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# Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)

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## Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)

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I've been dutifully working on the problem of fast-flashing turn signals after replacing incandescent's with LED's. I promised to document how to remove the pesky turn signal relay next time I'm in there, so the purpose of this post is just to illustrate how to get to the flasher. This post is NOT meant to discuss the current quest for electronic timers to control flash rate independent of load (see separate topic).

Getting to the Flasher Relay:

First, remove the seat and any under-seat dust cover, and then the tool bag from under its rubber band. Remove the ECU from its rubber band and connect that rubber band to the same clip holding the tool bag rubber band (to keep them out of the way). Set the ECU and any power commander (etc) gently aside.

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Lift up the mass of wires on top of the battery and push them gently aside to remove the plastic tray, then remove the battery (negative post first of course). Remember to be careful not to misplace or drop the rectangular metal slug-battery-nuts from under the battery posts. Also there is a nylon sling around the battery to make it easier to lift out, but that sling is NOT attached to the battery so remember to keep a hand on the battery too! Set the battery/sling and screws/nut-slugs aside.

Now stand on the right side of the bike next to the relays and fuse box in the battery box. With your left hand gently lift UP on the top relay on the far left side (the relay toward the back of the bike).

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The plug-and-relay pack will pull UP and come loose easily. With that relay out of the way you will be able to see the two black round plastic push pins (see pics below). With a small screw driver gently push the button in the center of these two push pins until the button clicks in. Then gently pry it out with a thin screwdriver blade. Be gentle you want to re-use these.

Now the relay rack is loose and can be gently lifted up. Be careful not to pull any wires too hard.

See the pics below for the flasher relay and other details.

