



Tech Notes:

2001-2004 Subaru Outback 3.0L 6 cylinder engines

Be careful when replacing a catalytic converter on these vehicles due to a **P0420** code. As illustrated below, these cars have only 1 downstream O₂ sensor which monitors all three converters at once. While P0420 is the ONLY code these vehicles can set, the code in this case does NOT automatically mean “Bank #1”.

For a vehicle’s computer to be able to determine “Bank #1” or “Bank #2”, there must be an oxygen sensor behind each converter individually. In the case of these vehicles, there is no way for the PCM to make that distinction.

