

Theft Systems Description and Operation

When armed, the content theft deterrent system is designed to deter vehicle content theft by pulsing the horns and exterior lamps for approximately 30 seconds when an unauthorized vehicle entry is detected. If equipped, a siren will also be activated. However, the content theft deterrent system does not affect engine starting.

An unauthorized entry can be any of the following with the content theft deterrent system armed:

- Unauthorized entry into the underhood area
- Unauthorized entry into the rear compartment
- When any door is opened without receiving a valid unlock command
- After a battery reconnect, if the battery was disconnected with the content theft deterrent system armed

The components of the content theft deterrent system are:

- Body Control Module (BCM)
- Keyless Entry Control Module (RPO ATH)
- Remote Control Door Lock Receiver
- Security LED
- Door ajar switches
- Rear compartment ajar switch
- Hood ajar switch
- External siren, if equipped

Arming the Content Theft Deterrent System

Use the following procedure in order to arm the system:

1. Place the shift lever in P (park).
2. Turn OFF the ignition.
3. Open any door.
4. Lock the doors with the power door lock switch, locking the door manually using the door lock rod, or by pressing the LOCK button on the transmitter.
5. The system will begin the arm sequence immediately after the last door is closed. If the keyless entry transmitter is used to arm the system after the vehicle doors are closed, the arm sequence will begin as soon as the LOCK command is received from the transmitter.
6. Pressing the LOCK button on the keyless entry transmitter a second time will bypass the delayed arming function and force the system to arm.

Locking the Vehicle Without Arming the Content Theft Deterrent System

Locking the vehicle may be accomplished without arming the content theft deterrent system. Use of the exterior door lock cylinder will lock the vehicle, but will not arm the content theft deterrent system.

Disarming an Armed System/Silencing an Alarm

If system arming has been requested, it must be disarmed before the vehicle is opened again.

Note: Disconnecting the battery or removing fuses does not disable the arm or alarm modes, since the BCM stores the content theft deterrent mode status in memory.

- To disarm the content theft deterrent system in standby mode, perform one of the following:
 - Press the UNLOCK button on the keyless entry transmitter.
 - Approach the vehicle with a valid keyless entry transmitter and press the exterior door handle button (RPO ATH).
 - Insert a valid key into the ignition and switch to the ON position.
- To disarm the content theft deterrent system in the armed mode (non-event) or when activated (during an alarm event):
 - Press the UNLOCK button on the keyless entry transmitter.
 - Insert a valid key into the ignition and switch to the ON position

Content Theft Deterrent Circuit Description

The following is a description of each component used in the content theft deterrent system:

Body Control Module

The content theft deterrent system is an internal function of the BCM which utilizes serial data and various switch inputs information to perform content theft deterrent functions. When the BCM detects an unauthorized entry, it activates the horns and exterior lamps. If equipped, a siren will also be activated. The BCM has 4 basic modes (disarmed, standby, armed, and alarm) for operating the content theft deterrent system. The different modes are described below.

1. The BCM has the content theft deterrent system in a disarmed mode until the following conditions are detected:
 - Ignition key turned to the OFF position.
 - Doors locked using the power door lock switch, the door lock rod, or the LOCK button on the transmitter.
2. The BCM enters the standby mode when the above conditions are detected. If a door was already opened when the arm mode was requested, the standby mode does not start the timer until the last door is closed.
3. When the last door is closed, a 15 second timer is activated. Once the timer has expired, the BCM enters the armed mode. After this delay, any unauthorized entry will activate the alarm mode.
4. When the BCM detects an unauthorized entry, the BCM enters the alarm mode. The BCM activates the horns and exterior lamps for 30 seconds. If equipped, a siren will also be activated. This is followed by a three minute time-out with the horn no longer active. If no new intrusions are detected after the time-out, the horn is not active. The system must be disarmed or the intrusion condition removed after the time-out for the system to exit alarm mode.

Keyless Entry Control Module (RPO ATH)

The passive keyless entry system can arm and disarm the content theft deterrent system. When a valid keyless entry transmitter is detected while attempting to passively access the vehicle, the keyless entry module will send a message via serial data to disarm the content theft deterrent system.

Remote Control Door Lock Receiver

The keyless entry system can arm and disarm the content theft deterrent system. When the remote control door lock receiver receives a door lock or unlock signal from the transmitter, the remote control door lock receiver sends a message to the BCM via serial data to perform the appropriate arm/disarm functions.

Security LED

The security LED is illuminated on the instrument panel by the BCM. The content theft deterrent system uses the security LED to inform the driver of system status prior to arming.

