

# VEHICLE THEFT/SECURITY SYSTEMS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

The Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) is an available factory-installed option on this model. Refer to 8W-39 - Vehicle Theft Security System in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams for complete circuit descriptions and diagrams.

### VEHICLE THEFT SECURITY SYSTEM

The Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) is designed to provide perimeter protection against unauthorized use or tampering by monitoring the vehicle doors and the ignition system. If unauthorized use or tampering is detected, the system responds by sounding the horn, flashing the headlamps, and providing an engine no-run feature.

Following are general descriptions of the features and major components of the VTSS. Refer to the owner's manual in the vehicle glove box for more information on the features, use and operation of the vehicle theft security system.

### ENABLING

If the vehicle is so equipped, the Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) feature is enabled in the high-line Central Timer Module (CTM) before the vehicle is shipped from the factory. However, if the high-line CTM requires replacement, the VTSS feature must be enabled in the new CTM using a DRB

scan tool. Refer to the Vehicle Theft Security System menu item on the DRB scan tool for the procedures.

The VTSS engine no-run feature is disabled when it is shipped from the factory. This is done by programming within the Powertrain Control Module (PCM). The logic in the PCM prevents the VTSS engine no-run feature from arming until the engine start counter within the PCM sees twenty engine starts. The VTSS no-run feature must be enabled when the vehicle is received from the assembly plant.

Once the VTSS engine no-run feature has been enabled, it cannot be disabled unless the PCM is replaced with a new unit. The same VTSS engine no-run feature enable logic will apply anytime the PCM is replaced with a new unit.

### ARMING

Passive arming of the Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) occurs when the vehicle is exited with the key removed from the ignition switch, the headlamps are turned off, and the doors and liftgate are locked while they are open using the power lock switch. Passive arming will not begin until all the doors and the liftgate are closed. The power lock switch will not function if the key is in the ignition switch or the headlamps are turned on with the driver side front door open. The VTSS will not arm if the doors are locked using the key in the lock cylinder or using the mechanical lock button.

Active arming of the VTSS occurs when the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter is used to

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lock the vehicle. For active arming to occur, the doors and liftgate must be closed and the ignition switch must be in the Off position when the RKE transmitter Lock button is depressed. However, once the VTSS arming process has been completed, the ignition switch can be turned to the Accessory position without triggering the alarm.

Once the VTSS begins passive or active arming, the security lamp in the instrument cluster will flash rapidly for about fifteen seconds. This indicates that the VTSS arming is in progress. Turning a key in the ignition switch, opening a door or the liftgate, or unlocking a door or the liftgate by any means during the fifteen second arming process will cause the security lamp to stop flashing and the arming process to abort. Once the fifteen second arming function is successfully completed, the security lamp will stop flashing to indicate that the VTSS is armed.

**DISARMING**

Passive disarming of the Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) occurs when the vehicle is unlocked using the key to unlock either front door or the liftgate. Active disarming of the VTSS occurs when the vehicle is unlocked by depressing the Unlock button of the Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) transmitter.

Once the alarm has been activated (horn sounding, headlamps flashing, and the engine no-run feature), either disarming method will also deactivate the alarm.

**POWER-UP MODE**

When the armed Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) senses that the battery has been disconnected and reconnected, it enters its power-up mode. In the power-up mode the alarm system remains armed following a battery failure or disconnect. If the VTSS was armed prior to a battery disconnect or failure, the system will have to be actively or passively disarmed after the battery is reconnected.

The power-up mode will also apply if the battery goes dead while the system is armed, and battery jump-starting is attempted. The engine no-run feature will prevent the engine from starting until the alarm system has been actively or passively disarmed.

**TAMPER ALERT**

The Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) tamper alert will sound the horn three times upon disarming, if the alarm was triggered and has since timed-out (about fifteen minutes). This feature alerts the vehicle operator that the VTSS was activated while the vehicle was unattended.

## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

**CENTRAL TIMER MODULE**

Two versions of the Central Timer Module (CTM) are available on this vehicle, a base version and a high-line version. The base version of the CTM is used on base models of the vehicle. The base version of the CTM combines the functions of a chime/buzzer module, an intermittent wipe module, an illuminated entry module and an ignition lamp time delay relay in a single unit.

The high-line version of the CTM is used on high-line vehicles. The high-line CTM provides all of the functions of the base version CTM, but also is used to control and integrate many of the additional electronic functions and features included on the high-line models. The high-line version of the CTM contains a central processing unit and interfaces with other modules in the vehicle on the Chrysler Collision Detection (CCD) data bus network.

The CCD data bus network allows the sharing of sensor information. This helps to reduce wire harness complexity, reduce internal controller hardware, and reduce component sensor current loads. At the same time, this system provides increased reliability, enhanced diagnostics, and allows the addition of many new feature capabilities.

One of the features that the high-line CTM supports and controls is the Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS). In the VTSS, the CTM receives hard-wired inputs from the door and liftgate ajar, door and liftgate lock cylinder, and ignition switches. The programming in the CTM allows it to process the information from these inputs and send control outputs to energize or de-energize the headlamp (or security) relay, horn relay, and the security lamp. The CTM also sends CCD data bus messages to the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) to control the engine no-run feature of the VTSS.

The high-line CTM also contains the receiver and control logic for the power lock and Remote Keyless Entry (RKE) systems, which are integrated into the arming, disarming, and triggering functions of the VTSS.

Both versions of the CTM are mounted under the passenger side end of the instrument panel, outboard of the instrument panel glove box opening. Refer to Central Timer Module in the Removal and Installation section of Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the service procedures.

For diagnosis of the high-line version of the CTM or of the CCD data bus, a DRB scan tool and the proper Diagnostic Procedures manual are recommended. The CTM cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced.

## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION (Continued)

**DOOR AJAR SWITCH**

The door ajar switches are integral to the door latches on each door. The switches close a path to ground for the Central Timer Module (CTM) when a door is opened, and open the ground path when a door is closed.

The door ajar switches cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, the door latch unit must be replaced.

**LIFTGATE AJAR SWITCH**

The liftgate ajar switch is integral to the latch on the liftgate. The switch closes a path to ground for the Central Timer Module (CTM) when the liftgate is opened, and opens the ground path when the liftgate is closed.

The liftgate ajar switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, the liftgate latch unit must be replaced.

**DOOR LOCK CYLINDER SWITCH**

The door lock cylinder switches are mounted to the back of the key lock cylinder inside each front door. They are normally-open momentary switches that close to ground only when the lock cylinder is rotated to the unlock position.

The door lock cylinder switches cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, they must be replaced.

**LIFTGATE LOCK CYLINDER SWITCH**

The liftgate lock cylinder switch is mounted to the back of the key lock cylinder inside the liftgate. It is a normally-open momentary switch that closes to ground only when the lock cylinder is rotated to the unlock position.

The liftgate lock cylinder switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced.

**HEADLAMP RELAY**

The headlamp (or security) relay is a International Standards Organization (ISO) micro-relay. The terminal designations and functions are the same as a conventional ISO relay. However, the micro-relay terminal orientation (or footprint) is different, current capacity is lower, and the relay case dimensions are smaller than those of the conventional ISO relay.

The headlamp relay is a electromechanical device that switches battery current to the headlamps when the high-line Central Timer Module (CTM) grounds the relay coil. See Headlamp Relay in the Diagnosis and Testing section of this group for more information.

The headlamp relay is located in the junction block, behind the fuse access panel on the left out-board end of the instrument panel, in the passenger compartment.

The headlamp relay cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced.

**HORN RELAY**

The horn relay is a International Standards Organization (ISO) micro-relay. The terminal designations and functions are the same as a conventional ISO relay. However, the micro-relay terminal orientation (or footprint) is different, current capacity is lower, and the relay case dimensions are smaller than those of the conventional ISO relay.

