



**Holley**

**SNIPER EFI**



- Sniper Stealth 4500 (550-841 Shiny, 550-842 Black, & 550-843 Gold)

## **Holley Sniper EFI FUEL INJECTION INSTALLATION MANUAL**

## **Read this manual before using this product.**

### **WARNING!**

This instruction manual must be read and fully understood before beginning installation. If the instructions are not fully understood, installation should not be attempted. Failure to follow the instructions may result in subsequent system failure and could result in serious personal injury and/or property damage. Keep this manual.

For the safety and protection of you and others as well as your vehicle, only a trained mechanic having adequate fuel system experience should perform the installation, adjustment, and repair.

While undertaking any work involving the fuel system, it is particularly important to remember one of the very basic principles of safety: fuel vapors are heavier than air and tend to collect in low places where an explosive fuel/air mixture may be ignited by any spark or flame resulting in property damage, personal injury, and/or death. Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent spillage and thus eliminate the formation of such fuel vapors. All work involving this product and the fuel system generally **MUST** be performed in a well-ventilated area. Do **NOT** smoke or have an open flame present near gasoline vapors or an explosion may result.

## INTRODUCTION & SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Holley Performance Products has written this manual for the installation of the **Sniper EFI** TBI fuel injection system. This basic manual contains the information necessary for the installation of the throttle body, wiring, and sensors. Please read all the **WARNINGS** and **NOTES**, as they contain valuable information that can save you time and money. It is our intent to provide the best possible products for our customer; products that perform properly and satisfy your expectations.

### Engine Requirements

Before moving forward with the installation, please verify your vehicle meets the engine and fuel system requirements below:

- Engine is in sound mechanical condition
- Engine horsepower is between 800-1500
- Engine is an 8 cylinder
- Engine has a 4 barrel, 4500 style flange intake manifold\*
- Unleaded fuel only
- Any RTV silicone sealants used on the engine are sensor safe

\* Any 4500 flange intake manifold will work. Make sure to use proper gaskets to seal the throttle body to the intake manifold and ensure that there are no vacuum leaks.

### Fuel System Requirements

The Sniper EFI system requires a high pressure fuel pump capable of operating at 60 psi with at least 50 gallon per hour of fuel flow (more fuel flow may be needed for higher horsepower engines). When selecting a pump, and lines, be sure each component is designed to perform at high pressure. Holley offers a variety of fuel pumps, hoses and accessories to complete your installation. For best results, Holley strongly recommends an in-tank pump. Installing the fuel pump in the tank results in quieter operation, less chance of cavitation and a reduction in pump temperature. If mounting the pump in the tank is not an option, install the pump as close as possible to the tank. Within 2-feet of sending unit is recommended. Once the fuel system is installed checking the fuel pressure on the inlet side of the Sniper EFI is recommended, fuel pressure needs to be between 55-65 PSI.









## TOOLS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

- |   |   |                     |
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| • Standard Wrench Set                     | • Small Blade Screwdriver               | • Allen Wrench Set  |
| • Medium Blade Screwdriver                | • #2 Phillips Screwdriver               | • Digital Voltmeter |
| • Drill and Assorted Bit Sizes            | • Terminal Crimping Tool                |                     |
| • Factory Service Manual for your vehicle | • 7/8" Drill Bit (step-bit recommended) |                     |

An assistant is necessary for some installation and adjustment procedures and should be present for safety reasons.

**WARNING!** Before disconnecting the battery, we recommend locating a Clean Switched 12 volt ignition source. This source needs to have 12 volts while cranking and with the key in the run position. Disconnect battery before proceeding with any work to the vehicle.

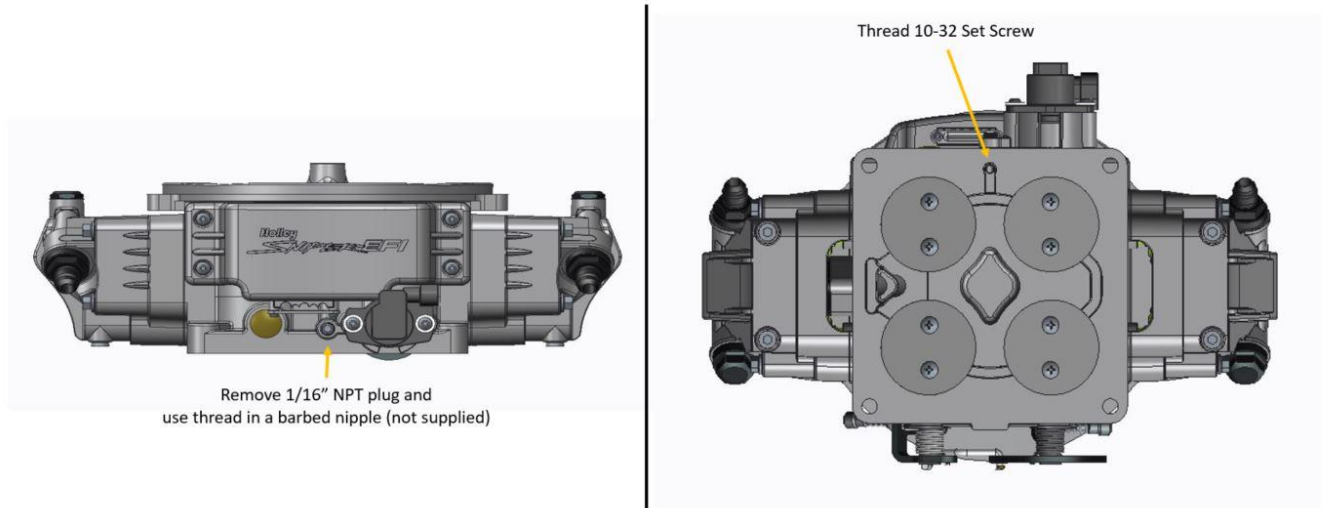
## PARTS IDENTIFICATION

ITEM #	IMAGE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	SERVICE P/N	NOTES
1		Bosch Wide Band Oxygen Sensor	1	554-155	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of leaded fuel will degrade sensor. Prolonged use will require periodic replacement.</li> <li>Mounting procedure below is critical for system performance</li> </ul>
2		Clamp-on Oxygen Sensor Bung	1	534-58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires 3/4" hole to be drilled</li> <li>Mounting procedure below is critical for system performance</li> <li>In order to help prevent condensation in the exhaust from damaging the sensor, ensure that the sensor is installed with at least 10 degrees of vertical angle.</li> </ul>
3		Coolant Temperature Sensor	1	543-120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/8" NPT Threads – Adapters to 1/2" NPT are available</li> <li>Must be installed in a coolant passage in either the intake manifold or cylinder head. Do not install in thermostat housing.</li> </ul>
4		Sniper EFI Throttle Body Assembly	1	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4500 Flange Sniper EFI Throttle Body</li> <li>Includes ECU, fuel injectors, Manifold Air Pressure (MAP) sensor, Throttle Position Sensor (TPS), Manifold Air Temp Sensor (MAT), and an Idle Air Control Valve (IAC)</li> </ul>
5		Air Cleaner Gasket	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaskets for mounting throttle body to intake manifold</li> </ul>
6		Open & 4 Hole Flange Gaskets	1		
7		3.5" Touch Screen Controller	1	553-115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes harness to connect directly to CAN connector</li> </ul>
8		Output Harness	1	558-491	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mates to Input/Output connector on Main Wiring Harness and can be used for A/C Shutdown, Electric Fan #1 Output, and/or Electric Fan #2 Output.</li> </ul>
9		Main Harness and Ignition Adapter	1	558-490	

## PREPARING THE THROTTLE BODY FOR INSTALLATION

If the Sniper EFI will be used on a N/A engine, no changes need to be made to the throttle body.

**Draw through Supercharger Applications:** When using the Sniper EFI on a draw through boosted application (I.E. positive displacement blower such as an 8/71), the throttle body must be converted to read manifold pressure from a remote source that sees manifold pressure. To do this, remove the 1/16" NPT plug nearest the wires on the front of the throttle body. Thread in a 1/16" NPT barbed nipple. Next, install the supplied 10-32 set screw into the machined port on the bottom of the throttle body. It is also recommended to take a small punch and peen the casting around the set screw in 2-3 places. The installation of this set screw is critical to system operation. Failure to do so will cause false MAP sensor readings.



## THROTTLE BODY INSTALLATION

1. Start by labeling all vacuum lines for easy identification, i.e. brake booster & vac advance for distributor. If any lines appear damaged, now is the time to replace them. Next, remove the carburetor, clean the gasket mating surface, and install the provided intake flange gasket on the intake manifold.
2. Place the Sniper EFI throttle body on top of the new flange gasket on the manifold. Using the correct length carb stud and nuts, tighten the Sniper EFI throttle body down progressively in a "criss-cross" pattern (60-80 in.lbs.).
3. Install the throttle linkage to the Sniper EFI throttle body. Be sure to check for any binding conditions and correct before proceeding. Poorly routed throttle cables & linkages can cause throttle pedal issues. The Sniper Stealth 4500 ships with the unit with a 1:1 throttle linkage. If desired the link between the secondary and primary linkage levers can be moved to different holes on the primary lever. If the position is changed, the customer must change settings in the calibration.

# OXYGEN SENSOR INSTALLATION

## WARNING!

Failure to disconnect the AIR pump or locating the oxygen sensor downstream from AIR injection will result in an extremely rich mixture, which could cause drivability problems and severe engine damage. If disconnecting AIR pump, check with local ordinances for the legality of this procedure in your area.

Your vehicle may already have an O2 sensor bung welded into the exhaust. This bung location needs to be verified before using it with the Oxygen sensor included in the Sniper EFI system. Ideally the bung will be 6-10 inches after the collector for a true reading of all cylinders and have a minimum of 18" length past the sensor location. If the vehicle is equipped with a catalytic converter, the bung must be between the engine and the catalytic converter. The bung also must be on the top side of the tube so moisture cannot collect on the oxygen sensor. If there is an acceptable bung already present, go ahead and tighten the oxygen sensor supplied with your Sniper EFI in the bung. If there is not an acceptable bung already in the exhaust, please plug all poorly placed bungs and follow the following instructions for the included Clamp-On O2 bung.

If needed, Hooker Blackheart offers different diameter Clamp-On O2 Bung kits:

2.25" Diameter: [71014303-RHKR](#)

2.50" Diameter: [71014302-RHKR](#)

3.00" Diameter: [71014301-RHKR](#)

1. Locate a position for the oxygen sensor as close to the engine as possible. The oxygen sensor should be mounted at a point where it can read a good average of all the cylinders on one bank. This would be slightly after all the cylinders merge. If you have long tube headers, mount the sensor approximately 6-10" after the collector. You must have at least 18" of exhaust pipe after the sensor.
2. If your vehicle has catalytic converters, the oxygen sensor **MUST** be located between the engine and the catalytic converters. It is also **CRITICAL** that the oxygen sensor is NOT installed in the bottom of the exhaust tube. This will help prevent condensation in the exhaust tubing from entering the sensor. The clamp-on kit installation requires a 3/4 hole to be drilled in the exhaust system. Refer to main installation manual for more details.

**NOTE:** Verify that the O2 cable is supported correctly and away from heat sources such as the exhaust. If the O2 cable has melted it is not something fixed under warranty and will require the unit to be sent back to Holley to be repaired at customer cost.

3. Ensure the location for the sensor is at the angle in **Figure 1**. This will help prevent condensation in the exhaust tubing from entering the sensor. The sensor can be mounted on either side of the tubing.

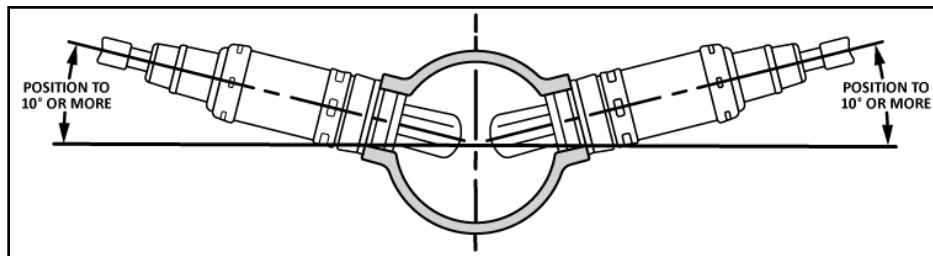


Figure 1

4. Mark the center of the casting on the exhaust tube and drill a 3/4" hole. Deburr the hole after drilling (Figure 2).

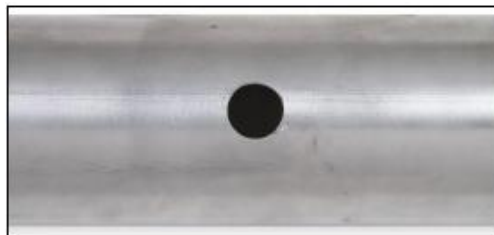


Figure 2

5. Place the gasket on the tube (Figure 3), then the casting on the tube (Figure 4). Slip a clamp on one side and lightly tighten. Slip the second clamp on and lightly tighten (Figure 5). It is necessary to use a small amount of anti-seize on the threads of the T bolt clamps to prevent thread damage.



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

**NOTE:** Never run the engine with the oxygen sensor installed if it is not plugged in and powered by the ECU, or it will be damaged. If you need to plug the hole temporarily, use an O2 sensor plug or a spark plug with an 18mm thread.



## **COOLANT TEMPERATURE SENSOR INSTALLATION**

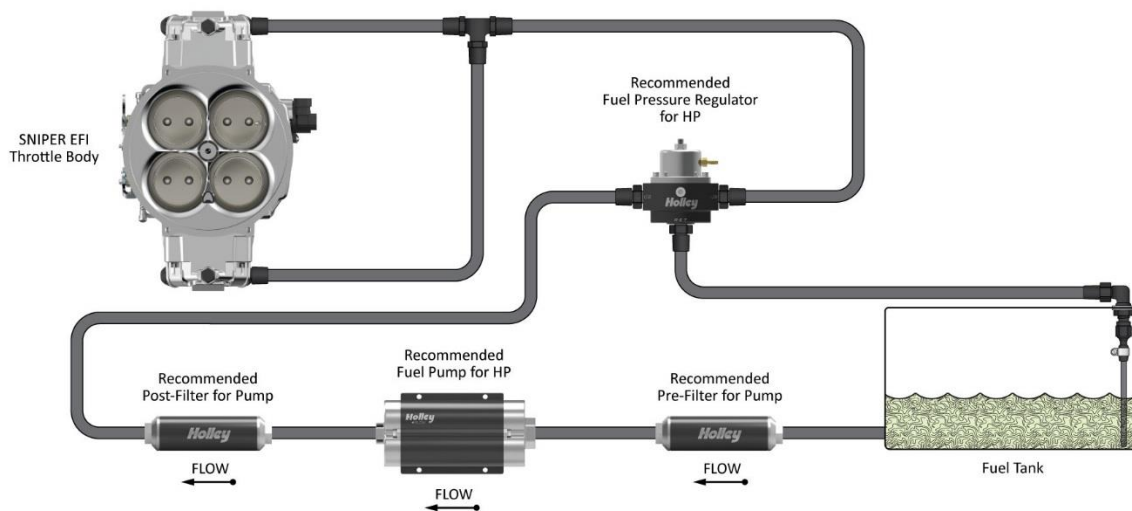
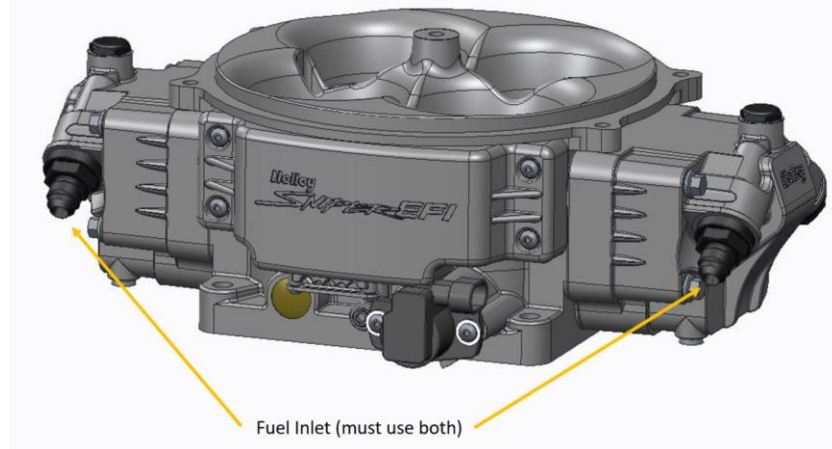
Install the Coolant Temperature Sensor into a 3/8" NPT coolant passage in either the intake manifold or cylinder head. Do not overtighten or damage to the cylinder head or intake may occur. It is best to drain the some of the coolant before the sensor is installed. Use thread sealer or a small amount of thread tape. Do not install the sensor in the thermostat housing, or in an area that will not see a constant flow of coolant.

## FUEL SYSTEM CONNECTIONS

Connect fuel feed and return hose. It is mandatory to use an external fuel pressure regulator and feed both front and rear fuel injector covers. Holley 12-848 or 12-851 are the recommended bypass fuel pressure regulator based on how much HP the application makes. Reference Figure 3 & 4 for plumbing diagrams and recommended fuel system components.

**NOTE:** Fuel pressure should be checked on the inlet fuel line before initial start up during the fuel pump prime. We recommend Earl's Part Number 100187ERL (0-100 psi Liquid filled gauge) & AT100199ERL (-6AN Gauge Adapter) to check fuel pressure.

### Fuel Fitting Overviews



HP Rating	Fuel Pump	Regulator	Pre Filter	Post Filter	Feed Line Size	Return Line Size
Up to 800 HP	12-1600	12-848	162-570	162-572	-6 AN	-6 AN
800 HP to 1000 HP	VR1 12-1500	12-851	162-577	162-575	-8 AN*	-8 AN*
Greater than 1000 HP	VR2 12-3000	12-851	162-577	162-575	-8 AN*	-8 AN*

\*Use 3/4"-16 Male O-Ring to -8 AN Male Fitting, PN AT985008ERL, on the Sniper Throttle Body, Purchased Separately

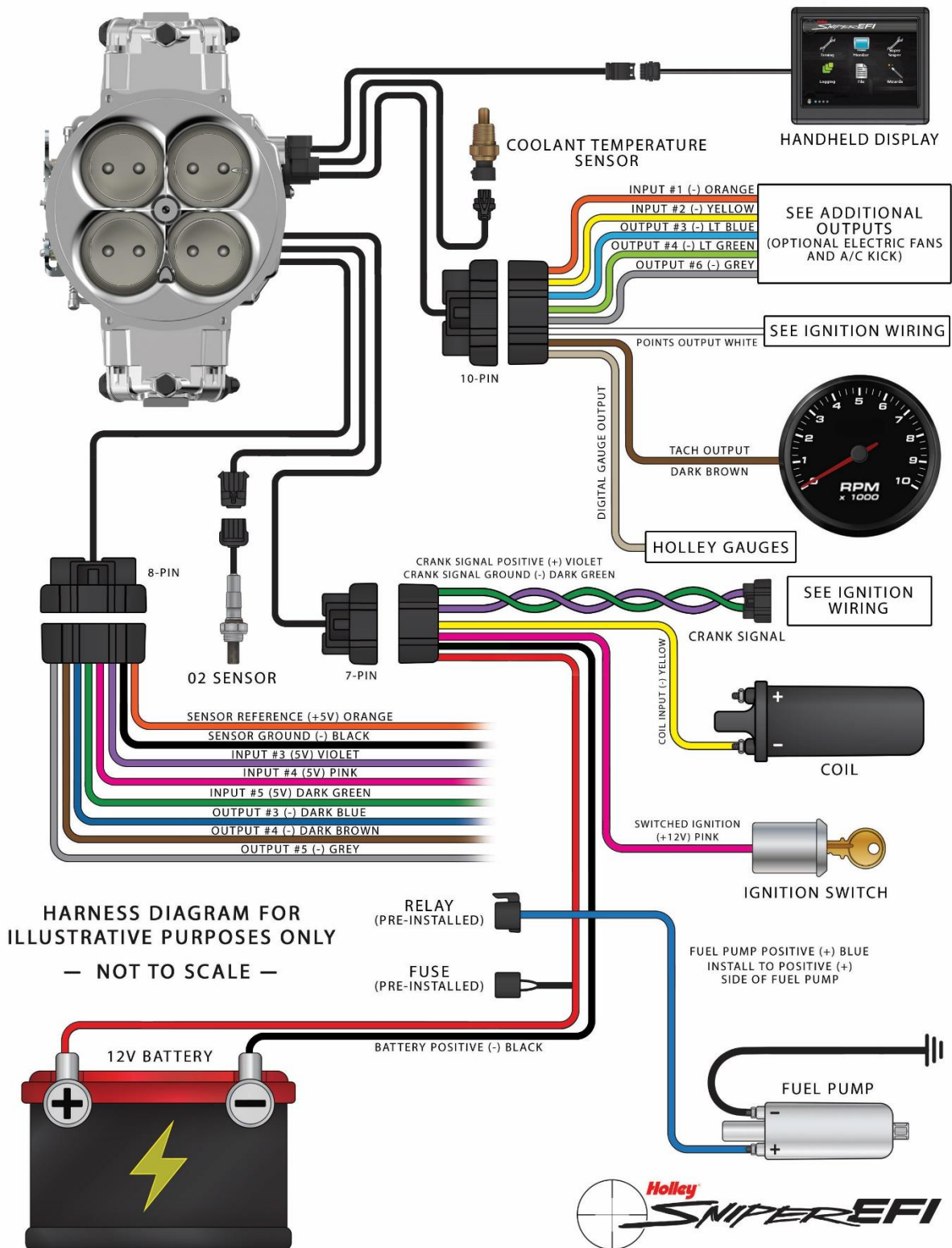
**DANGER!** Take precautions to ensure that all fuel components are away from heat sources, such as the engine or exhaust pipes. A fire or explosion hazard could cause serious injury or death!

**DANGER!** Before disconnecting or removing fuel lines, ensure the engine is cold. Do not smoke. Extinguish all open flames. An open flame, spark, or extreme heat near gasoline can result in a fire or explosion causing property damage, serious injury, and/or death.

**DANGER!** Never get under a vehicle supported only by a jack. Serious injury or death can result from vehicles falling off of jacks. Before working underneath a vehicle, support it solidly with jack stands.

# ECU WIRING OVERVIEW

The Sniper EFI throttle body comes with sensors pre-wired for easy installation. The illustrated diagram below is intended as an overview of how the system should be wired. Remember, the main ECU power and ground must be connected directly to the battery AFTER all other wiring installation has been performed.



## BASIC WIRING INSTALLATION

The Sniper EFI throttle body has the following connectors and connections. Wires are labeled as well for identification. **Not all of these wires will always be used.** The following is a main overview, with more detailed installation information following.

**7 Pin Connector** – Main Sniper Wiring Harness: Mating Harness PN 558-490

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
E	Red	Battery Positive (+)	Connects directly to battery positive terminal
G	Black	Battery Negative (-)	Connects directly to battery negative terminal
C	Blue	Fuel Pump Output (+)	+12v Fuel Pump Supply from Relay
A	Violet	Crank Signal Positive (+)	Engine Speed Signal Input (see Ignition Wiring Section)
B	Dark Green	Crank Signal Negative (-)	Engine Speed Signal Ground (see Ignition Wiring section)
D	Yellow	Coil (-) Input	Engine Speed Input (see Ignition Wiring section)
F	Pink	Switched Ignition (+12v)	<b>NOTE: must remain powered during cranking</b>

**10 Pin Connector** – Mating Harness PN 558-491, 8 wires are populated. This connector contains:

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
A	Orange	Input #1 (-)	Optional - Connect to a ground triggered A/C relay
B	Yellow	Input #2 (-)	Optional - Connect to a programmable ground input
C	Light Blue	Output #1 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #1 relay ground trigger
D	Light Green	Output #2 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #2 relay ground trigger
E	Grey	Output #6 (-)	Optional – Connect to ground side trigger of A/C shutdown relay
F	White	Points Output	Used to trigger a CD ignition box or the included Coil Driver Module
G	Dark Brown	Tach Output	Used to drive an aftermarket tachometer
H	Tan	Digital Gauge Output	Used to drive Holley EFI analog gauges via 554-130 Gauge Module

**8 Pin Connector** – Mating Harness PN 558-492, 8 wires are populated.

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
A	Orange	Sensor Reference (+5V)	Optional - +5V Supply for 0-5V Sensor
B	Black	Sensor Ground (-)	Optional - Ground for 0-5V Sensor
C	Violet	Input #3 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
D	Pink	Input #4 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
E	Dark Green	Input #5 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
F	Dark Blue	Output #3 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output
G	Dark Brown	Output #4 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output
H	Grey	Output #5 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output

**Touch Screen LCD Display** – This small 4 pin CAN connector plugs into the Handheld Touch Screen display unit. Replacement 3.5" Touch Screen Handheld part number is 553-115.

**Coolant Temperature Connector** - Connects to coolant temperature sensor. Replacement Coolant Temperature Sensor part number is 543-120.

**Oxygen Sensor Connector** - Connects to oxygen sensor. Replacement Oxygen Sensor part number is 554-155.

### Pre-configured Inputs and Output wiring for Nitrous Wizard Calibrations

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D	Yellow	Coil (-) Input	Engine Speed Input (see Ignition Wiring section)
F	Pink	Switched Ignition (+12v)	<b>NOTE: must remain powered during cranking</b>

**10 Pin Connector** – 8 wires are populated. This connector contains:

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
A	Orange	Input #1 (-)	Nitrous Master Enable – Switched ground trigger (Required)
B	Yellow	Input #2 (-)	Nitrous Input #1 – Switched ground trigger (Required)
C	Light Blue	Output #1 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #1 relay ground trigger
D	Light Green	Output #2 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #2 relay ground trigger
E	Grey	Output #6 (-)	Nitrous Relay Trigger - Ground side trigger for the Nitrous relay
F	White	Points Output	Used to trigger a CD ignition box or the included Coil Driver Module
G	Dark Brown	Tach Output	Used to drive an aftermarket tachometer
H	Tan	Digital Gauge Output	Used to drive Holley EFI analog gauges via 554-130 Gauge Module

## GENERAL WIRING REFERENCE

An EFI system depends heavily on being supplied a clean and constant voltage source. The grounds of an electrical system are just as important as the power side.

Sniper EFI contains multiple processing devices that require clean power and ground sources. The wiring for them must be installed in such a manner that they are separated from “dirty” power and ground sources.

### DO'S

- Install the main power and ground directly to the battery. To the POSTS/TERMINALS, not to any other place.
- Keep sensor and crank signal (distributor) wiring away from high voltage or “noisy/dirty” components and wiring, especially secondary ignition wiring (plug wires), ignition boxes, water pumps, fans and other associated wiring. It is best that the plug wires not physically contact any EFI wires.
- Properly crimp or crimp and solder any wire connections. Apply quality heat shrink over any of these connections.
- It is critical that the engine has a proper ground connection from the battery to the chassis, and the battery to the engine.

### DON'TS

- NEVER run high voltage or “noisy/dirty” wires in parallel (bundle/loom together) with any EFI sensor wiring. If wires need to cross, try to do so at an angle.
- Don't use the electric fan outputs to directly power a fan. They must only trigger a relay.
- Don't use improper crimping tools.
- Don't use things like “t-taps”, etc. Use proper crimpers/solder and heat shrink.
- It is never recommended to splice/share signal wires (such as TPS, etc.) between different electronic control units (i.e. “piggyback”).
- Don't connect the red/white switched +12V wire to “dirty” sources, such as the ignition coil, audio systems, or 12V sources connected to HID head lamps.
- NEVER start an engine with a battery charger attached

## Throttle Body Connections

1. **7 pin Connector** – Connects to the included 558-490 main harness.
2. **10 pin Connector (optional)** – Connects to included 558-491 I/O harness.
3. **8 Pin Connector (optional)** – Connects to optional 558-492 Super Sniper I/O harness
4. **Touch Screen LCD Display / USB Dongle** – This small 4 pin CAN connector plugs into the 3.5” Handheld Touch Screen display unit or the Sniper EFI Can to USB Dongle Communication Cable.
5. **Coolant Temperature Connector** – Connects to coolant temperature sensor.
6. **Oxygen Sensor Connector** – Connects to oxygen sensor.

Note: All connections on the Sniper system are unique and cannot be plugged into the wrong component.

## Pigtail & Loose Wire Connections

1. **Pink Wire = 12V Switched** - Should be connected to a switched +12 volt power source. Power source should only be active when the ignition is on. Make sure source has power when engine is cranking as well (check with voltmeter). Not all sources apply power when the ignition switch is in “cranking” position. **DO NOT connect to a “DIRTY” source like an ignition coil!**
2. **Red Wire = Battery Positive** – Connect directly to the battery post. This powers the Sniper EFI system.
3. **Black Wire = Battery Negative** – Connects directly to battery negative post.
4. **Blue Wire (Optional) = +12v Fuel Pump Relay Power Output** - Used to directly power a fuel pump (max current 15A). Make sure to terminate blue wire properly if not utilizing blue wire to provide power to the fuel pump.

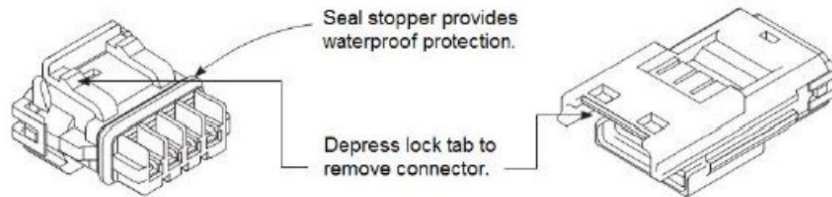
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## Connecting Sniper EFI Touchscreen LCD to Sniper EFI

Connect the Sniper EFI Handheld to the main harness. This is a simple plug and play connection. If you are going to permanently leave the handheld in the vehicle, you will need to find a factory grommet in your firewall to pass the Display CAN bus connector through and secure the excess wire away from hazards. If no factory grommets can be utilized we recommend installing one.