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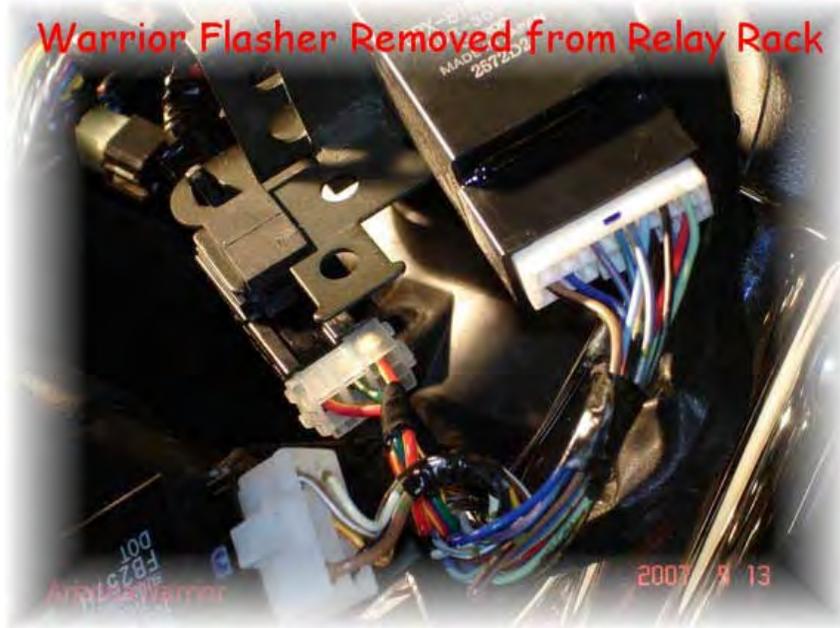
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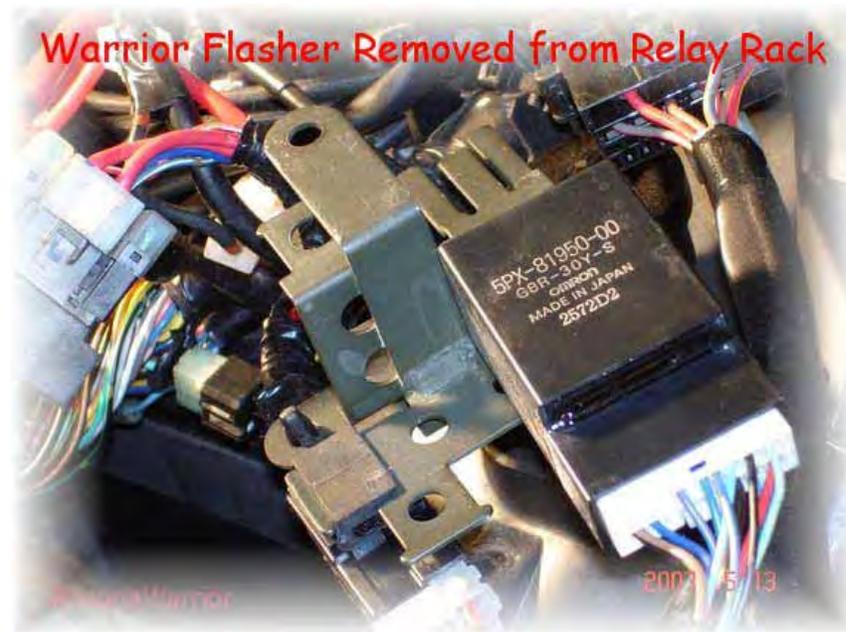
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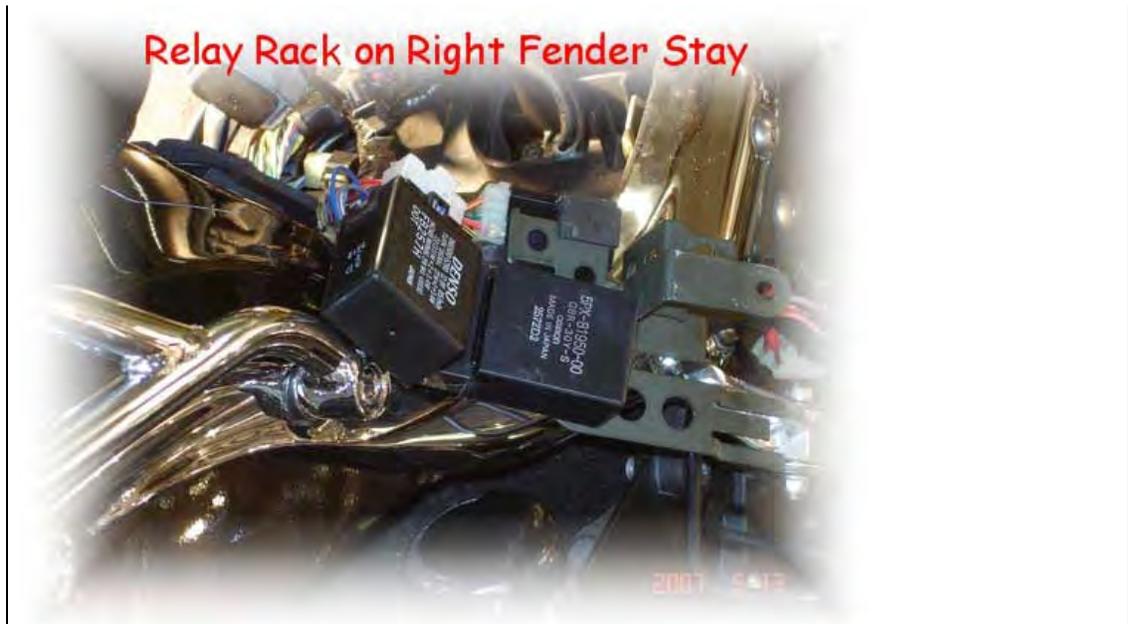
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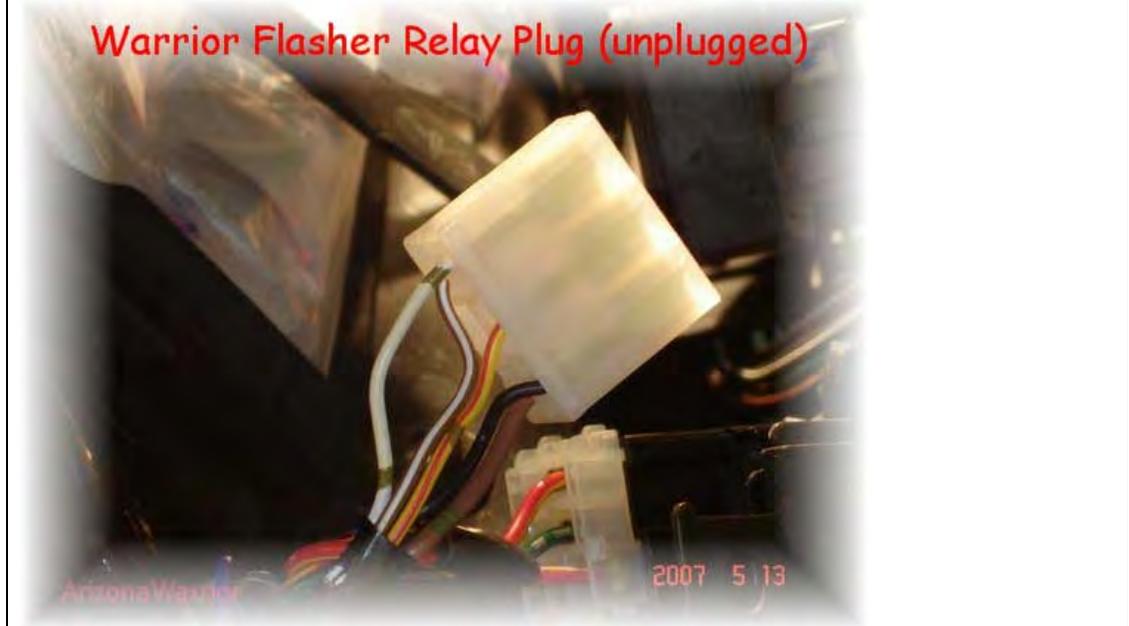
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Hope this helps. It takes about 30 minutes to disassemble the first time, but later it'll only take 10-15 minutes to do since you'll know what's what.

