



Adapting 3FE Induction to a 2F in a 1969 FJ40

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Installing a 3FE Stroker in a 1969 FJ40

Daunting was my first impression of this project. But, the more I dove into it, the less anxiety I had. The two publications I used were the factory service manual for a 1989 FJ62, and the 1988 New Car Features publication available as a PDF. In my opinion, this project cannot be accomplished without those two documents. The 1988 New Car Features publication contains lots of functional information that was used to understand how the EFI worked.

I'm going to describe here what I did, the steps taken to make the conversion from carburetor to 3FE EFI. What I started with was a 1986 2F. What I bolted on was the necessary parts from a 1989 FJ62.

There are, of course, other ways to accomplish the same result. I'm simply going to describe how I installed the 3FE EFI and resolved some of the issues. It's nothing a little creativity can't solve. Some examples include the fuel line behind the head, disabling the EGR, hooking up the VSV for the fuel pressure regulator, selection of the fuel pump, how to filter the air, solving the speed sensor issue, elimination of vacuum lines, and routing those lines I kept. I also had an issue with the brakes.

I need to note that parts on a 1988 FJ62 EFI system are slightly different than those used in 1989/90. Also, the system in the FJ80s are even more different and I have no experience with those but suspect it would be a similar installation (I know the coil/ignitor is different). The two major EFI differences I found between 1988 and 1989/90 are:

- The water temperature switch and the cold start time switch, while functionally the same, uses a different connector.
- There is one connector under the dash that is different. The 1988 uses a two wire connector, while in 1989/90 it's a seven wire connector.
- While not connected to the EFI, the VSVs for the 4WD are also different between these two years.

Other than those items, everything else is the same.

Before I start tossing out too much jargon I might as well give some definitions.

EFI: Electronic Fuel Injection

ECU: Electronic Control Unit (computer)

AFM: Air Flow Meter

TPS: Throttle Position Sensor

ISC: Idle Speed Control valve

VSV: Vacuum Switching Valve

VCV:

AI: Air injection control (smog pump)

EGR : Exhaust Gas Recirculation system

PCV: Pollution Control Valve

VSS: Vehicle Speed Sensor

To do this conversion I harvested from a donor FJ62:

- The head with thermostat housing, tubes, sensors, and switches.
- Exhaust manifolds.
- Exhaust flanges.
- Ox sensor flanges.
- Complete induction, including throttle body with TPS, ISC, along with all hoses, and tubes.
- AFM with air tube to throttle body and attached hoses.
- The air box is optional, and I didn't use it.
- Fuel rail with injectors, regulator, and damper.
- Fuel lines at the front and back of the valve cover that attach to the fuel rail at the damper and the regulator. Don't bend them getting the head off.
- ECU from behind the glove box. 89661-60021 (89661-60020 in 1988)
- Throttle pedal. I also got the hand throttle.
- Throttle cable.
- Main computer relay located under the airbox. 85915-60010
- Circuit Open Relay located in the passenger side kick panel. 85910-14020
- Coil with ignitor.
- Distributor. There are no aftermarket alternatives at this time.
- Engine wire harness.
- Main harness that runs under the dash from the fuse block to under the hood
- VSV for the fuel pressure regulator. It's part of a 3-way block of VSVs on the driver's fender. I'll discuss this in more detail later.
- If installed in a smog equipped truck the AI and EGR systems will need to be harvested too.
- Heater distribution pipes that run on the passenger side of the valve cover attached to head.
- Fuel pump block off plate. I made my own.
- All of the little things associated with the above.
- The 1986 motor already had the 2F side cover with the indent for the large cap distributor. This will not be provided by the FJ62 donor.
- The 2F also needs to have flat-top pistons. Early dome top pistons will not work with the 3FE head.

It's a good idea to get as many of the hoses as possible. In some cases harvesting was easier if I cut some hoses and replaced them later. I found that most of them are not that expensive from the dealer.

Disabling Emissions

Since my motor went into a smog-exempt 1969 FJ40 I choose not to install the EGR and AI systems. This significantly simplified the motor and kept the space under the hood tidy.

Disabling the EGR is one area where there are multiple solutions. Others have used threaded caps and block off plates. My solution was to pound in expansion plugs (Figs. 1 & 2). There were two I needed. One goes on the fitting on the exhaust manifold (.75"), and the other goes on the plenum where the EGR valve lived (.829"/21mm). Both are a tight squeeze, but they fit. This was a clean and cheap solution.

