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To prevent personal injury or damage to vehicles and/or the test equipment, please read this user's manual first carefully and observe the following safety precautions at a minimum whenever working on a vehicle:

- Always perform automotive testing in a safe environment.
- Do not attempt to operate or observe the tool while driving a vehicle. Operating or observing the tool will cause driver distraction and could cause a fatal accident.
- Wear safety eye protection that meets ANSI standards.
- Keep clothing, hair, hands, tools, test equipment, etc. away from all moving or hot engine parts.
- Operate the vehicle in a well-ventilated work area: Exhaust gases are poisonous.
- Put blocks in front of the drive wheels and never leave the vehicle unattended while running tests.
- Use extreme caution when working around the ignition coil, distributor cap, ignition wires and spark plugs. These components create hazardous voltages when the engine is running.
- Put the transmission in P (for A/T) or N (for M/T) and make sure the parking brake is engaged.
- Keep a fire extinguisher suitable for gasoline/chemical/electrical fires nearby.
- Don't connect or disconnect any test equipment while the ignition is on or the engine is running.

- Keep the test equipment dry, clean, free from oil/water or grease. Use a mild detergent on a clean cloth to clean the outside of the test equipment, when necessary.

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## 1. Introduction

The CReader 3001 is specially developed by LAUNCH, which support all 10 modes of OBD II test for a complete diagnosis. Featuring the 1.77" color LCD, it enables users to read/clear DTCs, record and save data. The CReader 3001 is also very easy to use. With built-in help menus and code definitions, diagnosing and repairing that dreaded Check Engine Light is now easier than ever!

Moreover, CReader 3001 also features the following bi-directional "special tests": EVAP, O<sub>2</sub> Sensor, I/M Readiness, MIL Status, VIN Info, and On-board monitors testing.

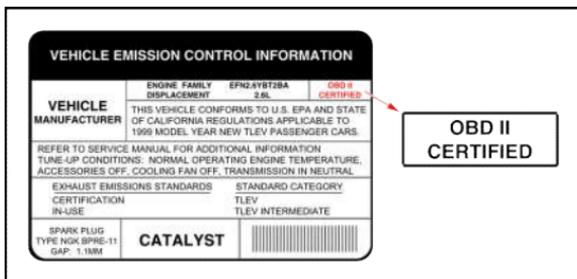
It can be connected to PC through the USB cable for upgrade to keep updated with the latest software version.

Note: CReader 3001 may automatically reset while being disturbed by strong static electricity. THIS IS A NORMAL REACTION.

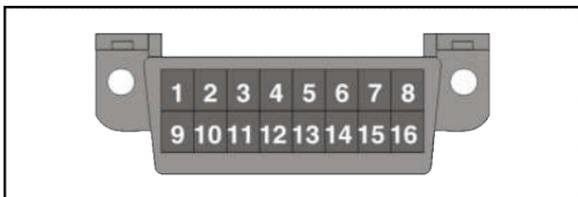
This tool is specially designed to work with all OBD 2 compliant vehicles, including Controller Area Network (CAN). It is required by EPA that all 1996 and newer vehicles (cars and light trucks) sold in the United States must be OBD 2 compliant and this includes all American, Asian and European vehicles.

A small number of 1994 and 1995 model year gasoline vehicles are OBD 2 compliant. To verify if a 1994 or 1995 vehicle is OBD 2 compliant, check the following:

1. **Vehicle Emissions Control Information (VECI) Label.** It is located under the hood or by the radiator of most vehicles. If the vehicle is OBD 2 compliant, the label will designate "OBD 11 Certified".



2. Government regulations mandate that all OBD 2 compliant vehicles **must** have a "common" 16-pin **Data Link Connector (DLC)**.



\*Note: Some 1994 and 1995 vehicles have 16-pin connectors but are not OBD2 compliant. Only those vehicles with a Vehicle Emissions Control Label stating “OBD 1I Certified” are OBD2 compliant.

## 2. General Information

### 2.1 On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) I

\*Note: With the exception of some 1994 and 1995 vehicles, most vehicles from 1982 to 1995 are equipped with some type of first generation On-Board Diagnostics.

Beginning in 1988, California's Air Resources Board (CARB), and later the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required vehicle manufacturers to include a self-diagnostic program in their on-board computers. The program would be capable of identifying emissions-related faults in a system. The first generation of Onboard Diagnostics came to be known as OBD 1.

OBD 1 is a set of self-testing and diagnostic instructions programmed into the vehicle's onboard computer. The programs are specifically designed to detect failures in the sensors, actuators, switches and wiring of the various vehicle emissions-related systems. If the computer detects a failure in any of these components or systems, it lights an indicator on the dashboard to alert the driver. The indicator lights only when an emissions-related problem is detected.

The computer also assigns a numeric code for each specific problem that it detects, and stores these codes in its memory for later retrieval. These codes can be retrieved from the computer's memory with the use of a "Code Reader" or a "Diagnostic Tool."

### 2.2 On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) II

As technology evolved and the desire to improve the On-Board Diagnostic system increased, a new generation of On-Board Diagnostic system was developed. This second generation of On-Board Diagnostic regulations is called "OBD 2".

In addition to performing all the functions of the OBD 1 System, the OBD 2 System has been enhanced with new Diagnostic Programs. These programs closely monitor the functions of various emissions-related components and systems (as well as other systems) and make this information readily available (with the proper equipment) to the technician for evaluation.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) conducted studies on OBD 1 equipped vehicles. The information that was gathered from these studies showed the following:

- A large number of vehicles had deteriorating or degraded emissions-related components. These components were causing an increase in emissions.
- Because OBD 1 systems only detect failed components, the degraded

components were not setting codes.

