

# **Volvo Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Muffler Troubleshooting Guide - US10+OBD13 And Newer Emissions**



**Component Overview** 

The SCR contains a coated substrate that, with the input of heat and DEF, changes NOx into nitrogen and water vapor. The SCR's job in the Emissions After-Treatment System (EATS) is to lower the NOx level emitted into the atmosphere.

The performance of the SCR is evaluated by the NOx sensors. There are NOx sensors that are located on upstream (inlet) and downstream (outlet) ends of the SCR.

Important: the SCR is the last component in the EATS which makes it susceptible to any upstream failures.

#### Primary failure mode of the Muffler (SCR) is:

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- Coating of the substrate being compromised
- Indigestions of foreign objects such as oil, coolant, fuel, etc.

## **Diagnosis and Repair**

Prior to proceeding with any of the information below, any codes, symptoms or failures of upstream components must be diagnosed and corrected first.

Upstream components include:

- Base Engine (Starting or operation issues)
- EGR System
- Fuel System (Engine supply and aftertreatment hydrocarbon injector supply)
- Turbocharger/Boost
- Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC)
- Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)
- Aftertreatment sensors (Exhaust temperature)

The three DTCs below indicate problems with SCR function. These DTCs should only be diagnosed if they are active or if the DTC Confirmed status is True in the Detailed status information section.

Fault Code	Descriptions
P20EE	SCR NOx Catalyst Efficiency Below Threshold (Bank 1)
P103C	NOx Catalyst Efficiency Inducement, Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Unit
P207F	SCR NOx Catalyst Efficiency Below Threshold (Bank 1)

## **Evaluations for SCR Muffler Replacement**

The following systems need to be evaluated in progressive order to determine the state of the SCR.

- 1. **DEF System -** Test the Urea/DEF Systems functionality for proper:
  - Quality
    - Check DEF Quality using Refractometer (88890105)
    - Litmus Test paper (88890110)

- Quantity
  - SCR Dosing Test in PTT, Operation 2589-08-03-05 subsection 1-3.
  - With the dosing nozzle removed, inspect for crystal build up.

If any of the above tests fail: Correct the issue, clear fault codes, and release the truck.

- 2. NOx Sensor Condition Evaluate the condition of both NOx Sensors.
  - Look for the following:
    - Non-OEM (3rd party) sensors, use CBR-2114 for guidance.
    - o Any/All NOx sensor fault codes. See CBR-2116 for a list of these faults and recommendations.

If Non-OEM or faulty Nox Sensor(s) is found: Replace the sensor(s), clear faults and release the truck.

3. NOx Sensor Function and SCR Assessment- Evaluate NOx sensor function using the appropriate test for the vehicle's emission level, indicated below. Follow the directions in the Action column for Nox or SCR Replacements.

Emission Level	PTT Operation	Action
OBD 13-16	2549-08-03-03 Nox Conversion Test	Follow test recommendation, if no fault found replace the SCR in accordance with Impact procedures.
OBD 17 to current	2589-08-03-18 Exhaust Aftertreatment System Analysts  or  2549-08-03-03 NOx conversion test below EATS annalysis	Follow test recommendation and release truck.
OBD 17-18 TC Only	No test	Replace Both Nox Sensors if not replaced within past 3 months and release truck. If truck has received both Nox sensors within

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	past 3 months replace the SCR in
	accordance to impact
	procedures.

# **Rules for Replacement**

Standard Diagnostic time is 3 hours.

Note that Warranty will only cover replacement of the SCR if one of the three codes in the section above is present. If the SCR is suspected to have failed due to upstream contamination with no codes present, an eService case is required for further evaluation.



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