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<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 4:40 pm Post subject:</p> <p>Death bus; we're gonna try your diagnostic for the D/R right now. Wish us luck!</p> <p>Since we're no longer parked at the top of my hill, I now have to navigate/cross a SIX lane street! Residue was a little shaken because he came in today saying he ALMOST got hit. About every two weeks (like clock work) I here the awful sounds of rubber screeching.....</p> <p>quote report</p>
<p>DurocShark Samba Contributor</p>  <p>Joined: 05 Apr 2004 Posts: 2125 Location: In the thin air</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 6:19 pm Post subject: Thanks to all of you so far!!!</p> <p>I just wanted to thank the folks who've donated so far via PayPal!!</p> <p>(If your name isn't listed, and you sent PayPal, SEND ME A PM!!! It means I either missed your name (hopefully) or the payment didn't go through.)</p> <p>Robert B. Don T. Mark S. Robert W. Joseph W. Karl Kris W. Bob D. (another) Robert W. Justin P. William A. Matthew C. Dan H. Matt D. Eamonn C. Stephen G. Joshua M. James G. John C. Jasan C. Tessa C. Joseph G. Paudie K.</p> <p>What's with the last names ending in "C"? And Don T.? That's MY name! You can't have it!!! 😊</p> <p>This doesn't include those of you who are sending your donations via Snail Mail. Only cuz I only know your forum nic's. I'll put everybody together for a better "thank you" than a forum thread post. 😊</p> <p>Again, thanks to all of you. I'm so stoked by the support you can't imagine...</p> <p>profile pm AIM gallery ads</p> <p>quote edit</p>

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jeremysmithatshawdotca

Samba Contributor



Joined: 11 Feb 2002
Posts: 1479
Location: Edmonton, AB

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 7:27 pm Post subject:

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Is it the back seat vent window that's missing? That's the only one that isn't shown well in the photos on the auction. That wouldn't be such a bad deal if you were local to the van, but to fly half way across the country expecting to drive it back... that's another story. Did the seller know their plans? They must have talked to the seller prior to bidding, according to the listing, if so that's shady! The comments from the storage yard guy, and the joined date in July add up to a scammer to me!

Jeremy

<http://www.oddlyenoughmosaics.com>

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Bottomend

Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
Posts: 999
Location: Smell Aye! via
Nude Hamster!

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 7:46 pm Post subject:

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While Shark sits around and plans his Tahitian vacation with all the money we've raised, (a joke... Just a joke!) I'll be reading the fuel injection chapter of the Bently this evening.

Is it safe to assume that if I go through the procedures outlined in the book, we'll be able to sort this stuff out? Any pointers?

The Hippys were feeling quite dejected when the green beast (do we have a name yet?) didn't fire right up. I dont know what to say to them to keep their spirits up. They do a pretty good job on their own but tonight was a bit of a blow....

Thanks for all of your support n the board. I'feel pretty energized right now. the thought that I'm about to learn about fuel injection is a bit daunting but where theres a will theres a way, right!?

BTW, how did the littl word get there next to my name? Did someone change that? I saw it earlier and it was a little starteling!

BTW (again), everybody musta really HATED my titles for 'the book' , huh? I know they wern't the greatest, but I thought they'd give someone a chuckle at least! (Grease will now slither off into his "grease hole" for the night to prepare for tommorows 'lesson in grease")

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Bottomend

Grease

Joined: 20 Sep 2003
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Location: Smell Aye! via
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Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 7:50 pm Post subject:

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yea, it was one of the rear swiveling windows...(do they have a name?) They took card board and taped it up. it was probably their first official "hippy fix' of the trip.

This seller (or his son) was obviously not on the level. I think I wrote about it pretty extensively already but I'd be happy to fill in some of the blanks if i can.

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DurocShark

Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 7:50 pm Post subject:

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Bottomend wrote:

While Shark sits around and plans his Tahitian vacation with all the money we've raised

