

# ***Nitrous System for Factory Supercharged LT4***



## ***Installation Instructions***

### **Read all Instructions before beginning!!!!**

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**THESE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO NITROUS EXPRESS PRODUCTS ONLY!**

**FOR SANCTIONED RACE USE ONLY - NOT FOR SALE OR USE IN CALIFORNIA**

**CAUTION:** An experienced technician familiar with the use and handling of high-pressure cryogenic gases should install this system. If you have any doubt about your skills this system should be taken to a qualified shop for installation. If you have decided to do the install yourself please read and understand all of these instructions before you start.

Before starting, disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. If you have any questions about your particular vehicle consult a shop manual.

#### **These instructions are divided into 6 sections:**

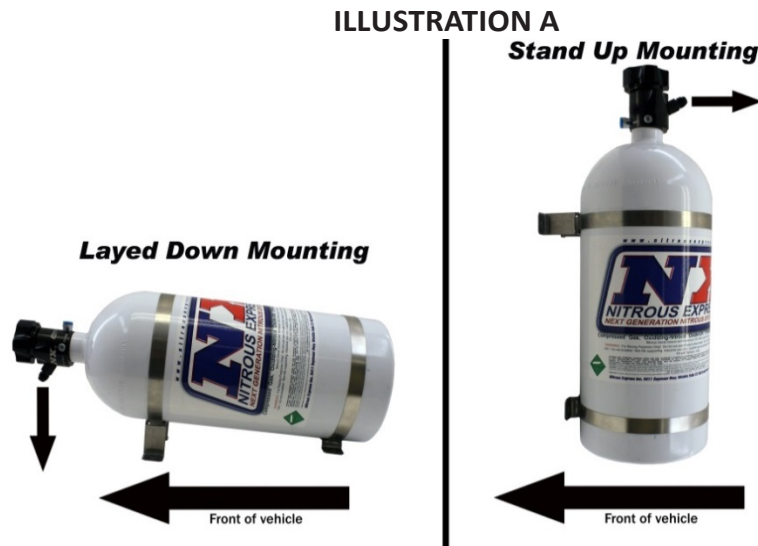
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#### **Before starting any installation steps:**

1. Never use Teflon tape on any system fittings. Tape debris will cause numerous problems ranging from clogged solenoids to blocked jets. Use the liquid thread sealer furnished with your NX system. A drop is all it takes.
2. Have your nitrous bottle filled by a reliable source, being sure it is filled to the correct capacity with **FILTERED** "NY-TROUS+" nitrous oxide.

## MOUNTING THE BOTTLE

The nitrous bottle should be mounted in the trunk area or outside of the passenger compartment. If this is not possible or practical a NHRA approved blow down tube and vent fitting (PN's 11708, 11709) must be installed. The positioning of the bottle should be as shown in illustration "A". This will allow the siphon tube to be covered at all times. The mounting brackets should be assembled on the bottle with the short bracket approx. 2" from the bottom. The long bracket should be place approx. 7" above the lower bracket on 10lb bottles. The upper bracket should be approximately 12" above the lower bracket on 15lb bottles. **Note: Before drilling holes to mount the bottle, be sure to check for clearance beneath the mounting surface i.e.: fuel tank, fuel lines, brake lines, etc.**

