

350+ Automotive Acronyms

- A -

- **AB** - Air Bleed
- **ABDC** - After Bottom Dead Center
- **ABPV** or **ABV** - Air Bypass Valve
- **ABS** - Anti-lock Brake System
- **AC** - Alternating Current
- **A/C** - Air Conditioner or Air Conditioning
- **ACCC** - A/C Compressor Clutch
- **ACCCS** - A/C Clutch Cycling Switch
- **ACL BI-Met** - Air Cleaner Bimetal sensor
- **ACL DV** - Air Cleaner Duct and Valve Vacuum motor
- **ACT** - Air Charge Temperature sensor
- **ACV** - Air Control Valve
- **ADS** - Association of Diesel Specialists
- **AEA** - Automotive Electric Association
- **AERA** - Automotive Engine Rebuilders Association
- **A/F** - Air/fuel
- **AFB** - Aluminum Four-Barrel (carburetor)
- **AFC** - Air-Flow Controlled
- **AFR** - Air/fuel ratio
- **AFS** - Air Flow Sensor
- **AI** - Air Injection
- **AICV** - Air Injection Check Valve

- **AIR-CHV** - Air Check Valve
- **AIR-DV** - Air Diverter Valve
- **AIR-IVV** - Air Idle Vacuum Valve
- **AIS** - Air Injection System
- **AIS** - Automatic Idle Speed Motor
- **AIV** - Air Injection Valve
- **AMGV** - Air Management Valve
- **AMS** - Air Management System
- **ANTBV** - Anti-Backfire valve
- **APDV** - Air Pump Diverter Valve
- **API** - American Petroleum Institute
- **AS** - Airflow Sensor
- **ASC** - Automatic Stability Control
- **ASE** - Automotive Service Excellence
- **ASIA** - Automotive Service Industry Association
- **ASME** - American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- **ASRV** - Air Switching Relief Valve
- **ASS** - Air Switching Solenoid
- **ASV** - Air Switching Valve
- **ATA** - American Trucking Association
- **ATF** - Automatic transmission fluid
- **ATS** - Air Temperature Sensor
- **AWD** - All-wheel-drive

- B -

- **BBDC** - Before Bottom Dead Center
- **BCDD** - Boost-Controlled Deceleration Device

- **BCI** - Battery Council International
- **BDC** - Bottom dead center
- **Bhp** - Brake horsepower
- **BHS** - Bi-Metal Heat Sensor
- **BMAP** - Barometric and Manifold Absolute Pressure sensor
- **BP** - Barometric Pressure sensor
- **BPA** - By-Pass Air solenoid
- **BPEGR** - Backpressure EGR
- **BPS** - Barometric Pressure Sensor
- **BTU** - British Thermal Unit
- **BV** - Bowl Vent port
- **BVT** - Backpressure Variable Transducer

- C -

- **C-3** - Computer Command Control system
- **C-4** - Computer Controlled Catalytic Converter system
- **CAM** - Choke Air Modulator switch
- **CANP** - Canister Purge solenoid
- **CAS** - Cleaner Air System
- **CAT** - Catalytic Converter
- **CAV** - Coasting Air Valve
- **CBVV** - Carburetor Bowl Vent Valve
- **CC** - Catalytic Converter
- **CCC** - Computer Command Control; Converter Clutch Control solenoid
- **CCEGR** - Coolant Controlled Exhaust Gas Recirculation
- **CCEVS** - Coolant Controlled Engine Vacuum Switch
- **CCIE** - Coolant Controlled Idle Enrichment

- **CCO** - Converter Clutch Override
- **CCS** - Controlled Combustion System
- **CCT** - Computer Controlled Timing
- **CCV** - Closed Crankcase Ventilation system
- **CEC** - Combined Emission Control system; Computerized Emission Control system; Combination Emission Control
- **CES** - Clutch Engine Switch
- **CI** - Cubic Inches
- **CID** - Cubic Inch Displacement
- **CIS** - Continuous Injection System
- **CKV** - Check Valve
- **CLC** - Converter Lock-up Clutch
- **CO** - Carbon Monoxide
- **CO2** - Carbon Dioxide
- **COC** - Conventional Oxidation Catalyst
- **CP** - Crankshaft Position sensor
- **CPRV** - Canister Purge Regulator Valve
- **CPS** - Canister Purge Solenoid
- **CPV** - Canister Purge Valve
- **CRV** - Coasting Richener Valve
- **CSOV** - Canister purge Shut Off Valve
- **CSSA** - Cold Start Spark Advance system
- **CSSH** - Cold Start Spark Hold system
- **CTAV** - Cold Temperature Activated Vacuum
- **CTO** - Coolant Temperature Override switch
- **CTS** - Coolant Temperature Sensor; Coolant Temperature Switch
- **CTVS** - Choke Thermal Vacuum Switch