For the AI system the ports on the head need to be plugged. Rather than using brass NPT plugs I choose to use the Toyota part. The 3FE head only has four cylinders attached to the injection rail. The other two, used on 2F motors, are sealed with an allen-head plug. These are available from Toyota, part number 90340-14001 (Fig. 3). I suspect BSPT (metric) plugs would also work and would be cheaper than the dealer (about \$2 each from McMaster-Carr). Again, simple and clean.

Charcoal Canister

This was an interesting setup. On mini-trucks there is a vapor line from the tank that goes to the canister. There is a second line that runs from the canister to the throttle body. On the 3FE, there is a VCV that sits between the line from the throttle body and the canister. This was retained. I only made one minor change. One line from the VCV goes to the airbox. Because the airbox was not used I just installed a small filter from a VSV on the port.

PCV

The 3FE uses different PCV plumbing than the 2F. The easiest solution was to keep the 3FE connection from the PCV on the valve cover to the plenum. The PCV connects to the 2F on the side cover. What I did was cut off the tube from the side cover and weld in a bolt head to fill the hole. I probably could have cut it down further and made it flush with the cover as the tube does recess a bit into the side cover. The bump looks OK (Fig. 4).

Fuel Pump and Delivery (draft)

For the 3FE EFI I needed a fuel pump that puts out 43 PSI. In the aftermarket, several 45 PSI pumps are available. (Fig.5)

Bla, bla, bla. Still trying to figure this out.

Air Filter

At first I wanted to retain the FJ62 air box, but realized that without moving the battery it wasn't going to happen. Fortunately, many of the parts on the 3FE are similar to those on the 7M motor used in the Supra. I bought on Ebay an adaptor that allowed me to bolt up a cone filter to the 3FE AFM. This was a simple solution. I am concerned about filtering and am looking at a pre-filter to fit over the cone, and possibility a larger Amsoil cone filter which might filter better. (Fig. 6)

The other thing I did was shorten the run from the AFM to the throttle body. The air tube from the AFM to the throttle body consists of three pieces. Attached to the AFM is a bent rubber hose with a fitting for the ISC. It actually contains a steel fitting to connect the larger hose to the smaller hose running to the ISC. Attached to that is a steel pipe with a fitting for the valve cover breather. Then between the steel pipe and the throttle body is another bent rubber hose.

What I did was take the short metal connector for the ISC and weld it into the metal pipe so there was a port for the breather and a port for the ISC (Fig. 8). I then bought a 3" silicone coupling at Autozone to connect the AFM to the metal pipe. I found the silicone coupling in the performance section at most auto-parts stores. The AFM and steel pipe are just slightly larger than 3" so I used a heat gun to warm up the coupling so it would slip on easier.

Gas Pedal

I acquired the gas pedal from the FJ62. This is another part that's different between 1988 and 1989/90, at least with how the hand throttle hooks up. The attachment of the throttle cable from under the hood is the same. I modified my firewall to accept the new throttle pedal and the mount for the cable.

Engine Wire Harness

As I said, there are two harnesses. This harness was used unmolested. I just hooked it up to the sensors and ran it through the firewall to the ECU. There is one connector next to the ECU connectors that connects to the main harness on 1989 harnesses. This connector is different between the 1988 and the 1989/90 harnesses (Fig. 7a, b, c).

The EFI harness hooked up the majority of the EFI items on the motor. This included the fuel injectors, cold start injector, both O₂ sensors, cold start time switch, water temperature switch, water temperature sensor, water temperature sender, TPS, ISC, distributor, and two connectors for the ECU.

On the 1988 harness there are two connectors. One is a two wire connector located next to the ECU connectors. The second is a five wire connector located next to the diagnostic box under the hood. Functionally, these two have the same job as the single 7 wire used in 1989.

Main Harness

This was, by far, the most intimidating part of the conversion. I don't think it can be done without the wire diagram in the factory service manual. The main harness contains just about everything ... headlights, horn, turn signals, gauges, heater, and way too much more. The items I needed from this harness included the connectors for the ECU, air flow meter, ignitor, main relay, circuit open relay, and VSVs (see table for complete list). In addition there were wires necessary for hooking up power from the fuse block, the speed sensor, the 4WD signal, brake light switch, and ground. I marked these connectors before I started. Beginning at the ECU connector I unwrapped the harness and tracing the wires to each component. It took several hours and I did make a few mistakes. Hopefully, this write-up will save you some time as others can quickly identify what items are important and those that are not.

