

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MECHANICAL GAUGES

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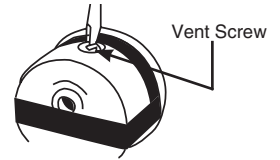


## Venting for Liquid Filled Gauges Only

Auto Meter's Pro Comp Liquid Filled Gauges are equipped with a vent screw on the top of the case. Internal case pressure can change due to altitude, barometric pressure, and temperature, causing an inaccurate or "off zero" reading on more sensitive low pressure gauges such as 0-15 psi fuel pressure, vacuum, boost, and vacuum/boost gauges. To prevent this it is recommended that the gauge be vented.

With the vent screw in the upright position, turn the screw two turns counterclockwise to equalize the gauge case pressure. This allows the gauge to breathe and self adjust.

OVER-TIGHTENING  
OF VENT SCREW WILL  
DAMAGE THREADS.



GAUGE READING	CONDITION
1 PSI Low	30° F. Temp. Rise
1 PSI High	2000 Ft. Altitude Increase

## Note on Ultra-Nite (Glow In The Dark)

The glow in the dark coating on the dial of the Ultra-nite gauge may turn gray if exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time. When the car is not being used and will be in direct sunlight for long periods of time, place the provided red plastic cover on the gauge.

## The Ultimate LED Lighting Upgrade

Available through your local speed shop or favorite Auto meter dealer, these intense LED bulbs simply replace the standard 161, 168, 193, or 194 light bulbs used in most Auto meter gauges, tachometers, and speedometers. Smaller LED bulbs are available for tachometers that feature the small "twist in" light on the front tachometer.

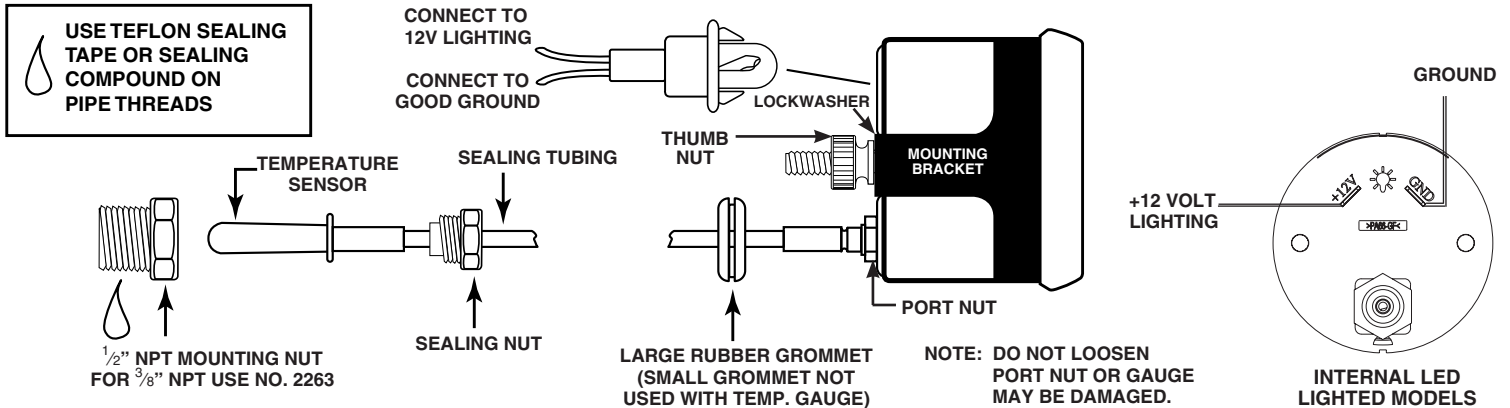
LED Replacement Kits are sold one per package.

3284 Red LED Replacement Kit	3294 Red LED, Small
3285 Green LED Replacement Kit	3295 Green LED, Small
3286 Blue LED Replacement Kit	3296 Blue LED, Small
3287 Amber LED Replacement Kit	3297 Amber LED, Small

## Meter Adapters

If this product is to be installed on a vehicle requiring metric fittings, please contact your local Auto Meter dealer to purchase metric adapters.

