Instrument Kit Installation and Wiring Instructions

For Cockpit, Cockpit Royal, Series 1, Heritage Gold, Contour and Millennum Series

Siemens VDO

Allentown, Pennsylvania USA

USE IS RESTRICTED TO 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

Parts List Description Quantity Item 1. **Programmable Speedometer** (3 1/8" or 3 3/8" diameter) 1 Voltmeter (21/16" diameter 2. 1 3. Fuel Gauge (21/16" diameter) 1 4. Pressure Gauge (21/16" diameter) 1 5. **Temperature Gauge (21/16" diameter)** 1 Pressure Sender (1/8" – 27 NPT) 6. 1 Temperature Sender (3/8" – 18 NPT) 7. 1 8. Fuel Level Sender & Float Arm 1 9 3/8"-18 NPT to 1/2"-14 NPT adapter 1 10. Speed Sensor, Hall Effect 1 Spin-Lok Mounting Clamp for gauges 11. 5 and speedometer 12 **Instrument Kit Installation Instruction** 1 13. Speedometer Programmable Installation Instructions 1 Wire Harness (Millenimum Kit ONLY) 14. 1

Additional Material That Maybe Required For Installation:

16 Gauge stanard insulated wire (P/N: 240-023) Insulated female 1/4" spade terminals Gauge connectors for 2 1/16" gauge (one per gauge P/N: 240-026) Speedometer connector (P/N: 240-053) Fuel Sender Bolt on Installation Kit (P/N: 226-451) Fuel Sender Weld on Installation Kit (P/N: 226-901) Stud Mounting Kits 2 1/16" gauges (P/N: 600-402) Stud Mounting Kit, Speedometer (P/N: 600-401) Fuel Sender Ford application: 1935-1956 (P/N: 226-902)

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General Information:

These kits come with VDO's Spin-Lok[™] Mounting Clamps for easy installation. Optional VDO mounting brackets are available from your VDO dealer, should you require them. Note that the programmable speedometer included in this kit has a special set of installation and operation instructions. These instructions must be followed carefully to insure proper performance of the speedometer.

Gauge Installation:

1. Select mounting locations for all gauges which provide good visibility for the driver. Lay out center points for each instrument on the panel.

2. Using a hole saw cut mounting holes in panel. All small gauges require a 2 1/16" (52mm) hole for mounting. Speedometer are 3 3/8" (85mm) or 3 1/8" (80mm) depending upon which kit you purchased.

If in dout measure the back of the instrument priop to cutting any Holes.

3. Hand tighten the gauges using the spin-LocTM mounting clamps until the gauge can be no longer rotated in the panel. (Note) If the gauge can not be tighten fully remove and reverse spin-locTM clamp and re-install.

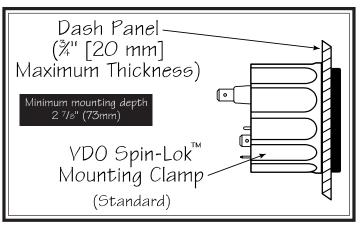


Diagram A

Proper mounting using VDO's Spin-Lok[™] Mounting Clamp

Speedometer Installation:

PLEASE REFER TO THE SEPARATE PROGRAMMABLE SPEEDOMETER INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER MOUNTING AND OP ERATION OF THE SPEEDOMETER. <u>SEE PAGE 3 FOR</u> INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTALLING SPEED SENSORS.

Fuel Level Sender Installation

The Fuel Level Sender in this kit is designed to work with the VDO fuel gauge enclosed and has a resistance rating of 10 ohms when the tank is empty and 180 ohms when full. The unit can be adjusted to read accurately in tanks from 6" to 23" deep. For sender adjustment, refer to Table 1 and Fig. 3.

I. Measure depth of the fuel tank. Locate this dimension in Column "A" of table. Column "B" then shows the length from the underside of the sender flange to the center of the float pivot. Column "C" shows the distance from the center of the float pivot to the center of the float ball. For example, a tank 12" deep would need a measurement of 6" from the flange to the pivot, and 7.8" from the pivot to the float.