The horn relay is a electromechanical device that switches battery current to the horn when the horn switch or the high-line Central Timer Module (CTM) grounds the relay coil. See Horn Relay in the Diagnosis and Testing section of this group for more information.

The horn relay is located in the Power Distribution Center (PDC), in the engine compartment. Refer to the PDC label for relay identification and location.

If a problem is encountered with a continuously sounding horn, it can usually be quickly resolved by removing the horn relay from the PDC until further diagnosis is completed.

The horn relay cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced.

**SECURITY LAMP**

The security lamp is located within the instrument cluster on the instrument panel. The security lamp is illuminated by a red Light-Emitting Diode (LED) that is integral to the instrument cluster circuit board. The security lamp receives fused battery feed at all times and is grounded by the high-line Central Timer Module (CTM) to give a visual indication of the Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) arming status.

The security lamp cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, the instrument cluster unit must be replaced. Refer to Instrument Cluster in the Removal and Installation section of Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the service procedures.

**DIAGNOSIS AND TESTING****VEHICLE THEFT SECURITY SYSTEM**

**WARNING: ON VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AIR-BAGS, REFER TO GROUP 8M - PASSIVE RESTRAINT SYSTEMS BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY STEERING WHEEL, STEERING COLUMN, OR INSTRUMENT PANEL COMPONENT DIAGNOSIS OR SERVICE. FAILURE TO TAKE THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS COULD RESULT IN ACCIDENTAL AIR-BAG DEPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY.**

## DIAGNOSIS AND TESTING (Continued)

The Vehicle Theft Security System (VTSS) and the Chrysler Collision Detection (CCD) data bus network should be diagnosed using a DRB scan tool and the proper Diagnostic Procedures manual. The DRB will provide confirmation that the data bus is functional, that the high-line Central Timer Module (CTM) is receiving and sending the proper messages on the data bus, that the CTM is receiving the proper hard-wired inputs and sending the proper hard-wired outputs, and that the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) is receiving the data bus messages from the CTM. Refer to the Vehicle Theft Security System menu item on the DRB scan tool for the procedures. Refer to 8W-39 - Vehicle Theft Security System in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams for complete circuit descriptions and diagrams.

## RELAYS

The horn relay is located in the Power Distribution Center (PDC) in the engine compartment. The headlamp (or security) relay is located in the junction block in the passenger compartment. Each of these relays can be tested as described in the following procedure, however the circuits they are used in do vary. To test the relay circuits, refer to the circuit descriptions and diagrams in 8W-39 - Vehicle Theft Security System in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams.

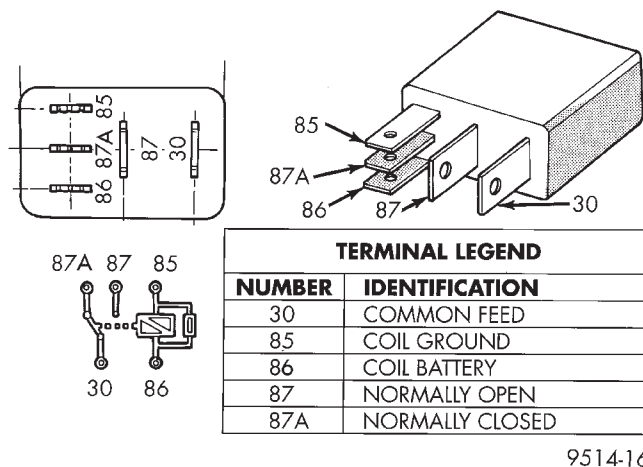
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Remove the relay (Fig. 1) from the PDC or junction block as described in this group to perform the following tests:

(1) A relay in the de-energized position should have continuity between terminals 87A and 30, and no continuity between terminals 87 and 30. If OK, go to Step 2. If not OK, replace the faulty relay.

(2) Resistance between terminals 85 and 86 (electromagnet) should be  $75 \pm 5$  ohms. If OK, go to Step 3. If not OK, replace the faulty relay.

