

GENERIC · BODY

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OBD-II TROUBLE CODE

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Driver Power Seat Recline Circuit

B0562 indicates that the body control module (BCM) has detected a fault in the power seat recline circuit, which controls the backrest angle. The BCM monitors voltage and current on the recline motor circuit and sets this code when the signal is out of expected range, often due to an open, short, or excessive current draw.

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 power seat recline function does not work in one or both directions.
- The recline motor may run continuously or not at all when the switch is pressed.
- The seat back may be stuck in one position, making it uncomfortable for the driver.
- A warning light or message may appear on the dashboard, depending on the vehicle.
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light, especially if the fault is intermittent.
- Other power seat functions (slide, tilt, lumbar) may still work normally.

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Faulty recline switch or seat control module, causing inconsistent signals.
- 2 Damaged wiring or connector at the seat, often due to flexing or debris.
- 3 Open or shorted recline motor, leading to no movement or blown fuse.
- 4 Blown fuse or circuit breaker dedicated to the power seat circuit.
- 5 Corroded or loose ground connection for the seat motor or module.
- 6 BCM internal fault, though less common, misinterpreting circuit signals.

How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Check the power seat fuse and circuit breaker; replace if blown.
- 2 Inspect the recline switch for proper operation using a multimeter or scan tool data.
- 3 Visually inspect wiring and connectors under the seat for damage, corrosion, or loose pins.
- 4 Test the recline motor directly with 12 volts to confirm it operates; replace if seized.
- 5 Check ground connections at the seat and chassis; clean and tighten as needed.
- 6 Use a scan tool to clear the code and verify if it returns after operating the recline function.
- 7 If all else fails, diagnose the BCM or seat control module with manufacturer-specific tests.



Common Misdiagnosis Traps for B0562

- A stuck recline switch can cause the motor to run continuously, blowing a fuse and setting B0562, so always check switch operation first.
- Wiring under the seat often gets pinched or worn from seat movement, leading to intermittent shorts that may not appear during static testing.
- The BCM may set B0562 if battery voltage is low or unstable, so verify charging system health before replacing parts.
- Some vehicles use a seat control module that communicates over a data bus; a fault in that module can mimic a recline circuit issue.
- After repairs, the code may remain stored until the recline function is cycled several times; don't assume the fix failed prematurely.

Can I keep driving with B0562?

The vehicle remains safe to drive because the recline function is a comfort feature, but avoid adjusting the seat until repaired to prevent further electrical issues. If the seat is stuck in an unsafe driving position, address it promptly.

Tools that help

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

Reading B0562

- 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.
- 62** The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

B0560 Driver Power Seat Forward/Back Circuit · **B0561** Driver Power Seat Up/Down Circuit · **U0155** Lost Communication With Body Control Module



See it working

Watch the animated explainer [How Regenerative Braking Works in Electric Cars](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/b0562/>