II. For tank depths up to 15-1/2" it will be necessary to eliminate a part of the assembly. (See Fig. 4) Proceed as follows:

- 1. Remove nut "a", washer "b", and ring terminal "c" from the underside of the mounting flange.
- 2. Remove two screws "d" and discard.
- 3. Remove two screws "e" from the plastic housing and reserve for later use.
- 4. Carefully remove bracket "f" from the plastic housing and discard. Replace with bracket "g" in the housing and loosely re-install two screws "e" into housing.

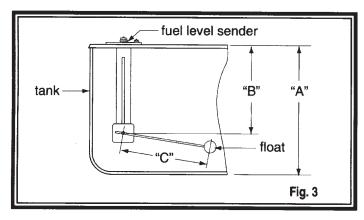
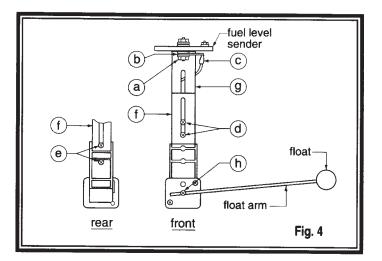


TABLE I (dimensions in inches)								
Α	В	С	A	В	С	A	В	С
6.0	3.0	3.5	12.0	6.0	7.8	18.0	9.0	12.0
6.5	3.25	3.8	12.5	6.25	8.1	18.5	9.25	12.3
7.0	3.5	4.2	13.0	6.5	8.5	19.0	9.5	12.6
7.5	3.75	4.5	13.5	6.75	8.9	19.5	9.75	12.9
8.0	4.0	4.9	14.0	7.0	9.3	20.0	10.0	13.4
8.5	4.25	5.3	14.5	7.25	9.6	20.5	10.25	13.8
9.0	4.5	5.6	15.0	7.5	10.0	21.0	10.5	14.2
9.5	4.75	6.0	15.5	7.75	10.4	21.5	10.75	14.6
10.0	5.0	6.4	16.0	8.0	10.7	22.0	11.0	15.0
10.5	5.25	6.7	16.5	8.25	11.0	22.5	11.25	15.4
11.0	5.5	7.1	17.0	8.5	11.4	23.0	11.5	15.7
11.5	5.75	7.4	17.5	8.75	11.8			



CAUTION: When installing the float arm into the sender body, make sure the float ball is to the right side when you face the unit, as shown in Fig. 4. If installed to the left, the fuel gauge will read "full" when the tank is empty.

- 5. Slide housing up or down until the proper dimension from Table 1 is reached, then tighten screws securely.
- 6. Replace ring terminal and hardware.

CAUTION: Do not overtighten hardware to avoid damage to the threads.

III. For tank depths of 16" to 23", no disassembly of the sender bracket is necessary.

- 1. Remove ring terminal as instructed in Section II, above.
- 2. Loosen two screws "d" and adjust the plastic housing up or down until the proper dimension from Table 1 is obtained, then retighten screws securely.
- 3. Re-install ring terminal and hardware, and tighten all hardware securely, avoiding overtightening.

IV. To install the float assembly, loosen screw "h", remove the short piece of rod, and discard. Insert the float rod until the proper length "c" from Table 1 is met, then tighten the screw securely. Carefully cut off any excess rod with a bolt cutter or similar tool, taking care not to damage the assembly.

NOTE: Make sure the float is installed as shown in Fig. 4. If installed backwards, the fuel gauge will indicate "full" when the tank is empty, and "empty" when the tank is full.

VDO North America recommends that the fuel sender and the fuel gauge be wired together and checked for compatibility prior to installing fuel sender into tank.

V. Refer to Fig. 5 for installation of the fuel sender assembly into the tank. The sender flange is designed to fit a standard SAE hole pattern.