- Some emissions problems related to degraded components only occur when the vehicle is being driven under a load. The emission checks being conducted at the time were not performed under simulated driving conditions. As a result, a significant number of vehicles with degraded components were passing Emissions Tests.
- Codes, code definitions, diagnostic connectors, communication protocols and emissions terminology were different for each manufacturer. This caused confusion for the technicians working on different make and model vehicles.

To address the problems made evident by this study, CARB and the EPA passed new laws and standardization requirements. These laws required that vehicle manufacturers to equip their new vehicles with devices capable of meeting all of the new emissions standards and regulations. It was also decided that an enhanced on-board diagnostic system, capable of addressing all of these problems, was needed. This new system is known as "On-Board Diagnostics Generation Two (OBD 2)." The primary objective of the OBD 2 system is to comply with the latest regulations and emissions standards established by CARB and the EPA.

The Main Objectives of the OBD 2 System are:

- To detect degraded and/or failed emissions-related components or systems that could cause tailpipe emissions to exceed by 1.5 times the Federal Test Procedure (FTP) standard.
- To expand emissions-related system monitoring. This includes a set of computer run diagnostics called Monitors. Monitors perform diagnostics and testing to verify that all emissions-related components and/or systems are operating correctly and within the manufacturer's specifications.
- To use a standardized Diagnostic Link Connector (DLC) in all vehicles. (Before OBD 2, DLCs were of different shapes and sizes.)
- To standardize the code numbers, code definitions and language used to describe faults. (Before OBD 2, each vehicle manufacturer used their own code numbers, code definitions and language to describe the same faults.)
- To expand the operation of the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL).
- To standardize communication procedures and protocols between the diagnostic equipment (Diagnostic Tools, Code Readers, etc.) and the vehicle's on-board computer.

## 2.3 Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs)

OBD 2 Diagnostic Trouble Codes are codes that are stored by the on-board computer diagnostic system in response to a problem found in the vehicle. These codes identify a particular problem area and are intended to provide you with a guide as to where a fault might be occurring within a vehicle. **DO NOT** replace parts based only on DTCs without first consulting the vehicle's service manual for proper testing procedures for that particular system, circuit or component.

OBD 2 Diagnostic Trouble Codes consist of a five-digit alphanumeric code.

- The 1st character is a **letter** (B, C, P or U). It identifies the "main system" where the fault occurred (Body, Chassis, Powertrain, or Network).
- The 2nd character is a **numeric digit** (0 thru 3). It identifies the "type" of code (Generic or Manufacturer-Specific).

\*Notes: Generic DTCs are codes that are used by all vehicle manufacturers. The standards for generic DTCs, as well as their definitions, are set by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). Manufacturer-Specific DTCs are codes that are controlled by the vehicle manufacturers.

The Federal Government does not require vehicle manufacturers to go beyond the standardized generic DTCs in order to comply with the new OBD 2 emissions standards. However, manufacturers are free to expand beyond the standardized codes to make their systems easier to diagnose.

- The 3rd character is a letter or a **numeric digit** (0 thru 9, A thru F). It identifies the specific system or sub-system where the problem is located.
- The 4th and 5th characters are **letters** or **numeric digits** (0 thru 9, A thru F). They identify the section of the system that is malfunctioning.

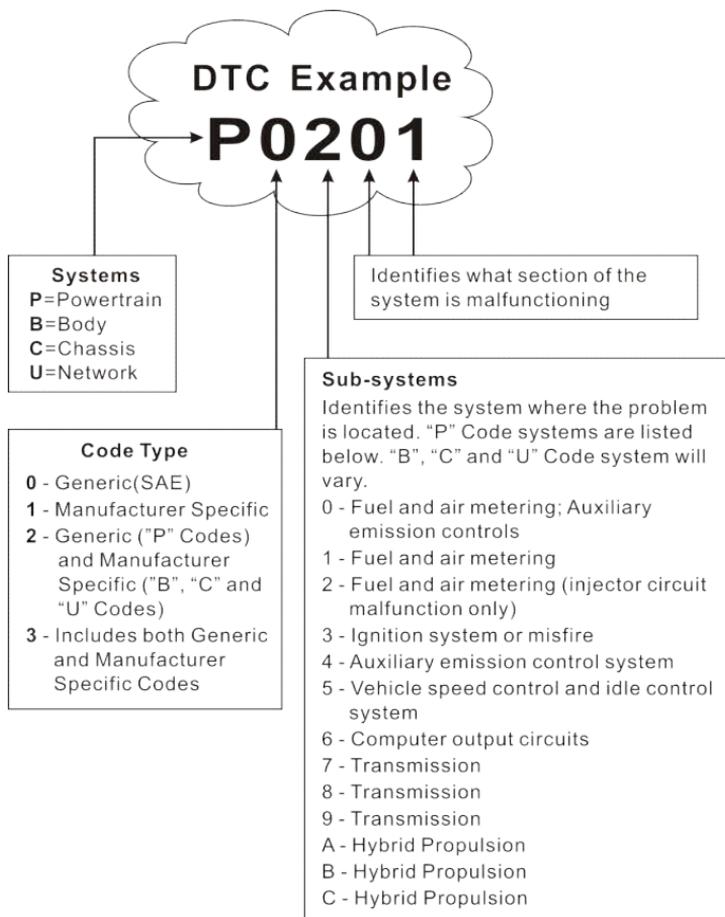


Figure 2-1

## 2.4 Location of the Data Link Connector (DLC)

The DLC (Data Link Connector or Diagnostic Link Connector) is typically a 16-pin connector where diagnostic code readers interface with the vehicle's on-board computer. The DLC is usually located 12 inches from the center of the instrument panel (dash), under or around the driver's side for most vehicles. If Data Link Connector is not located under dashboard, a label should be there telling location.