## Temperature Gauges



USE TEFLON SEALING TAPE OR SEALING COMPOUND ON PIPE THREADS

TEMPERATURE SENSOR  
SEALING TUBING  
SEALING NUT  
1/2" NPT MOUNTING NUT FOR 3/8" NPT USE NO. 2263

CONNECT TO 12V LIGHTING  
CONNECT TO GOOD GROUND  
LOCKWASHER  
MOUNTING BRACKET  
THUMB NUT  
PORT NUT  
LARGE RUBBER GROMMET (SMALL GROMMET NOT USED WITH TEMP. GAUGE)

GROUND  
+12 VOLT LIGHTING  
INTERNAL LED LIGHTED MODELS

**NOTE:** Some late model vehicles use electronic sensors in their pressure and temperature senders for engine control functions. Before removing the original sender, we recommend that you contact your automotive dealer to be sure no critical functions will be disrupted.

1. Gauge may be mounted in-dash or in the Auto Meter custom mounting solutions. Secure gauge with mounting clamps supplied. 2-1/16" gauges mount in 2-1/16" diameter hole, 2-5/8" gauges mount in 2-5/8" diameter hole.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT make severe bends in the capillary tubing. It may break internally, thus, voiding the warranty. DO NOT remove capillary tubing from gauge.

2. Cut a 7/8" dia. hole in firewall. Place grommet on capillary tubing. A slit must be made in the grommet to accomplish this. Route sensing bulb through firewall and secure grommet in the 7/8" hole.

3. Insert and tighten mounting nut in the 1/2" NPT port on engine. (For engines with a 3/8" NPT port use Auto Meter adapter no. 2263). Insert temperature sensing bulb in the mounting nut and carefully tighten sealing nut, while holding mounting nut. The Oil Temperature gauge usually requires drilling a hole and welding the Auto Meter no. 2261 steel weld fitting in the oil pan. Be sure to check for adequate internal clearances for the temperature sensing bulb. Install temperature sensing bulb as described above.

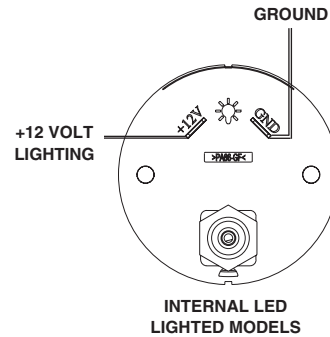
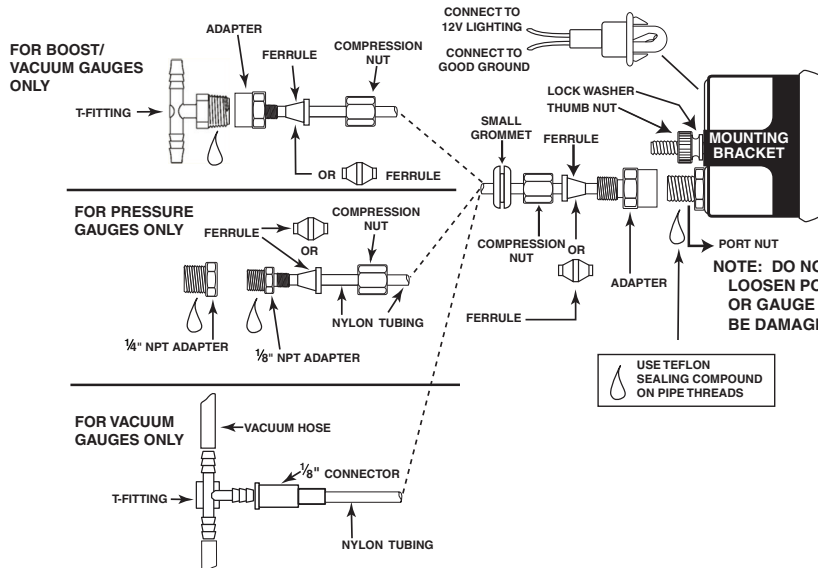
4. Make sure gauge tubing is free from hazard of moving parts or hot engine components.

5. Start engine and thoroughly inspect installation for any leaks.

6. Twist in light socket assembly and connect one wire to dash lighting circuit or other 12V power source and the other wire to a good ground.