**NOTE: If the 3.5" Touch Screen LCD Display needs to be unhooked from the Sniper EFI. Depress the lock tab on the male side of the connector as show in the following pictures.**



## UNUSED WIRES

As you finish the installation of your Sniper EFI you will likely have unused wires. These wires need to be properly taken care of before installation is considered complete or you may end up with problems down the road. You have two options on how to properly handle these wires. The preferred option is to remove them from the connector and insert a weather proof plug in their place. The second option is to shorten the wire and properly seal the end of it to prevent shorting out.

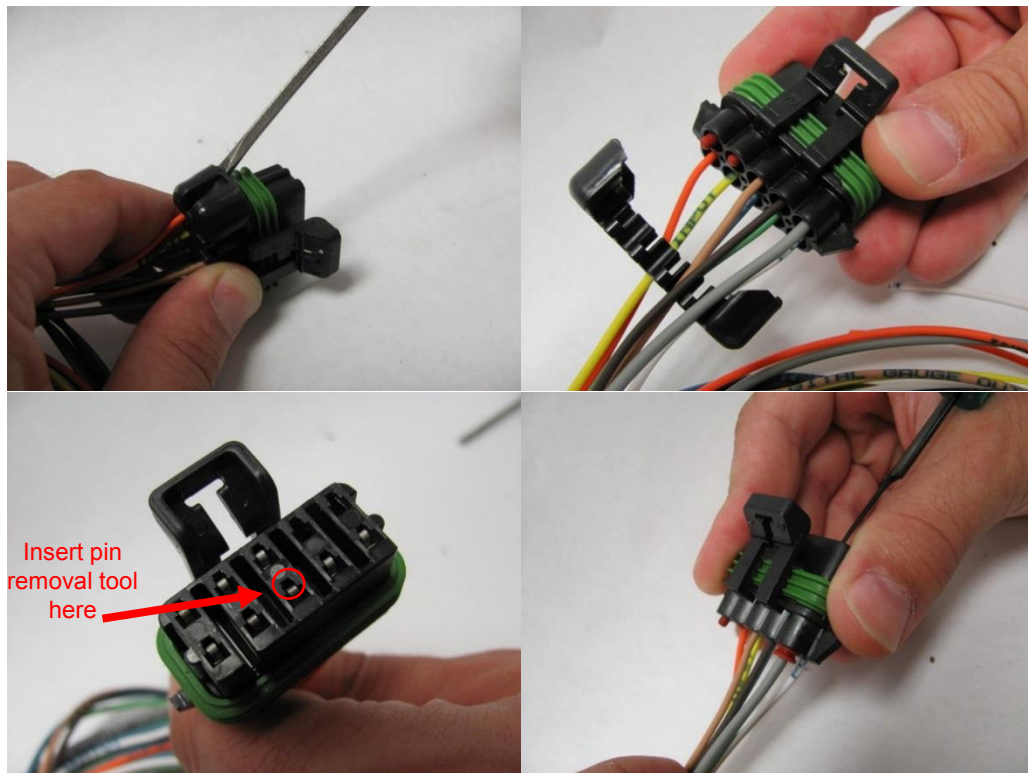
### Option 1: Pin Removal

#### Required tools:

Small flat head screw driver  
Pin removal tool # 567-101

#### Procedure:

1. Use a small screwdriver or other prying tool to gently remove the protective cover from the back of the connector. NOTE: Be careful not to over extend the tabs on the cover or it will not securely fasten during re-installation.
2. Gently insert # 567-101 removal tool into the small slot above the pin on front of the connector. It should not require much force and you should feel the tool bottom out solidly in the connector after roughly  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
3. With the removal tool still inserted fully in the cavity gently pull on the wire to remove it.
4. If you will not be putting a sealed wire back in the cavity then you should now install one of the cavity plugs supplied with tool 567-101.
5. Re-install protective cover on back of connector.



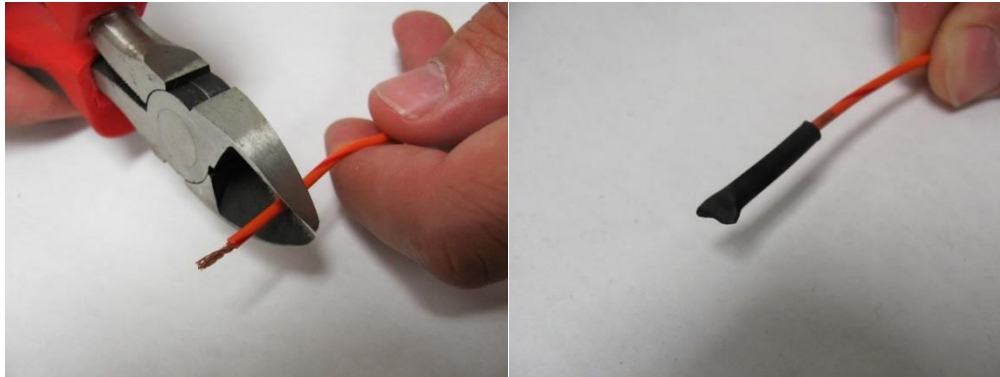
## Option 2: Trim and Wrap Wire

### Required tools:

Wire cutters  
Adhesive heat shrink tubing  
Heat source (heat gun or other)

### Procedure

1. Disconnect the battery terminals.
2. Cut the end of the wire so that there is no bare copper showing. **NOTE:** Make sure you leave enough length on the wire that you will have room to crimp or solder it at a later date should the need arise.
3. Place a piece of adhesive lined heat shrink roughly 1" long over the wire.
4. With the heat shrink tubing placed so it is covering the wire with two thirds of its length apply heat to shrink the tubing.
5. Give the heat shrink a small pull to verify that it is solidly attached.

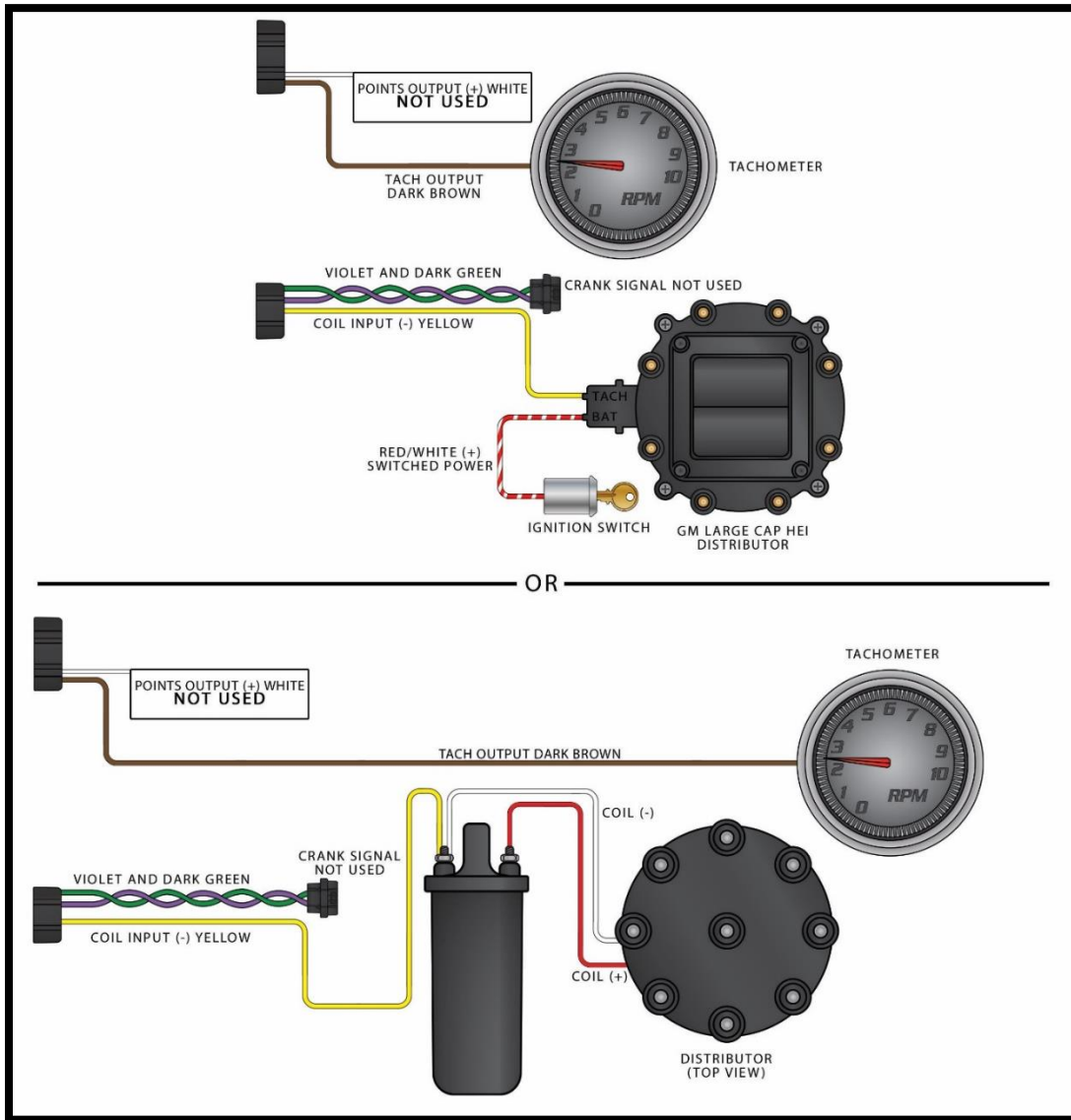


# NON TIMING CONTROLLED IGNITION SYSTEM WIRING

## Coil (-) [no timing control]

This Yellow wire marked "Coil-" is an RPM input wire used for the following applications:

- A stock type mechanical advance distributor with a stock inductive ignition coil. Examples of this would be any older style points distributor.
- A 1974-1981 GM large cap HEI or aftermarket replacement.



**WARNING!** Do NOT use this input if you are using an aftermarket Capacitive Discharge (CD) ignition system such as a MSD, Mallory, or others. The ECU will be damaged if you connect to a capacitive discharge type ignition coil.

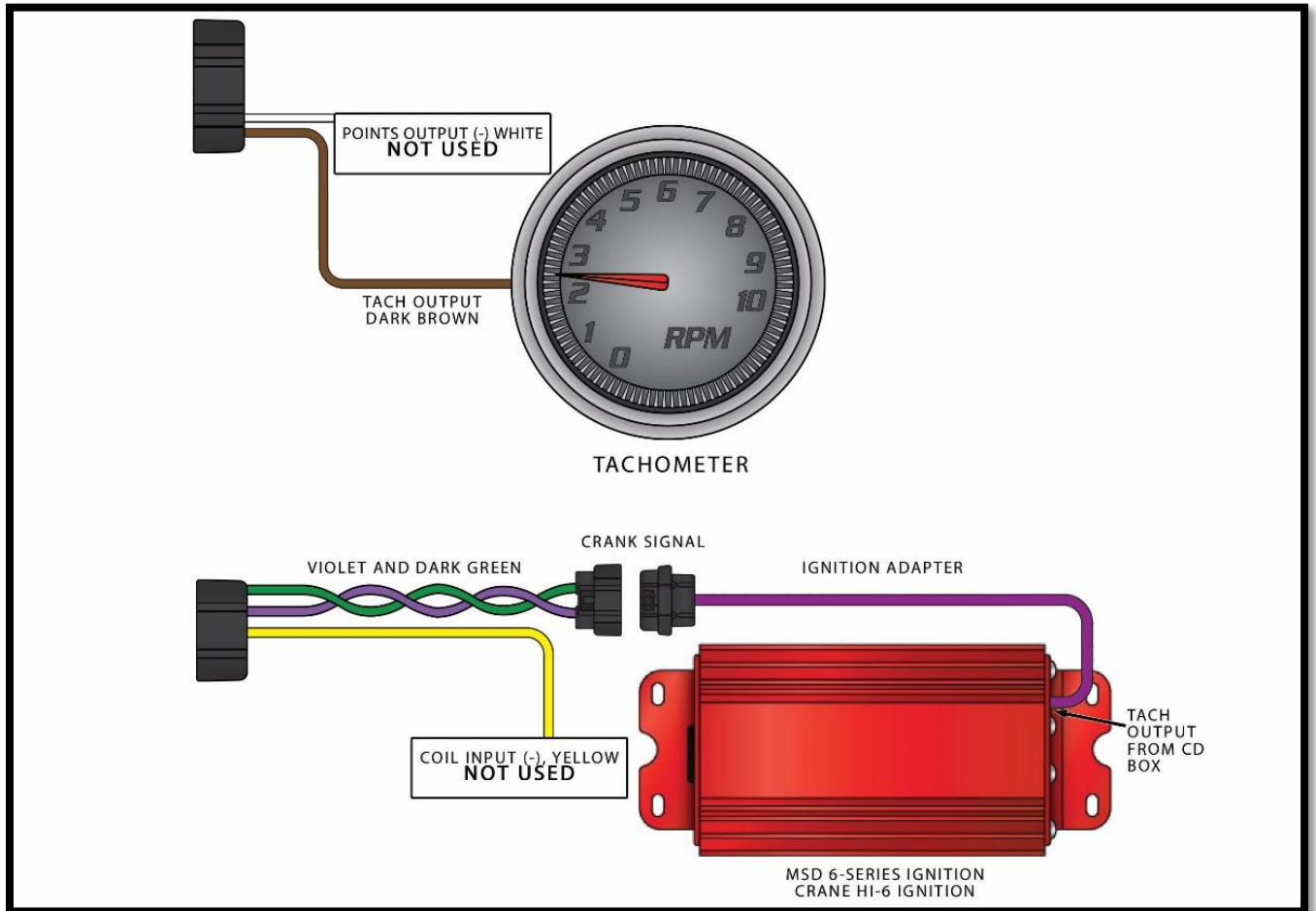
**NOTE:** Using this input, the EFI will NOT control the ignition timing of the engine. The timing will be based on the distributor initial, mechanical, and vacuum advance, just like it did with a carburetor.

## Ignition Box Tach Output (No Timing Control)

This requires use of the Ignition Adapter / Purple Wire that comes packaged with the main power harness.

- If you are using an aftermarket Capacitive Discharge (CD) ignition system such as a MSD, Accel, or others, you need to connect to the "Tach Out" connection or wire these systems provide. This is a 12 volt square wave output.

### OPTION 2 WIRING "Tach Out":



**CAUTION! NEVER connect any of the EFI wires to the coil on any CD type ignition system. The ECU will be permanently damaged!**

**NOTE:** Using this input, the EFI will **NOT** control the ignition timing of the engine. The timing will be based on the distributor initial, mechanical, and vacuum advance, just like it did with a carburetor.



## TIMING CONTROLLED IGNITION SYSTEM WIRING

### Timing Control Preface:

The Sniper EFI has the ability to control the engines ignition timing. This is an optional feature and is NOT required for proper functioning of the fuel injection. By implementing ignition timing control through the Sniper EFI, the engine will have more precise control and an improved idle. Please refer to the following instructions on how to use this feature.

Holley recommends that those who wish to use the Sniper's timing control feature first get the engine running without timing control. Splitting the timing control into a secondary process will add very little time to the total install, but could significantly help with trouble shooting, should it be needed.

### MSD (Magnetic) Distributor [Timing Control]

#### Before beginning, please know the following:

You will need to lock out the advance on the distributor if it is not already done.

You will need an adjustable rotor (available from MSD.)

You will need a timing light.

You will need a mark on the balancer at 15 degrees before top dead center (BTDC). If your balancer is not already marked, please follow step one in the distributor removal section to create a mark on your balancer using a paint pen.

#### Overview:

Sniper EFI can control timing using most common magnetic pickup distributors currently available (ex. MSD). However, you may need to make several very simple changes to the distributor which are outlined in the following section. It is very important that you "lock out" the advance built in to the distributor and install an adjustable rotor. Not "locking out" the distributor and installing an adjustable rotor as outlined in these instructions can cause the engine to run poorly or even cause engine damage.

**NOTE:** These instructions are directed toward MSD distributor installations. However, the same basic things need to be done with any magnetic pickup distributor before being used with Sniper EFI.

#### DISTRIBUTOR REMOVAL:

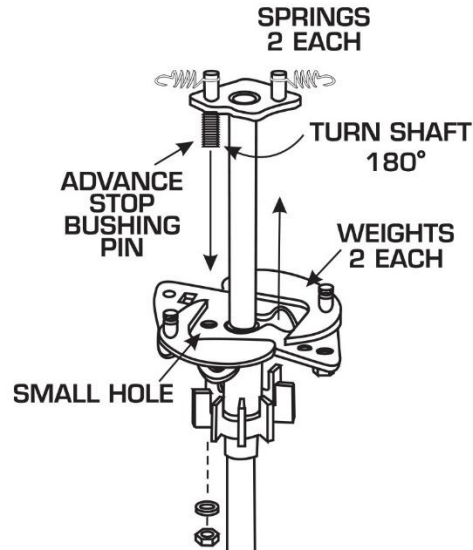
1. Disconnect the Battery NEGATIVE (-) cable.
2. Disconnect the power and or ground connection at the coil/coils. Tape up any non-insulated power and ground terminals to eliminate any chance of a short circuit.
3. Rotate the crankshaft in the direction of engine rotation until it reads 15 degrees before top dead center (BTDC) on the compression stroke. Take the distributor cap off and make sure that the rotor is pointing to cylinder #1. If not, rotate the crankshaft one full revolution (as the engine is not on the compression stroke).
4. If your balancer is not marked at 15 degrees, take a tape measure and measure from the 0 degree mark to the following point (mark does NOT have to be exact):

Balancer Diameter	Distance
6"	3/4"
7"	15/16"
8"	1-1/16"

5. Remove spark plug wires and all other wiring/vacuum hoses from distributor.
6. Remove distributor hold-down. Lift the distributor upwards and remove.

## Distributor Lock Out Procedure

1. Remove the rotor from the distributor.
2. Remove the advance components including the springs, weights, lock nut, and the advance stop bushing from the advance assembly.
3. Remove the roll-pin from the drive gear and then remove the gear from the housing shaft.
4. Slide the shaft up approximately two inches out of the housing.
5. Rotate the shaft 180 and insert the advance stop bushing pin into the small hole on the base followed by the lock nut.
6. Tighten the lock nut down. This has now "locked out" the mechanical advance.
7. Slide the drive gear back on to the shaft and line up the dowel holes. Drive in the dowel pin to complete reassembly of your distributor.



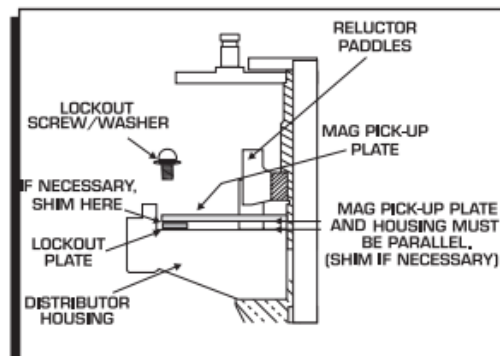
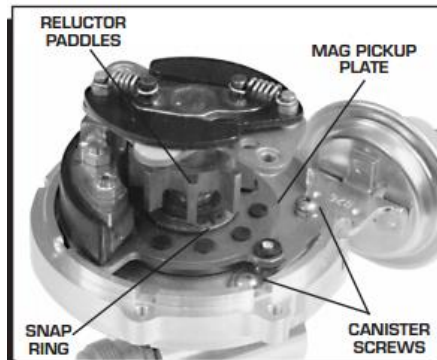
Locking out the Mechanical Advance

## Vacuum Advance

If your distributor has vacuum advance it will need to be removed and locked out, use the following steps.

1. Remove the two Allen head screws that hold the advance canister.
2. Remove the snap ring that holds the magnetic pickup assembly in place.
3. Gently lift up on the mag pickup plate and slide the vacuum canister out.
4. Install the Lockout Plate in place of the canister. Install the two retaining screws.
5. Install the supplied screw and washer through the Lockout and tighten.
6. It is important to make sure the pickup plate is parallel with the housing of the distributor. If it is cocked or slanted, the paddles of the reluctor may contact the pickup. Check the clearance by rotating the distributor shaft. If necessary, use the shims that were supplied with your distributor under the Lockout hold-down to correctly position the pickup plate.

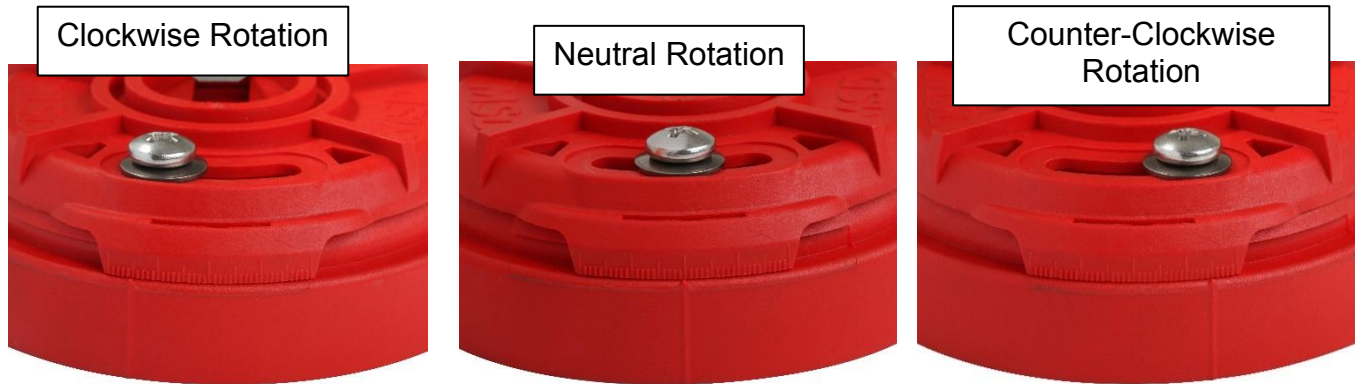
**Note:** If no shims were required, use one beneath the washer of the Lock-Out Hold Down Screw.



## Install The Adjustable Rotor

1. Install the adjustable rotor MSD PN 84211 or PN 8421 on to the distributor shaft (See note below for applications)
2. Set the phasing of the adjustable rotor by putting it retarded (opposite of distributor rotation) 15° on the rotor indicator. See Pictures for reference.

NOTE: For standard GM size MSD distributors, use rotor PN 84211. For larger, Ford style MSD distributors it is recommended to fit the distributor with a smaller cap (PN 8433) and the PN 84211 rotor. If the larger cap must be used, try rotor PN 8421.



## Install The Distributor

**NOTE:** If the engine block or heads have been milled, make sure that the distributor will fully seat and not bind or bottom out on the oil pump drive. A quick check is to remove the distributor gasket, and make sure that the distributor still fully seats on the mounting surface. If it does not, further investigation is needed.

1. Rotate the crankshaft in the direction of engine rotation until it reads 15 degrees before top dead center (BTDC) on the compression stroke if it is not already there.
2. Install the distributor gasket on the base of the distributor. Some adhesive can be installed on the distributor side if desired to hold it in place.
3. If the engine has already been broken in/run previously and is about to be fired immediately after the distributor install, coat the gear with motor oil. If the engine is new or will sit a while before it is fired, coat the distributor gear with a moly paste or camshaft break-in lube.
4. Position the rotor contact so it is pointing to the desired direction of the #1 spark plug wire. Insert the distributor and insure that it is fully seated (**see NOTE at beginning of section**). The rotor will rotate as you insert the distributor. If it does not land in the location you desire, remove the distributor and back it up a tooth or two at a time until you are satisfied with its location. You will need to make sure the oil pump drive shaft is turned in a direction that allows for the distributor shaft to mesh with it. You may have to turn the shaft with a long screwdriver or Allen wrench to position it. **NOTE:** An engine oil priming tool is an ideal alternative to aid in aligning the oil pump drive shaft. Make sure that the drive shaft meshes and the distributor fully seats.
5. Install and snug the distributor hold down.
6. At this time you should test fit the distributor cap ensuring that the #1 cylinder terminal aligns with the rotor. You should move the body of the distributor to correct for any misalignment at this time.
7. Finish tightening the distributor hold down and install your cap and plug wires in the correct firing sequence for your engine.
8. Connect the 2 wire connector on the distributor to the matching connector on your Sniper EFI power harness. Connect the white points output wire either to the Holley coil driver module or the Points input wire on your ignition box. Refer to the following wiring diagrams to complete the wiring.
9. Refer to The Ignition Timing Check section for directions on initial startup and how to sync the distributor.



## Holley Dual Sync Distributor [Timing Control]

Holley EFI Dual Sync distributors are designed to work with Sniper EFI systems with the addition of an adapter harness (Holley #558-493). The design of these distributors includes dual Hall Effect sensors for the crankshaft and camshaft signals. They can be used as just a crank speed input for applications such as Sniper EFI. The precision machined shutter wheel design ensures accurate timing, even at very high engine speeds making them an excellent choice for Sniper installations utilizing timing control.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that you use a Holley Dual Sync distributor if you are using a Hall Effect input for your rpm signal. However, Sniper EFI will accept a 1x per fire hall effect signal from other devices. It is up to the customer to verify compatibility and proper installation procedure with anything other than a Holley Dual Sync distributor.

**NOTE:** Holley distributors comes with a hardened steel distributor gear that should be compatible with all applications, other than a billet steel camshaft. If a billet steel camshaft is used, a bronze gear is recommended.

1. Prior to installing the distributor you will need to have properly setup your Sniper EFI for the Holley Dual Sync Distributor using the setup wizard. Failure to properly configure the ignition settings prior to distributor installation may cause erroneous LED readings during the alignment procedure.

Once you have run the setup wizard to properly configure your Sniper EFI, proceed to Distributor removal.

### Distributor Removal:

1. Disconnect the Battery NEGATIVE (-) cable.
2. Disconnect the power and or ground connection at the coil/coils. Tape up any non-insulated power and ground terminals to eliminate any chance of a short circuit.
3. Rotate the crankshaft in the direction of engine rotation until it reads 50 degrees before top dead center (BTDC) on the compression stroke. Take the distributor cap off and make sure that the rotor is pointing to cylinder #1. If not, rotate the crankshaft one full revolution (as the engine is not on the compression stroke).
4. If your balancer is not marked at 50 degrees, take a tape measure and measure from the 0 degree mark to the following point (mark does NOT have to be exact):
5. Remove spark plug wires and all other wiring/vacuum hoses from distributor.
6. Remove distributor hold-down. Lift the distributor upwards and remove.

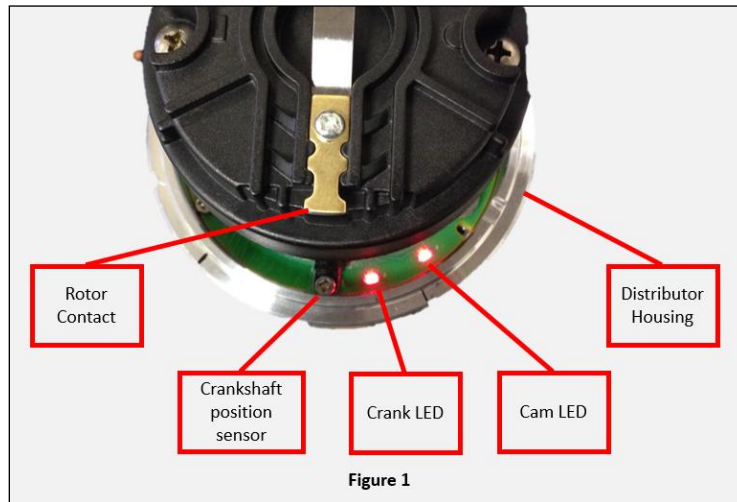
Balancer Diameter	Distance
6"	2-5/8"
7"	3-1/16"
8"	3-1/2"

### Distributor Install:

**NOTE:** If the engine block or heads have been milled, make sure that the distributor will fully seat and not bind or bottom out on the oil pump drive. A quick check is to remove the distributor gasket, and make sure that the distributor still fully seats on the mounting surface. If it does not, further investigation is needed. PN 565-104 utilizes an adjustable slip collar. Ensure that it is properly adjusted to allow for proper housing and gear engagement.

1. Install the distributor gasket on the base of the distributor. Some adhesive can be installed the distributor side if desired to hold it in place.
2. If the engine has already been broken in/run previously and is about to be fired immediately after the distributor install, coat the gear with motor oil. If the engine is new or will sit a while before it is fired, coat the distributor gear with a moly paste or camshaft break-in lube.
3. Position the rotor contact so it is pointing to the desired direction of the #1 spark plug wire. Insert the distributor and insure that it is fully seated (**see NOTE at beginning of section**). The rotor will rotate as you insert the distributor. If it does not land in the location you desire, remove the distributor and back it up a tooth or two at a time until you are satisfied with its location. You will need to make sure the oil pump drive shaft is turned in a direction that allows for the distributor shaft to mesh with it. You may have to turn the shaft with a long screwdriver or Allen wrench to position it. **NOTE:** An engine oil priming tool is an ideal alternative to aid in aligning the oil pump drive shaft. Make sure that the drive shaft meshes and the distributor fully seats.

4. Next, connect the 10 pin distributor connector to the Holley #558-493 adapter harness. **Note: If you have not already completed your installation of the 558-493 harness please do so before continuing.**
5. Reconnect the battery cable(s), **leaving the coil disconnected at this time.**
6. Turn the ignition key to the run position. **(DO NOT CRANK the engine.)** This will power the distributor.
7. **Distributor Alignment:** There are two LED's on the distributor circuit board. These will be used to align the distributor, by indicating when the crank and cam sensors are being triggered. The crank and cam LED's are noted in **Figure 1** below.