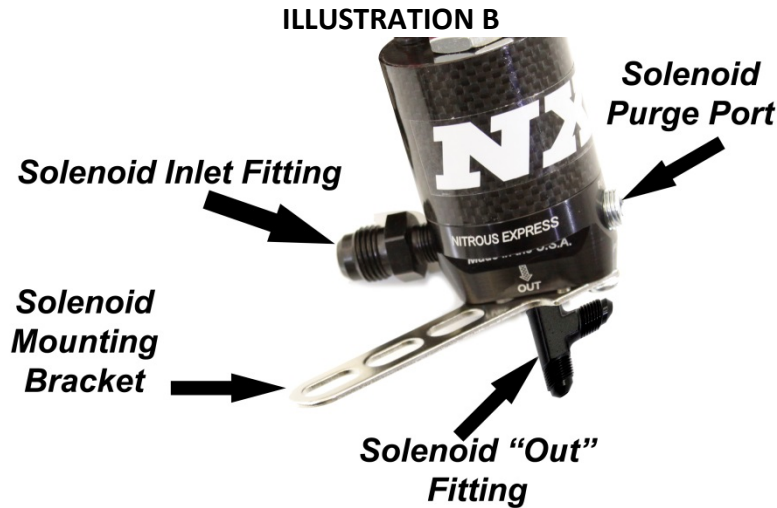


## ROUTING THE SUPPLY LINE

To route the supply line, drill a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " hole beneath the valve discharge port. Before beginning the routing procedure; place tape over both ends of the line. Now route the line beneath the car being sure to avoid all exhaust, suspension and other moving parts. Following the factory fuel line is usually the safest. Be careful to avoid any positive 12-volt sources, one small spark to the outer braid of the line will destroy it!!! Secure the line carefully, zip ties work best here. Before connecting the line to the bottle, purge the line of all possible debris by carefully blowing compressed air through the line for several seconds. Connect the line to the bottle nipple and tighten securely.

## MOUNTING THE SOLENOIDS:

The nitrous and fuel solenoids should be mounted within 12-18 inches of the plate. The system includes universal solenoid mounting brackets. These brackets are bendable to fit multiple vehicle applications. The brackets bolt on the solenoids with the included 10-32 screws. Install fittings into the solenoids; these are a NPT thread and will require the use of NX thread sealer provided in the system. The nitrous solenoid will have a screened (filtered) fitting for the inlet of the solenoid to keep debris from entering the solenoid. The inlet of the fuel will use the unfiltered 1/8NPT to 4an fitting. The purge port of each solenoid will be blocked off with a 1/8NPT plug. Next install the T-fittings into the solenoid out port (on the bottom of the solenoid) using NX thread sealer on them as well. Once assembled the solenoid should look similar to the one in "Illustration B".



### **MOUNTING THE LID:**

Before any modifications are made under the hood, we suggest that you make a diagram of all hoses and wiring.

1. Remove the bolts securing the lid of the factory supercharger.
2. Re-use your factory gasket and o-rings or use a new factory gasket, available from your local GM dealer.
3. Install new lid on your vehicle with the nitrous fittings facing the rear of the vehicle.
4. Using the jet chart on the last page of these instructions choose your horsepower setting and install the jets in the "jet fittings" towards the rear of the lid.
5. Connect the stainless braided line with the 4an B-nut to the "nitrous out" on the bottom of the nitrous solenoid; connect the opposite end of the hose (with the 3an B-nut) to the nitrous "in" fitting on the lid (rear passenger side of lid).
6. Connect the stainless braided line with the 4an B-nut to the "fuel out" on the bottom of the fuel solenoid; connect the opposite end of the hose (with the 3an B-nut) to the fuel "in" fitting on the lid (rear driver side of lid).
7. **NOTE: Always check each jet for obstructions before installing. (CAUTION: You must always use a back-up wrench when tightening the nitrous or fuel fittings, failure to do so will void the system warranty!!!!!!)**