SAFETY PRECAUTION: When making modifications to fuel tanks, it is essential that the tank be removed from the vehicle, and that it is empty, clean, and dry. After drilling, make sure all chips and other foreign matter have been removed from the tank. **CAUTION:** Before drilling any holes into the tank, place the sender assembly on top of the tank to judge the proper hole placement—one that will allow the float arm clearance inside the tank.

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If no holes exist in the fuel tank (see CAUTION, above):

- 1. Carefully mark an area to be cut open so you can insert the sender. The key to this step is to position the float as close as possible to the center of the tank. This provides the most stable and accurate reading when the fuel sloshes back and forth. Make sure you have allowed enough clearance for the float arm before you cut the hole. Remember, you only get one chance to do it right!
- 2. Cut a 1.697" (43 mm) hole in the top of the tank.
- 3. With the gasket in place below the flange, carefully feed the float arm and sender body into the 1.697" (43 mm) hole in the tank. Make certain the float arm has free motion within the tank. Using the sender flange as a template, locate the positions of the five mounting holes. Depending on the thickness of the tank, either self-tapping screws or #8-32 machine screws may be used, drilling and tapping accordingly. If threaded holes already exist, check the thread size and use the appropriate hardware.
- 4. Insert the fuel sender assembly into the tank and apply gas-proof sealant. Align the holes and thread in the ¹/₂" mounting screws through the holes in the sender flange and tank. Check to make sure that all screws are secure. AVOID OVERTIGHTENING! When you have done this, the installation of the fuel level sender unit is complete.

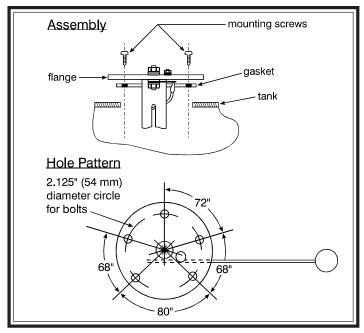


Diagram E Fuel Sender Assembly and Hole Pattern Dimensions

Temperature and Pressure Sender Installation:

Check the OEM engine manual for the correct location for these senders. Temperature senders are most accurate when installed in an "aftermarket" intake manifold. Installing the sender into the cylinder head can cause high readings due to exhaust manifold heat.

<u>NOTE</u>: This kit contains a 3/8" - 18 NPT temperature sender, and a 3/8" - 18 NPT to 1/2" - 14 NPT adapter should you need it.

CAUTION: <u>Do not</u> use tee, angle or reducing adapters for temperature senders, as the tip may not be immersed in the water flow. Do not use teflon tape on sender threads. It will interfere with the electrical ground. Senders have self-sealing, tapered pipe threads.

Speed Sensor Installation:

The speed sender included for use with the programmable speedometer in this VDO Instrument Kit is a standard, closed Hall-effect sender. It is a closed sender with 7/8" - 18 NPT fittings for GM and many other transmissions. It sends a 16 pulse-per-revolution signal in a three-wire configuration.

(A standard, through Hall-effect sender for use with cruise control is available from your VDO dealer (Part Number 340-012). Other senders which can be used with the programmable sender include Ford [through or closed] Hall-effect senders or almost any inductive sender.)

1. If you are replacing an existing speedometer: Remove the cable that went to the old speedometer.

2. Install the new sender in the place where the old cable was bolted onto the transmission.

or, in a new installation:

1. Bolt the sender onto the transmission at the location specified by the OEM for speedometer cable installation.

2. Run the eight foot length of wire to the new speedometer.

3. Cut it to length, and attach it to the new speedometer according to the instructions in the separate, enclosed speedometer installation and operation instructions.

