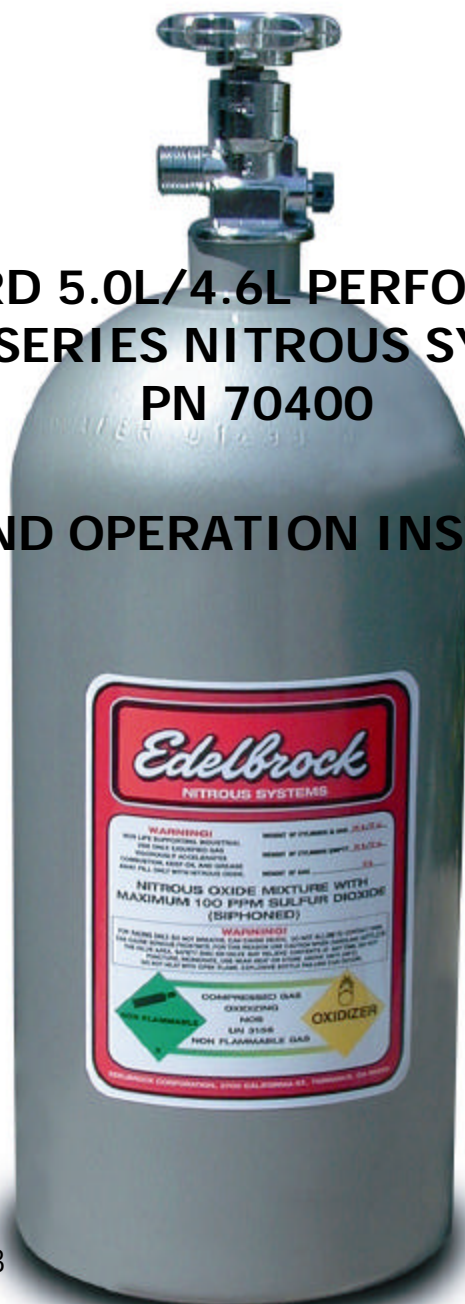




**FORD 5.0L/4.6L PERFORMER  
EFI SERIES NITROUS SYSTEM  
PN 70400**

**INSTALLATION AND OPERATION INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



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# ***Caution!!***

## **Before You Install Your Edelbrock**

Please read this Installation manual fully before installing this system.

You will need to have available the following tools:

- 
- Socket set including ratchets and extensions
  - Screwdrivers
  - Pliers
  - Bench vise
  - Wire crimping pliers, wire strippers
  - Floor jack
  - Vehicle jack stands
  - Safety glasses
  - Valve stem core removal tool

### **Power Tools**

- Power drill
- Drill bits (1/4", 7/16" and 3/8")

### **You should understand the following skills:**

- Power tool safety procedures
- Undercar safety procedures
- Proper measuring techniques
- Proper electrical assembly techniques
- Basic engine operation and tuning



Anytime you have questions or concerns with your Edelbrock Nitrous System, please call our technical support hotline at 1-800-416-8628 before you start your engine.

## WHAT IS NITROUS OXIDE?

Nitrous Oxide is a cryogenic gas composed of nitrogen and oxygen molecules. It is stored as a “gas over a liquid” which means that both liquid and gaseous nitrous oxide is delivered into your engine. It is *Nitrous Plus*, which is what produces the added horsepower. By injecting more oxygen (and a corresponding fuel signal), we create the additive that a turbocharger does.

Nitrous Oxide is considered an “oxidizer” and not a fuel. Nitrous oxide is not flammable by itself. Because nitrous oxide is a cryogenic, the same safety methods in handling dry ice apply to nitrous. Direct contact with the skin will cause a burn similar to contact with dry ice. The exception in this case comes from increased breathing hazards associated with the gaseous properties of nitrous oxide.

Nitrous Oxide is offered for sale in two common grades, which are U.S.P., and medical grade nitrous oxide. Its common use is dental and veterinary anesthesia as well as use as a propellant in food such as canned whip cream. U.S.P. is not available for sale in California. Medical grade nitrous oxide would provide no advantage in the making of horsepower over the automotive grade nitrous oxide.