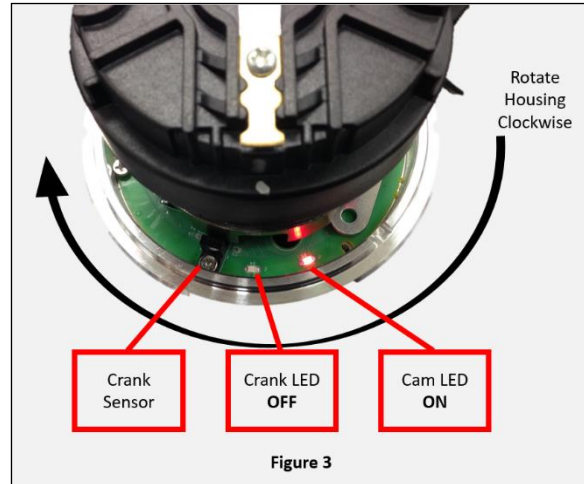
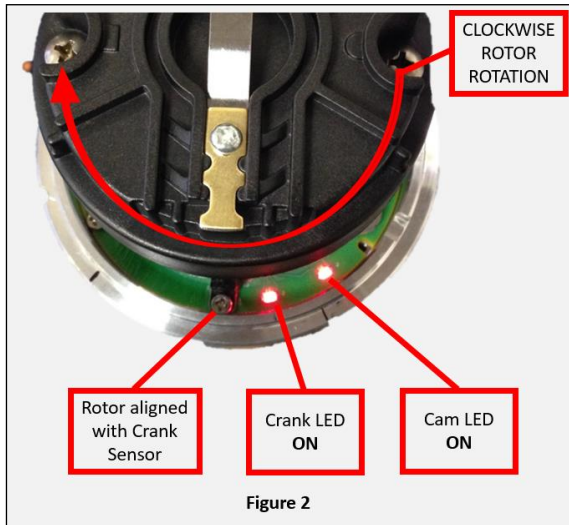
**NOTE:** All adjustments will be made by rotating the distributor housing only. **DO NOT ROTATE THE CRANKSHAFT** as it should remain at 50 degrees BTDC.

LED (**ON**) represents digital falling. LED (**OFF**) represents digital rising

**Your distributor will rotate clockwise or counter-clockwise. You will need to determine the proper direction of rotation before proceeding.**

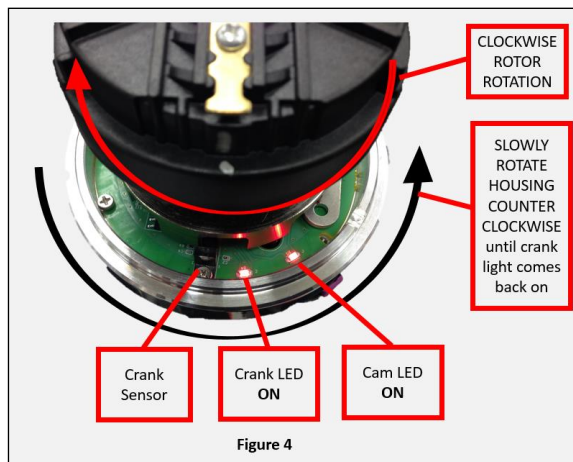
Engine Family	Rotor Rotation
Small/Big Block Chevy	Clockwise
Chrysler Small Block	Clockwise
Ford 351W	Counter-Clockwise
Ford 302	Counter-Clockwise
BB Chrysler Wedge	Counter-Clockwise
Ford FE	Counter-Clockwise
Oldsmobile	Counter-Clockwise
Pontiac	Counter-Clockwise

**Clockwise Rotor Rotation:** (See chart to determine what direction your distributor rotates.)



For engines that have the rotor rotating **clockwise**, turn the housing until the rotor contact is pointed at the black crank position sensor (**Figure 2**). Both the cam and crank LED should be illuminated (**ON**).

Slowly turn the housing **clockwise** until the Crank LED goes **OFF** (**Figure 3**).

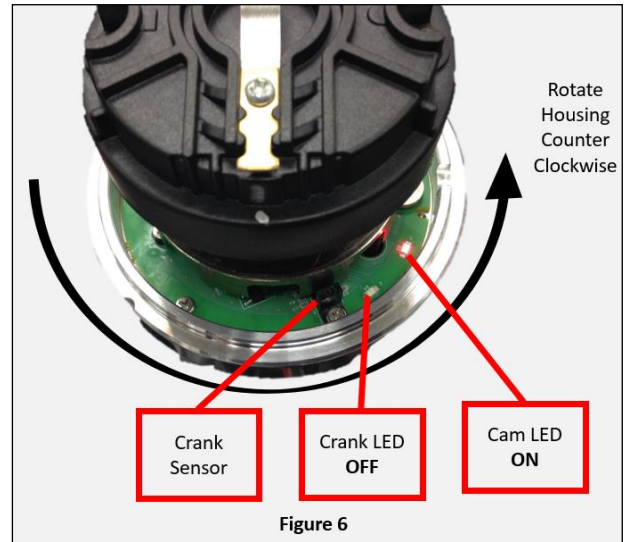
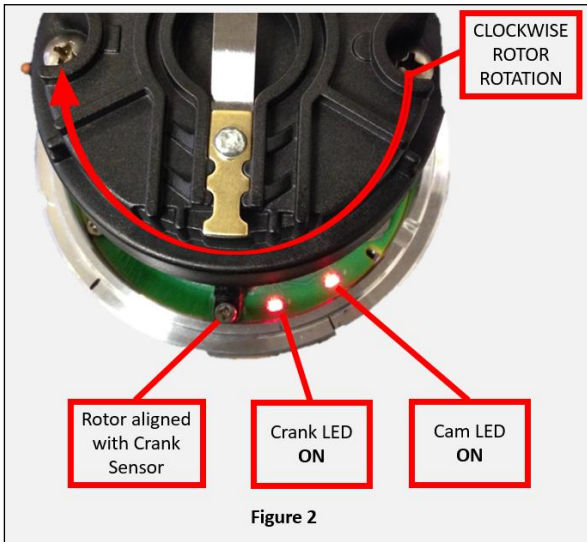


Then slowly turn the housing **counter-clockwise** until the Crank LED comes back **ON** (**Figure 4**). Stop at this point. This will position the distributor close to where it needs to be. Install and snug the distributor clamp down at this point.

The relationship between the crank sensor, shutter wheel opening, and rotor in the picture above should match what is installed in your engine.

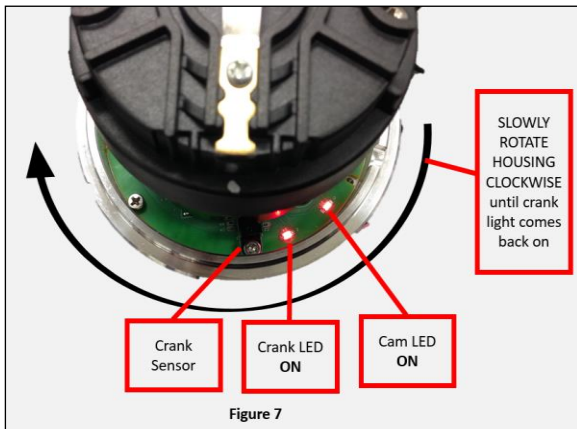
Once these steps are completed, the rotor will be pointing to the cylinder #1 terminal on the distributor cap (ensure the engine is still at 50 degrees BTDC on the compression stroke on cylinder #1). Note which position this is on the distributor cap. Install the cap and install the #1 plug wire. Install the rest of the plug wires based on the engine's firing order and rotor rotation. Reconnect the coil power and ground connection.

**Counter-Clockwise Rotor Rotation:** (See chart to determine what direction your distributor rotates.)



For engines that have the rotor rotating **counter-clockwise**, turn the housing until the rotor is pointed at the black crank position sensor (**Figure 5**). Both the cam and crank LED should be illuminated **ON**.

Slowly turn the housing **counter-clockwise** until the Crank LED goes **OFF** (**Figure 6**).

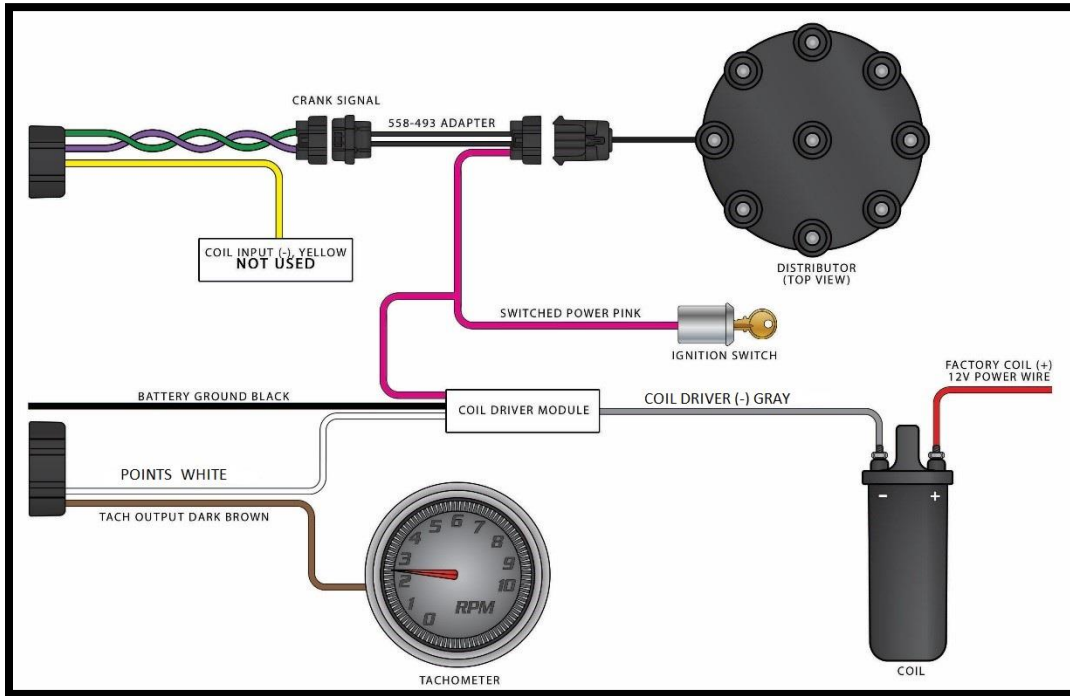


Turn the housing **clockwise** until the Crank LED comes back **ON** (**Figure 7**). Stop at this point. This will position the distributor close to where it needs to be. Install and snug the distributor clamp down at this point.

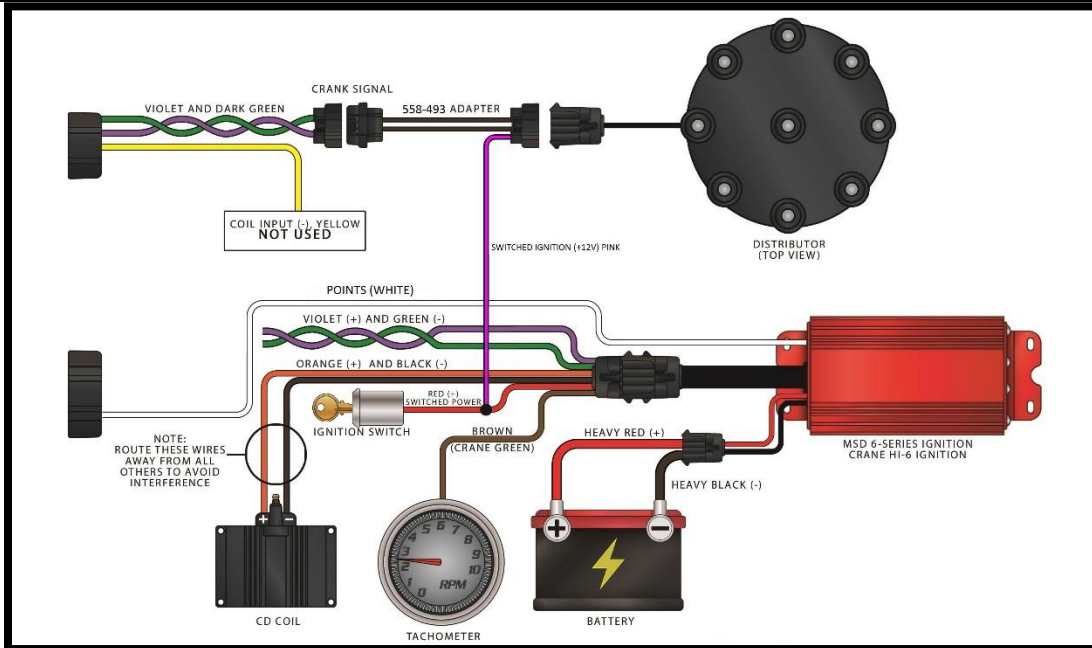
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Once these steps are completed, the rotor will be pointing to the cylinder #1 terminal on the distributor cap (ensure the engine is still at 50 degrees BTDC on the compression stroke on cylinder #1). Note which position this is on the distributor cap. Install the cap and install the #1 plug wire. Install the rest of the plug wires based on the engine's firing order and rotor rotation. Reconnect the coil power and ground connection.

## WIRING W/ Holley Dual Sync Distributor and Direct-Drive Coil



## WIRING W/ Holley Dual Sync Distributor and CAPACITIVE DISCHARGE BOX (Such as MSD 6AL)



### HOLLEY DUAL SYNC DISTRIBUTOR PINOUT:

If custom wiring the distributor, use the following pinout:

Connector Location	Channel	Wire Color
A	Crank Signal	Purple/White
C	Signal Ground	Green
E	Switched +12V	Red

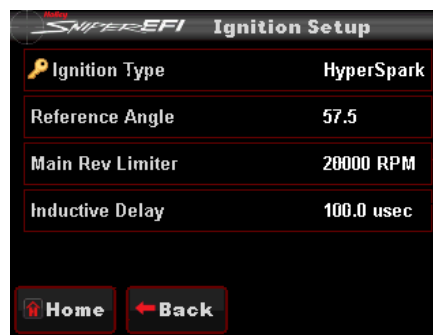
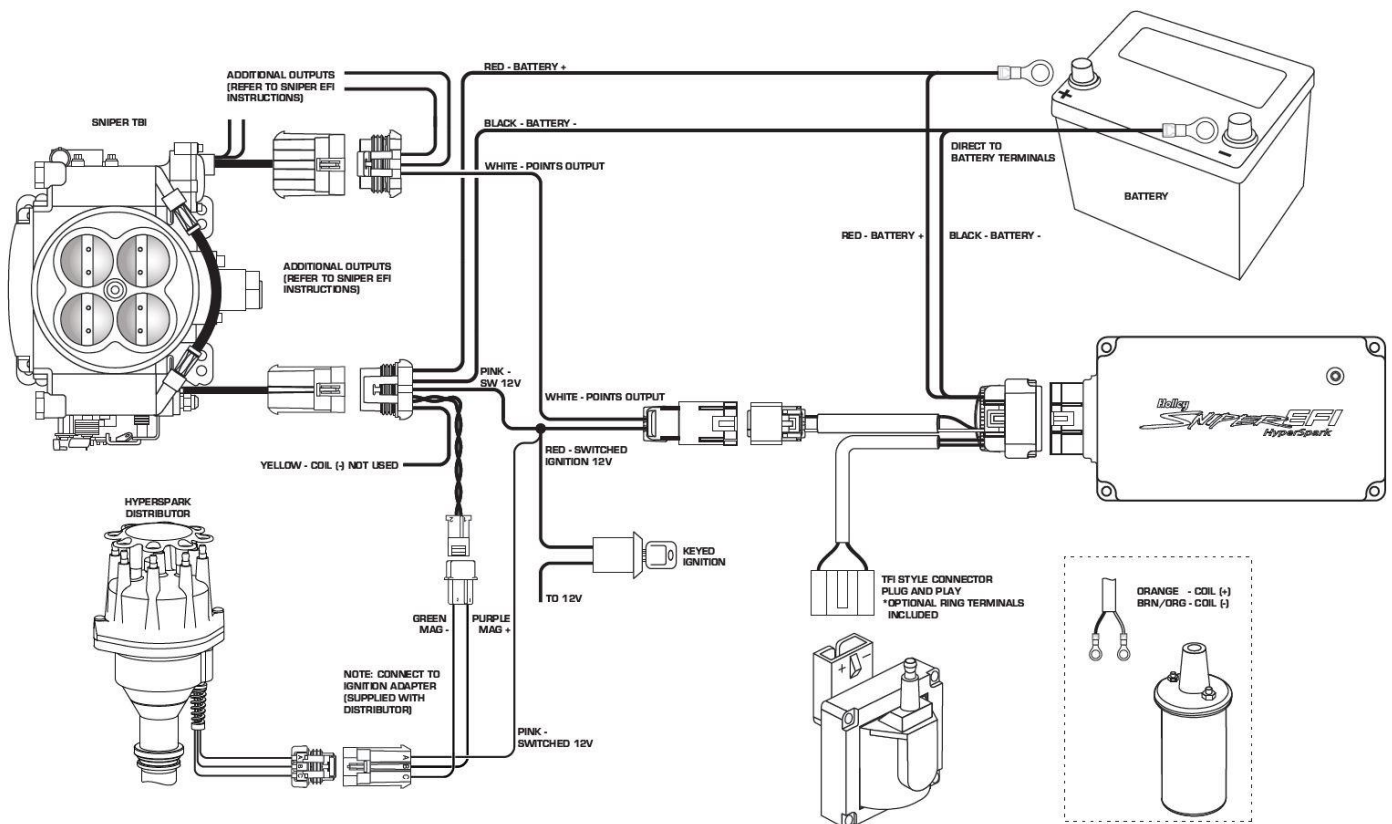
## Sniper EFI HyperSpark Distributor [Timing Control]

Sniper EFI HyperSpark distributors are designed to work with Sniper EFI systems for timing control. The design of these distributors includes a Hall Effect Sensor for Crank Signal. The precision machined shutter wheel design ensures accurate timing, even at very high engine speeds making them an excellent choice for Sniper installations utilizing timing control.

**Refer to the Instructions that came with the HyperSpark Distributor for complete instructions on installation. Use the adapter harness supplied with the HyperSpark Distributor to connect to the Sniper EFI.**

To configure the Sniper EFI correctly, choose the HyperSpark option for the Ignition type while running the wizard. If changing the ignition type after having run the Sniper EFI already, make sure to set the Ignition type to HyperSpark and set the reference angle to 57.5 degrees.

Diagram below shows how to properly wire the Sniper EFI with a HyperSpark Distributor.

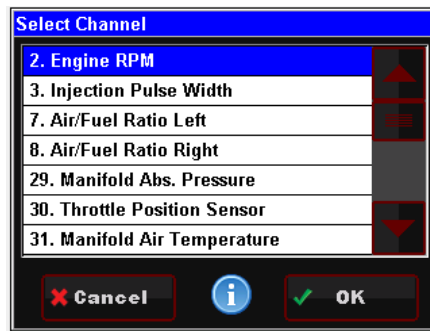
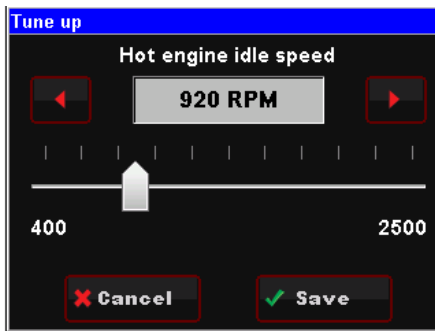


Ignition Setup Screen for HyperSpark Distributor

# HANDHELD NAVIGATION

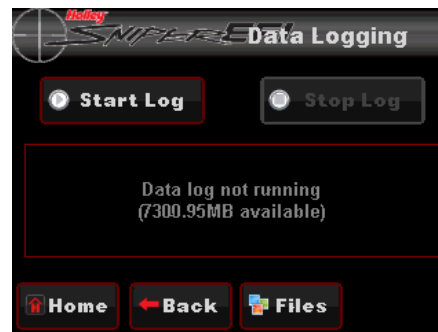
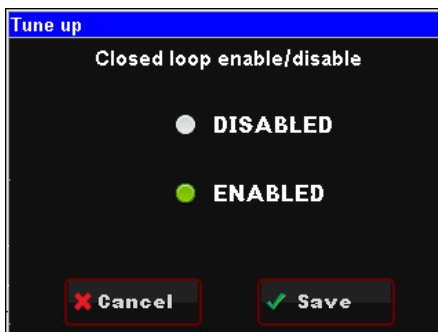
## Possible Screens

The 3.5" handheld utilizes a touch screen display. All navigation is done through "touching" an icon or button on the screen. The following is an overview of the different types of adjustment screens that are used in the display, and that may be utilized when tuning or making selections.



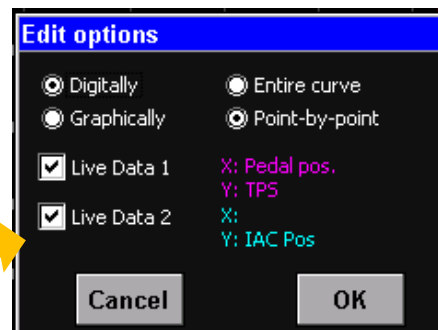
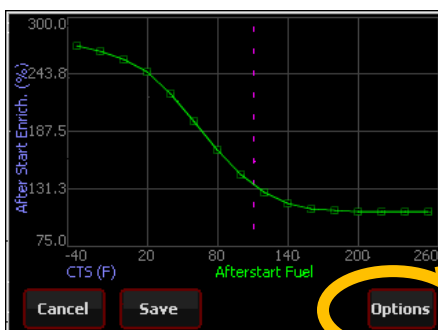
Slider Bar: Slide the bar left or right with the stylus, or use the right and left arrow keys for fine adjustment

List: Use the scroll bar on the right hand side of the screen to view all list entries. Touch the desired list item and click 'OK' to make a selection



Radio Button: Touch the desired list item to select it

On Screen Prompts: Follow the on screen text and use on the screen instructions



**Graph Options:**

Digitally: Selecting this option enables slider bar adjustment of individual data points on the graph or the entire curve.

Graphically: Selecting this option enables single point or whole curve adjustment. A stylus may be used to select and drag data on the graph screen.

Entire Curve: Selecting this will 'lock' all the data points together allowing the entire curve to be shifted up or down

Point by Point: Selecting this will allow point by point curve adjustment for fine tuning

Live Data 1 & 2: This will enable live telemetry on the graph screen making fine tuning easier

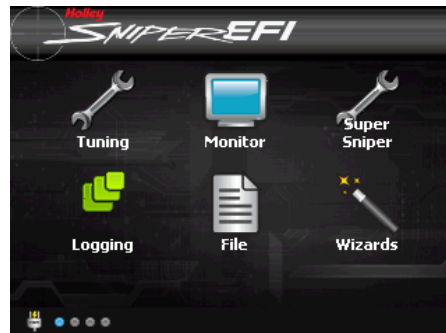
The Key Icon next to a tuning parameter means that the ignition must be cycled for the tuning change to take effect.



## INITIAL EFI SETUP

### Calibration Wizards

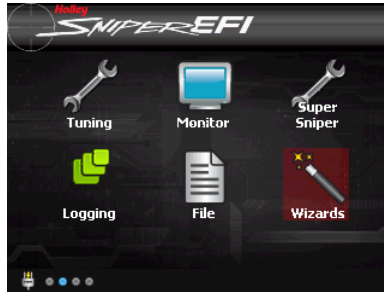
Turn the ignition key to the “run” position. This should apply 12+ volts to the Pink wire in the ECU harness and will power the Sniper EFI Touch Screen LCD. The Home Screen (**figure below**) should appear.



The Home screen contains icons which will navigate to different functional features of the 3.5” Touch Screen. These features will be discussed in detail throughout the main manual. The 3.5” Touch Screen will not display sensor parameters until a base calibration has been put in the unit using the Wizard.

To Run the Wizard see the following:

STEP 1



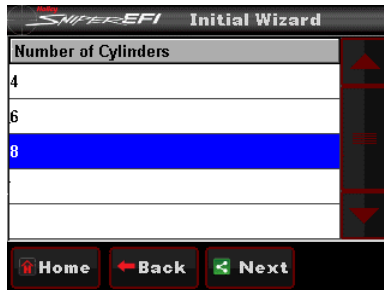
Select **WIZARD** from the main menu

STEP 2



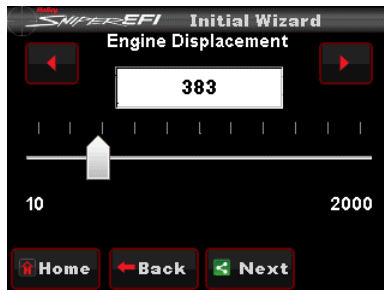
- Select your Sniper system type  
- Press Next

STEP 3



- Select the number of cylinders your engine has  
- Press Next

STEP 4



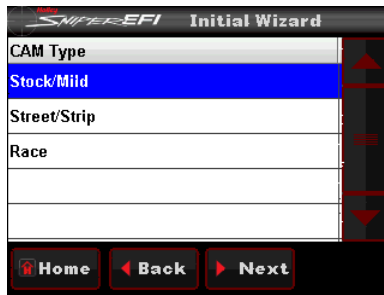
- Use the slider bar to input the displacement of your engine  
- Press Next

STEP 5



- Use the slider bar to set your desired HOT idle speed. This is the RPM the Sniper will target at coolant temperatures above 160 °F  
- Press Next

STEP 6



- Select your camshaft type:

- Stock/Mild = This selection will work well on most applications equipped with stock or "street performance" camshafts. Choose Stock/Mild If you are unsure of your camshaft specs
- Street/Strip = Select this if your engine has between 8" and 13" of manifold vacuum
- Race = Select this if your engine has less than 7" of manifold vacuum. Race oriented camshafts may require laptop tuning for optimal idle stability

- Press Next

STEP 7



-Select your ignition type, Non Timing Controlled Methods covered by this Quick Start Guide are:

- Coil (-) [no timing control]
- CD Ignition Box [no timing control]
- Magnetic Distributor
- Holley Dual Sync Distributor
- HyperSpark Distributor

- Press Next

STEP 8

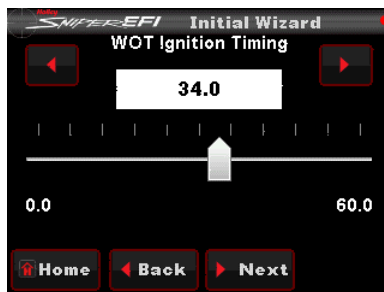


-Select power adder type

- None for Naturally Aspirated Engines
- Nitrous Oxide
- Turbo
- Supercharger (both draw through and blow through applications)

- Press Next

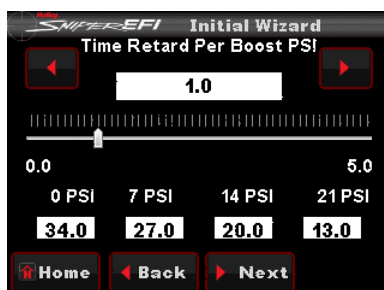
STEP 9



-Use the Slider Bar to input the Desired ignition timing WOT without Boost. (Timing Controlled Systems Only)

-Press Next

STEP 10



- Use Slider bar to input the desired ignition timing offset per 1 lb of boost. (Turbo and Supercharged Power Adder Types Only)

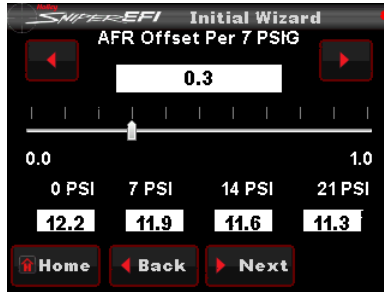
- Press Next

**STEP 11**



- Use the slider bar to input the desired target AFR WOT without boost. (Turbo and Supercharged Power Adder Types Only)
- Press Next

**STEP 12**



- Use the slider bar to input the desired target AFR Offset per 7 lbs of boost. (Turbo and Supercharged Poweradder Types Only)
- The 4 boxes at the bottom show the AFR targets at each boost level
- Press Next

**STEP 13**



After answering all questions in the Wizard, your calibration will be created. Press the "Start" button to send the calibration to the ECU. Once this process is completed, you will see a screen indicating the file has been uploaded. Once file is uploaded, the Ignition Needs to be cycled.



## Sensor Verification

Before starting the vehicle, verify that all of the sensors are reading properly. To do this, turn the ignition key off, and cycle it back on. You should hear the fuel pump come on and run for 5 seconds.

**Fuel Prime occurs 2.5 seconds after key-on (which is also the amount of time it takes for the 3.5" touch screen to load). If you quickly turn the ignition key without waiting for the full 2.5 seconds, the prime will not occur and it may take longer for the engine to start.**

***Caution! Multiple key cycles without firing the engine could potentially cause a flooded condition. If Ignition Box or Distributor has the ability to send rpm signals with each power cycle on (such as a Tach Sweep or Rev Limiter Verification), these settings must be disabled. Failure to disable these features may result in engine failure. Reference ignition system instructions.***

**Note: This is a great time to check for fuel leaks and verify fuel pressure.**

On the HOME SCREEN, select the MONITOR icon, then select the "Monitors" screen. You will see an icon named "Initial Startup". Select this. With the key on and the engine off, these sensors should read as follows:

- **Engine RPM** – This gauge should show "Stall!", once you begin cranking the engine it will show actual engine RPM
- **TPS** (Throttle Position Sensor) – Should read 0. Slowly depress the throttle to wide open. It should read between 85 and 100% at wide open throttle. If it does not, please verify your throttle linkage is allowing full travel of the throttle arm.
- **MAP** (Manifold Air Pressure Sensor) – Should read from 95-102. At high elevations it could read as low as 75.
- **CTS** (Coolant Temperature Sensor) – reads engine temperature.
- **IAC Position** – See Idle Setting/Throttle Plate Setting section in this manual.
- **Battery** – Will read battery voltage. Should be 12.0 volts minimum.

If ANY of these sensors are not reading properly, it must be resolved before the engine is started.

