

Brake Symptom – Brake Pedal Travel Perceived as “Too Far”: Observe Specified Procedure (SY 90/21)

Change overview:

Release	Date	Change
0	09/17/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First publication
1	09/27/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Reduced braking system efficiency' symptom removed
2	07/22/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update of possible causes
3	01/20/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Order types added ▪ Update of further measures ▪ Update of required parts ▪ Update of labor operations
4	07/18/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New software version
5	02/09/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Hardware replacement' action removed ▪ Order types added ▪ Labor operations added ▪ Adjustment of brake fluid quantity ▪ Adaptation of software versions to 0190 for all model years ▪ 'Perform functional test of th hydraulic unit' added to procedure
6	03/27/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Function test removed
7	03/23/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Order types added ▪ Required parts added ▪ Labor operations added ▪ Update of model year

Model Line: **Taycan (Y1A / Y1B / Y1C)**

Model Year: **As of 2020**

Concerns: **Brake system**

Symptom: The customer complains that the brake pedal travel is subjectively perceived as “too far”.

Possible Causes:

- **Bedding-in routine not yet completed**

The new brake must be ground in on new vehicles or after replacing brake pads. The vehicle will take over this responsibility automatically by deactivating recuperation for a short time. The bedding-in routine can be up to 1,000 km (621.37 miles), depending on driving style.

- **'Brake Refresh' function**

The new 'Brake Refresh' function was introduced from model year M (2021). This function is used to maintain the friction coefficient of the brakes. Recuperation is deactivated briefly during this time.

- **'Stiff Learning Routine' function**

During regenerative braking (recuperation), the electric braking torque of the electric machine has to be replaced with the hydraulic braking torque of the wheel brakes ('blending') at least once during braking, usually shortly before the vehicle comes to a standstill.

In order to eliminate longitudinal deceleration fluctuations and brake pedal irritations during 'blending', the actual stiffness of the brake system must be known as accurately as possible to the control units involved (Porsche Stability Management (PSM) and Electric Brake Booster (eBKV)).

If the 'stiffness learning routine' is activated automatically too rarely, the following **causes** may have been present:

- The vehicle has not been charged for a long time.
- The temperature of the brake discs was > 100°C (212°F) when the learning process was attempted and that of the brake callipers was > 55°C (131°F).
- The front wheels were regularly turned in too far when leaving the vehicle.

- **Generally, pedal travel is longer when manoeuvring.**

In order to improve the metering action of the brakes while parking, a smaller brake master cylinder (HBZ) is installed in the Taycan compared with the PHEV vehicles, which extends the pedal travel in order to ensure better metering when parking and manoeuvring. In addition, both brake circuits are opened fully at speeds of < 12 km/h (7.45 mph) for noise, vibration and other comfort reasons, which also results in longer pedal travel.

- **Poor friction coefficient of Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB) and Porsche Surface Coated Brake (PSCB) compared to grey cast iron brakes in wet and / or cold weather conditions.**

This effect can adjust when switching from electric to hydraulic braking. This can result in a change in brake pedal feel during braking with the same pedal pressure.

Action:

- 1 **Check completion of braking routine.**

The break-in routine must be completed. If the braking routine has not yet been completed, the **"active"** error code "C1399F0 - Operating brake, Grinding-in process active" will still be visible in the Porsche Stability Management (PSM) control unit.

Further information can be found in the 'Braking' section of the Owner's Manual. ⇒ Owner's Manual

- 2 **"Brake Refresh" and "Stiffness learning routine" functions**

Ensure that the latest software is on the PSM control unit. To do this, carry out workshop campaign WPKO if the vehicle is affected by this and it has not yet been carried out in the past. ⇒ *Technical Information 'WPKO Workshop campaign - Re-program PSM control unit'*

3 Generally, pedal travel is longer when manoeuvring.

The state of the art has changed and vehicle operation seems unfamiliar at first. The new functions and corresponding behavior of the vehicle must be communicated to the customer. The Owner's Manual for the vehicle can be used here if necessary. ⇒ Owner's Manual

4 Poor friction coefficient of Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB) and Porsche Surface Coated Brake (PSCB) compared to gray cast iron brakes in wet and/or cold weather conditions.

