Toyota / Lexus Acronym Glossary

A

AVC Audio Visual Communication

The system which includes signals, such as audio, visual and signals for switch indication and

communication.

AS Air Suction

The vacuum effect of drawing air.

AVC-LAN Audio Visual Communication - Local Area Network

The communication system that connects the ECU's of the audio visual system and the audio visual

devices, and maintains communication between these devices and the ECU's used.

A/CL Air Cleaner

A device which filters air entering the engine to remove airborne impurities.

AVS Adaptive Variable Suspension

An adjustable suspension system that allows the operator to adjust the suspension for ride comfort or feel.

ATM Automatic Transmission

A transmission which is capable of automatically changing gears to meet varying road and load conditions.

ALR Automatic Locking Retractor

A feature which locks the seatbelt to prevent it from extending, when the belt is pulled out quickly or when

the vehicle stops suddenly.

ACMG A/C Magnetic Clutch

On/Off status of the A/C Magnetic Clutch control by the ECM. Signal will be ON when the A/C compressor

clutch is energized.

AHC Active Height Control Suspension

An adjustable suspension that can vary the ride height of the vehicle.

ADD Automatic Disconnecting Differential

A differential unit that can be shifted from the 2WD position to the 4WD position freely, even while the

vehicle is moving.

ACM Active Control (Engine) Mount

An engine mount that uses a modern technique of noise or vibration control.

ACIS Acoustic Control Induction System

A variable induction system in which the effective length of the intake manifold is increased or decreased by opening and closing of air control valve(s) in accordance with engine conditions.



B

B2 Second Brake

Prevents the outer race of F1 from turning either clockwise or counterclockwise, thus preventing front and rear planetary sun gear from turning counterclockwise.

B3 First and Reverse Brake

Prevents the front planetary carrier from turning either clockwise or counterclockwise.

BA Brake Assist

Provides an auxiliary brake force to assist the driver who cannot generate a large enough brake force during emergency braking, thus helping to maximize the vehicle's brake performance.

BACS Boost Altitude Compensation System

BEAN Body Electronics Area Network

Networks the ECU's of the body electrical system and maintains communication between the ECU's. Controls and maintains communication between system ECUs.

Bo Overdrive Brake

Prevents the overdrive sun gear from turning either clockwise or counterclockwise.

B1 Second Coast Brake

A band brake on some models, that prevents the front and rear planetary sun gear from turning either clockwise or counterclockwise.

+B Battery Positive Voltage

Available voltage coming from the positive battery terminal.

B/L Bi-Level

A blower position in which air blows out of the center register, side registers and footwell register ducts.

B/S Bore-Stroke Ratio

The relation between the diameter of the cylinder bore and the length of the stroke of the piston.

BVSV Bimetalic Vacuum Switching Valve

A vacuum controlling valve that reacts in accordance with temperature changes.



C

C/V Check Valve

A one-way, in-line valve that permits flow of liquids or gases in one direction only and closes to prevent passage in the opposite direction.

CH Channel

The path along which the form of an audio, visual, electrical, hydraulic, or pneumatic signal passes.

C1 Forward Clutch

Connects input shaft and front planetary ring gear.

CPS Combustion Pressure Sensor

A sensor that measures the pressure created during the combustion of the air/fuel mixture in a cylinder.

CRS Child Restriant System

A term for a number of items which are designed to protect children from an injury during an accident.

CF Cornering Force

The side forces exerted on a vehicle or its tires when moving around a curve.

CCV Canister Closed Valve

A valve that allows the evap. Canister to be sealed or open to the ambient air depending on mode or command.

CTR Center

1. To place something in a central place in relation to other items.

2. The middle part, point, or line.

CPE Coupe

An enclosed single-compartment body style with two doors and varying passenger capacity depending on seat arrangements.

CCo Catalytic Converter for Oxidation

Breaks down carrbon monoxide (CO) and hydrocarbons (HC) into carbon dioxide and water.

CB Circuit Breaker

A circuit protection device that will break the flow of current when current draw becomes excessive or overloaded and unlike a fuse, it does not blow out but opens and then closes when the current / heat subside.

CW Curb Weight

The weight of a vehicle without passengers or payload, but including all fluids and other equipment specified as standard.

Ci Central Fuel Injection

A computer-controlled fuel metering system which sprays atomized fuel into a throttle body mounted on the intake manifold.

C-VSV Combination Vacuum Switching Valve



CCRO Three Way Catalytic Converter

A catalyst for the simultaneous conversion of the three exhaust pollutants HC, CO, and Nox.

