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this list contains standard diagnostic trouble codes dtc s that are used by all manufacturers to identify vehicle problems the codes provide below are generic codes that may not apply to all vehicles vehicle manufacturers may use manufacturer specific dtc codes that differ slightly from the codes below

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below you will find a full obd2 code list with all the p codes which means that all these codes appear when there is trouble with the engine or drivetrain some of the codes down below have links which means that we have a more in depth article written about them to repair your car easily

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a dtc short for diagnostic trouble code is a code used to diagnose malfunctions in a vehicle or heavy equipment while the malfunction indicator lamp mil also known as the check engine light simply alerts drivers that there is an issue a dtc identifies what and where the issue is

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these trouble codes indicate problems that require service or repair there are two major types of dtcs critical and non critical the first type is used to determine emissions related faults the second type stores failures of the freeze frame each of these three types of diagnostic trouble codes is a different kind of trouble code

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what does dtc mean dtc diagnostic trouble codes also known as obdii codes are your car's system for alerting you of vehicle issues there are typically limits for each system within your vehicle when the vehicle detects that the issue exceeds these limits it sends out a trouble code

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trouble codes appear when an underlying system fails often they are caused by a faulty component in the engine transmission or emissions system an obd ii code reader is useful for locating faults in these systems and can help you determine whether you need to take your vehicle to the mechanic or repair shop

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