The state of the art has changed and vehicle operation seems unfamiliar at first. The differences between the brake systems and their behavior in appropriate weather conditions must be communicated to the customer. **Section: 'Brake'** ⇒ Owner's Manual

Required tools

Tools:

- **P90999 - PIWIS Tester 4**
- Battery charger with a current rating of **at least 90 A**, e.g., **VAS 5908 90-A battery charger**. For further information about the battery chargers to be used, see the corresponding Workshop Manual. ⇒ *Workshop Manual '270689 Charge battery and vehicle electrical system'*
- Charger for high-voltage battery, e.g., **VAS 681 003A - Charger for high-voltage battery**
- **VAS 6860 - Brake Filling and Bleeding Equipment**
- **VAS 6122 - Engine plug set**

Further actionsWork
Procedure:

If, after working through and taking note of all the points listed, the brake pedal travel is still not adequate for comparison vehicles, carry out the following further steps:

- 1 Read out the 'Stiffness offset wheel brake' learning value in the PSM control unit under 'Measured values'.

Learning value 'wheel brake rigidity offset'	Action
> 4 mm (0.15748 inch)	Bleed the brake system. Go to ⇒ 2.
< 4 mm (0.15748 inch)	Inform the customer of the causes described above. Carry out further measures / analyses only after consultation with the importer's Technical Support.

- 2 Bleed the brake system. ⇒ *Workshop Manual '470107 Bleeding brake system'*

**Information**

The bleeding routine must be carried out as described in Step 1) in the table in the Workshop Manual "470107 Bleeding the brake system", even if the electric brake booster (eBKV) has not yet been replaced.

- 3 Charge high-voltage battery for **at least 60 seconds** and then remove high-voltage charger (rigidity learning routine is initiated).
The steering must be in the straight-forward position (steering angle near 0°).
⇒ *Workshop Manual '270889 Charging high-voltage battery'*
- 4 After bleeding the brake system, read out the 'Stiffness offset wheel brake' learning value in the PSM control unit under 'Measured values' again.

Learning value 'wheel brake rigidity offset'	Action
≤ 3 mm (0.11811 inch)	End of action
> 3 mm (0.11811 inch)	Replace PSM control unit incl. hydraulic unit ⇒ <i>Workshop Manual '453055 Replace hydraulic unit'</i> (includes automatic programming of the PSM control unit)

Required parts and material as required (Taycan model year 2020 – 2024)

Part
Information:

Required parts if the PSM control unit including hydraulic unit needs to be replaced.

Part No.	Designation	Number
9J1614095SY	⇒ Hydraulic unit	1 piece(s)

or

Only for vehicles with special conversions/installations in production (M-no. S1G)

9J1614095MY	⇒ Hydraulic unit	1 piece(s)
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Material:

Required materials (usually already available in the Porsche Center):

Part No.	Designation – Location	Quantity
00004321086	⇒ Brake fluid, 30-liter (7.92 gal) container – Brake system	Quantity as required*



Information

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Approx. 1.25 liters / 1.32 qt of brake fluid is required for conventional bleeding.

Approx. 3 liters / 3.17 qt of brake fluid is required to replace the hydraulic unit.

Approx. 4.5 liters / 4.75 qt of brake fluid is required for bleeding in conjunction with the "wheel brake rigidity offset" test.

Required parts and material as required (Taycan from model year 2025)

Part Information: **Required parts if the PSM control unit including hydraulic unit needs to be replaced.**

Part No.	Designation	Number
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Only for vehicles from the production period up to and including 28/04/2025:

9J1614109JY	⇒ Hydraulic unit	1 piece(s)
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or

Only for vehicles from the production period from 29/04/2025:

9J1614109LY	⇒ Hydraulic unit	1 piece(s)
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Material: **Required materials** (usually already available in the Porsche Center):

Part No.	Designation – Location	Quantity
00004321086	⇒ Brake fluid, 30-liter (7.92 gal) container - Brake system	Quantity as required*

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Labor operation and PCSS encryption**Information**

Invoicing is only possible if the brake system has been bled because no appropriate brake pedal travel has been set for comparison vehicles even after processing and noting all the points listed.

Labor operation:

APOS	Labor operation	I No.
47010750	Bleeding brake system (in conventional way)	
47010753	Bleeding brake system (PSM)	

APOS	Labor operation	I No.
47010756	Bleeding brake system (eBKV)	
44052006	Removing and mounting 4 wheels	
45305500	Replacing hydraulic unit	
03350060	On-board diagnosis	

PCSS encryption:

Location (FES5)	47010	Subjectively unpleasant
Damage type (SA4)	1615	brake system function

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