### **FUEL SUPPLY CONNECTION:**

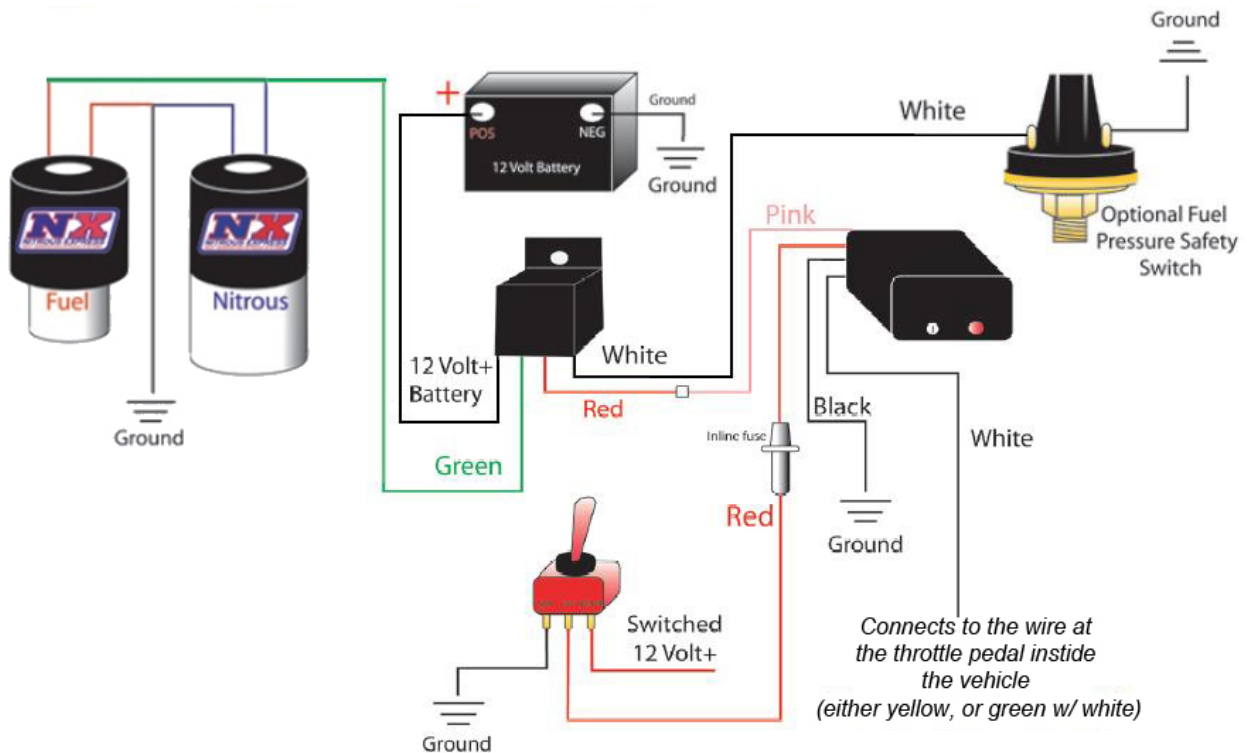
**WARNING: THE FUEL RAIL AND/OR FUEL LINES ARE UNDER HIGH PRESSURE. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN DISCONNECTING ANY FUEL LINE. QUICKLY COLLECT AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY EXCESS FUEL SPILLAGE.**

1. Locate the low pressure side fuel line connection at the driver side rear of the engine.
2. Using a Fuel line disconnect tool, disconnect the factory fuel line from the fuel rail using a fuel line removal tool.
3. Using the supplied NX thread sealer, assemble the fuel rail adapter as shown (see Illustration D).
4. Attach the NX Fuel Rail Adapter to the in-line with the factory fuel line.
5. The Fuel Rail Adapter has 2-1/8npt holes. Install the 1/8NPTx4AN Fitting in one, and the 1/8NPT hex plug in the other. NX Thread Sealer must be used on the pipe threads. **DO NOT USE THREAD SEALER ON "AN" FITTINGS.**
6. Install one end of the 4AN Stainless braided line to the 4AN fitting on the side of the fuel rail adapter, and connect the other end of the line to the 4AN inlet fitting on the fuel solenoid.

## ILLUSTRATION D



## ILLUSTRATION E



### ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP:

1. Follow wiring diagram (Illustration E) to correctly wire up your nitrous system.
2. After all wiring is complete; reconnect the battery cable.
3. Now you must program the NX TPS Module.
  - A. You will need to turn the key to the on position, it is not necessary to start the vehicle.
  - B. This switch works with rising or falling TPS signal as long as it has at least a 1v deviation between idle & wide open throttle. When in learn mode, the unit first does a 5 second idle signal analysis. If too much signal noise is found, it flashes an error (this is to catch a bad TPS or when connected to wrong wire).
  - C. Once the switch is wired according to the schematic, you will need to put it in learn mode. Learn mode is achieved by pushing and holding the button for 3 seconds, at which point the GREEN LED on the switch will blink slow. This tells you it is checking the TPS idle voltage. This takes approx. 4 seconds. DO NOT change the throttle position during this time. Once the GREEN LED turns off you can proceed.

