

## FORD P1383: VARIABLE CAM TIMING OVERRETARDED (BANK #1)

### OVERVIEW

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|----------------------|---|-------------|
| Severity             | : | High        |
| DIY Difficulty Level | : | Advanced    |
| Repair Cost          | : | \$250-\$350 |
| Can I Still Drive?   | : | No          |

### What Does The Ford P1383 Code Mean?

Indicates over-retarded cam timing.

### What Are The Potential Causes Of The Ford P1383 Code?

- Cam timing improperly set
- Low oil pressure, VCT piston chamber not receiving any oil flow
- VCT solenoid valve stuck in closed position
- Camshaft advance mechanism binding (inside the VCT unit)

### Reference Sources

[Technical Service Bulletin for P1383](#) - 1998-2000 Ford Contour, Escort ZX2