

Ignitor™ COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the first thing I should check if the engine would not start?
Make certain all wires are connected securely to the proper terminals.

The engine will not start or runs rough. Are there any tests I can do?
First, remove the red Ignitor™ wire from the coil. Connect a jumper wire from the positive side of the battery to the red Ignitor™ wire just removed from the coil. If the engine starts you have a low voltage problem (This is a very common problem). Remember this is just a test. Not intended for permanent installation.

How can I fix a low voltage problem?

First, if you have an external ballast resistor, connect the red Ignitor™ wire to the ignition wire prior to the ballast resistor. Second, if you do not have a ballast resistor you must connect the red Ignitor™ wire to a 12-volt source that is controlled by the ignition switch.

What type of coil do I need?

The Ignitor™ is compatible only with a "points style" coil. Six & eight cylinder engines require a minimum of 1.5 ohms of resistance. Four cylinder engines require a minimum of 3.0 ohms of resistance.

How do I check my coil for resistance?

First you need an ohmmeter. Remove all the wires from the coil. Attach the meter to both the positive and negative terminals. The reading must be 1.5 ohms or greater for six and eight cylinder engines, and 3.0 ohms or greater for four cylinder engines. (Your local auto parts store can do this for you if you do not have an ohmmeter)

What do I do if my coil does not have enough resistance?

You may purchase and install a ballast resistor from your local auto parts store. You may also choose to purchase a Flame-Thrower™ 40,000-volt oil, which provides resistance internally. Note: Many vehicles come with a ballast resistor. These applications do not need an additional resistor.

What happens if I leave the Ignition switch on when the engine is not running?

This can cause you coil to overheat, which may cause permanent damage to the coil and the Ignitor™.

May I modify the length of the Ignitor™ wires?

Yes, you may cut the wires to any length your application may require. You may also add lengths of wire if needed (20-gauge wire). Please make sure all wire splice are clean and connections are secure.

Will the shift Interrupter on an OMC stern drive boat work with the Ignitor™?

The Ignitor is compatible with all OMC stern drive applications, when equipped with a "diode fix". If you purchased a kit that does not include the diode fix diagram, call our tech line.

How can I get additional help?

Call our tech line (800-827-3758) for any further instructions or questions.

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART NUMBERS 1441A, 1483A & 1484A



Before installing, please read the following important information...

1. The Ignitor is designed for 12-volt negative ground systems.
2. The Ignitor is compatible only with a "points style" coil. Six & eight cylinder engines require a minimum primary resistance of 1.5 ohms. Four cylinder engines require a minimum of 3.0 ohms of resistance.
3. If your ignition system is equipped with a ballast resistor, do not remove it.
4. Caution: never use a "HEI" type coil with the Ignitor. This type of coil will damage the module, cause it to fail, and void the warranty.
5. The red wire from the Ignitor should be connected to the positive (+) side of the coil, or a 12-volt switching power source (See Figure 2 & 3). The black wire should be connected to the negative (-) side of the coil.

PRIOR TO INSTALLATION TURN THE IGNITION SWITCH OFF OR DISCONNECT THE BATTERY

1. Remove distributor cap, rotor, and dust cover from distributor. Do not disconnect spark plug wires from cap.
2. Examine the cap and rotor for wear or damage. Replace as needed.
3. Remove the snap ring that retains the vacuum advance arm.
4. Remove the screws that mount the vacuum advance to the distributor housing, and remove the vacuum advance.
5. For breaker point distributors remove the point wire and complete breaker plate from the distributor housing.
6. For Electronic distributors disconnect the red and brown wires from the positive (+) and negative (-) side of the coil and remove the complete electronic assembly.

Install the new *Ignitor* plate assembly using the original screws.

Install the vacuum advance canister. Make sure to place the vacuum advance arm over the pin on the *Ignitor* plate and secure it with the snap ring that was removed.

Place the *Ignitor* module over the studs on the *Ignitor* plate.

1. Use the provided screw to secure one end of the small ground wire to the *Ignitor* plate. Place the other end of the ground wire over the closest mounting stud.
2. Fasten the module and ground wire to the plate with the provided nuts.
3. Place the wire grommet into the slot in the distributor housing. Make sure wires do not interfere with any moving part.
4. Install magnet sleeve on to the distributor shaft.
5. Install the dust cover over the magnet sleeve.
6. Turn the magnet sleeve so that the rotor can engage with the shaft and sleeve at the same time.
7. Install the rotor and make sure that it is fully seated.
8. Install the distributor cap. Make sure all spark plug wires are securely attached.
9. Connect the *Ignitor* black wire to the negative (-) side of the ignition coil.
10. For installations that do not use a primary ballast resistor or resistance wire, connect the *Ignitor* red wire to the positive (+) side of the ignition coil. (See Figure 2)
11. For installations that use a primary ballast resistor or resistance wire, connect the *Ignitor* red wire to the ignition switch side of the resistance. (See Figure 3).
12. Reconnect battery and make sure all wires are connected.
13. The engine can now be started. Let the engine run for a few minutes and then set the timing in the conventional manner.

FIGURE 1
WIRING DIAGRAM
CONVENTIONAL POINTS
SYSTEM
WITH BALLAST RESISTOR

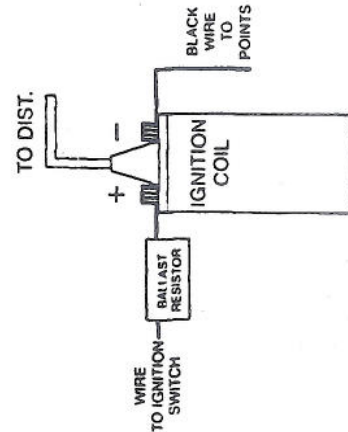


FIGURE 2
WIRING DIAGRAM
IGNITOR SYSTEM
WITHOUT BALLAST RESISTOR

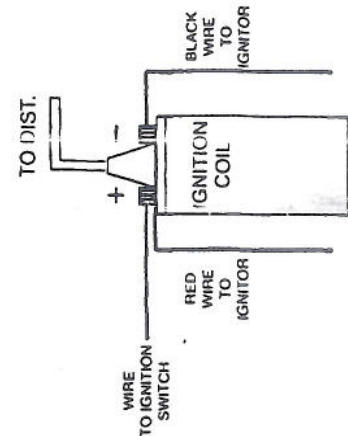
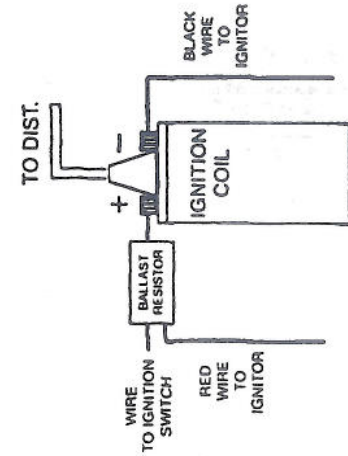


FIGURE 3
WIRING DIAGRAM
IGNITOR SYSTEM
WITH BALLAST RESISTOR



NOTE: A RESISTOR WIRE OR BALLAST RESISTOR MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT. THEY ARE NOT TO BE CHANGED IN ANY WAY WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITOR.