



Automotive Defeat Devices

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How They Did It: An Analysis of Emission Defeat Devices in Modern Automobiles

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Abstract—Modern vehicles are required to comply with a range of environmental regulations limiting the level of emissions for various greenhouse gases, toxins and particulate matter. To ensure compliance, regulators test vehicles in controlled settings and empirically measure their emissions at the tailpipe. However, the black box nature of this testing and the standardization of its forms have created an opportunity for evasion. Using modern electronic engine controllers, manufacturers can programmatically infer when a car is undergoing an emission test and alter the behavior of the vehicle to comply with emission standards, while exceeding them during normal driving in favor of improved performance. While the use of such a defeat device determined that the vehicle was not under test, it would disable certain emission control measures, in some cases leading the vehicle to emit up to 40 times the allowed nitrogen oxides [15].

Defeat devices like Volkswagen's are possible because of how regulatory agencies test vehicles for compliance before they can be offered for sale. In most jurisdictions, including the US and Europe, emissions tests are performed on a chassis dynamometer, a fixture that holds the vehicle in place while allowing its tires to rotate freely. During the test, a vehicle is made to follow a precisely defined speed profile (i.e.,

Exhaust Aftertreatment Systems





























Federal Test Procedure



- Specify time vehicle speed.
- Different tests per jurisdiction (EPA, CARB, EU).
- **Standardized** tests, publicly available.
- Runtime about 20–30 minutes.

















Defeat Devices

Auxiliary Emission Control Device (AECD) means any element of design which senses

- temperature,
- vehicle speed,
- engine RPM,
- transmission gear,
- manifold vacuum,

or any other parameter for the purpose of **activating**, **modulating**, **delaying**, or **deactivating** the operation of any part of the emission control system.

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Defeat device means an auxiliary emission control device (AECD) that reduces the effectiveness of the emission control system under conditions which may reasonably be expected to be encountered in normal vehicle operation and use, **unless**:

- 1. Such conditions are substantially included in the Federal emission test procedure;
- 2. The need for the AECD is justified in terms of **protecting the vehicle against damage** or accident;
- 3. The AECD does not go beyond the requirements of engine starting; or
- 4. The AECD applies only for emergency vehicles [...]



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We mostly focus on the first part in our talk.



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- The Opel Zafira can detect test cycles using rpm-torque operating points.

Engine Control Unit Firmware



# Code	Title	Note
4	control unit for diesel engine see illustration, item:	906-20,1
(4)	control unit for petrol engine see illustration, item:	906-22,1
5	control unit for electric ancillary hydraulic pump for gear oil see illustration, item:	927-45,7 Model data: PR-71,71,8
6	control unit for airbag see illustration, item:	969-30,1
7	power module for cornering light see illustration, item:	941-10,4 Model data: PR-83M
(7)	power module for cornering light see illustration, item:	941-20,4 Model data: PR-80P
8	control unit for differential lock see illustration, item:	927-45,5 Model data: PR-PM
9	control unit for 8-speed automatic gearbox see illustration, item:	927-45,1 Model data: PR-GIG
10	control unit for backrest release see illustration, item:	959-47,5 Model data: PR-UK2
11	control unit for fuel pump see illustration, item:	919-30,10
12	control unit for electro- mechanical parking brake see illustration, item:	907-65,8
13	control unit for differential locks see illustration, item:	927-45,3 Model data: PR-1YI



AU: idle Down Disk: 14GB



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IGB





/begin MEASUREMENT EnvT t "Umgebungslufttemperatur"

ASAM MCD-2 MC ".a2l files"

SWORD	
Temp_Cels	/begin COMPU_METHOD
1	Temp_Cels
100	
-3549.940	RAT_FUNC
3003.560	"%6.1"
	"deg C"
FORMAT "%8.3"	
	COEFFS 0 10 2731
ECH ADDRESS AVDAAAAAAA	And COMPUL METHOD

ECU_ADDRESS 0xD0000AA6 /end MEASUREMENT

31.4 0 0 1 /end COMPU_METHOD

/begin CHARACTERISTIC

AirCtl_mDesBasPiI1_MAP "Grundkennfeld Luftmassensollwert"