- **CV** - Check Valve
- **CWM** - Cold Weather Modulator

- D -

- **DBC** - Dual-Bed Catalytic Converter
- **DC** - Direct current
- **DEFI** - Digital Electronic Fuel Injection
- **DFS** - Deceleration Fuel Shut-off
- **DIS** - Distributorless Ignition System
- **DLV** - Delay Valve
- **DP** - Dashpot
- **DPDT** - A double-pole, double-throw switch
- **DPST** - A double-pole, single-throw switch
- **DRB II** - Diagnostic Readout Box II
- **DS** - Detonation Sensor See knock sensor
- **DSAV** - Deceleration Spark Advance system
- **DV** - Delay Valve
- **DVOM** - Digital Volt-Ohmmeter
- **DVTRV** - Diverter Valv

- E -

- **ECA** - Electronic Control Assembly
- **ECC** - Electronic Controlled Carburetor
- **ECM** - Electronic Control Module
- **ECS** - Evaporation Control System
- **ECT** - Engine Coolant Temperature sensor
- **ECU** - Electronic Control Unit

- **EDIS** - Electronic Distributorless Ignition System
- **EDM** - Electronic Distributor Modulator
- **EEC** - Evaporative Emission Controls
- **EEC/EEC-I/EEC-II/EEC-III/EEC-IV** - Electronic Engine Control systems
- **EEGR** - Electronic EGR valve
- **EFC** - Electronic Feedback Carburetor; Electronic Fuel Control
- **EFE** - Early Fuel Evaporation
- **EFE TVS** - EFE Thermal Vacuum Switch
- **EFI** - Electronic Fuel Injection
- **EGO** - Exhaust Gas Oxygen sensor
- **EGR-EPV** - EGR External Pressure Valve
- **EGR-EVR** - EGR Electronic Vacuum Regulator
- **EGR-FDLV** - EGR Forward Delay Valve
- **EGR-RSR** - EGR Reservoir
- **EGR-S/O** - EGR Shut-Off
- **EGR-TVS** - EGR Thermal Vacuum Switch
- **EGRV** - EGR Vent solenoid
- **EGR-VCV** - EGR Vacuum Control Valve
- **EGR-VSOL** - EGR Vacuum Solenoid
- **EGR-VVA** - EGR Venturi Vacuum Amplifier
- **EHCV** - Exhaust Heat Control Valve
- **EIS** - Electronic Ignition System
- **ELB** - Electronic Lean Burn
- **EMF** - Electromotive Force, or Electromagnetic Frequency
- **EPA** - Environmental Protection Agency
- **EPC** - Electronic Pressure Control

- **EPR-SOL** - Exhaust Pressure Regulator Solenoid
- **EPR-VLV** - Exhaust Pressure Regulator Valve
- **ERS** - Engine Rpm Sensor
- **ESC** - Electronic Spark Control system
- **ESS** - Engine Speed Sensor
- **ESSM** - Engine Speed Switch Module
- **EST** - Electronic Spark Timing system
- **ETC** - Electronic Throttle Control
- **EVAP** - Evaporative emission control system
- **EVCR** - Emission Vacuum Control Regulator
- **EVP** - EGR Valve Position sensor
- **EVR** - EGR Vacuum Regulator

- F -

- **FAP** - Forced Air Pre-heat system
- **FBC** - Feedback Carburetor system
- **FBCA** - Feedback Carburetor Actuator
- **FCS** - Feedback Carburetor Solenoid; Feedback Control System; Fuel Control Solenoid; Fuel Control System
- **FCV** - Fuel Cut-off Valve
- **FI** - Fuel Injection
- **FVEC** - Fuel Vapor Emission Control
- **FVR** - Fuel Vapor Recovery system

- H -

- **HAC** - High altitude compensator
- **HAEC** - High Altitude Emission Control system

- **HAI** - Heated Air Inlet system
- **HC** - Hydrocarbon
- **HCV** - Heat control valve
- **HEGO** - Heated EGO sensor
- **HEI** - High Energy Ignition
- **HSC** - High Swirl Combustion chamber

