

VOLKSWAGEN P1861: THROTTLE POSITION SENSOR MESSAGE FROM ECM

OVERVIEW

Severity	:	Medium
DIY Difficulty Level	:	Intermediate
Repair Cost	:	\$200-\$600
Can I Still Drive?	:	Yes (Short-term only)

What Does The Volkswagen P1861 Code Mean?

The Engine Control Module (ECM) communicates with all databus-capable control modules via a CAN databus. These databus-capable control modules are connected via two data bus wires which are twisted together (CAN_High and CAN_Low), and exchange information.

What Are The Potential Causes Of The Volkswagen P1861 Code?

- Throttle Position (TP) Sensor has failed
- Accelerator Pedal Position Sensor 2 has failed
- ECM has failed
- Ground (GND) connections between engine and chassis must be OK
- Engine Control Module (ECM) may not connected

Reference Sources

[Volkswagen P1861](#), DTCDECODE.