

# **TECm**

**BMW E36 Plug and Play**

## **Hardware Installation Manual**

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## 2. Forward

The TECm Total Engine Control system is a custom designed engine management systems for use with BMW 3-series vehicles model year 1992 to 1995. The heart of the TEC series of engine management systems has always been a high-resolution ignition, which offers incredibly precise ignition timing even at the highest acceleration rates. The TECm continues this tradition; only what was once done with an analog ignition circuit is now done with a high-speed microprocessor. The TECm uses the stock BMW coils for ignition output by default. For extreme applications, an Electromotive 6-cylinder DFU can be used.

The TECm has 6 dedicated fuel channels for high or low impedance injectors. Each output can drive up to two 2 ohm or greater injectors. Sequential operation is available and used by default in the BMW wiring harness. Phased staged injection is available with some wiring harness changes for high power street applications.

There are thirteen (13) user-definable, general-purpose inputs / outputs (GP I/O's) included with the TECm to fully support all factory engine functions and to allow additional functionality. The GP I/O's can be used to control anything from wastegates for turbo setups to simple electric radiator or intercooler fans.

One of the GPI's is a vehicle speed input, which can process the signal produced in the transmission. The other GPI's are analog inputs only, and do not feature frequency-based capabilities. These channels can perform fuel trims, timing trims, and many other functions.

Besides the GP I/O's, several functions are built-in to the TECm that are quite useful on most applications. The following outputs are standard on the TECm:

- Tachometer (drives the factory BMW tach and most aftermarket tachs)
- Fuel Pump Relay Ground (activated at appropriate times by the TECm)
- Fuel Consumption Gauge output
- ECU relay control (activates many vehicle electronics)

The TECm uses the following inputs to perform engine management:

- Crank Trigger (60-2)
- Cam Trigger (stock BMW, optional)
- Mass Air Flow Sensor or Manifold Absolute Pressure
- Coolant Temperature Sensor
- Manifold Air Temperature Sensor
- Throttle Position Sensor
- Knock Sensor (stock BMW sensor, enabled optionally)
- Exhaust Gas Oxygen Sensor (O<sub>2</sub> sensor narrow or wideband)

### 2.1. Pre-Installation Checklist

To perform a complete TECm installation, the following items are required:

TECm Computer

- 3-series 6-cyl BMW model year 92-95
- Torx T-15 screwdriver
- Flat blade screwdriver
- Drill with x" drill bit
- Windows-based PC-type Computer (see notes on Computer Requirements)
- Serial Connector Cable (DB9) for PC and a USB to Serial Converter
- WINTEC4 Software Guide

## 2.2. Installing the TECm board in the BMW case

Installing the TECm in the factory BMW case is simple but requires a number of steps and a few simple tools.

### Tools required:

Torx T-15 screwdriver  
Flat blade screwdriver  
Pair of needle nose pliers  
Drill with a 3/8" drill bit

### To install the TECm:

1. Remove the BMW engine controller from it's location in the firewall on the passenger side(for left drive vehicles)
2. Disconnect the BMW engine harness by lifting the metal lever away from the ECU.
3. Using a flat blade screwdriver, open the 4 tabs on the bottom of the ECU. They may break off when lifting or when closing at the end. This is not a problem, the screws actually hold the ECU together.
4. Remove the 4 Torx screws from the top and the 4 screws from the bottom. This will allow splitting the case.
5. Using the needle nose pliers, remove the plastic support post from the middle of the circuit board. This will release the circuit board from the ECU housing.
6. Remove the plastic post from the bottom ECU plate. Be sure to retain the plastic cover sheet for the bottom plate.
7. Place the TECm on the bottom plate and reinstall the four Torx screws in the bottom. Be sure to keep the plastic sheet in place before screwing the board down.
8. Using the drill, drill a hole in middle of the rear face of the ECU cover (opposite the main connector).
9. Feed the push connectors of the TECm serial cable through the hole in the ECU cover and push the grommet on the serial cable into the hole.
10. Push the wire onto the tabs on TECm circuit board in the following order:
  - a. Bare – Ground
  - b. Black – RXD
  - c. Red – TXD
11. Place the ECU cover onto the ECU and install the 4 Torx screws into the top.
12. Bend the tabs on the bottom back into place (if not broken off)
13. Re-connect the ECU to the BMW harness and re-install the new ECU into the original location. Leave the serial cable hanging out of the cover for the ECU bay to allow easy connection to the PC. Once tuning is completed, the serial cable can be tucked into the ECU bay to hide the cable.

## 3. Fuel System

BMW has already done a pretty good job of designing the fuel system in your car. In many cases, you will not need to make any changes to this configuration. Installing a TECm usually means that other changes were made to the engine that will result in more horsepower, which in turn requires more fuel. This usually means upgrading the injectors and possibly the fuel pump.

### 3.1. Injector Sizing

The most important component of the fuel system is the fuel injector. Injectors must be flow matched to maintain a consistent fuel supply for all cylinders. Cylinder-to-cylinder fuel variations can lead to poor performance, increased fuel consumption, or even catastrophic detonation. Additionally, the size of the injector plays a large role in tuning a vehicle. Injector sizes (flow rates) are generally given in either pounds-per-hour (lbs/hr) or cubic centimeters per minute (cc/min). (Note that 1 lb/hr = 10.5 cc/min.) These ratings are either made by the injector manufacturer or by an aftermarket injector modifier. In either case, the importance of the pressure at which the flow rating was obtained must be realized. As an example, an injector that was

rated at 40 lbs/hr at 43.5psi pressure will NOT supply 40 lbs/hr when operated at 30psi...it will flow more like 34 lbs/hr.

For an injector to be “sized” properly for an engine, a few things must be taken into consideration:

Number of Cylinders  
Number of Injectors  
Engine Horsepower  
Peak RPM  
Brake Specific Fuel Consumption (BSFC)  
Injector Recovery Time (IRT)

The Brake Specific Fuel Consumption (BSFC) is a scaling factor used for fuel flow calculations. Its units are pounds-per-hour per horsepower (lbs/hr per HP). Typically, gasoline engines run BSFC's between 0.40 and 0.60. Alcohol engines generally run BSFC's between 0.80 and 1.20. A lower BSFC value indicates a more efficient engine. The original 4-cylinder BMW M3 engine has a BSFC of around 0.43. A turbo engine will normally have a BSFC above 0.5.

**Example:**

Engine Horsepower = 300  
BSFC = 0.50  
 $300 \text{ HP} \times 0.50 \text{ lbs-per-hr/HP} = 150 \text{ lb/hr}$   
This engine would require a total of 150 lbs/hr of fuel flow.

The Injector Recovery Time is the time that it takes for an injector to open once it receives a voltage signal. Typically, a low-impedance injector will have an IRT of around 1.3 milliseconds. A high impedance injector will generally have an IRT of 1.5 ms. The IRT determines two things:

1. The minimum time that the injector can be pulsed
2. The maximum duty cycle

If an injector is given a pulse width that is shorter than its IRT, it will flutter. This will cause erratic fuel metering, and ultimately horrible engine performance. This scenario sometimes occurs at idle on high-revving, high-horsepower engines with large injectors. If the IRT is not accounted for in high-rpm situations, the duty cycle will be too great, and the injector will flutter. This scenario occurs on engines with injectors that are too small.

To properly size an injector, the following sequence of equations should be followed:

$\text{HP} \times \text{BSFC} = \text{Total Fuel Flow Requirement for the Engine (TFFR)}$   
 $\text{TFFR} \div (\# \text{ of Injectors}) = \text{Uncorrected Injector Size (UIS)}$   
 $60000 \div (\text{Peak RPM}) = \text{Available Injection Time (ms) per Revolution (AIT)}$   
 $(\text{AIT} - \text{Injector Recovery Time in ms}) \div \text{AIT} = \text{Maximum Duty Cycle (MDC)}$   
 $\text{UIS} \div \text{MDC} = \text{Required Injector Size}$

The above calculation assumes an injection scenario in which an injector is held open for a maximum of one engine revolution (typical phase sequential setup). For other firing options in which the injector is held open for 2 revolutions, multiply AIT by 2.

