

MAZDA · POWERTRAIN

P1409

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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EGR Vacuum Regulator Solenoid Circuit

P1409 on a Mazda means the powertrain control module (PCM) has detected an electrical fault in the vacuum regulator solenoid circuit that controls exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) flow. The PCM monitors the solenoid's command wire for expected voltage changes and flags the code when the circuit is open, shorted to ground, or shorted to power.

SYSTEM

Powertrain

CODE TYPE

Mazda specific

SEVERITY

Medium

FIX DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

AREA

Auxiliary emission controls

Symptoms you may notice

- Illumination of the check engine light, often with no other noticeable symptoms
- Slight hesitation or stumble during light-throttle acceleration
- Rough idle or idle surge when the engine is cold
- Reduced fuel economy over time as the EGR system stays inactive
- Intermittent misfire or lean-condition codes if the solenoid sticks open
- Failed emissions inspection due to the EGR monitor not completing

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Failed EGR vacuum regulator solenoid (open or shorted coil)
- 2 Damaged, brittle, or disconnected wiring between the PCM and solenoid
- 3 Corroded or loose electrical connector at the solenoid
- 4 Blown fuse or poor ground shared with the solenoid circuit
- 5 Vacuum leak in the hose feeding the regulator solenoid
- 6 PCM driver circuit failure (rare but possible after a shorted solenoid)

How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Connect a scan tool and record freeze-frame data to confirm the code is active and not a history code
- 2 Inspect the solenoid connector and wiring for corrosion, chafing, or loose pins
- 3 Measure solenoid coil resistance with a multimeter and compare to the Mazda specification for your engine
- 4 Check for battery voltage at the solenoid connector with the key on and verify the ground path
- 5 Test the vacuum hoses to the solenoid and EGR valve for cracks or blockage
- 6 Replace the vacuum regulator solenoid if resistance is out of spec or the coil is open
- 7 Clear the code and complete a drive cycle to verify the EGR monitor passes



What the EGR solenoid code hides

- A stuck-open EGR vacuum regulator solenoid can mimic a vacuum leak and set lean-condition codes that send technicians chasing intake gaskets instead of the solenoid.
- Mazda's EGR solenoid is pulse-width modulated, so a coil that tests good cold can still fail when it heats up, making an intermittent P1409 hard to catch without a live data test.
- Corrosion inside the solenoid connector is a frequent cause on older Mazdas, and simply cleaning the pins often clears the code without replacing any parts.
- A failed solenoid can leave the EGR valve closed, which keeps combustion temperatures high and may eventually contribute to knock sensor or pre-ignition complaints.
- Replacing the solenoid without checking the vacuum supply hose can leave the code set because a collapsed hose prevents the regulator from moving the EGR valve.

Can I keep driving with P1409?

You can usually continue driving with P1409 because the engine defaults to a safe EGR-disabled strategy, but avoid long trips at sustained high load until the fault is repaired. Have the circuit checked soon to prevent secondary emissions or driveability problems.

Tools that help

- OBD-II scan tool with live data capability
- Digital multimeter
- Vacuum gauge
- Hand tools for connector and hose access
- Mazda service information for solenoid resistance specifications

Reading P1409

P	Powertrain: engine, transmission and emissions.
1	Manufacturer-specific code (Mazda): its meaning depends on the make.
4	Auxiliary emission controls.
09	The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

P0171 System Too Lean (Bank 1) · **P0300** Random/Multiple Cylinder Misfire Detected · **P0401** EGR Flow Insufficient Detected · **P0402** EGR Flow Excessive Detected · **P0403** EGR Circuit Malfunction



See it working

Watch the animated explainer [Car Won't Start? Step-by-Step No-Start Diagnosis](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/mazda-p1409/>