Bleh. Not enough. More like Tijuana. ☺

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<p>Mr. Bubblehead Chat Bouncer</p>  <p>Joined: 25 Oct 2002 Posts: 1771 Location: Samba Rehab Clinic</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 7:55 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>How much time do we have to get \$\$\$ to these fellas? When are they leaving LA? I've got another donation to make - I've got an auction on eBay right now for a stupid T-shirt that...well...you'd have to read the rants to get the full story. Anyway, I will be making another donation to these guys when it sells but the auction doesn't end for another 6 days! I know it sounds lame but I don't have a job or any real \$\$\$ right now. If anyone wants to bid here it is:</p> <p>http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&rd=1&item=3930703152&ssPageName=STRK:MESE:IT</p> <p>Also, someone needs to get them the AIRS list of all the people who can help them along the way, should they need it. If they pass through Missouri (I know that's almost home for them) I'm always willing to help. I'm on the list and I've actually helped out a hippie because of the list before! (although it wasn't as dramatic as this saga. His brakes went out and he just stayed a couple of days.)</p> <p>»» Midwest BBQ - Saturday, May 28th «« TheDDB - Midwest Chapter • ØG\$T • 78 "Oh, Gee!" -Jay H. See</p> <p>Back to top profile pm email www YIM msnm gallery ads</p>
<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 8:04 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>thanks for the offer in Missouri! And look at that list from Shark! Wow! how does it feel to see that! I cant believe it. And just think, I got all this to happen from the penitentiary library. After the warden hears about all thats happened, I might even be able to get them to install a line straight into my cell. Miracles never cease to happen!</p> <p>Oh, I saw the infamous TRC today. For those of you who missed this, it's the Hippys version of the BRC burrito I've been liveing off for the last week or so. Mine has beans, rice and cheese. Theirs has tortilla, ramen and cheese (the nacho cheese spread for chips kinda stuff.)</p> <p>It looked ... kinda yellow...</p> <p>Back to top profile pm AIM gallery ads</p>
<p>norman71 Samba Contributor</p> <p>Joined: 07 Aug 2004 Posts: 70 Location: Greensboro, NC</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 8:16 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Bottomend wrote:</p> <div data-bbox="440 1297 1438 1373" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>The Hippys were feeling quite dejected when the green beast (do we have a name yet?) didn't fire right up.</p> </div> <p>I know it's a bit trite, but I think there is only one name for this bus: Booger--it's greasy, dirty, green, and organic! (Alright, I'll go back to reading now.)</p> <p>Back to top profile pm gallery ads</p>
<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 8:57 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Booger.. I like that. Seems appropriate. As a matter of fact I just had some for dinner.</p> <p>Back to top profile pm AIM gallery ads</p>
<p>Bottomend Grease</p> <p>Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!</p>	<p>Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 9:17 pm Post subject: quote report</p> <p>Wow. I just took a look through the Bentley's FI chapter. Not pretty. I understood what was written but APPLYING the diagnostic's is the problem, right?</p> <p>I know the double relay is working 'cause we just replaced it.</p>

Injectors are good too.

Fuel pump is working.

I can hear a clicking from another component deep within the wiring harness. cold start switch? dunno...

Any ideas where to look from here? Do I just go through each component individually?

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westy78

Samba Contributor



Joined: 20 Aug 2002
Posts: 1041
Location: Portland OR

Posted: Wed Sep 15, 2004 9:49 pm Post subject:

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Yep, its pretty much process of elimination. I don't know if you have done a check on all the grounds yet but the FI system is very testy when it comes to good clean grounds. There are two hidden under the plenum intake runners on the drivers side. These two seem to get real grimy and greasy, which with this bus seems to be the norm. There is also a ground behind the double relay that should be good if you just put a new one in. The cold start switch? Do you mean the cold start valve or the thermo time switch? The thermo time switch which sits under the plenum isn't really a relay that you would hear a click from. It's more of a heat coil that senses air temps to trigger the cold start injector. If you haven't checked the Bartnik site yet he explains each component in more understandable terms if you need it. <http://type2.com/bartnik/>

Also check here for good FI trouble shooting.

http://www.conservatory.com/vw/manuals_nyx/L-Jetronic.html

http://www.conservatory.com/vw/manuals_nyx/EFI-DL.html

Once you understand how this system works and how each component relates to each other it really isn't that hard to work on. You can do this! Carbs scare me and I know you are almost an expert on those Dells now right? 😊

Jasan C.

'78 Westy

VW Campmobile, it goes on vacation with you.

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DurocShark

Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125
Location: In the thin air

Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 4:52 am Post subject:

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I just sent a big ole long note to bottomend on testing the fuel pump and such... sigh. I guess I should read the posts. 😊

If the pump's working, and the 'puter is getting juice, then it's back to ignition. Checking for spark, adjusting points again, etc.

Does anybody know if the computers in the busses have a "Limp Home Mode" where it disregards sensor data and runs strictly on the baseline? My Volvos and Datsun 280zs have all had one, so if the sensors were bad or disconnected it would still start. I want to assume they do, but you know what happens when you assume... 😊

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DurocShark

Samba Contributor



Joined: 05 Apr 2004
Posts: 2125

Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 5:00 am Post subject:

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Let me add to that previous question: Does the bus in question have an O2 sensor?

