Starting ZR-1's After Years of Sleep

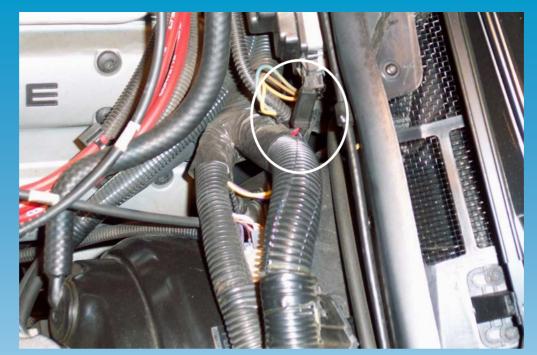
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Awakening Number One A '93 after three years.

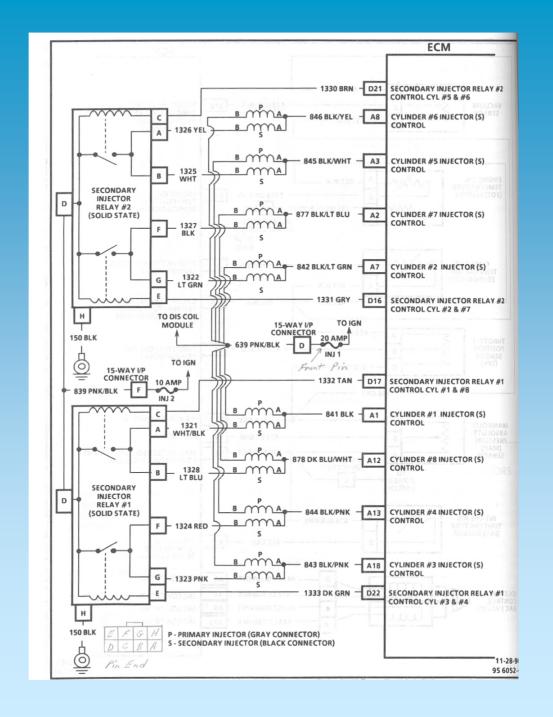
- 900 miles. Stored in a climate controlled garage.
- It would crank, fire but would not run.
- It had a spark, and normal fuel pressure.
- Suspected stuck fuel injectors.

Awakening Number One

- Pulsed the fuel injectors. Six of them did not flow.
- Removed and cleaned the fuel injectors.
- The engine started and idled smoothly.







Awakening Number Two A '92 with 1000 miles.

- It had not been started for ten years.
- The fuel had no odor. Removed the fuel sender assembly. Removed all of the fuel and wiped the tank clean. Installed a new fuel filter.
- Replaced the obsolete fuel injectors.

Awakening Number Two

- Replaced all of the fluids.
- Sprayed about .2 ounce of oil into each cylinder.
- Pressurized the oiling system to 30 psi with three quarts of oil.
- Primed the fuel system.
- The engine started with the noises that a normal engine makes after sitting for a month.



23 Year Old Tires

- The awakening number two car's tires had huge flat spots that did not get better when driven.
- Tires are date coded. Week/year, ww/y. For example a Gatorback dated 219 = week 21 in 1989.
- Tires over eight years old are dangerous.

The Bose Sound System

- The second major restoration expense on a low mileage ZR-1.
- Amplifiers. $$90 \times 4 = 360 .
- CD player. \$250.
- CDM or radio box. \$435 installed on '90 '92 cars. \$285 on '93 '95 cars.
- \blacksquare 360 + 250 + 435 = \$1045.

Miscellaneous Other Items

- Oil cooler hose assembly.
- Clutch slave cylinder.
- Shock absorbers.
- Convert the AC to R134a refrigerant.
- Seat lumbar pumps.
- I have never seen a leaky engine, transmission or axle seal on a low mileage car with many years of storage.

Old Fuel

- Fuel seems to store okay for a year.
- Remove two year old fuel and use it in a daily driven vehicle.
- After three years the engine may not fire.
- Always store the car with a full tank.
- I don't see any value in a fuel stabilizer additive.