

DTC	P0115	Engine Coolant Temp. Circuit Malfunction
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CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

A thermistor built into the engine coolant temperature sensor changes the resistance value according to the engine coolant temperature.

The structure of the sensor and connection to the ECM is the same as in the intake air temperature circuit malfunction shown on page DI-26.

If the ECM detects the DTC P0115, it operates the fail safe function in which the engine coolant temperature is assumed to be 80°C (176 °F).

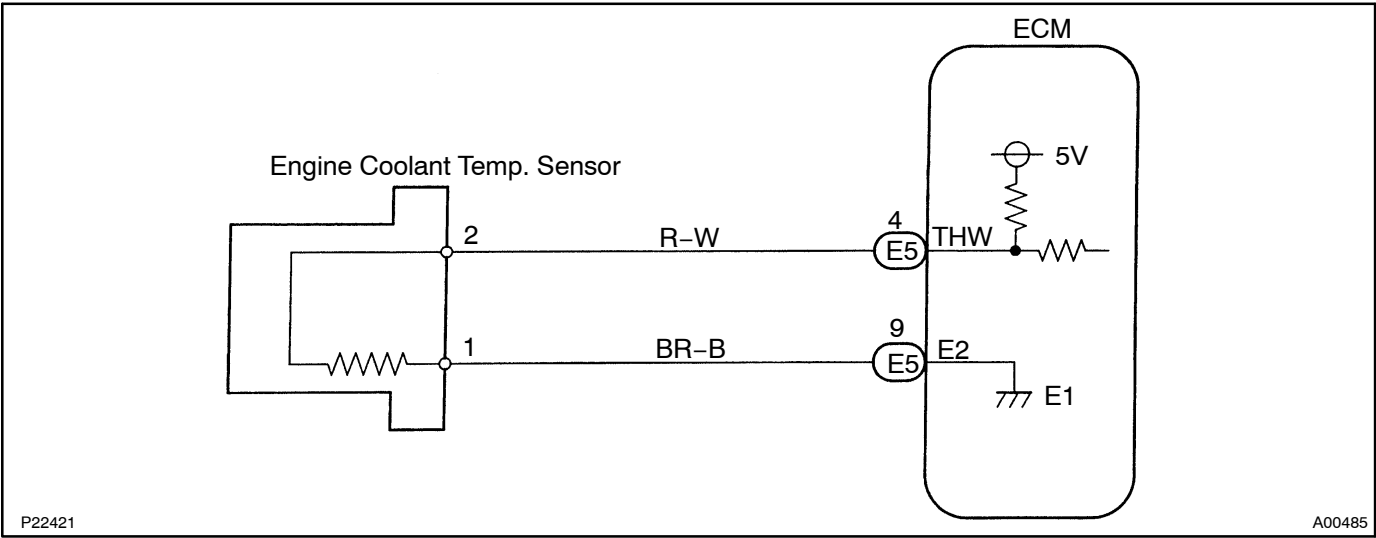
DTC No.	Detection Condition	Trouble Area
P0115	Open or short in engine coolant temp. sensor circuit	• Open or short in engine coolant temp. sensor circuit • Engine coolant temp. sensor • ECM

HINT:

After confirming DTC P0115, use the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester to confirm the engine coolant temperature from the CURRENT DATA.

Temp. Displayed	Malfunction
-40°C (-40°F)	Open circuit
140°C (284°F) or more	Short circuit

WIRING DIAGRAM



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INSPECTION PROCEDURE

HINT:

If DTC P0110, P0115, P0116, P0120 and P0121 are output simultaneously, E2 (sensor ground) may be open.

1	Connect OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester, and read value of engine coolant temp.
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PREPARATION:

- (a) Remove the fuse cover on the instrument panel.
- (b) Connect the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester to the DLC3.
- (c) Turn the ignition switch ON and push the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester main switch ON.

CHECK:

Read the temperature value on the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester.

OK:

Same as actual engine coolant temperature

HINT:

- If there is open circuit, OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester indicates -40°C (-40°F).
- If there is open circuit, OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester indicates 140°C (284°F) or more.

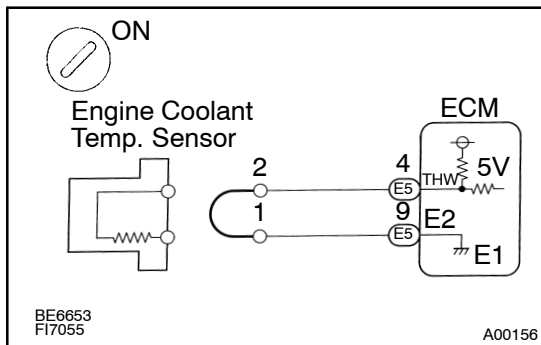
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-40°C (-40°F) ... Go to step 2.
 140°C (284°F) or more ... Go to step 4.