Initial Startup	
Engine RPM	Stall!
TPS	0 %
MAP	101 kPa
CTS	85 F
IAC Position	77 %
Battery	12.4 Volts

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## Prestart Checklist

Before starting the engine, double check for leaks, proper wire routing, any wiring hazards, loose nuts and bolts. This is a great time to visually inspect the overall Sniper EFI install.

- Verify Wiring. ECU is powered directly at the battery and the battery is fully charged.
  - o Pink Wire is attached to a 12V+ switched source that has voltage during cranking and run positions of the ignition. Verified with a Multimeter
  - o Coil Negative Ignition setups have the Yellow Wire on the negative terminal of the Coil
  - o CD Box Ignition setups have the Tach Output Wire from CD box is connected to the purple wire in the Sniper EFI Harness, using the Tach Signal Adapter
- Handheld powers up
- Wizard has been run with correct Non Timing Controlled Ignition setup chosen
- Fuel Pressure has been Verified to be between 55-60 PSI
- All wiring has been tied away from potential hazards such as the exhaust and fans and pulleys

## First Startup

With the handheld still on the "Initial Startup" screen, crank the engine and look at the RPM parameter. It should change to "Syncing", indicating the ECU is syncing with the RPM signal for an instant, then show an RPM signal. The engine should fire and run and come to an idle.

If the engine does not start please use the flow chart at the end of this Manual. If issue still continues then Call Holley Tech service for advice.

If the engine starts but is idling too low and appears to be struggling for air, you may have to open the throttle body idle speed screw at this time. A loud whistling may be experienced at idle if the throttle blades need be opened further.

When using the base calibrations made from the Sniper EFI Wizard, closed loop may not be active at idle.

- Street Strip Cam: Closed loop at all rpms
- Race Cam: Closed loop above 2500 rpm, large camshafts and open exhausts will cause false AFR readings
  - o When using this cam selection with open headers the minimum RPM to enter Closed Loop may need to be set to a higher rpm value. The ideal RPM value would be where there is enough exhaust velocity to provide accurate readings. 4000 RPM is a good starting point.
  - o If using a Two Step with the Sniper Stealth 4500, set the minimum RPM to enter Closed Loop to be 400-500 RPM above the two step limiter. This will allow the engine to be in open loop while on the two step and accelerate clean after the release of the two step. I.E Two Step = 3500 RPM, Minimum RPM To enter Closed Loop = 3900 RPM

**NOTE:** If the Sniper Stealth 4500 is installed on an engine with a mild cam shaft and the O2 sensor has a minimum of 18" of exhaust after its placement, closed loop can be turned on below 2500. Refer to the "Advanced Tuning, Closed Loop" section for instructions for adjusting Closed Loop parameters.

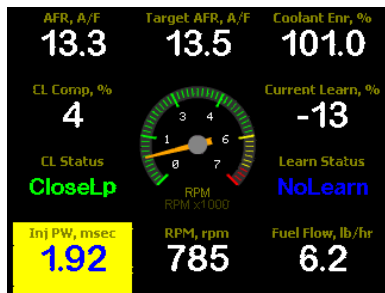
## After Startup

Once the vehicle has started, double check for any fuel or coolant leaks. While the engine warms up look at some other parameters to make everything is operating properly. Go into the MONITOR, MULTI GAUGE, and select the "AIR/FUEL RATIO" Icon.

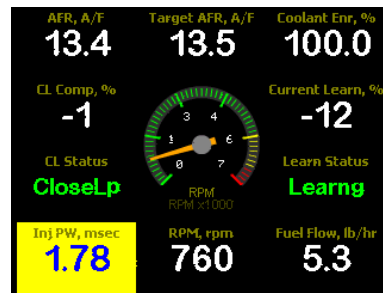
- **AFR, A/F** – This will show the air/fuel ratio the wideband oxygen sensor is reading. The Closed Loop Compensation should be adding or subtracting fuel all the time such that the AFR Left should always be close to the Target AFR value.
- **Target Air/Fuel Ratio** – This is the target AFR (air/fuel ratio) the ECU is trying to maintain. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load.
- **Coolant Enr, %**: Indicates the amount of enrichment based on the coolant temperature. 100% is zero enrichment and will not reach this point until the engine is 160 Degree F. Engine will not go into learn mode until this is at 100%.
- **CL Status** – Indicates whether the engine is "Closed Loop" or "Open Loop". Closed Loop indicates that the ECU is adding or subtracting fuel to maintain the target air/fuel ratio. The Sniper EFI calibrations are such that the system should be operating closed loop almost all of the time.
- **CL Comp, %** – This is the percentage of fuel that the ECU is adding or subtracting to maintain the target air/fuel ratio at any specific moment. A value with a minus (-) sign in front indicates the ECU is removing fuel. A value with no minus sign indicates the ECU is adding fuel. When in open loop operation, this will always stay at 0%.
- **Learn Status** – This indicates the status of the Sniper EFI "Self Tuning" operation (Learn Status). The system will populate the learn table as you drive around. There are several conditions that must occur in order for the Self Tuning to occur. The engine temperature must exceed 160° F. The system must be operating in a closed loop mode, and the Self Tuning must be enabled. The base Sniper EFI calibrations have the Self Tuning enabled. Once the engine coolant temp reaches 160° F, the Self Tuning should be active. The Learn Stat will show "NoLearn" when Self Tuning is not active and "Learn" if Self-tuning is active.

- **Current Learn, %** - This is the percentage of fuel the ECU is adding or subtracting to the base fuel map. This is not a progress bar. A value with a minus (-) sign in front indicates the ECU is removing fuel from the base fuel map. A value with no minus sign indicates the ECU is adding fuel to the base fuel map. Typical readings are between -20% - 20%, but can be higher or lower depending on the application that the Sniper EFI is installed on.
- **Inj PW, msec** – Indicates the injector pulsewidth. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load.
- **RPM, rpm** – Indicates the frequency that the engine is running at
- **Fuel Flow, lb/hr** – Indicates the amount of fuel being injected into the engine at any given time. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load.

If any of these parameters are not showing a proper value, find out why before further driving the vehicle.



AIR/FUEL RATIO Multi-Gauge  
Engine below 160° F (NoLearn)



AIR/FUEL RATIO Multi-Gauge  
Engine above 160° F (Learn)

### Ignition Timing Check (without Timing Control)

Verify with a timing light that the timing is set to an appropriate value for particular engine combination. Adjust as necessary. It is critical to have the timing set correctly before the car has been driven with the Sniper EFI. Many drivability and idle issues can be avoided with a properly timed engine.

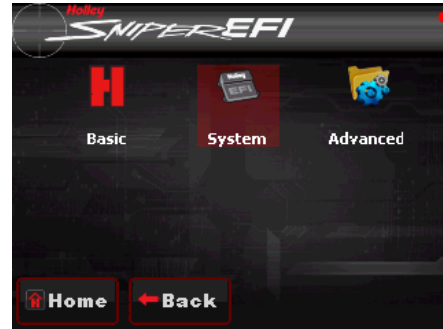
## Ignition Timing Check (ECU Controlling Timing)

Have a timing light handy as the first step will be positioning the distributor.

1. Turn the key **ON** to power the system and go to Tuning -> System -> Static Timing. This screen allows you to set the distributor exactly where the Sniper ECU needs it to be positioned to operate the timing.
2. Start the engine, then move the slider on the screen to 15°, then press SET. Now using the timing light, move the distributor until you see 15° BTDC on the balancer. Tighten the hold down clamp.
3. Leave the Static Timing screen by pressing CLOSE. This will take you back to the Home screen and the Sniper will now be controlling the ignition timing. It is important to note that you will not see accurate timing at idle speed when viewing with a timing light. This is due to ECU calculations. If you rev the engine off idle, the timing will appear correctly.
4. From the Spark Screen which is located Tuning -> Basic -> Spark, you can adjust the Idle, Cruise, WOT, Boost Offset (if applicable) & the Cranking timing settings.



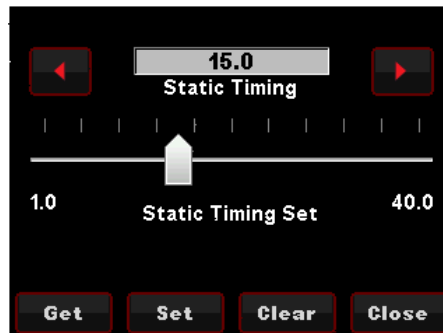
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Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

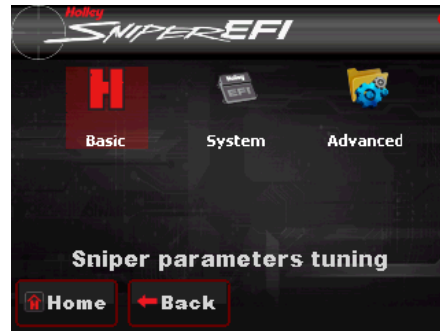
## THROTTLE BLADE ADJUSTMENT

Once engine has warmed up above 160 degrees the throttle blade angle can be set. It is critical for the engine to be above 160 degrees F before setting the throttle blade angle.

From the Home screen, Select the Tuning Icon. Then Select Basic and then the Basic Idle Icons. This will allow you to set your basic Engine Idle Speed when engine is up to temperature. Select the desired idle by sliding the slider to desired value and press Save.



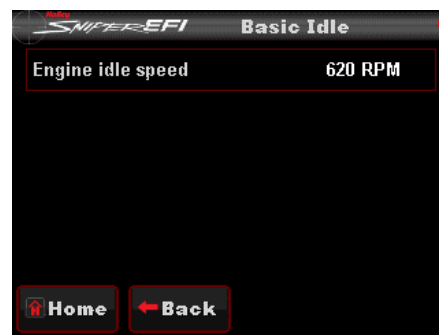
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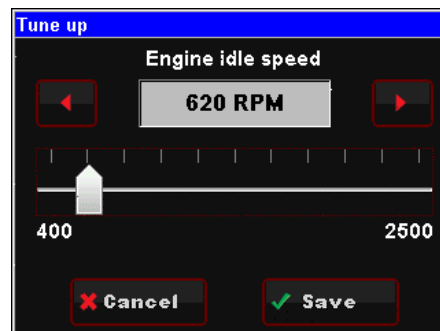
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Step 5

With the engine running, Select "Monitors" tab from the main menu, then select the "Multi-Gauge" tab, then the "Sensors" tab. In the lower left hand corner "IAC Pos,%" will be displayed. This value needs to read between 2-10% with the engine running at idle in park without an AC on, if equipped. If the value is 0 the blades need to be closed until it reads between 2-10%, if the value is higher than 10% the blades need to be opened until it reads between 2% and 10%.

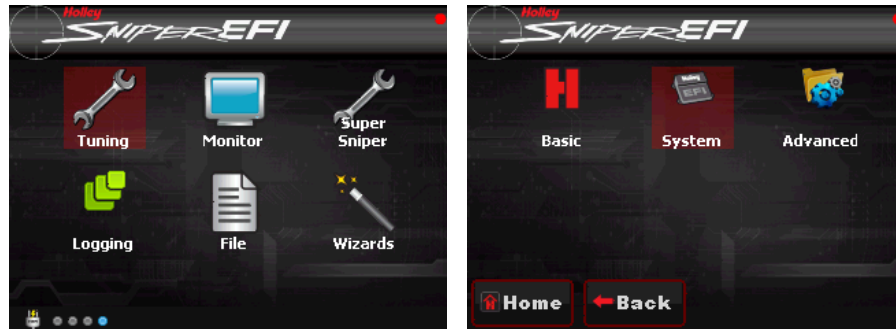
Once the value is between 2%-10% for the desired idle RPM the throttle blade angle is set correctly. While adjusting the blades to the correct IAC Position %, the TPS reading may change. This is normal and after an ignition power cycle the TPS will read zero again.

# SYSTEM SETUP

## Ignition System Setup

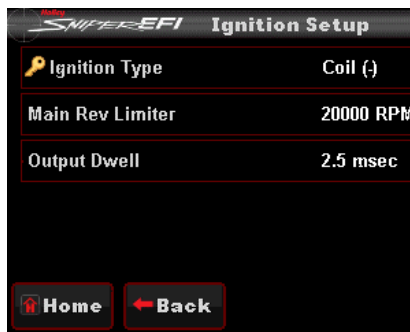
Once the system is up and running with a specific ignition type the configuration has been set. **If the ignition type is physically changed the setting in the configuration needs to be changed as well.**

From the Home Screen, Select the Tuning Icon. Then Select the System Icon. Next Select the Ignition Setup Icon. Here is where you can change you Ignition settings.



Following are examples of what the specific default ignition configurations look like in the handheld.

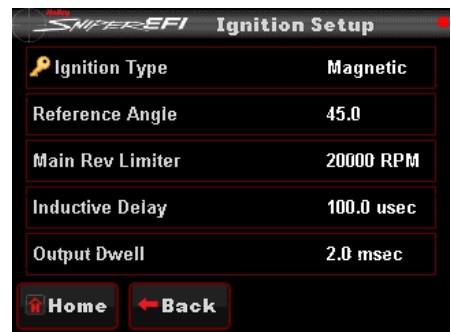
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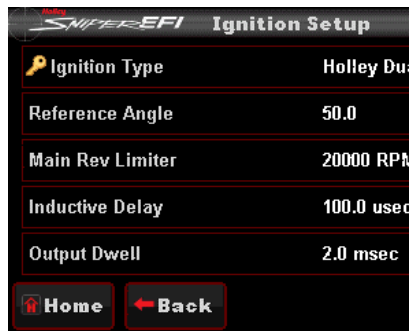
CD Box



Magnetic



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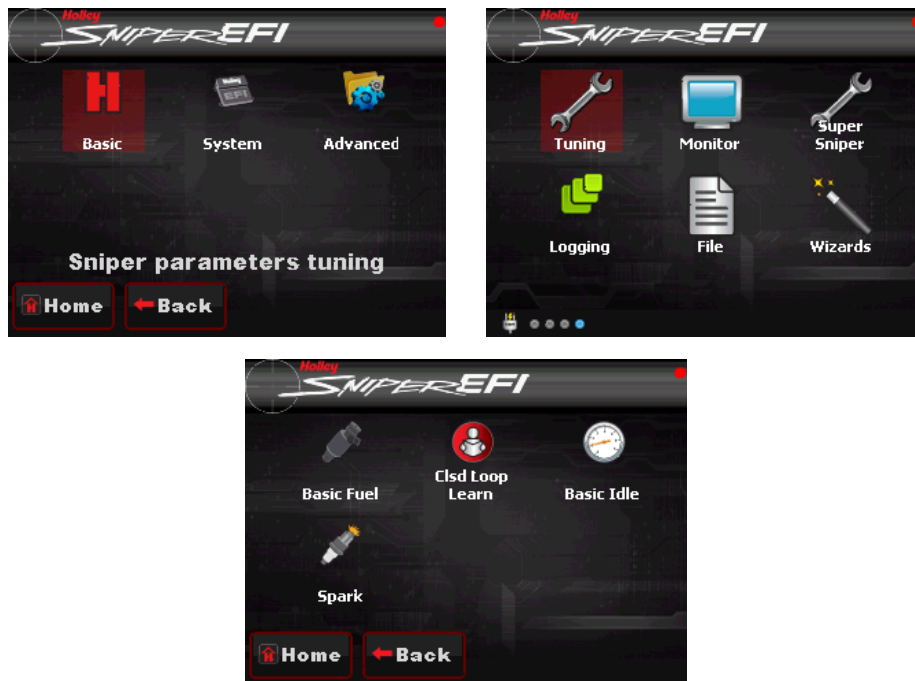
HyperSpark



## BASIC TUNING

The Sniper EFI allows the user to perform some basic tuning changes to help optimize mileage, drivability, and performance. The tuning is split up into “Basic Tuning” and “Advanced Tuning”. This part of the manual covers the basic tuning. Please reference the Advanced Tuning section for details about settings under the Advanced Icon.

The Basic Tuning allows changes to the Air/Fuel Ratio's, changes to Ignition Timing if the Sniper is configured to as a Magnetic distributor or a Holley Dual Sync ignition setup , Closed Loop and Learning, and basic idle speed. The Advanced Tuning is typically not needed. It allows changes to some items that are less commonly used. These parameters require some understanding before changing. From the HOME SCREEN, select TUNING, and BASIC. There are 4 areas you can modify, BASIC FUEL, FUEL LEARN, BASIC IDLE, & SPARK these are reviewed below.



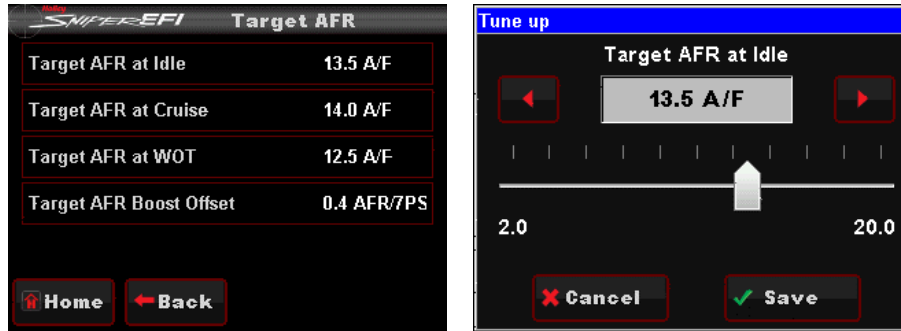
### Basic Fuel

Selecting BASIC FUEL brings up the following menu:



## Target AFR

Allows changes to the Target Air/Fuel ratio at idle, cruise, wide open throttle & boost offset if applicable. The following are typical values and some tuning notes.



**Idle Air/Fuel Ratio** – Typically between 13.5 and 15.0. Engines with larger cams may need a richer setting for smoothest idle.

**Cruise Air/Fuel Ratio** – Typically between 13.5 and 15.5. Engines with larger cams may need a richer setting for smoothest operation.

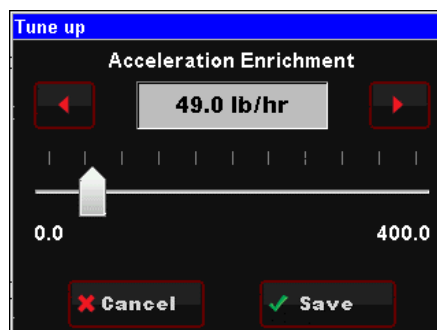
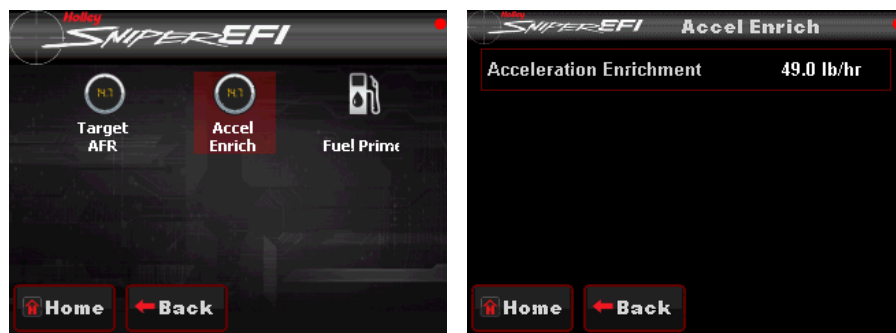
**Wide Open Throttle Air/Fuel Ratio (WOT)** – Typically between 12.0 and 13.0. Running richer may reduce power. Running leaner may reduce power or cause potential engine damage.

NOTE: The Target Air/Fuel setting between IDLE, CRUISE, and WOT is blended together automatically. Consequently, the air/fuel you see on the MONITOR screen, may not be exactly what you set for the settings. Changing these settings raises or lowers the “curve” of that specific area.

**Target AFR Boost Offset** – Modifies the target AFR while under boost. The input is how much you would like the Air/Fuel Ratio decreased per 7 PSI of boost. This will richen up the Air/Fuel Ratio. Good starting point would be 0.3-0.4 AFR offset per 7 PSI of Boost. There are 4 boxes that will show up when modifying this parameter. Each box corresponds to the target AFR at 0 PSI, 7PSI, 14PSI & 21PSI of boost.

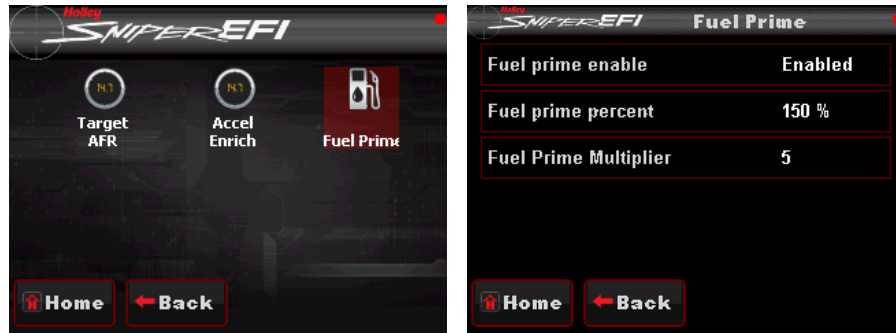
## Acceleration Enrichment

Changes the “accelerator pump” function of the fuel injection. Raising the number increases the amount of fuel added when the pedal is pushed. Lowering the number decreases the amount of fuel added when the pedal is pushed. It is highly recommended NOT to change this until the ECU is allowed to perform self-tuning.



## Fuel Prime

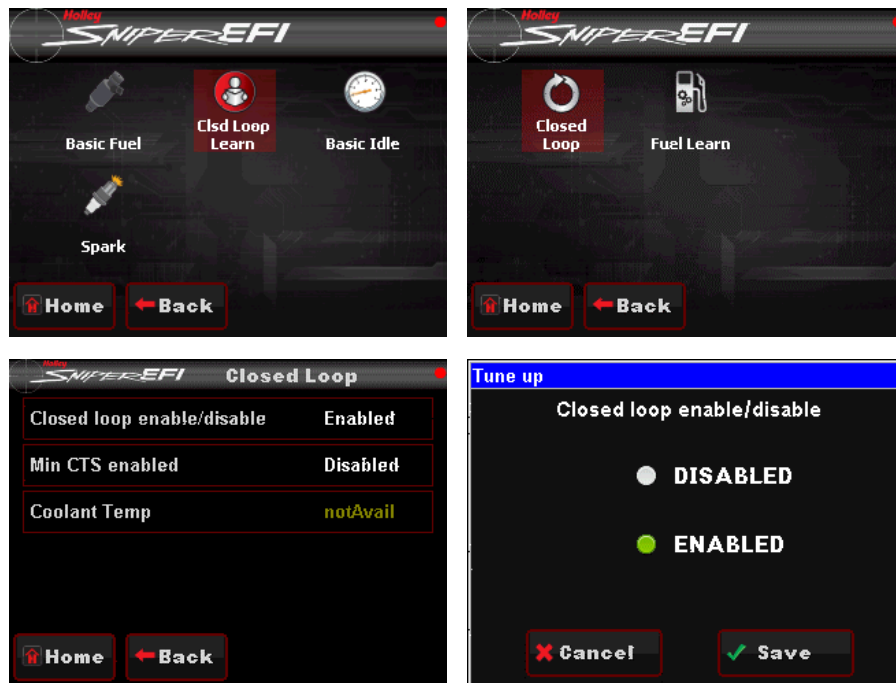
Fuel prime is an option that is enabled by default in all of the base calibrations. The fuel prime function injects a small shot of fuel into the intake manifold when the ignition is turned on, wetting the intake and allowing the engine to start much quicker. The amount of fuel is based on the engine. This amount of fuel can be increased or decreased by changing the "Percent" value. If the engine seems flooded from this value, if the engine seems to want more fuel, increase it. Experiment for best results. Typically this value will range from 75-150% with a maximum of 200%.



**NOTE:** This only injects fuel once at key-on, and will not do it again until the engine has run. This fuel prime occurs 2 ½ seconds after key-on. If you quickly turn the ignition key without waiting for 2 ½ seconds, the prime will not occur and it may take longer for the engine to start.

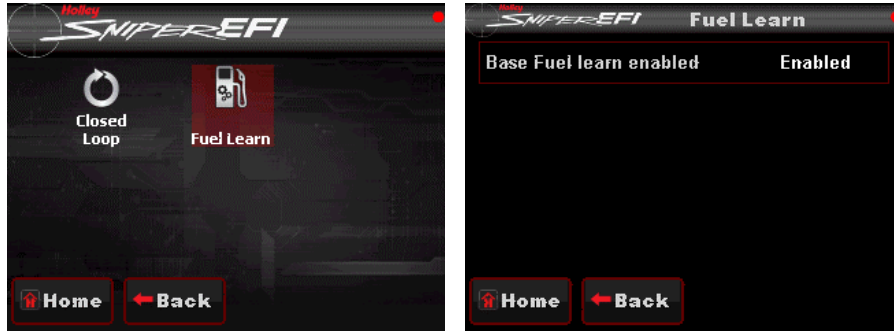
## Closed Loop Enable/Disable

The Closed Loop Enable / Disable menu turns the Closed Loop AFR correction "On" and "Off". It is advised to always have this enabled.



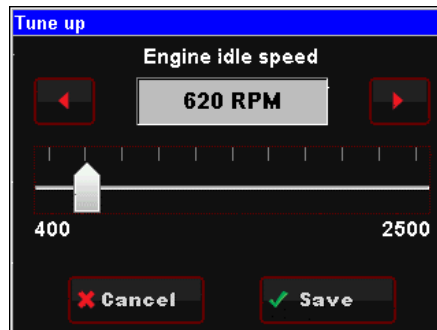
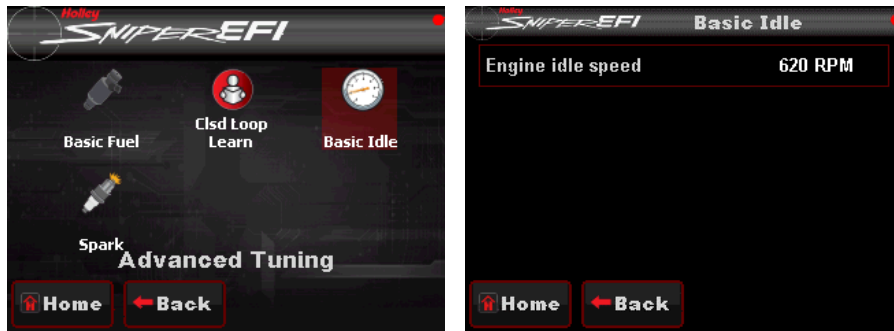
## Learn Enable/Disable

The LEARN Enable / Disable menu turns the Self Tuning “On” and “Off”. If enabled, self-tuning is performed. Learning should be enabled when an engine is first run with the Sniper EFI and the tuning process is occurring. After the vehicle is driven under various operating conditions, and is running well, it is advised to limit the amount of learning that can occur in the Advanced Learn menu. As closed loop trends towards 0% (-5% through 5%), the learning is complete in that particular area of the fuel map.



## Basic Idle

Selecting BASIC IDLE allows you to change the Target Hot Engine Idle Speed. This should be adjusted to your desired idle RPM. Values between 650-800 rpm are typical. Larger camshafts or aftermarket torque converters may require a slightly higher value to maintain proper idle quality while in gear.



## Spark

All Holley base tunes contain timing curves that will allow the engine to run, however the ignition timing at idle, cruise, and wide open throttle can be adjusted independently from each other to compensate for different engine combinations, elevation and climate extremes.

The following are typical values for each:

**Idle Timing** – 18-34 degrees is typically used at idle. The larger the camshaft, the more timing is usually used.

**Cruise Timing** – 32-48 degrees is typically used when cruising for optimal fuel economy.

**Wide Open Throttle Timing (WOT)** – Older V8 engines are usually between 32-38 degrees.

**Boost Timing Retard** – Retards the timing from the WOT timing setting per pound of boost. Good starting point is 1 degree of timing retard per lb of boost. There are 4 boxes that will show up when modifying this parameter. Each box corresponds to the total timing at 0 PSI, 7PSI, 14PSI & 21PSI of boost.

**NOTE:** Too much timing can cause pre-ignition that can damage an engine. Be cautious when tuning.

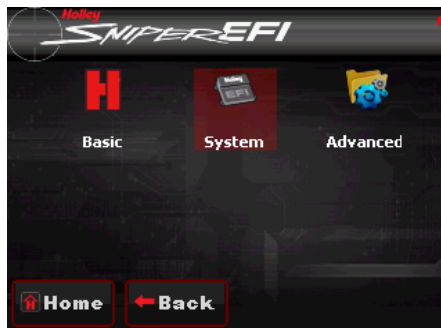
**NOTE:** The actual timing between IDLE, CRUISE, and WOT is blended together automatically. Consequently, the timing you see on the MONITOR screen, may not be exactly what you set for these settings. Changing these settings raises or lowers the “curve” of that specific area.

**NOTE:** The ignition timing map built using the handheld is basic and each engine will perform much more optimally with an ignition timing curve built for the specific engine combination. Using the Sniper EFI PC Based software allows for a user to build a custom ignition timing curve.



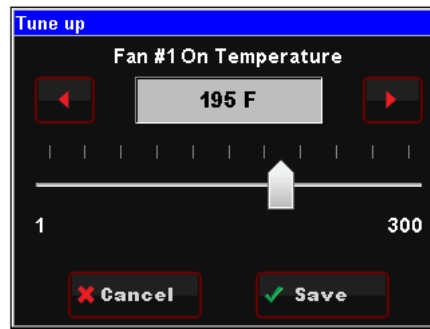
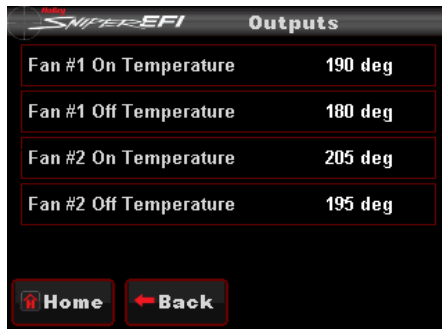
## SYSTEM TUNING

From the HOME MENU, select TUNING, and SYSTEM. There are four areas you can modify; Outputs, Engine Setup, Sniper Setup, Ignition Setup, and Static Timing.