C0 Overdrive Direct Clutch

Connects overdrive sun gear and overdrive carrier.

C2 Direct Clutch

Connects input shaft and front and rear planetary sun gear.

CMH Cold Mixture Heater

A component that heats the intake manifold during cold engine operation to accelerate vaporization of the liquid fuel, thus reducing cold engine emissions and improving driveability.



D

Digital Signal Processor

A special-purpose programmable microprocessor designed to manipulate in real time a communications stream of large amounts of digital data in order to improve its quality or modify it in specific ways.

DS Dead Soak

The period of time that starts when a vehicle is parked and shut off after has been fully warmed up to operating temperature.

DP Dash Pot

A device for cushioning or damping a movement (as of a mechanical part) to avoid shock.

D/INJ Direct Injection

A fuel injection system which forces fuel directly into the combustion chamber.

Diesel Particulate Filter

A filter which removes small particles from diesel exhaust.

Diagnostic Link Connector 2

Toyota Diagnostic Communication Link(TDCL).

DLC3 Data Link Connector 3

OBDII Diagnostic Connector also know as the J1962 connector.

DFL Deflector

A device which causes air, oil, dust, or debris from hitting other components.

Diagnostic Link Connector 1

A diagnostic check connector provided for access to a vehicle's on board diagnostic data and functions.



Ε

E2 Sensor Ground

Ground circuit for TCCS system sensors. Should be less than 100 millivolts with the engine running.

ESA Electronic Spark Advance

The part of an ECU that controls ignition timing and dwell angle.

EX Exhaust

The spent fuel after combustion takes place in an internal combustion engine.

EPR Evaporator Pressure Regulator

E-VRV Electric Vacuum Regulating Valve

EVP Evaporator

The unit in an air conditioning system used to transform refrigerant from a liquid to a gas.

ETCS-i Electronic Throttle Control System-intelligent

Comprehensively controls the ISC system, TRAC system, and the cruise control system.

EHPS Electro-Hydraulic Power Steering

A steering pump that is turned by an electric motor (instead of the engine) that creates the hydraulic pressure needed for steering control.

E01 Injector Ground

Ground circuit for fuel injectors. Should be less than 100 millivolts with the engine running.

EWD Electrical Wiring Diagram

Electrical Wiring Daiagram.

ENG Engine

A machine for changing fuel into mechanical energy; also known as an internal combustion engine.

EACV Electric Air Control Valve

EBCV Electric Air Bleed Control Valve

EC Electrochromic

Auto-Dimming quality of an interior or exterior mirror.



ECAM Engine Control and Measurement System

ECD Electronically Controlled Diesel

A Diesel that relies on sensors, and an electronic control unit for control.

ECDY Eddy Current Dynamometer

A piece of shop equipment used for dynamically measuring torque and calculating horsepower.

ECT Electronic Controlled Transmission

A transmission that relies on sensors, an electronic control unit (ECU), and solenoids to control torque

convertor lockup and shift points.

ECU Electronic Control Unit

A computer, module, or controller that processes inputs and/or outputs of a given vehicle system.

ED **Electro- Deposited Coating**

A process in which a coating is applied to a metal surface through the use of an electric current.

EDIC Electric Diesel Injection Control

ELR Emergency Locking Retractor

A feature which locks the seatbelt to prevent it from extending, when the belt is pulled out quickly or when

the vehicle stops suddenly.

E/G **Engine**

An internal combustion machine that converts fuel into mechanical energy.

EGR-VM EGR-Vacuum Modulator

Regulates the amount of EGR into the intake air mixture according to the engine load.

EPS Electric Power Steering

> A steering system generates torque through the operation of a motor and the reduction gear in order to assist steering effort.



F

FIPG Formed In Place Gasket

FP Fuel Pressure

The pressure under which fuel is delivered to the engine by the fuel pump.

FE Fuel Economy

The number of miles driven divided by the number of gallons used.

Fo Overdrive One-Way Clutch

Connects the overdrive sun gear and the overdrive carrier when the transmission is being driven by the engine.

F/G Fuel Guage

An instrument that is usually located on the dashboard or center console which indicates the amount of fuel in the fuel tank.

FL Fusible Link

A special length of smaller gauge wire that is designed to "blow" like a fuse if heavy current flows through it.

F/P Fuel Pump

A vacuum device operated either mechanically or electrically, that is used to draw gasoline from the tank and sends it to the engine.

FPU Fuel Pressure Up

On/Off status of the fuel pressure up VSV. Signal is on when the VSV is energized(voltage low at ECM).