OK

Check for intermittent problems
 (See page [DI-3](#)).

2	Check for open in harness or ECM.
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PREPARATION:

- (a) Disconnect the engine coolant temperature sensor connector.
- (b) Connect sensor wire harness terminals together.
- (c) Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Read the temperature value on the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester.

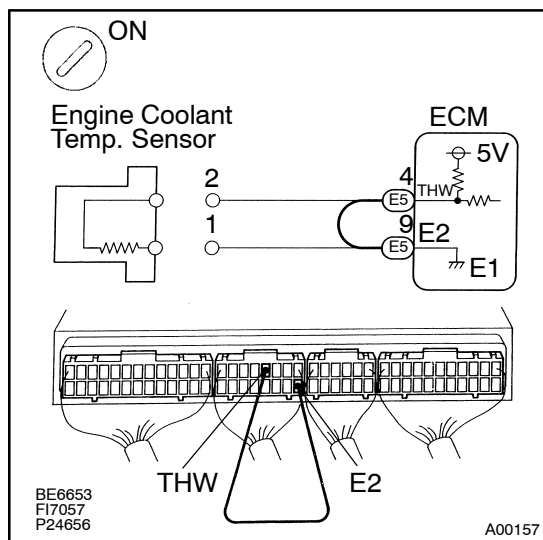
OK:

Temperature value: 140°C (284°F) or more

OK

Confirm good connection at sensor.
If OK, replace engine coolant temp. sensor.

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3 Check for open in harness or ECM.**PREPARATION:**

- Remove instrument panel speaker No.1 panel (See page [SF-63](#)).
- Connect between terminals THW and E2 of ECM connector.

HINT:

Engine coolant temperature sensor connector is disconnected. Before checking, do a visual and contact pressure check for the ECM connector (See page [IN-27](#)).

- Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Read the temperature value on the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester.

OK:

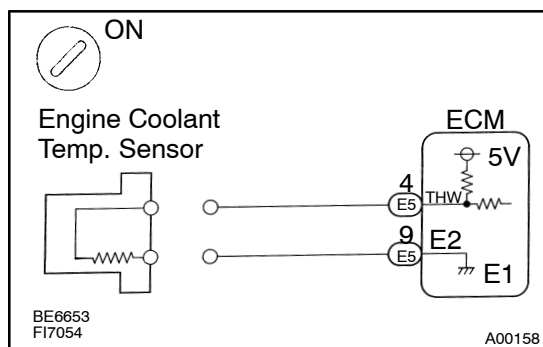
Temperature value: 140°C (284°F) or more

OK

Open in harness between terminals E2 or THW, repair or replace harness.

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Confirm good connection at ECM.
If OK, replace ECM.

4 Check for short in harness or ECM.**PREPARATION:**

- Disconnect the engine coolant temperature sensor connector.
- Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Read the temperature value on the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester.

OK:

Temperature value: - 40°C (- 40°F)

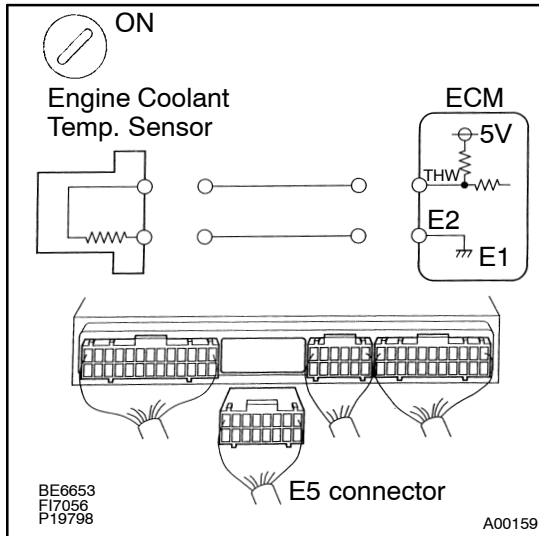
OK

Replace engine coolant temp. sensor.

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5 Check for short in harness or ECM.



PREPARATION:

- Remove the instrument panel speaker No.1 panel (See page [SF-63](#)).
- Disconnect the E5 connector of ECM.

HINT:

The engine coolant temperature sensor connector is disconnected.

- Turn the ignition switch ON.

CHECK:

Read the temperature value on the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester.

OK:

Temperature value: - 40°C (- 40°F)

OK

Repair or replace harness or connector.

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Check and replace ECM (See page [IN-27](#)).