Door Ajar Switches

The content theft deterrent system uses the door ajar switches as a status indicator to activate the alarm. The door ajar switches are monitored by the body control module via a discrete input from each door ajar switch. If the BCM receives a signal indicating a door is opened when the content theft deterrent system is armed, the BCM activates the alarm.

Hood Ajar Switch

The content theft deterrent system uses the hood ajar switch as a status indicator to activate the alarm. The BCM monitors the hood ajar switch via a discrete input from the switch. If the BCM receives a signal indicating the hood has been opened when the content theft deterrent system is armed, the BCM activates the alarm.

Rear Compartment Ajar Switch

The content theft deterrent system uses the rear compartment ajar switch as a status indicator to activate the alarm. The BCM monitors the rear compartment ajar switch via a discrete input from the switch. If the BCM receives a signal indicating the rear compartment has been opened when content theft deterrent system is armed, the BCM activates the alarm.

Inputs

The BCM monitors the following inputs for content theft deterrent:

- The door ajar switches
- The keyless entry transmitter LOCK/UNLOCK buttons; a message from the remote control door lock receiver
- The immobilizer status – The BCM uses the immobilizer status for disarming the system or silencing an alarm when the correct vehicle key is used to start the vehicle
- The rear compartment ajar switch
- The hood ajar switch

Outputs

The BCM controls the following for content theft deterrent:

- The horn relay
- The exterior lamps
- If equipped, an external siren.

DTC B3916

Diagnostic Instructions

- Perform the [Diagnostic System Check - Vehicle](#) prior to using this diagnostic procedure.
- Review [Strategy Based Diagnosis](#) for an overview of the diagnostic approach.
- [Diagnostic Procedure Instructions](#) provides an overview of each diagnostic category.

DTC Descriptors

DTC B3916 01

Security Siren Data Circuit Short to Battery

DTC B3916 02

Security Siren Data Circuit Short to Ground

DTC B3916 04

Security Siren Data Circuit Open

Diagnostic Fault Information

Circuit	Short to Ground	Open/High Resistance	Short to Voltage	Signal Performance
Security Siren Relay Control	B3916 02	B3916 04	B3916 01	—
Security Siren Control	2	2	1	—
Security Siren Ground	—	2	—	—
1. Security Siren Always On 2. Security Siren Inoperative				

Circuit/System Description

The Body Control Module controls the security siren by grounding the security siren relay coil control circuit. The security siren relay will then provide voltage to the security siren control circuit, sounding the security siren.

Conditions for Running the DTC

System voltage is 9–16 V.

Conditions for Setting the DTC

B3916 01

The Body Control Module detects a short to voltage on the security siren relay control circuit.

B3916 02

The Body Control Module detects a short to ground on the security siren relay control circuit.

B3916 04

The Body Control Module detects an open on the security siren relay control circuit.

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Action Taken When the DTC Sets

Security siren output is disabled

Conditions for Clearing the DTC

- A current DTC is cleared when the conditions for setting the DTC are no longer present.
- A history DTC will clear after 40 malfunction free ignition cycles.

Reference Information

Schematic Reference

[Theft Deterrent System Schematics](#)

Connector End View Reference

[Component Connector End Views](#)

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Electrical Information Reference

- [Circuit Testing](#)
- [Connector Repairs](#)
- [Testing for Intermittent Conditions and Poor Connections](#)
- [Wiring Repairs](#)

Scan Tool Reference

[Control Module References](#) for scan tool information

Circuit/System Testing

1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the X1 harness connector at the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood.
 2. Connect a test lamp between the control circuit terminal 6 and B+.
 3. Completely lower the driver door window and close all vehicle doors. Arm the content theft deterrent system by locking the doors with the keyless entry transmitter. Wait 30 seconds for the content theft deterrent system to arm.
 4. Without disarming the system, reach in through the open driver window and open the driver door.
 5. Verify the test lamp turns ON and OFF.
- ⇒ **If the test lamp is always ON**
- 5.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the K9 Body Control Module.
 - 5.2. Test for infinite resistance between the control circuit and ground.
 - ⇒ If less than infinite resistance, repair the short to ground on the circuit.
 - ⇒ If infinite resistance, replace the K9 Body Control Module.
- ⇒ **If the test lamp is always OFF**
- 5.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the K9 Body Control Module, ignition ON.
 - 5.2. Test for less than 1 V between the control circuit and ground.
 - ⇒ If 1 V or greater, repair the short to voltage on the circuit.
 - ⇓ If less than 1 V.
 - 5.3. Test for less than 2 Ω on the control circuit end to end.
 - ⇒ If 2 Ω or greater, repair the open/high resistance on the circuit.

