

Troubleshooting

Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) Indicator Light

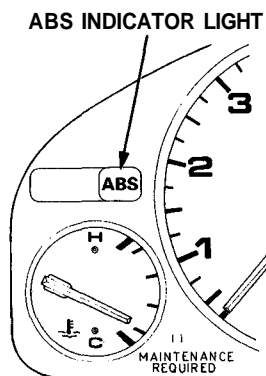
Temporary Driving Conditions:

1. The ABS indicator light comes on and the ABS control unit memorizes the Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) under certain conditions.

NOTE: The DTCs are explained on pages 19-52.

- The tire(s) adhesion is lost due to excessive cornering speed.
DTCs: 5, 5-4, 5-8.
- The vehicle loses traction when starting from a stuck condition on a muddy, snowy, or sandy road.
DTCs: 4-1, 4-2, 4-4, 4-8.
- When the parking brake is applied for more than 30 seconds while the vehicle is being driven.
DTC: 2-1.
- The vehicle is driven on an extremely rough road.

The ABS is OK, if the ABS indicator light goes off after the engine is restarted.



2. If you receive a customer's report that the ABS indicator light sometimes comes on, check the system using the ALB checker to confirm whether there is any trouble in the system.
See page 19-47.
3. The ABS indicator light will come on and the ABS control unit will memorize a DTC when there is insufficient battery voltage to the ABS control unit. An example would be when the battery is so weak that the car must be jump-started. After the battery is sufficiently recharged, the ABS indicator light will work normally after the engine is stopped and restarted.

However, after recharging the battery, the DTC must be cleared from the ABS control unit's memory by disconnecting the ABS B2 (15 A) fuse in the under-hood fuse/relay box for at least three seconds.

ABS Indicator Light Circuit:

CAUTION: Use only the digital multimeter to check the system.

1. The ABS indicator light does not go on when the ignition switch is turned on.

Check the following items. If they are OK, check the ABS control unit connectors. If not loose or disconnected, substitute a known-good ABS control unit and recheck:

- Blown ABS indicator light bulb.
- Open circuit in YEL wire between the No. 13 BACK-UP LIGHTS, TURN SIGNALS (7.5 A) fuse in the under-dash fuse/relay box and gauge assembly.
- Open circuit in BLU/RED wire between the gauge assembly and ABS control unit.
- Poor ground connection between the ABS control unit and the body.

2. The ABS indicator light remains ON after the engine is started, however the ABS indicator light does not blink any DTC. Check the following items:

- Loose or poor connection of the wire harness at the ABS control unit.
- Faulty ABS B2 (15 A) fuse in the under-hood fuse/relay box.
- Open circuit in WHT wire between the ABS B2 (15 A) fuse in the under-hood fuse/relay box and ABS control unit.
- Open circuit in YEL/BLK wire between the No. 3 REAR DEFROSTER RELAY, COOLING FAN REALY (15 A) fuse in the under-dash fuse/relay box and ABS control unit.
- Short circuit in BLU/RED wire between the gauge assembly and ABS control unit.
- Open circuit in WHT/BLU wire between the alternator and ABS control unit.

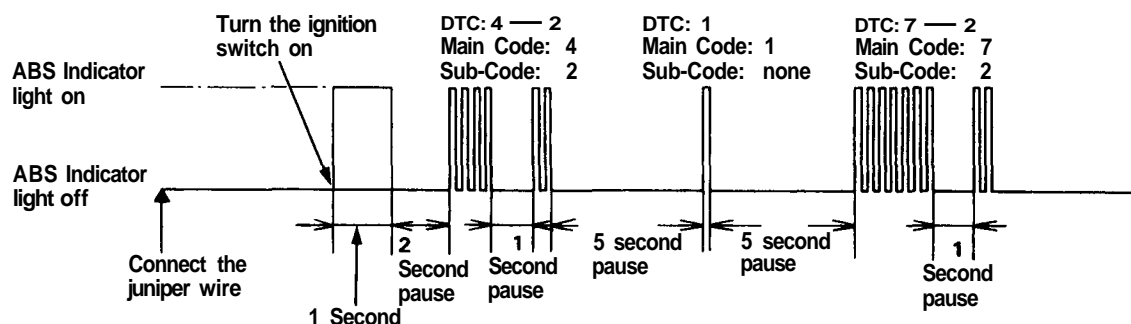
If the problem is not found, substitute a known-good ABS control unit and recheck whether the ABS indicator light remains ON.

Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs):

1. Disconnect the service check connector from the connector cover located under the glove box. Connect the two terminals of the service check connector with a jumper wire.
2. Turn the ignition switch ON, but do not start the engine.
3. Record the blinking frequency of the ABS indicator light.
The blinking frequency indicates the Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC).

CAUTION: Before starting the engine, disconnect the jumper wire from the service check connector, or else the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) will stay on with the engine running.

DTC Indication Pattern



NOTE:

- The ABS control unit can indicate three DTCs (one, two or three problems).
- If the ABS indicator light does not light, see Troubleshooting of ABS Indicator Light Circuit page [19-50](#).
- If you miscount the blinking frequency, turn the ignition switch off then on to cycle the ABS indicator light again.
- After the repair is completed, disconnect the ABS B2 (15 A) fuse in the under-hood fuse/relay box for at least three seconds to erase the ABS control unit's memory. Then turn the ignition key on again and recheck.
- The memory is erased if the connector is disconnected from the ABS control unit or the ABS control unit is removed from the body.
- After recording the main and sub-code (if applicable), refer to the Symptom-to-System Chart.

