

## Re: code reader for GM

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Hi Jeff &

I think the idea was to use an OBDII scanner to read the OBDI system, since OBDII scanners often read OBDI as well. I don't know this for sure. Under the hood the car is labeled as OBDI compliant, so likely it's OBDI with an OBDII connector. If this is the case, your Actron OBDI reader would work on my 94 Bonneville as well. Thank you for your insight.

I have a friend who has an OBDI reader. Maybe all I need is the adapter cable. I could do without the reader or cable if I only knew what the OBDII connector wires/pins, correspond to the OBDI connector, and jump a couple of them for a flashing check engine light code readout.

Jeff & Carol wrote:

> I've got a 94 bonneville SSEi. Bought an Actron OBDI reader and a cable to  
> connect to the car with the OBDII type connector, works great.  
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> Look on Ebay.  
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> Or take it to the dealer and pay 'em a few bucks to tell you the code.  
> Cheaper than trying to guess the problem and buying unnecessary parts.  
> My dealer charges about \$30 to just read a code. Sometimes they do it for  
> free. If I need them to diagnose the exact problem they charge me about  
> \$55. Which applies to the repair cost if I let them make the repair.  
> "Jon G." <[jon8338@peoplepc.com](mailto:jon8338@peoplepc.com)> wrote in message  
> news:hxyhd.14900\$5i5.1496@newsread2.news.atl.earthlink.net...  
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>> I have a 94 Pontiac Bonneville. The check engine light goes on sometimes.  
>> At idle, the oil pressure oscillates up and down. The check engine light  
>> usually goes on after going high speed and slowing down to a stop.  
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>> I have tried to find a code reader for it. The connector is trapezoid  
>> (D-shaped). This is supposed to mean that the computer is OBD II, but  
>> since the car is a 94, it was during a hybrid year and needs a OBD I to  
>> OBD II adapter.

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>>*Can anyone tell me a way to read the codes?*

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