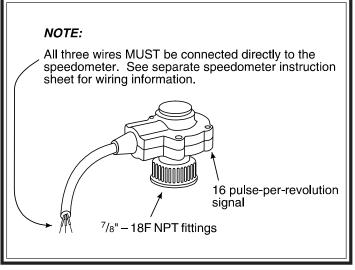


Diagram F Standard, closed, 3-wire Hall-effect sender included in kit

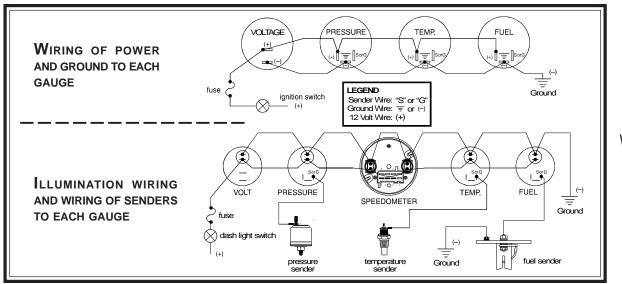


Diagram G Wiring Diagram

Electrical Wiring:

Refer to the wiring diagram, Diagram G. Wire gauges in series from a positive (+) accessory to a source which is not already overloaded with fans, air conditioning, and such. The ground (-) wire is also run in series, including the light socket ground. The final ground run, using 14-gauge wire, should be connected to a good ground such as the engine block ground strap or directly to the negative battery post.

NOTE: See the separate Speedometer Installation and Operation Instructions for information on wiring the speedometer.

System Testing:

When installation and wiring has been completed, the following tests should be performed to ensure that all systems are functioning properly.

I. Turn on the dash light switch to see if all gauges light up. If not, check your wiring, the ground, and all bulbs. Reconnect or replace as necessary.

II. Turn on the ignition key. Gauges should read:

Pressure: Needle to "0"

Fuel: Needle to amount of fuel in the tank Temperature: Needle to the temperature of the engine water

a) With the key on, pull the sender wire off of the sender:

Fuel and pressure gauges: needle to the right-hand position Temperature gauge: needle to the left-hand position

b) With the key on, ground the sender wire to the engine block:

Fuel and Pressure Gauges: needle to the left-hand position Temperature Gauge: needle to the right-hand position

NOTE: All VDO electrical gauge pointers will peg full lefthand position when the key is off.

III. Senders can be tested with an ohmmeter that measures from 10Ω to 2000Ω . Connect the positive (+) lead from the tester to the sender terminal, and the negative (-) lead to a good ground. The following readings should occur if the sender is operating properly:

Temperature sender—	 engine cold: engine approximately 	180°:	700Ω 68Ω
Pressure sender—	engine off: engine running 40 psi engine running 60 psi		10Ω 105Ω 152Ω
IV. Voltmeter:		Volts	:
Key on, engine off: Engine running, no Engine running wit	12 13.7 - 1 13.0 - 1		

NOTE: These readings are approximate, depending on the regulator system and engine speed. Lower readings indicate a bad battery, regulator, or alternator; or incorrect wiring.

V. With VDO fuel tank senders (Part #226 001), an empty tank will read 10Ω . As fuel is added, the resistance reading will rise until the tank is full, when it will read 180Ω .

NOTE: If you already have a fuel level sender in your tank, check the resistance readings. If they do not match the readings above, VDO manufactures a number of fuel gauges which should match your sender. **REMEMBER:** The ohm range of the sender and the gauge <u>MUST MATCH</u>!

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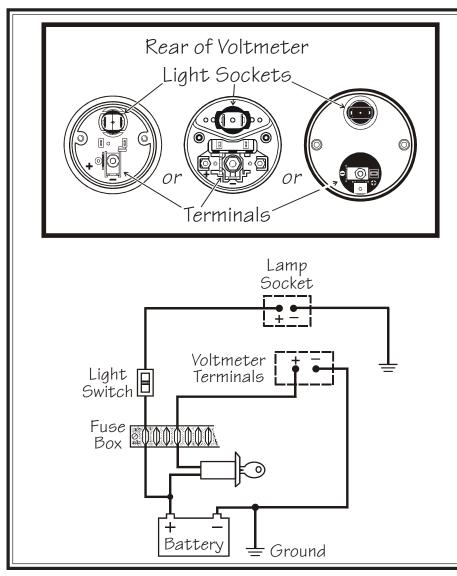


Diagram C Proper wiring of the VDO Voltmeter

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IMPORTANT: Mounting dimensions vary for different gauges. Please be certain to follow the instructions for your specific gauge as described below.