**Example:**

Engine Setup:           250HP 6-cylinder with 6 injectors  
                              Sequential Injector Firing  
                              High Impedance Injectors (1.5ms IRT)  
                              Peak HP occurs at 6500 rpm

BSFC = 0.45

Calculations:  $TFFR = 250 \times 0.45 = 112.5 \text{ lb/hr}$   
 $UIS = 112.5 \div 6 = 18.75 \text{ lb/hr}$   
 $AIT = 120000 \div 6500 = 18.462 \text{ ms}$   
 $MDC = (18.462 - 1.5) \div 18.462 = 0.9188$   
 Required Injector Size =  $18.75 \div 0.9188 = 20.40 \text{ lb/hr (214 cc/min)}$

Central to the topic of injector sizing is the RPM at which the engine will need the injectors to fire. High RPM's shorten the amount of time between TDC events, thus shortening the maximum injector pulse width. The Figure Below shows the time per revolution as a function of RPM. The Table shows the peak injector pulse width (assuming an injector recovery time of zero) that is possible using both once-per-revolution firing and once-per engine-cycle (2 revolutions on a 4 stroke) firing modes. If the operating pulse width approaches the values in Table E.1. 1, the injectors are effectively "maxed-out." Larger injectors would be necessary if the engine needed more fuel. Note that the injector recovery time will be at least 1.0ms in practice. Consequently, the values given in Table E.1.1 should have 1.0ms subtracted from them to determine the actual pulse width peak.

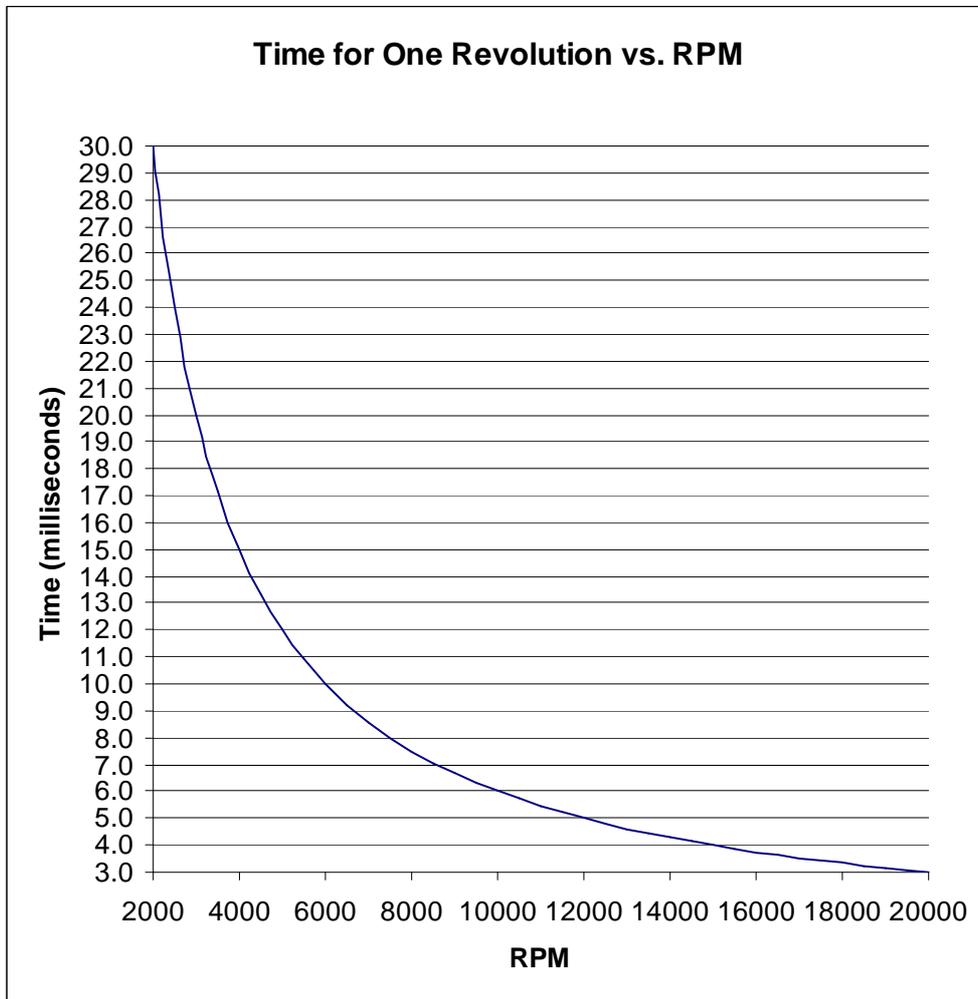


Figure: Time between revolutions for various engine speeds.

RPM	Phase Sequential (1 inj. per rev.) (ms)	Full Sequential (1 inj. per 2 rev.) (ms)
500	120.0	240.0
1000	60.0	120.0
2000	30.0	60.0
3000	20.0	40.0
4000	15.0	30.0
5000	12.0	24.0
6000	10.0	20.0
7000	8.6	17.1
8000	7.5	15.0
9000	6.7	13.3
10000	6.0	12.0
11000	5.5	10.9
12000	5.0	10.0
13000	4.6	9.2
14000	4.3	8.6
15000	4.0	8.0
16000	3.8	7.5
17000	3.5	7.1
18000	3.3	6.7
19000	3.2	6.3
20000	3.0	6.0

Table Peak injector pulse widths for phase- and full-sequential injector firing. Injector recovery time of zero is assumed.

## 3.2. Fuel Pump Selection

When choosing a fuel pump, two factors are important:

Flow Rating (in lbs/hr)  
Pressure Rating (in psi)

To find the flow rating required for a given engine, multiply the engine horsepower by the BSFC, and add at least 25%.

Example:

400 HP Engine w/ 0.55 BSFC

Fuel Pump Required =  $(400 \times 0.55) + (400 \times 0.55 \times .25) = 275$  lb/hr minimum

As for the pressure rating, a minimum of 70psi is typically used for multi-port injection layouts. High-boost (over 20psi) applications may suffer from problems with normal OEM fuel pumps. Since many fuel pumps are rated at 43psi (3-Bar), there is no information on what the pumps will flow at 60 or 70psi. On a turbo engine with 25psi boost, the fuel pump will see about 68psi. No pump will maintain its rated flow rate at this pressure. As such, it is highly advised that you buy a good quality aftermarket pump when running highly boosted engines and be sure that the minimum flow rate is maintained at the expected pressure.

If a high-pressure pump is mounted above the fuel level in a gas tank, a decreased pump lifespan will generally result. Some high-pressure pumps will fail very quickly when mounted above the fuel level. The reason for this failure is that high-pressure pumps often are not designed to pull suction. As such, any high-pressure pump mounted above the fuel level should have a low-pressure fuel pump before it. A standard carburetor-style fuel pump can be used for this task.

## 3.3. Fuel Pressure Regulator Selection

In most cases, the factory BMW pressure regulator will be sufficient to maintain proper fuel pressure. In cases where you have significantly increased fuel flow, the stock pressure regulator may not be able to maintain proper fuel pressure in all operating conditions. Installing an aftermarket regulator can help with these cases.

There are some guidelines that should be followed for selecting a regulator. When you select the injector size needed for an engine, you will need to know the pressure for which the flow rate was established. Typically, injector sizes are rated at 3-Bar or 43.5psi. Therefore, an injector rated at 55 lb/hr at 43.5psi will only flow 55 lb/hr *when it is at 43.5psi*. More accurately, it will only flow 55 lb/hr when the *pressure gradient* across the injector is 43.5psi.

The pressure gradient is defined as the difference between the injector spray tip pressure (this is generally the same as the intake manifold pressure) and the fuel rail pressure (often referred to as "gauge pressure"). For a naturally aspirated engine at idle making 15" of Hg (about -7.5psi) vacuum, you will need to decrease your fuel rail pressure by 15" of Hg (about -7.5psi) to obtain the same pressure gradient across the injector. So for the 55 lb/hr injector to actually flow 55 lb/hr when the manifold is under -7.5psi vacuum, you will need to decrease the fuel rail pressure by 7.5psi. The rail pressure should therefore be reduced from 43.5psi to 36psi.

The same holds true for engines under boost: for an engine with 10psi of boost pressure in the intake manifold, the injectors will need to have 10psi added to the fuel rail pressure. The fuel rail pressure would then have to be 53.5psi.

Though this all may sound complicated, maintaining a constant pressure gradient sounds more difficult than it really is. The BMW regulator has a manifold pressure reference and this source can be used for an aftermarket regulator as well.

Be aware that when you use a fuel pressure regulator that regulates the fuel pressure to a value that is not the same as the fuel injector flow rating pressure, the injector will no longer run at its rated flow. That is, higher pressure will cause a higher flow rate. To keep things straightforward, try to run the fuel pressure for which your injectors are rated.

## 4. Wiring the TECm

### 4.1. Introduction

A normal installation of the TECm requires no wiring change be made. The system is truly plug and play on a stock or mildly modified NA engine that can utilize the Mass-Air-Flow sensor and for those installations, the sections after spark plug selection can be skipped. This section covers instances where the wiring harness may be modified to use alternate sensors, Electromotive DFUs, or non-stock injection schemes like staged injection.

**WARNING:** Always disconnect the battery when doing ANY electrical work on a vehicle. Use common sense when working around electrical systems, particularly the ignition coils. The voltage output of the coils can be well over 40,000 Volts at a given instant.