(3) Connect a battery to terminals 85 and 86. There should now be continuity between terminals 30 and 87, and no continuity between terminals 87A and 30. If OK, test the relay circuits. If not OK, replace the faulty relay.



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Fig. 1 Relay Terminals

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

## DOOR AJAR SWITCH

The door ajar switch is integral to the door latch unit. If the door ajar switch is faulty or damaged, the entire door latch unit must be replaced. Refer to Group 23 - Body for the door latch service procedures.

## LIFTGATE AJAR SWITCH

The liftgate ajar switch is integral to the liftgate latch unit. If the liftgate ajar switch is faulty or damaged, the entire liftgate latch unit must be replaced. Refer to Group 23 - Body for the liftgate latch service procedures.

## DOOR LOCK CYLINDER SWITCH

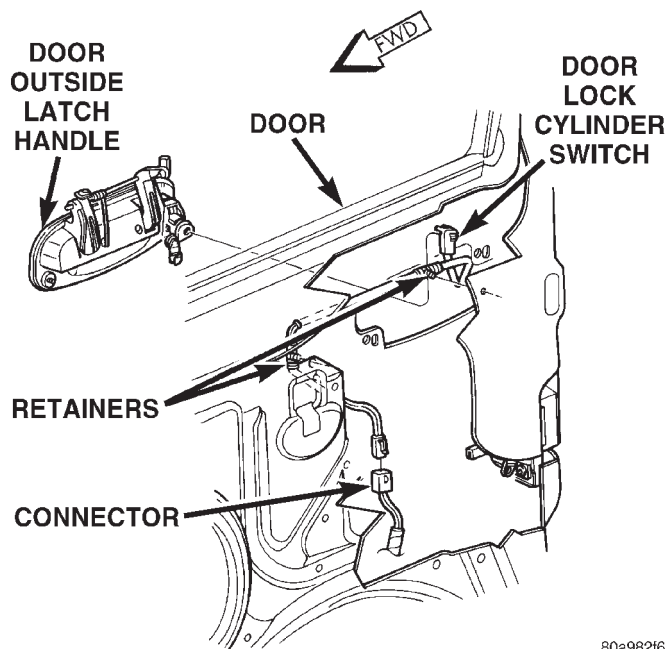
(1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable.

(2) Remove the door outside latch handle mounting hardware and linkage from the inside of the door. Refer to Group 23 - Body for the procedures.

(3) From the outside of the door, pull the door outside latch handle out far enough to access the door lock cylinder switch (Fig. 2).



## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)



**Fig. 2 Door Lock Cylinder Switch Remove/Install - Typical**

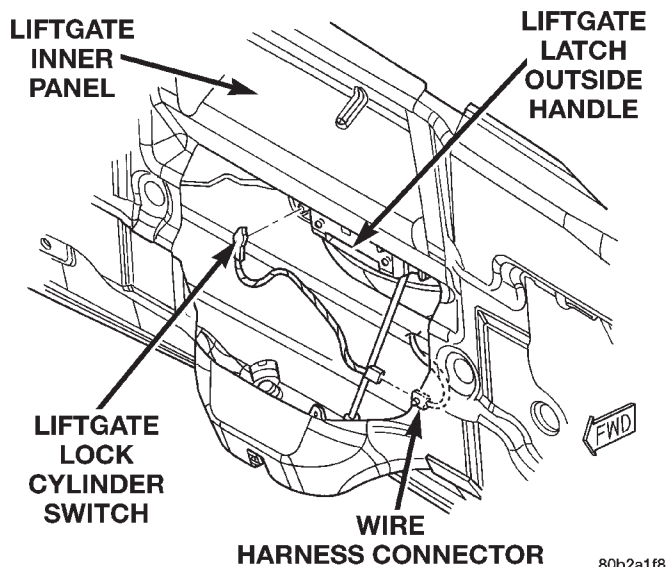
- (4) Disengage the door lock cylinder switch from the back of the lock cylinder.
- (5) Unplug the door lock cylinder switch wire harness connector.
- (6) Disengage the retainers that secure the door lock cylinder switch wire harness to the inner door panel.
- (7) Remove the door lock cylinder switch from the door.
- (8) Reverse the removal procedures to install.