*Nitrous Plus* was specifically designed for automotive consumption and differs from U.S.P. in that it contains trace amounts of sulfur dioxide (100 parts per million or “PPM”) added to prevent substance abuse. The Sulfur Dioxide is an irritant to all of your breathing passageways and will cause sore throats and coughing. *Nitrous Plus* was specifically created for automotive application and is available for sale to the public at many speed shops across the USA.

### ☒ Safety Steps For Working With Nitrous Oxide

1. **Never** inhale *Nitrous Plus* (Nitrous oxide ( $N_2O$ ) for vehicular use) as continued exposure can cause damage to your lungs. *Nitrous Plus* contains 100 parts per million (ppm) of sulfur dioxide and will cause irritation to nose and throat passageways.
2. When working around a high-pressure gas including nitrous oxide, take all precautions to ensure that exposure to nitrous oxide is minimized.
3. Do not vent nitrous oxide to atmosphere in confined spaces. Only vent nitrous oxide in well-ventilated and open areas.
4. Nitrous oxide **cause burns to human flesh** so protect all skin in and around your hands, arms and face. Wear safety glasses and rubber gloves to protect from liquid nitrous oxide.
5. When venting down the nitrous system, vent the line down closest to the ground.
6. Do not use any form of Teflon tape as sealant on fitting connections. Use only Teflon paste.
7. When assembling components, ensure the clean components are completely dry, free of oils, and solvents. Failure to remove all liquids could cause component or system failure.
8. Always turn the bottle off before making any repairs to the nitrous delivery system.
9. To safely release nitrous oxide in a pressurized line;
  - a. Position vehicle in a well-ventilated, unconfined space.
  - b. Turn the nitrous bottle valve off.
  - c. Slowly loosen the nitrous feed line at the bottle until you hear a light hissing noise.
  - d. Allow the entire nitrous pressure to vent from the line.
  - e. Perform your work on the system.
  - f. Tighten the nitrous line to the bottle.
  - g. Turn the nitrous bottle valve, listening for leaks.
  - h. Perform leak checks on all effected fittings and the bottle fitting.



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## 1.0 Introduction to your Edelbrock 5.0L/4.6L Ford Performer EFI Nitrous System

*....about this manual!*

Within the pages of this manual is information, safety tips and operation instructions for your new Edelbrock Nitrous System. Watch for these symbols to know where to go for information.



**....There is safety related information here.**



**....shows where technical information about your vehicle or specific skills that may help during installation.**



**....call Edelbrock Technical support hotline for more information.**

### 1.1 General Information

The Edelbrock 5.0L/4.6L Ford Performer EFI Nitrous system (Part Number 70400) is through 1995 5.0L and 1996 through 1998 4.6L Ford Mustangs with -style fuel systems and stock or slightly modified V- gines. Horsepower and torque increases can vary with equipment upgrades and modifications.

This system utilizes a single nozzle that is installed in the intake pipe between the air filter and the throttle body. The additional fuel needed with nitrous is

This system has been designed with some flexibility as to where certain compon can be located to allow easy installation on vehicles with upgraded or modified equipment. The solenoid and microswitch brackets are designed to be manipulated (bent, cut, twisted, etc.) and the electrical components have properly-

This system includes the bottle (shipped empty), bottle feed line and universal footprint s. The mounting brackets also include rubber insulators to protect the surface of your nitrous bottle while mounted in the brac nitrous bottle, pay close attention to the installation instructions for the location of your . Make sure that the installation of your bottle does not interfere with any systems that may lie under the location where you plan to drill holes for mounting the brackets.

Call your local automotive store, motorcycle shop or race track for refilling of Trust a professional to properly fill your bottle and reference your installation manual - filled bottle back into your vehicle.

Always take care when handling a full bottle of nitrous oxide. Please reference this manual for further safety measures to take during the handling of a nitrous oxide bottle.