For some Asian and European vehicles, the DLC is located behind the ashtray and the ashtray must be removed to access the connector. If the DLC cannot be found, refer to the vehicle's service manual for the location.

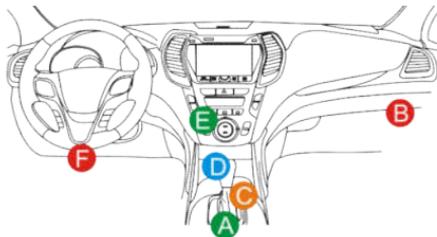


Figure 2-2

## 2.5 OBD 2 Terminology

The following terms and their definitions are related to OBD 2 systems. Read and reference this list as needed to aid in the understanding of OBD 2 systems.

**Powertrain Control Module (PCM)** -- The PCM is the OBD 2 accepted term for the vehicle's "on-board computer." In addition to controlling the engine management and emissions systems, the PCM also participates in controlling the powertrain (transmission) operation. Most PCMs also have the ability to communicate with other computers on the vehicle (ABS, ride control, body, etc.).

**Monitors** -- Monitors are "diagnostic routines" programmed into the PCM. The PCM utilizes these programs to run diagnostic tests, and to monitor operation of the vehicle's emissions-related components or systems to ensure they are operating correctly and within the vehicle's manufacturer specifications. Currently, up to fifteen Monitors are used in OBD 2 systems. Additional Monitors will be added as the OBD 2 system is further developed.

\*Note: Not all vehicles support all fifteen Monitors.

**Enabling Criteria** -- Also termed Enabling Conditions. They are the vehicle-specific events or conditions that must occur within the engine before the various monitors will set, or run. Some monitors require the vehicle to follow a prescribed "drive cycle" routine as part of the enabling criteria. Drive cycles vary among vehicles and for each monitor in any particular vehicle. Please refer to the vehicle's factory service manual for specific enabling procedures.

**Trip** - A Trip for a particular Monitor requires that the vehicle is being driven in such a way that all the required "Enabling Criteria" for the Monitor to run and

complete its diagnostic testing are met. The “Trip Drive Cycle” for a particular Monitor begins when the ignition key is turned “On.” It is successfully completed when all the “Enabling Criteria” for the Monitor to run and complete its diagnostic testing are met by the time the ignition key is turned “Off.” Since each of the fifteen monitors is designed to run diagnostics and testing on a different part of the engine or emissions system, the “Trip Drive Cycle” needed for each individual Monitor to run and complete varies.

**OBD 2 Drive Cycle** -- A specific mode of vehicle operation that provides conditions required to set all the readiness monitors applicable to the vehicle to the “ready” condition. The purpose of completing an OBD 2 drive cycle is to force the vehicle to run its onboard diagnostics. Some form of a drive cycle needs to be performed after DTCs have been erased from the PCM's memory or after the battery has been disconnected. Running through a vehicle's complete drive cycle will “set” the readiness monitors so that future faults can be detected. Drive cycles vary depending on the vehicle and the monitor that needs to be reset. For vehicle specific drive cycle, consult the service manual.

\*Note: Do not confuse a “Trip” Drive Cycle with an OBD 2 Drive Cycle. A “Trip” Drive Cycle provides the “Enabling Criteria” for one specific Monitor to run and complete its diagnostic testing. An OBD 2 Drive Cycle must meet the “Enabling Criteria” for all Monitors on a particular vehicle to run and complete their diagnostic testing.

**Warm-up Cycle** - Vehicle operation after an engine off period where engine temperature rises at least 40°F (22°C) from its temperature before starting, and reaches at least 160°F (70°C). The PCM uses warm-up cycles as a counter to automatically erase a specific code and related data from its memory. When no faults related to the original problem are detected within a specified number of warm-up cycles, the code is erased automatically.

**Fuel Trim (FT)** - Feedback adjustments to the base fuel schedule. Short-term fuel trim refers to dynamic or instantaneous adjustments. Long-term fuel trim refers to much more gradual adjustments to the fuel calibration schedule than short-term trim adjustments. These long-term adjustments compensate for vehicle differences and gradual changes that occur over time.

## 2.6 OBD II Monitors

An important part of a vehicle's OBD 2 system is the Readiness Monitors, which are indicators used to find out if all of the emissions components have been evaluated by the OBD 2 system. They are running periodic tests on specific systems and components to ensure that they are performing within allowable

limits.

Currently, fifteen Monitors are supported by OBD2 systems. Additional monitors may be added as a result of Government regulations as the OBD2 system grows and matures. Not all vehicles support all fifteen Monitors. Additionally, some Monitors are supported by “spark ignition” vehicles only, while others are supported by “compression ignition” vehicles only.

Monitor operation is either “Continuous” or “Non-Continuous,” depending on the specific monitor.

