

GENERIC · NETWORK

U0332

OBD-II DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC)

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Software Incompatibility With Multi-axis Acceleration Sensor Module A

U0332 is a network communication fault indicating that a control module has determined the software or calibration installed in the multi-axis acceleration sensor module (often part of the stability control system) is incompatible with the rest of the vehicle's configuration. The computer detected a mismatch in software version, part number, or configuration data between the sensor module and the module requesting the data, typically over the CAN bus.

SYSTEM	CODE TYPE	SEVERITY	FIX DIFFICULTY	AREA
Network	Generic (all makes)	Medium	Professional	Software and configuration mismatches

Symptoms you may notice

- Illumination of the stability control (ESC) warning light, often along with the ABS light
- Traction control system may be disabled, reducing grip on slippery surfaces
- Hill start assist or roll stability control features may not function
- The vehicle may enter a reduced power or limp mode in some cases
- Often no symptoms besides the warning light, with the vehicle driving normally
- Intermittent warning light that comes and goes with temperature or vibration

Common causes, most likely first

- 1 Incorrect software or calibration flashed into the multi-axis acceleration sensor module during a repair or update
- 2 Mismatched module part numbers after replacement with a used or incorrect unit
- 3 Corrupted configuration data in the body control module or gateway that fails to recognize the sensor module
- 4 Aftermarket or counterfeit sensor module with incompatible firmware
- 5 Failed software update or programming error at the dealer or repair shop
- 6 Wiring or connector issues causing intermittent communication that the module interprets as incompatibility
- 7 Internal fault in the multi-axis acceleration sensor module causing it to report an invalid software identifier



How to diagnose and fix it

- 1 Use a scan tool to read all modules and record the exact software part numbers and versions from the acceleration sensor module and related control modules
- 2 Check for any technical service bulletins (TSBs) or software updates specific to the vehicle make and model that address software incompatibility
- 3 Verify that the acceleration sensor module is the correct part number for the vehicle by checking the VIN and parts catalog
- 4 Inspect the wiring and connectors at the sensor module for corrosion, loose pins, or damage that could disrupt communication
- 5 If a recent module replacement or software update was performed, reflash or reprogram the module with the correct software using a factory scan tool
- 6 Perform a configuration or adaptation procedure to synchronize the sensor module with the vehicle's network
- 7 If programming fails or the module is confirmed defective, replace the multi-axis acceleration sensor module with a new OEM unit and program it

Software mismatch often misdiagnosed as hardware failure

- A common oversight is replacing the multi-axis acceleration sensor module without first checking for a software update or configuration reset, which can resolve the code without parts.
- The code can be set by a low battery or voltage drop during programming, causing the module to store an incomplete software image that triggers U0332.
- Some vehicles require a specific initialization or calibration drive cycle after programming the sensor module, and skipping it will leave the code active.
- U0332 can be a false indicator of a faulty sensor when the real problem is a corrupted gateway module configuration that fails to route messages correctly.
- Aftermarket scan tools may not correctly display or clear this code, leading to misdiagnosis; a factory-level tool is often necessary for accurate software version comparison.

Can I keep driving with U0332?

The vehicle is generally safe to drive if the only symptom is a warning light, but stability and traction control systems may be disabled, reducing safety in slippery conditions. Avoid aggressive driving or towing until the fault is repaired, and have the system diagnosed promptly to restore full safety features.

Tools that help

- Factory-level scan tool with programming capability
- Digital multimeter for checking wiring and voltage
- Oscilloscope for analyzing CAN bus signals
- Battery charger or power supply to maintain voltage during programming
- Trim removal tools for accessing the sensor module



Reading U0332

- U** Network: communication between the vehicle's control modules.
- 0** Generic (SAE) code: it means the same thing on every OBD-II vehicle.
- 3** Software and configuration mismatches.
- 32** The exact fault within that area.

Often seen with

C0050 Right Rear Wheel Speed Sensor Circuit Malfunction · **U0122** Lost Communication With Vehicle Dynamics Control Module · **U0331** Software Incompatibility with Body Control Module 'A' · **U0333** Software Incompatibility With Gear Shift Control Module B · **U0415** Invalid Data Received From Anti-Lock Brake System Control Module

See it working

Watch the animated explainer [Engine Cooling System Trainer: How Engines Stay Cool](#) on Auto Veteran to see the parts involved moving.

Full guide, related articles and animations: <https://www.autoveteran.tech/dtc-codes/u0332/>