Please follow all safety methods during the installation of your Edelbrock Nitrous System, and follow all vehicle regulations and road laws when using your nitrous

## 1.2 Jet Map Information

Edelbrock engineering has conducted dyno testing with the Edelbrock 5.0L/4.6L to ensure the horsepower increase the nitrous system is as intended. On a typically stock 5.0L or 4.6L engine, you can expect the following approximate power gain:

<u>Nitrous</u>	<u>/ Fuel Jetting</u>	<u>Final Air/Fuel Ratio</u>
80	#59 Fuel	11.5/1

The dyno tests were conducted at Edelbrock using a stock 5.0L engine as well as a stock 1996 4.6L engine. These tests were conducted with 950 psi nitrous bottle

## 1.3 Engine Operation Considerations

When used correctly, nitrous oxide safely elevates cylinder pressures and temperature while increasing combustion rate. These characteristics make the engine more sensitive to detonation. To ensure proper performance, engine and drive line life, the following considerations should be taken:

- **System Jetting**

Never exceed the recommended jetting!! Excessive jetting could result in severe engine

- **Fuel Quality**

Because Nitrous oxide is an oxidizer, fuel selection is critical. Both octane and fuel consistency affect fuel burn rate. The oxidizer quality of nitrous oxide will accelerate the burn rate, so we recommend a high quality of gasoline. We also recommend you use the same grade of gasoline every time you use your nitrous oxide system. This will help maintain the same fuel burn rate every time.

- **Ignition Components**

Most aftermarket performance chips increase the vehicle's ignition timing, which can cause detonation with the use of nitrous oxide. Please consult your manufacturer on information regarding the compatibility of your chip with nitrous oxide

If your engine is equipped with platinum-type spark plugs, we highly recommend they be removed and replaced with the equivalent standard-

- **Engine System Upgrades**

With all performance modifications, complementary system upgrades will always serve to enhance the consistency and longevity of an engine, especially when using nitrous oxide as a power adder. Modifications such as improving air flow, high-flowing exhaust, camshafts, cylinder heads, manifolds, fuel controls and fuel pumps can all add to the performance of a nitrous oxide injected engine.

## 1.4 Performer Kit Bill of Materials



- 
- 1 Nitrous Fan spray nozzle
  - 1 Nitrous Fan spray nozzle bulkhead body bolt
  - 1 Nitrous Fan spray nozzle bulkhead concave nut

### **Solenoids and solenoid hardware**

- 2 Performer Nitrous solenoids
- 1 Solenoid tee 1/8 NPT male x 1/8 NPT female x 1/8 NPT male
- 1 EFI solenoid mounting bracket
- 4 Solenoid mounting screws (8 x 32 UNC x 5/16")
- 1 Nitrous filter, 4AN x 1/8 NPT, straight fitting, blue
- 1 3AN x 1/8 NPT straight fitting, blue
- 1 90° swivel adapter, 4AN male x 4AN female
- 1 2 ft. 3AN steel braided hose

### **Nitrous Pressure Regulator and Hardware**

- 1 Nitrous pressure regulator assembly
- 1 1/8 NPT male x 1/8 NPT male union, brass
- 1 EFI vacuum tee assembly
- 1 T x 3/16" barb, hose adapter fitting
- 1 2 ft. x 3/16" rubber fuel hose
- 5 Ratchet hose clamps, 3/16"

### **Fuel Pressure Safety Swit**

- 1 Fuel pressure safety switch
- 1
- 1 1/16 NPT male x 1/8 NPT female adapter

### **Bottle and Bottle Har**

- 1 10lb. Nitrous bottle
- 1 Nitrous bottle bracket set (1 tall, 1 short)
- 2 Rubber insulators (for brackets)
- 1 Bottle nut and washer
- 2 Nuts, bottle bracket 5/16" x 18 x 1-
- 2 Bolts, bottle bracket 5/16" x 18
- 1 4AN 18 ft. main feed line

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  - 1

### **Electrical System Components**

- 1 Electrical Component Package (see page 13 for BOM)



## 2.0 Performer System Installations

### 2.1 Nitrous Bottle Mounting

The nitrous oxide storage cylinder is typically called a "nitrous bottle". It is an aluminum cylinder, designed and manufactured to withstand very high pressures. The valve on the bottle is a hand-operated, stem-wound, -flow design that allows easy opening and closing which controls the nitrous flow to the engine compartment.