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- **IAC** - Idle Air Control
- **IAS** - Inlet Air Solenoid Valve
- **IAT** - Intake Air Temperature
- **IBP** - Integral Back Pressure
- **ICM** - Ignition Control Module
- **ID** - Inside diameter
- **IGN** - Ignition
- **IHP** - Indicated Horsepower
- **IMVC** - Intake Manifold Vacuum Control
- **INJ** - Injector
- **INJ GND** - Injector Ground
- **ISS** - Idle Stop Solenoid
- **ITC** - Ignition Timing Control system
- **ITS** - Idle Tracking Switch
- **IVV** - Idle Vacuum Valve

- J -

- **JAS** - Jet Air Stream

- **JCAV** - Jet-Controlled Air Valve
- **JVS** - Jet Valve System

- K -

- **KAM** - Keep Alive Memory
- **KNK** - Knock Sensor
- **KS** - Knock Sensor

- M -

- **MAF** - Mass Air Flow Sensor
- **MAJC** - Main Air Jet Control
- **MAT** - Manifold Absolute Temperature Sensor
- **MCS** - Mixture Control System
- **MCT** - Manifold Charge Temperature Sensor
- **MCU** - Microprocessor Control Unit
- **MEC** - Motronic Engine Control
- **MECS** - Mazda Equipped Control System
- **MEMA** - Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association
- **MEWA** - Motor and Equipment Wholesalers Association
- **MFI** - Mechanical Fuel Injection, or Multi-port Fuel Injection
- **MHCV** - Manifold Heat Control Valve
- **MIL** - Malfunction Indicator Light
- **MPFI** - Multi-Point Fuel Injection
- **MTA** - Managed Thermactor Air
- **MVMA** - Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association

- N -

- **NADA** - National Automobile Dealers Association
- **NAPA** - National Automotive Parts Association

- O -

- **OC** - Oxidation Catalyst
- **OHV** - Overhead Valve
- **OS** - Oxygen sensor
- **OSAC** - Orifice Spark Advance Control
- **OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- **OTVS** - Oil Thermal Vacuum Switch
- **OXS** - Oxygen Sensor system

- P -

- **PA** - Pulse Air
- **PACV** - Pulse Air Check Valve
- **PAF** - Pulse Air Feeder
- **PAI** - Pulse Air Injection
- **PAS** - Pulse Air System
- **PCOV** - Purge Control Valve
- **PCV** - Positive Crankcase Ventilation system
- **PCVS** - PCV Solenoid
- **PCVV** - Positive Crankcase Ventilation Valve
- **PECV** - Power Enrichment Control Valve
- **PFE** - Pressure Feedback EGR sensor
- **PFI** - Port Fuel Injection
- **PIP** - Profile Ignition Pickup
- **PROM** - Programmable Read-Only Memory

- **PSOV** - Canister Purge Shut-Off Valve
- **PSPS** - Power Steering Pressure Switch
- **PSV** - Pulse Air Shut-off Valve
- **PTC** - Positive Temperature Coefficient choke heater
- **PVA** - Ported Vacuum Advance
- **PVCS** - Ported Vacuum Control System
- **PVFFC** - Pressure/Vacuum Fuel Filler Cap
- **PVS** - Ported Vacuum Switch

- R -

- **RAM** - Random Access Memory
- **RC** - Rear Catalytic Converter
- **RDV** - Retard Delay Valve or Reverse Delay Valve
- **RMA** - The Rubber Manufacturers Association
- **ROM** - Read Only Memory

- S -

- **SAE** - Society of Automotive Engineers
- **SAS** - Secondary Air Supply system See "Air Injection System."
- **SBC** - Single Bed Catalytic converter; Small Block Chevy
- **SCC** - Spark Control Computer
- **SCS** - Spark Control System, or Speed Controlled Spark
- **SCVAC** - Speed Control Vacuum Control
- **SDV** - Spark Delay Valve
- **SEC ACT** - Secondary Actuator
- **SEFI** - Sequential Electronic Fuel Injection

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- **SHED** - Sealed Housing Evaporative Determination system
- **SIL** - Shift Indicator Light
- **SIS** - Solenoid Idle Stop
- **SOL V** - EGR Solenoid Vacuum Valve Assembly
- **SPFI** - Single-Point Fuel Injection
- **SPDT** - Single-Pole, Double-Throw Switch
- **SPST** - Single-Pole, Single-Throw Switch
- **SRS** - Supplemental Restraint System (airbag)
- **SSI** - Solid State Ignition system
- **SVCBV** - Solenoid Valve Carburetor Bowl Vent
- **SVV** - Solenoid Vent Valve

