



**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR  
PRO-18 S3  
8 CHANNEL  
CAPACITOR DISCHARGE  
IGNITION**

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# **CAUTION**

**THIS WIRING DIAGRAM IS  
APPLICABLE ONLY TO  
IGNITION SYSTEMS WITH THE  
SERIAL NUMBER PREFIX  
STARTING**

**47xxxx**

**INCORRECT INSTALLATION  
WILL VOID WARRANTY**

# **IMPORTANT** **INSTALLATION NOTES**

## **MOUNTING**

Do not mount the unit where it will be exposed to water and ensure the two bottom drain slots are unobstructed. If you have an earlier unit without drain slots mount with connector end low.

Select a location away from excessive heat and provide a cooling air supply where necessary.

If there is a likelihood of strong vibration or the vehicle is stiffly suspended use soft rubber (40 duro) mounts on all four corners to isolate against the vibration.

## **IGNITION LEADS & SPARKPLUGS**

Do not use straight metal wire ignition leads as these will cause electrical interference which may effect the ignition or other electronic devices in the vehicle.

Do not use carbon suppressed ignition leads as the carbon core is not capable of conducting the cdi energy and will quickly become damaged.

For best performance use ignition leads with a spiral wound inductively suppressed metal core such as the Magnecor brand.

Be aware that not all brands of carbon resistor spark plugs are suitable for cdi use and the resistive element may become damaged from the cdi energy. NGK (Q series) and Champion (Z series) manufacture inductively suppressed sparkplugs specifically for high energy applications.

## **WIRING & POWER SUPPLY**

The M&W CDI ignition systems are designed to operate directly from 13.8V. Although the 115mJ Pro series will tolerate small voltage fluctuations it is vitally important that the 250mJ and larger Pro-Drag ignitions have a stable supply which does not drop below 12.5V.

Do not use a power supply above 18V as this may activate the internal over voltage protection.

Do not use a 'voltage booster' as most of them are unable to provide the instantaneous current required by the CDI to recharge correctly.

Connect the unit directly to the battery with the recommended gauge wire.

Twisted pair wire is must be used for all ignition coil and battery connections. Coil negative wires must all be returned to the connector pin and not joined in the harness. To comply with Australian EMC standards and for ultimate noise suppression it is necessary to use shielded twisted pair wire with the shield connected to ground at one end only.

It is very important to have a correctly sized fuse installed in the power supply wiring at all times as this will prevent damage due to over voltage and reversed polarity wiring. If the external fuse blows while the vehicle is running check battery voltage and alternator operation.

Where possible crimp the connector terminals and do not solder them as this will make the wire prone to break at the terminal.

## **TRIGGER EDGE**

(NOT APPLICABLE TO RELUCOR TRIGGER INGITIONS)

The cdi defaults to falling edge ignition, to select rising edge ignition it is necessary to connect the 'Trigger Edge' pin to the 'Signal Ground' pin. The level of the trigger edge input is only sampled when the cdi is initially powered up and therefore can not be changed during operation.

Where the ecu contains an in built igniter or there is an igniter in the trigger circuit between the ecu and cdi it may be necessary to select rising edge ignition as the igniter will invert the trigger signal.

If the incorrect timing edge is selected the ignition timing observed with a timing light will not match that commanded by the ecu and the difference will increase with rpm.

**IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THE TRIGGER EDGE ON THE IGNITION SYSTEM IS SET THE SAME AS ON THE ECU.**

### **LED INDICATOR**

Once the unit has been switched on the LED on the end of the box will illuminate for approximately 1 second and then extinguish. This indicates that the generator voltage has initialised correctly.

Each consecutive trigger input received, after powering up the unit, will be indicated by a single brief flash.

A repeated double flash of the LED indicates the generator has been unable to reach correct operating voltage. This may be due to faulty wiring, low supply voltage or an internal failure.

**CHECK IGNITION TIMING AFTER INSTALLATION  
IS COMPLETE**

# **IGNITION COILS**

## **CAUTION!**

**IGNITION COILS WILL BE DAMAGED INTERNALLY IF FIRED WITHOUT A HIGH VOLTAGE RETURN PATH.**

If your engine develops a misfire which can not be eliminated by other means try replacing the ignition coil on the suspect cylinder with one that is known to be good.