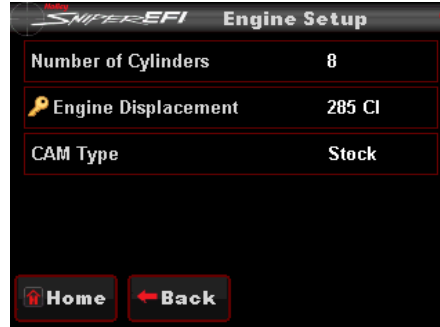
## Outputs

The OUTPUT screen allows for the Fan #1 and Fan #2 ON and OFF temperatures to be adjusted. The ON temp needs to always be a higher value than the OFF temp. Use a difference of at least 5 degrees so they aren't cycling excessively. In Sniper EFI these are ground outputs that should be wired to trigger the fan relays. NEVER wire them directly to the fans.



## Engine Setup

These parameters should be all properly pre- set when you went through the Wizard Process. They can be modified here, and if the Key Icon is next to the Parameter, the change will not take place until the ignition is cycled.



**Number of Cylinders:** Adjust the number of cylinders of the engine

**Engine Displacement:** Enter the actual size of the engine

**CAM Type:** Different cam selections change certain parameters within the calibration

- Stock/Mild = This selection will work well on most applications equipped with stock or "street performance" camshafts. Choose Stock/Mild If you are unsure of your camshaft specs
- Street/Strip = Select this if your engine has between 8" and 13" of manifold vacuum
- Race = Select this if your engine has less than 7" of manifold vacuum. Race oriented camshafts may require laptop tuning for optimal idle stability

KPA to Engine Vacuum at Sea Level	
KPA	Manifold Vacuum (inHg)
100	0.0
90	3.0
80	5.9
70	8.9
60	11.8
50	14.8
40	17.7
30	20.7
20	23.6

## Sniper Setup

These parameters should be all properly pre- set when you went through the Wizard Process.



**System Type:** Change the calibration for different part numbers within the Sniper EFI Family

**Fuel Injector Flow:** Verify the Fuel Injector Flow matches what the Sniper EFI has installed, 100.0 lb/hr

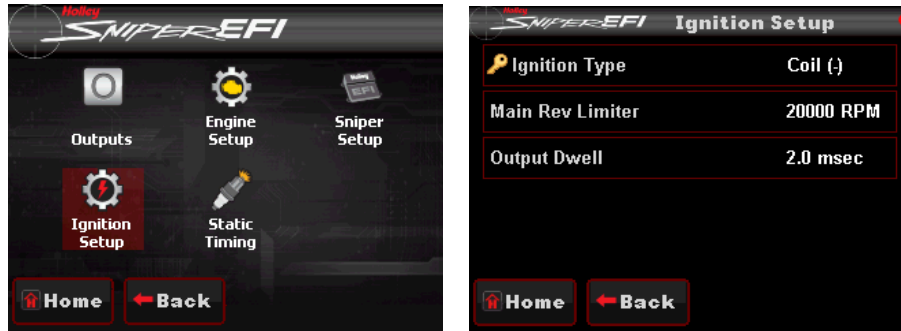
**Actual System Fuel Pressure:** Adjust the actual base system fuel pressure that the Sniper EFI is subject to. If using the Sniper EFI internal Regulator the pressure should be set to 60.0 PSI.

**Progressive TBI Linkage:** Enables or disables the Progressive Linkage strategy.

**Primary/Secondary TPS Switch:** This needs to be set to the percentage at which the progressive linkage physically starts opening the secondary blades on the throttle body. Note: This value is not available when the Progressive TBI Linkage is disabled.

## Ignition Setup

These parameters should be all properly pre- set when you went through the Wizard Process. They can be modified here. **Note:** If the Key Icon is next to the Parameter, the change will not take place until the ignition is cycled.



**Ignition Type:** Change the calibration for different ignition setups

**Reference Angle (Timing Control Configurations Only):** This is the value in crank degrees of the distributor's crank pulse. These values are preset in the base calibrations and should not need to be adjusted.

**Main Rev Limiter:** The RPM threshold where the Injectors will turn off

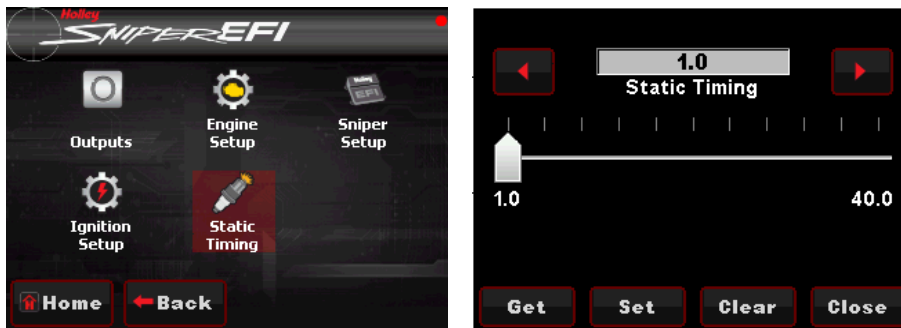
**Inductive Delay (Timing Control Configurations Only):** Use this value to sync timing at higher RPMs. These values are preset in the base calibrations. Some ignition modules may need this number altered if the commanded timing does not match the commanded timing as engine speed increases. If the timing starts to retard as rpm increases, this number can be increased in order for the timing to match. Recommended increments is in 20 usec until the timing matches the commanded at all RPMs.

**Output Dwell:** This value changes the points output dwell time. This value is preset in the base calibrations and should not need to be adjusted.

**NOTE:** Values above 2.5 can lead to premature coil driver failure.

## Static Timing

These parameters should be used when having the Sniper EFI control the ignition timing to sync actual engine timing with commanded timing. Use the "static timing set" function and set the timing to a fixed value such as 15 degrees. Rev the engine up as high as possible (using appropriate caution/safety). Verify that the engine timing matches at all rpms the Static Value setting. If it does not, the inductive delay will need to be changed in the Ignition Setup Screen until the timing of the engine matches the value set in the Static Timing Screen.



**Get Icon:** If static timing has been set and user has navigated to another screen in the handheld, press the "Get" icon to view what the static timing has been set to.

**Set Icon:** Enter the value that you would like the EFI to command

**Clear Icon:** Will turn the static timing off and the Sniper EFI will reference the Base Timing Table and all enabled modifiers for the timing value. Turning the ignition off will also turn the static timing off.

**Close Icon:** Will allow you to navigate back through to the Ignition Setup Menu.

## ADVANCED TUNING

From the HOME MENU, select TUNING, and ADVANCED. There are five areas you can modify; ADV FUEL, CLOSED LOOP, ADV. LEARN, ADV. IDLE and LAUNCH. These are reviewed below.

The Advanced Tuning areas typically won't ever be needed to be changed. However, after getting used to the Sniper EFI system, there may be some fine tuning of various parameters that you'd like to perform.



### Advanced Fuel

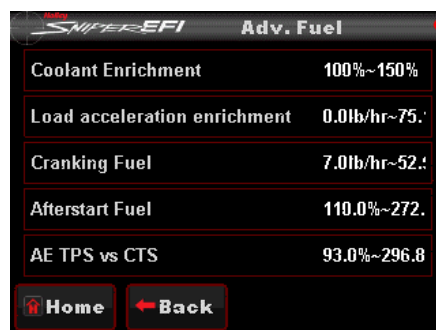
**Coolant Enrichment:** Coolant enrichment is similar to the choke on a carburetor. Adjustments are made as a percentage of the base map from 100% to 150%. 100% would mean no additional fuel is being added by the Coolant Enrichment, 110% would mean that an additional 10% of fuel is being added to the base fuel map which will decay back to 100% in relation to actual engine coolant temperature. The Sniper EFI Learning function will not be active until Coolant Enrichment is at 100%.

**Load Based Acceleration Enrichment:** This parameter provides another way of adding fuel when the accelerator is depressed. It adds fuel depending on how fast the MAP sensor reading changes (detects a change in engine load). There is typically no need to adjust this parameter except possibly under some extreme conditions or vehicles that are heavy or under-powered. Adjustment values are in pounds of fuel per hour (pph) and should initially be adjusted in increments of 5-10 pph.

**Cranking Fuel:** This dictates how much fuel is injected when the engine is cranking and is dependent on coolant temperature. Changing this value offsets the entire curve at all temperatures. Adjustment values are in pounds of fuel per hour (pph) and should initially be adjusted in increments of 2-4 pph.

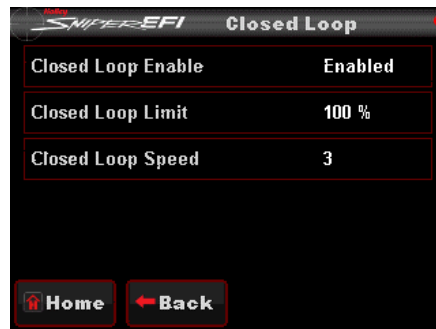
**Afterstart Fuel:** The afterstart parameter is fuel that is added for a short time immediately after an engine starts. This value varies depending on engine temperature. Changing this value offsets the entire curve at all temperatures. Adjustments are made as a percentage of the base map from 75% to 200%, 100% would mean no additional fuel is being added, 110% would mean that an additional 10% of fuel is being added to the base fuel map, and 85% would mean that 15% of fuel is being taken away from the base map. All selections will decay back to 100% over a predetermined amount of time.

**AE TPS vs CTS:** Modifies the AE vs TPS Rate of Change Graph based on engine coolant temperature. 100% does not change the base table. Numbers above 100% will add that percentage (for example, 150% will add 50% to the base table). Numbers below 100% will decrease the percentage of the base table. Values as high as 300% are possible at cold engine temps. Values will approach 100% and possibly less as an engine reaches operating temperature.



## Closed Loop

CLOSED LOOP OPERATION relies on WBO2 sensor readings. The Sniper EFI system uses these readings to analyze 'real time' running conditions. The data obtained by the ECU is then used trim fuel flow to achieve the targeted air fuel ratio (AFR). Choosing CLOSED LOOP from the ADVANCED TUNING menu will allow you to modify 3 areas of the CLOSED LOOP operation.



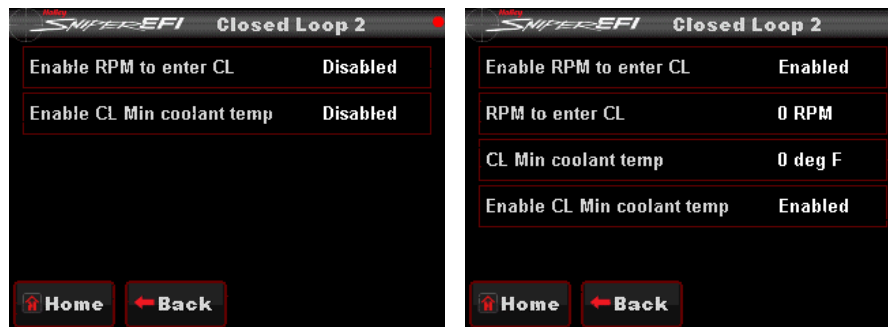
**Closed Loop Enable/Disable:** This menu enables or disables closed loop operation. There is typically no reason to turn off closed loop operation unless you suspect an oxygen sensor problem and want to disable the sensor. **Note:** Self-Tuning requires closed loop operation to function.

**Closed Loop Limit:** The maximum percentage the ECU is allowed to deviate (+/-) from the base fuel calibration in order to maintain the commanded target air fuel ratio. This is set to 100% by default and under most circumstances should not need to be changed.

**Closed Loop Speed:** This is the "speed" (gain) at which closed loop operation occurs. This can be set to five levels, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. 3 is the base setting and should be good for most applications. 4 or 5 is typically not used as the closed loop speed may be too excessive for certain applications. If the oxygen sensor is installed far back in the exhaust (more than 1 foot back from the collector in long tube headers), a value of 1 or 2 may be needed.

## Closed Loop 2

Choosing CLOSED LOOP from the ADVANCED TUNING menu will allow you to modify 2 more areas of the CLOSED LOOP operation.



**Enable RPM to enter CL:** This setting is disabled by default. If an extremely large camshaft is used (specs only typically found on race camshafts), the overlap sometimes causes a "false lean" reading at low RPM. In these cases, it may be required to enable this function and put in a value of above idle RPM so the system operates open loop below this RPM setting.

**Enable CL MIN coolant temp:** This setting is disabled by default. If enabled the engine will run in open loop until the temperature value entered is reached.

## Advanced Learn

Choosing ADVANCED LEARN will allow you to adjust the learning functions within the Sniper EFI.

**Learn comp limits:** This value is set to 100% by default, and should remain there until ample driving time and tuning has occurred. The LEARN COMPENSATION LIMIT is a parameter that ECU is allowed to work within when making changes to the fuel map based upon CLOSED LOOP operation. Unlike the CLOSED LOOP LIMIT which is a set parameter for commanded changes to actual fuel flow based upon the O2 sensor reading, LEARN COMPENSATION LIMITS are the percentage of change that is allowed to actually be saved as a modifier to the fuel map.

**Transfer Table:** When run is pressed, it will transfer the Learn Modifier table to the Base Fuel Table and Zero out the Learn Values. When "Run" is pressed the Sniper EFI will prompt if you would like to smooth the fuel table with the learned values. It is recommended you allow the Sniper EFI to perform the smoothing.

## Advanced Idle

The ADVANCED IDLE parameters adjust specific characteristics of how the idle air control motor functions on engine decel and startup. Selecting ADVANCED IDLE brings up the following menu:



### IAC Rampdown

The Idle Air Control (IAC) motor is a stepper motor located in the throttle body that controls the idle speed of the engine by metering air. It also operates during engine cranking and when the engine returns back to idle. The following settings can adjust how that functions. The IAC moves from a position of 0% (fully closed, no air added) to 100% (fully open, maximum air flow).

**NOTE:** Contact Holley Tech Support if you have any questions regarding IAC settings.

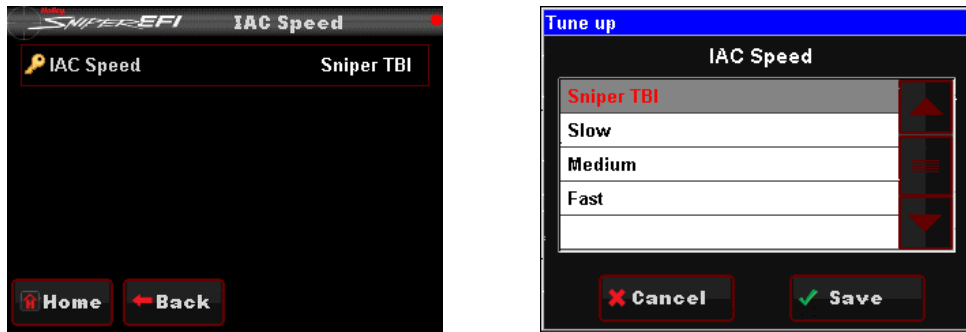
Selecting IAC RAMPDOWN brings up the following menu with four choices, IAC HOLD POSITION, IAC RAMP DECAY, IAC RAMP START, and IAC KICK. These are reviewed below:

- **IAC Hold Position:** This is the position the IAC motor will "hold" or "freeze" at when the TPS moves above idle (when TPS becomes greater than 0%). If it is too high, the engine RPM will "hang" and not return to idle.
- **IAC Ramp Decay:** This is the time (in seconds) it takes for the IAC to decay from the "IAC Hold Position" back to a "0%" position. It is a linear decay.
- **IAC Ramp Start (RPM above idle):** This value is the RPM added to the target idle speed that the IAC will automatically start to ramp back down to idle. If this is too low, the engine RPM will "hang" and not return to idle.
- **AC Kick:** The AC Kick provides a temporary increase in IAC position to keep engine the RPM from dropping. Typically this is used in conjunction with an A/C system to keep the engine speed from 'dipping' as the compressor cycles on and off.



## IAC Speed

This menu is used to select the type of IAC motor application that is being used. This selection drives the background parameters that control the IAC motor. These parameters have been fine tuned for each of these applications, eliminating the need for the user to perform further modifications



## IAC Startup

These parameters control the position of the IAC when the engine is cranking and immediately after it starts.

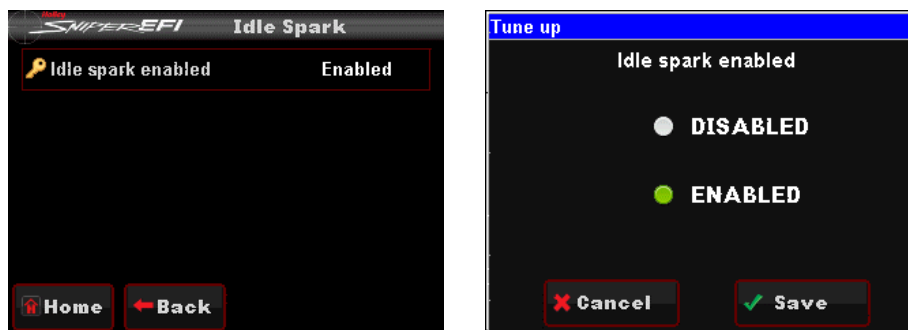
Selecting IAC STARTUP brings up the following menu with three choices, IAC PARKED POSITION (CRANKING), IAC STARTUP HOLD TIME, and IAC STARTUP DECAY TIME.

- **IAC Parked Position (Cranking):** This is the position the IAC motor will be at during cranking and immediately after the engine starts. If it is too high, the engine will be at too high of an RPM once it starts. Too low and poor starting will result. Note that this is a temperature based table. The percentage value changed in the handheld offsets this entire curve.
- **IAC Startup Hold Time:** This is the amount of time that the IAC will remain at the "IAC Parked Position".
- **IAC Startup Decay Time:** This is the amount of time for the IAC to decay from the "IAC Parked Position" back to its "Target Idle" position. It is a linear decay.



## Idle Spark

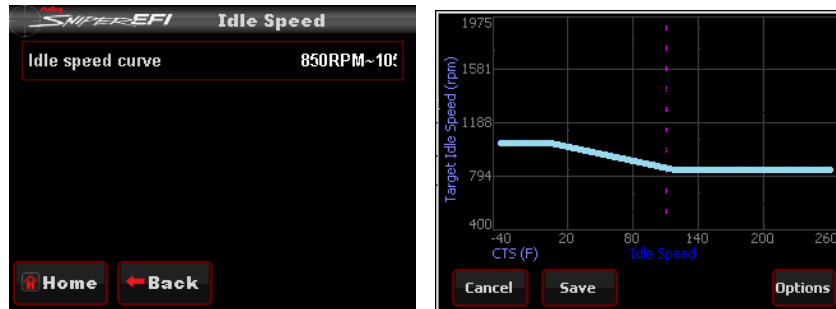
Idle spark is a feature active only when the ECU is controlling timing. When enabled, the ECU modifies commanded timing at idle to help maintain the target idle speed.



**NOTE:** This feature should be disabled when checking base timing with a timing light and not using the Static Timing option. If not disabled rev the engine to approximately 2000 RPM when syncing timing.

## Idle Speed

Idle speed will allow you to change the target idle speed for different coolant temperatures.



## Advanced 2 Launch

Sniper EFI has a secondary rev limiter and the ability to retard the ignition timing after a trigger point. These functions are typically used for drag racing.

### 2 Step

This allows for a secondary rev limiter when the Sniper EFI sees a ground on one of the inputs. This must be enabled and the correct input must be selected that will be used to activate the secondary rev limiter.

**Rev Limiter #1 Enable:** Enables or Disables the 2 Step Function

**Rev Limiter #1 RPM:** Desired value for RPM while 2 Step function is active

**Rev Limiter #1 Input:** Choose which input will be used to activate the 2 Step Function



### Launch Retard

The Sniper EFI launch retard will retard the engine ignition timing when this is enabled.

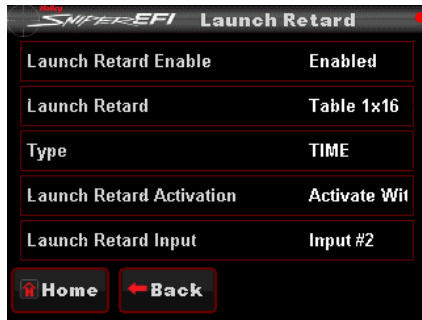
**Launch Retard Enable:** Enables or Disables the Launch Retard Function

**Launch Retard:** Table that can be modified by user. To change the axis scale, the Sniper EFI PC Software must be used.

**Type:** The launch retard can be configured as RPM or TIME based

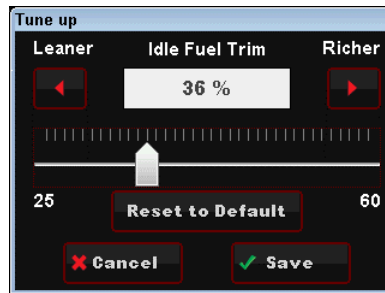
**Launch Retard Activation:** The launch retard will be active when the specified input see signal, or when the specified input loses signal

**Launch Retard Input:** Choose which input will be used to activate the Launch Retard



## Idle

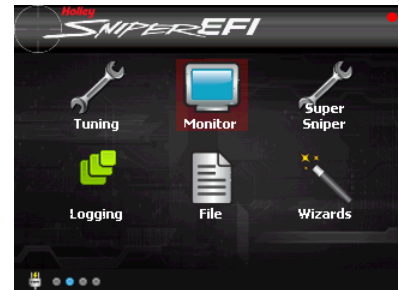
Primarily intended for race engines that have open exhaust and false oxygen sensor readings at low exhaust velocities, this modifies the VE number in the fuel table. Race Cam calibrations have closed loop off at idle. This option is only available for calibrations that have closed loop off below a certain RPM, and is a VE modifier. This will allow a user to lean or richen the engine when below the closed loop RPM threshold. If a user finds the changes they made did not help and wish to return to the default value, the user can press the “Reset to Default” icon.



Sliding the slider to the left will remove fuel from the engine while at idle. Sliding the slider to the right will add fuel to the engine while at idle.

## SNIPER EFI MONITOR

Sniper EFI allows the user to monitor different channels using the 3.5” TSLCD. These values can be viewed by pressing Monitor from the main Sniper EFI menu. The channels can be configured for the specific application the Sniper EFI is being used with and personal preference. Channel scaling and custom dashes can be configured on the 3.5” TSLCD.

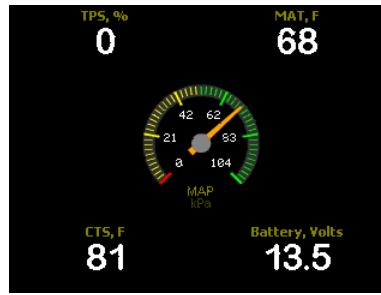
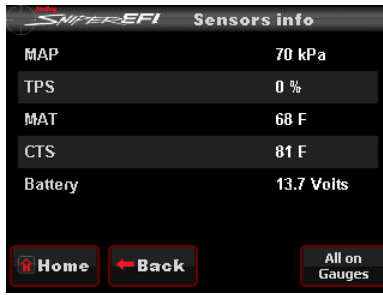


## Monitors

Sniper EFI Monitors show live data in a list format. If you press “All on Gauges” it will display the same values as a gauge.



Below are an example of the sensors screen and the Sensors displayed a gauge

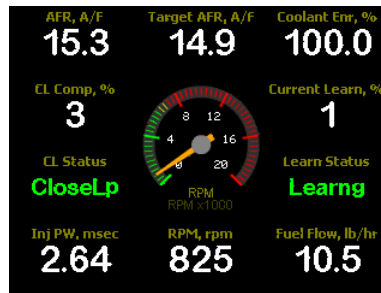
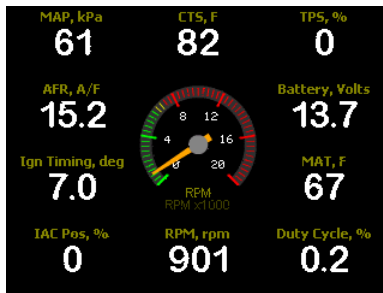


## Multi-Gauge

Sniper EFI Multi-Gauge shows live data in a gauge format.



Below are an example of the Sensors Multi-Gauge and the Air/Fuel Ratio Multi-Gauge



## Changing Monitor Channel Scaling

You can change the scale and background warning activation thresholds on the data monitor channels

1. Press the "Monitor" icon from the main menu

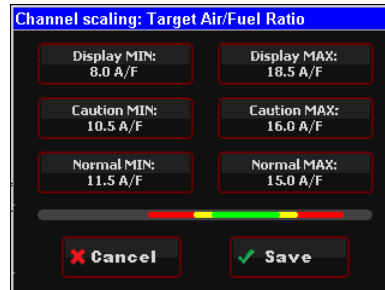


2. Press the "Channel Scaling" icon



3. Choose what parameter you would like to modify, I.E. "Air/Fuel Ratio", Press OK
4. The 6 Rectangles can be modified to display the desired values, once those values have been changed, Press Save, and then Cancel to get back to the "Monitor" Screen
  - i. Display Min: Lowest Value Analog Gauge will display
  - ii. Display Max: Highest Value Analog Gauge will display
  - iii. Caution Min: Where Gauge Warning will become Red on Low Side

- iv. Caution Max: Where Gauge Warning will become Red on High Side
- v. Normal Min: Where Gauge Warning will become Yellow on Low Side
- vi. Normal Max: Where Gauge Warning will become Yellow on High Side



**Example: Air/Fuel Ratio:**

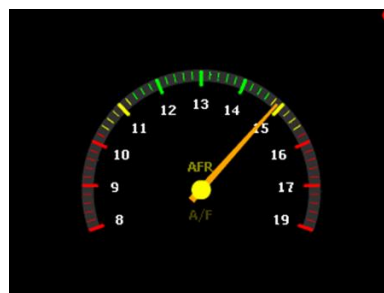
Large Round Sweep from 8.0-18.5AFR

Red Background when Leaner than 16.0 and Richer than 10.5

Yellow Background when between 15.0-16.0 AFR and 10.5-11.5 AFR

Green Background From 11.6-14.9

- i. Display Min: 8.0 A/F
- ii. Display Max: 18.5 A/F
- iii. Caution Min: 10.5 A/F
- iv. Caution Max: 16.0 A/F
- v. Normal Min: 11.5 A/F
- vi. Normal Max: 15.0 A/F



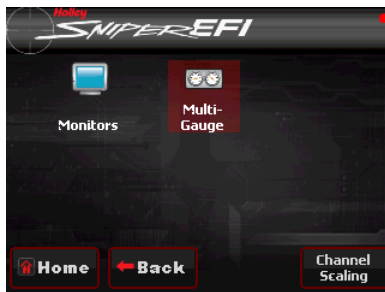
## Custom Configuring Dash 1 Dash 2 or Dash 3

Dash 1, Dash 2 & Dash 3 are user customizable dashes using the predetermined channels in the Sniper EFI. The customer can choose how to setup these Monitor Screens to their own personal preference.

1. Press the "Monitor" icon from the Main Menu



2. Press the "Multi-Gauge" icon from the Monitor Menu

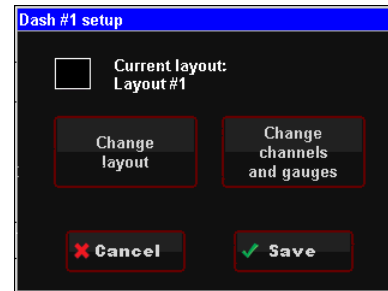


3. Press the "Dash Setup" icon from the Multi-Gauge Menu

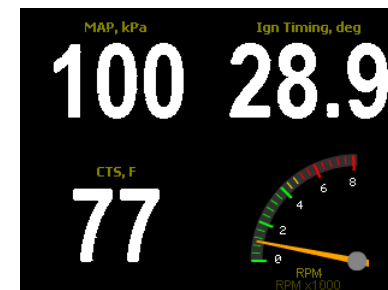
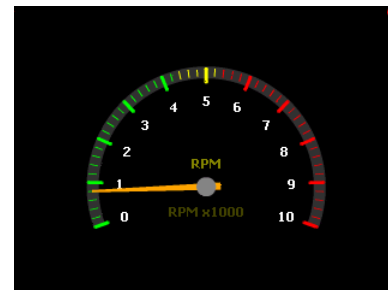


4. Choose which dash you would like to customize, Dash 1, Dash 2 or Dash 3

5. Press the "Change Layout" icon to change the number of channels that can be displayed
6. Press the "Change channels and gauges" icon to change which channels and how they are displayed within the layout chosen in step 5.



7. After you are satisfied with the customization selections press save and look at the dash you have custom created. Here are some examples of custom dash configurations.



## NITROUS TUNING ON HANDHELD

This is not supported with Standard 4150 Sniper EFI. Nitrous Control is supported with 550-840, 550-841, 550-842, but must be configured using the Sniper EFI Software. Please read the Sniper EFI software instructions to properly setup the Boost Controller in the software and determine what certain parameters do.

## BOOST CONTROL ON HANDHELD

This is not supported with 4150 Sniper EFI. Boost is supported with 550-840, 550-841, 550-842, but must be configured using the Sniper EFI Software. Please read the Sniper EFI software instructions to properly setup the Boost Controller in the software and determine what certain parameters do.

## ADVANCED TABLES ON HANDHELD

The configurations in the advanced tables must be setup using the Sniper EFI Software. Once those are configured limited number of parameters may be adjusted in the handheld. Please read the Sniper EFI software instructions to properly setup the Advanced Tables in the software and determine what certain parameters do.