### 2.6.1 Continuous Monitors

Some of the vehicle components or systems are continuously tested by the vehicle's OBD 2 system, while others are tested only under specific vehicle operating conditions. The continuously monitored components listed below are always ready:

#### 1. Misfire Monitor

This Monitor continuously checks for engine misfires. A misfire occurs when the air-fuel mixture in the cylinder does not ignite. The misfire Monitor uses changes in crankshaft speed to sense an engine misfire. When a cylinder misfires, it no longer contributes to the speed of the engine, and engine speed decreases each time the affected cylinder(s) misfire. The misfire Monitor is designed to sense engine speed fluctuations and determine from which cylinder(s) the misfire is coming, as well as how bad the misfire is.

There are three types of engine misfires, Types 1, 2, and 3.

- Type 1 and Type 3 misfires are two-trip monitor faults. If a fault is sensed on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The MIL is not commanded on at this time. If the fault is found again on the second trip, under similar conditions of engine speed, load and temperature, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and the code is saved in its long term memory.
- Type 2 misfires are the most severe type of misfire. When a Type 2 misfire is sensed on the first trip, the computer commands the MIL to light when the misfire is sensed. If the computer determines that a Type 2 misfire is severe, and may cause catalytic converter damage, it commands the MIL to “flash” once per second as soon as the misfire is sensed. When the misfire is no longer present, the MIL reverts to steady “On” condition.

The Misfire Monitor is supported by both “spark ignition” vehicles and “compression ignition” vehicles.

## 2. Fuel System Monitor

This Monitor uses a Fuel System Correction program, called Fuel Trim, inside the on-board computer. Fuel Trim is a set of positive and negative values that represent adding or subtracting fuel from the engine. This program is used to correct for a lean (too much air/not enough fuel) or rich (too much fuel/not enough air) air-fuel mixture. The program is designed to add or subtract fuel, as needed, up to a certain percent. If the correction needed is too large and exceeds the time and percent allowed by the program, a fault is indicated by the computer.

The Fuel System Monitor is supported by both “spark ignition” vehicles and “compression ignition” vehicles. The Fuel System Monitor may be a “One-Trip” or “Two-Trip” Monitor, depending on the severity of the problem.

## 3. Comprehensive Components Monitor (CCM)

This Monitor continuously checks all inputs and outputs from sensors, actuators, switches and other devices that provide a signal to the computer. The Monitor checks for shorts, opens, out of range value, functionality and “rationality\* (See Note).”

\*Note: Rationality: Each input signal is compared against all other inputs and against information in the computer's memory to see if it makes sense under the current operating conditions.

Example: The signal from the throttle position sensor indicates the vehicle is in a wide-open throttle condition, but the vehicle is really at idle, and the idle condition is confirmed by the signals from all other sensors. Based on the input data, the computer determines that the signal from the throttle position sensor is not rational (does not make sense when compared to the other inputs). In this case, the signal would fail the rationality test.

The CCM is supported by both “spark ignition” vehicles and “compression ignition” vehicles. The CCM may be either a “One-Trip” or a “Two-Trip” Monitor, depending on the component.

### 2.6.2 Non-Continuous Monitors

The other twelve Monitors are “non-continuous” Monitors. “Non-continuous” Monitors perform and complete their testing once per trip. The “non-continuous” Monitors are:

#### 1. O<sub>2</sub> Sensor Monitor

The Oxygen Sensor monitors how much oxygen is in the vehicle's exhaust. It

generates a varying voltage of up to one volt, based on how much oxygen is in the exhaust gas, and sends the signal to the computer. The computer uses this signal to make corrections to the air/fuel mixture. If the exhaust gas has a large amount of oxygen (a lean air/fuel mixture), the oxygen sensor generates a "low" voltage signal. If the exhaust gas has very little oxygen (a rich mixture condition), the oxygen sensor generates a "high" voltage signal. A 450mV signal indicates the most efficient, and least polluting, air/fuel ratio of 14.7 parts of air to one part of fuel.

The oxygen sensor must reach a temperature of at least 600-650°F, and the engine must reach normal operating temperature, for the computer to enter into closed-loop operation.

The oxygen sensor only functions when the computer is in closed-loop. A properly operating oxygen sensor reacts quickly to any change in oxygen content in the exhaust stream. A faulty oxygen sensor reacts slowly, or its voltage signal is weak or missing.

The Oxygen Sensor Monitor is supported by "spark ignition" vehicles only. The Oxygen Sensor Monitor is a "Two-Trip" monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL "On," and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## **2. O2 Sensor Heater Monitor**

The Oxygen Sensor Heater Monitor tests the operation of the oxygen sensor's heater. There are two modes of operation on a computer-controlled vehicle: "open-loop" and "closed-loop." The vehicle operates in open-loop when the engine is cold, before it reaches normal operating temperature. The vehicle also goes to open-loop mode at other times, such as heavy load and full throttle conditions. When the vehicle is running in open-loop, the oxygen sensor signal is ignored by the computer for air/fuel mixture corrections. Engine efficiency during open-loop operation is very low, and results in the production of more vehicle emissions.

Closed-loop operation is the best condition for both vehicle emissions and vehicle operation. When the vehicle is operating in closed-loop, the computer uses the oxygen sensor signal for air/fuel mixture corrections.