Mounting ECU

Glove box.

Speed Sensor

I fretted over this for many months. Some folks said it wasn't needed. Some said it was required. The documentation I had was vague. So, while at the boneyard I pulled the speedometer from an FJ62 and took it home. I then hooked up my multi-meter, set it to continuity/beep, and spun the speedometer. It pulsed four times per revolution.

I had already acquired the VSS for the Autometer electronic speedometer. It consisted of a 16-pulse square wave VSS and a custom cable to connect to the transfer case. What I needed for the ECU was a reed-switch type VSS that produced 4 pulses. The ECU VSS runs piggyback with the speedometer VSS (Fig. 9). Again, my fretting was for nothing. The

company that provided both VSS's and cable was Speedometer Service Co., Milwaukee, WI, 414/463-6660.

Fuel Pressure VSV

The fuel pressure VSV is part of a three-way block of VSVs. In order, from the front of the truck, is the AI VSV, the EGR VSV, and the VSV closest to the firewall is for the fuel pressure regulator. The EGR has its own connector, but the fuel pressure and the AI VSVs are wired to the same connector (FJ80s use three separate connectors, the fuel pressure VSV is brown).

What I did was cut off the connector and replace it with a Weather Pack connector, and modified the harness to match. I then removed the VSV from the three-way mount and made a bracket for it. It was relocated on the front side of the plenum close to the fuel pressure regulator and the vacuum supply. (Fig. 10)

One note about the IA and EGR VSVs. Some feel that because they are controlled by the ECU they are necessary and their absence will trigger the Check Engine Light (CEL). I'm not convinced. These are switches, not sensors. They only receive power triggered by the ECU and I don't think the ECU has the ability to detect their presence, absence, or malfunction.

Accessories

In my case I kept the 2F accessories. I also used the 2F water pump. The power steering pump was retained on the driver side of the motor and the alternator was mounted on the passenger side, both in the high position. To tighten the power steering belt I made an idler pulley setup that mounted in the smog pump location.

Routing Coolant Lines

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Power Brakes

This was another area that caused me much grief. The induction on a 3FE takes up more space than the 2F. I was having problems with fitting a brake booster under the hood with the 2F and the clearance became worse with the 3FE plenum. I had already acquired a spacer from Mark's Off-Road to space the booster out from the clutch master, but the booster was still in the way of the motor. The solution was to cut out the firewall with the mounts for the brake and clutch masters and move it over three inches (Fig. 11). A section of firewall rib was removed at the same time. I also needed to bend the pedals to the right.

The Little Stuff

There is a port on the 3FE thermostat housing, driver's side, that isn't used with the 2F plumbing. I used part number 90339-16001 to block off this port (Fig. 13). There is also a port on the 3FE heater plumbing that wasn't used. It was blocked off using part number 90339-13009 (Fig. 13).

I went with an aftermarket temperature sensor. In hindsight I should have pulled the OEM sensor and adapted the Autometer sensor. Instead I drilled and tapped the thermostat

housing and installed the sensor on the lower right side (Fig. 14).

When I acquired the parts from my donor FJ62 I couldn't get to the block off plate for the fuel pump. Using a gasket as a template I made my own out of 1/8" steel (Fig. 14). Of course on subsequent trips I was able to acquire the factory plate.

Disclaimer

The intent of this article was to document how I installed 3FE induction on a 2F block in my 1969 FJ40. I've described what I did, which may or may not work for others. Chances are that others will find additional issues that will need to be addressed. There could also be better solutions. In no way am I going to imply that what I did was necessarily the right or best way. I am not a professional mechanic and my skills are very "shade tree" though not quite "bubba." If it's decided to tackle this project it will be up to the installer to determine that they have the necessary skills, knowledge, and tools to accomplish the job. Like I said, this article is to be used in combination with the Factory Service Manual and the 1988 New Car Features publication. The ability to read a wire diagram is required. I did not attempt to give detailed step-by-step instructions on the installation. I put in a lot of work, research, and spent a lot of money to make this conversion work. Why should I take out the challenge or fun others should have?

