replace if faulty.
- 4 Measure voltage and ground at the seat motor connector while operating the switch to verify power and ground delivery.
- 5 Test the seat motor directly by applying battery voltage to confirm it operates; replace if defective.
- 6 Check the seat control module for stored codes and live data to confirm switch inputs and motor outputs.
- 7 If all electrical and mechanical checks pass, reprogram or replace the seat control module as a last resort.

Common Misdiagnosis Traps for B0560

- A binding seat track or a foreign object in the track can mimic an electrical fault by causing the motor to draw excessive current, setting the code without any wiring issue.
- The seat switch often fails intermittently, so testing it with a multimeter while wiggling the connector can reveal a fault that a simple continuity check misses.
- Water leaks from a clogged sunroof drain or damaged door seal can corrode the seat connector and cause this code, so always check for moisture damage.
- The code can be set by a weak battery or low voltage during seat operation, so verify battery health and charging system before replacing parts.
- After repairs, the seat control module may require a calibration or relearn procedure for the position memory to function correctly.

Can I keep driving with B0560?

This fault affects only seat adjustment and does not compromise vehicle safety, so you can continue driving. Avoid forcing the seat if it is stuck, and have the circuit inspected at your convenience to prevent further damage.

Tools that help

- OBD-II scan tool
- Digital multimeter
- Test light
- Trim removal tool
- Socket set
- Wiring diagram



Reading B0560

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

Often seen with

B0561 Driver Power Seat Up/Down Circuit · **B0562** Driver Power Seat Recline Circuit

See it working

Watch the animated explainer [How a Manual Transmission Works: Four-Speed Cutaway](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/b0560/>

