# P0131: OXYGEN O2 SENSOR CIRCUIT LOW VOLTAGE (BANK 1, SENSOR 1) OVERVIEW

Severity : Medium

DIY Difficulty Level : Intermediate

**Repair Cost** : \$100-\$300

**Can I Still Drive?** : Yes (Short-term only)

### What Does The P0131 Code Mean?

Essentially the same as P0136 and P0137, a P0131 code refers to the first oxygen sensor on Bank 1.

P0131 means the O2 oxygen sensor's voltage remained low for longer than 2 minutes. This, is interpreted by the ECM as a low voltage condition and sets the MIL. Bank 1 Sensor 1 is located in front of the catalytic converter.

## What Are The Symptoms Of The P0131 Code?

There may be no visible symptoms to the driver, other than the MIL (Check Engine / Service Engine Soon) illumination.

## What Are The Potential Causes Of The P0131 Code?

A code P0131 may mean that one or more of the following has happened:

- Faulty o2 oxygen sensor
- Short to voltage on O2 signal circuit
- High resistance or open on O2 signal circuit



### **How Can You Fix The P0131 Code?**

- Replace faulty sensor
- Repair short, open, or high resistance on o2 signal circuit

# **Reference Sources**

<u>Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) Charts and Descriptions for P0131</u> - Pages 30-31.

