Speeduino – An Open Source Engine Management System Richard O'Donoghue

What Is An Engine Management System?

- An engine management system (EMS) is a computer responsible for interpreting data from sensors on your car's modern internal combustion engine, calculating how much fuel is required and outputting fuel and spark at the correct time.
- An EMS also protects the engine from some forms of catastrophic failure by alerting the driver of an issue and either forcing the engine into a limp mode or in some cases shutting down the the engine all together.



What is Speeduino?

- Speeduino is a tuneable open source EMS that can be adapated to just about any engine with up to 8 cylinders.
- It was developed by Josh Stewart, an automotive enthusiast who also has a passion for open source. The project was born with a philosphy of being built on by a community for the community and providing a low cost solution for EMS.
- Speeduino is available as an out of box solution, however you can design and build a DIY board as the schematics are available.
- Speeduino is powered by either an Arduino or Teensy Microcontroller.
- Speeduino has been successfully installed in over 1000 different cars around the world.



Why On Earth Would I Replace The EMS In My Car?!



The Factory EMS

- The factory EMS in your car only knows how to control the engine the car comes with.
- The EMS will not be able to run the car correctly if the engine has been modified to add/remove more fuel, air or spark.
- Many factory EMS are not reflashable and if they are, are very limited in what you can do with them.
- Failure to reflash or swap out the EMS for a tuneable one could result in inefficient operation or catastrophic failure.

So Why Speeduino, There Must Be Other Options?

- There are dozens of companies out there who provide **propriatary** EMS solutions such as Link and Haltech (both very popular here in New Zealand). Speeduino is open source and the community is great.
- Cost Speeduino only costs about \$300 NZD for a prepopulated board vs \$1800 for a Link ECU with similar features.
- Speeduino can be adapted for any setup in any car. If a feature from the EMS is missing for your particular setup, you can build a custom fork of the firmware and enable any additional hardware via the additional inputs/outputs available on the board.
- Speeduino benefits from regular feature and firmware updates (every couple of months). Many other solutions will force you to purchase a new EMS in order to benefit from new features.

My Racecar

- Inherited from my Grandfather a couple of years ago.
- 2003 Toyota Echo 1.3L Manual
- Modified fuel system larger fuel injectors
- Intercooled Turbocharger added to standard engine
- Various suspension modifications
- Very sticky tyres for the race track.
- Weighs about 850KG



TunerStudio Software

- Developed by EFI Analytics.
- Free and available on Win/OSX/Linux
- Paywall for advanced features Auto tune, advanced logging.

Resources

- <u>https://speeduino.com/home/</u>
- <u>https://www.tunerstudio.com/</u>
- <u>https://github.com/noisymime/speeduino</u>

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