⇒ If less than 2 Ω , replace the K9 Body Control Module.

↓ **If the test lamp is turns ON and OFF**

6. Ignition OFF, connect the X1 harness connector at the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood .
Disconnect the harness connector at the P4 Security Siren.

7. Test for less than 10 Ω between the ground circuit terminal B and ground.

⇒ **If 10 Ω or greater**

7.1. Ignition OFF.

7.2. Test for less than 2 Ω on the ground circuit end to end.

⇒ If 2 Ω or greater, repair the open/high resistance on the circuit.

⇒ If less than 2 Ω , repair the open/high resistance in the ground connection.

↓ **If less than 10 Ω**

8. Connect a test lamp between the control circuit terminal A and ground.

9. Completely lower the driver door window and close all vehicle doors. Arm the content theft deterrent system by locking the door with the keyless entry transmitter. Wait 30 seconds for the content theft deterrent system to arm.

10. Without disarming the system, reach in through the open driver window and open the driver door.

11. Verify the test lamp turns ON and OFF.

⇒ **If the test lamp is always ON**

11.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood .

11.2. Test for infinite resistance between the control circuit and ground.

⇒ If less than infinite resistance, repair the short to ground on the circuit.

⇒ If infinite resistance, replace the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood .

⇒ **If the test lamp is always OFF**

11.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood , ignition ON.

11.2. Test for less than 1 V between the control circuit and ground.

⇒ If 1 V or greater, repair the short to voltage on the circuit.

↓ If less than 1 V.

11.3. Test for less than 2 Ω on the control circuit end to end.

⇒ If 2 Ω or greater, repair the open/high resistance on the circuit.

⇒ If less than 2 Ω , replace the X50A Fuse Block – Underhood .

↓ **If the test lamp is turns ON and OFF**

12. Test or replace the P4 Security Siren.

Repair Instructions

Perform the [Diagnostic Repair Verification](#) after completing the repair.

- [Accessory Wiring Junction Block Replacement](#)
- [Control Module References](#) for Body Control Module replacement, programming, and setup

Symptoms - Theft Deterrent

Note: The following steps must be completed before using the symptom tables.

1. Perform [Diagnostic System Check - Vehicle](#) in order to verify that all of the following are true:
 - There are no DTCs set.
 - The control modules can communicate via the serial data link.
2. Review the system operation in order to familiarize yourself with the system functions. Refer to the following [Theft Systems Description and Operation](#).

Visual/Physical Inspection

- Inspect for aftermarket devices which could affect the operation of the Theft Deterrent System. Refer to [Checking Aftermarket Accessories](#).
- Inspect the easily accessible or visible system components for obvious damage or conditions which could cause the symptom.

Intermittent

Faulty electrical connections or wiring may be the cause of intermittent conditions. Refer to [Testing for Intermittent Conditions and Poor Connections](#).

Symptom List

Refer to a symptom diagnostic procedure from the following list in order to diagnose the symptom:

- [Content Theft Deterrent Malfunction](#)
- [Security Indicator Malfunction](#)

Content Theft Deterrent Malfunction

Diagnostic Instructions

- Perform the [Diagnostic System Check - Vehicle](#) prior to using this diagnostic procedure.
- Review [Strategy Based Diagnosis](#) for an overview of the diagnostic approach.
- [Diagnostic Procedure Instructions](#) provides an overview of each diagnostic category.

Circuit/System Description

The content theft deterrent system is a software based system in which the body control module (BCM) actively monitors certain inputs to determine if unauthorized vehicle access is being attempted. Based on inputs such as the door ajar switches, the rear compartment ajar switch, and the hood ajar switch, the BCM determines whether a content theft deterrent alarm is warranted. If unauthorized access is being detected, the BCM will pulse the vehicle horn and flash the exterior lamps as a means of theft deterrence. If equipped, the BCM will also activate a siren as an additional theft deterrence.

Diagnostic Aids

The scan tool Content Theft Deterrent Trigger History 1, 2, and 3 parameters can be used to help isolate an intermittent unwanted content theft deterrent alarm. These parameters are a rolling history of the previous three causes of a theft deterrent alarm. If all three parameters are indicating the same alarm trigger, the indicated input should be the starting point when diagnosing an intermittent concern.