### 4.2. Spark Plug Selection

Spark plugs are generally more important to spark quality than spark plug wires. Most spark plugs exhibit failure when exposed to a large load. Failure usually consists of either intermittent sparking or arc-over. Arc-over is when the spark occurs between the spark plug wire and the engine block, instead of at the plug tip. Arc-over is worsened by the use of low-quality wires, or wires that have cuts in the insulation.

The load at which a spark plug fails is different for all spark plugs. With the TECm's charging circuit, the more load you put on an engine, then more voltage will be applied to the plug. This is a beneficial situation: for a high compression engine, the voltage at the plug will be inherently higher (since there is more load). The detriment is that spark plugs and wires are only rated to a certain voltage (30-40,000 volts is typical), and can begin to "blow out" at around 40,000 volts. If that voltage is exceeded by a large amount for a long enough length of time, the spark plugs will either blow out, break down or arc to somewhere other than the electrode (often through the insulator directly to the engine block).

The solution is to run smaller plug gaps on high-compression engines. This is perfectly acceptable with our ignition charging method, since the high load of the cylinder pressure will allow the voltage to be quite high at the electrode, but the small gap will keep the plug from seeing an over-voltage situation. Use the recommendations below as a guideline for spark plug gaps:

Stock Street Engine	0.045"-0.060" (1.1mm-1.5mm)
High Performance Street	0.030"-0.035" (.75mm-.9mm)
Alcohol High Compression	0.025" (0.65mm)
High Power 75 -115 HP per Cylinder	0.025" (0.65mm)
Over 115 HP per Cylinder	0.022" (0.55mm)
Over 12:1 CR or Over 14psi Boost	0.022" (0.55mm)

Use of resistor plugs is highly recommended for optimum noise suppression. If using anything other than a resistor spark plug wire, a resistor plug **MUST** be used. The bottom line is this: the TECm system uses an *inductive* (long duration charge at battery voltage) charging method for the coils, which is completely different than the *capacitive* (short duration charge at higher-than-battery voltage) charging method used by several

other aftermarket manufacturers. What may work well for these systems may not work well for ours. Following our recommendations about spark plug and wire selections will yield excellent results.

### 4.3. Wiring the DFU's

**NOTE: Wiring in a DFU is only needed in applications where the stock BMW coils are not sufficient for the power output of your engine. If you are using stock coils, skip this section.**

**When wiring a DFU, always use at least 16 Gauge wire when extending any factory wires.**

**The DFU connector uses pull-to-seat terminals. DO NOT crimp the terminals onto the wires until you have fed the wires through the connector!**

The 3-coil DFU's connect to the BMW harness as shown here:

Terminal A	BMW Black/White (Coil 1)
Terminal B	BMW Black/Green (Coil 5)
Terminal C	BMW Black/Yellow (Coil 3)
Terminal D	BMW Green (+12v supply)

#### WARNING:

The DFU chassis **MUST** be grounded. A ground wire must be connected to the engine block. **FAILURE TO GROUND THE DFU'S MAY RESULT IN SEVERE ELECTRICAL SHOCK!** Also, poorly grounded DFU's may result in poor engine performance, and can cause engine damage!! Use the drilled and tapped hole next to the yellow connector for the ground wire. If desired, the unit may instead be grounded at one of the four bolt holes. However, you will need to scrape off the anodizing under the bolt head. The anodizing is an electrical insulator, so unless it is scraped down to bare aluminum, it will not provide a good connection to ground.

Additionally, make sure that the coil screws are fully tightened at all times!!

#### 4.3.1. Spark Plug Wire Routing

The coils fire in a specific order for each engine configuration. The proper coil must be connected to the correct cylinder in the firing order.

The Coils are connected to each cylinder via a spark plug wire in the following order:

- Coil A – Cylinder 1 and 6
- Coil B – Cylinder 2 and 5
- Coil C – Cylinder 3 and 4

#### 4.3.2. Spark Plug Wire Selection

The TECm outputs an extremely high-energy charge for the ignition coils. Resistor (carbon) core wires work best with this charging method, since they absorb electrical noise generated by the coil firing events. Use 8mm or larger RFI and EMI suppression wire with GM boots. We recommend using a carbon core-style suppression wire with a resistance of 3,000 to 5,000 ohms per foot. **SOLID CORE WIRES SHOULD NEVER BE USED.** Do not be misled by spark plug wire manufacturers claiming to give you a "power increase" from their wire. The bottom line is that with our charging method, different spark plug wires simply do not make a difference in terms of spark energy. However, there is a huge difference in noise generated by different spark plug wire types (solid core wires generate a very high amount of noise with our system).

#### Quoted from Magnecor's Website:

"What is not generally understood (or is ignored) is that the potential 45,000 plus volts (with alternating current characteristics) from the ignition coil does not flow through the entire the length of fine wire used for a spiral conductor like the 1 volt DC voltage from a test ohmmeter, but flows in a magnetic field surrounding the outermost surface of the spiral windings (skin effect). The same skin effect applies equally to the same pulsating flow of current passing through carbon and solid metal conductors. A spiral conductor with a low

electrical resistance measured by a 1 volt DC ohmmeter indicates, in reality, nothing other than less of the expensive fine wire is used for the conductor windings!

Electrical devices, including spark plugs, use only the electrical energy necessary to perform the function for which such devices are designed. Spark plug wires are nothing more than conductors, and whereas a bad ignition wire's inefficient conductor can reduce the flow of electricity to the spark plug, an ignition wire that reportedly generates an "increase" in spark energy will have no effect on the spark jumping across the spark plug gap, since the energy consumed at the spark plug gap won't be any more than what is needed to jump the gap. For a more obvious example of this, a 25watt light bulb won't use any more energy or produce any more light if it's screwed into a socket wired for a 1000watt bulb."

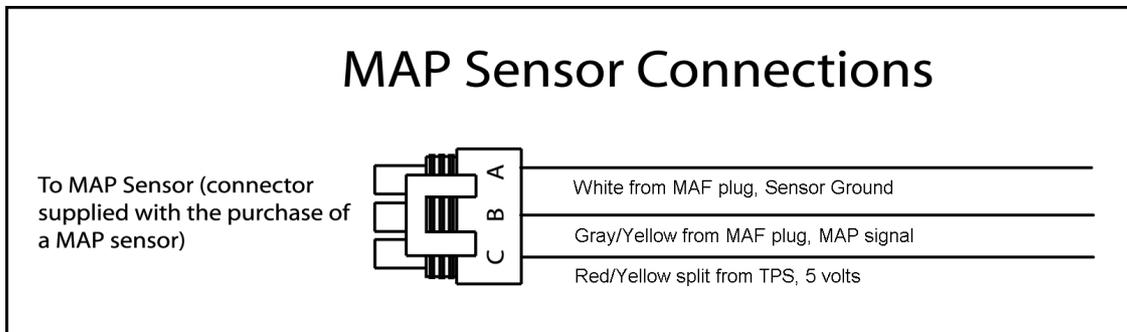
Due to the extremely high energy in the TECm coil charging circuit, spark plug wires may wear out faster than with a standard ignition. As such, it is recommended that the wires be checked periodically for carbon tracking caused by a breakdown of the internal conductor element. Looking at the plug wires in a dark area and wetting them with a spray bottle of water will reveal carbon tracking. Pay close attention to the exposed section of the spark plug (where the rubber boot ends) during the test. To maximize spark plug wire life, keep the lengths as short as possible (i.e. mount the DFU as close to the engine as possible). Replacement of the wires on an annual basis is recommended for high-rpm/high-horsepower applications.

#### 4.4. Using a MAP Sensor

A MAP sensor allows application of boost and allows for making horsepower beyond the rated flow of the stock MAF sensor. Wiring in a MAP sensor is relatively simple. The MAF sensor connector can be removed and 2 of the wires are used to connect the MAP sensor. The third wire needed is the 5v supply which is tapped off of the TPS sensor. The wiring is as follows:

- BMW Red/Yellow at TPS – 5v (must be spliced in as the TPS still needs 5v as well)
- BMW White at MAF – Signal Ground
- BMW Gray/Yellow at MAF – MAP Signal

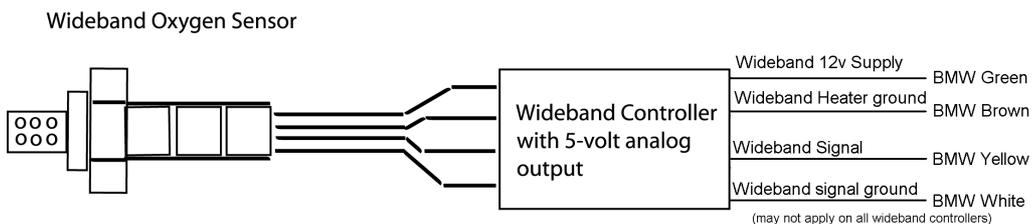
The MAP sensor is wired into these signals as show in the figure below:



The MAP sensor should then be connected to the intake manifold where it can receive a solid representative pressure reading of the pressure at the intake ports. On the stock manifold, the sensor can be connected to

#### 4.5. Wideband O2 Sensor Installation Instructions

The TECm supports an input from most wideband sensor controllers. The wideband controller must have an analog 5-volt output signal. A typical configuration is shown in the figure below.



