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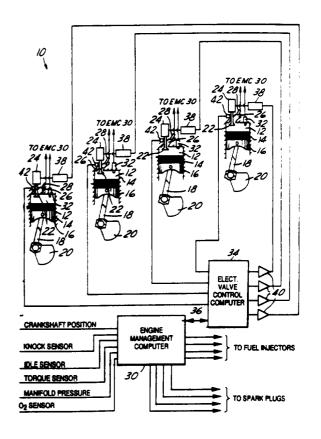
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When one of the combustion chambers (12) is found to be operating non-compliantly, it is deactivated by the engine management computer (30) preventing the electronic valve control computer (34) from opening the solenoid-actuated intake valve (22) for that combustion chamber (12).



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