COP (coil on plug) coils with in built ignition drivers are not suitable for cdi applications. Small COP ignition coils may overheat when used with a cdi system unless wired in parallel for wasted spark applications. COP coils may not have sufficient insulation for use with our high energy Pro-Drag ignition systems

High voltage leakage from the ignition coil secondary to the primary will permanently damage an ignition system. Be aware that large sparkplug gaps, high manifold pressure and high cylinder pressure will significantly increase the coil stress and may cause insulation breakdown.

Most inductive ignition coils will work with CDI system however for best ignition power select one with very low primary resistance and inductance and a turns ration between 75 and 100 to 1 such as the Bosch MEC717.

For best ignition power use a cdi specific ignition coil such as our Ferrite CDI coils. Alternate high quality cdi coils such as the Crane PS92 or MSD HVC2 may also be used.

## **FERRITE COILS**

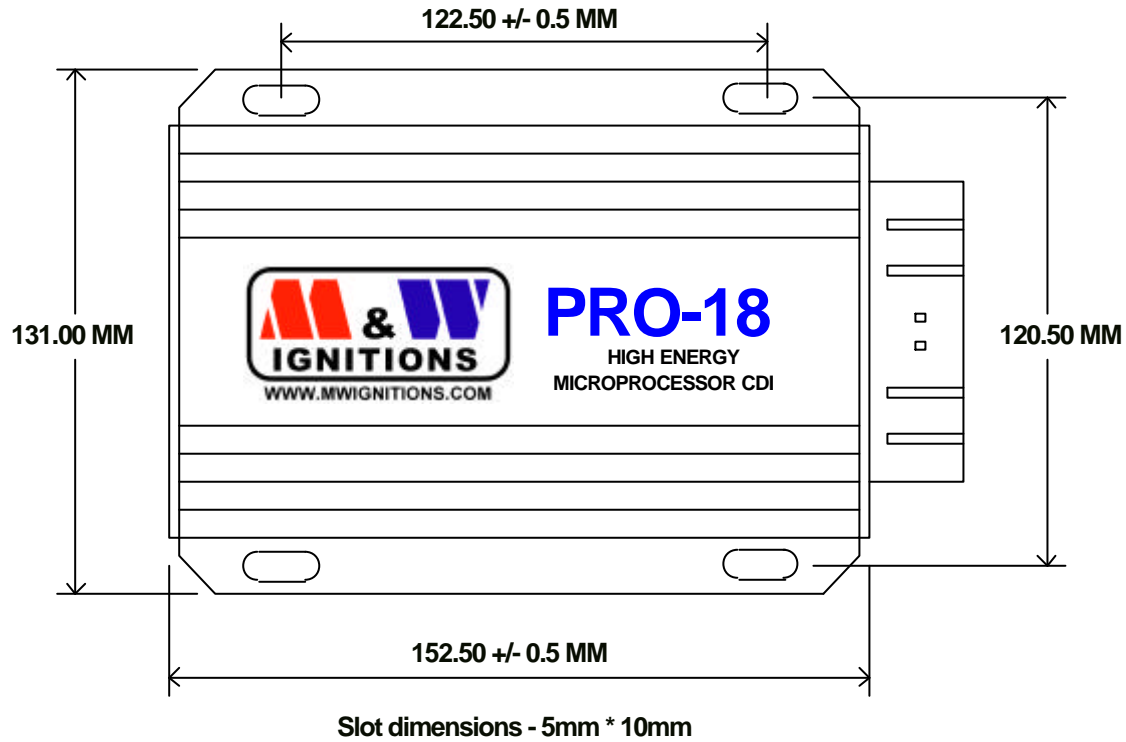
Be aware when buying ferrite coils from other suppliers as not all companies have the knowledge to correctly prepare them for automotive use. Due to their fragile nature and poor quality control during manufacture it is easy to experience prema ture ignition coil failure and engine misfiring unless correctly assembled. All coils prepared by M&W are individually tested before assembly and sale.

Note! Ferrite coils are only for direct fire applications and must not be used with a distributor.