The factory pre-cat narrow band O2 connector can be repurposed for wiring in a wideband O2 sensor. The wideband module can pull 12v and power ground from the EGO heater leads (Green and Brown) and has a signal ground available on the White wire if needed. Finally the 0-5v output of the wideband module connects to the Yellow wire (See the chart below). The TECm would then need to be configured to use a Wideband O2 sensor in your engine calibration.

- Green – +12v
- Brown – Power Ground
- White – Signal Ground (EGO -)
- Yellow – EGO Signal (EGO +)

The installation of the oxygen sensor wiring of the controller should follow the wideband controller manufacturer’s instructions.

\*Note: Some wideband control units have a sensor ground and a ground for the heater. Other units have only one ground. You should connect the sensor ground to the White wire. If there is only one ground, it should be connected to the Brown wire.

## 4.6. Fuel Injector Wiring

The TECm is equipped with 6 peak and hold fuel injector channels. These channels support up to 2 injectors per channel with either high or low impedance injectors. The driver automatically compensates for high or low injector impedance. The factory BMW harness has each injector wired to it’s own injector channel and would normally be configured for full sequential injection.

### 4.6.1. Full Sequential Injection

When using an unmodified BMW harness, this is the method used to fire the injectors. This scheme fires each injector only once per engine cycle, aligned with the intake stroke of each cylinder. This gives the injector the most time between each injection event and will usually produce the best idle and low throttle operation.

### 4.6.2. Phased/Staged Injection

This firing scenario pairs cylinders that share their TDC’s to the same injector channels. As such, one injector channel fires two injectors: one on compression and the other on exhaust. Each injector channel will fire once per revolution, so each cylinder will see a shot of fuel on both the exhaust and compression stroke. The primary reason to use this mode is to free up channels for use in staged injection. This mode allows high horsepower applications to be reasonably well mannered by allowing smaller injectors to be used, 2 per cylinder with the second set phased in as more fuel is needed (usually with additional boost). To wire this mode:

ECU Wire	Injector
Injector 1	Primary on 1, 6
Injector 2	Secondary on 2, 5
Injector 3	Primary on 3, 4
Injector 4	Secondary on 3, 4
Injector 5	Primary on 2, 5
Injector 6	Secondary on 1, 6

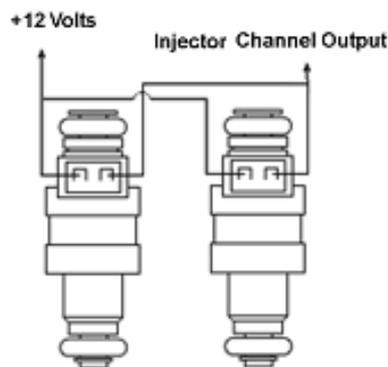


Figure: Parallel wiring of fuel injectors.

## 4.7. Idle Air Control

### 4.7.1. Idle Air Control Valve

The Idle Air Control (IAC) Valve is responsible for maintaining a smooth engine idle. Using the Wintec software, the IAC valve can be made to increase idle speeds during cold engine operation or air conditioner turn-on. The IAC valve control built into the TECm can be used with the three-wire solenoid type Idle Air Valve that is stock on the BMW or a similar two-wire solenoid. The solenoid type valve allows the IAC to move open and closed very quickly to allow varying amounts of air into the intake manifold. This way, even with the throttle closed, the IAC valve can supply the needed amount of air to the engine. The Software Manual covers the tuning of the IAC Parameters.

**The IAC will not be activated unless the TPS voltage is BELOW the “TPS Closed Throttle Voltage” value. Be certain that the TPS Fully Closed voltage is set correctly to prevent drivability issues related to the IAC.**

## 4.8. Tachometer Output

The tachometer output on the TECm is a +12 Volt square wave Suitable for driving the tach installed in the factory BMW dash. In cases where the dash is replaced, the tach signal is also compatible with aftermarket 6-cyl tachs. The signal can be changed to drive a different configuration tach if needed.

## 4.9. General Purpose Inputs (GPI's) and Outputs (GPO's)

The General Purpose Inputs (GPI's) as well as the General Purpose Outputs (GPO's) will be referred to as GP I/O's, they are configurable for many different input or output functions. There are two dedicated GPO channels (#3 and 4) – (output only). The remaining three channels (1,2 and 5), can be configured to be either Input or Output.

A few facts that should be remembered when using the GP I/O's :

- All the GPO's, regardless of their function, are pull-to-ground when they are activated. That is, they create a connection to ground when turned on.
- A MAXIMUM of 1 amp per GPO channel may be run on the TECm.
- It is HIGHLY recommended to use a relay on the GPO channels, regardless of amperage draw. Only the FULL TABLE functions require NO RELAY or the use of a solid-state relay. A standard relay will not switch on and off fast enough when using frequency-based functions.

An analog input is defined as a 0-5 volt signal. TPS, MAP, and EGO sensors are good examples of analog output sensors. A speed input is defined as a frequency signal. When using a magnetic sensor as a speed sensor, its output will be an AC sine wave. When using a Hall effect sensor, the output will be a 0-5 volt square wave.

One of the most useful functions of the GP I/O's is trimming. Using a simple potentiometer referenced to +5 volts and ground, it is possible to configure the inputs to trim the fuel and spark curves based on the potentiometer knob position. These functions are quite easily configured in the Wintec software.

### 4.9.1. Available General Purpose Input (GPI) Functions:

**Fuel Trim:** Trims the fuel curve by a set amount through the use of a potentiometer. See Figure for wiring diagram.

**Ignition Advance Trim:** Trims the ignition advance angle by a set amount through the use of a potentiometer. See Figure for wiring diagram.

**GPO Trim #1 and #2:** These functions allow the user to add or subtract up to 50 percent Duty Cycle from the values established in the GPO table specified by the trim number. GPO Trim #1 only effects table 1, GPO Trim #2 only affects table 2.

**A/C Idle Speed Increase:** On TECm installations with an idle air control motor, this feature allows the idle speed to be increased when the air conditioner is turned on. See Figures for recommended wiring.

**Valet Switch:** When a speed input is used, the valet switch allows the user to set a speed limit on the vehicle. The rev limiter will be activated when the desired speed is reached. See Figure for wiring diagram.

**Nitrous Retard:** Provides a set amount of ignition timing retard when nitrous is activated. When used with the Electromotive 4-stage timing retard module, the NOS Retard should be set to  $-30^\circ$  (consult the 4-Stage Nitrous Retard Instructions for wiring). When used with a potentiometer, the timing will be retarded linearly from 0 to 30 degrees when a 0 to +5 volt signal is placed on a GP I/O input (channels 2-9).

**Speed Input:** Only available on the Speed Input channel, the speed input allows the input of a frequency-based signal. The base program has this input configured correctly for the stock final drive and wheel size.

