

DTC	P0420	Catalyst System Efficiency Below Threshold (Bank 1)
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DTC	P0430	Catalyst System Efficiency Below Threshold (Bank 2)
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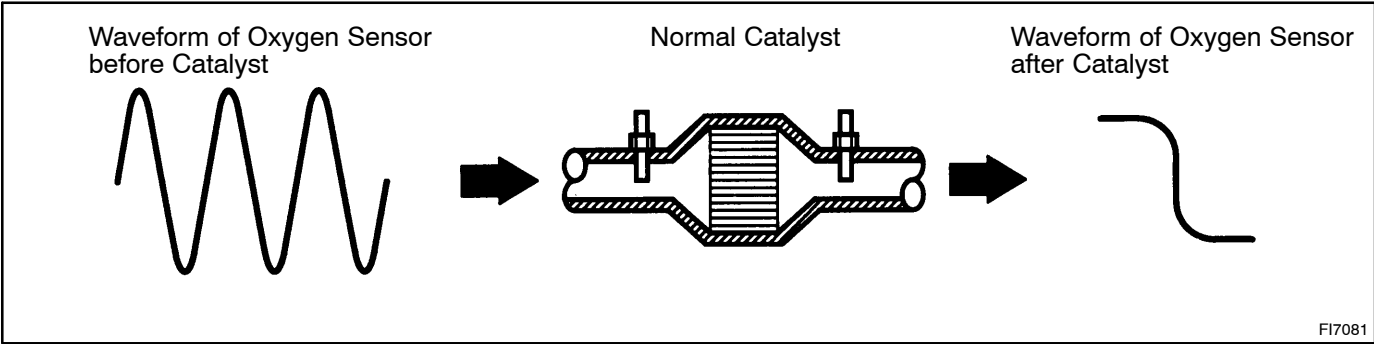
CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The ECM compares the waveform of the oxygen sensor located before the catalyst with the waveform of the oxygen sensor located after the catalyst to determine whether or not catalyst performance has deteriorated.

Air–fuel ratio feedback compensation keeps the waveform of the oxygen sensor before the catalyst repeatedly changing back and forth from rich to lean.

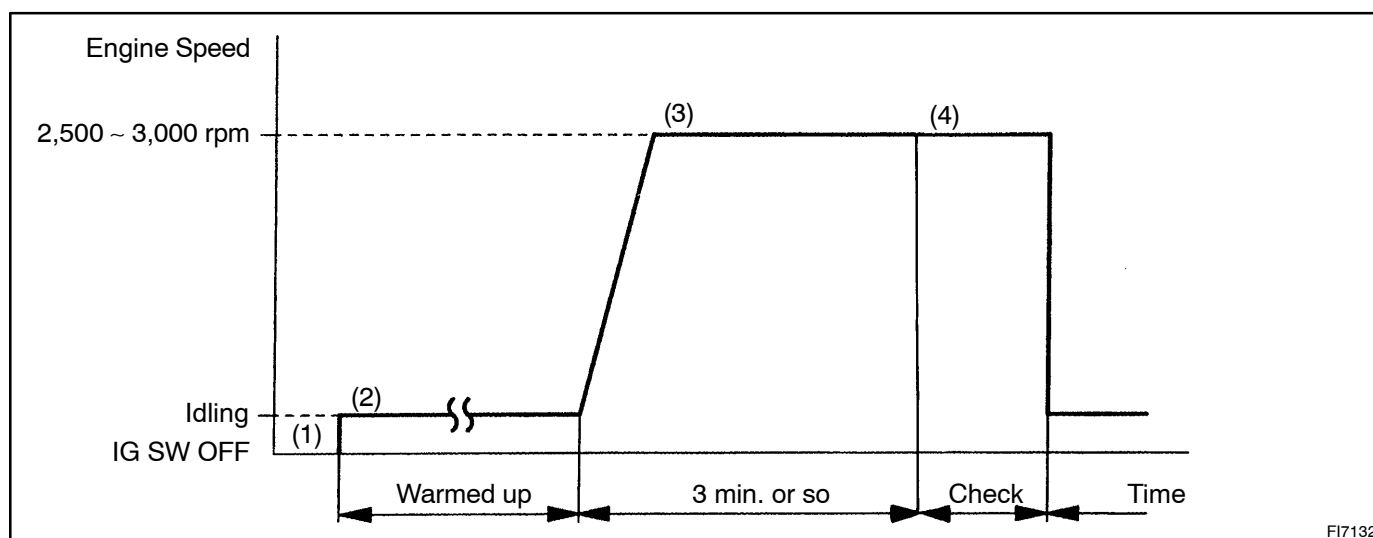
If the catalyst is functioning normally, the waveform of the oxygen sensor after the catalyst switches back and forth between rich and lean much more slowly than the waveform of the oxygen sensor before the catalyst.