**CAUTION!**  
**HIGH VOLTAGE**



DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE  
WORKING ON UNIT



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# M & W IGNITIONS

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VIEWED FROM BACK OF CONNECTOR



**KEEP ALL INPUTS WELL SEPARATED FROM COIL OUTPUTS**

1 +12V (Battery)	13 Ground (Battery)	25 Trigger C
2 +12V (Battery)	14 Ground (Battery)	26 Ignition switch
3 Trigger B	15 Trigger E	27 Trigger G
4 Trigger F	16 Trigger D	28 Trigger H
5 Trigger edge	17 Signal ground	29 Trigger A
6 Tacho	18 Shield	30
7	19	31
8	20	32
9 Coil G +	21 Coil G & H -	33 Coil H +
10 Coil E +	22 Coil E & F -	34 Coil F +
11 Coil C +	23 Coil C & D -	35 Coil D +
12 Coil A +	24 Coil A & B -	36 Coil B +

### SPECIFICATIONS

Supply voltage = 13.8V DC negative ground  
 Operating voltage = +5.5V to +15V  
 Maximum supply current = 7.0A  
 Power off current < 700uA  
 Maximum ignition frequency = 1350 Hz  
 Coil primary voltage = 480V  
 Spark energy = 115 millijoules @ 800Hz  
 Trigger = 10mA adjustable edge  
 Tacho = 12V, 25mA square wave  
 Maximum allowable case temperature = 105°C  
 Dimensions = 152L \* 110W \* 40H  
 Weight = 740gm

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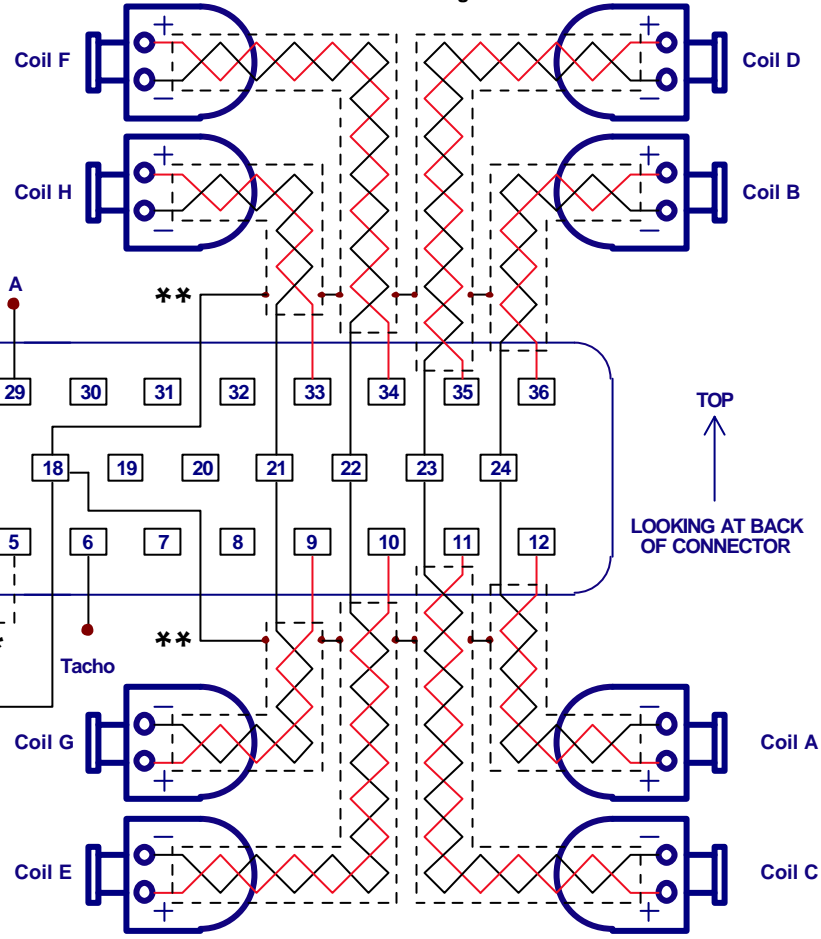