## TUNING DEFINITIONS

### ***Basic : Basic Fuel***

<b><i>Target AFR</i></b>	Target air fuel ratio at idle	Typically between 13.5 and 15.0. Engines with larger cams may need a richer setting for smoothest idle.
	Target air fuel ratio at cruise	Typically between 13.5 and 15.5. Engines with larger cams may need a richer setting for smoothest operation.
	Target air fuel ratio at WOT	Typically between 12.0 and 12.8. Running richer may reduce power. Running leaner may reduce power or cause potential engine damage
	Target Air Fuel Ratio Offset for Boost	Typically between 0.2-0.6 per 7 PSI of boost.
<p><i>Note: The Target Air/Fuel setting between IDLE, CRUISE, and WOT is blended together automatically. Consequently, the air/fuel you see on the MONITOR screen, may not be exactly what you set for the settings. Changing these settings raises or lowers the "curve" of that specific area.</i></p>		
<b><i>Acceleration Enrichment</i></b>	Acceleration Enrichment	Changes the "accelerator pump" function of the fuel injection. Raising the number increases the amount of fuel added when the pedal is pushed. Lowering the number decreases the amount of fuel added when the pedal is pushed. It is highly recommended NOT to change this until the ECU is allowed to perform self-tuning
<b><i>Fuel Prime</i></b>	Fuel prime enable	Fuel prime is an option that is enabled by default in all of the base calibrations. The fuel prime function injects a small shot of fuel into the intake manifold 2.5 seconds after the ignition is turned on (which is also the amount of time it takes the 3.5" touch screen to power up), wetting the intake and allowing the engine to start much quicker. The amount of fuel injected is based on coolant temperature and cranking fuel. This amount of fuel can be increased or decreased by changing the "Percent" value.
	Fuel prime percent	If the engine seems flooded reduce this value, if the engine seems to want more fuel, increase it. Experiment for best results. Typically this value will range from 75-150% with a maximum of 200%.
	Fuel Prime Multiplier	This value will multiply the "Fuel Prime Percent" at CTS values colder than 160°F. It is a linear decay from -40°F to 160°F (i.e. a value of '5' will provide 5 times the prime shot at -40, 2.5 times at 60, and zero change at or above 160).
<p><i>Note: Fuel Prime occurs 2.5 seconds after key-on. If you quickly turn the ignition key without waiting for the full 2.5 seconds, the prime will not occur and it may take longer for the engine to start.</i></p>		

**Basic : Closed Loop / Learn**

<b>Closed Loop</b>	Closed loop enable/disable	This menu enables or disables closed loop operation. There is typically no reason to turn off closed loop operation unless you suspect an oxygen sensor problem and want to disable the sensor. Note: Self-Tuning requires closed loop operation to function.
	Min CTS enable/disable	Enable or disable the minimum coolant temp for closed loop operation
	Coolant Temp	Once enabled, use this to set the minimum coolant temp for closed loop operation
<b>Fuel Learn</b>	Fuel Learn enable / disable	The LEARN Enable / Disable menu turns the Self Tuning "On" and "Off". If enabled, self-tuning is performed. Learning should be enabled when an engine is first run with the Sniper EFI and the tuning process is occurring. After the vehicle is driven under various operating conditions, and is running well, it is advised to limit the amount of learning that can occur in the Advanced Learn menu.

**Basic : Basic Idle**

<b>Basic Idle</b>	Hot engine idle speed	This will adjust the target HOT (above 160°F) idle speed
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**Basic : Spark**

<b>Spark</b>	Ignition timing at idle	18-34 degrees is typically used at idle. The larger the camshaft, the more timing is usually used.
	Ignition timing at cruise	32-44 degrees is typically used when cruising for optimal fuel economy.
	Ignition timing at WOT	Varies by engine, but typically between 28 and 40
	Ignition Timing retard per PSI of Boost	Retards the ignition timing per PSI of Boost.
	Cranking Ignition timing	This is the actual timing during cranking. It is set to 15 degrees at any RPM below 400 by default.
<p>Note: Too much timing can cause pre-ignition that can damage an engine. Be cautious when tuning.</p> <p>Note: The actual timing between IDLE, CRUISE, and WOT is blended together automatically. Consequently, the timing you see on the MONITOR screen, may not be exactly what you set for these settings. Changing these settings raises or lowers the "curve" of that specific area</p>		

## **Tuning : System**

<b>Outputs</b>	Fan #1 On Temperature	The OUTPUT screen allows for the Fan #1 and Fan #2 ON and OFF temperatures to be adjusted. The ON temp needs to always be a higher value than the OFF temp. Use a difference of at least 5 degrees so they aren't cycling excessively. In Sniper Kits these are ground outputs that should be wired to trigger a fan relay. NEVER wire them directly to the fans! Preset to 190°F
	Fan #1 Off Temperature	Preset to 180°F
	Fan #2 On Temperature	Preset to 205°F
	Fan #2 Off Temperature	Preset to 195°F
	AC Shutdown Max TPS	The AC Disable value is a TPS value above which a ground output is sent out to deactivate the air conditioning compressor at wide open throttle Preset to 65%
<b>Engine Setup</b>	Number of Cylinders	Set the number of cylinders your engine has.
	Engine Displacement	This value should reflect your actual engine size. The base fuel table calculates proper fuel flow based upon this value.
	Cam Type	Display only, does not change anything in the tune
<b>Sniper Setup</b>	System Type	Sniper Part number must match selected parameter
	Fuel injector flow	Sniper injectors flow 100 lb/hr @ 60 psi. This value should not be changed.
	Actual system fuel pressure	The internal Sniper regulator is set at 60 psi. If you are using an external regulator instead of the internal regulator, ensure that this setting matches your external regulator's set point.
	Progressive TBI enable / disable	Not available with 4 injector Sniper kits
	TBI secondary blend	Not available with 4 injector Sniper kits
<b>Ignition Setup</b>	Ignition Type	This shows the RPM input type (Coil (-), CD Box, Magnetic, Dual Sync)
	Reference Angle	Only shown if Magnetic or Dual sync is selected. This is the value in crank degrees of the distributor's crank pulse. These values are preset in the base calibrations and should not need to be adjusted.
	Main Rev Limiter	If Sniper is being used for Timing Control, this is the main over-rev value. This rev limiter is Spark Only
	Inductive Delay	Use this value to sync timing at higher RPMs. These values are preset in the base calibrations. Some ignition modules may need this number altered if the commanded timing does not match the commanded timing as engine speed increases. If the timing starts to retard, this number can be increased in order for the timing to match. If the timing starts to advance, this number can be increased in order for the timing to match.
	Output Dwell	This value changes the points output dwell time. This value is preset in the base calibrations and should not need to be adjusted.
	<i>Note: Values above 2.5 can lead to premature coil driver failure.</i>	

<b>Static Timing</b>	Get	This gets the commanded static timing value that has been set previously, if user navigated away from static timing check screen and the ignition has not been cycled.
	Set	This sets the commanded timing to the chosen value
	Clear	This clears the static timing value
	Close	This closes the Static Timing menu
<b>Advanced : Adv. Fuel</b>		
<b>Adv Fuel</b>	Coolant enrichment	Coolant enrichment is similar to the choke on a carburetor. Adjustments are made as a percentage of the base map from 100% to 150%. 100% would mean no additional fuel is being added by the Coolant Enrichment, 110% would mean that an additional 10% of fuel is being added to the base fuel map which will decay back to 100% in relation to actual engine coolant temperature.
	Load acceleration enrichment	This parameter provides another way of adding fuel when the accelerator is depressed. It adds fuel depending on how fast the MAP sensor reading changes (detects a change in engine load). There is typically no need to adjust this parameter except possibly under some extreme conditions of vehicles that are heavy or under-powered. Adjustment values are in pounds of fuel per hour (pph) and should initially be adjusted in increments of 5-10 pph
	Cranking fuel	This dictates how much fuel is injected when the engine is cranking and is dependent on coolant temperature. Changing this value offsets the entire curve at all temperatures. Adjustment values are in pounds of fuel per hour (pph) and should initially be adjusted in increments of 2-4 pph.
	Afterstart fuel	The afterstart parameter is fuel that is added for a short time immediately after an engine starts. This value varies depending on engine temperature. Changing this value offsets the entire curve at all temperatures. Adjustments are made as a percentage of the base map from 75% to 200%, 100% would mean no additional fuel is being added, 110% would mean that an additional 10% of fuel is being added to the base fuel map, and 85% would mean that 15% of fuel is being taken away from the base map. All selections will decay back to 100% over a predetermined amount of time.
	AE TPS vs CTS	This curve adjusts the acceleration enrichment as a function of coolant temperature and TPS rate of change. This should not need to be adjusted.

### **Advanced : Closed Loop**

<b>Closed Loop #1</b>	Closed loop enable / disable	This menu enables or disables closed loop operation. There is typically no reason to turn off closed loop operation unless you suspect an oxygen sensor problem and want to disable the sensor. Note: Self-Tuning requires closed loop operation to function
	Closed loop limit	The maximum percentage the ECU is allowed to deviate (+/-) from the base fuel calibration in order to maintain the commanded target air fuel ratio. This is set to 100% by default and under most circumstances should not need to be changed.
	Closed loop speed	This is the "speed" (gain) at which closed loop operation occurs. This can be set to five levels, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. 3 is the base setting and should be good for most applications. 4 or 5 is typically not used as the closed loop speed may be too excessive for certain applications. If the oxygen sensor is installed far back in the exhaust (more than 1 foot back from the collector in long tube headers), a value of 1 or 2 may be needed.
	Open Loop below this	This setting is usually zero. If an extremely large camshaft is used (specs only typically found on race camshafts), the overlap sometimes causes a "false lean" reading at low RPM. In these cases, it may be required to put in a value of 1500-2000 RPM so the system operates open loop below this RPM setting
<b>Closed Loop #2</b>	Enable Open Loop below this	Enable or Disable min RPM for Closed Loop operation
	CL Min Coolant Temp	Sets the minimum Coolant Temp for Closed Loop operation
	Enable CL Min Coolant Temp	Enable or Disable min CTS for Closed Loop operation

### **Advanced : Adv. Learn**

<b>Adv. Learn</b>	Learn compensation limits	This value is set to 100% by default, and should remain there until ample driving time and tuning has occurred. The LEARN COMPENSATION LIMIT is a parameter that ECU is allowed to work within when making changes to the fuel map based upon CLOSED LOOP operation. Unlike the CLOSED LOOP LIMIT which is a set parameter for commanded changes to actual fuel flow based upon the O2 sensor reading, LEARN COMPENSATION LIMITS are the percentage of change that is allowed to actually be saved as a modifier to the fuel map.
	Transfer Learned Data	This will transfer data from the Learn Map to the Base Fuel map.

### **Advanced : Adv Idle**

<b>IAC Rampdown</b>	IAC hold position	This is the position the IAC motor will “hold” or “freeze” at when the TPS moves above idle (when TPS becomes greater than 0%). If it is too high, the engine RPM will “hang” and not return to idle.
	IAC Ramp Decay	This is the time (in seconds) it takes for the IAC to return to the target idle range of movement.
	IAC Ramp Start(RPM above idle)	This value is the RPM added to the target idle speed that the IAC will automatically start to ramp back down to idle. If this is too low, the engine RPM will “hang” and not return to idle.
	IAC Kick	The IAC Kick provides a temporary increase in IAC position to keep engine the RPM from dropping. Typically this is used in conjunction with an A/C system to keep the engine speed from ‘dipping’ as the compressor cycles on and off.
<b>IAC Speed</b>	IAC Speed	This menu is used to select the type of IAC motor application that is being used. This selection drives the background parameters that control the IAC motor. These parameters have been fine tuned for each of these applications, eliminating the need for the user to perform further modifications
<b>IAC Startup</b>	IAC parked position (Cranking)	This is the position the IAC motor will be at during cranking and immediately after the engine starts. If it is too high, the engine will be at too high of an RPM once it starts. Too low and poor starting will result. Note that this is a temperature based table. The percentage value changed in the handheld offsets this entire curve.
	IAC startup hold time	This is the amount of time that the IAC will remain at the “IAC Parked Position”. Lower this if the engine 'hangs' at a higher RPM for too long after startup.
	IAC startup decay time	This is the amount of time for the IAC to decay from the “IAC Parked Position” back to its “Target Idle” position. It is a linear decay.
<b>Idle Speed</b>	Idle Speed Curve	Unlike the Idle speed slider bar found in the Basic Tuning menu, this allows for full customization of target idle speed at all coolant temperatures

### **Advanced : Launch**

<b>2-Step</b>	Rev Limiter #1 Enable	Enable or Disable Rev Limiter #1
	Rev Limiter #1 RPM	RPM set point for Rev Limiter #1
	Rev Limiter #1 Input	Choose the input wire used on the 10-pin harness
<b>Launch Retard</b>	Launch Retard Enable	Enable or Disable the programmable launch retard
	Launch Retard Type	Use this to edit the launch retard curve RPM or Time Based
	Launch Retard Activation	Set to Launch Retard to activate with input or at input release
	Launch Retard Input	Choose the input wire used on the 10-pin harness
	Note: Launch Retard requires Sniper EFI laptop software for initial setup	

### **ECU Overview**

<b>ECU Overview</b>	Current Global Folder/File	Displays the name of the current ECU calibration
	Ignition input type	Displays the current Ignition Type
	Wide band O2 sensor type	Displays the current O2 sensor type
	Throttle body type	Displays the current Sniper Type
	ECU Firmware Version	Displays the current Sniper ECU Firmware version
<b>Global Configs</b>	Up- down- loading of GCFs from and to SD	List view of all saved Sniper calibrations on the SD card. This is where you can save, rename, and upload saved ECU calibrations (i.e. pump gas tune, race gas tune)
<b>ECU HW/FW</b>	ECU HW FW info, FW reflash	This screen displays more detailed Sniper ECU information, and is also where you go to upgrade ECU firmware
<b>Local Setup</b>	Touch Calibrate	The touch screen can be recalibrated by following the on-screen instructions
	Local Info	Displays detailed ECU firmware information
	Local Options	Checkbox to enable the "Restore Last Screen at Startup" option

### **Super Sniper : Nitrous**

<b>Activation</b>	Disable	If using Sniper for Nitrous Control, this will Enable or Disable the Stage
	Min RPM	Minimum RPM required for NOS activation
	Max RPM	Maximum RPM allowed for NOS activation. Any RPM above this will turn off the stage.
	Activation Delay	This will delay the activation by the amount selected. The delay starts from the time the stage is triggered. A value of zero means the nitrous will turn on as soon as all activation conditions are met
	Stage Duration	This will set the duration of the nitrous stage, allowing a stage to be turned off at a precise time for bracket racing, or for another layer of safety. This parameter is enabled by default.
<b>Stage 1 Tuning</b>	Fixed Timing Value	If you are using Sniper for timing control, this is the actual timing value the engine will operate with when the Nitrous is activated
	Timing Retard	1x16 editable timing curve. Only available when not using a fixed timing value. This parameter requires Sniper EFI laptop software to configure.
	Progressive Control	Enable/Disable progressive timing retard curve. This parameter requires Sniper EFI laptop software to configure
	Target AFR	Closed Loop compensation will override the target AFR table and use this value as its new target only when the nitrous is on.

### **Super Sniper : Boost**

<b>Launch</b>	Launch Target	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This Parameter requires software for initial configuration.
	Instantaneous boost pressure safety	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This Parameter requires software for initial configuration.
<b>Safety Setup</b>	Time delay boost pressure safety	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This Parameter requires software for initial configuration.
	Time Delay	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This Parameter requires software for initial configuration.
<b>Boost vs RPM</b>	Boost Curve	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This Parameter requires software for initial configuration.
<b>Boost vs Time</b>	Boost Curve	Boost control only available on Super Sniper EFI Models. This parameter requires software for initial configuration.

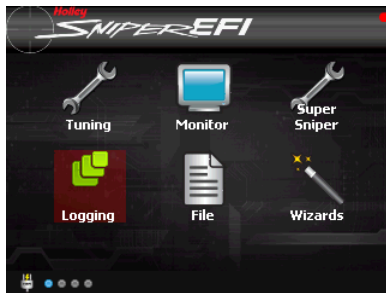
## **Super Sniper : Advanced**

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	Time Delay to Start	These tables require software for initial configuration and are intended for advanced EFI users.
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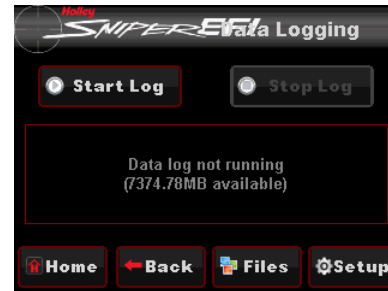
# DATALOGGING & FILE TRANSFERS

## Taking a Datalog with the 3.5" TSCLCD

1. Press "Logging" from the Main Menu



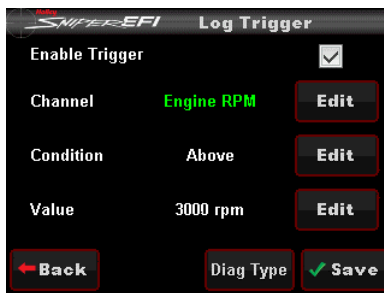
2. To turn on Data Logging press "Start Log" from the Logging Menu



3. To turn off Data Logging press "Stop Log" from the Logging Menu or turn the ignition off.
  - a. Note: Data log is not able to be viewed from the 3.5" TSLCD. Data log will not show up in the menu if Files Icon is pressed. Datalog will be able to be viewed from the SD card and the Sniper EFI Software on a PC.

## Triggering an Automatic Datalog

Sniper EFI can be setup to automatically datalog based of sensor inputs. This allows a user to capture a datalog every time a certain scenario happens. Pressing the Setup Icon on the Data Logging Screen, will bring the Log Trigger Setup Screen. A user can use these parameters to activate a datalog under certain criteria. The datalog will continue to run until the user selects the stop Stop Log Icon, or the ignition is turned off.



This example will start a log as soon as the engine RPM Exceeds 3000 RPM.

## Changing Diagnostics Type of Datalog

Pressing the Diag Type icon will allow a user to change the Diagnostics type recorded in the datalog. Holley Tech Service may ask for this to be changed.

## Downloading Global Configuration from Sniper EFI Throttle Body to SD card:

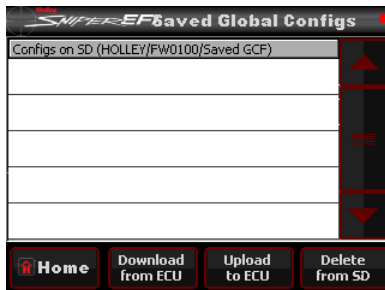
1. Press "File" icon from the Main Menu



2. Press the "Global Configs" Icon

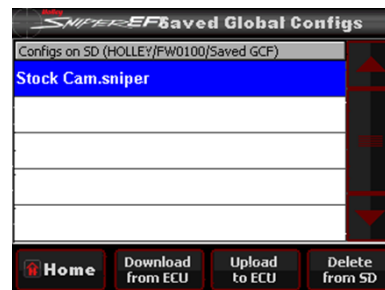


3. Press "Download From ECU"



Press "OK", if you would like to name it with a unique name, user can press "Save GCF as", type the name for the calibration, and press save.

4. SD card now has the Global Configuration that is in the ECU unit, this can be opened up with the Sniper EFI software on a PC.



## Loading Calibration into Sniper EFI ECU

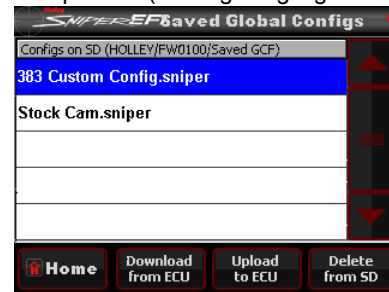
1. Press "File" icon from the Main Menu



2. Press the "Global Configs" Icon



3. Highlight the Configuration you would like to load into the Sniper EFI (making it highlight in Blue).



4. Press Upload to ECU and follow the Onscreen Prompts:
  - a. Press okay when it asks, "Upload GCF to ECU"
  - b. Turn the ignition off for at least 4 seconds when it asks you to. If you press OK, the upload of the calibration will not take place until the ignition is cycled.
5. New Configuration has been uploaded to the Sniper EFI

## LAPTOP SUPPORT

At times a computer may be required to view data logs or tweak a tune. This is especially true with anybody wanting to use the Nitrous, Boost, or Advanced Table features in Super Sniper. Purchasing part number 558-443 will allow connecting the Sniper EFI to a Computer directly without using the SD card. Please reference the “Handheld Navigation” section for help retrieving the tune From the Sniper EFI and recording a datalog.

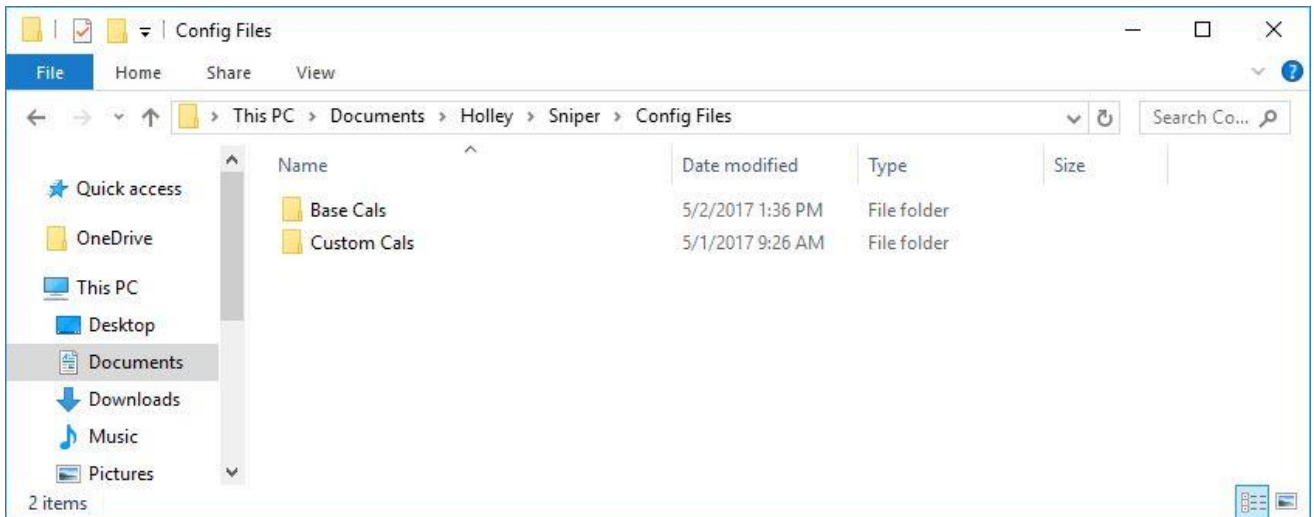
### Viewing Global Configuration with Sniper EFI Software without USB Cable:

See section “Download Global Configuration from the Sniper EFI Throttle Body to SD card”

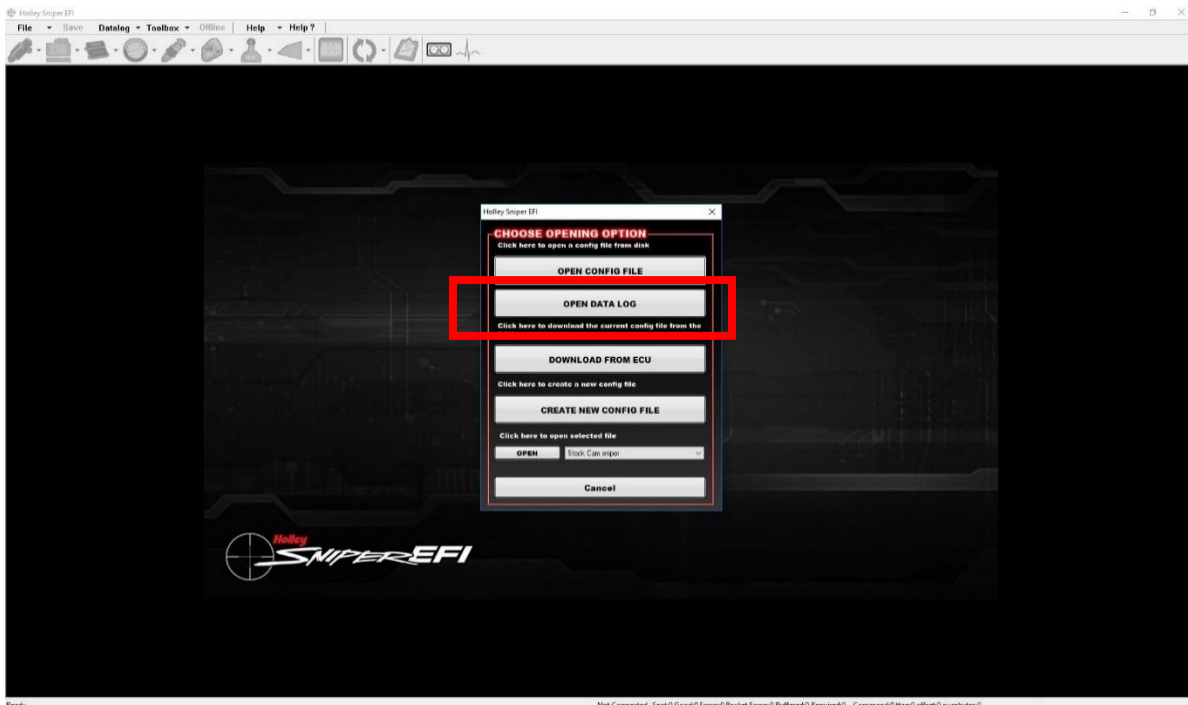
Place SD card in PC that has Sniper EFI Software on it

Put the saved Configuration from SD card (in Saved GCF folder) in the Sniper EFI Config File Folder, this is in your Documents folder if the Sniper Software was installed in the default location

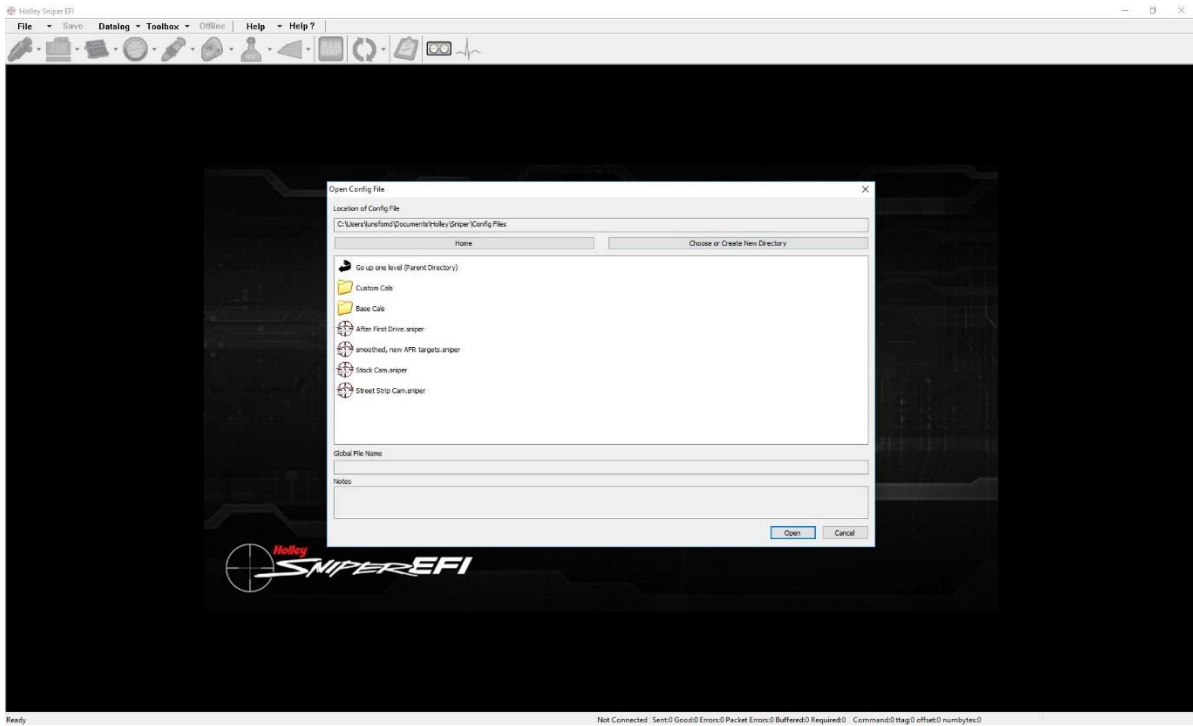
This PC > Documents > Holley > Sniper > Config Files



1. Open Sniper EFI Software, and click “Open Config File” icon



2. Choose the saved Configuration you are wanting to open



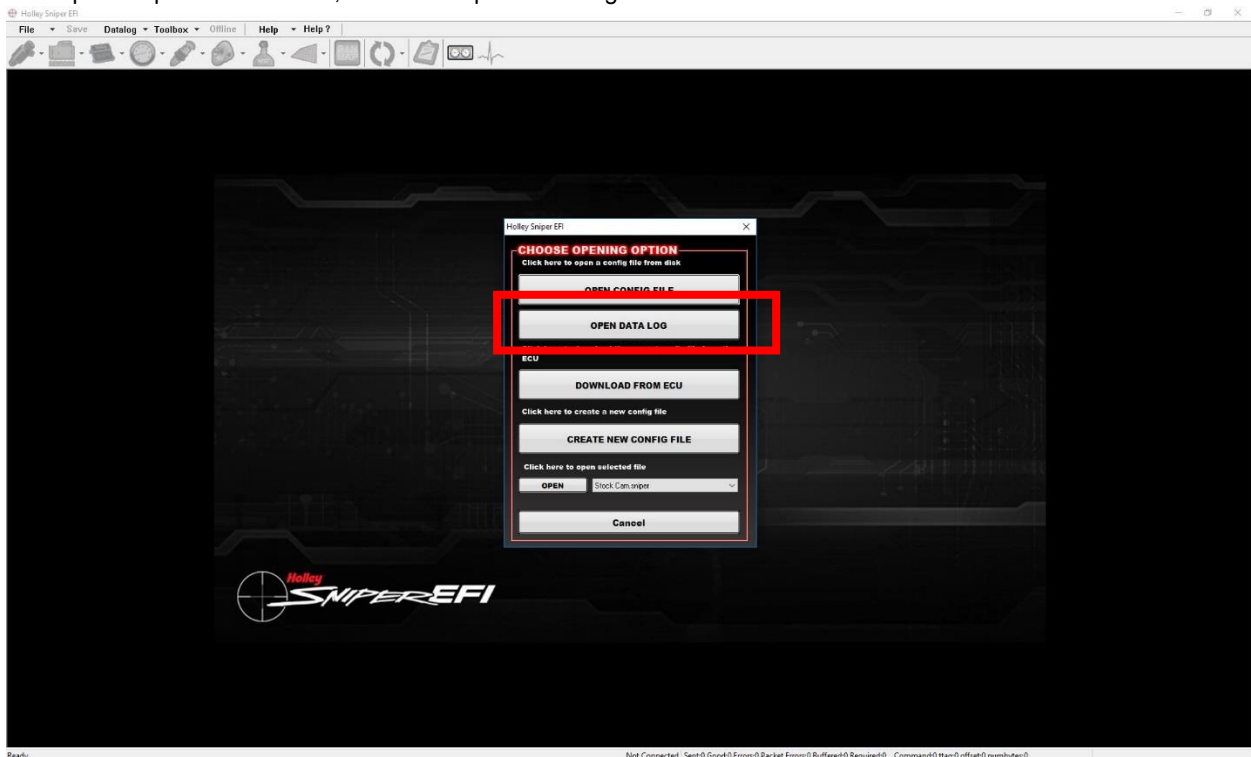
3. Calibration can be viewed and Modified using the Sniper Software. It can be saved directly to the SD card or to the Config Files folder. If saving to the Config Files Folder a copy of the tune will also need to be placed on the SD Card to Transfer it to the Sniper EFI via the Handheld.