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Randy in Maine Samba Contributor  Joined: 03 Aug 2003 Posts: 4277 Location: The Beach	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 5:15 am Post subject:</p> <p>I don't think the L-Tronic has a limp home mode. That came later I think.</p> <p>I also don't think it is a lambda model with the O2 sensor. That also came later.</p> <p>I assume Bottomeend has already checked for adequate fuel pump pressure?</p> <p>quote report</p>
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steve74baywin Samba Contributor Joined: 29 Dec 2003 Posts: 475 Location: FL - Tampa	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 5:43 am Post subject:</p> <p>I have found most of the time the problem with FI is a vacuum leak, sometimes big, sometimes small, it is very easy to create leaks when you stick your hands in and around the engine working on other things. Too often my bus wouldn't start after working on it and it was a hose that came undone. Seeing how this bus ran when you 1st came upon it, I'd look for something simple.</p> <p>Steve</p> <p>quote report</p>
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teamspatula Samba Contributor  Joined: 09 Jul 2004 Posts: 2622 Location: Raleigh, NC	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 5:54 am Post subject:</p> <p>steve74baywin wrote:</p> <p>I have found most of the time the problem with FI is a vacuum leak, sometimes big, sometimes small, it is very easy to create leaks when you stick your hands in and around the engine working on other things. Too often my bus wouldn't start after working on it and it was a hose that came undone. Seeing how this bus ran when you 1st came upon it, I'd look for something simple.</p> <p>I just went through that with a 77. Look for hoses that are not quite connected. Check all the joints. In my case the little rubber elbow had ripped just enough to cause it not to start, run, etc. Look carefully through the vacuum system. Especially since you've been messing around in there, and could have knocked something just barely loose. Good luck!</p> <p>http://www.teamspatula.com 1962 VW crew cab 1970, 1971 Westfalias FOR SALE or trade (check ads) 1972 Jeep Commando</p> <p>quote report</p>
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Dan.Cox Samba Trainee Joined: 16 Sep 2004 Posts: 2 Location: Worcester ENGLAND	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 7:21 am Post subject:</p> <p>I've been following this thread daily now for about a week and I love it. I don't know what I'll do when the hippys go home, some work probably.</p> <p>Some one should design T shirst or a bumper sticker for those following the thread.</p> <p>Keep up the good work Grease</p> <p>Dan Cox England</p> <p>quote report</p>
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Bottomend Grease Joined: 20 Sep 2003 Posts: 999 Location: Smell Aye! via Nude Hamster!	<p>Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 10:05 am Post subject:</p> <p>Good advice from all! I'll try checking ll the hoses ect. I've been VERY carefull not to knock stuff around but it is possible that diconnected something important. I'll check the Bartnik site too. Good call. I read the bently chapter last night and it kinda made sense but honestly... I'M WAY IN OVER MY HEAD. I can feel it. But I'm not stupid so I'm not gonna back myself into a corner.</p> <p>More English people on board than fought in the Faulklands war. (how long'd that last ...? a day or two?) thanks for being here!</p> <p>quote report</p>

The thread just went over 10,000 views and coincidentally enough... I just passed the 10,000 mile mark of bus ownership. Cool!

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JavaJoe
Samba Contributor



Joined: 13 Sep 2004
Posts: 12
Location: Chicago

Posted: Thu Sep 16, 2004 10:05 am Post subject:

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First, I started a thread titled Hippy Fixes on the general/chat forum of TheSamba.

Similar Hippy Fix story to MrBreeze, also in NY. I had a '65 Corvair Corsa Convertable. The original 4 x 1bl carbs were replaced with 2 x 2bl carbs. The linkage connecting the carbs to the throttle cable broke, so we re-attached the linkage with a hose clamp, and then ran a shoe lace from the front seat, over the back seat, through the deck lid to the carb linkage. Drove around for a few days (with the top down) with a shoe string as a gas pedal. On longer trips the passenger needed to work the gas since the string cut into your hand pretty painfully after 15-20 minutes.

MrBreeze wrote:

hmmm...hippy fix?

How about this one. The accelerator cable snapped in my 71 Westy in Langhorne, PA, about 5 hours away from home. We removed the speaker wire, had my brother lie on his back just barely holding the rear hatch open with his feet, tied the speaker wire to the carb and ran it through the inside of the bus.

My friend drove and operated the gas with his hand, and I shifted. Took us 9 hours, but we made it home. Scariest part was on the Verrazano Bridge when the wire snapped and we were in the fast lane trying to retie it!

And there's always the stolen stop sign to fix rust spots in my brother's beetle floor 😊

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