FR Front / Front-Engine-Rear-Wheel-Drive

- 1. When referring to the front of a unit, the front is always from the perspective of operation.
- 2. Refers to a vehicle with the engine located in the front of the vehicle, and that is driven by the rear wheels.

F/W Flywheel

A relatively large and heavy metal wheel that is attached to the back of the crankshaft and provides inertia to smooth out the firing impulses and keep the crankshaft turning smoothly.

F2 No. 2 One-Way Clutch

Prevents rear planetary carrier from turning counterclockwise.

F1 No. 1 One-Way Clutch

When B2 is operating, prevents front & rear planetary sun gear from turning counterclockwise.

FF Front-Engine-Front-Wheel-Drive

Refers to a vehicle with the engine located in the front of the vehicle, and that is driven by the front wheels.





GSA Gear Shift Actuator

A unit on the sequential manual transmission which houses three stroke sensors and the shift actuator link and facillitates the shifts.



Н

H/B Hatchback

A car design in which the rear trunk and lid are replaced by a rear hatch that includes the rear window.

HPU Hydraulic Power Unit

Produces the hydraulic pressure that the sequential manual transmission system uses to change the gear

position and to engage the clutch.

HT Hard Top

A two-door or four-door vehicle without a center door post or B-pillar.

HWS Heated Windshield System

A windshield featuring a heating element to facilitate defrosting (de-icing).

H-Fuse High Current Fuse

A circuit protection fuse with a high amperage rating.

HV Hybrid Vehicle

A vehicle that uses two distinct but interdependent forms of propulsion, such as an electric motor and an

internal combustion engine.

HSG Housing

A case or enclosure.

HCV Heat Control Valve

HAC High Altitude Compensator

The barometric pressure of the atmosphere usually expressed in terms of the height of a column of mercury.



I/P Instrument Panel

The panel below the windshield which accommodates instruments, indicators, and controls.

IGT Ignition Timing

ECM output signal from which the igniter controls ignition dwell period.

IN Intake

The intake manifold of an engine or the area or port by which air or liquid enter a component.

IG Ignition

A process which initiates the combustion of the compressed air/fuel mixture in the combustion chamber in a spark-ignition engine.

INT Intermittent

Not constant but occurring at intervals.

IC Integrated Circuit

A tiny complex of electronic components and their connections that is produced in or on a small slice of material.

IDL Idle

On/Off status of IDL contact. Signal will be ON whenever the throttle is fully closed and the IDL switch contact is closed (voltage low at ECM).

Idle ON Closed Throttle Position

Engine running at Idle without accellerator application.

IRS Independent Rear Suspension

A suspension system where the two rear wheels are sprung independently from each other.

IGF Ignition Fail

Ignition Fail confirmation signal displayed in revolutions per minute. Calculated by comparing the IGF voltage pulses to fixed clock pulse.

IIA Integrated Ignition Assembly

The IIA is composed of the igniter, ignition coil, distributor and pickup coils.



J

J/B Junction Block

The location of a group of circuit junctions.

J/C Junction Connector

Indicates a connector which is connected to a short terminal.





KD Kick-Down

Refers to a downshift, and is sometimes called passing gear.



L

LHD Left Hand Drive

A steering system where the steering wheel is located on the left-hand side of the vehicle.

LB Liftback

A station wagon in which the conventional tailgate was replaced by a single lift-up hatch.

LH Left Hand

When referring to the side of a unit, the left side is always from the perspective of operation.

L/H/W Length, Height, Width

The dimensions of a three-dimensional object.

LC Long-Life Coolant

Toyota Long-Life Engine Coolant.

LNG Liquefied Natural Gas

An alternative fuel for spark ignition engines.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas

A by-product of oil refining, mainly butane or propane or a mixture of the two gases, used as a fuel for some

spark ignition gasoline engines.

LSD Limited Slip Differential

An axle differential or central differential incorporating a locking or slip-limiting mechanism to counter wheel

spin.

Load Sensing Proportioning and Bypass Valve

A proportioning valve that varies the amount of rear braking force according to load carried by the rear axle.

LL ON Closed Throttle Position

Engine running at Idle without accellerator application.

Load Sensing Proportioning Valve

A proportioning type valve, that varies output according to the amount of weight carried by the rear axle.





MT Mount

1. To attach something.

2. A device for attaching something.

MG2 Motor Generator No. 2

Drives the front wheels by using electrical power from MG1 or the HV battery, and generates electricity for the HV battery during braking and decel.

MGR Motor Generator Rear

Drives the rear wheels by using electrical power from MG1 or the HV battery, and generates electricity for the HV battery during braking and decel.

