
Acronyms and Abbreviations

The product engineering division of General Motors Service and Parts Operations offers for your reference the following list of abbreviated terms and acronyms that the Tech 2 displays.

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Term	Definition	Term	Definition
2HI	Two-Wheel Drive High Range	Accel	Acceleration
2LO	Two-Wheel Drive Low Range	Accum	Accumulator
2WD	Two-Wheel Drive	Acc	Accessory
2WS	Two-Wheel Steer	ACL	Air Cleaner
3GR	Third Gear	ACM	Air Conditioning Module
4GR	Fourth Gear	Act	Actual
4HI	Four-Wheel Drive High Range	Actv	Activate, activated, active
4LO	Four-Wheel Drive Low Range	A/D	Analog to Digital
4WAL	Four-Wheel Antilock	AD	Accommodated Device
4WD	Four-Wheel Drive	Adapt	Adaptive
4WS	Four-Wheel Steer	Adapts	Adaptation values, adapters
A		ADG	Accommodated Device Gateway
AAT	Ambient Air Temperature	Adj	Adjust, adjustable
ABS	Antilock Brake System	ADL	Automatic Door Lock
A/C	Air Conditioning	ADS	Auxiliary Discriminating Sensor
ACC	Adaptive Cruise Control	A/F	Air/Fuel Ratio
		AFECM	Alternative Fuel Engine Control Module

Term	Definition
AFO	Alternative Fuel Operation
AFS	Adaptive Forward Lighting System
Aft	After, aft (rear)
AHLD	Automatic Headlamp Leveling Device
Ahrs	Amp hours
AIR	Secondary Air Injection
ALC	Automatic Lamp Control Automatic Level Control
ALDL	Assembly Line Diagnostic Link
ALM	Automatic Level Module
Alt	Alternative
AM	Amplitude Modulation
Amp	Amplifier
Amps	Amperage
APM	Accessory Power Module
APO	Auxiliary Power Outlet
APP	Accelerator Pedal Position
Appl	Application
Apr	April
ARS	Adaptive Receptive System
AS	Air Suspension
ASCM	Air Suspension Control Module
Asm	Assembly
ASM	Alarm Siren Module Automatic (radio) Station Memory Air Suspension Module

Term	Definition
ASR	Acceleration Slip Regulation
A/T	Automatic Transmission
ATC	Active Transfer Case Automatic Transfer Case
ATF	Automatic Transmission Fluid
Aug	August
Auto	Automatic
Aux	Auxiliary
Avg	Average
AWD	All-Wheel Drive
B	
B+	Battery Positive Voltage
BARO	Barometric Pressure
BAS	Brake Apply Sensor
BASS	Brake Apply Sensing System
Batt	Battery
BBV	Brake Booster Vacuum
BCM	Body Control Module
BCO	Battery Cutoff
BECM	Battery Energy Control Module
BFC	Body Function Controller
blts	Belts
BLW	Brake Lining Wear
Bn	Bank
BPCM	Battery Pack Control Module

Term	Definition
BPMV	Brake Pressure Modulator Valve
BPP	Brake Pedal Position
BTCM	Brake Torque Control Module
BTSI	Brake Transmission Shift Interlock

C

CAC	Charged Air Cooler
Cal	Calibration
Calc	Calculated
CAN	Controller Area Network
CANdi	Controller Area Network Diagnostic Interface
CASE	Crankshaft Angle Sense Error
Cass	Cassette
C/C	Cruise Control
CC	Climate Control
CCM	Central Control Module
CCW	Counter Clockwise
CD	Compact Disc
CDX	Compact Disc Changer
Ch	Chapter
CIM	Control Integration Module
CKP	Crankshaft Position
Ckt	Circuit
CL	Closed Loop
cm	Centimeter

Term	Definition
Cmd	Command
Cmmd	Commanded
CMP	Crankshaft Position
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
Combo	Combination
Comm	Communication
Compl	Complete, completed
Cond	Condition
Config	Configuration
COP	Computer Operating Properly
CPC	Clutch Pressure Control
CPP	Clutch Pedal Position
CPS	Childseat Positioning Sensor
CRV	Coolant Recovery Check Valve
CTD	Content Theft Deterrent
CTP	Closed Throttle Position
Ctrl	Control
Ctsy	Courtesy
CVRSS	Continuously Variable Road Sensing Suspension
CVRTD	Continuously Variable Real Time Damping
CVT	Continuously Variable Transmission
	Continuously Variable Transaxle
Cyl	Cylinder

