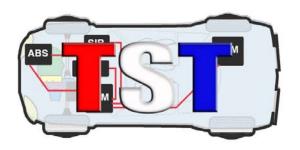
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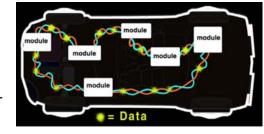
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Vehicle Networks and No Communication

Fully-functional vehicle networks allow modules and scan tools to interact whenever the vehicle is in the KOEO (Key On Engine Off) or KOER (Key On Engine Running) position, allowing them to share infor-

mation, and send commands to actuators.



This type of network controls many vehicle func-

tions and checks the vehicle for faults. Data is broadcast over the network. Special software regulates message traffic to prevent data collisions. (It's a little like watching a TV program when everyone is speaking at once, if they don't take turns speaking, we just don't understand the words coming out of their mouths). A bus is the highway that transmits data messages, and network message regulation is referred to as BUS arbitration.

Ford's Standard Corporate Protocol (SCP) network is just such a high speed data highway. It uses a communication protocol running at 41.6 kbps, and operates whenever the vehicle is running, allowing constant crosstalk among various vehicle sensors, actuators, and modules. (Con't on page 3)

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Vehicle Networks and No Communication (con't from p. 1)

The SCP network data bus is made of two wires twisted together, known as a twisted pair. Others, like the new Chrysler PCI network, transmit data over a single wire bus. Twisted pairs protect the bus from stray signals that might be induced into the BUS wiring by high voltage electrical interference. This is particularly important when BUS wires run close to a high voltage wiring harnesses or to secondary ignition cables.

Computer modules need accurate information from many sensors to operate reliably. Without precise, dependable sensor inputs, control modules make errors and send bad commands to actuators. To borrow a saying from the computer industry, "Garbage in equals garbage out."

Since multiple modules commonly share inputs from multiple sensors, there needs to be a way to provide sensor information to any module that needs it. The hard way to accomplish this is to connect a separate wire from each sensor to each module. This is impractical and consumes a lot of wire that makes the vehicle heavier and more expensive to build. And, as we all know from experience, the more complicated things are, the more likely they are to break!

Let's look at an example. Here's a list of modules that might need the (VSS) Vehicle Speed Sensor input for their calculations:

- Engine Control Module (ECM)
- Transmission Controller (TCM)
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- Speedometer/Odometer
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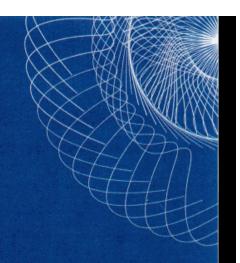


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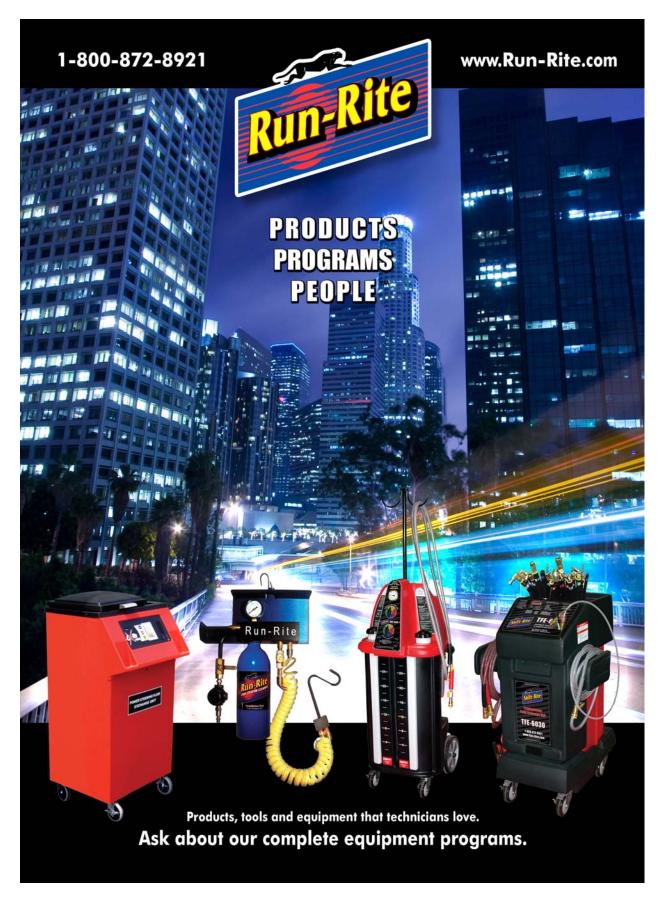
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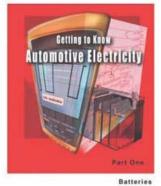
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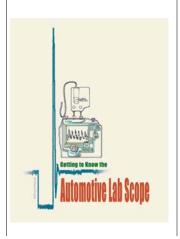