### LIFTGATE LOCK CYLINDER SWITCH

- (1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable.
- (2) Remove the trim panel from the liftgate inner panel. Refer to Group 23 - Body for the procedures.
- (3) Reach through the access hole in the liftgate inner panel to disengage the switch from the back of the liftgate lock cylinder (Fig. 3).
- (4) Unplug the liftgate lock cylinder switch wire harness connector.
- (5) Remove the liftgate lock cylinder switch from the liftgate.
- (6) Reverse the removal procedures to install.

### HEADLAMP RELAY

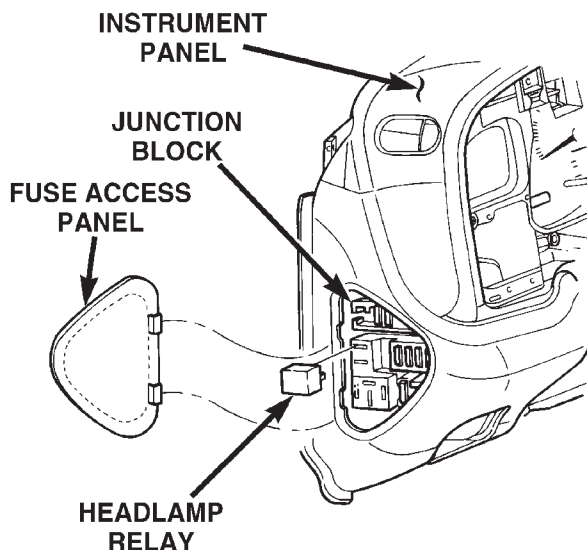
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**Fig. 3 Liftgate Lock Cylinder Switch Remove/Install**  
**CAUTIONS COULD RESULT IN ACCIDENTAL AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY.**

- (1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable.
- (2) Remove the fuse access panel by unsnapping it from the left outboard end of the instrument panel.
- (3) Unplug the headlamp relay from the junction block (Fig. 4).



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**Fig. 4 Headlamp Relay Remove/Install**

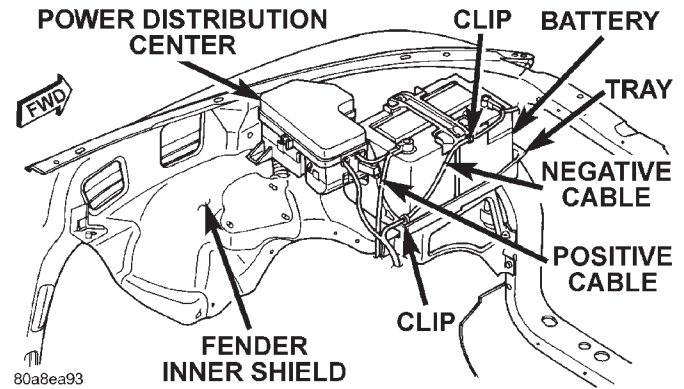
- (4) Install the headlamp relay by aligning the relay terminals with the cavities in the junction block and pushing the relay firmly into place.
- (5) Connect the battery negative cable.
- (6) Test the relay operation.

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)

- (7) Reinstall the fuse access panel.

**HORN RELAY**

- (1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable.
- (2) Remove the cover from the Power Distribution Center (PDC) (Fig. 5).
- (3) Refer to the label on the PDC for horn relay identification and location.
- (4) Unplug the horn relay from the PDC.
- (5) Install the horn relay by aligning the relay terminals with the cavities in the PDC and pushing the relay firmly into place.
- (6) Install the PDC cover.
- (7) Connect the battery negative cable.
- (8) Test the relay operation.



**Fig. 5 Power Distribution Center**