

MAZDA · POWERTRAIN

P1759

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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2-4 Brake Failsafe Valve Malfunction

P1759 on Mazda vehicles indicates that the transmission control module (TCM) has detected an electrical or hydraulic malfunction in the 2-4 brake failsafe valve circuit. This valve is part of the internal transmission hydraulic control system and is responsible for engaging the 2-4 brake band during certain gear shifts; when the TCM sees an unexpected current draw or no response from the valve, it sets this code and may command a failsafe mode.

SYSTEM	CODE TYPE	SEVERITY	FIX DIFFICULTY	AREA
Powertrain	Mazda specific	Medium	Professional	Transmission

Symptoms you may notice

- Illumination of the check engine light or transmission warning light on the dashboard.
- Harsh or delayed shifts, particularly when shifting into second or fourth gear.
- Transmission may enter limp mode, holding a single gear and limiting vehicle speed.
- Slipping or flaring during gear changes that involve the 2-4 brake band.
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light, especially if the fault is intermittent.

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Faulty 2-4 brake failsafe solenoid valve or its internal coil.
- 2 Damaged or corroded wiring harness or connector at the transmission solenoid pack.
- 3 Contaminated transmission fluid causing valve sticking or restricted passages.
- 4 Failed transmission control module (TCM) driver circuit for the solenoid.
- 5 Internal transmission mechanical wear affecting the 2-4 brake band or valve body.
- 6 Low transmission fluid level due to a leak, leading to poor hydraulic pressure.

How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Check transmission fluid level and condition; top off or replace fluid if contaminated.
- 2 Inspect the solenoid pack connector and wiring for corrosion, chafing, or loose pins.
- 3 Measure the resistance of the 2-4 brake failsafe solenoid and compare to Mazda specifications.
- 4 Perform a voltage drop test on the solenoid circuit to rule out high resistance in the wiring.
- 5 If electrical tests pass, remove the valve body and inspect the 2-4 brake failsafe valve for sticking or debris.
- 6 Replace the faulty solenoid or valve body as needed, then clear the code and verify proper operation with a scan tool.
- 7 If the TCM is suspected, test its output signal with an oscilloscope before replacement.



What Mazda techs check before replacing the solenoid

- A sticking 2-4 brake failsafe valve due to varnish or debris is a common cause that mimics a failed solenoid, so cleaning or replacing the valve body often fixes the code without a new solenoid.
- The TCM may set P1759 intermittently if the solenoid coil is failing only when hot; always test the solenoid both cold and at operating temperature.
- Corrosion inside the transmission range sensor or solenoid pack connector can cause false solenoid codes, so inspect the entire harness before condemning internal parts.
- A low or degraded transmission fluid condition can trigger this code because the failsafe valve relies on clean, properly pressurized fluid to move freely.
- Some aftermarket scan tools misreport P1759 as a different manufacturer code; always verify with a Mazda-specific diagnostic tool to avoid unnecessary repairs.

Can I keep driving with P1759?

If the transmission has entered limp mode or shifts harshly, avoid driving at high speeds or under heavy load and have the vehicle inspected promptly. Continuing to drive with a faulty 2-4 brake failsafe valve can lead to further transmission damage and unsafe driving conditions.

Tools that help

- Mazda-specific OBD-II scan tool
- Digital multimeter
- Transmission fluid level dipstick or scan tool with fluid temperature reading
- Socket set and torque wrench
- Oscilloscope (for TCM signal testing)

Reading P1759

P	Powertrain: engine, transmission and emissions.
1	Manufacturer-specific code (Mazda): its meaning depends on the make.
7	Transmission.
59	The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

P1760 Shift Lock Malfunction · **P1758** TCM A/T Lockup Solenoid Valve "B" Fault · **P1760** Overrun Clutch Solenoid Valve Circuit · **P1758** Pressure Solenoid Control System Incorrect Current · **P1758** TCM A/T Lockup Solenoid Valve "B" Fault · **P1760** TCM Supply Voltage Interrupted · **P1760** Transmission system problems · **P0732** Gear 2 Incorrect Ratio · **P0734** Gear 4 Incorrect Ratio · **P0740** Torque Converter Clutch Circuit Malfunction



See it working

Watch the animated explainer **Four-Stroke Engine Cutaway: Intake to Exhaust** on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/mazda-p1759/>