Voltmeter Installation:

1. Select the location where you will mount the gauge, and mark a center point.

2. Cut a $2\frac{1}{16}$ " (52 mm) diameter hole for all gauges except Pro Cockpit, which requires a $2\frac{5}{8}$ " (66 mm) hole. If the gauge is too snug, use a file to slightly enlarge the opening. (Diagram A)

3. Insert the instrument and secure it with either the VDO Spin-Lok[™] clamp or mounting bracket. The Spin-Lok[™] clamp can be reversed to accommodate various panel thicknesses. (Diagram B)

DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

Wiring the Voltmeter:

1. Run wires from the instrument location through the firewall to:

a) a positive (+), switched power source (i.e: after the fuse box and the ignition switch, or any other switch.

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CAUTION!!!

These instructions contain information about gauges of different sizes. You must determine the size of your gauge before cutting any holes!

Parts List

<u>Item</u>	Description	Quantity
1.	Voltmeter (21/16" [52 mm] diameter)	1 <i>or</i>
	Voltmeter (25%" [66 mm] diameter)	1
2.	Lamp Socket	1
3.	Light Bulb (12-volt)	1
4.	VDO Spin-Lok™ Clamp or VDO	

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- Δ Mounting Bracket and nuts
- Installation Instructions 5.

Tools and Materials Needed For Installation:

16 Gauge stranded, insulated wire Non-insulated 1/4" spade connectors 2¹/16" hole saw or 2⁵/8" hole saw Drill and drill bit set Half-round file Tape measure or ruler

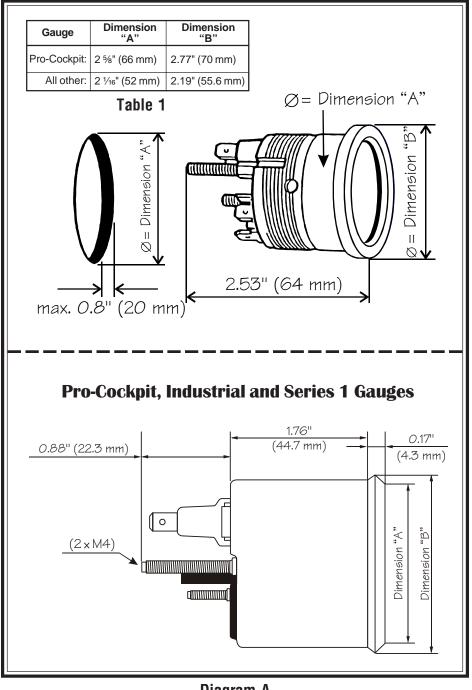
Small tools: wrench or nut driver, utility knife, pliers, etc.



Voltmeter **Installation Instructions**

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This positive power source MUST BE SWITCHED, and must be protected with a fuse);

b) the light switch (also after the fuse in the fuse box); and

c) a good ground location .

2. Connect the positive (+) and negative [ground] (-) wires as shown in Diagram C.

3. Connect the appropriate positive (+)

and ground (negative [-]) wires to the terminals on the Voltmeter's lamp socket. Be sure that the ground wire from the lamp socket uses its own ground connection (separate from the one used by the gauge terminal ground), as shown in Diagram C.

At this point, the installation and wiring of the your new VDO Voltmeter is complete. Turn on the ignition and the lights in the car and check to see that the imstrument and light are working properly. If they aren't, re-check your wiring, referring to the wiring description in Diagram C.