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In reply to

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### Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)

Why does it look like you have a bag of "columbian dynamite" or "Alcupulco Bam-Bam" or "Paris Hilton's snack" under your seat (If you get my drift?)

Seems like a strange place to keep it.

Rides:

- 2003 Suzuki Volusia 800 (too small, sold)
- 2005 Yamaha Road Star Warrior 1700 (Awesome - medical reason forced sale *(Unfortunate, Unscheduled, Car Induced, Violent Bicycle Dismount)*[clicky details](#))
- 2006 Suzuki VStrom 1000 (GREAT deal forced trade)
- 2007 Yamaha FJR AE 1300 (FJR: Freakin Japanese Rocket)

If talking politics is out, how am I going to find out who the Idiots are?

So many beers.....so little human blood volume.

Just because you aren't paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.

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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

I think that's his manual.

The 3 best resources on this site:

1. The search function.
2. Moderators - giving you a link to the search funtion.
3. Members who like to help out newbies.



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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

Those are the best looking instructions I have ever seen on this site so far!



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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

Thanks for yur documentation. Clear instructions on removal, but once the relays are removed what do you replace them with?  
Oops, I asked the question before I read your second post.  
I for one would like to implement a solution and appreciate your efforts. Your documentation is the quality of Redhorse's. Thanks again.



I used to care more!!

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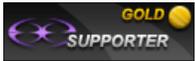
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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

[😊] Thanks Gregg.

[^] Gman, so far the Denso is the only part but [search] for "relay" there's other people saying other things but no documentation. As of last night I'm no longer working on an alternative relay but I am still working on flash rate correction by other means (see other posts).

[:] Nah Ken, I have the Mustang Vintage seat and the tools go under the seat so there's a hint of spare space for flat things like registration and insurance papers and a few special allen wrenches.

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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

Mike, why did you give up on an alternative relay?

"McLovin... sounds like a sexy hamburger. 😊



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**Re: Replacing or Modding the Flasher (with pictures)**

Hi Ray,

Funny you should ask Bro! I'm moving forward to electronic relays that attach to the Denso relay and modify its output. I would like to avoid LEQ's and dummy bulbs if I can simply due to heat in an enclosed area being not ideal circumstance.

The thing is, the Denso is a five-wire relay - not 2 wire as had been posted someplace on another forum. This relay actually receives a signal from the speed sensor ~~sends a signal to the ECU~~ to compare time against forward motion and determine when to auto-cancel the signals if the rider does not manually turn them off. This is a huge safety





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