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Vehicle Networks and No Communication (con't from p. 3)

Our Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS) is connected to each module by a separate wire. While this gets the job done, it just isn't practical, especially when you consider that there are dozens of shared sensor inputs in modern vehicles.

The VSS is only one of many sensors in each vehicle. In certain highly accessorized vehicles, it could take miles of additional wire to connect all shared sensors this way. Repeating this process for every sensor in the vehicle would require miles of wire, adding many pounds to total vehicle weight.

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) defines three types of data networks, categorized by transmission speed. For reference, data speed is measured in bps (bits per second) or kbps (kilobits, or 1000 bits per second).

- Class A Slowest of the group, Class A crawls along at speeds below 10 kbps. Now outdated, an example of this protocol is pre-OBD II GM UART, transmitting at 8192 bps.
- Class B Faster, Class B data speeds fall into a range between 10 and 125 kbps. Class B includes all four current OBD II data protocols. But at 10.4 kbps each, ISO 9141, Keyword 2000, and the VPW version of the J1850 protocol aren't apt to be pulled over for speeding. The PWM J1850 version used by Ford is four times faster at 41.6 kbps.
- Class C This high speed class blasts data at rates between 125 and 1000 kbps. Now we're getting somewhere!
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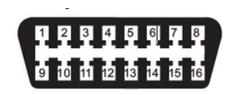
drawing board to production vehicles.

Bottom line? None of the current OBD II protocol approaches what we call "real time" data transmissio speeds. In other words, there is a noticeable dela between the time the data is sent and the time it actually displayed on a scan tool. This is a real limitatio when you are trying to see a circuit problem as it happening (in real time).

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Now that we covered the system background information you can imagine that No Communication aka "No Com" problems are something that can you can encounter while connecting a scan tool or the inspection machine. There are many of thing that can go wrong preventing the vehicles computers from communicating with the inspection machine or scan tool. The most common that the industry has experience is no power to Pin 16 on the OBD II connector. Some of the other problems that can cause a generic no communication problem are:

- Blown fuse
- Pin 16 Power battery system voltage
- Pin 4 and 5 grounds
- Remote Starters
- Other aftermarket devices (radio, SD/DVD layers, alarm, auxiliary chargers, radar detectors, etc.
- Damaged OBD II connector
- Loose or missing pins in the OBD II connector
- Corrosion damaged pins in the OBD II connector
- PCM needs update reflash/programming
- Network problem, other computers on the BUS that have problems such as the security module.



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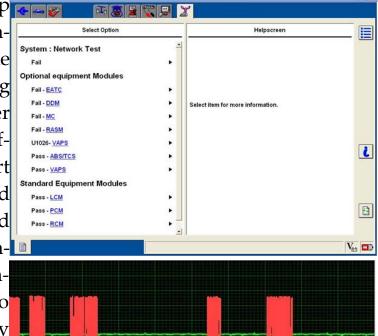
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Case in point is our case study on a 2004 Ford Escape that failed for No Communication along with failing a re-tested. This vehicle was then taken from shop to shop, where it was tested and failed for a third time. When the shop contacted us for advice, we suggested that the shop check for power and ground at pins 16 power, 4 and 5

grounds. What the shop found was that pin 16 only had 9 volts not the needed battery or running engine voltage. A closer look revealed that an aftermarket remote start system had been installed vehicle in the and attached to pin 16. The installer had used a scotchlock-style connector to tap into the wire, nearly cutting it in two and causing a large voltage drop

circuit

when the



loaded. Once the remote starter was disconnected and the wire was repaired, voltage at pin 16 was back to normal at 14.0 volts.

Not all aftermarket devices that are installed on vehicles will cause a Non Com but it should clue you to take a careful look and check that NOTHING is attached to the OBD II connector and its wires.

Audi/VW 1996 –2002 that have an aftermarket radios installed. Note that scanners and inspection machines may be damaged when connected to a vehicle with an aftermarket radio installed.