MAP

0x8037CE3A Map_Xs16Ys16Ws16

1500.000 AirMassPerCyl 0.00 1500.000

FORMAT "%8.3" EXTENDED_LIMITS -3276.800 3276.700 /begin AXIS DESCR STD AXIS AirCtl_nEng0 EngN 16 . . . /end AXIS_DESCR /begin AXIS DESCR STD AXIS AirCtl_qMonDesBas_mp IniMass 16 /end AXIS DESCR /end CHARACTERISTIC

AirCtl_mDesBasPil1_MAP





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Point Queries

y ← SrvX_IpoCurveS16(curve, x)

Volkswagen AG





 $y_0 \leftarrow SrvX_IpoCurveS16(curve_{\perp}, x)$ $y_1 \leftarrow SrvX_IpoCurveS16(curve_{\perp}, x)$

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- $\mathbf{x} \coloneqq$ "time since engine start"
- $\mathbf{y} \coloneqq$ "distance covered"





















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Analyzed **926** firmware images spanning **eight** years, **333** try to detect at least one emission test cycle.

2009-01	Golf, Passat (2)	2013-11	Superb (3)
2009-07	A3	2013-12	Superb (2), Yeti (4)
2009-08	Passat Blue Motion	2014-03	Amarok (16), Eos, Tiguan, Yeti
2009-09	Golf (2), Passat (3)	2014-04	Q5, Superb (2)
2009-10	Golf+, Passat	2014-06	Amarok (6), Tiguan (4)
2009-11	A3 (8), Golf Blue Motion, Golf (2), Passat	2014-09	Alhambra
2009-12	A3 (5), Golf Variant (2), Golf+ (2), Golf (7), Jetta (3), Passat (4)	2014-10	Sharan
2010-01	Jetta, Passat (2)	2014-12	A4 (3), A6, Passat (4) ⊗
2010-03	A3 (2), Golf (3), Jetta, Passat (3), Q5 (4)	2015-01	Superb
2010-04	Jetta (2), Passat, Passat Coupe (4), Q5	2015-02	A3 (3)
2012-05	A3 (19), A4, A6, Alhambra (4), Altea, Eos (2), Golf, Ibiza (4), Leon,	2015-03	Alhambra (2)
	Octavia (6), Q5 (2), Superb (2), TT, Tiguan, Yeti (4)	2015-05	Alhambra (6), Sharan (6)
2012-06	Amarok (8), CC, Eos (2), Golf (2), Jetta (2), Octavia (3), Q5 (2),	2015-07	Q3 (2)
	Sharan (7), Tiguan, Touran (2)	2015-10	Altea (2), Yeti (3)
2012-07	A1 (3), Alhambra (4), Caddy (2), Sharan (8)	2015-11	Superb
2012-09	Golf (2), Passat, Yeti (6)	2016-02	Altea
2012-10	A3, Alhambra (2), Tiguan, Yeti	2016-03	A4, Exeo (4)
2012-12	Eos (2), Golf Cabriolet, Tiguan (7), Touran, Yeti	2016-04	A6, Exeo, Q3
2013-01	Leon, Passat	2016-06	Altea (3), CC (3), Jetta, Leon (2), Superb, Tiguan (2)
2013-05	Amarok (4)	2016-07	Amarok, CC, Golf, Superb
2013-06	Amarok (5), Superb (3), Tiguan	2016-08	CC (3), Golf Cabriolet, Golf (2), Passat (2), Scirocco, Touran (3)
2013-07	Octavia	2016-09	CC (14), Octavia (2), Passat (2), Tiguan (7)
2013-08	Yeti (3)	2016-10	Eos

Affected Subsystems

- InjCrv injection pattern, injection timing
- **Rail**, **PCR** manifold pressure

- SmkLim smoke limitation
- AFS, AirCtl desired air mass EGR
 - soot mass simulation
 - desired soot mass DPF
 - desired reducing agent SCR

 \cdot ASMod

• PFlt

• SCREEC



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Produktinformation

Motorsteuerung: Motorfunktionen perfekt geregelt

Die EDC (Electronic Diesel Control) ist die Motorsteuerung beim Diesel. Sie regelt die Funktionen des Einspritzsystems und sorgt dafür, dass der Motor das angeforderte Motordrehmoment bereitstellt. Die Einspritzung wird dabei permanent auf den Motor und die Fahrsituation abgestimmt. Dieselmotoren mit Bosch-Motorsteuerung überzeugen durch hohe Dynamik bei geringem Kraftstoffverbrauch und optimierte Motorleistung.