Term	Definition
D	
D	Drive
DAB	Delayed Accessory Bus
dB	Decibels
dBm	Decibel Meter
DC	Duty Cycle
DCM	Door Control Module
DDM	Driver Door Module
DDS	Driver Door Switch
Deact	Deactivation
Dec	Decrement, December
Decel	Deceleration
Def	Defrost
Defog	Defogger
deg	Degrees
deg C	Degrees Celsius
deg F	Degrees Fahrenheit
Del	Delivered
DERM	Diagnostic Energy Reserve Module
Des	Desired
Desc	Description, descriptor
DFCO	Decel Fuel Cut-Off
DI	Distributor Ignition
Diag	Diagnostic
DIC	Driver Information Center

Term	Definition
Diff	Differential
Dig	Digit
DIM	Dash Integration Module
Dis	Disable
Discon	Disconnect
Discrim	Discriminating
Disp	Display
DLC	Data Link Connector
DMCM	Drive Motor Control Module
DMM	Digital Multimeter
DNR	Dolby Noise Reduction
DOHC	Dual Overhead Cam
Dol	Dolby
DPM	Driver Position Module
DPVD	Disc Player and Video Display
Dr	Door
DRL	Daytime Running Lights
DRP	Dynamic Rear Proportion
DRR	Digital Radio Receiver
Drvr	Driver
DSCC	Distance Sensing Cruise Control
DSM	Driver Seat Module
DSP	Digital Signal Process
DTC	Diagnostic Trouble Code
DVD	Digital Video Disc
Dwn	Down

Term	Definition
E	
E&C	Entertainment and Comfort
EBCM	Electronic Brake Control Module
EBM	Electronic Brake Module
EBTCM	Electronic Brake and Traction Control Module
EC	Engine Control
ECC	Electronic Climate Control
ECL	Engine Coolant Level
ECM	Electronic Control Module Engine Control Module
Econ	Economy
ECT	Engine Coolant Temperature
ECU	Electronic Control Unit
EEPROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
EFS	Electronic Front End Sensor
EGR	Exhaust Gas Recirculation
EHCU	Electric Hydraulic Control Unit
EHPS	Electronic Hydraulic Power Steering
EI	Electronic Ignition
Elec	Electric
EMB	Electromagnetic Brake
Enab	Enable, enabled
Eng	Engine

Term	Definition
EOP	Engine Oil Pressure
EOT	Engine Oil Temperature
EPM	Energy Power Management
EPR	Exhaust Pressure Regulator
EPS	Electric Power Steering
EQ	Equalizer
ERH	Extended Ride Height
ESB	Expansion Spring Brake
ESC	Electronic Suspension Control
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
ESM	Electronic Steering Module
ESN	Electronic Serial Number
ESO	Engine Shut-Off
EST	Electronic Spark Timing
Est	Estimated
ETC	Electronic Temperature Control Electronic Throttle Control Electronic Timing Control
ETS	Enhanced Traction System
EV	Electric Vehicle
EVAP	Evaporative Emission
Evap	Evaporator, evaporation
EVO	Electronic Variable Orifice
Exh	Exhaust
Ext	External, exterior, extended

Term	Definition
F	
F4WD	Full-time Four-Wheel Drive
FC	Fan Control
Fdbk	Feedback
FE	Fuel Economy
Feb	February
FEDS	Fuel Enable Data Stream
FEIC	Fuel Economy Integrated Counter
FET	Field Effect Transistor
FICM	Fuel Injector Control Module
Filt	Filter
FL	Front Left
Flr	Floor
FM	Frequency Modulation
FP	Fuel Pump
FPR	Fuel Pressure Regulator
FR	Front Right
Freq	Frequency
Frnt	Front
FRP	Fuel Rail Pressure
FT	Fuel Trim
FTC	Folding Top Controller
FTP	Fuel Tank Pressure
ft-lbs	Foot-pounds

