

## **DELOREAN ELECTRONIC OTTERSTAT**



This is a microprocessor controlled engine cooling system for the DeLorean engine. Program switches can be user selected to select cooling fan operation for user preferred operation.

New enhancements incorporate a warning buzzer if overheating or low voltage occurs to signal the need for immediate attention to prevent engine damage.

Most common engine overheating is caused by a broken fan belt which stops the cooling system "water pump". This unit monitors the car voltage and if it drops below 12.5 volts it will beep 5 times when that voltage problem shows up. The voltage drops because the broken fan belt also stops the alternator from charging.

On power up (starting the engine) this unit waits for 5 seconds before checking for faults. This was done so if you have problems starting the engine you don't get a false warning. When a problem is detected, the unit waits one second and verifies the problem again before giving the user an audio alarm. Low voltage and shorted sensor warnings are only sounded one time. So if your alternator dies you don't get a constant beep warning.

Low voltage warns one time with 5 beeps. Shorted sensor or open gauge warns one time with 4 beeps and turns fans on. Over temperature warns continually with 3 beeps, fans are on.

There is a new software change in all units except the first few I have shipped. Everything works the same except I added a way to let the user program the beep value (when it beeps on the gauge reading). I had one user where his engine temperature reading would climb quite a bit even after his fans turned on.

The setting of the DIP switch sets your fan on value (where your temperature gauge turns

on the fans). The user can use another DIP switch setting to select where the over temperature warning beep will start. That other setting is programmed into memory inside the microprocessor and keeps that value when powered down.

To enter program mode:

With engine off, set all switches off.

Start engine, unit will beep continuing.

Set your beep value in switches 3 to 8

Switch #2 to on. Beeping will stop.

Turn engine off and set #1 on and #2 off and set your fan on setting with switch 3 to 8

If you programmed value zero the unit reverts back to normal using the auto beep values. You would want to program a higher number (use the tables) then the value you use to turn the fan on.

## Switch settings

Switches are checked continually while the unit is powered up. Hence you can change the settings when the engine is running or stopped.

FAN ON GAUGE READING	<b>S3</b>	<b>S4</b>	<b>S5</b>	<b>S6</b>	<b>S7</b>	<b>S8</b>	#
1/8	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	0
1/8+	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	1
1/8++	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	2
1/8+++	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	3
1/8++++	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	4
1/8+++++	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	5
1/8++++++	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	6
1/8+++++++	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON	7
1/4	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	8
1⁄4+	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	9
1/4++	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	10
1⁄4+++	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	11
1/4++++	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	12
1⁄4+++++	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	13
1/4++++++	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	14
1/4+++++++	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	15
3/8	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	16
3/8+	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	17
3/8++	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	18
3/8+++	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	19
3/8++++	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	20
3/8+++++	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	21
3/8+++++	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	22
3/8+++++++	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	23
220	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	24
220+	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	25
220++	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	26
220+++	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	ON	27
220++++	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	28
220+++++	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	ON	29

220+++++	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	30
220++++++	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	31
5/8	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	32
5/8+	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	33
5/8++	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	34
5/8+++	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	35
5/8++++	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	36
5/8+++++	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	37
5/8+++++	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	38
5/8++++++	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	39
3⁄4	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	40
3⁄4+	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	41
3⁄4++	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	42
3⁄4+++	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	43
3⁄4++++	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	44
3⁄4+++++	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	45
3⁄4++++++	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	46
3⁄4++++++	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	47
7/8	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	48
7/8+	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	49
7/8++	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	50
7/8+++	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	51
7/8++++	ON	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	52
7/8+++++	ON	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	53
7/8+++++	ON	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	54
7/8++++++	ON	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	55

Hysteresis is the fan off setting. Normal is a little less then the OEM otterstat. Less will turn the fan off sooner.

HYSTERESIS	<b>S2</b>
NORMAL	OFF
LESS	ON

Switch 1 must be turned on to have the unit working. This switch is only turned off to allow reprogramming the firmware or to enter programming mode. If you forget to turn

this on, the unit will beep at you seven seconds after power is applied.

## Installation

The unit requires a new relay socket. Most users have changed the AC panel light circuit to only light the panel when car lights are on. So you have the "Light relay" jumpered and your "Red resistor" can be removed. I used the blank red relay socket for my installation.

Four wires are required in the new socket.

Pin 85 is ground. Connect to an adjacent black wire relay socket. Pin 86 is power from the yellow/red wire on the "Main Fuel Relay" Pin 30 is the gauge circuit Green/blue wire in the harness. This is the hard to find wire in the large harness bundle. Pin 87 is the output to drive the fan relay.

The output pin 87 is internally driven through a diode and a 0.5 amp resettable fuse. The fuse will trip at 0.5 amps and hold the trip until current has dropped below 0.25 amps. Connect this pin to the black/orange wire on the fan relay. Route this wire with harness to the right side of the relay compartment so you can lift one bank of relays without lifting both banks.

Note: Many cars have a large AWG black/orange wire on the fan relay (do not connect to that wire). The smaller gauge black/orange wire originates at the diodes in the harness near the center of the car. It may be better to connect pin 87 to the black/orange wire at a diode.

You can leave the original otterstat connected and it will serve as a backup device if you are setting the electronic otterstat at a lower temperature than the otterstat. If you set the temperature higher than the OEM otterstat then the electronic otterstat is the backup device but you still get the warning buzzer to let the driver know something is wrong.