

Re: Saab SID display

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On May 22, 2:58 pm, "Mr. Land" <grafonfot@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi, I'm wondering if anyone here has attempted (and hopefully had success with) repairing their own Saab SID display.

These System Information Displays are renowned for having segments of the display go dead. The problem is caused by faulty connections between a ribbon conductor that connects pads at one edge of the main board to the (separate) display unit. My understanding is that Saab chose to attach (and connect) the ribbon conductor to the main board pads using some sort of conductive adhesive. Over time, the connections become intermittent and you start losing rows and/or columns of the segment display.

There are a myriad of fixes for this on the Internet along with replacement SIDs for sale on places like eBay. Most of the fixes involve applying additional pressure to the adhered connections to try to reestablish continuity. I've tried these but those that give some improvement don't last.

So I am wondering if anyone has tried to repair one of these themselves and what success you've had. I was thinking of trying to replace the existing ribbon cable with either something thicker or something wire-based so that I could perhaps solder the connections to the board using a low temp solder.

Any info/insight/experiences are appreciated...

Thank you all for your input – all quite helpful.

I will look in Saab group as suggested, maybe post question there. Sorry if this was OT, but I figured it was an electronic problem, so...