

The Volt Vette Project

Chapter 13

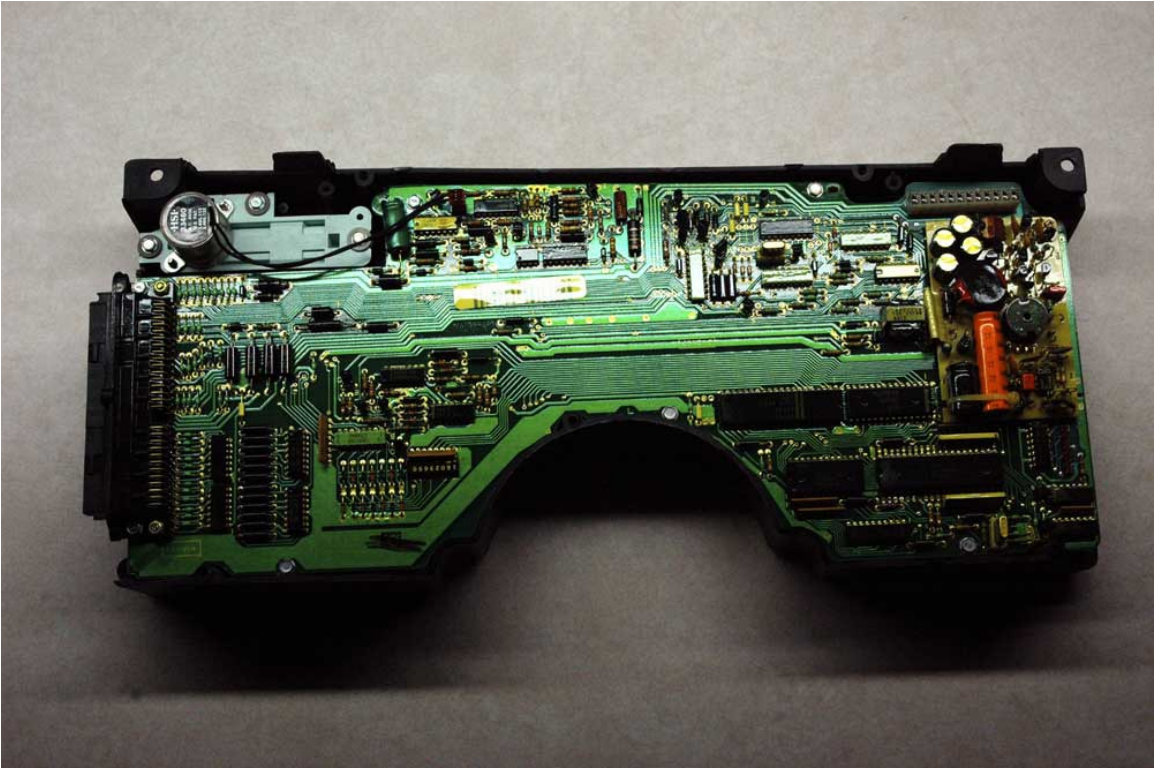
The Demon In The Dash

Most modern autos have a computer, often hidden somewhere hard to reach. It controls the engine and the instruments, and who knows what else. This computer is programmed at the factory and can not be reprogrammed later.



One of it's jobs is to prevent the car owner from making changes that the car maker would not approve of, such as replacing the gasoline engine with an electric motor!

So I was unhappy, but not surprised, that the computer spiked the instrument panel. When you turn the key on the Corvette, all the digital gauges are supposed to light up for a second, to show that they are active. But, now all the gauges are dark.



I removed the instrument cluster and opened it up. But I was over my head, I couldn't tell one circuit board from another.

Now I will have to go shopping for new gauges.