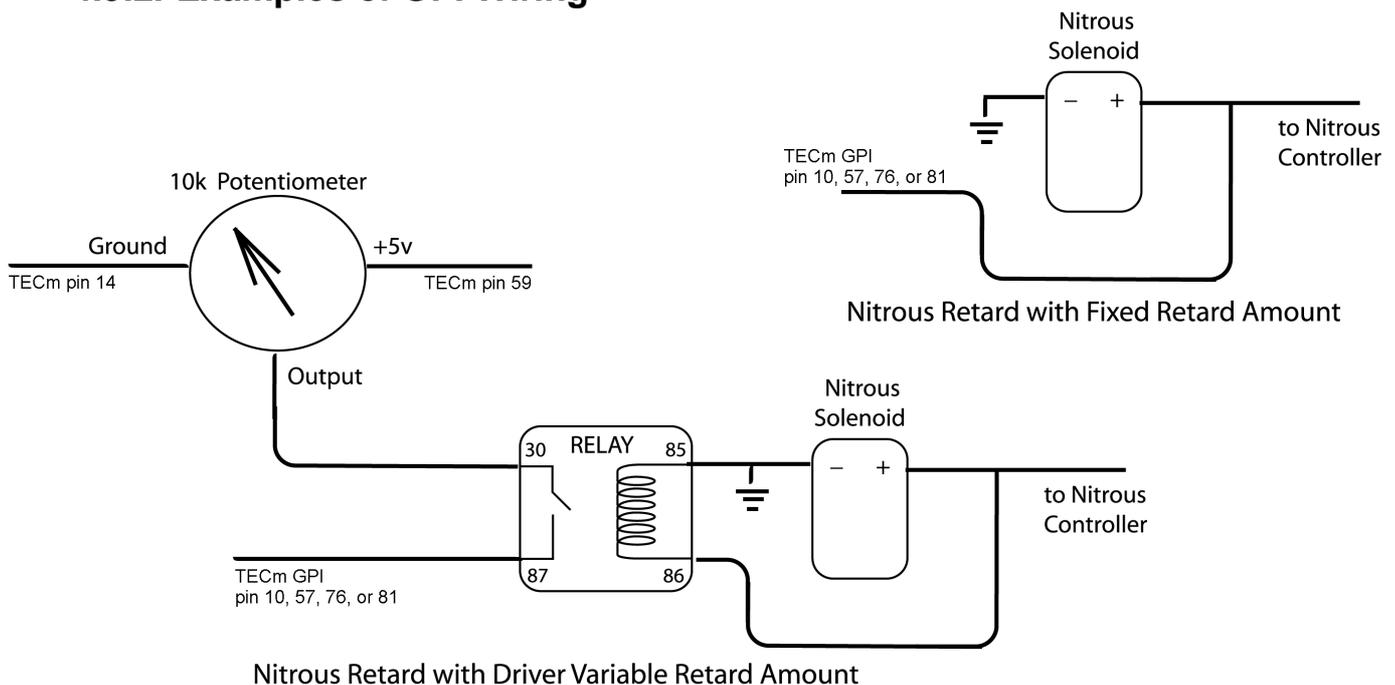
**Timed Advance:** When voltage (either 12v or 5v) is applied to the chosen GP I/O channel this function allows the user to add or subtract up to 30 degrees of timing for up to 2 secs. in .05 sec. increments. Timing will ramp up (advance) in the time specified (up to 2 seconds in .05 sec. increments) or down (retard) when the channel is switched on. Switching the channel off will ramp the timing back to the values in the Ignition Advance Table, the ramp back will happen in the specified time programmed by the user within the software.

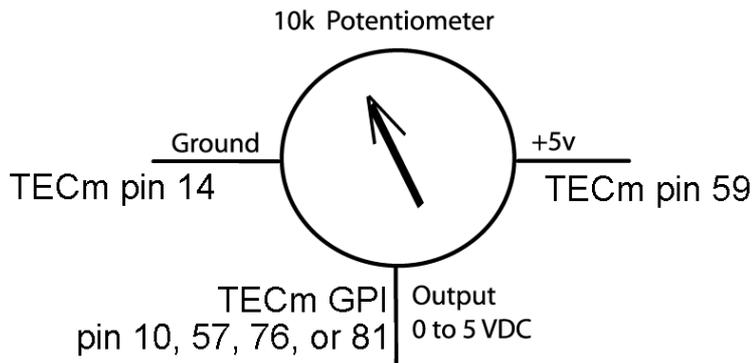
**Datalog Enable:** Allows the use of on board data logging function. Options are RPM to begin data logging and Frequency (5, 10, 20 Hz) sampling rate. Wires the same as any input that is switched, such as the Valet Rev Limiter.

**Voltage Input:** No options, it just gives you a recordable voltage from 0 – 5 volts.

**Timed Ignition Cut:** option for shifting requires minimum RPM and minimum MAP value, amount of time for ignition cut in milliseconds, amount of time before ignition can be cut again. Finally, there is an option to pull to 12v (activate high) or pull to 0v (activate low). Additionally, the line must be released before the channel can be activated again.

### 4.9.2. Examples of GPI Wiring





Potentiometer wiring for Fuel, Ignition and GPO Trim Inputs

### 4.9.3. GP I/O Wiring Harness Layout

GP I/O channel	ECU Pin	Input or Output
CAM Output	Pin 7	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
IAC Inverted	Pin 2	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
IAC	Pin 29	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
EVAP Solenoid	Pin 36	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
GPO	Pin 9*	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
A/C Control	Pin 48	Output (ON/OFF, PWM)
A/C Console Switch	Pin 64	Input (AC Load, Datalog Enable)
Ignition Retard Input	Pin 57	Input (ON/OFF, Analog Voltage)
Park/Neutral Input	Pin 81**	Input (ON/OFF, Analog Voltage)
GPI 1	Pin 10*	Input (ON/OFF, Analog Voltage)
GPI 2	Pin 76*	Input (ON/OFF, Analog Voltage)
Speed Input	Pin 42	Input (ON/OFF, Speed Input)

\*The BMW factory harness does not use this pin. Additional ECU pins with a pigtail can be obtained from any BMW dealer to add this function.

\*\*The BMW factory harness only uses this in automatic transmission vehicles. Additional ECU pins with a pigtail can be obtained from any BMW dealer to add this function.

Most GP I/O pins are assigned to factory controls such as the CAM control or the A/C Switch. The base program is set by default to use these channels for the default action. So The A/C Control controls the compressor based on the input from the A/C switch on the console. In cases where a particular factory function is removed, such as the A/C system, these inputs and outputs may be repurposed for other actions. For example, if the A/C is removed, the output that would normally controls the A/C clutch could be used to control a boost solenoid and the A/C console switch can be used could be used to activate internal data logging.

### 4.9.4. General Purpose Output (GPO) functions

Some of the most versatile functions of the TECm computer are its GPO's. These outputs can control virtually any electronics device that is associated with engine operation. Take for example a simple electric radiator fan. Instead of retrofitting a thermo-switch mounted somewhere near the radiator's air stream to turn the fan on and off, you can simply use one channel of the TECm's GPO function. To accomplish this task, you would first select the Radiator Fan option from the GPO menu for the given channel. Then, you would input the temperature at which the fan should turn on, and the temperature at which it should turn off. The temperature readings are all obtained from the Coolant Temperature Sensor (CLT), so they are much more accurate and reliable than an external thermo-switch. The output of the GPO is a pull-to-ground, so you would run the appropriate GPO wire for the channel you defined as "Radiator Fan" to a standard 4-position automotive relay (pin 85 on the relay). The opposite side of the relay (pin 86) would be wired to +12 volts, and the relay would be switching the power (or the ground) to the fan with pins 30 and 87.

A few facts that must be remembered when using a channel for a GP I/O function:

All the GPO's, regardless of their function, are pull-to-ground outputs when they are activated. That is, they create a connection to ground when turned on.

A MAXIMUM of 1 amp may be drawn from each GP I/O circuit.

It is HIGHLY recommended to use a relay on the output of the GPO channels, regardless of amperage draw.

#### 4.9.5. Available GPO Functions

**Thermal Fan:** This function can turn on and off something as a result of temperature (either engine coolant or manifold air temp). This is usually used to activate a radiator fan, but could also be used to trigger a warning light, or a mechanism for cooling an intercooler.

**Shift Light:** Turns on a shift light (or any other rpm-activated object) at a user-definable RPM. See Figure for wiring diagram.

**Torque Converter Control:** Use this GP I/O to control a lock-up torque converter. You are able to define the MAP and Speed points at which the torque converter clutch is activated. Since there is a multitude of different lock-up transmissions, an electrical schematic is not included for this feature. Consult the shop manual for your application to find the wire that engages the torque converter lock-up. Use a GPO channel to activate the proper wire. A relay should always be used for this function.

**Duty Cycle Table:** This GP I/O uses a 16 x 16 table of MAP reading vs. RPM to allow the input of a duty cycle at each MAP/RPM point. Numbers are interpolated between cells to create a smooth curve. The possibilities of this GP I/O are extensive. Typically, it is used to control an rpm/load-dependent solenoid such as a turbo waste gate. You can select table 1 or 2.

**BMW A/C Control:** This feature turns the air conditioner clutch off when the engine is above specific RPM and MAP values, when the A/C Console switch is turned on, and the A/C Coolant pressure is sufficient.

**Auxiliary Fuel Pump:** This GP I/O turns on an auxiliary fuel pump at a desired RPM and MAP value. See Figure for wiring diagram.

The **Intake Runner** and **Nitrous Controls** function in the same manner as the **Auxiliary Fuel Pump Control**. That is, they activate as a function of RPM and MAP value. Note that the Nitrous Control should not be used to turn on the nitrous directly. Instead, it should be thought of as a nitrous enable. This essentially replaces the wide-open-throttle switch. Use Figure for similar wiring.

**Custom (and) / Custom (or):** Custom (and) uses both ranges RPM and MAP values. The custom (and) function activates when within both the specified RPM range AND the specified MAP range. The custom (or) functions when within either the RPM range OR the MAP range.