# Pressure, Vacuum & Boost Gauges

**NOTE: DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN ADAPTER FITTING OR GAUGE MAY BE DAMAGED.**



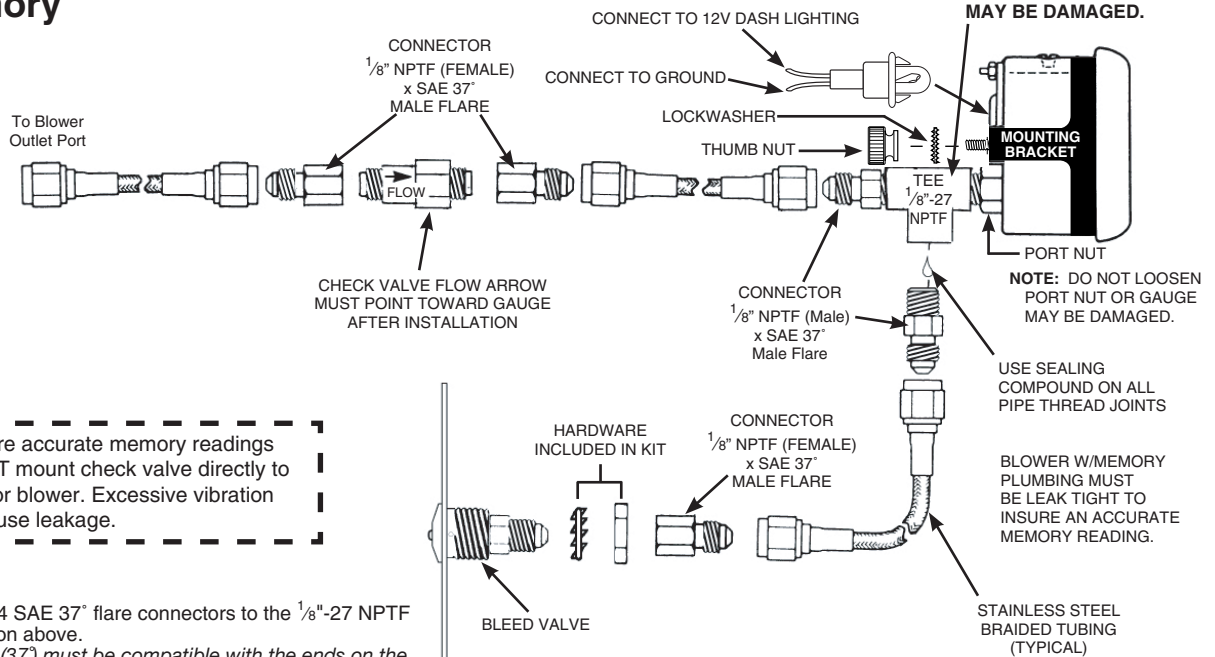
**NOTE:** Some late model vehicles use electronic sensors in their pressure and temperature senders for engine control functions. Before removing the original sender, we recommend that you contact your automotive dealer to be sure no critical functions will be disrupted. With pressure gauges, it is beneficial to add a T-fitting to install your new gauge and to keep the warning light operational. This allows you to monitor the pressure and still have a warning light to indicate emergency conditions.

1. Gauges may be mounted in In-dash holes, or in Auto Meter custom mounting Solutions. Secure gauge with mounting clamps supplied. 2- $\frac{1}{16}$ " gauges mount in 2- $\frac{1}{16}$ " diameter hole, 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " gauges mount in 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter hole.
2. Drill  $\frac{3}{8}$ " dia. holes and install rubber grommet where pressure or vacuum line passes through sheet metal, such as firewall.

3. Attach nylon pressure line to fitting on back of gauge using adapter, ferrule, and compression nut as shown in diagram above. Route line through grommet to engine compartment. Connect line to pressure port on engine by using  $\frac{1}{8}$ " adapter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " if needed), ferrule and compression nut for pressure gauges or  $\frac{1}{8}$ " connector and T-fitting for vacuum gauges.
4. Make sure line is free from hazard of moving parts or hot engine components. It is recommended that Auto Meter 3224 copper tubing kit be used where a potential hazard exists.
5. Start engine and thoroughly check installation for leaks.
6. Twist in light socket assembly and connect one wire to dash lighting circuit or other 12V power source and the other wire to a good ground.

# Blower with Memory

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**NOTE:** To insure accurate memory readings DO NOT mount check valve directly to gauge or blower. Excessive vibration may cause leakage.

