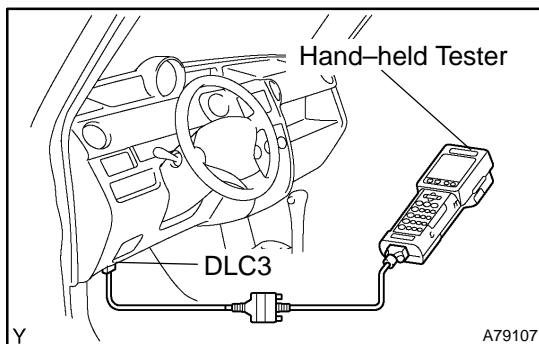


## DIAGNOSIS SYSTEM

### 1. DESCRIPTION

- When troubleshooting OBD II vehicles, the only difference from the usual troubleshooting procedure is that you need to connect the vehicle to the OBD II scan tool complying with SAE J1978 or the hand-held tester, and read various data output from the vehicle's ECM.
- OBD II regulations require that the vehicle's on-board computer illuminates the Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL) on the instrument panel when the computer detects a malfunction in the emission control system/components or in the powertrain control components which affect vehicle emissions, or a malfunction in the computer. In addition to the MIL illuminating when a malfunction is detected, the applicable Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) prescribed by SAE J2012 are recorded in the ECM memory (See page 05-34).

If the malfunction does not reoccur in 3 consecutive trips, the MIL goes off automatically but the DTCs remain recorded in the ECM memory.



- To check the DTC, connect the hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool to the Data Link Connector 3 (DLC3) of the vehicle. The hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool also enables you to erase the DTC and check the freeze frame data and various forms of engine data (for operating instructions, see the OBD II scan tool's instruction book). The DTC includes SAE controlled codes and manufacturer controlled codes. SAE controlled codes must be set as prescribed by the SAE, while manufacturer controlled codes can be set freely by a manufacturer within the prescribed limits (see the DTC chart on page 05-34).
- The diagnosis system operates in the normal mode during normal vehicle use. It also has a check mode for technicians to simulate malfunction symptoms and troubleshoot it. Most DTCs use the 2 trip detection logic\* to prevent erroneous detection, and to ensure a thorough malfunction detection. By switching the ECM to the check mode when troubleshooting, a technician can cause the MIL to illuminate for a malfunction that is only detected once or momentarily (hand-held tester only) (See page 05-11).
- \*2 trip detection logic:  
When a malfunction is first detected, the malfunction is temporarily stored in the ECM memory (1st trip). If the same malfunction is detected again during the second

drive test, this second detection causes the MIL to illuminate (2nd trip) (However, the ignition switch must be turned OFF between the 1st trip and 2nd trip).

- **Freeze frame data:**  
The freeze frame data records the engine conditions (fuel system, calculated load, engine coolant temperature, fuel trim, engine speed, vehicle speed, etc.) when a malfunction is detected. When troubleshooting, it is useful for determining whether the vehicle was running or stopped, the engine was warmed up or not, the air–fuel ratio was lean or rich, etc. at the time of the malfunction.

Priorities for troubleshooting:

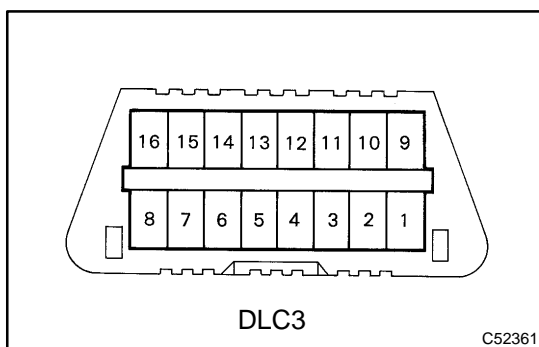
If troubleshooting priorities for multiple DTCs are given in the applicable DTC chart, these priorities should be followed.

If no instructions are given, perform troubleshooting for those DTCs according to the following priorities.

- DTCs other than fuel trim malfunction (DTCs P0171 and P0172) and misfire (DTCs P0300 to P0304).
- Fuel trim malfunction (DTCs P0171 and P0172).
- Misfire (DTCs P0300 to P0304).

## 2. CHECK DLC3

The vehicle's ECM uses the ISO 9141–2 for communication protocol. The terminal arrangement of the DLC3 complies with SAE J1962 and matches the ISO 9141–2 format.



Symbol	Terminal No.	Name	Reference terminal	Result	Condition
SIL	7	Bus "+" line	5 – Signal ground	Pulse generation	During transmission
CG	4	Chassis ground	Body ground	1 $\Omega$ or less	Always
SG	5	Signal ground	Body ground	1 $\Omega$ or less	Always
BAT	16	Battery positive	Body ground	9 to 14 V	Always

### HINT:

If the display shows UNABLE TO CONNECT TO VEHICLE when you have connected the cable of the OBD II scan tool or the hand–held tester to the DLC3, turned the ignition switch ON and operated the scan tool, there is a problem on the vehicle side or tool side.

- If the communication is normal when the tool is connected to another vehicle, inspect the DLC3 on the original vehicle.
- If the communication is still impossible when the tool is connected to another vehicle, the problem is probably in the tool itself, so consult the Service Department listed in the tool's instruction manual.

**3. INSPECT BATTERY VOLTAGE****Battery Voltage: 11 to 14 V**

If voltage is below 11 V, recharge the battery before proceeding.

**4. CHECK MIL**

- (a) The MIL comes on when the ignition switch is turned ON and the engine is not running.

**HINT:**

If the MIL is not illuminated, troubleshoot the MIL circuit

(See page [05-34](#)).

- (b) When the engine is started, the MIL should go off. If the lamp remains on, it means that the diagnosis system has detected a malfunction or abnormality in the system.