In order for the computer to enter closed-loop operation, the oxygen sensor must reach a temperature of at least 600°F. The oxygen sensor heater helps the oxygen sensor reach and maintain its minimum operating temperature (600°F)

more quickly, to bring the vehicle into closed-loop operation as soon as possible. The Oxygen Sensor Heater Monitor is supported by “spark ignition” vehicles only. The Oxygen Sensor Heater Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

### **3. Catalyst Monitor**

The catalytic converter is a device that is installed downstream of the exhaust manifold. It helps to oxidize (burn) the unburned fuel (hydrocarbons) and partially burned fuel (carbon monoxide) left over from the combustion process. To accomplish this, heat and catalyst materials inside the converter react with the exhaust gases to burn the remaining fuel. Some materials inside the catalytic converter also have the ability to store oxygen, and release it as needed to oxidize hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide. In the process, it reduces vehicle emissions by converting the polluting gases into carbon dioxide and water.

The computer checks the efficiency of the catalytic converter by monitoring the oxygen sensors used by the system. One sensor is located before (upstream of) the converter; the other is located after (downstream of) the converter. If the catalytic converter loses its ability to store oxygen, the downstream sensor signal voltage becomes almost the same as the upstream sensor signal. In this case, the monitor fails the test.

The Catalyst Monitor is supported by “spark ignition” vehicles only. The Catalyst Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

### **4. Heated Catalyst Monitor**

Operation of the “heated” catalytic converter is similar to the catalytic converter. The main difference is that a heater is added to bring the catalytic converter to its operating temperature more quickly. This helps reduce emissions by reducing the converter’s down time when the engine is cold. The Heated Catalyst Monitor performs the same diagnostic tests as the catalyst Monitor, and also tests the catalytic converter’s heater for proper operation.

The Heated Catalyst Monitor is supported by “spark ignition” vehicles only. This Monitor is also a “Two-Trip” Monitor.

## 5. EGR (Exhaust Gas Recirculation) System Monitor

The Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) system helps reduce the formation of Oxides of Nitrogen during combustion. Temperatures above 2500°F cause nitrogen and oxygen to combine and form Oxides of Nitrogen in the combustion chamber. To reduce the formation of Oxides of Nitrogen, combustion temperatures must be kept below 2500°F. The EGR system recirculates small amounts of exhaust gas back into the intake manifold, where it is mixed with the incoming air/fuel mixture. This reduces combustion temperatures by up to 500°F. The computer determines when, for how long, and how much exhaust gas is recirculated back to the intake manifold. The EGR Monitor performs EGR system function tests at preset times during vehicle operation.

The EGR Monitor is supported by both “spark ignition” vehicles and “compression ignition” vehicles. The EGR Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 6. EVAP System Monitor

OBD2 vehicles are equipped with a fuel Evaporative system (EVAP) that helps prevent fuel vapors from evaporating into the air. The EVAP system carries fumes from the fuel tank to the engine where they are burned during combustion. The EVAP system may consist of a charcoal canister, fuel tank cap, purge solenoid, vent solenoid, flow monitor, leak detector and connecting tubes, lines and hoses.

Fumes are carried from the fuel tank to the charcoal canister by hoses or tubes. The fumes are stored in the charcoal canister. The computer controls the flow of fuel vapors from the charcoal canister to the engine via a purge solenoid. The computer energizes or deenergizes the purge solenoid (depending on solenoid design). The purge solenoid opens a valve to allow engine vacuum to draw the fuel vapors from the canister into the engine where the vapors are burned. The EVAP Monitor checks for proper fuel vapor flow to the engine, and pressurizes the system to test for leaks. The computer runs this Monitor once per trip.

The EVAP Monitor is supported by “spark ignition” vehicles only. The EVAP Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the PCM commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 7. Secondary Air System Monitor

When a cold engine is first started, it runs in open-loop mode. During open-loop operation, the engine usually runs rich. A vehicle running rich wastes fuel and creates increased emissions, such as carbon monoxide and some hydrocarbons. A Secondary Air System injects air into the exhaust stream to aid catalytic converter operation:

- It supplies the catalytic converter with the oxygen it needs to oxidize the carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons left over from the combustion process during engine warmup.
- The extra oxygen injected into the exhaust stream also helps the catalytic converter reach operating temperature more quickly during warm-up periods. The catalytic converter must heat to operating temperature to work properly.

The Secondary Air System Monitor checks for component integrity and system operation, and tests for faults in the system. The computer runs this Monitor once per trip.

The Secondary Air System Monitor is a “Two-Trip” monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves this fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

\*Note: The following Monitors became standard beginning in 2010. The majority of vehicles produced before this time will not support these Monitors.

## 8. NMHC (Non-Methane Hydrocarbon Catalyst) Monitor

The non-methane hydrocarbon catalyst is a type of catalytic converter. It helps to remove non-methane hydrocarbons (NMH) left over from the combustion process from the exhaust stream. To accomplish this, heat and catalyst materials react with the exhaust gases to convert NMH to less harmful compounds. The computer checks the efficiency of the catalyst by monitoring the quantity of NMH in the exhaust stream. The monitor also verifies that sufficient temperature is present to aid in particulate matter (PM) filter regeneration.

The NMHC Monitor is supported by “compression ignition” vehicles only. The NMHC Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 9. NOx Adsorber Monitor

NOx aftertreatment is based on a catalytic converter support that has been coated with a special washcoat containing zeolites. NOx Aftertreatment is designed to reduce oxides of nitrogen emitted in the exhaust stream. The zeolite acts as a molecular "sponge" to trap the NO and NO<sub>2</sub> molecules in the exhaust stream. In some implementations, injection of a reactant before the aftertreatment purges it. NO<sub>2</sub> in particular is unstable, and will join with hydrocarbons to produce H<sub>2</sub>O and N<sub>2</sub>. The NOx Aftertreatment Monitor monitors the function of the NOx aftertreatment to ensure that tailpipe emissions remain within acceptable limits.