### Viewing Datalog with Sniper EFI Software:

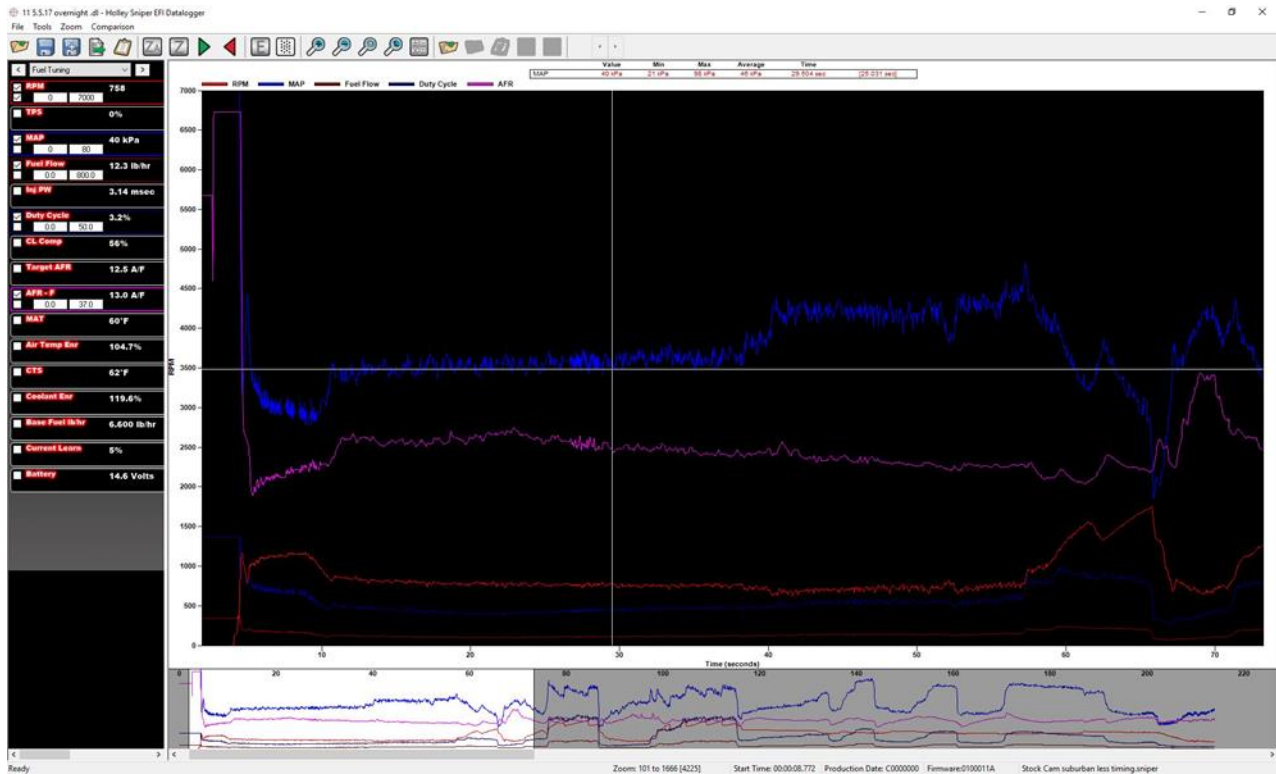
See section "Creating a Datalog with the Handheld"

Place SD card in PC that has Sniper EFI datalog to view

1. Open Sniper EFI Software, and click "Open Data Log"



Navigate to the data log on the SD card the file will be in the “Saved Datalogs” folder on the SD card. Next, click the “Open” Button. The data log will open to be viewed.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Troubleshooting Guide

#### Sensor Verification

Verify all sensors are reading properly on the handheld.

- **Engine RPM** – This gauge should show “Stall!”, once you begin cranking the engine it will show actual engine RPM
- **TPS** (Throttle Position Sensor) – Should read 0. Slowly depress the throttle to wide open. It should read between 85 % and 100% at wide open throttle. If it does not, please verify your throttle linkage is allowing full travel of the throttle arm.
- **MAP** (Manifold Air Pressure Sensor) – Should read from 95-102 kPA with the key on engine not running. At high elevations it could read as low as 75 kPA.
- **MAT** (Manifold Air Temperature Sensor) – Should read ambient on a cold engine with the key on and the engine not running.
- **CTS** (Coolant Temperature Sensor) – reads engine temperature. With a cold engine it should read similar to Ambient Temperature. If the indicator reads “LOW Err” double check the connection to the CTS.
- **AFR** (Oxygen Sensor) – Initially should show “Heating” Without the engine running it will read 35.6 AFR once engine starts it should go down and read between 12-14 afr depending on the engine and parameters set. If ignition is turned on and not started, after a period of time, the AFR will start reading “Init...” until the Sniper EFI sees an RPM signal.

#### Sensor Diagnostics and Statures

Sensor diagnostics are included in the handheld. If one of the main sensors has some type of error, a small, blinking red circle will appear in the upper right of the screen. To navigate to the diagnostics, select MONITOR and DIAGNOSTICS. If there is an issue, an error will also be shown on any of the MONITOR or GAUGES screens.

**Wideband Oxygen Sensor Status** – Shows status of wideband oxygen sensors.

Text	Description
...	Signifies that sensor channel is not enabled.
Init..	First shown for an instant when the system is powered on. Displayed so quickly you will likely not see this.
Heating	Sensor is heating.
Unplgd	Sensor is unplugged.

**General Sensor Status** – These are shown for the coolant and air temperature, MAP, TPS sensors.

Text	Description
Undefnd	Unlikely failure indicated that a sensor is not properly defined.
LOW Err	A sensor displaying this can be unplugged, have an open or short circuit, or be otherwise damaged.
HI Err	A sensor displaying this can be unplugged, have an open or short circuit, or be otherwise damaged.

**RPM (Crank Signal Inputs) Diagnostics** – The following are shown for the “RPM” parameter which indicates the status of the crank sensor/engine speed input.

Text	Description
Stall!	No RPM input detected.
Syncng	Signal detected. Position being established.
Nothing	Will show briefly after crank signal and cam/crank positions established. Actual engine RPM will then be indicated.
Error!	Cam/Crank input error detected.

**Closed Loop Diagnostics** – Shows status of closed loop operation.

Text	Description
OpenLp	System is in open loop operation.
CloseLp	System is in closed loop operation.

**Learn Status** – Shows status of learn mode.

Text	Description
NoLearn	Learning is not active.
Learnng	Learn is in an active state.



- Sniper Stealth 4500 (550-841 Shiny, 550-842 Black, & 550-843 Gold)

## **QUICKSTART MANUAL**

### **SNIPER EFI INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Congratulations on your purchase of a new Sniper EFI Throttle Body System built by craftsmen to exacting standards in our Bowling Green, Kentucky facility. Every Sniper EFI System is tested for functionality before it leaves our facility for “bolt on and go” performance.

## INTRODUCTION & SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Holley Performance Products has written this manual for the installation of the **Sniper EFI** TBI fuel injection system. This basic manual contains the information necessary for the installation of the throttle body, wiring, and sensors. Please read all the **WARNINGS** and **NOTES**, as they contain valuable information that can save you time and money. It is our intent to provide the best possible products for our customer; products that perform properly and satisfy your expectations.

### **Engine Requirements**

Before moving forward with the installation, please verify your vehicle meets the engine and fuel system requirements below:

- Engine is in sound mechanical condition
- Engine horsepower is between 800-1500
- Engine is an 8 cylinder
- Engine has a 4 barrel, 4500 style flange intake manifold\*
- Unleaded fuel only
- Any RTV silicone sealants used on the engine are sensor safe

\* Any 4500 flange intake manifold will work. Make sure to use proper gaskets to seal the throttle body to the intake manifold and ensure that there are no vacuum leaks.

### **Fuel System Requirements**

The Sniper EFI system requires a high pressure fuel pump capable of supplying the fuel demand and maintain 60 PSI of fuel pressure at all conditions. When selecting a pump and lines, be sure each component is designed to perform at high pressure. Holley offers a variety of fuel pumps, hoses and accessories to complete your installation. For best results, Holley strongly recommends an in-tank pump. Installing the fuel pump in the tank results in quieter operation, less chance of cavitation and a reduction in pump temperature. If mounting the pump in the tank is not an option, install the pump as close as possible to the tank, within 2-feet of sending unit is recommended. Once the fuel system is installed, checking the fuel pressure on the inlet side of the Sniper EFI is recommended.

The fuel system parts identification and instructions can be found in the full Sniper EFI instruction manual.

## TOOLS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

- |   |   |                     |
|---|---|---------------------|
| • Standard Wrench Set                     | • Small Blade Screwdriver               | • Allen Wrench Set  |
| • Medium Blade Screwdriver                | • #2 Phillips Screwdriver               | • Digital Voltmeter |
| • Drill and Assorted Bit Sizes            | • Terminal Crimping Tool                |                     |
| • Factory Service Manual for your vehicle | • 7/8" Drill Bit (step-bit recommended) |                     |

An assistant is necessary for some installation and adjustment procedures and should be present for safety reasons.

**WARNING! Disconnect battery before proceeding with any Fuel Injection installation.**

# Sniper EFI Throttle Body Harness Overview

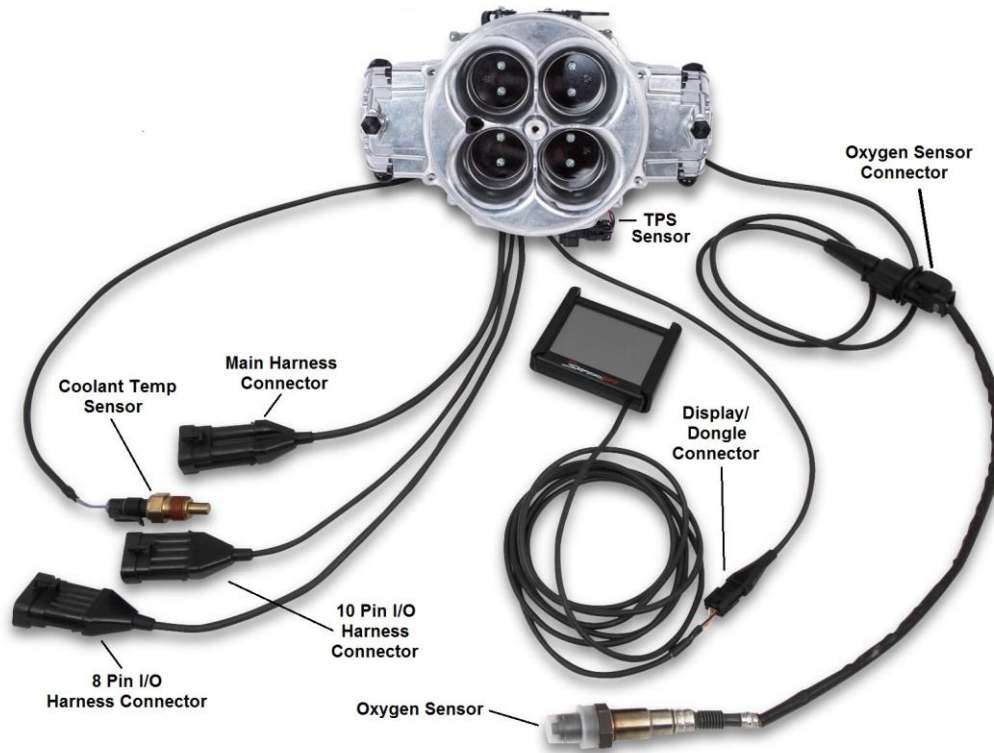


Figure 1

## **Before you get started – Are you experiencing any underlying problems?**

Holley Performance highly recommends the following items be checked and/or corrected prior to installation of your new Sniper EFI system to ensure optimum performance from your engine.

Many times a carburetor is looked at as the prime culprit or the main cause for a myriad of other engine-related difficulties that might exist. Therefore, it's best to check and verify the condition of the complete engine system before proceeding with an EFI conversion. There should be no *vacuum leaks*, *the ignition timing should be properly set*, and *the engine should be in sound mechanical condition*. Converting to EFI won't cure bad valves, damaged head gaskets, worn piston rings, or cracked and leaking vacuum lines.

Spark plug wires cannot be of Solid Core Construction – It is recommend to use MSD 8.5 Super Conductor Wires with the Sniper EFI

## **INSTALLATION:**

**NOTE:** Part number 520-1 is a complete installation kit.

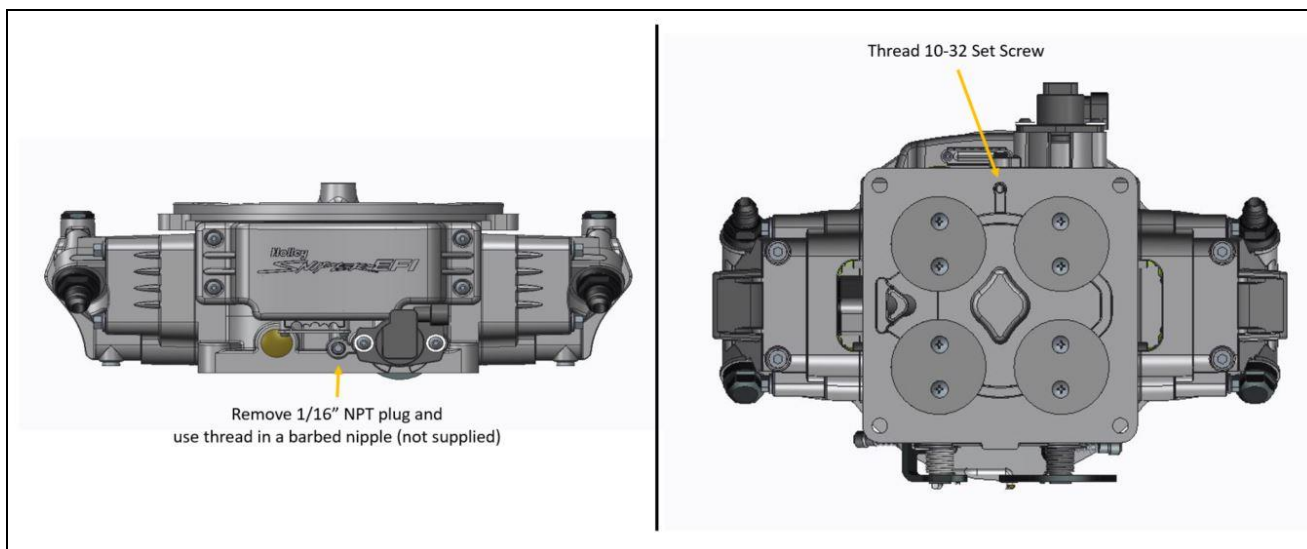
**NOTE:** This Quickstart Manual covers **NON-Timing Control Ignition Options**. We highly recommend first starting the engine with one of the two NON-Timing Control Ignition types shown in this quick start guide for your first start-up!

**Before beginning the Sniper EFI installation, we recommend that you locate a CLEAN Switched 12v Ignition source. This source needs to have 12v while cranking, and with the key in the run position. Label this source now, as you will need to use it for Step 10. Do NOT connect the switched 12v wire to a source such as the ignition coil, or starter solenoid.**

**WARNING – Disconnect the NEGATIVE battery cable before any work is performed to the vehicle.**

**Draw through Supercharger Applications:** When using the Sniper EFI on a draw through boosted application (I.E. positive displacement blower such as an 8/71), the throttle body must be converted to read manifold pressure from a remote source that sees manifold pressure. To do this, remove the 1/16" NPT plug nearest the wires on the front of the throttle body. Thread in a 1/16" NPT barbed nipple. Next, install the supplied 10-32 set screw into the machined port on the bottom of the throttle body. It is also recommended to take a small punch and peen the casting around the set screw in

2-3 places. The installation of this set screw is critical to system operation. Failure to do so will cause false MAP sensor readings. Reference **Figure 2**.

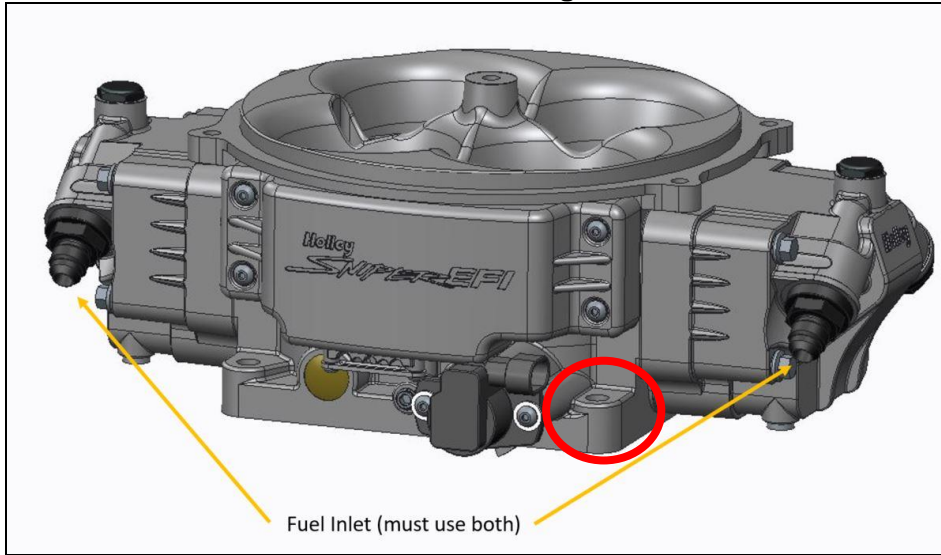


**Figure 2**

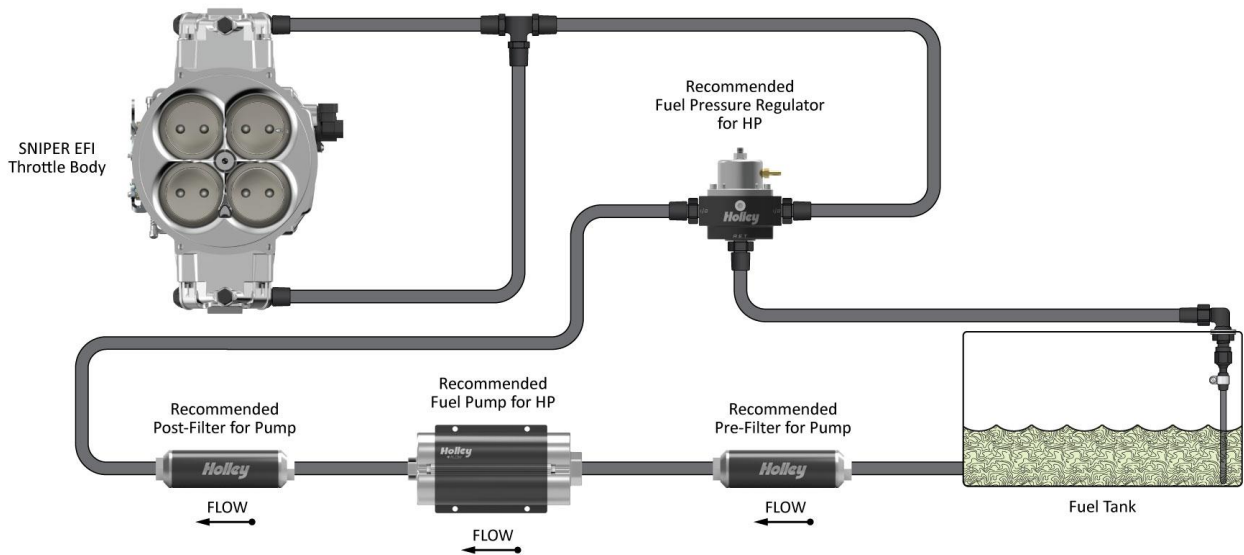
1. Start by labeling all vacuum lines for easy identification, i.e. brake booster & vac advance for distributor. If any lines appear damaged, now is the time to replace them. Next, remove the carburetor, clean the gasket mating surface, and install the provided intake flange gasket on the intake manifold. **NOTE: This product is not factory machined form vacuum reference ports including those required for timed/vacuum advance.**
2. Place the Sniper EFI throttle body on top of the new flange gasket on the manifold. Using the correct length carb stud and nuts, tighten the Sniper EFI throttle body down progressively in a "criss-cross" pattern (60-80 in.lbs.). **NOTE: This product requires the modification of one of the mounting stud washers to clear the casting indicated in Figure 3.**
3. Be sure to check for any binding conditions and correct before proceeding. Poorly routed throttle cables & linkages can cause throttle pedal issues.
4. Install the **Coolant Temperature Sensor** into a 3/8" NPT coolant passage in either the intake manifold or cylinder head. Do not overtighten or damage to the cylinder head or intake may occur. It is best to drain some of the coolant before the sensor is installed. Use thread sealer or a small amount of thread tape. Do not install the sensor in the thermostat housing, or in an area that will not see a constant flow of coolant.
5. Connect fuel feed and return hose.  
It is mandatory to use an external fuel pressure regulator and feed both front and rear fuel injector covers. Holley 12-848 or 12-851 are the recommended bypass fuel pressure regulator based on how much HP the application makes. Reference Figure 3 & 4 for plumbing diagrams and recommended fuel system components.

**NOTE:** Fuel pressure should be checked on the inlet fuel line before initial start up during the fuel pump prime. We recommend Earl's Part Number 100187ERL (0-100 psi Liquid filled gauge) & AT100200ERL (-8AN Gauge Adapter) to check fuel pressure.

## Non Boosted Fuel Fitting Overviews



**Figure 3**



HP Rating	Fuel Pump	Regulator	Pre Filter	Post Filter	Feed Line Size	Return Line Size
Up to 800 HP	12-1600	12-848	162-570	162-572	-6 AN	-6 AN
800 HP to 1000 HP	VR1 12-1500	12-851	162-577	162-575	-8 AN*	-8 AN*
Greater than 1000 HP	VR2 12-3000	12-851	162-577	162-575	-8 AN*	-8 AN*

\*Use 3/4"-16 Male O-Ring to -8 AN Male Fitting, PN AT985008ERL, on the Sniper Throttle Body, Purchased Separately

**Figure 4**

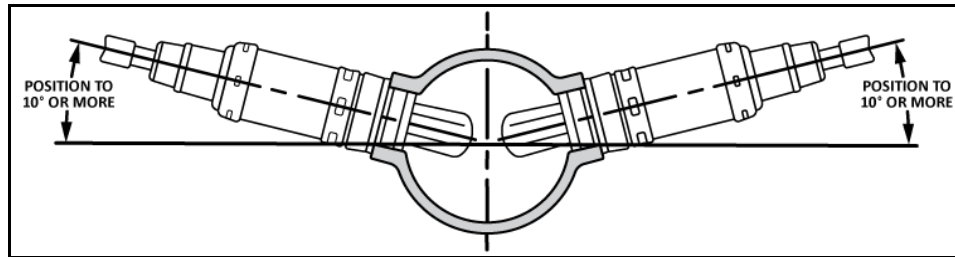
Locate a position for the oxygen sensor as close to the engine as possible. The oxygen sensor should be mounted at a point where it can read a good average of all the cylinders on one bank. This would be slightly after all the cylinders merge. If you have long tube headers, mount the sensor approximately 1-10" after the collector. You must have at least 18" of exhaust pipe after the sensor for closed loop to work at low exhaust velocities. Verify that the Oxygen sensor is tight in the bung, if the gasket is not seated properly on the O2 sensor exhaust leaks and poor engine operation will occur.

6. If your vehicle has catalytic converters, the oxygen sensor **MUST** be located between the engine and the catalytic converters. It is also **CRITICAL** that the oxygen sensor is **NOT** installed in the bottom of the exhaust tube. This will help prevent condensation in the exhaust tubing from entering the sensor. The clamp-on kit installation requires a 3/4 hole to be drilled in the exhaust system. Refer to main installation manual for more details. Make sure to use a small amount of ant seize (not included) on the threads of the clamps to prevent galling.
  - a. **Note:** Verify that the O2 cable is supported correctly and away from heat sources such as the exhaust. If the O2 cable has melted, this is not fixed under warranty and will require the unit to be sent back to Holley to be repaired at customer cost.

**Oxygen Sensor Bung**



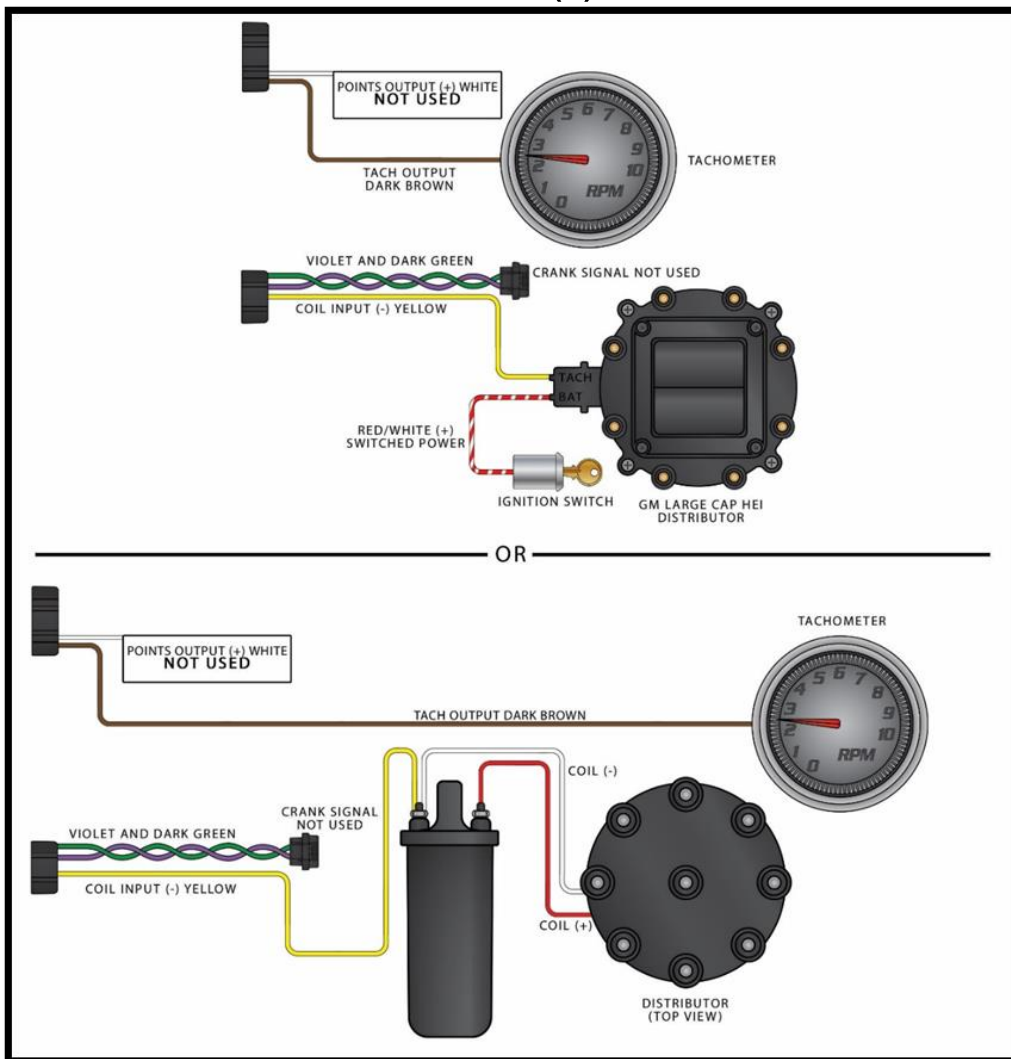
**Clamp-On Oxygen Sensor Bung**



**WARNING!** Only use ONE of the following Ignition Installation Options. Coil negative is intended for the stock ignition systems. CD Box Ignition is intended for users that have an aftermarket ignition system but do not want the ECU to control timing. A Magnetic Distributor such as an MSD distributor or a Holley Dual Sync Distributor is needed to have the Sniper EFI control the ignition timing. **NEVER connect the Purple wire to the Ignition Coil!**

7. **Option 1. Coil (-) Ignition** - Locate the YELLOW wire on the Main 7 Pin Harness, this wire will be labeled Coil (-) Input. This wire can either go to the NEGATIVE side of your ignition coil, or to "Tach" label on a GM Large Cap HEI distributor w/ internal coil. **NEVER** run the YELLOW wire to the negative side of a coil while using a CD Ignition box.