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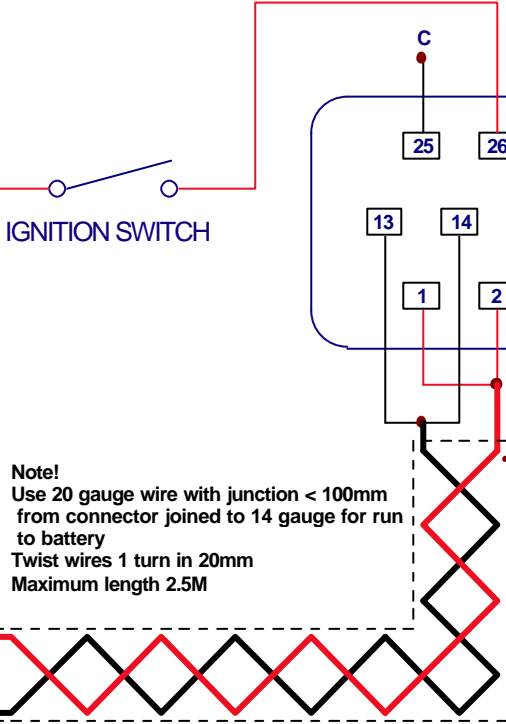
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Note!  
Use 20 gauge wire  
Twist wires 1 turn in 20mm  
Maximum wire length 2M



↑ TOP  
LOOKING AT BACK  
OF CONNECTOR



Note!  
Use 20 gauge wire with junction < 100mm  
from connector joined to 14 gauge for run  
to battery  
Twist wires 1 turn in 20mm  
Maximum length 2.5M

\* See installation instructions for trigger edge selection link  
\*\* Shielded cables required for Australian EMC compliance

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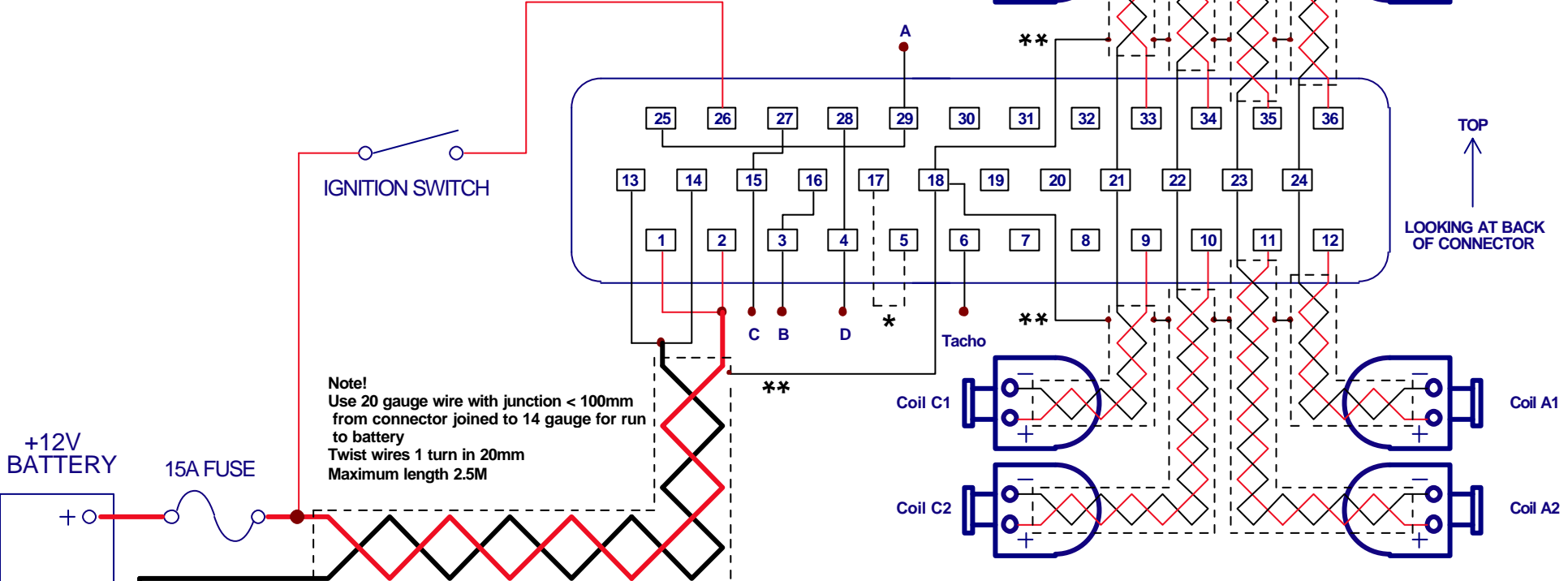


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