Term	Definition
Fwd	Forward
FWD	Front-Wheel Drive
G	
g/cyl	Grams per Cylinder
GEN	Generator
Gnd	Ground
GPCM	Glow Plug Control Module
GPS	Global Positioning System
GS	Garage Shift
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
H	
HC	Hydrocarbon(s)
HCM	Heating Control Module
HD	Heavy Duty
Hdlp	Headlamp
HI	High
HID	High Intensity Discharge
Hist	History
HO2S	Heated Oxygen Sensor
Horiz	Horizontal
HPCM	Hybrid Powertrain Control Module
hr	Hour
hrs	Hours

Term	Definition
HSM	Heated Seat Module
HTCM	HVAC Thermal Control Module
Htr	Heater
HUD	Head-Up Display
HV	Heated/Vented
HVAC	Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning
HVC	Heated/Vented/Cooled
HVSM	Heated Ventilated Seat Module
H/W	Hardware
HW	Heated Windshield
Hz	Hertz

I	
IA	Intake Air
IAC	Idle Air Control
IAT	Intake Air Temperature
IC	Ignition Control
ICCS	Integrated Chassis Control System
ICDX	Integrated Compact Disc Changer
ICM	Ignition Control Module
ICS	Integrated Chassis System
ID	Identification
Ign	Ignition
Illum	Illumination
I/M	Inspection and Maintenance

Term	Definition
IMDX	Integrated Mini Disc Changer
Immo	Immobilizer
IMRC	Intake Manifold Runner Control
IMT	Intake Manifold Tuning
in	Inch(es)
Inadv	Inadvertent
Inc	Increment
Incand	Incandescent
Ind	Indicator
Infl	Inflatable
Info	Information
Init	Initial
Inj	Injector
Inst	Instant
Int	Intake, interior, internal
I/O	In/out, input/output
I/P	Instrument Panel
IPC	Instrument Panel Cluster
IPM	Instrument Panel Module
Invalid	Invalid
IRQ	Interrupt Request
ISC	Idle Speed Control
Iso	Isolation
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISS	Input Shaft Speed
ISU	Intelligent Switching Unit

Term	Definition
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J

Jan	January
Jul	July
Jun	June

K

KAM	Keep Alive Memory
KDD	Keyboard Display Driver
kg	Kilogram(s)
kg/h	Kilograms per Hour
km	Kilometer
km/h	Kilometer per Hour
km/l	Kilometer per Liter
kPa	Kilopascal
KS	Knock Sensor

L

lbs	Pounds
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LCM	Lighting Control Module
LD	Light Duty
LDCL	Left Door Close Locking
LDCM	Left Door Control Module
Lduty	Light Duty

Term	Definition
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LED	Light Emitting Diode
LEV	Low Emission Vehicle
LF	Left Front
LFWS	Left Front Wheel Speed
LGM	Lift Gate Module
LH	Left Hand
LMD	Left Mid Door
LO	Low
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LPS	Low Pressure Sensor
L/R	Left/Right
LR	Left Rear
LRD	Left Rear Door
LRDM	Left Rear Door Module
Lrn	Learn
Lt	Left, light
LTPWS	Low Tire Pressure Warning System
Lvl	Level

Term	Definition
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M

MAF	Mass Airflow
Malf	Malfunction
MALL	Multifunction Alarm Lighting and Locking
Man	Manual
Manufact	Manufacture
MAP	Manifold Absolute Pressure
Mar	March
MAT	Manifold Air Temperature
Max	Maximum
MCU	Microprocessor Control Unit
MD	Mini Disc
MDM	Mobile Digital Media
MDX	Mini Disc Changer
Med	Medium
Mem	Memory
MFD	Multi-Functional Display
MFI	Multiport Fuel Injector
Mgmt	Management
Mid	Middle range, midway
MIL	Malfunction Indicator Lamp
min	Minute(s)
Min	Minimum
MIN	Mobile Identification Number
mm	Millimeter(s)
mmHg	Millimeters of Mercury

