
PERMANENT DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODES (PDTTC) IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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PDTC UPDATE

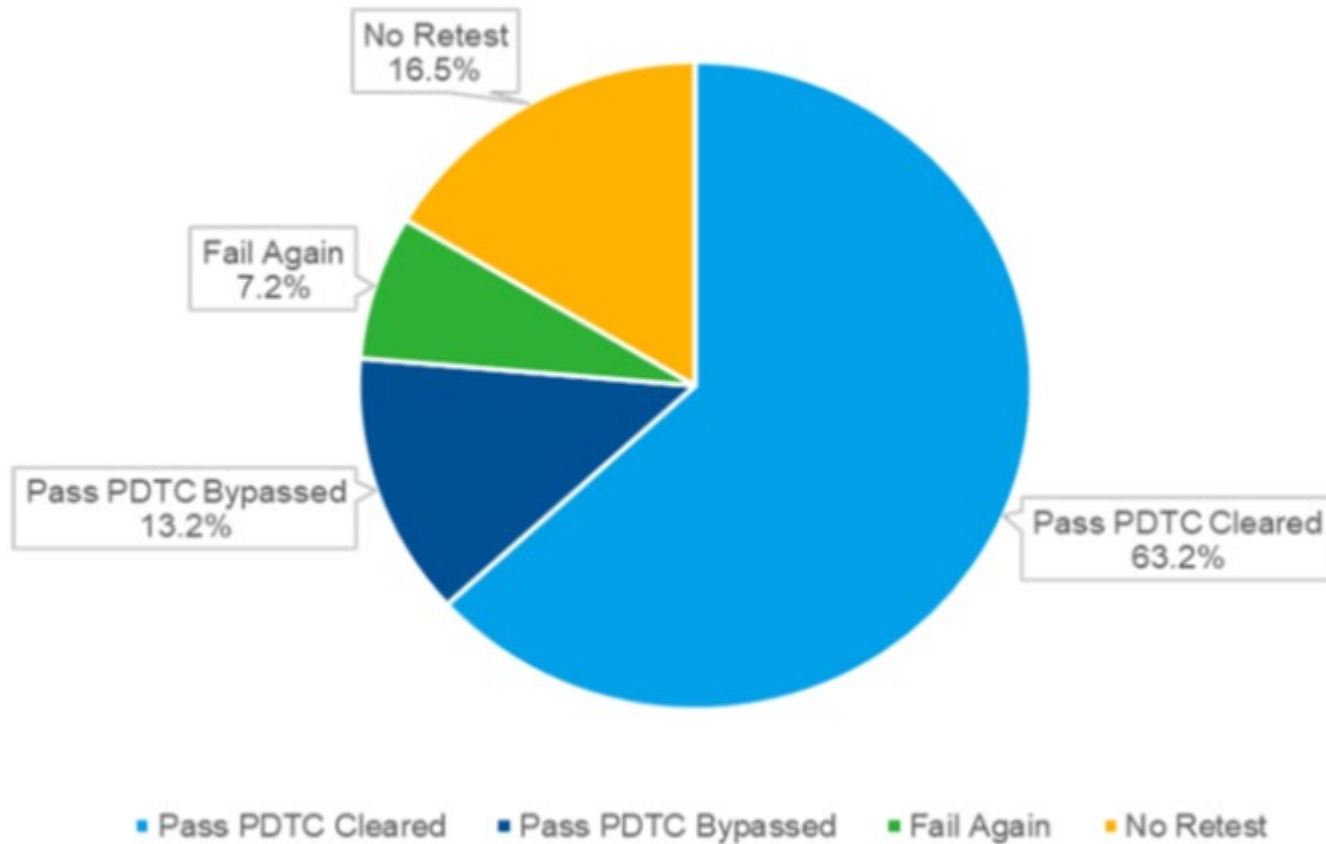
- **Implemented:** July 1, 2019
- **Standard:** 15 warm-up cycles and 200 miles since code clear
 - Allows time for codes to clear/reset
 - Continuing to evaluate if this standard is working
- **Program Note:** Half of the vehicles had 4 or fewer warm-ups and traveled less than 40 miles since codes last cleared
 - Evaluating how to reduce reliance on readiness monitors when no PDTCs are present
 - When no PDTCs are present, could readiness monitors be considered complete?
 - Ongoing analysis to identify manufacturer PDTC implementation issues

STATUS OF PDTC FAILURES

- 2010 and newer Model Year inspections: 225,712
 - Fails (without PDTCs): 9,530 4.2%
 - **PDTC-only Fails: 3,124 1.4%**
 - Combined Fails: 12,654 5.6%
- Approximately 100 PDTC failures per day
- Increased failure rate for 2010 and newer vehicles by 1/3

PDTC FAILING VEHICLE OUTCOMES

July 1 – August 31, 2019



PDTTC TOP 5 FAILURE REASONS

- 425 – EVAP very small leak detected (P0456)
- 265 – EVAP small leak detected (P0442)
- 157 – Mass Air Flow Sensor Circuit (P0101)
- 128 – Thermostat (PO128)
- 118 – Mass Air Flow Censor Circuit (P0102)

Note: 42% of the PDTTC failures are related to EVAP

EXAMPLE OF MODIFIED VEHICLE IDENTIFIED BECAUSE OF PDTCS

YEAR TESTED	MODEL YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	RESULT	PDTC	MIL STATUS	WARMUPS	DISTANCE
2016	2011	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE GRAND SPORT	PASS		MIL_OFF	2	18
2017	2011	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE GRAND SPORT	PASS	P0420 P0430	MIL_OFF	1	25
2019	2011	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE GRAND SPORT	FAIL	P0420 P0430	MIL_OFF	1	57

- This vehicle has bad or no catalytic converters (P0420/P0430)
- The MIL will illuminate soon after the monitors run
- For past 3 inspection cycles, a code clear has been performed just prior to the test
- Vehicle passed in 2017 with PDTCS present
- In July 2019, presence of PDTCS caused vehicle to fail

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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