#### 4.9.6. Examples of Wiring GPO's

This section covers the wiring that is necessary to use the various GP I/O controls. With one exception (A/C turn-off), the relays depicted in the schematics are all simple automotive 4-position relays. The air conditioner turn-off request needs a 5-position relay. 4-position and 5-position relays are generally rated at 30 or 40 amps, which should be more than adequate for most applications. High quality relays and relay sockets are available from Electromotive under part numbers 340-91200 and 340-91201, respectively. Part number 340-91200 is a 5-position relay, so it can be used for all applications depicted below.

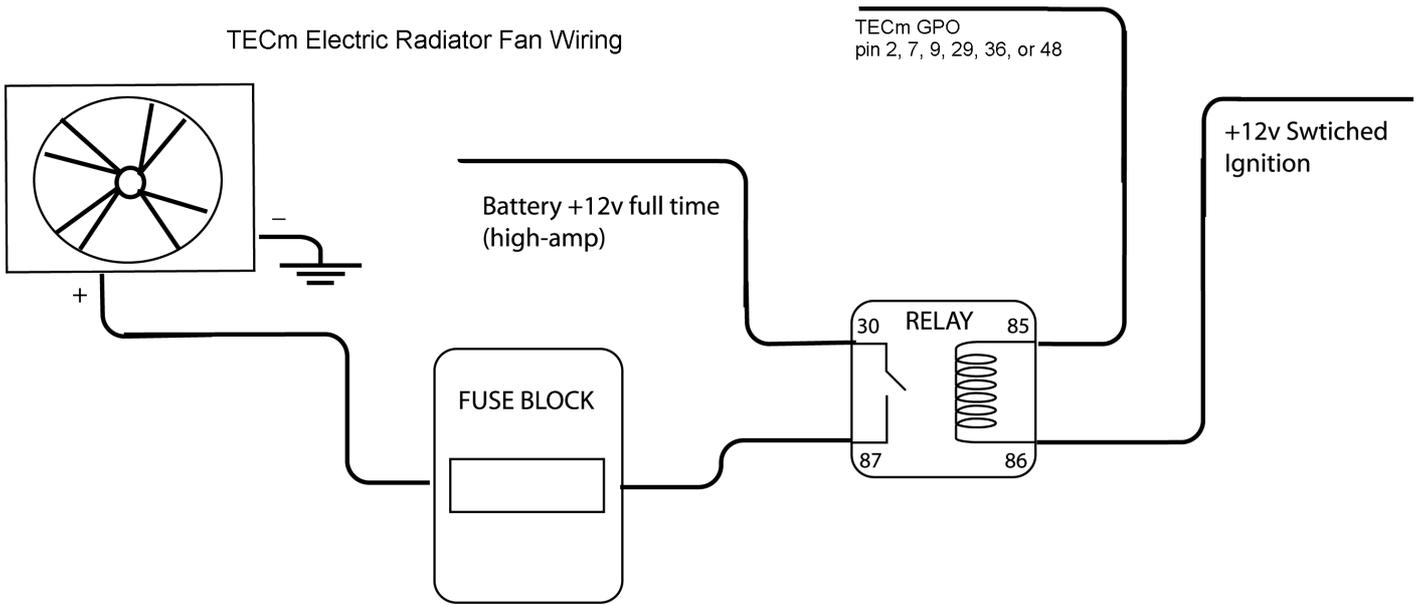


Figure: Electric radiator fan wiring.

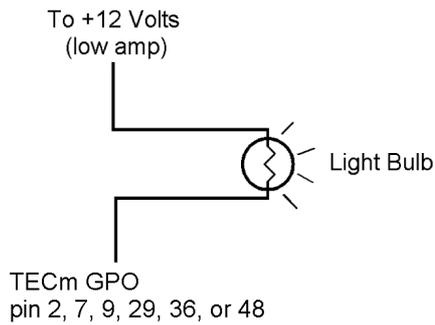


Figure: Shift light wiring.

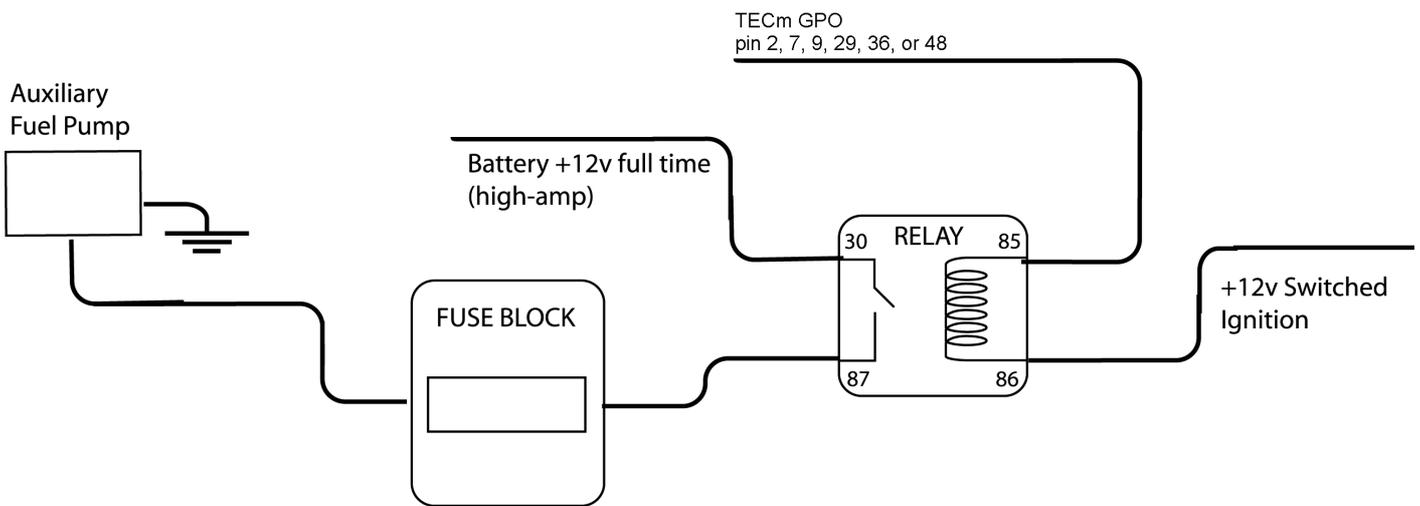


Figure H.2.4: Auxiliary fuel pump wiring

## 5. Diagnostics

The TECm has two provisions for diagnostics: an output wire for a “check engine” light and an LED on the ECU. The two outputs perform different tasks that are outlined below.

### 5.1. Trouble Codes from the LED’s Mounted on the TECm

The LED’s mounted on the TECm are used to alert the user’s attention to electrical and crank trigger problems. They are also used to show the mode (in terms of the rpm range) in which the TECm is operating. Since these are installed on the circuit, they are not normally visible when the ECU is fully installed. If you are having trouble with engine start, it is useful to remove the ECU from the ECU bay or remove the top cover so these can be seen until the problem is solved. Here are the readings from the LED’s:

Ignition key on, engine off:

Edge LED goes steady green:

Good, the processors are getting power.

Edge LED does not turn on at all:

Either the TECm is not receiving +12V power from pin (A), or the ECU has an issue.

Engine cranking (below 400 rpm):

Center LED changes color from red to green every other revolution:

Good, the crank sensor is working correctly

Center LED does not change colors:

The crank sensor is not functioning properly (signal is not being picked up).

Engine running (over 400 rpm):

Center LED is steady green:

Good, the crank trigger is functioning properly.

Center LED flashes red every so often:

The TECm is getting a bad signal from the crank trigger. The engine

Most likely misfires whenever the light flashes red.

Engine is Hitting Rev Limiter:

Center LED changes color turns orange:

The first or second stage of the rev limiter is occurring.

Center LED turns red:

The third (and final) rev limiter stage is occurring.

Note:

If a misfire occurs during normal engine operation, but the lower LED on the TECm was not observed to momentarily flash red, the crank sensor may be at fault. To test for errors in this situation, turn the engine off without removing power from the TECm ECU (this can be accomplished by unplugging the fuel injector harness, or by hitting the letter “K” from the engine monitor screen when using a laptop). If the lower LED is flashing red after the engine is shut off, there was a crank sensor problem at some point during the run.