Term	Definition
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MMM	Memory Mirror Module
Mod	Module
Mon	Monitor
mpg	Miles per Gallon
mph	Miles per Hour
ms	Millisecond(s)
Msg	Message
MSM	Memory Seat Module
MSVA	Magnetic Steering Variable Assist
M/T	Manual Transmission
Mtr	Motor
Mult	Multiple
MUX	Multiplexer

N

N	Neutral
N/mm	Newtons per millimeter
Nav	Navigation
NDH	Navigation Display Head
NGO	Natural Gas Operation
NI	Neutral Idle
NID	Network Identification
NiMH	Nickel Metal Hydride
No	Number
Nov	November
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides

Term	Definition
NR	Noise Reduction
NV	Night Vision
NVRAM	Non-Volatile Random Access Memory

O

O2	Oxygen
O2S	Oxygen Sensor
OAT	Outside Air Temperature
OBD	On-Board Diagnostic
OBPA	Off-Board Programming Adapter
OCS	Occupant Classification System
Oct	October
ODM	Output Driver Module
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
Orig	Original
OSC	Oxygen Storage Capacity
Overtemp	Over Temperature
OSS	Output Shaft Speed

P

P	Park
Parms	Parameters
PC	Pressure Control (solenoid valve)
Pass	Passenger
PCB	Printed Circuit Board

Term	Definition
PCM	Powertrain Control Module
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card Industry Association
PCS	Pressure Control Solenoid
PCV	Positive Crankcase Ventilation
PDIF	Pressure Differential
PDM	Passenger Door Module
PDS	Passenger Door Switch
PEB	Power Electronics Bay
Perf	Performance
Phn	Phone
PID	Parameter Identification
PIM	Powertrain Interface Module
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PLL	Phase Locked Loop
PMV	Pressure Modulator Valve
PNP	Park/Neutral Position
Pos	Position
PPS	Passenger Presence Sensing
Press	Pressure
Preten	Pretensioner
Prev	Previous
Prim	Primary
PRL	Preferred Roaming List
PRM	Power Roof Module
PRNDL	Park, Reverse, Neutral, Drive, Low

Term	Definition
Prog	Program
PROM	Programmable Read-Only Memory
PS	Power Steering
PSCM	Passenger Seat Control Module
PSD	Power Sliding Door
PSDM	Power Sliding Door Module
Psgr	Passenger
psi	Pounds per Square Inch
PSIR	Passenger Supplemental Inflatable Restraint
PSM	Passenger Seat Module
PSP	Power Steering Pressure
PTO	Power Take Off
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
Pwr	Power
PZEV	Partial Zero Emission Vehicle
PZM	Platform Zone Module

Q

QDM	Quad Drive Module
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R

R	Reverse
R/A	Resume or Accelerate
RAC	Remote Accessory Controller
RAM	Random Access Memory

Term	Definition
RAP	Retained Accessory Power
RCC	Rear Climate Control
RCDLR	Remote Control Door Lock Receiver
RDCM	Right Door Control Module
RDM	Rear Door Module
	Roof and Door Module
RDS	Radio Display System
Rec	Receive
Recal	Recalibration
Recep	Receptacle
Recirc	Recirculation
Recl	Recline
Ref	Reference
Refrig	Refrigeration
Regen	Regenerate
Req	Request, requested
Resist	Resistance
Resync	Resynchronize
Rev	Reverse
RF	Right Front
	Radio Frequency
RFA	Remote Function Actuator
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
RFWS	Right Front Wheel Speed
RH	Right Hand
RHSM	Rear Heated Seat Module

Term	Definition
RIM	Radio Interface Module Rear Integration Module
RKE	Remote Keyless Entry
R/L	Right/Left
RMD	Right Mid Door
ROM	Read-Only Memory
RPA	Rear Parking Assist
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute
RPO	Regular Production Option
RR	Right Rear
RRD	Right Rear Door
RRDM	Right Rear Door Module
RSA	Rear Seat Audio
RSE	Rear Seat Entertainment
RSS	Road Sensing Suspension
Rt	Right
RTC	Real-Time Clock
RTD	Real-Time Damping
RTT	Reconfigurable Telltale
RVAC	Rear Video/Audio/HVAC Module
RVC	Rear Voltage Control Regulated Voltage Control
RVS	Remote Vehicle Start
RWAL	Rear-Wheel Antilock
RWD	Rear-Wheel Drive
RWS	Rear-Wheel Steering