D. Now take the vehicle to full throttle and back to idle two times. If the GREEN LED is ON solid, then your TPS is set. If the GREEN LED is flashing, the TPS Switch detected a variation between the 1st and 2nd full throttle position and as a precaution, did not learn that setting. You will need to turn off the switch and start the learn procedure again. If the GREEN LED is still OFF, the TPS signal range may be too small or you have the switch connected to the wrong wire.

**NOTE: Once the switch has learned your full throttle position, the GREEN LED will be ON whenever the switch has power and the RED LED will be on when the switch sees full throttle**

4. At this point both solenoids should be tested for proper operation. Note: (Be sure the nitrous bottle is off and there is no pressure in the N2O supply line). If you are using a fuel safety pressure switch you must use a jumper wire between the two terminals when testing the solenoids. To test, turn the “arming” toggle switch to the ON position and push the accelerator pedal to achieve wide-open throttle. A clicking sound should be heard as you exceed 80% throttle and the solenoids open. IMPORTANT: Make sure that both of the solenoids are clicking! If no sound is heard or only one of the solenoids is working, check all wire connections and the wiring schematic for proper connections.
5. With all components mounted, feed line and electrical connections completed, connect the nitrous supply line to the bottle and FULLY open the bottle valve and carefully check connections on the nitrous side of the system for leaks and retighten fittings if necessary. With no leaks detected, start the engine and thoroughly check the fuel connections for leaks. Do not attempt to start engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected into the intake manifold. Disconnect all of the coil wires and crank the engine several revolutions with the throttle wide open to clear the engine of all nitrous before attempting to start engine.

**Note: The nitrous and fuel solenoids are rated only for intermittent duty. Do not engage either solenoid for more than 20 continuous seconds. Solenoids that have “burned or scorched” electro-magnets will not be replaced under warranty.**

**NOTE: On all vehicles equipped with factory rev-limiters should take extreme care not to over-rev the engine. If the rev-limiter is engaged with the N2O system on, serious engine damage could result. An aftermarket RPM window switch (NX PN# 18959) should be used to disengage the N2O system 200 RPM's before the rev-limiter activates.**

After a complete check and verification of all components of the system for proper installation and operation it is time to have some fun.

## Testing the System

1. Re-check all installation procedures to be sure nothing has been omitted.
2. Be sure the nitrous bottle has not been opened and the supply line is empty!
3. Using the toggle switch “ARM” the system.
4. Test solenoid operation by using the system activation switch. Both solenoids should “Click” (The nitrous solenoid should click loud, and the fuel solenoid will click soft). If they do not, re-verify all electrical connections and wiring diagrams.
5. Carefully open the nitrous bottle and verify that no fittings or hoses are leaking. Correct any leaks before proceeding.
6. Do not start the engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected while the motor was not running! All nitrous must be cleared from the engine before starting; otherwise a violent intake manifold explosion could occur!
7. Start engine and check for any fuel leaks. Correct any leaks before proceeding.
8. The Nitrous System is now ready for normal usage.
9. All NX systems are intended for sanctioned race use only and should only be used in that context.

### **Additional parts recommended for operating your nitrous system satisfactorily:**

- Nitrous Pressure gauge (PN 15508) - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- Purge Valve (PN 15603)
- Bottle Jacket (PN 15945 for 10lb bottle or PN 15946 for 15lb bottle)
- Fuel pressure Safety Switch (PN 15718)
- Bottle heater (NX 15940) - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- NHRA legal blow down vent fitting (PN 11709)
- NHRA legal blow down vent tube (PN 11708)
- TPS/RPM Window Switch (PN 18959) or Maximizer 5 Progressive Controller (PN 16008)

### **SAFETY TIPS**

Do not attempt to start engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected while the engine was not running. Disconnect coil wire and turn motor with throttle wide open for several revolutions before attempting to restart. If it is not possible to disable the ignition then the spark plugs must be removed and the engine cleared of all nitrous before attempting to start engine.