The NOx Aftertreatment Monitor is supported by "compression ignition" vehicles only. The NOx Aftertreatment Monitor is a "Two-Trip" Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL "On," and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 10. Boost Pressure System Monitor

The boost pressure system serves to increase the pressure produced inside the intake manifold to a level greater than atmospheric pressure. This increase in pressure helps to ensure complete combustion of the air-fuel mixture. The Boost Pressure System Monitor checks for component integrity and system operation, and tests for faults in the system. The computer runs this Monitor once per trip.

The Boost Pressure System Monitor is supported by "compression ignition" vehicles only. The Boost Pressure System Monitor is a "Two-Trip" Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL "On," and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 11. Exhaust Gas Sensor Monitor

The exhaust gas sensor is used by a number of systems/monitors to determine the content of the exhaust stream. The computer checks for component integrity, system operation, and tests for faults in the system, as well as feedback faults that may affect other emission control systems.

The Exhaust Gas Sensor Monitor is supported by "compression ignition" vehicles only. The Exhaust Gas Sensor Monitor is a "Two-Trip" Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL "On,"

and saves the code in its long-term memory.

## 12. PM Filter Monitor

The particulate matter (PM) filter removes particulate matter from the exhaust stream by filtration. The filter has a honeycomb structure similar to a catalyst substrate, but with the channels blocked at alternate ends. This forces the exhaust gas to flow through the walls between the channels, filtering the particulate matter out. The filters are self-cleaning by periodic modification of the exhaust gas concentration in order to burn off the trapped particles (oxidizing the particles to form CO<sub>2</sub> and water). The computer monitors the efficiency of the filter in trapping particulate matter, as well as the ability of the filter to regenerate (self-clean).

The PM Filter Monitor is supported by “compression ignition” vehicles only. The PM Filter Monitor is a “Two-Trip” Monitor. If a fault is found on the first trip, the computer temporarily saves the fault in its memory as a Pending Code. The computer does not command the MIL on at this time. If the fault is sensed again on the second trip, the computer commands the MIL “On,” and saves the code in its long-term memory.

### 2.6.3 OBD 2 Reference Table

The table below lists current OBD 2 Monitors, and indicates the following for each Monitor:

- A. Monitor Type (how often does the Monitor run; Continuous or Once per trip).
- B. Number of trips needed, with a fault present, to set a pending DTC.
- C. Number of consecutive trips needed, with a fault present, to command the MIL “On” and store a DTC.
- D. Number of trips needed, with no faults present, to erase a Pending DTC.
- E. Number and type of trips or drive cycles needed, with no faults present, to turn off the MIL.
- F. Number of warm-up periods needed to erase the DTC from the computer's memory after the MIL is turned off.

Name of Monitor	A	B	C	D	E	F
CCM	Continuous	1	2	1	3	40
Misfire Monitor (Type 1 and 3)	Continuous	1	2	1	3 - similar conditions	80
Misfire Monitor (Type 2)	Continuous	1	1	1	3 - similar conditions	80
Fuel System Monitor	Continuous	1	1 or 2	1	3 - similar conditions	80
Catalytic Converter Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
O2 Sensor Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
O2 Sensor Heater Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
EGR Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
EVAP system Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
Secondary Air System Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
NMHC Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
Nox Adsorber Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
Boost Pressure System Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40

Exhaust Gas Sensor Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40
PM Filter Monitor	Once per trip	1	2	1	3 trips	40

## 2.7 DTCs and MIL Status

When the vehicle's on-board computer detects a failure in an emissions-related component or system, the computer's internal diagnostic program assigns a diagnostic trouble code (DTC) that points to the system (and subsystem) where the fault was found. The diagnostic program saves the code in the computer's memory. It records a "Freeze Frame" of conditions present when the fault was found, and lights the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL). Some faults require detection for two trips in a row before the MIL is turned on.

\*Note: The "Malfunction Indicator Lamp" (MIL) is the accepted term used to describe the lamp on the dashboard that lights to warn the driver that an emissions-related fault has been found. Some manufacturers may still call this lamp a "Check Engine" or "Service Engine Soon" light.

There are two types of DTCs used for emissions-related faults: Type "A" and Type "B." Type "A" codes are "One-Trip" codes; Type "B" DTCs are usually Two-Trip DTCs.

- When a **Type "A"** DTC is found on the First Trip, the following events take place:
- The computer commands the MIL "On" when the failure is first found.
- If the failure causes a severe misfire that may cause damage to the catalytic converter, the MIL "flashes" **once per second**. The MIL continues to flash as long as the condition exists. If the condition that caused the MIL to flash is no longer present, the MIL will light "steady" On.
- A DTC is saved in the computer's memory for later retrieval.
- A "Freeze Frame" of the conditions present in the engine or emissions system when the MIL was ordered "On" is saved in the computer's memory for later retrieval. This information shows fuel system status (closed loop or open loop), engine load, coolant temperature, fuel trim value, MAP vacuum, engine RPM and DTC priority.

When a **Type "B"** DTC is found on the First Trip, the following events take place:

- The computer sets a Pending DTC, but the MIL is not ordered "On." "Freeze Frame" data may or may not be saved at this time depending on manufacturer. The Pending DTC is saved in the computer's memory for later retrieval.
- If the failure is found on the second consecutive trip, the MIL is ordered "On." "Freeze Frame" data is saved in the computer's memory.
- If the failure is not found on the second Trip, the Pending DTC is erased from the computer's memory.