Term	Definition
S	
s	Second(s)
SARVC	Stand-Alone Regulated Voltage Control Module
SAS	Steering Angle Sensor
SBM	Standard Body Module
SBT	Service Bay Test
SC	Supercharger
SCB	Supercharger Bypass
SCLM	Steering Column Lock Module
SCV	Speed Controlled Volume
SDG	Serial Data Gateway
SDL	Serial Data Link
SDM	Sensing and Diagnostic Module
Sec	Secondary
Sen	Sensor
Sep	September
Seq	Sequence
Ser	Serial
SFI	Sequential Fuel Injection
SGCM	Starter Generator Control Module
SID	Station Identification
Sig	Signal
SIR	Supplemental Inflatable Restraint
SIS	Side Impact Sensor

Term	Definition
SMCC	Stepper Motor Cruise Control
SOD	Side Object Direction
SOH	State of Health
Sol	Solenoid
SOPS	Sunroof Opening Position Switch
Spd	Speed
Speedo	Speedometer
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
SPS	Service Programming System
SS	Speed Signal Shift Solenoid
SSS	Speed Sensitive Steering
SSV	Shift Solenoid Valve
Stdby	Standby
STL	Service Transmission Lamp
SUV	Sport Utility Vehicle
SVS	Service Vehicle Soon!
S/W	Software
Sw	Switch
SWC	Steering Wheel Controls
Switz	Switzerland
SWPS	Steering Wheel Position Sensor
SXR	Serial Transmit and Receive
Sync	Synchronize
Sys	System

Term	Definition
T	
TA	Traffic Announcement
TAC	Throttle Actuator Control
Tach	Tachometer
TAP	Transmission Adaptive Pressure Throttle Adaptive Pressure
TAS	Trap Alert System
TAV	Transmission Adaptive Volume
TBC	Truck Body Controller
TBI	Throttle Body Fuel Injection
TC	Turbocharger
TCC	Torque Converter Clutch
TCCM	Transfer Case Control Module
TCM	Transmission Control Module
TCS	Traction Control System
TCSC	Techline Customer Support Center
TDC	Top Dead Center
TDM	Theft Deterrent Module
Tele	Telescope
Temp	Temperature
TFP	Transmission Fluid Pressure
TFT	Transmission Fluid Temperature
TIM	Tire Inflation Monitor
TIS	Techline Information System
Torq	Torque

Term	Definition
TP	Throttle Position
TPM	Tire Pressure Monitor
TPS	Throttle Position Switch
TR	Transmission Range
Trac	Traction
Trans	Transmission
Transp	Transponder
Trk	Truck
TSS	Turbine Shaft Speed
TT	Telltale Lamp
TTM	Tilt and Telescope Module
TV	Television
TVAM	Television Antenna Module
TVT	Television Tuner
TVV	Thermal Vacuum Valve
TWC	Three-Way Catalytic Converter
Twtr	Tweeter
U	
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter
ULEV	Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle
Unlk	Unlock

Term	Definition
V	
V	Volt(s)
Vac	Vacuum
Val	Valve
VATS	Vehicle Anti-Theft System
VCI	Vehicle Communication Interface
VCIM	Vehicle Communication Interface Module
VCM	Vehicle Control Module
VCS	Vehicle Communication System
VDR	Vehicle Dealer Recorder
Veh	Vehicle
Ver	Vertical, version
Vert	Vertical
VES	Variable Effort Steering
VF	Vacuum Fluorescent
VICS	Vehicle Information Communication System
VIN	Vehicle Identification Number
VIU	Vehicle Interface Unit
Vlv	Valve
VR	Voltage Regulator
VSES	Vehicle Stability Enhancement System
Vspd	Vehicle Speed

Term	Definition
VSS	Vehicle Speed Sensor
VSV	Vacuum Solenoid Valve
VTD	Vehicle Theft Deterrent

W

Warn	Warning
w/	With
w/o	Without
WOT	Wide Open Throttle

X

Xpress	Express
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Y

YRS	Yaw Rate Sensor
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