E-blocks

Cant erase, auto-id or program PICmicro

Hardware: EB006 - PICmicro Multiprogrammer

Symptoms:

Cant erase, auto-id or program PIC

Cause:

A very specific set of circumstances could cause auto-id, erase or programming failures when using a 16F87 or 16F88 device.

- (a) The board is in XT mode
- (b) The 16F88 cfg word has previously been set to use an internal MCLR
- (c) The 16F88 is currently running a program that sets RB6 or RB7 as high o/p's.

Solution:

(1) Set the board to RC mode

(2) Attempt to reprogram the device

(3) Reset the board to XTAL mode

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