- T -

- **TAC** - Thermostatically Controlled Air Cleaner
- **TAD** - Thermactor Air Diverter Solenoid
- **TAV** - Temperature Activated Vacuum System
- **TBI** - Throttle Body Injection
- **TPMS** - Tire Pressure Monitor System
- **TC** - Throttle Closer
- **TCAC** - Thermostatic Controlled Air Cleaner System
- **TCC** - Transaxle Converter Clutch system
- **TCS** - Throttle Control System; Transmission Converter Switch; Transmission Controlled Spark
- **TDC** - Top Dead Center
- **TDP** - Throttle closing Dashpot
- **TDS** - Time Delay Solenoid

- **TEC** - Thermactor Exhaust Control system
- **TES** - Thermal Electric Switch
- **TFI, TFI-IV** - Thick Film Integrated Ignition (Ford systems)
- **TIC** - Thermal Ignition Control
- **TIV** - Thermactor Idle Vacuum valve
- **TK** - Throttle Kicker
- **TKA** - Throttle Kicker Actuator
- **TKS** - Throttle Kicker Solenoid
- **TO** - Thermal Override
- **TOC** - Throttle Opener Control system
- **TP** - Throttle Position; Throttle Position Sensor
- **TPI** - Tuned Port Injection
- **TPS** - Throttle Position Sensor
- **TR** - Thermal Reactor
- **TSD** - Throttle Solenoid
- **TSP** - Throttle Solenoid Positioner
- **TVS** - Temperature Vacuum Switch; Thermal Vacuum Switch
- **TVSV** - Thermostatic Vacuum Switch Valve
- **TVV** - Thermal Vacuum Valve; Thermal Vent Valve
- **TWC** - Three-Way Catalyst

- U -

- **UBC** - Underbody Catalyst

- V -

- **VAC** - Vacuum Advance Control
- **VAF** - Vane Air Flow meter

- **VAT** - Vane Air Temperature sensor
- **VAV** - Vacuum Advance Valve
- **VB** - Vacuum Break
- **VBV** - Vacuum Bias Valve
- **VCKV** - Vacuum Check Valve
- **VCS** - Vapor Control System; Vacuum Control Switch
- **VCV** - Vacuum Control Valve
- **VDV** - Vacuum Delay Valve; Vacuum Differential Valve
- **VECI** - Vehicle Emission Control Information Decal
- **VHC** - Vacuum Operated Exhaust Heat Control Valve
- **VIN** - Vehicle Identification Number
- **VMV** - Vacuum Modulator Valve
- **VOC** - Volatile Organic Compounds
- **VOM** - Volt-Ohmmeter
- **VOTM** - Vacuum-Operated Throttle Modulator
- **VP** - Vacuum Pump
- **VRDV** - Vacuum Retard Delay Valve
- **VRESER** - Vacuum Reservoir
- **VREST** - Vacuum Restrictor
- **VR** - Variable Reluctance Sensor
- **VR/S** - Vacuum Regulator Solenoid
- **VRS** - Variable Reluctance Sensor
- **V-RSR** - Vacuum Reservoir
- **V-RST** - Vacuum restrictor
- **VRDV** - Vacuum Retard Delay Valve
- **VRES** - Vacuum Reservoir

- **VREST** - Vacuum Restrictor
- **VRV** - Vacuum Reducer Valve; Vacuum Regulator Valve
- **VS** - Vacuum Switch
- **VSA** - Vacuum Switch Assembly
- **VSC** - Vehicle Speed Control Sensor
- **VSS** - Vehicle Speed Sensor; Vacuum Switch Solenoid
- **VSV** - Vacuum Solenoid Valve; Vacuum Switching Valve
- **VTM** - Vacuum Throttle Modulator
- **VTP** - Vacuum Throttle Positioner
- **VTV** - Vacuum Transmitting Valve
- **VVA** - Venturi Vacuum Amplifier
- **VVC** - Variable Voltage Choke
- **VVT** - Variable Valve Timing
- **VVV** - Vacuum Vent Valve

- W -

- **WAC** - Wide-Open Throttle Air Conditioner Cutoff
- **WOT** - Wide-Open Throttle
- **WOTS** - Wide-Open Throttle Switch
- **WOTV** - Wide Open Throttle Valve

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