Vorteile

- Sparsamer Betrieb durch schnelle Anpassung aller Einspritzparameter



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Supplied Fixes

United States

				NO _x control ¹	Hardware replacement	Labor hours	Fuel economy loss	Diesel Exhaust Fluid increase
Gen 1	2009	VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf	2.0L	LNT EGR	Lean-NO _x trap Particulate filter Glow plug module	6	Up to 2 mpg ³	N/A
Gen 1	2010- 2014	Audi A3 VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf	2.0L	LNT EGR	Lean-NO _x trap	2.5 - 3	Up to 2 mpg ³	N/A
Gen 2	2012- 2014	VW Passat ²	2.0L	SCR EGR	Software only	1	Up to 1 mpg⁴	50% - 130%
Gen 3	2015	Audi A3 VW Jetta, Beetle, Golf, Passat	2.0L	SCR EGR	SCR catalyst Particulate filter Oxidation catalyst 2 nd NO _x sensor	9	None	1% - 14%
Gen 1	2009- 2012	VW Touareg	3.0L	SCR EGR	No fix - vehicles will be scrapped			
Gen 2.1	2013- 2014	VW Touareg Porsche Cayenne Audi Q7	3.0L	SCR EGR	SCR catalyst Cyl. pressure sensor Particulate sensor	3	Up to 1 mpg⁵	About 40%
Gen 2.1	2015	Audi Q7	3.0L	SCR EGR	SCR catalyst Particulate sensor	3	Up to 1 mpg⁴	About 40%
Gen 2.2	2015- 2016	VW Touareg Porsche Cayenne	3.0L	SCR EGR	Software only	1	Up to 1 mpg⁴	About 40%
Gen 2	2014- 2016	Audi A6, A7, A8, Q5	3.0L	SCR EGR	Fix not yet defined			

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Europe

				NO _x control¹	Hardware replacement	Labor hours	Fuel economy loss	Diesel Exhaust Fluid increase
Euro5	2009- 2014	Audi A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, Q3, Q5, TT	1.2L	EGR	Software only²	0.5	None	N/A
		Seat Alhambra, Altea, Exeo, Ibiza, Leon, Toledo Skoda Fabia, Roomster, Rapid, Yeti, Octavia, Superb VW Golf, Passat, Tiguan, Polo, Jetta, Scirocco, Caddy, Transporter	1.6L		Flow transformer ³	1.0	None	N/A
			2.0L		Software only ²	0.5	None	N/A
Euro5	2010- 2013	Audi A7, A8 Porsche Cayenne	3.0L	EGR	Software only	0.5		N/A
Euro6	2014- 2017	Porsche Cayenne	3.0L	SCR EGR	Software only	1.0		
Euro6	2014- 2017	Audi A8	4.2L	SCR EGR	Software only			

Future of Emissions Testing





Strict Regulations



Public Test Cycles



Black Box Testing

State of Emissions Testing





Strict Regulations <u>Public Test Cycles</u> Black Box Testing Portable Emissions Measurement



Compliance testing now is a **software verification problem**.

- Easier to hide in software; black box testing alone is insufficient.
- Portable Emissions Measurement only side-steps the problem.
- Software analysis facilitates large-scale testing.

Conclusion



- We analyzed two **modern defeat devices** in software:
 - Volkswagen AG
 Fiat 500X
 timing-based check
- We performed a large-scale study of the VW AG defeat device.
 - Tested > 900 firmware images.
 - $\cdot\,$ ~300 try to detect at least one test cycle.

- Black-box emissions testing is insufficient.
- Easy to cheat using software, high incentive to do so.
- Software verification of compliance poses a new challenge.