

GENERIC · POWERTRAIN

P0B12

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Current Sensor B Circuit Intermittent/Erratic

P0B12 indicates that the hybrid or electric vehicle battery pack current sensor B circuit is reporting intermittent or erratic signals to the battery energy control module. The computer detects this when the sensor's voltage or current readings jump, drop out, or fail to correlate with expected values under normal operating conditions.

SYSTEM	CODE TYPE	SEVERITY	FIX DIFFICULTY	AREA
Powertrain	Generic (all makes)	Medium	Professional	Hybrid propulsion

Symptoms you may notice

- Illumination of the hybrid system warning light or service vehicle soon message
- Reduced power output or limp mode as the battery management system limits current flow
- Inconsistent state-of-charge readings or sudden jumps in the battery gauge
- Failure of the vehicle to enter or maintain electric-only driving mode
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light, especially if the glitch is brief

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Loose, corroded, or damaged wiring or connector pins at the current sensor B or battery pack harness
- 2 Failing current sensor B itself, due to internal electronics or magnetic interference
- 3 Poor ground connection for the battery current sensor circuit
- 4 Water intrusion or contamination in the sensor connector or battery pack enclosure
- 5 Software glitch or outdated calibration in the battery energy control module
- 6 Interference from aftermarket electronics or improper jump-starting procedures

How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Inspect and clean the current sensor B connector and harness for corrosion, looseness, or chafing
- 2 Check the sensor ground circuit for excessive resistance and repair any bad grounds
- 3 Measure the sensor signal voltage with a multimeter while wiggling the harness to catch intermittent faults
- 4 Compare live sensor B data with sensor A (if equipped) or with a known-good value using a scan tool
- 5 Perform a battery pack voltage and current sensor calibration or relearn procedure with a factory-level scan tool
- 6 Replace the current sensor B if wiring and grounds are proven good and the signal remains erratic
- 7 Update the battery energy control module software if a technical service bulletin applies to the fault



Intermittent current sensor faults often misdiagnosed

- A loose ground or corroded pin can mimic a failed sensor, so always load-test the circuit before condemning the sensor itself.
- Intermittent codes often set only during high-current events like hard acceleration or regenerative braking, so a static test may show nothing.
- Aftermarket alarms or phone chargers tapped into the battery pack wiring can introduce electrical noise that triggers this code.
- The code does not always mean the sensor is bad; a weak 12-volt auxiliary battery can cause module voltage glitches that set false intermittent codes.
- Some vehicles require a current sensor offset relearn after any battery pack service, and skipping it will cause the code to return.

Can I keep driving with P0B12?

You can usually continue driving to a service location, but avoid aggressive acceleration, heavy regenerative braking, and towing until the fault is repaired. If the vehicle enters limp mode or the battery gauge behaves erratically, stop driving and arrange a tow to prevent further hybrid system damage.

Tools that help

- Hybrid/EV-rated digital multimeter
- Factory-level scan tool with live data and calibration functions
- Insulated hand tools and personal protective equipment for high-voltage work
- Wiring diagram and connector pinout for the battery current sensor circuit
- Oscilloscope for capturing intermittent signal glitches

Reading P0B12

P	Powertrain: engine, transmission and emissions.
0	Generic (SAE) code: it means the same thing on every OBD-II vehicle.
B	Hybrid propulsion.
12	The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

P0A0D High Voltage System Interlock Circuit A High · **P0AFA** Hybrid/EV Battery System Voltage Low · **P0B10** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Current Sensor B Circuit Low · **P0B11** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Current Sensor B Circuit High · **P0B13** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Current Sensor A/B Correlation



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/p0b12/>

