

ACURA P1659: ELECTRONIC THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM (ETCS) CONTROL RELAY OFF MALFUNCTION

OVERVIEW

Severity	:	<div>High</div>
DIY Difficulty Level	:	<div>Intermediate</div>
Repair Cost	:	\$100-\$250
Can I Still Drive?	:	Yes

What Does The Acura P1659 Code Mean?

Ignition switch ON (II), battery voltage 10 volts minimum and DTCs [P0122](#), [P0123](#), [P0222](#), [P0223](#), [P2101](#), [P2118](#), [P2122](#), [P2123](#), [P2127](#), [P2128](#), [P2135](#), [P2138](#), [P2176](#) are not active. The voltage is not applied from the throttle actuator controller relay for at least 200 milliseconds. The execution time is once per driving cycle.

NOTE: Before you troubleshoot, record all freeze data and any on-board snapshot.

What Are The Potential Causes Of The Acura P1659 Code?

- Blown fuse
- Poor connections or loose terminals at the under-hood fuse/relay box (ETCS control relay) and the PCM
- "Open" or "Short" in the wire between the PCM and the under-hood fuse/relay box
- Faulty right side engine compartment wire harness
- Faulty relay control module (under-hood fuse/relay box)
- PCM needs to be updated with the latest software
- Faulty PCM

Reference Sources

[Acura P1659](#), DTCDECODE.