The MIL will stay lit for both Type "A" and Type "B" codes until one of the following conditions occurs:

- If the conditions that caused the MIL to light are no longer present for the next three trips in a row, the computer automatically turns the MIL "Off" if no other emissions-related faults are present. However, the DTCs remain in the computer's memory as a history code for 40 warm-up cycles (80 warm-up cycles for fuel and misfire faults). The DTCs are automatically erased if the fault that caused them to be set is not detected again during that period.
- Misfire and fuel system faults require three trips with "similar conditions" before the MIL is turned "Off." These are trips where the engine load, RPM and temperature are similar to the conditions present when the fault was first found.

\*Note: After the MIL has been turned off, DTCs and Freeze Frame data stay in the computer's memory.

- Erasing the DTCs from the computer's memory can also turn off the MIL. If a Diagnostic Tool or Scan Tool is used to erase the codes, Freeze Frame data will also be erased.

### 3. Product Descriptions

#### 3.1 Outline of CReader 3001



No.	Name	Descriptions
1	<b>OBD-16 connector</b>	To connect to the vehicle's DLC (Data Link Connector).
2	<b>OK key</b>	To confirm the current operation.
3	<b>↶ key</b>	Back to the previous page.
4	<b>USB port</b>	To connect to PC for system update via USB cable.
5	<b>▼ key</b>	Move cursor up for selection. Or skip to the previous page when more than one page is displayed.
6	<b>▲ key</b>	Move cursor down for selection. Or skip to the next page when more than one page is displayed.
7	<b>LCD</b>	Indicates test results.

### 3.2 Specifications

- Screen: 1.77" color LCD
- Input voltage range: 9~18V
- Working temperature: 0 to 50°C
- Storage temperature: -20 to 70°C
- External Dimension: 118\*68\*22.3 mm
- Weight: <200g

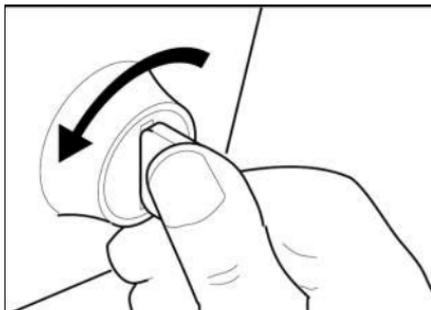
### 3.3 Accessories

1. CReader 3001 handset
2. Quick Start Guide
3. USB cable

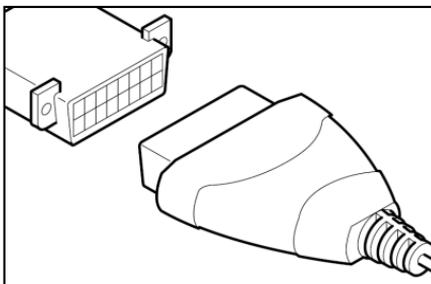
## 4. Connection

### 4.1 Preparation & Connection

1. Turn the ignition off.



2. Locate vehicle's DLC socket: Refer to Chapter 2.2 for the location.
3. Plug the other end of the diagnostic cable into the vehicle's DLC.



#### \*Notes:

- A plastic DLC cover may be found for some vehicles and you need to remove it before plugging the diagnostic cable.
  - The cable connector is keyed and will only fit one way. If you have problems connecting the cable connector to the DLC, rotate the connector 180° and try again.
4. Turn the ignition on. Engine can be off or running.
  5. After finishing, the system will start initializing. After initialization, the system will enter the main menu interface.



\*CAUTION: Don't connect or disconnect any test equipment with ignition on or engine running.

## 4.2 Settings

Select [Tool Setup] in the Main menu and press [OK], the system will enter the tool setup screen.

### 1) Language

This option enables you to set the user interface language.

Note: Due to continuous software upgrade, language interface may differ from different software versions.

### 2) Unit of Measure

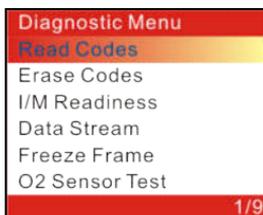
This option allows you to set measurement unit.

## 5. Diagnose

After the tool is properly connected to the vehicle's DLC, select [Diagnose] in Main Menu and press [OK]. The tool will automatically start a check of the vehicle's computer to determine which type of communication protocol it is using. When the tool identifies the computer's communication protocol, a communication link is established and then the screen will display the Monitor Status.

\*Note: A PROTOCOL is a set of rules and procedures for regulating data transmission between computers, and between testing equipment and computers. Now five different types of protocols (ISO 9141, Keyword 2000, J1850 PWM, J1850 VPW and CAN) are in use by vehicle manufacturers.

On the Monitor Status screen, press [OK], a screen similar to the following figure will appear:



It mainly includes the following functions:

### **1. Read Codes**

This option is used to identify which section of the emission control system has malfunctioned.

\*Note: Never replace a part based only on the DTC definition. Each DTC has a set of testing procedures, instructions and flow charts that must be followed to confirm the location of the problem. This information is found in the vehicle's service manual. Always refer to the vehicle's service manual for detailed testing instructions.

### **2. Erase Codes**

After reading the retrieved codes from the vehicle and certain repairs have been carried out, you can use this function to erase the codes from the vehicle. Before performing this function, please be sure the vehicle's ignition key is in the ON position with the engine off.