Harness Connectors

The engine harness has connectors for:

- ECU (2)
- Main harness
- Fuel injectors (6)
- Cold start injector
- Ox sensors (2)
- Cold start time switch
- Water temperature switch
- Water temperature sensor
- Water temperature sender
- Throttle position sensor
- Idle speed control valve
- Distributor

The main harness has EFI connectors for:

- ECU (1)
- Engine harness
- Air flow meter
- Ignitor
- Main relay
- Circuit open relay
- Vacuum switching valves (3: AI, EGR, fuel regulator)

Plus, it has wires for:

- EFI Fuse (R-Y)
- Ignition Fuse (B-L)
- Speed sensor (G-B)
- Ignition switch (B-W)
- 4WD switch (Y-B)
- Brake light switch (G-W)
- Ground (BR)
- A\C (B-W)
- Check engine light (Y-G)

4th Connector:

- From: Ignition-Starter (neutral start switch) (B-R)
- From: Ignition Fuse (B-L)
- From: EFI main relay (Y-R)
- To: Tachometer (B)
- To: Fuel Pump (R-G)
- To: Water temperature gauge (G)
- Bridge: AFM to TPS (G-R)

2FE Rebuild Parts

Part	Need	3FE	1986 2F
Gasket, head		11115-61030	
Gasket, intake/exhaust	1	17172-61060	
Gasket, plenum	1	17176-61020	
Gasket, throttle body	1	22271-61020	
Gasket, ISC valve	1	22278-42010	
PCV grommet	1	90480-18001	
Washer, cyl head cover	4	90210-13001	
Thermostat	1	90916-03052	
Gasket, thermostat	1	90430-43002	
Gasket, water outlet	1	16341-61030	
Gasket, water outlet housing	1	16343-61020	
O-ring #1, fuel injector	6	90301-07001	
O-ring #2, fuel injector	6	90301-19006	
Gasket, fuel pipe 2, regulator	2	90430-08011	
Gasket, damper	1	23232-41081	
Gasket, fuel pipe, damper	1	90430-12005	
gasket, fuel pipe 3, cold start	4	90430-08011	
Gasket, cold start	1	23293-74010	
O-ring, distributor	1	90099-14090	
Distributor cap	1	19101-61240	
Distributor rotor	1	19102-61240	
Spark plug wires	1	90919-21451	
Gasket, exhaust pipe	2	90917-06039	
Plug #1, rear head	1	96411-45000	
Gasket, valve cover	1	11213-61020	
Gasket, side cover	1		11253-60010
Gasket, timing cover	1		11328-61010
Gasket, front end plate	1		11312-61021
Gasket, oil pan	1		12151-61010
Gasket, water pump	1		16271-60012
Gasket, oil pump	2		90430-15261
Plug, expansion, cam	1		90311-48010
O-ring, oil cooler	2		90301-21176
Water pump, reman?	1		16100-61130
Seal, rear main	1		90311-99065
Seal, front main	1		90311-45008
Fuel pump gasket	1	11496-61010	90923-05016
Gasket, oil filter bracket	1		15691-61010

Assorted Part Numbers

- EFI emblem on top of plenum: 11292-61010
- Thermostat bypass port plug: 90339-16001
- Rear heater port plug: 90339-13009
- Air rail plugs on head: 90340-14001
- OEM fuel pump block off plate (disco'd): 11495-61010