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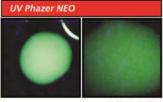


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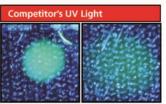
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Dodge Caravan's that don't communicate with a scan tool or inspection machine may need to have the PCM reflashed, and or replaced. First check with another scan tool to see if your can communicate with the vehicle. If the scan

tool cannot display data it maybe due to a communication problem, try the following that works on most Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles. While observing the odometer window on the dash, turning the key, on off three times with the final turn reminding in the on position. Check to see if there is a P06XX DTC displayed. If the system is good only dashes --- will be displayed or DONE in the window. All on-board



DTCs will be in the window along with any messages. As you can see by the above picture it can even display a gas cap problem.

TIME OUT—Network Reminder Note:

The speed of the data connection has a direct effect on scan tool performance, especially when viewing vehicle parameters in datastream.

Some scan tools are faster than others, but no scan tool can display changes in vehicle data faster that it receives them! If the data BUS is slow, then the scan tool updates will be slow as well — guaranteed.

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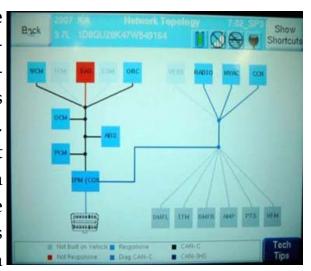
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Vehicle Networks and No Communication (con't from page 16)

BMW, 1996 to 2004, M3, M5 among other series vehicles may have a problem communicating that will need to have their PCM software updated.

2000 Mazda MPV No Com due to a PCM that needs to be reflashed in order for the vehicle to communicate with some inspections machines and Generic/Global scan tools. Check the Mazda website and TSBs.

Case Study: 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee that failed its emissions test for a communication problem. The vehicle was tested several times at different inspection stations with the same results, No Communication. The technician at the third shop was smart enough to check not only the power at pin 16, which was good, but he checked the grounds at pins 4 and 5. The problem was found at pin 5 after being confirmed by a



DVOM OHM meter check found no continuity between pins 4 and 5.

Another way to test for a good ground is by performing a volt drop test. This is done by connecting a volt meter's black lead to the battery negative terminal and the red lead of the meter to pin 4, (OBD II system ground), while cranking the engine over as to load the circuit. The voltage drop should be 100 mV or less. Your next step would be



to test pin 5 sensor ground the same way we tested pin 4. On some vehicle pin 4 and 5 may be switched, but they will still be grounds and must have a good connection with less than a 100 mV drop.

Article by G Truglia,



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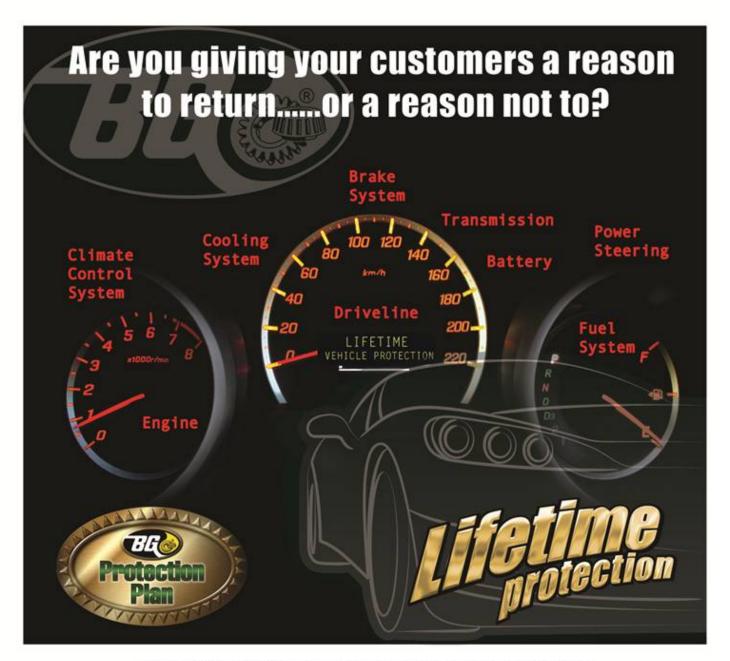




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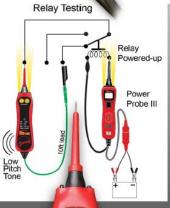


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