

DTC	P0171	System too Lean (Fuel Trim)
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DTC	P0172	System too Rich (Fuel Trim)
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CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

Fuel trim refers to the feedback compensation value compared against the basic injection time. Fuel trim includes short-term fuel trim and long-term fuel trim.

Short-term fuel trim is the short-term fuel compensation used to maintain the air-fuel ratio at its ideal theoretical value. The signal from the heated oxygen sensor indicates whether the air-fuel ratio is RICH or LEAN compared to the ideal theoretical value, triggering a reduction in fuel volume if the air-fuel ratio is rich, and an increase in fuel volume if it is lean.

Long-term fuel trim is overall fuel compensation carried out long-term to compensate for continual deviation of the short-term fuel trim from the central value due to individual engine differences, wear over time and changes in the usage environment.

If both the short-term fuel trim and long-term fuel trim are LEAN or RICH beyond a certain value, it is detected as a malfunction and the MIL lights up.

DTC No.	DTC Detecting Condition	Trouble Area
P0171	When air fuel ratio feedback is stable after engine warming up, fuel trim is considerably in error on LEAN side (2 trip detection logic)	• Air induction system • Injector blockage • Mass air flow meter • Engine coolant temp. sensor • Fuel pressure • Gas leakage on exhaust system • Open or short in heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1) • Heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1)
P0172	When air fuel ratio feedback is stable after engine warming up, fuel trim is considerably in error on RICH side (2 trip detection logic)	• Injector leak, blockage • Mass air flow meter • Engine coolant temp. sensor • Ignition system • Fuel pressure • Gas leakage on exhaust system • Open or short in heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1) • Heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1)

HINT:

- When DTC P0171 is recorded, the actual air-fuel ratio is on the LEAN side. When DTC P0172 is recorded, the actual air-fuel ratio is on the RICH side.
- If the vehicle runs out of fuel, the air-fuel ratio is LEAN and DTC P0171 is recorded. The MIL then comes on.
- If the total of the short-term fuel trim value and long-term fuel trim value is within $\pm 25\%$, the system is functioning normally.

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 Check air induction system (See page [SF-1](#)).

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Repair or replace.

OK

2 Check injector injection (See page [SF-24](#)).

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Replace injector.

OK

3 Check mass air flow meter and engine coolant temp. sensor
(See pages [SF-34](#) and [SF-51](#)).

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Repair or replace.

OK

4 Check for spark and ignition (See page [IG-1](#)).

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Repair or replace.

OK

5	Check fuel pressure (See page SF-7).
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Check and repair fuel pump, pressure regulator, fuel pipe line and filter (See page [SF-1](#)).

OK

6	Check gas leakage on exhaust system.
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Repair or replace.

OK

7	Check output voltage of heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1) during idling.
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PREPARATION:

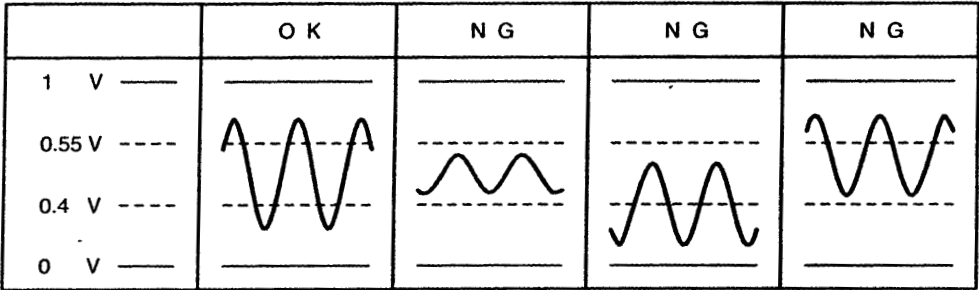
Warm up the heated oxygen sensor with the engine speed at 2,500 rpm for approx. 90 sec.

CHECK:

Use the OBD II scan tool or LEXUS hand-held tester to read the output voltage of the heated oxygen sensor during idling.

OK:

Heated oxygen sensor output voltage:
Alternates repeatedly between less than 0.4 V and more than 0.55 V (See the following table).



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OK

Go to step 9.

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8	Check for open and short in harness and connector between ECM and heated oxygen sensor (bank 1, 2 sensor 1) (See page IN-33).
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Repair or replace harness or connector.

OK

Replace heated oxygen sensor
(bank 1, 2 sensor 1).

9	Perform confirmation driving pattern (See page DI-56).
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10	Is there DTC P0171 or P0172 being output again?
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YES

Check and replace ECM.

NO

11	Did vehicle runs out of fuel in past?
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NO

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

YES

DTC P0171 or P0172 is caused by running out of fuel.