## Coil (-)

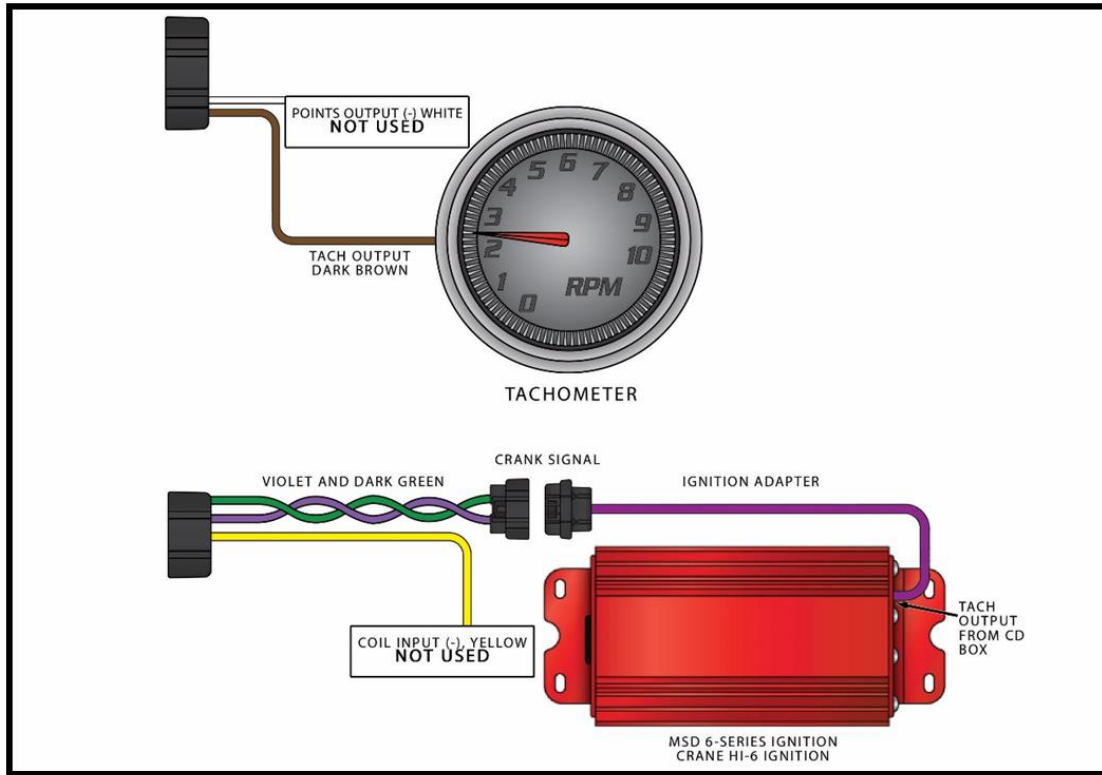


**OR**

8. **Option 2. Capacitive Discharge Ignition – “CD Box”** - Locate the small 1 purple wire ignition adapter. It has a single PURPLE wire attached to a 2 pin connector (Shown in Figure 11). Connect this wire to the distributor connector on the main harness. The PURPLE wires should plug into each other – the GREEN wire will be unused. The loose end of the PURPLE wire will then be terminated to the tach output wire on the C/D Box. On an MSD 6AL (shown below) this wire is GREY. Refer to the ignition box instructions for more information on the tach output wiring. If using this step, **NEVER connect the PURPLE wire to the ignition coil!**

**NOTE: If ignition box or distributor has ability to send rpm signals with initial key on (such as a Tach Sweep or Rev Limiter Verification), these settings must be disabled. Reference ignition system instructions.**

## CD Box

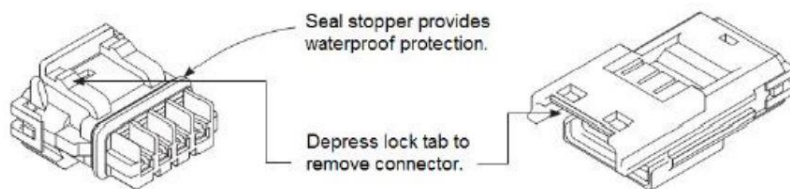


**CAUTION! NEVER connect any of the EFI wires to the coil on any CD type ignition system. The ECU will be permanently damaged!**

9. The PINK wire labeled “Switched Ignition” needs to be terminated to the ignition source found at the beginning of this manual. We STRONGLY recommend that you do not stack this wire with other switched 12v accessories. This wire needs to be isolated on its own individual switched 12v power source. Failure to do this may result in a “no start” condition.
10. Connect the 3.5” Sniper EFI Handheld to the main harness. This is a simple plug and play connection. If you are going to permanently leave the handheld in the vehicle, you will need to find a factory grommet in your firewall to pass the Display CAN bus connector through and secure the excess wire away from hazards. If no factory grommets can be utilized we recommend installing one.

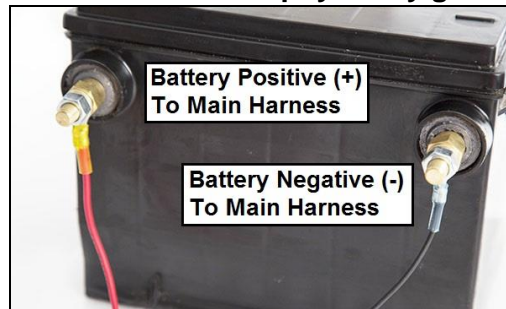
### Sniper EFI Touchscreen LCD Display

**Note: If the Touch Screen LCD Display needs to be unhooked from the Sniper EFI. Depress the lock tab on the male side of the connector as show in the following pictures.**



11. At this point you are ready to install the battery power and ground cables. The wires must go **DIRECTLY** to the physical battery terminals. The battery must be fully charged before attempting to start the Sniper EFI. Do not attempt to start the engine with the Sniper EFI hooked to a battery charger.

**Battery connections MUST physically go the battery!**



**ADDITIONAL INPUTS AND OUTPUTS**

The following tables outline the functions of each wire on the Sniper harnesses. For detailed information, please see referenced sections of the Sniper EFI Reference Manual included with your kit.

**7 Pin Connector**

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
E	Red	Battery Positive (+)	Connects directly to battery positive terminal
G	Black	Battery Negative (-)	Connects directly to battery negative terminal
C	Blue	Fuel Pump Output (+)	+12v Fuel Pump Supply from Relay
A	Violet	Crank Signal Positive (+)	Engine Speed Signal Input (see Ignition Wiring Section)
B	Dark Green	Crank Signal Negative (-)	Engine Speed Signal Ground (see Ignition Wiring section)
D	Yellow	Coil (-) Input	Engine Speed Input (see Ignition Wiring section)
F	Pink	Switched Ignition (+12v)	<b>NOTE: must remain powered during cranking</b>

**10 Pin Connector** – 8 wires are populated. This connector contains:

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
A	Orange	Input #1 (-)	Optional - Connect to a ground triggered A/C relay
B	Yellow	Input #2 (-)	Optional - Connect to a programmable ground input
C	Light Blue	Output #1 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #1 relay ground trigger
D	Light Green	Output #2 (-)	Optional – Connect to Fan #2 relay ground trigger
E	Grey	Output #6 (-)	Optional – Connect to ground side trigger of A/C shutdown relay
F	White	Points Output	Used to trigger a CD ignition box or the included Coil Driver Module
G	Dark Brown	Tach Output	Used to drive an aftermarket tachometer
H	Tan	Digital Gauge Output	Used to drive Holley EFI analog gauges via 554-130 Gauge Module

**NOTE:** To have Sniper EFI control any cooling fans or AC kick, please refer to the Instruction Manual. The ground outputs from the Sniper EFI are rated for 2 Amps and less, they can only be used to trigger a relay on the ground side.

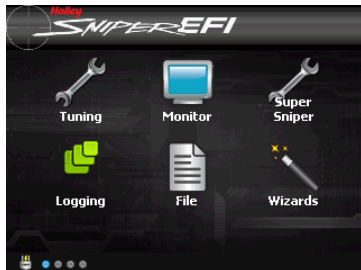
**8 Pin Connector** –, 8 wires are populated.

Pin	Color	Labeled Name	Function
A	Orange	Sensor Reference (+5V)	Optional - +5V Supply for 0-5V Sensor
B	Black	Sensor Ground (-)	Optional - Ground for 0-5V Sensor
C	Violet	Input #3 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
D	Pink	Input #4 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
E	Dark Green	Input #5 (5V)	Optional - Programmable 0-5V sensor input
F	Dark Blue	Output #3 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output
G	Dark Brown	Output #4 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output
H	Grey	Output #5 (-)	Optional - Programmable ground output

**NOTE:** To program the additional inputs and outputs in this 8 pin connector, the Sniper EFI PC software must be used.

## INITIAL POWER-UP AND WIZARD

Turn the ignition key to the “run” position. If wired properly the Sniper EFI will power the Sniper EFI Touch Screen LCD. The Home Screen (figure below) should appear.



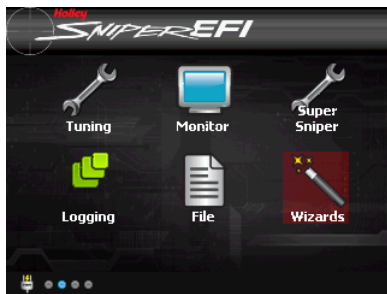
The Sniper EFI Home screen contains icons which will navigate to different functional features of the Touch Screen. These features will be discussed in detail throughout the main manual.

### It is now time to begin the Calibration Wizard!

**NOTE:** DO NOT ATTEMPT TO START THE VEHICLE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO IN THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

**NOTE:** The handheld has an SD memory card installed in the side. This card contains specific information that is required for the use of the Sniper EFI product. DO NOT replace this card with another. There should be no need to remove this card for normal use.

**STEP 1**



Select **WIZARD** from the main menu

**STEP 2**



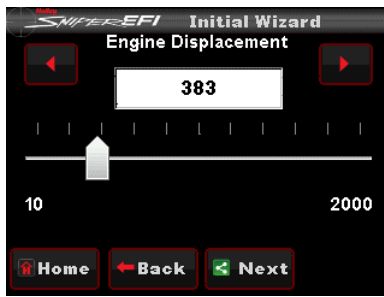
- Select your Sniper system type  
- Press Next

**STEP 3**



- Select the number of cylinders your engine has  
- Press Next

**STEP 4**



- Use the slider bar to input the displacement of your engine
- Press Next

**STEP 5**



- Use the slider bar to set your desired HOT idle speed. This is the RPM the Sniper will target at coolant temperatures above 160 °F
- Press Next

**STEP 6**



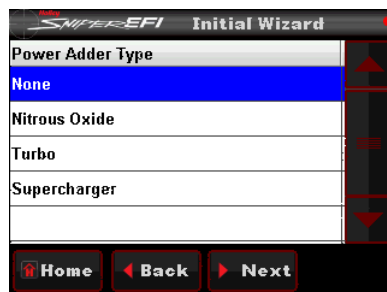
- Select your camshaft type:
  - Street/Strip = Select this if your engine has between 8" and 13" of manifold vacuum
  - Race = Select this if your engine has less than 7" of manifold vacuum. Race oriented camshafts may require laptop tuning for optimal idle stability
- Press Next

**STEP 7**



- Select your ignition type, Non Timing Controlled Methods covered by this Quick Start Guide are:
  - Coil (-) [no timing control]
  - CD Ignition Box [no timing control]
- Press Next

**STEP 8**



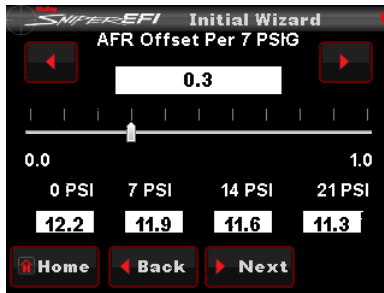
- Select power adder type
  - None for Naturally Aspirated Engines (Skip Step 9 & 10)
  - Nitrous Oxide (Skip Step 9 & 10)
  - Turbo
  - Supercharger (both draw through and blow through applications)
- Press Next

**STEP 9**



- Use the slider bar to input the desired target AFR WOT without boost
- Press Next

**STEP 10**



- Use the slider bar to input the desired target AFR Offset per 7 lbs of boost
- The 4 boxes at the bottom show the AFR targets at each boost level
- Press Next

**STEP 11**



After answering all questions in the Wizard, your calibration will be created. Press the "Start" button to send the calibration to the ECU. Once this process is completed, you will see a screen indicating the file has been uploaded. Once file is uploaded, the Ignition Needs to be cycled.

## SENSOR VERIFICATION

Before starting the vehicle, verify that all of the sensors are reading properly. To do this, turn the key off, and cycle it back on. You should hear the fuel pump come on and run for 5 seconds.

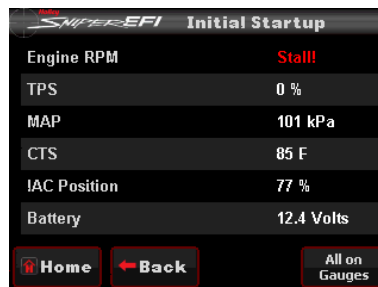
**Fuel Prime occurs 2.5 seconds after key-on (which is also the amount of time it takes for the touch screen to load). If you quickly turn the ignition key without waiting for the full 2.5 seconds, the prime will not occur and it may take longer for the engine to start.**

**Caution! Multiple key cycles without firing the engine could potentially cause a flooded condition. If ignition box or distributor has ability to send rpm signals with initial key on (such as Tach Sweep or Rev Limiter Verification), these settings must be disabled. Reference ignition system instructions.**

**Note: This is a great time to check for fuel leaks and verify fuel pressure.**

On the HOME SCREEN, select the MONITOR icon, then select the “Monitors” screen. You will see an icon named “Initial Startup”. Select this. With the key on and the engine off, these sensors should read as follows:

- **Engine RPM** – This gauge should show “Stall!”, once you begin cranking the engine it will show actual engine RPM
- **TPS** (Throttle Position Sensor) – Should read 0. Slowly depress the throttle to wide open. It should read between 85 and 100% at wide open throttle. If it does not, please verify your throttle linkage is allowing full travel of the throttle arm.
- **MAP** (Manifold Air Pressure Sensor) – Should read from 95-102. At high elevations it could read as low as 75.
- **CTS** (Coolant Temperature Sensor) – reads engine temperature.
- **IAC Position** – See Idle Setting/Throttle Plate Setting section in this manual.
- **Battery** – Will read battery voltage. Should be 12.0 volts minimum.



Initial Startup Screen

If ANY of these sensors are not reading properly, the underlying issue must be resolved before the engine is started.

## PRE-STARTUP CHECKLIST

Before starting the engine, double check for leaks, proper wire routing, any wiring hazards or loose nuts and bolts. This is a great time to visually inspect the overall Sniper EFI install.

- Verify Wiring - ECU must be powered and grounded directly at the battery and the battery is fully charged.
  - o Pink Wire must be attached to a 12V+ switched source that has voltage during cranking and run positions of the ignition switch. Verify this source with a multimeter.
  - o Coil Negative Ignition setups must have the Yellow Wire (coil – input) on the negative terminal of the Ignition Coil
  - o CD Box Ignition (no timing control) setups must have the Tach Output Wire from CD box connected to the purple wire (Crank Signal Positive) in the Sniper EFI Harness, using the provided Tach Signal Adapter.
- Handheld powers up
- Wizard has been run with correct Non Timing Controlled Ignition setup chosen
- Fuel pressure has been verified at the Sniper EFI throttle body and is between 55 & 65 psi
- All wiring has been tied away from potential hazards such as the exhaust, fans, pulleys, spark plug wires, 12 Volt accessory wires, the ignition coil and ignition coil wiring.
  - o Pay specific attention to the O2 sensor cable lead. Make sure that it is tied out of the way from any heat sources or other hazards.

## STARTUP

With the handheld still on the “Initial Startup” screen, crank the engine and look at the RPM parameter. It should change to “Syncng”, indicating the ECU is syncing with the RPM signal for an instant, then show an RPM signal. The engine should fire and run and come to an idle.

If the engine starts but is idling too low and appears to be struggling for air, you may have to open the throttle body idle speed screw at this time. A loud whistling may be experienced at idle if the throttle blades need be opened further. Refer to the section called “Idle Setting/Throttle Plate Setting”.

When using the base calibrations made from the Sniper EFI Wizard, closed loop may not be active at idle.

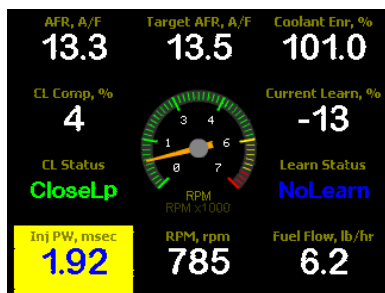
- Street Strip Cam: Closed loop at all rpms
- Race Cam: Closed loop above 2500 rpm, large camshafts and open exhausts will cause false AFR readings

NOTE: If the Sniper Stealth 4500 is installed on an engine with a mild cam shaft and the O2 sensor has a minimum of 18” of exhaust after its placement, closed loop can be turned on below 2500.

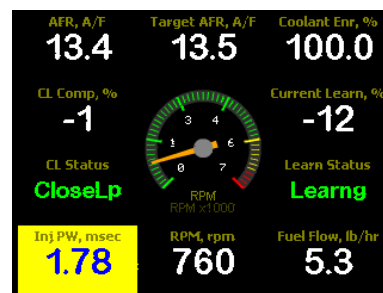
## AFTER STARTUP

Once the vehicle has started, double check for any fuel or coolant leaks. Let the vehicle warm up and look at some other parameters to make sure everything is operating properly. Go into the MONITOR, MULTI GAUGE, and select the “AIR/FUEL RATIO” Icon.

- **AFR, A/F** – This will show the air/fuel ratio the wideband oxygen sensor is reading. The Closed Loop Compensation should be adding or subtracting fuel all the time such that the AFR should always be close to the Target AFR value.
- **Target Air/Fuel Ratio** – This is the target AFR (air/fuel ratio) the ECU is trying to maintain. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load and coolant temperature.
- **Coolant Enr, %**: Indicates the amount of enrichment based on the coolant temperature. 100% is zero enrichment and will not reach this point until the engine is 160 Degree F. Engine will not go into learn mode until this is at 100%.
- **CL Status** – Indicates whether the engine is “Closed Loop” or “Open Loop”. Closed Loop indicates that the ECU is adding or subtracting fuel to maintain the target air/fuel ratio. The Sniper EFI calibrations are such that the system should be operating closed loop almost all of the time.
- **CL Comp, %** – This is the percentage of fuel that the ECU is adding or subtracting to maintain the target air/fuel ratio at any specific moment. A value with a minus (-) sign in front indicates the ECU is removing fuel. A value with no minus sign indicates the ECU is adding fuel. When in open loop operation, this will always stay at 0%.
- **Learn Status** – This indicates the status of the Sniper EFI “Self Tuning” operation (Learn Status). The system will automatically tune itself as you drive around. There are several conditions that must occur in order for the Self Tuning to occur. The engine temperature must exceed 160° F. The system must be operating in a closed loop mode, and the Self Tuning must be enabled. The base Sniper EFI setups have the Self Tuning enabled. Once the engine reaches 160° F, the Self Tuning should be active. The Learn Stat will show “NoLearn” when Self Tuning is not active and “Learn” if Self-tuning is active.
- **Current Learn, %** - This is the percentage of fuel the ECU is adding or subtracting to the base fuel map. This is not a progress bar. A value with a minus (-) sign in front indicates the ECU is removing fuel from the base fuel map. A value with no minus sign indicates the ECU is adding fuel to the base fuel map. Typical readings are between -20% - 20%, but can be higher or lower depending on the application that the Sniper EFI is installed on.
- **Inj PW, msec** – Indicates the injector pulsewidth. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load.
- **RPM, rpm** – Indicates the frequency that the engine is running at.
- **Fuel Flow, lb/hr** – Indicates the amount of fuel being injected into the engine at any given time. This will vary depending on the engine speed and load.



AIR/FUEL RATIO Multi-Gauge  
Engine below 160° F (NoLearn)



AIR/FUEL RATIO Multi-Gauge  
Engine above 160° F (Learn)

If any of these parameters are not showing a proper value, find out why before further driving the vehicle.

## **IDLE SETTING/THROTTLE PLATE SETTING**

Once the engine is up to operating temperature (above 160° F), the idle speed can be set to what was configured in the Wizard. To do this, open up the Initial Startup gauge screen. With the vehicle in neutral, adjust the idle screw (**Figure 5**) until the IAC Position reads between 2% and 10%. While adjusting the throttle plate screw, watch the TPS value and make sure it stays at 0%. While adjusting the throttle plate screw, the TPS position may begin to read higher than 0%. If this happens cycling the ignition switch will recalibrate the TPS back to zero.

**NOTE:** Do not attempt to set the target idle speed and IAC position until the engine is above 160°F!



**Figure 5**

## **FIRST DRIVE**

Congratulations on a successful installation of your Sniper EFI system!

Next, you need to simply drive your car and let the Sniper's self-tuning occur. It is best to drive in an area without much traffic where you can drive under different conditions.

It's always a good idea to have a passenger present to look at things like coolant temperatures, battery voltage, etc, on the first drive.

Start the car and let it idle. Let the car get up to operating temperature (coolant temperature over 160 degrees F) so that the self-tuning can occur. If you'd like, have a passenger look at the handheld display and look at the "CI Comp" value. Once this value is close to zero, the self-tuning process has been completed in that engine operating area. Next, put the car into gear if it's an automatic and let it run there. If the vehicle has air conditioning, you can turn it on, which will put the engine in a different tuning area as well.

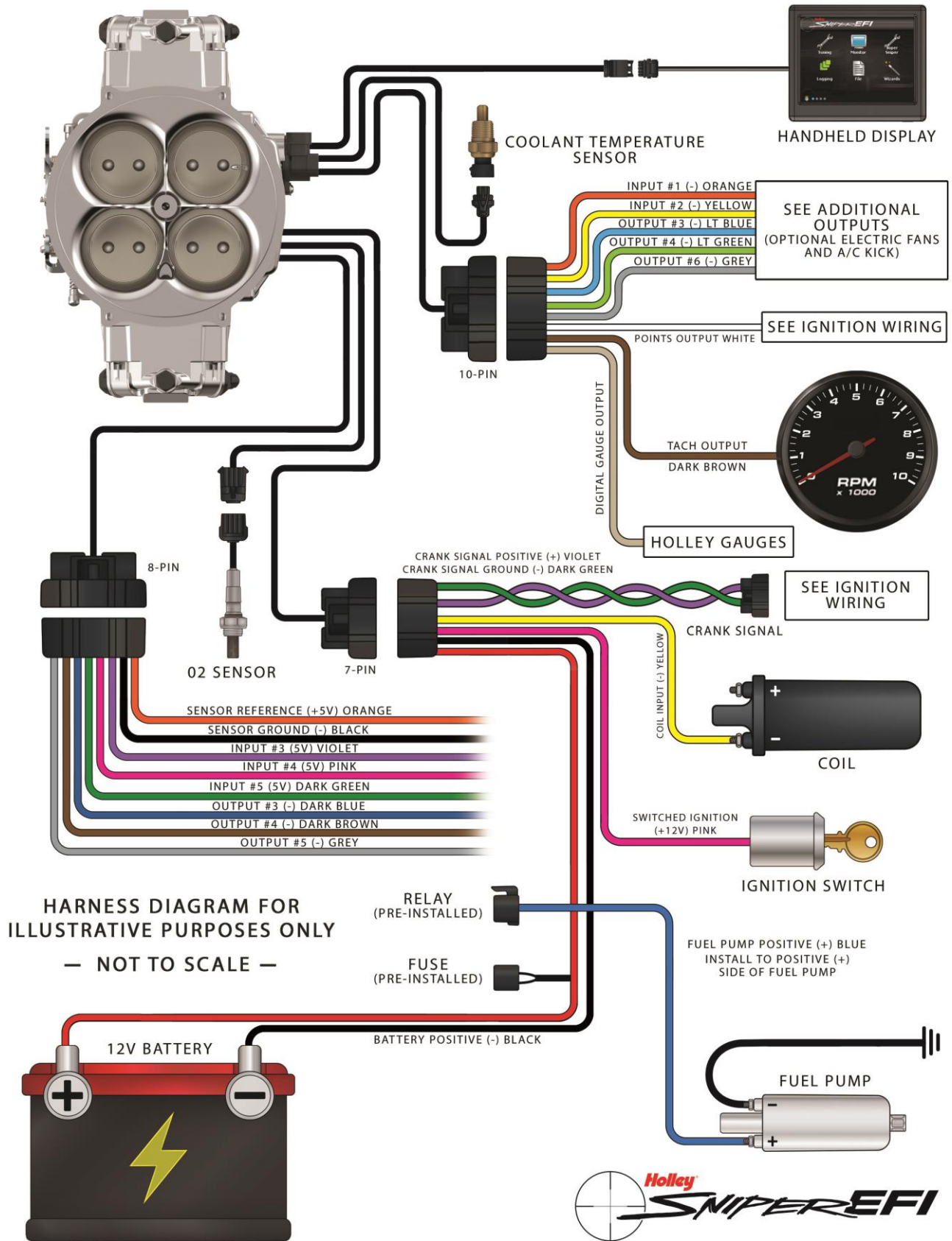
Next, slowly accelerate from a stop. If the transmission is a manual, do some slow clutch engagements away from a stop. Then cruise the vehicle at a steady speed, varying the speeds after a few minutes of steady driving. You can also drive in different gears. What you are trying to do is run the vehicle at different engine speed and loads.

After driving under various driving conditions, you can perform some harder acceleration runs including WOT runs.

After this, the Sniper EFI will have performed most of the self-tuning required for a good running engine. As closed loop percentage trends towards 0% in all driving conditions, the Sniper EFI has learned enough to transfer the learn table to the base fuel table and lower the Learn Comp Limits. Reference the Sniper EFI instructions for further details on transferring the learn table and lowering the Learn Comp Limits.

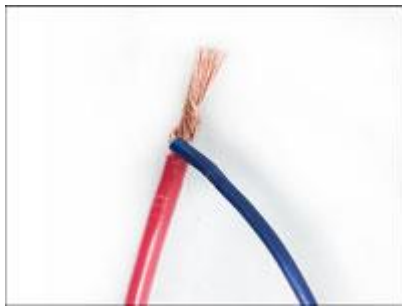
Just performing routine driving will accomplish the learning process. After the engine is up and running and has some drive time on it minor tuning refinements can be performed to optimize fuel economy and power by the user.

# SYSTEM INSTALLATION OVERVIEW



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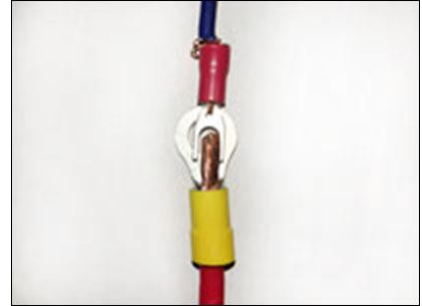
**DO NOT resort to any of these “wiring” methods!**



**Twisted Together Wires**



**Wire Nuts**



**Mismatched Connectors**



**T-Taps!**



**Wire Jammed Into a Fuse**



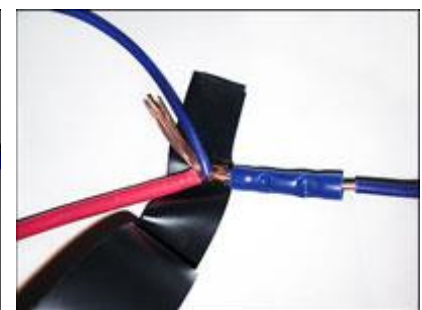
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**Bare wires!**



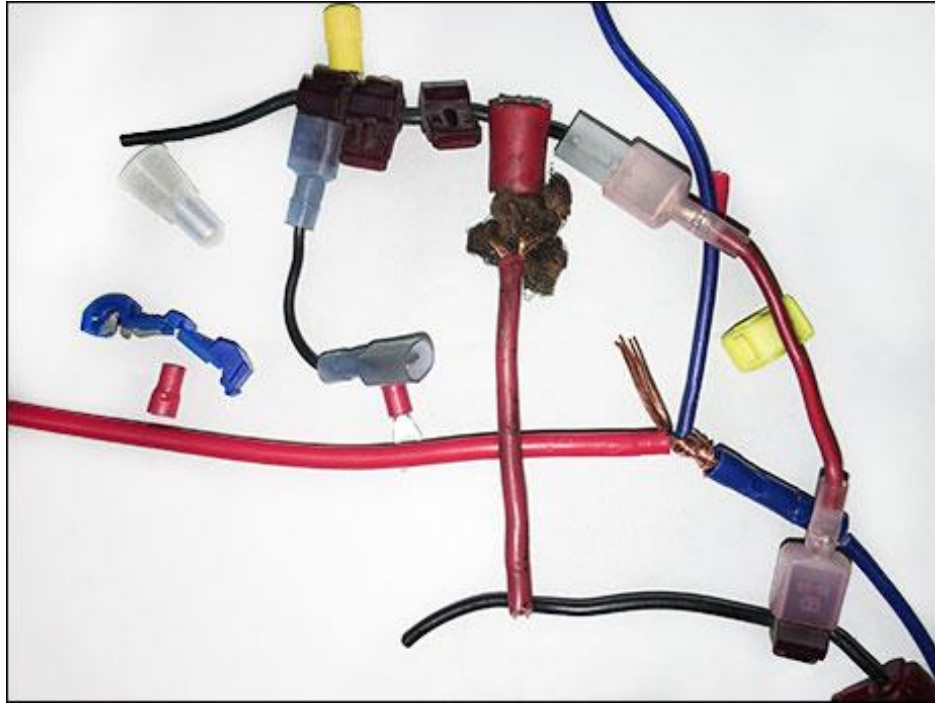
**Electrical Taping Bare Wires**



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**OEM Quality Connectors**



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