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Scan Tool Reference

[Control Module References](#) for scan tool information

Circuit/System Verification

1. Ignition ON.
 2. Verify each indicator/message transitions between the ajar and closed state while opening and closing each vehicle door, hood, trunk (sedan), liftgate (wagon), and tonneau (ute).
- ⇒ **If any indicator/message does not change**

Refer to [Hood Ajar Indicator/Message Malfunction](#), [Door Ajar Indicator Malfunction](#), [Trunk Ajar Indicator Malfunction](#), [Liftgate Ajar Indicator Malfunction](#), or [Tonneau Ajar Indicator Malfunction](#).

↓ **If each indicator/message changes**

3. Completely lower the driver door window and close all vehicle doors, ignition OFF.
4. Arm the content theft deterrent system by locking the doors with the keyless entry transmitter.
5. Verify the scan tool Content Theft Deterrent Alarm Status parameter is Armed.

⇒ **If not Armed**

Refer to [Keyless Entry System Malfunction](#).

↓ **If Armed**

6. Without disarming the system, reach in through the open driver window and open the driver door.
7. Verify the scan tool Content Theft Deterrent Alarm Status parameter is Alarm.

⇒ **If not Alarm**

Replace the K9 Body Control Module.

↓ **If Alarm**

8. All OK.

Repair Instructions

Perform the [Diagnostic Repair Verification](#) after completing the repair.

[Control Module References](#) for body control module replacement, programming, and setup.

Security Indicator Malfunction

Diagnostic Instructions

- Perform the [Diagnostic System Check - Vehicle](#) prior to using this diagnostic procedure.
- Review [Strategy Based Diagnosis](#) for an overview of the diagnostic approach.
- [Diagnostic Procedure Instructions](#) provides an overview of each diagnostic category.

Diagnostic Fault Information

Circuit	Short to Ground	Open/High Resistance	Short to Voltage	Signal Performance
Control	2	2	1	—
Low Reference	—	2	—	—
1. Security LED always ON 2. Security LED inoperative				

Circuit/System Description

The security LED is controlled by the Body Control Module (BCM) based on commands from the content theft deterrent system. The security LED is located in the instrument panel as part of the ambient light sensor and is supplied ground at all times. When the content theft deterrent system requests the LED be illuminated, the BCM applies voltage to the control circuit, illuminating the LED.

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Circuit/System Verification

1. Arm the content theft deterrent system.
2. Verify the security LED illuminates or flashes during the arming sequence.

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⇒ **If the security LED does not illuminate or flash**

Refer to Circuit/System Testing.

⇓ **If the security LED illuminates or flashes**

3. All OK.

Circuit/System Testing

1. Ignition OFF and all vehicle systems OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the B10B Ambient Light/Sunload Sensor. It may take up to 2 minutes for all vehicle systems to power down.

2. Test for less than 30 Ω between the low reference circuit terminal 6 and ground.

⇒ **If 30 Ω or greater**

2.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the K33 HVAC Control Module.

2.2. Test for less than 2 Ω in the low reference circuit end to end.

⇒ If 2 Ω or greater, repair the open/high resistance in the circuit.

⇒ If less than 2 Ω , replace the K33 HVAC Control Module.

⇓ **If less than 10 Ω**

3. Ignition ON, connect a test lamp between the control circuit terminal 1 and the low reference circuit terminal 6.

4. Verify the test lamp turns ON and OFF when commanding the Security Indicator On and Off with a scan tool.

⇒ **If the test lamp is always OFF**

4.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the K9 Body Control Module.

4.2. Test for infinite resistance between the control circuit and ground.

⇒ If less than infinite resistance, repair the short to ground on the circuit.

⇓ If infinite resistance

4.3. Test for less than 2 Ω in the control circuit end to end.

⇒ If 2 Ω or greater, repair the open/high resistance in the circuit.

⇒ If less than 2 Ω , replace the K9 Body Control Module.

⇒ **If the test lamp is always ON**

4.1. Ignition OFF, disconnect the harness connector at the K9 Body Control Module, ignition ON.

4.2. Test for less than 1 V between the control circuit and ground.

⇒ If 1 V or greater, repair the short to voltage on the circuit.

⇒ If less than 1 V, replace the K9 Body Control Module.

⇓ **If the test lamp turns ON and OFF**

5. Test or replace the B10B Ambient Light/Sunload Sensor.

Repair Instructions

Perform the [Diagnostic Repair Verification](#) after completing the repair.

- [Sun Load Temperature and Headlamp Automatic Control Ambient Light Sensor Replacement](#)
- [Control Module References](#) for Body Control Module or HVAC Control Module replacement, programming, and setup