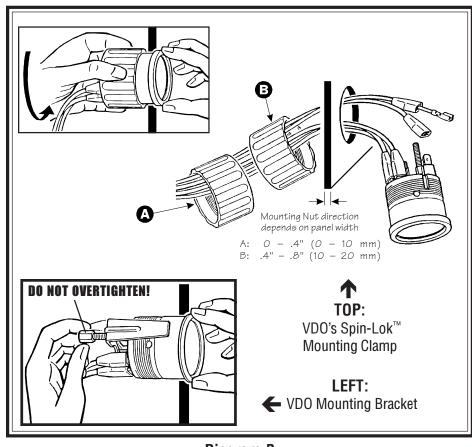


Diagram B Mounting using VDO Mounting Bracket or VDO Spin-Lok[™] Clamp

Diagram A Gauge dimensions

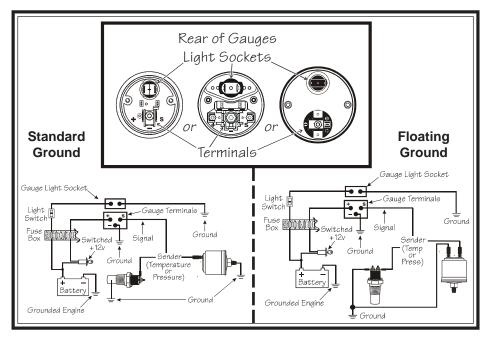


Diagram D Temperature/Pressure Gauge Wiring

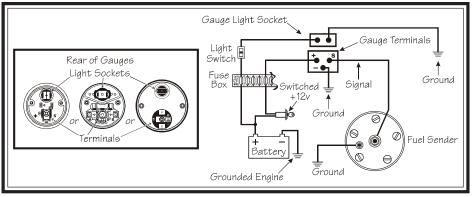


Diagram E Fuel Gauge Wiring

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Gauge Installation:

1. Select the location for the instrument and cut either a $2\,{}^{1}\!\!/16''$ or $2\,\,{}^{5}\!\!/s'''$ hole .

2. Insert the gauge and secure it with ei-

ther the VDO Spin-Lok[™] Clamp or mounting bracket. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.** (Refer to Diagram C)

Wiring the Gauge:

NOTE: On all oil and water temperature gauges, 14-gauge wire is required for gauge ground; it must be a dedicated ground to insure gauge accuracy and to eliminate any erratic gauge readings.

1. Run wires from the instrument location through the firewall to:

a) the positive (+) terminal on the battery (after the ignition switch, *and after the fuse box*);

b) the light switch (also after the fuse in the fuse box);

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Parts List

- Item
 Description
 Quantity

 1.
 Temperature, Pressure or Fuel Gauge
 (21/w" [52 mm] diameter)
 1 or

 Temperature, Pressure or Fuel Gauge
 (25/w" [66 mm] diameter)
 1
- 2. Lamp Socket (Push in, wedge-type)
- 3. Light Bulb (12-volt / G.E. #158 or equivalent) 1
- VDO Spin-Lok[™] Clamp or mounting bracket
 Installation Instructions
- 5. Installation Instruction

Tools and Materials Needed For Installation:

16 Gauge stranded, insulated wire Non-insulated ¼" spade connectors 2 ¼6" or 2 5%" hole saw Drill and drill bit set Half-round file Tape measure or ruler Small tools: wrench or nut driver, utility knife, pliers, etc. Various engine adapters



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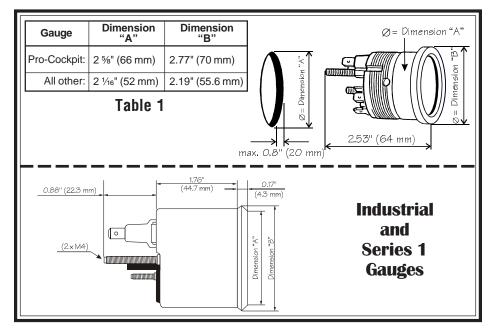