MMT Multi-mode Manual Transmission

MTM Manual Transmission

A transmission in which gears are selected by the driver by means of a hand-operated gearshift and a foot-operated clutch.

MTG Mounting

A support to which or by means of which something is attached.

MY Model Year

A new model year starts after the summer break of the car production plant, during which the assembly lines are altered to accommodate the changes introduced in the cars of the next model year. A model year and year of manufacture can, therefore, differ.

MP Multipurpose

Having multiple uses.

MG1 Motor Generator No. 1

Starts the engine and then is driven by the engine, generates electricity to drive MG2, or charge the HV battery.



N

NO. Number

A sum of units.

N Neutral

The neutral position of a transmission is the gear position where the engine is not driving the wheels.

NA Natural Aspiration

An engine that takes in air at normal pressure, and is not turbocharged or supercharged.

No. Number

A sum of units.

NSW Nuetral Safety Switch

On/Off status of the nuetral safety switch input to the ECM. Signal will be ON whenever the automatic transmission is in neutral or park gear positions (voltage low at ECM).



0

O/S Oversize

More than standard or ordinary size.

OPT Option

A reference to optional equipment on a vehicle.

OHC Overhead Camshaft

The camshaft that activates the valves is mounted above the head and driven by a timing chain or belt.

OHV Overhead Valve

Valves that are located in the cylinder head.



P

PZEV Partial Zero Emission Vehicle

A rating introduced by the California Air Resource Board for vehicles that meet stringent emission requirements. The vehicle has to be a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV), it has to prevent evaporative emissions, and the whole emissions system has to come with a minimum fifteen year, one hundred fifty thousand mile warranty.

PBD Power Back Door

A back door that is opened or closed by operating a switch.

PTC Positive Temperature Coefficient

A thermistor (temperature sensor) whose resistance increases as the temperature increase.

P/W Power Window

A window that is raised and lowered by an electric motor which is operated by a switch.

PSD Power Slide Door

A sliding door that is opened and closed by an electric motor which is operated by a switch.

PS Power Steering

A steering system using hydraulic pressure to decrease the driver's turning effort. As the driver turns the steering wheel, steering effort is reduced.

PPS Progressive Power Steering

A power steering system that provides appropriate steering wheel response by increasing fluid pressure to lighten the required force at low speed, and reduces pressure to lessen the amount of assist at high speeds.

PCS Power Control System

P&BV Proportioning and Bypass Valve

A proportioning valve that varies the amount of rear braking force according to load carried by the rear axle.

PKB Parking Brake

Hand or foot operated brake which prevents vehicle movement while parked by locking rear wheels.



R

RRS Rigid Rear Suspension

A simple non-independent rear suspension.

RM Repair Manual

A service publication which includes the procedures and specifications for repairing components of a

R/B Relay Block

A housing or mounting location of relays.

RL Rear Left

When referring to the side of a unit, the left rear side is always from the perspective of operation.

RSE Rear Seat Entertainment

A system that offers entertainment to the rear seat occupants while front and rear seat occupants can enjoy different audio-visual modes at the same time.

RHD Right-Hand Drive

A steering system where the steering wheel is located on the right-hand side of the vehicle.

RH Right-Hand

When referring to the side of a unit, the right side is always from the perspective of operation.

R&P Rack and Pinion

A type of steering system with a pinion gear on the end of the steering shaft. The pinion engages a long rack (a bar with a row of teeth cut along one edge). When the steering wheel is turned, the pinion turns and moves the rack to the left or right.

RBS Recirculating Ball Type Steering

A type of steering gear that uses a series of ball bearings that feed through, around and back through the grooves in the worm gear and nut on the steering shaft.

RFS Rigid Front Suspension

A simple non-independent front suspension.

RLY Relay

An electro-magnetically operated switch used to make and break the flow of current in a circuit.

R/F Reinforcement

Something that strengthens or supports.



S

STJ Cold Start Injector Signal

On/Off status of the STJ cold start injector driver circuit in the ECM. Signal will be On during cranking when engine coolant temperature is below a specified threshold.

SOC State of Charge

The condition or state of the amount of electricity in a battery.

SLLC Super Long Life Coolant

Toyota Super Long-Life Engine Coolant.

STA Starter Signal

On/Off status of the STA signal at the ECM. Signal will be ON whenever the ignition switch is in the START position (voltage high at ECM.

SP1 Vehicle Road Speed

Vehicle road speed displayed in miles or kilometers per hour. Calculated by comparing the pulsed vehicle speed sensor signal to a fixed clockpulse.

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Vehicle road speed displayed in miles or kilometers per hour. Calculated by comparing the pulsed vehicle speed sensor signal to fixed clock pulse.

SRS Supplemental Restraint System

The restraint system including airbags and seatbelts.

SCV Swirl Control Valve

A valve that controls the rotary or swirling motion given to the charge mixture as it enters a cylinder.

SW Switch

A device that opens and closes an electric circuit.

SST Special Service Tools

Toyota, Lexus, SCION specific special service tools.

SSM Special Service Materials

Certain materials or supplies necessary to complete a procedure.



T

THA Intake Air Temperature

Temperature of the engine intake air displayed in degrees fahrenheit or celsius.

TVSV Thermostatic Vacuum Switching Valve

A vacuum controlling valve that reacts in accordance with temperature changes.

THW Water Temperature

Temperature of the coolant displaed in degrees fahrenheit or celsius.

TDCL Toyota Diagnostic Communication Link

Toyota Diagnostic Communication Link.

T/A Transaxle

A drive setup in which the transmission gearbox clutch final drive, and differential are combined into a single unit connected directly to the driveshaft. It is used in front-wheel drive cars.

TCV Timing Control Valve

A solenoid operated valve that controls changes in camshaft timing on VVT-i.

TFT TOYOTA Free-Tronic

TIS Toyota Information System

Toyota, Lexus, and SCION's web based vehicle service and repair information website.

T/M Transmission

A device that uses gearing or torque conversion to effect a change in the ratio between engine rpm and driving wheel rpm.

TMC Toyota Motor Corporation

Toyota Motor Corporation.

TRAC Traction Control System

A vehicle system with the means of preventing wheelspin due to acceleration, either by braking the spinning wheel or reducing engine power.

TURBO Turbocharge

A method of increasing power and decreasing emissions by rerouting hot exhaust gases through a turbine which drives a pump that forces air into the engine cylinders.

TCCS Toyota Computer Controlled System

Centrally controls the EFI, ESA, Diagnosis systems, by means of an Electronic Control Unit (ECU, formerly the EFI computer).

TEMS Toyota Electronic Modulated Suspension

An adaptive suspension system that alters ride quality based on vehicle speed, rate of accelleration, and steering angle.





U/S Undersize

A size less than is common, proper, normal, or average.

U/D Underdrive

An arrangement of gearing that produces more revolutions of the driving shaft than of the diven shaft.



V

VSV Vacuum Solenoid Valve

A solenoid operated valve that controls the flow of vacuum between two points.

VC Voltage Constant

Voltage constant 5 volt sensor circuit reference voltage. Signal will be approximately 5 volts whenever the ignition is on.

VCV Vacuum Control Valve

A control valve that controls the flow of vacuum to or from components.

VTA Throttle Valve Angle

Position of the throttle valve displayed in degrees of throttle angle opening.

VENT Ventilator

A panel or duct that introduces air from one place to another.

VIM Vehicle Interface Module

A module that connects between the hand held tester and the DLC to allow communication with CAN equipped vehicles.

VTA Throttle Valve Angle

Position of the throttle valve displayed in degrees of throttle angle opening. Typical signal range is between 0 degrees at closed throttle, and 70 to 80 degrees at wide open throttle.

VGRS Variable Gear Ratio Steering

A characteristic in power steering systems that provide different ratios for small and large steering angles.

VSC Vehicle Skid Control

This system automatically controls the output of the brakes or engine to help prevent the vehicle from skidding under adverse conditions.

VVT Variable Valve Timing

A system that is capable of altering the the precise time when the valves open and close to improve engine performance, fuel economy and to reduce exhaust emissions.

VSV Vacuum Switching Valve

An electrically controlled valve used to control emission control devices.

VTV Vacuum Transmitting Valve

A valve used to control or limit the rate of vacuum.

VVT-i Variable Valve Timing-intelligent

A system that is capable of altering the the precise time when the valves open and close to improve engine performance, fuel economy and to reduce exhaust emissions.

VSC Vehicle Stability Control

This system automatically controls the output of the brakes or engine to help prevent the vehicle from skidding under adverse conditions.



VPS Variable Power Steering

A power steering system providing different ratios for small and large steering angles.





W/H Wire Harness

A collection of wires which connects all the vehicle's electrical components.

WGN Wagon

An automobile that has a passenger compartment which extends to the back of the vehicle, that has no trunk, that has one or more rear seats which can be folded down to make space for light cargo, and that has a tailgate or liftgate.

