

JAGUAR · POWERTRAIN

P1260

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Theft Detected Vehicle Immobilized

P1260 on a Jaguar means the engine control module (ECM) has detected a theft condition and has immobilized the vehicle by preventing the engine from starting or running. The ECM stores this code when the anti-theft system, typically the passive anti-theft system (PATS), fails to provide a valid key authorization or when a mismatch exists between the key, transponder, and control modules.

SYSTEM	CODE TYPE	SEVERITY	FIX DIFFICULTY	AREA
Powertrain	Jaguar specific	High	Professional	Fuel and air metering (injector circuits)

Symptoms you may notice

- Engine cranks but will not start, or starts then immediately stalls
- Security or immobilizer warning light flashing or staying on
- No communication with the ECM when using a scan tool
- Intermittent no-start condition that may resolve after several attempts
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light if the fault is stored but not currently active

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Failed or unprogrammed key transponder (PATS key) not recognized by the immobilizer
- 2 Faulty transceiver ring around the ignition switch that cannot read the key
- 3 Corroded or damaged wiring between the transceiver, instrument cluster, and ECM
- 4 Defective instrument cluster or body control module acting as the PATS gateway
- 5 ECM not properly configured or programmed to the vehicle's anti-theft system
- 6 Low or unstable battery voltage causing the PATS module to lose key authorization
- 7 Aftermarket remote starter or alarm system interfering with the factory immobilizer signal



How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Check battery voltage and charge or replace the battery if it is below 12.4 volts at rest
- 2 Use a scan tool to read all modules for PATS-related codes and verify key authorization status
- 3 Inspect the transceiver ring and its wiring for corrosion, looseness, or damage
- 4 Try a second known-good key to determine if the fault is key-specific
- 5 Perform a PATS key relearn or parameter reset procedure with a factory-level diagnostic tool
- 6 Check and repair any wiring faults between the transceiver, instrument cluster, and ECM
- 7 If all else fails, replace and reprogram the affected module (transceiver, cluster, or ECM) following Jaguar service procedures

What most technicians miss on P1260

- A weak or failing battery is a common cause of P1260 because the PATS module can lose its key authorization memory during cranking voltage drops.
- Aftermarket remote starters or alarm systems frequently interfere with the transceiver signal and set this code even when the factory system is healthy.
- The code can be stored as historical after a single no-start event and may not indicate a current fault if the vehicle now starts and runs normally.
- A faulty ignition switch or transceiver ring can cause intermittent no-start conditions without setting any other codes, leading to misdiagnosis of the ECM.
- Some Jaguar models require a parameter reset or module configuration after battery replacement, and skipping this step can trigger P1260.

Can I keep driving with P1260?

Do not attempt to drive the vehicle if it will not start or stalls immediately, as the immobilizer is actively preventing operation. If the engine starts and runs normally but the light is on, have the fault diagnosed promptly because the condition can leave you stranded without warning.

Tools that help

- Jaguar-specific scan tool or factory diagnostic software
- Digital multimeter for voltage and continuity checks
- Battery load tester
- Trim removal tools for accessing the transceiver ring
- Oscilloscope for signal analysis (optional)



Reading P1260

- P** Powertrain: engine, transmission and emissions.
- 1** Manufacturer-specific code (Jaguar): its meaning depends on the make.
- 2** Fuel and air metering (injector circuits).
- 60** The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

P1261 Cylinder 1 High To Low Side Short · **P1262** Cylinder 2 High To Low Side Short · **P1263** Cylinder 3 High To Low Side Short · **P1264** Cylinder 4 High To Low Side Short

See it working

Watch the animated explainer [Manual Car Driving Simulator: Learn Clutch Control](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/jaguar-p1260/>