### 5.2. Trouble Codes (turns on the Check Engine light)

The trouble codes from the check engine output are related to the engine sensors. If the check engine output wire is connected to a light bulb, it will display a sequence of flashes depending on the problem. The diagnostic codes are arranged such that there are two digits for each code. The check engine light will give long duration flashes for the first digit of the code and short duration flashes for the second digit. See Figure H.2.1 for a graphical representation of the flash sequence. Here are the diagnostic codes (asterisked items are not available with the first software release):

12: Crank Trigger Error

13: Cam Trigger Error

14: ECU Internal Failure\*

21: Throttle Position Sensor High

- 22: Throttle Position Sensor Low
- 23: Manifold Air Pressure Sensor High
- 24: Manifold Air Pressure Sensor Low
- 25: Coolant Temperature Sensor High
- 26: Coolant Temperature Sensor Low
- 31: Manifold Air Temperature Sensor High
- 32: Manifold Air Temperature Sensor Low
- 33: High Battery Voltage
- 34: Low Battery Voltage
- 35: Knock too Long
- 37: Exhaust Gas Oxygen Sensor Lean too Long
- 38: Exhaust Gas Oxygen Sensor Rich too Long\*
- 51: GPO 1 Failure
- 52: GP I/O 2Failure
- 53: GP I/O 5Failure

### 5.3. Trouble Code Descriptions

Code 12 – Crank Trigger Error: This code will register when the ECU has detected a problem with the crank trigger signal. If any of the failure scenarios have been detected in the section above on the crank sensor LED diagnostic, this code will be displayed

Code 13 – Cam Trigger Error: The ECU is not getting an appropriate signal from the cam sensor. A broken cam trigger wheel or a bad cam sensor could cause this error. This code will only be displayed on sequential applications.

Code 14 – ECU Internal Failure: This code is displayed when there has been a substantial failure inside the ECU. Call Technical support for further information.

Codes 21 & 22 – TPS High/Low: See above description.

Codes 23 & 24 – Manifold Air Pressure High/Low: These codes are set when the MAP sensor has gone outside its specified range. This can be useful for a boosted application to trigger a check engine signal when an over-boost situation has occurred. Alternately, it can be used to detect a short in the wires. When this code is displayed, the TECm will be using the MAP Failure Default value for MAP calculations. As such, there will be no load input to the TECm's ECU, and the computer will enter into a "limp-home" mode.

Codes 25 & 26 – Coolant Temperature Sensor High/Low: Once again, these codes are set when the coolant temperature reading is outside its specified range. Use this light to warn of coolant temperatures that are too high. When this code is displayed, the TECm will be using the CLT Failure Default value for coolant-based calculations. As such, there will be no engine temperature input to the TECm's ECU.

Codes 31 & 32 – Manifold Air Temperature Sensor High/Low: Works identically to codes 25 & 26, except for the MAT sensor.

Code 33 – Battery Voltage too High: The battery voltage has exceeded 17 Volts. A bad voltage regulator on the alternator can cause this.

Code 34 – Battery Voltage too Low: The battery voltage has gone below 7.5 Volts. Check the state of charge on the battery. Also check all power connections.

Code 35 – Knock too Long: The ECU has recorded a level of engine spark knock (from the knock sensor) for a duration that exceeds what was established in the software. This code is indicative of either poor fuel quality, or extreme engine temperatures leading to spark knock. Some tuning will be required for the knock sensor trouble codes, since all engines make noises that will trigger the knock sensor, but which are not caused by spark knock.

Code 37 – EGO Lean too Long: This code is set when the oxygen sensor reading is lean for a prolonged period of time. Make sure the sensor has not come unplugged.

Code 38 – EGO Rich too Long: This code is set when the oxygen sensor reading is rich for a prolonged period of time. Make sure the sensor is not shorted to +12 Volts.

Codes 41&42, 43&44, 45&46, 47&48 all function like Codes 23&24, except they are for the Analog to Digital Inputs.

Codes 51-54 – GP I/O 1-9 Failure: These codes are set when the GP I/O input/outputs have been shorted to voltage or have been over-drawn (too much current). Make sure that the total circuit draw for GP I/O's 1-9 is less than 10 amps (1 amp per channel).

Code 55 – Fuel Pump Output Failure: The fuel pump output has seen an over-current situation, or is shorted to power.

Code 56 – Check Engine Output Failure: The check engine output has seen an over-current situation, or is shorted to power. The code can only be seen with a laptop, since the check engine light is likely at fault.

### 5.3.1. Using the Trouble Codes

The trouble codes are displayed for a sensor when the maximum or minimum value for a sensor has been exceeded. Since the maximum and minimum points are user-definable in the Wintec software, a failure code does not necessarily indicate a failed sensor (i.e. the failure parameters may be set incorrectly).

As an example, let's look at the Throttle Position Sensor Parameters. Before the parameters can be entered into the software, it is necessary to know the TPS voltage at both fully closed and wide-open throttle. This can be observed in the monitor screen by opening and closing the throttle (without the engine running). If the closed throttle voltage was 1.0 volt and the wide-open throttle voltage was 4.6 volts, the TPS parameters should be set as follows:

TPS Fully Closed Throttle Voltage:	1.1 Volts
TPS Wide Open Throttle Voltage:	4.5 Volts
TPS High Voltage Failure (0-5V):	4.8 Volts
TPS Low Voltage Failure (0-5 V):	0.8 Volts
TPS Failure Default Value (0-5V):	1.5 Volts

As can be seen, the Fully Closed Throttle Voltage setting is actually a bit above the actual closed throttle voltage (1.1V > 1.0V). This is done because the Idle Speed Control will only start working when the TPS reading is below the Fully Closed Throttle Voltage setting. The Low Voltage Failure setting is made a few tenths of a volt lower than the actual closed throttle voltage (1.0V > 0.8V). This is done to display code 22 for throttle position sensors that have either rotated in their mount or have failed completely by outputting a lower-than-expected voltage. Likewise, the High Voltage Failure setting is made a few tenths of a volt higher than the observed wide-open throttle voltage. This will allow code 21 to be displayed in the event of a high voltage failure. The Failure Default Value is the voltage that the TECm will use for its TPS-based calculations when the TPS sensor has failed. Since this is a fixed value, there will be no TPS-based acceleration enrichments when the TPS has failed. However, the Failure Default Value is useful for applications using the TPS-MAP Blend feature because it defines a fixed amount of TPS to blend with the MAP sensor during a TPS failure.

## **6. TECm ECU Specifications**

### **6.1. OUTPUTS**

#### **6.1.1. Fuel Injector Drivers**

6x peak and hold injector drivers  
2 injectors maximum per channel  
Supports both high and low impedance injectors

#### **6.1.2. Coil Outputs**

6 x 9amp direct-fire coil drivers  
Feedback charging loop for ideal cylinder-to-cylinder consistency  
No "ignition modules" or "CD" boxes needed

#### **6.1.3. General Purpose Inputs or Outputs (GP I / O's)**

6 channels pull-to-ground I/O's (1 amp max)  
All output channels have pulse-width capability (up to 2 different tables and other non-table based PWM functions), on/off activation for fan relays, torque converters, waste gates, etc.

#### **6.1.4. Fuel Pump Control**

Low current pull-to-ground output for activation of fuel pump relay  
Configurable for fuel system priming

#### **6.1.5. Tachometer Output**

Drives modern 0-12 volt tachometers (including the BMW factory tach)  
Amplifier available for high voltage triggered tachometers

#### **6.1.6. Check Engine Light Output**

Pull-to-ground output for instrument panel light (1 amp max current draw)

#### **6.1.7. ECU Diagnostic LED (internal)**

Warns of crank trigger problems  
Multi-code diagnostics

### **6.2. INPUTS**

#### **6.2.1. General Purpose Inputs or Outputs (GP I / O's)**

6 channels control input  
All input channels except A/C Console Switch and Speed Input have analog voltage input functionality for trims and other variable voltage inputs.  
All input channels support on/off functionality for triggering of cuts and other ON/OFF activation

#### **6.2.2. Engine Sensor Inputs**

Crank Sensor  
2-wire magnetic sensor (compatible w/ some OEM's)  
Uses Electromotive-spec 60(-2) tooth crank trigger  
Ultra-high resolution engine position input  
Cam Sensor  
Necessary for full-sequential applications  
Once-per-cam-revolution pulse  
Manifold Air Pressure (MAP) Sensor (configurable for any MAP linear MAP sensor)  
Mass-Air-Flow (MAF) Replaces the MAP sensor when used, configured for the BMW factory MAF  
Throttle Position Sensor (TPS)  
Uses throttle shaft-mounted rotary potentiometer  
Compatible with BMW 3-series TPS  
Coolant Temperature Sensor (CLT)

- Uses NTC thermister coolant sensor (2-wire)
- Manifold Air Temperature Sensor (MAT)
  - Uses NTC thermister manifold temperature sensor (2-wire)
- Knock Sensor (KNK)
  - Provides ability to detect pre-ignition
  - Compatible with 2 BMW knock sensors (2-wire)
- Oxygen Sensor (EGO)
  - Compatible with BMW 4-wire oxygen sensors and Wide Band converter modules (0-5v output)

