

GENERIC · POWERTRAIN

P2BF7

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Exhaust Flow Control Valve A Position Circuit High

P2BF7 indicates that the powertrain control module has detected an abnormally high voltage on the signal circuit for the exhaust flow control valve 'A' position sensor. The valve is commanded to a certain position, but the feedback voltage remains above the expected range, so the module cannot confirm the valve is moving or holding position correctly.

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, often with no other noticeable symptoms.
- A slight decrease in fuel economy if the valve remains stuck in one position.
- Rough or inconsistent engine idle quality when the valve fails to modulate exhaust flow.
- Reduced engine power or sluggish acceleration in some driving conditions.
- A faint exhaust rattle or change in exhaust note if the valve is stuck partially open or closed.
- Possible limp-home mode engagement on vehicles that closely monitor exhaust flow strategy.

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 A short to voltage on the position sensor signal circuit, often from chafed wiring near hot exhaust components.
- 2 A failed exhaust flow control valve position sensor internally shorted to its reference voltage.
- 3 Corroded or pushed-back terminals at the valve connector or the powertrain control module connector.
- 4 A stuck or binding exhaust flow control valve that cannot reach the commanded position, causing the sensor to report an out-of-range high voltage.
- 5 A faulty powertrain control module driver or internal pull-up resistor on the sensor signal circuit, though this is less common.
- 6 Water intrusion into the valve connector or sensor housing causing an intermittent high-voltage signal.



How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Connect a scan tool and record the freeze-frame data and live position-sensor voltage to confirm the high-voltage condition matches the code.
- 2 Visually inspect the exhaust flow control valve connector and wiring for chafing, corrosion, or contact with hot exhaust parts, repairing any damage found.
- 3 Disconnect the valve connector and measure the sensor signal voltage with the key on; if it remains high with the valve unplugged, inspect the harness for a short to voltage.
- 4 Check the valve's mechanical operation by commanding it with the scan tool and observing whether the position sensor voltage changes smoothly through its range.
- 5 Back-probe the sensor signal circuit at the powertrain control module and compare it with the valve connector reading to isolate a harness fault from a component fault.
- 6 Replace the exhaust flow control valve assembly if the sensor is internally shorted or the valve is mechanically binding and cannot follow commands.
- 7 Clear the diagnostic trouble codes and perform a road test with the scan tool monitoring the valve position and sensor voltage to verify the repair.

High voltage does not always mean a bad valve

- A short to voltage on the signal circuit can be caused by a wire rubbing against a nearby power feed or an oxygen sensor heater circuit, so inspect the entire harness route rather than just the valve connector.
- Technicians sometimes replace the exhaust flow control valve when the real fault is a corroded ground for the sensor reference circuit, which can skew the signal voltage high.
- The code can set intermittently from water intrusion after a car wash or heavy rain, and the valve may test perfectly once the connector dries out.
- On some vehicles the exhaust flow control valve is part of a larger exhaust module, and a binding valve from carbon buildup can mimic a sensor short without any wiring fault.
- A high-voltage code can be stored by a momentary glitch during engine start or shutdown, so always check for related history codes before condemning parts.

Can I keep driving with P2BF7?

The vehicle is generally safe to drive to a repair shop, but avoid sustained high-speed or heavy-load driving because a stuck exhaust flow control valve can affect exhaust scavenging and increase exhaust temperatures. If the check engine light begins flashing or you notice a significant loss of power, stop driving and have the vehicle towed.



Tools that help

- OBD-II scan tool with live data and bidirectional control capability
- Digital multimeter with back-probe pins
- Wiring diagram for the exhaust flow control valve circuit
- Basic hand tools for connector and component access
- Flashlight or inspection mirror for harness routing checks

Reading P2BF7

- P** Powertrain: engine, transmission and emissions.
- 2** Generic (SAE) code: it means the same thing on every OBD-II vehicle.
- B** Hybrid propulsion.
- F7** The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

P2BF6 Exhaust Flow Control Valve A Position Circuit Low · **P2BF8** Exhaust Flow Control Valve B Control Circuit/Open · **P2BF9** Exhaust Flow Control Valve B Control Circuit Low · **P2BFA** Exhaust Flow Control Valve B Control Circuit High · **P2BFB** Exhaust Flow Control Valve B Control Performance

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/p2bf7/>