1. Never permit oil, grease, or any other readily combustible substances to come into contact with nitrous cylinders, valves, solenoids, hoses and fittings. Oil and certain gases (such as oxygen and nitrous oxide) may combine to produce a flammable condition.
2. Never interchange solenoids or other appliances used for one compressed gas with those used for another.
3. Identify the gas content by the label on the bottle before using. If the bottle is not identified to show the gas contained, return the bottle to the supplier.
4. Do not deface or remove any markings, which are used for content identification.
5. Cylinder valves should be closed except when nitrous is actually being used.
6. Notify supplier of any condition, which might have permitted any foreign matter to enter the valve or bottle.
7. Never drop or violently strike the bottle
8. Keep valves closed on all empty bottles to prevent accidental contamination.

### **POWER TUNING TIPS:**

Nitrous oxide works well with all applications; 4 cycle, 2 cycle, diesel, and rotary engines. Each one has individual tuning characteristics, and these tips apply generally to each one. Nitrous oxide is referred to as "Liquid Supercharging" because it, in effect, does the same thing as a mechanical supercharger, adding more fuel and oxygen into each cylinder, thus producing more power. The biggest enemy of all supercharged, turbo charged and nitrous injected engines is "DETONATION". The use of higher-octane fuel, and or a combination of better fuel and timing retard can control this. Remember detonation is a spark plug, head gasket and engine "KILLER".

1. Your engine should be tuned to its maximum power prior to nitrous usage.
2. The ignition is an integral part of the nitrous system and must be able to ignite the mixture under very high cylinder pressures. The hotter the spark the better!
3. In stock engine applications and street usage the spark plugs should be at least 2 steps colder than stock. Do not use platinum tip, extended tip or any plug with multiple ground straps or split ground straps. When in doubt about heat range always go one step colder. A spark plug that is to "Hot" will cause detonation, burned plugs, poor performance, and engine damage. In competition engines always use the coldest plug available. Never use an extended tip plug in a racing engine.



4. The NX nitrous system is so advanced, (technology, engineering, and workmanship) that huge amounts of timing retard is not required. We recommend 2 degrees timing retard for each 50 horsepower boost as a starting point. Your engine may need more or less depending on your combination.
5. Your fuel system is also an integral part of the nitrous system, be sure it is in top shape and all filters are clean.
6. Engine operating temperature should be between 160 and 200 degrees prior to nitrous usage.
7. Never “lug” your engine and hit the nitrous system, use the system at wide-open throttle only, nitrous should not be used below 3000 rpm’s. If you do any of the above a serious “Back Fire” could result in engine damage.
8. The better the exhaust system the better the nitrous system will work.
9. Do not attempt to drill or alter the jets, solenoids, or the tubes in the nitrous plate. These items are engineered to their maximum capability. Any modification you can make will decrease power and destroy engine parts.
10. Do not mix or attempt to match any other brand solenoids, plate, or nozzles with this system. Any attempt at this could lead to serious engine damage.
11. All of our systems are designed to operate at 1000 PSI bottle pressure. This is extremely important and cannot be stressed enough. If your bottle pressure is below 1000 PSI the system will run rich and will not produce the advertised horsepower. If the bottle pressure is above 1000 PSI the system will run lean, possibly damaging engine parts. This pressure is easily monitored by using a NX liquid filled pressure gauge (PN 15509). Note: When the ambient temperature is below 97 degrees a bottle warmer is required (PN 15940 or 15941). An NX bottle jacket (PN15945 or 15946) will help stabilize bottle pressure in the winter and summer.

**CAUTION: NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME TO HEAT A NITROUS BOTTLE. THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY FATAL PRACTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