### **6.2.3. Angle Based Timing Control**

- Ultra-high resolution triggering
- Engine position known to within 1/8°

### **6.2.4. Feedback Charging Control**

- Monitors each coil firing event
- Coil current monitoring
- Consistent dwell adjustment
- Full coil charging without overcharging

## **6.3. Tuning Features**

### **6.3.1. Ignition Timing Map**

- 8 x 8 user definable tables of RPM vs. MAP for ignition advance angle
- 65535-point interpolation between data points
- 1° adjustment increments
- +/-1/4° spark timing accuracy, worst case

### **6.3.2. Fuel Map**

- Two numbers define slope of fuel curve
- 8 x 8 tables of RPM vs. MAP for volumetric efficiency corrections
- 65535-point interpolation between data points
- 1% adjustment increments (up to 0.001millisecond resolution)

### **6.3.3. Load Sensing – Three Options**

- MAP sensor based
- TPS & MAP based (using ‘TPS/MAP Blend’ feature)
- TPS Based (using 100% TPS/MAP Blend)

### **6.3.4. Rev Limiters**

- Progressive “soft” rev limiter (3 stages)
- Fuel injector cutoff
- 1000-20000rpm capability for primary rev limiter
- 1500-12000rpm capability for auxiliary rev limiter

### **6.3.5. On-Fly Tuning**

- Glitch-free, real-time tuning while engine is running
- Full control of all fuel, ignition, and input/output parameters

### **6.3.6. Compensation Features**

- Fuel Table
- Individual cylinder fuel trims
- Oxygen sensor closed loop corrections
- Starting (cranking) enrichments
- Cold start / cold weather enrichments

Accelerator pump enrichments  
Deceleration fuel cutoff  
Battery voltage correction for injector pulse widths  
Ignition  
Coolant temperature-based advance adjustments  
Manifold air temperature-based advance adjustments  
Smooth idle advance control (integrated w/ IAC settings)

## **6.4. Supported Engine Management Configurations**

BMW E36 6-cylinder using the OBD1 92-95 wiring harness without modifications and with the following modifications:

Replace MAF with MAP  
Replace factory coils with Electromotive 6-cyl DFU  
Conversion to phased injection (2 injectors per channel)  
Conversion to staged injection (12 injectors in 2 sets, 2 injectors per channel)

## **6.5. Data logging Features**

### **6.5.1. Internal Data logging**

Records all sensor data at user specified data rate  
Recording time 1.7 mins to 6.8 mins depending on data rate

### **6.5.2. Laptop Data logging**

Records to hard drive on laptop  
Sampling rate is approximately 50 samples-per-second  
Total data logging time is limited only by hard drive space

## **6.6. Form Factor**

Fits in BMW ECU for 92-95 OBD1 3-series

## **6.7. Environmental Considerations**

Silicon coated PCB for moisture, dust, and vibration protection

Unsealed Bosch compatible connector for BMW

## **6.8. PC Requirements**

### **6.8.1. Computer**

IBM-Compatible PC  
Pentium-1 233 or better  
1024 x 768 monitor resolution (256 colors)  
64 Mb of ram  
10 MB of free hard drive space

### **6.8.2. Data Drives**

CD-ROM or Internet connection for software installation

### **6.8.3. Communications**

RS-232 9-pin D-sub connector (compatible with commonly available USB to serial adapters)  
COM 1-14 (software selectable)

## 7. Calibration Software

The TECm Calibration Software is called WinTec4 and is available from Electromotive's website. Please refer to the WinTEC4 software guide to learn how to use it and calibrate your system to your specific engine. The TECm is designed to be fully upgradeable with respect to its software and firmware. The software is the operating system that is used to tune the engine. The firmware is the embedded code that is installed in the TECm's processors. Small changes in functionality can be covered with software changes. Larger changes in functionality, particularly the addition of new features, generally require a firmware upgrade. Both software and firmware upgrades are available on our website.

### 7.1. Software Coding Information

Electromotive calls its TECm Windows software "WinTEC 4.X.Y." The "4.X.Y" portion of the WinTEC name is the code that is used to tell what the version of software is made for.

The "4" means simply the software version 4 platform.

- The "X" digit states the FIRMWARE version on which the software will function.

The "Y" digit states the latest build SOFTWARE version.

The software version is displayed when the WinTEC software is opened on a computer. Software versions are compatible with the firmware version for which they are designed. For example,

A 4.0.3 software version is compatible with a 4.0.0 firmware version.

A 4.1.2 software version is compatible with a 4.1.0 firmware version.

A 4.1.0 software version WILL NOT runs with a 4.0.0 firmware version.

Always use the PC SOFTWARE version for which the FIRMWARE is designed. The "X" digit of the PC software must always match the "X" digit of the Firmware!

### 7.2. Firmware Coding Information

The Firmware version is displayed in the Engine Monitor Screen. The firmware code is "4.X.0.T3" The "X" digit must match the "X" digit of the software version (see above). This is the firmware version. Firmware for the TECm starts with "WTM02". The next two digits XX are the release version; release changes, new feature additions or some other major change will be signified in this number. The last 3 digits are the build number. Build number YYY indicates bug fixes from one release level to the next. Example: where firmware file number "WTM02xxyyy" XX is the release number, YYY is the build number.

### 7.3. Firmware Upgrade Procedure

Care must be taken when installing different firmware versions on your TECm ECU. Follow the steps outlined below:

Download the Firmware upgrade from the Electromotive website.

Install the firmware upgrade on the PC that you will use to tune the engine.

Connect the TECm to the PC serial port and power it ON.

1. Startup the WinTEC software, it should show in the System console that the unit was found and display the firmware version.

In the main menu bar of the WinTEC Software click on Tools -> Options -> firmware upgrade. A warning and some instructions will appear. Click OK, and an open dialog will display. Find and select the new firmware file (.em3) you have downloaded.

2. Once the upgrade is complete, cycle the power to the TEC. If the firmware upgrade was successful, both LED's will go GREEN. If the firmware upgrade failed, the top LED will stay RED and the bottom will stay off. If this occurs, repeat the procedure.

Once this procedure completes successfully, you may begin or continue tuning.

## 7.4. Pin-out Information

Pin	Primary Function	Alternate Function	Wire Color
1	Fuel Pump Output		Brown/Green
2	IAC Output (inverted)	PWM GPO	Black/Yellow
3	Injector 5 output		Brown/Green
4	Injector 6 output		Brown/Violet
5	Injector 4 output		Brown/Blue
6	Ground		Brown
7	Cam timing solenoid	PWM GPO	Green/Blue
8	Check Engine Light output		Green
9	NC	PWM GPO	
10	NC	Analog GPI	
11	NC		
12	NC		
13	EGO +		Yellow
14	Sensor Ground		Black
15	Ground		Black
16	Crank Sensor +		Yellow
17	Cam Sensor +		Yellow
18 - 22	NC		
23	Coil 4 output		Black/Blue
24	Coil 6 output		Black/Violet
25	Coil 5 output		Black/Green
26	+12v switched		Red
27	ECU Relay Control		Brown
28	Sensor Ground		Brown/Orange
29	IAC Output	PWM GPO	Black/Green
30	NC		
31	Injector 3 output		Brown/Yellow
32	Injector 2 output		Brown/Red
33	Injector 1 output		Brown/White
34	Ground		Brown
35	NC		
36	Evaporative Solenoid output	PWM GPO	Brown
37	NC		
38	O2 Sensor Heater Control		Brown/Green
39	NC		
40	EGO -		Black
41	MAF Input	MAP Input	Gray/Yellow
42	Speed input	ON/OFF GPI	Black/White
43	Crank Sensor -		Black
44	Sensor Ground		Brown
45	Shield Ground		Bare
46	Fuel Consumption gauge output		White/Black
47	Tachometer output		Black
48	A/C Compressor output	PWM GPO	Black/Blue
49	NC		
50	Coil 1 output		Black/White
51	Coil 2 output		Black/Red
52	Coil 3 output		Black/Yellow
53	NC		

54	12v		Red/White
55	Ground		Brown
56	12v Switched		Green
57	Ignition Retard Input	Analog GPI	Brown/Gray
58	NC		
59	5v output		Red/Yellow
60 - 63	NC		
64	A/C Console switch	Datalog enable	Violet/Gray
65	A/C Pressure switch input		Black/Gray
66 - 68	NC		
69	Knock 2 input		Black
70	Knock 1 input		Black
71	Knock ground		Brown/Orange
72	NC		
73	TPS		Brown/Black
74 - 75	NC		
76	NC	Analog GPI	
77	Intake Air Temp input		Gray
78	Water Temp input		Brown/Red
79 - 80	NC		
81	NC	Analog GPI	
82 - 88	NC		