1. Secure two  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-27 NPTF x #4 SAE 37" flare connectors to the  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-27 NPTF tee as shown in the installation above.  
**NOTE:** The connector flare (37") must be compatible with the ends on the stainless steel braided tubing. Auto Meter braided stainless steel tubing no. 3227 and 3228 include #4 SAE 37" flare female swivel ends.
2. Drill  $\frac{3}{8}$ " dia. hole and install rubber grommet where pressure line passes through firewall into engine compartment.
3. Secure two  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-27 NPT female x SAE 37" male flare connectors to the check valve as shown above. Secure the check valve and connector assembly to one end of a length of braided stainless steel tubing.  
**NOTE:** The arrow on the check valve must be pointing toward the gauge as shown in the diagram above.
4. Secure the opposite end of the tubing and check valve assembly to the tee on the back of the gauge. Route the pressure line through the firewall into the engine compartment. Connect another length of braided stainless steel tubing between the check valve and the blower outlet port.

- NOTE:** Keep line clear of moving parts or hot engine components.
5. Secure a  $\frac{1}{8}$ "-27 NPTF female x SAE male flare connector to the bleed valve.
  6. Using the nut and lock washer provided, secure the bleed valve and connector assembly in-dash or wherever it is convenient for the driver.
  7. Connect length of braided stainless steel tubing between the tee on back of gauge and the bleed valve.
  8. Start engine and thoroughly check for any leaks. When engine is shut off, gauge should not leak down until bleed valve is pushed. If gauge leaks, check and tighten all connections.
  9. Connect the WHITE light wire to dash lighting circuit or other 12V source. Connect the BLACK light wire to a good engine ground. (which applicable)



# Fuel Pressure Gauges (w/o Isolator)

**WARNING:** If pressure gauge is used in a fuel application, the gauge must be mounted outside of the vehicle. This will prevent the possibility of a gas fume explosion in the vehicle interior.

**IMPORTANT:** Both the 0-15 and 0-100 PSI Fuel Pressure Gauges must be mounted outside the vehicle unless an Auto Meter Fuel Gauge Isolator is used in conjunction with the Gauge. This is required to prevent the possibility of fire or explosion in the vehicle's interior.

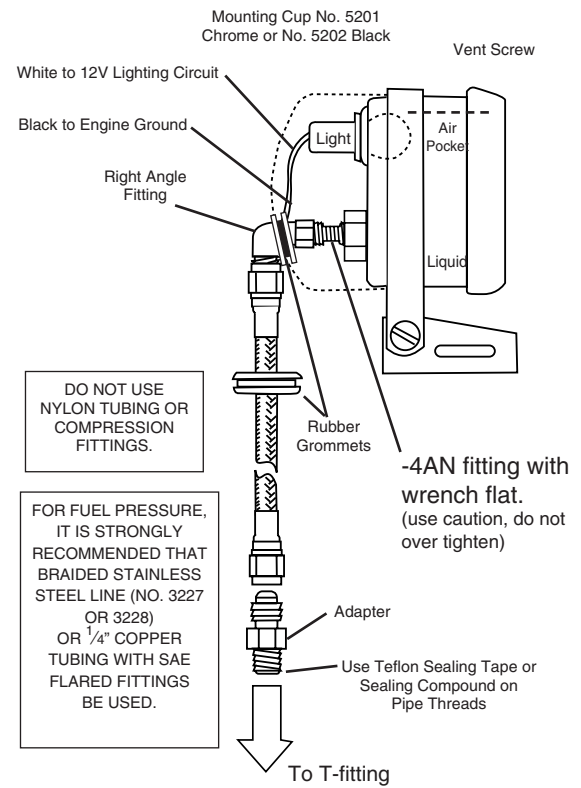
## To Mount Inside of Vehicle:

**0-15 PSI, 0-100 PSI:** Must use full sweep electric model, or mechanical gauge with Auto Meter Fuel Pressure Isolator. See catalog or visit [www.autometer.com](http://www.autometer.com) for more information.

## To Mount Outside of Vehicle:

**Note:** Only Auto Meter Liquid Filled and Ultra-Nite Gauges are water resistant! User should take appropriate precautions to protect all other Auto Meter instruments from getting wet. Failure to protect your gauges from water sources can result in inaccurate gauge readings or complete failure of the product. Instruments that have sustained water damage are not covered under warranty.