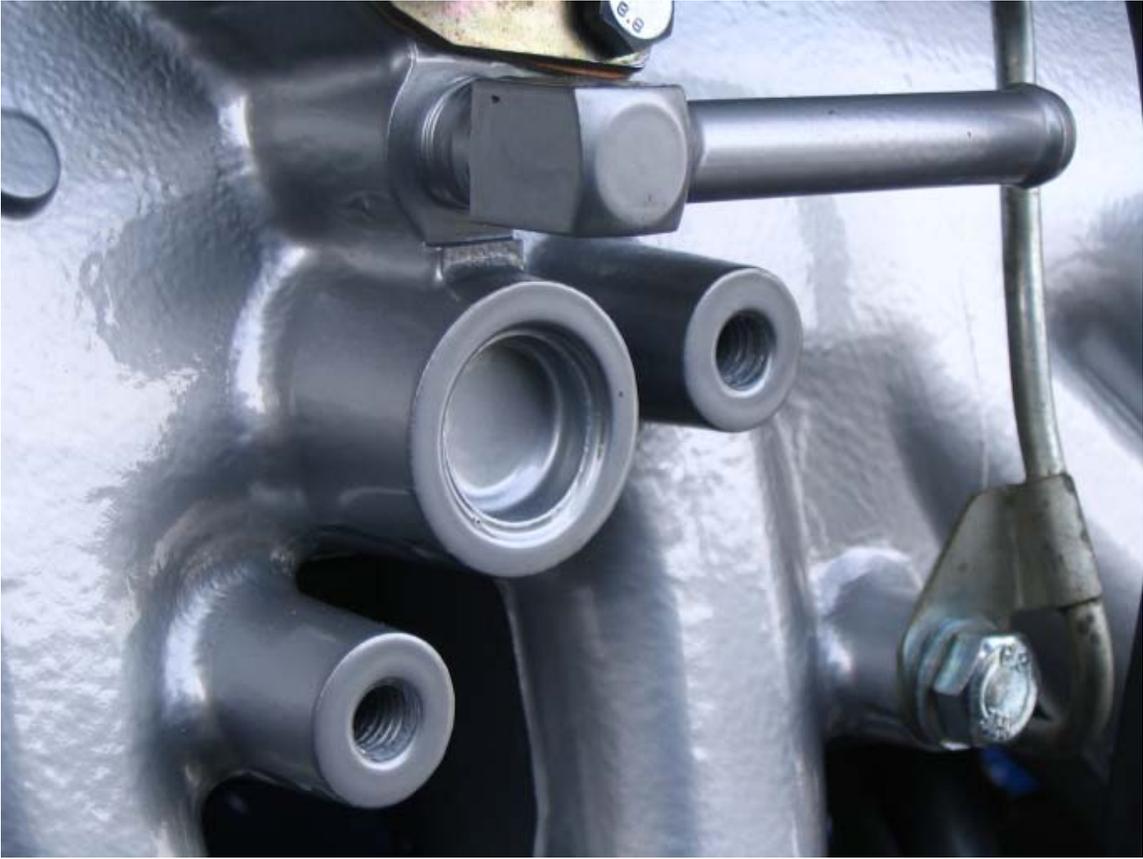


Figure 1. EGR port on plenum plugged with expansion plug.



Figure 2. EGR port on exhaust manifold plugged with expansion plug.



Figure 3. Allen head plugs on AI ports.



Figure 4. Plugged PCV port on 2F side cover.

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Figure 5. Rerouted fuel line behind head.



Figure 6. Intake from cone filter to AFM.



7a. 5 wire connector on 1988.



7c. 7 wire connector on 1989.



7b. 2 wire connector on 1988.



Figure 8. Intake showing steel pipe with double ports, one for breather, the second for ISC.



Figure 9. Piggyback vehicle speed sensors. Top is the VSS for the Autometer speedometer. Lower is the VSS for the ECU speed signal.