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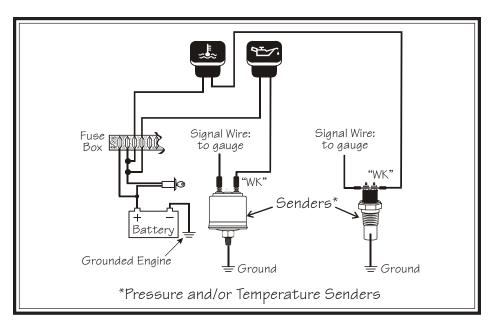


Diagram B Wiring Warning Lights and Senders with Warning Indicator Terminals

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c) a good, dedicated ground location (i.e., where the negative(-) battery pole is connected to the chassis of the vehicle); and

d) from the instrument sender terminal to the terminal on the sending unit.

2. Connect the appropriate positive (+), ground (negative [–]), and signal wires to the gauge and gauge lamp socket as shown in Diagram D or E.

3. If you are using a VDO sender with a built-in warning contact terminal, run a wire (min. 16-gauge, stranded) from the sender terminal marked "WK" to one terminal on the warning light. (Diagram B)

Run another wire from the other warning light terminal to a switched ignition source.

NOTE: Do not use teflon tape on the sender threads which act as an electrical ground source for the unit.

Water temperature senders work best if they are installed near the thermostat housing. Oil temperature senders can be used to replace the manufacturer's oil pan drain plug. The oil pressure sender is installed in the same location as the factory sender or warning light switch.

Remember: These gauges measure ohm resistance which is created by the sender. The ohm range of the sender and gauge MUST MATCH or the gauge will not be accurate. VDO sells many gauges which work with other manufacturer's senders; but you must know the correct sender ohm range before you buy any of these gauges.

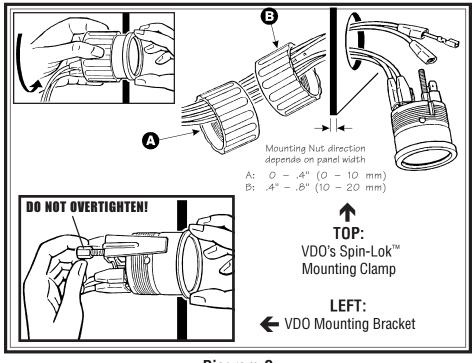


Diagram C Mounting using VDO Mounting Bracket or VDO Spin-Lok[™] Clamp

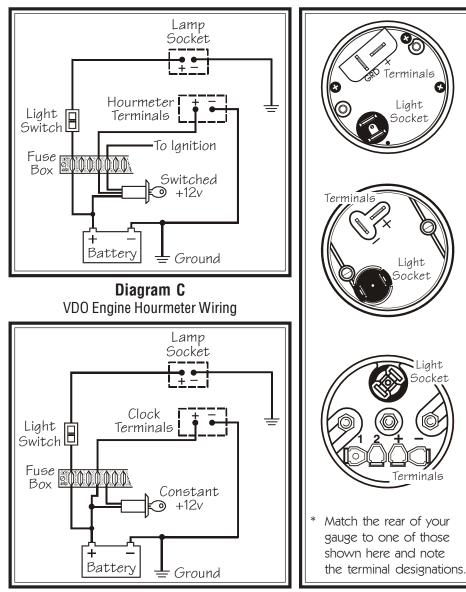


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Clock/Hourmeter Installation:

1. Select the location where you will mount the gauge, and mark a center point.

2. Cut a $2\frac{1}{16}$ " (52 mm) diameter hole for your quartz clock/engine hourmeter. If the

gauge is too snug, use a file to slightly enlarge the opening. (Diagram A)

3. Slip the VDO Mounting Bracket over the back of the instrument. Properly orient the gauge in the opening, then tighten the nuts to secure the gauge in place. Tighten the bracket until the Quartz Clock/ Engine Hour Meter can no longer be rotated by hand. (Diagram B)

DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

Wiring the Quartz Clock:

1. Run wires from the Quartz Clock location through the firewall to:

a) the positive (+) terminal on the battery (after the fuse box, but before any switches) [Diagram C];

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CAUTION!!!