- Determine best location for mounting the Fuel Pressure gauge outside of the vehicle. Mounting cup kit 5201 or 5202 is recommended for mounting gauges on vehicle's cowling in front of windshield. Drill necessary hole and install rubber grommet where pressure line passes through sheet metal.
- 4AN braided stainless steel tubing is recommended because of the highly flammable nature of racing fuel. Use Auto Meter kit 3227 or 3228. **DO NOT USE NYLON OR COPPER TUBING WITH COMPRESSION FITTINGS.**
- Route pressure line through grommet to engine compartment, keeping line free from hot engine components or moving parts. Plumb line into vehicle's fuel line. Be sure to use teflon sealing tape on all tapered threads for a good seal.
- Start engine and thoroughly check for any leaks.
- Connect WHITE light wire to dash lighting circuit or to other 12V source. Connect BLACK light wire to an engine ground.



# Fuel Pressure Gauges (w/ Isolator)

- Install gauge and tubing assembly in an in-dash hole that is 2 1/16" in diameter for 2 1/16" models and 2 3/16" diameter for 2 3/8" models. Gauge may also be mounted in Auto Meter Accessory underdash panels. Securely mount gauge using mounting bracket provided. If mounting gauge is somewhere other than in-dash or underdash, you may be required to fabricate necessary provision.
- Isolator must be mounted in engine compartment. **(DO NOT mount on firewall per NHRA/IHRA rules.)** Drill two 1 1/64" dia. holes in desired location. Mount isolator mounting bracket using the bolts, lockwashers, and nuts provided. **Gauge and isolator should be mounted at the same height to insure accurate readings. If not mounted level with each other, the fluid weight will cause a slight accuracy error.**
- Drill a 7/8" dia. hole in firewall in line with center of mounting bracket. Route the braided tubing through hole into engine compartment.
- With filled portion of isolator in upright position, remove dust plug. Pull braided tubing through center of isolator bracket and hold end in upright

position. Remove dust plug and quickly thread braided tubing into isolator port (be careful not to spill any fluid).

**NOTE:** Fluid leaking from system will cause gauge to read incorrectly. If leakage occurs, fill isolator with solution of half water, half propylene glycol (antifreeze). Repeat Step 4.

- Secure fuel pressure isolator to mounting bracket using the lockwashers and nuts provided.
- Slit rubber grommet provided and position in firewall hole so braided tubing holds firmly in place.
- Determine most desirable location (in line between fuel pump and carburetor) to plumb into fuel system. Thread necessary adaptor fittings into fuel side of isolator.

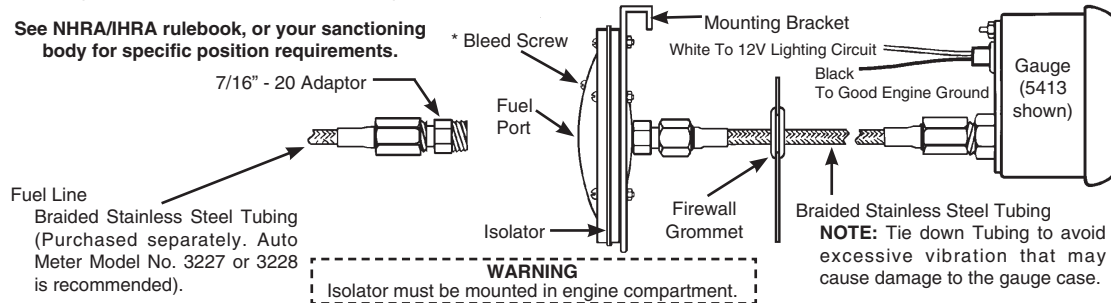
**NOTE:** Use thread sealant on all pipe threads to insure a leak free seal.

- Tee isolator into vehicle's fuel system. We highly recommend that Auto Meter braided stainless steel tubing (Models 3227, 3228, or 3229) be used for this application.
- With engine running, check to make sure gauge pointer moves in a smooth manner and reads the correct idling pressure.
- Connect white light wire to dash lighting circuit or other 12V source. Connect black wire to good engine ground.

## \* Bleed Screw

Should excess air in the fuel side of the isolator cause erratic gauge action, bleed excess air out by just loosening the bleed screw enough to allow air passage. Do not remove the bleed screw. Tighten screw when fuel trickles out.

See NHRA/IHRA rulebook, or your sanctioning body for specific position requirements.



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**WARNING**  
Tubing is sealed with fluid inside. **DO NOT DISMANTLE ASSEMBLY.** Read instructions before installing gauge.