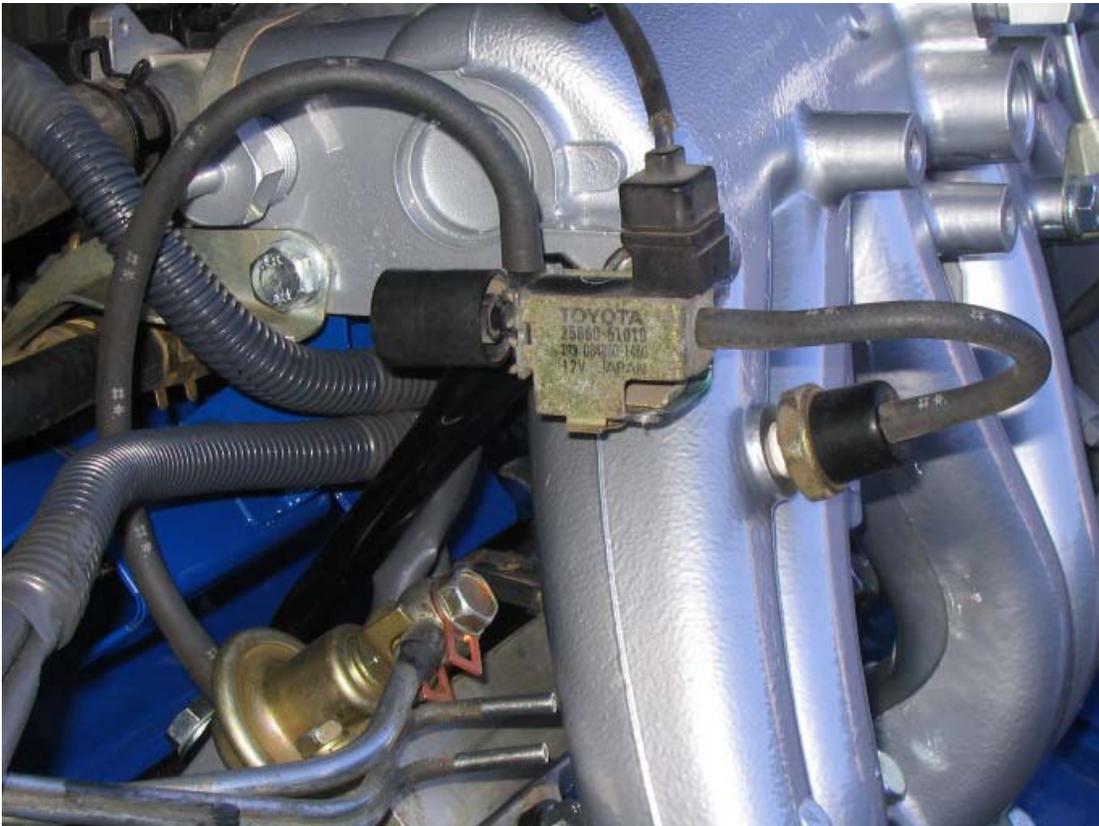


Figure 10. Fuel pressure regulator VSV mounted on plenum directly from vacuum to regulator.

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Figure 11. Relocated brake and clutch master cylinders.

