
P0420 Code appears after bad coil replaced

Posted by wjbean - 2009/05/02 16:44

I have a 2001 SOHC Ford Focus with 101K miles. About 4 weeks ago, the coil started to die (only 3 cylinders were firing). I drove it to work for three days before realizing and fixing the problem (a total of 250 miles on three cylinders). After I replaced the coil, wires and plugs, I got a CEL with code P0420 - Cat below threshold on bank 1. Something must have gotten fouled by my driving on three cylinders and putting unburned fuel through the exhaust. My question: could I have spoiled the Cat converter, or possibly just a sensor(s)? I failed the emissions portion of my NY State inspection and have 10 days to get the vehicle re-inspected. I'd rather not spend hundreds on a new converter if possible. Thanks for your ideas! Bill

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Re:P0420 Code appears after bad coil replaced

Posted by Junius - 2009/05/02 18:00

Drive it for a couple of weeks and see if the cat will come back online... that's what I'd do...

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