Tech Tips



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2012-2013 Jetta Sedan – A/C Shuts Off with "Compressor Off" Code 12 When Coming to a Stop

October 26, 2012: Update to model year applicability.

When diagnosing a customer concern of A/C shutting off, with "compressor off" code 12 when coming to or at a stop, be aware that the ECM strategy is to shut off the A/C compressor to reduce engine load and increase engine vacuum during braking, particularly during the catalyst warm-up phase. A compressor off code of 12 does not necessarily indicate a vehicle concern.