But when both waveform change at a similar rate, it indicates that catalyst performance has deteriorated.

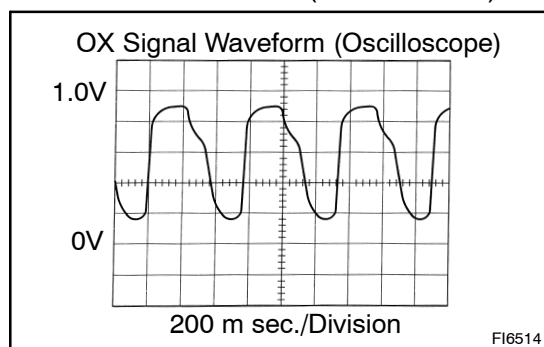


DTC No.	DTC Detecting Condition	Trouble Area
P0420 P0430	After the engine and the catalyst are warmed up, and while the vehicle is driven within the set vehicle and engine speed range, the waveform of the heated oxygen sensors have the same amplitude (2 trip detection logic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas leakage on exhaust system• Three–way catalytic converter• Open or short in heated oxygen sensor circuit• Heated oxygen sensor

CONFIRMATION ENGINE RACING PATTERN



- (1) Connect the LEXUS hand-held tester to the DLC3, or connect the probe of the oscilloscope between terminals OXL1, OXL2, OXR1, OXR2 and E1 of ECM connector.
- (2) Start the engine and warm it up with all accessories switched OFF until engine coolant temperature is stable.
- (3) Race the engine at 2,500 ~ 3,000 rpm for about 3 min.
- (4) After confirming that the waveform of the heated oxygen sensor, bank 1, 2 sensor 1 (OXL1, OXR1), oscillate around 0.5 V during feedback to the ECM, check the waveform of the heated oxygen sensor, bank 1, 2 sensor 2 (OXL2, OXR2).



HINT:

If there is a malfunction in the system, the waveform of the heated oxygen sensor bank 1, 2 sensor 2 (OXL2, OXR2) is almost the same as that of the heated oxygen sensor bank 1, 2 sensor 1 (OXL1, OXR1) on the left.

There are some cases where, even though a malfunction exists, the MIL may either light up or not light up.

INSPECTION PROCEDURE

HINT:

Read freeze frame data using LEXUS hand-held tester or OBD II scan tool. Because freeze frame records the engine conditions when the malfunction is detected, when troubleshooting it is useful for determining whether the vehicle was running or stopped, the engine warmed up or not, the air-fuel ratio lean or rich, etc. at the time of the malfunction.

1	Are there any other codes (besides DTC P0420 and P0430) being output?
YES	Go to relevant DTC chart (See page DI-172).
NO	
2	Check gas leakage on exhaust system.
NG	Repair or replace.
OK	
3	Check heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1) (See page DI-209).
NG	Repair or replace.
OK	
4	Check heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 2) (See page DI-215).
NG	Repair or replace.
OK	
Replace three-way catalytic converter.	