12. A purge valve (PN 15603) is recommended on all NX systems. When the weather begins to get hot a purge valve is worth up to a tenth of a second on a 1/4 mile pass. Note: The correct purging procedure for drag racing is: 1. Complete the burnout. 2. Light the pre-stage bulb. 3. Push the purge button three times, one second each. 4. Stage immediately, GO FAST.
13. If there is a question about the purity of your nitrous supply, a filter (PN15610 or 15607) should be used when refilling your bottle. Just attach the filter to your bottle when you take it to be refilled. Contaminated nitrous will cause serious damage to the nitrous solenoids and possibly to your engine. This is a lifetime renewable filter.
14. If you have questions about the suitability of your torque converter or gear ratios, call the factory tech line for the inside scoop.
15. Your nitrous bottle should be turned off when not in use (even between runs). An NX remote bottle opener (PN 11107) will make this task much easier.
16. Start with the lowest power setting in your system. Don’t try to be the track “Hero” on your first pass. Remember start out small and work your way up, NX systems produce more real horsepower than any other brand on the market today.
17. If the solenoids must be disassembled for cleaning or rebuilding always use the proper wrench (PN 15921). Do not use any clamping device on the solenoid tower, instant non-warranty, damage will result.
18. If you run an NX system of 150+ horsepower you must use a high octane racing type fuel. These are some tips to help you choose and maintain the correct fuel for your application:
  - A. The most important statistic you should look for in the fuel specifications is the “MON” or motor octane number. In most cases the higher the number the more timing you can run and detonation will not be a problem

- B. Most V-8 or V-12 engines with stock compression will run on “93” unleaded pump gas with up to 150 horsepower boost, most 4 or 6 cylinders with stock compression can use up to 75 horsepower.
  - C. Racing engines with high compression or higher must run racing fuel. The higher the compression, and the higher the boost, the higher the “MON” must be.
  - D. With nitrous usage usually the highest “MON” available is the one that should be used.
  - E. All NX systems are calibrated to use fuel with .730 specific gravity or “SG”. If you use a fuel with a lower “SG” you must use a larger fuel jet to compensate for the lighter fuel. If you use a fuel with a higher “SG”, a smaller fuel jet will be required. Most unleaded pump gas is .730 SG or above.
  - F. Racing fuel should be stored in an airtight, dark container. Exposure to atmosphere allows very important elements to evaporate, lowering the octane of the fuel. Sunlight oxidizes the lead contained in racing fuel, since this is the most important ingredient used to raise octane it must be protected.
  - G. Never leave the fuel in your car between race days. This allows evaporation of the very important “High end” hydrocarbons and lowers the octane of the fuel.
  - H. Never buy racing fuel from an underground or vented storage tank. Always demand to see where and how the fuel is stored; a sealed drum is the only correct way.
  - I. AV gas or aviation fuel is not compatible with nitrous usage, don’t be tempted by the cheap price, instant engine damage will result!
  - J. For a fuel recommendation, contact your NX dealer.
19. All vehicles, including full competition race cars, must have an alternator to provide adequate amperage required by today’s racing accessories. Add up all the amps required by your car, you’ll be surprised!
20. If you have trouble with your NX system or any related parts, call your dealer first.

In conclusion.....

This instruction sheet and power tuning tips are valid only for a NX system. If you have a kit from another manufacturer this information will not help you! A tune up from any other brand of nitrous kit will not work with the NX “Next Generation” technology.

DO NOT LISTEN TO:

- A. YOUR BUDDY!
- B. YOUR BUDDY’S FRIEND!
- C. THE LOCAL NITROUS GURU!
- D. ANY ARTICLE IN ANY MAGAZINE

If you follow the foregoing suggestions, your NX system will operate trouble free and provide years of thrills. ABOVE ALL REMEMBER TO RACE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!



## LT4 Supercharger Lid Jetting

Select the desired horsepower level and fuel type to determine the nitrous and fuel jet requirements i.e. if you want a 50 HP boost you would use a .035 Nitrous and a .020 Fuel jet. This jetting only applied to the Nitrous Express Supercharger lid with the built in nitrous/fuel passages (nitrous jet fitting on the passenger side and the fuel jet fitting on the driver side of lid when installed on the vehicle)

**CHECK ALL JETS FOR OBSTRUCTIONS UPON INSTALLATION!!!!!!!**

LT4 Lid Jetting		
HP	N20	Gas
50	35	20
75	41	23
100	52	27
150	62	34
200	73	39
250	82	44
300	99	49
350	116	52

This jetting chart is for informational purposes only, NX is not responsible for misuse or misapplication.