\*Notes:

- Before performing this function, make sure to retrieve and record the trouble codes.
- After clearing, you should retrieve trouble codes once more or turn ignition on and retrieve codes again. If there are still some trouble codes in the system, please troubleshoot the code using a factory diagnosis guide, then clear the code and recheck.

### **3. I/M Readiness**

I/M refers to Inspection and Maintenance that is legislated by the Government to meet federal clean-air standards. I/M Readiness indicates whether or not the various emissions-related systems on the vehicle are operating properly and are ready for Inspection and Maintenance testing.

The purpose of the I/M Readiness Monitor Status is to indicate which of the vehicle's Monitors have run and completed their diagnosis and testing, and which ones have not yet run and completed testing and diagnosis of their designated sections of the vehicle's emissions system.

The I/M Readiness Monitor Status function also can be used (after repair of a fault has been performed) to confirm that the repair has been performed correctly, and/or to check for Monitor Run Status.

### **4. Data Stream**

This option retrieves and displays live data and parameters from the vehicle's ECU.

### **5. View Freeze Frame**

When an emission-related fault occurs, certain vehicle conditions are recorded by the on-board computer. This information is referred to as freeze frame data. Freeze Data is a snapshot of the operating conditions at the time of an emission-related fault.

\*Note: if DTCs were erased, Freeze Data may not be stored in vehicle memory depending on vehicle.

### **6. O2 sensor test**

OBID2 regulations require that applicable vehicles monitor and test operation of the oxygen (O2) sensors to identify problems that can affect fuel efficiency and vehicle emissions. These tests are performed automatically when engine

operating conditions are within predefined limits. Results of these tests are stored in the on-board computer's memory.

The O2 Sensor Test function lets you retrieve and view O2 sensor monitor test results for the most recently completed tests from your vehicle's on-board computer.

### **7. On-board monitor test**

The OBD Monitor Test function retrieves and displays test results for emission-related powertrain components and systems that are not continuously monitored. The tests available are determined by the vehicle manufacturer.

### **8. EVAP System Test**

The EVAP test function lets you initiate a leak test for the vehicle's EVAP system. This tool does not perform the leak test, but signals to vehicle's on-board computer to initiate the test. The vehicle manufacturer determines the criteria and method for stopping the test once it has been started. Before using the system test function, refer to the vehicle's service repair manual to determine the procedures necessary to stop the test.

### **9. Vehicle Info**

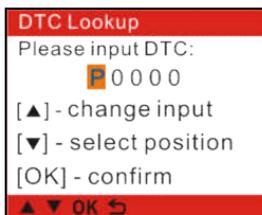
Select [Vehicle Info] from the Diagnostic Menu and press [OK], the tool will retrieve a list of information (provided by the vehicle manufacturer) from the vehicle's on-board computer. This information may include:

- **VIN** (Vehicle identification Number). It is applicable to model year 2000 and newer OBD2-compliant vehicles.
- **CID** (Calibration ID). These IDs uniquely identify the software version(s) for the vehicle's control module(s).
- **CVN** (Calibration Verification Number). CVNs are used to CVNs are used to determine if emission-related calibrations for the vehicle under test have been changed. One or more CVNs may be returned by the vehicle's computer.

## 6. DTC Lookup

This menu enables you to view the detailed definition of the retrieved DTC.

Select [DTC Lookup] in the Main Menu and press [OK], the screen will display the interface as shown below:



Press [▲] to alter the value. Press [▼] to switch to different position. After you input the DTC, press [OK] to view its detailed definition of the DTC. After viewing the definition, press [↵] to return to the Main Menu.

## 7. Help

This menu enables you to view the tool information and the OBD introduction. Select [Help] in the Main menu and then press [OK] to enter the submenu screen. It includes the following options:

**About OBD:** Relevant introduction information about OBD.

**About Data stream:** Relevant introduction information about Data stream.

**About I/M:** Introduces the full name and detailed definition of each I/M monitor.

**Tool Information:** Displays the related information of your tool.

## 8. Register & Update

### Hardware Requirement:

A computer that can access the Internet.

Follow the steps described as below to perform the registration and update:

1. Go to <http://www.x431.com/CR3001> to enter the product details page.
2. Click "Update Tool" to download it.
3. Decompress and install it on your PC (compatible with Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows 8 & Windows 10).
4. After installation, connect one end of the USB cable to the USB port of PC, and the other end to the tool.
5. Once the tool is powered up, launch the update tool on your computer, the system starts reading the tool. Once it obtains the tool information, it will directly navigate to the update center.
6. Click [Upgrade] to start updating until the update is complete.

## 9. FAQ

Here we list some frequently asked questions and answers related to this tool.

Question: System halts when reading data stream. What is the reason?

Answer: It may be caused by a slackened connector. Please turn off the tool, firmly connect the connector, and switch it on again.

Question: Screen of main unit flashes at engine ignition start.

Answer: Caused by electromagnetic disturbing, and this is normal phenomenon.

Question: There is no response when communicating with on-board computer.

Answer: Please confirm the proper voltage of power supply and check if the throttle has been closed, the transmission is in the neutral position, and the water is in proper temperature.

Question: Why are there so many fault codes?

Answer: Usually, it's caused by poor connection or fault circuit grounding.

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## **Order Information**

Replaceable and optional parts can be ordered directly from your LAUNCH authorized tool supplier. Your order should include the following information:

- Quantity
- Part number
- Item description

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