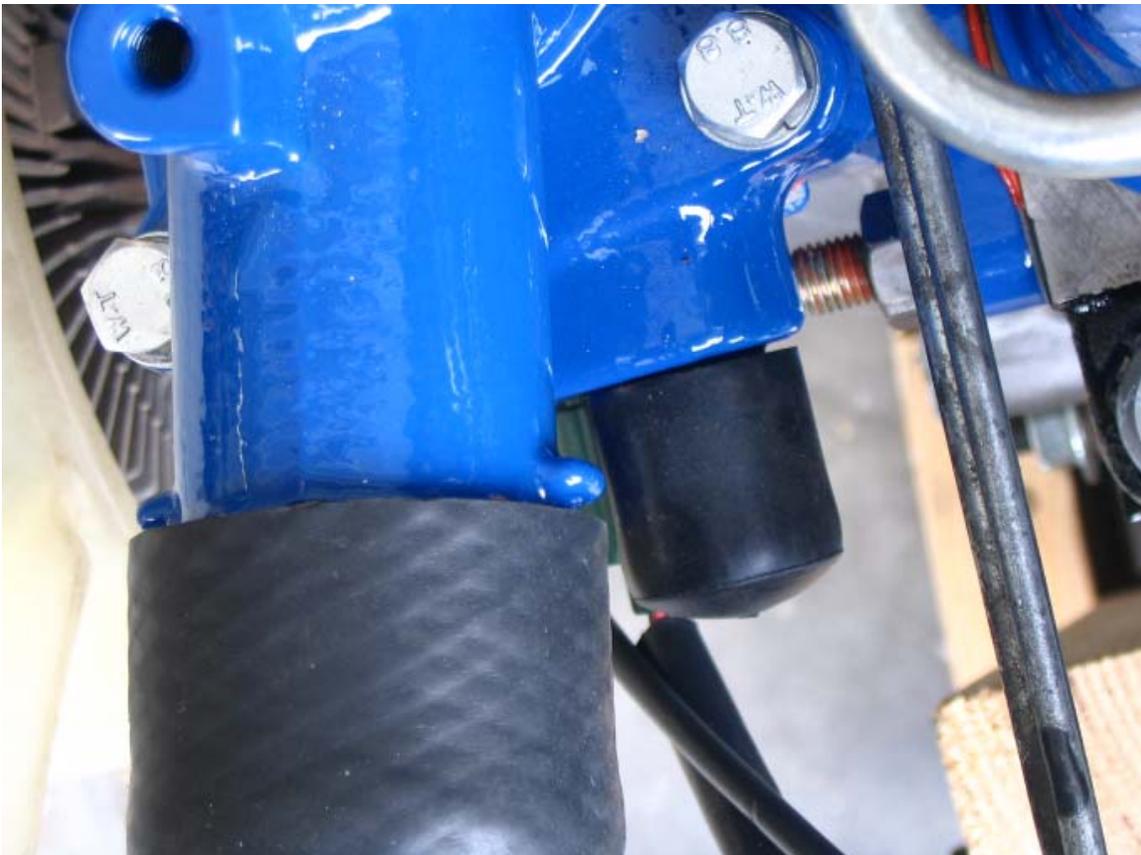


Figure 12. Part 90339-16001 used to block off the extra port on the thermostat housing

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Figure 13. Part 90339-13009 used to block off the extra heater port.



Figure 14. Location of aftermarket temperature sensor.

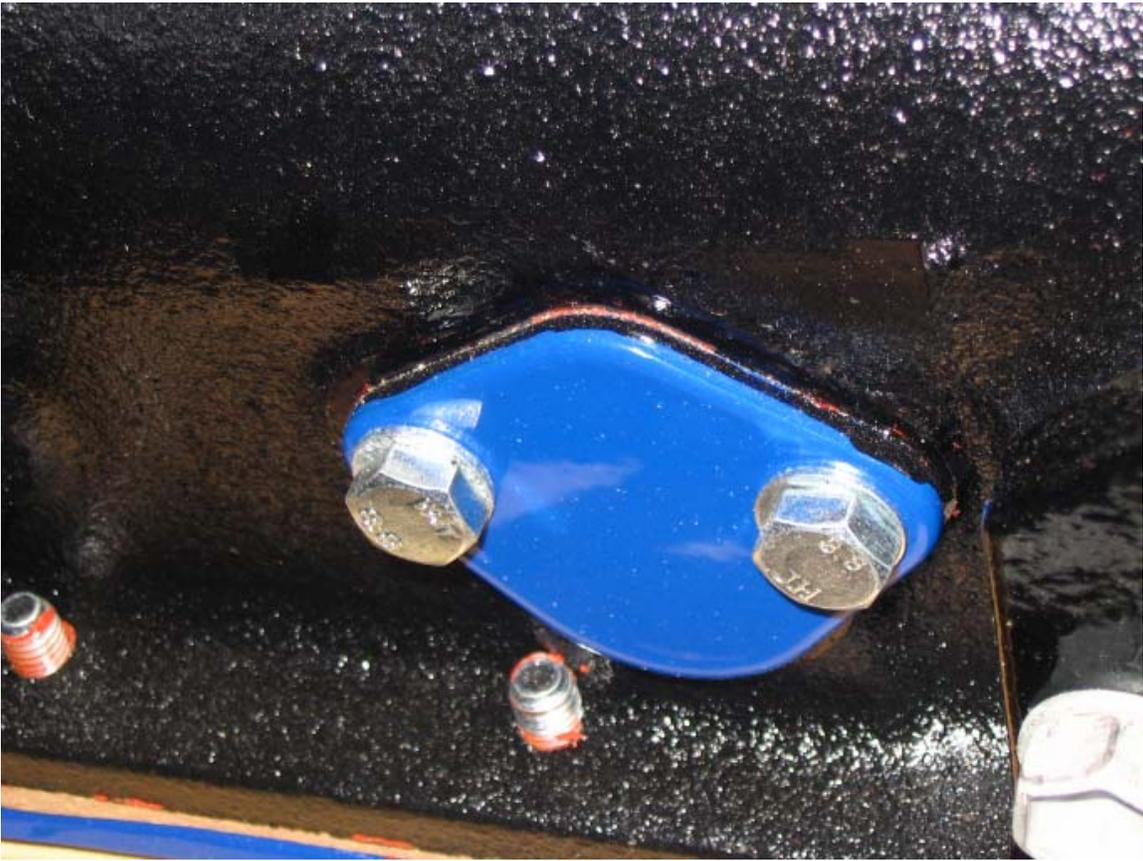


Figure 15. Garage-made fuel pump block off plate.