The bezel diameter is only a few millimeters larger than the gauge itself. <u>With that in mind, measure and precisely mark the gauge location before cutting any holes!</u>

Parts List

- Item Description Quantity 1. Quartz Clock and/or Engine Hourmeter (21/16" [52 mm] diameter) 1 2. Lamp Socket (Push in, wedge-type) 1 Light Bulb 3. 1 VDO Spin-Lok[™] Mounting Bracket 4. 1 or VDO Mounting Bracket and nuts 1
- 5. Installation Instructions

Tools and Materials Needed For Installation:

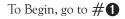
16 Gauge stranded, insulated wire Non-insulated ¼" spade connectors 2 ¼16" hole saw Drill and drill bit set Half-round file Tape measure or ruler Small tools: wrench or nut driver, utility knife, pliers, etc.

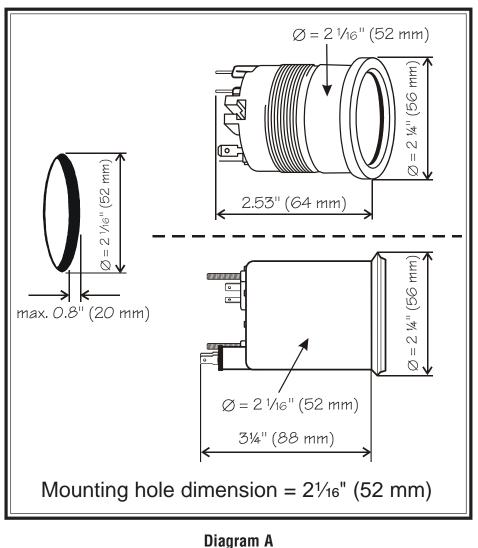


Quartz Clock/Engine Hourmeter Installation Instructions

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE QUARTZ CLOCK/IENGINE HOURMETER ARE CONTAINED HEREIN. USE IS RESTRICTED TO 12-VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. LIGHT BULB, IF SUPPLIED, IS 12 VOLT.





Gauge dimensions

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this positive power source MUST BE UNSWITCHED, but should be protected with a fuse); b) the light switch (also after the

fuse in the fuse box); andc) a good ground location (i.e., anywhere you can conveniently

anywhere you can conveniently bolt the wire to the chassis of the vehicle).

2. Connect the appropriate positive (+) and ground (negative [-]) wires to the clock and clock lamp socket as shown in Diagram D.

Wiring the Engine Hour Meter

1. Run wires from the Engine Hour Meter location through the firewall to:

a) the positive (+) terminal on the ignition switch (after the fuse box);

b) the light switch (also after the fuse in the fuse box); and

c) a good ground location (i.e., anywhere you can conveniently bolt the wire to the chassis of the vehicle).

2. Connect the appropriate positive (+) and ground (negative [-]) wires to the Engine Hourmeter and Hourmeter lamp socket as shown in Diagram C.

At this point, the installation and wiring of your new VDO Quartz Clock/Engine Hour Meter is complete. Turn on the ignition and the lights in the car and check to see that the clock/hourmeter and light are working properly. If they are not, recheck your wiring.

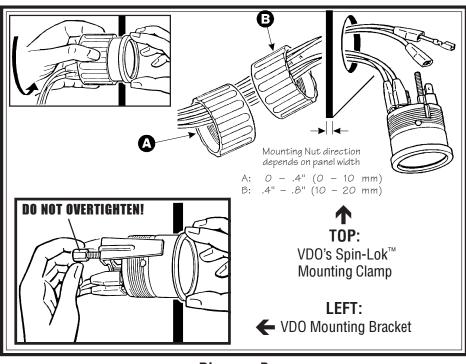


Diagram B Mounting using VDO Mounting Bracket or VDO Spin-Lok[™] Clamp