

GENERIC · POWERTRAIN

P0DEA

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Coolant Control Valve C Stuck On

P0DEA indicates that the hybrid or electric vehicle battery pack coolant control valve C is stuck in the open or on position, as detected by the battery energy control module monitoring the valve's commanded state versus actual response. The valve is responsible for routing coolant through the battery pack to maintain optimal temperature, and a stuck valve can lead to improper thermal management.

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

Symptoms you may notice

- Illumination of the check engine light or service vehicle soon message
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light
- Reduced hybrid/EV performance or power output
- Overheating or underheating of the battery pack, potentially triggering additional warnings
- Coolant leaks or unusual noises from the valve area
- In some cases, the vehicle may enter a limp mode to protect the battery

Common causes, most likely first

- Faulty coolant control valve C (stuck mechanically or electrically)
- Wiring or connector issues to the valve, such as corrosion or damage
- Failed battery energy control module (BECM) or control circuit
- Coolant contamination or debris causing valve to stick
- Low coolant level or air pockets in the cooling system
- Software glitch in the control module requiring reprogramming

How to diagnose and fix it

- Verify coolant level and condition; top off or flush if contaminated
- Perform a visual inspection of the valve, connectors, and wiring for damage or corrosion
- Use a scan tool to command the valve open and closed while monitoring response
- Check for technical service bulletins (TSBs) or software updates for the BECM
- Test the valve's electrical resistance and compare to specifications
- Replace the coolant control valve if it fails functional tests
- Reprogram or replace the BECM if the control circuit is faulty



Valve C stuck on: often a simple fix

- A stuck valve can sometimes be freed by cleaning debris from the coolant passages, but replacement is usually more reliable.
- The code may set intermittently due to a poor electrical connection rather than a failed valve, so always check connectors first.
- Some vehicles use multiple coolant control valves; ensure you are diagnosing the correct valve C, as similar codes exist for valves A and B.
- A low coolant level or air lock can cause the valve to appear stuck, so bleed the cooling system properly after repairs.
- After replacing the valve, a relearn or calibration procedure may be required with a scan tool to clear the code and ensure proper operation.

Can I keep driving with P0DEA?

It is generally safe to drive short distances to a repair shop, but avoid heavy loads or aggressive driving that could stress the battery pack. Monitor for overheating warnings and stop driving if the battery temperature rises excessively.

Tools that help

- OBD-II scan tool with bidirectional control
- Digital multimeter
- Socket set and wrenches
- Coolant refractometer or tester
- Vehicle service information (for TSBs and procedures)

Reading P0DEA

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

Often seen with

P0C00 Drive Motor A Current Low · **P0DE8** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Coolant Control Valve C Control Circu · **P0DE9** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Coolant Control Valve C Performance/S · **P0DEB** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Coolant Control Valve C Control Circu · **P0DEC** Hybrid/EV Battery Pack Coolant Control Valve C Control Circu



See it working

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

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