Accurate calibration of your nitrous system depends on the bottle remaining at a stable temperature. In vehicles (such as Corvettes) where the bottle must be mounted in an area subject to direct sunlight, it is suggested that the bottle be shielded with a bottle shade.

If the bottle is mounted inside the passenger compartment or in a space that has no direct ventilation such as hatchbacks or vehicles that feature fold down rear seats, the pressure relief device (PRD valve) must be vented outside the cockpit. This procedure will prevent the passenger compartment from filling with a gas in the event of a safety pressure relief valve rupture. For further information on this question, please contact the tech line.

***Special consideration should be made to protect the bottle installation by not placing the bottle in a known crumple or crash zone within the vehicle. At no time should the bottle be mounted within the seating area of the passenger compartment.***

Bottle Valve Handle Pictured



Pressure Relief

Here is the Performer Bottle Valve. Installed on all bottle valves used in Edelbrock Nitrous Systems, is a Pressure Relief Device. It is a safety valve designed to vent the contents of the bottle into the atmosphere in case of a catastrophic event like a collision.

It is also installed to prevent the over-pressurization of the bottle. Unsafe bottle pressure is caused by over filling or elevated bottle temperatures.

**It is illegal to tamper with or remove this device.**

#### **☑ Bottle Safety Information**

1. *do not attempt to remove the bottle valve. Please return your bottle to Edelbrock if required to the siphon tube inside the bottle or the bottle valve itself.*
2. *do not heat the outside of your nitrous bottle with an open flame like that of a torch.*
3. *do not strike the surface of your nitrous bottle with a heavy or sharp object.*
4. *do not drop your nitrous bottle.*
5. *do not attempt to grind off or destroy any imprinted markings on the face of the bottle.*
6. *do not remove, modify or otherwise tamper with the safety valve on the bottle valve.*
7. *do not attempt to use a bottle that has been damaged or tampered with.*

Before you mount a nitrous bottle in a vehicle intended for use in racing or sanctioned events, check with the sanctioning association or local racetrack for any rules regarding bottle installation. Most associations require the bottle be mounted within the confines of the vehicle with the safety pressure relief cap vented away from the driver's compartment.

## 2.2 Bottle Mounting Instructions

Accurate calibration of your nitrous system depends on the bottle remaining at a stable attitude. Choosing the proper location and orientation for your bottle can greatly affect the overall operation of the nitrous system. Please read the entire bottle mounting instruction section before making your final bottle location decisions.

## 2.3

Bottle placement is critical to the performance of your nitrous system. It is important to the valve and siphon tube are assembled to properly orient the bottle in your vehicle and ensure that it picks up liquid nitrous acceleration. All nitrous bottles are assembled so that the bottom of the siphon tube is bottle, opposite the bottle label.

***An Edelbrock nitrous bottle cannot be mounted upside-down. Edelbrock does not -siphon tube bottle for automotive use. If the bottle must be mounted parallel to the axles of the vehicle (sideways), the valve angled at approximately 45 degrees toward the front of the vehicle. This siphon tube toward the rear and pointing to the lower -facing quadrant of the bottle. All of this positioning information i system operation. It is most important to draw as much liquid nitrous as possible. unless the bottle is positioned correctly.***



The most efficient mounting is the lay-down position with the valve handle toward the front of the vehicle. This position allows the greatest amount of liquid to be used before the siphon tube begins to pick up gaseous nitrous

## 2.4 Nitrous Bottle Installation

After you have determined the location and orientation of the nitrous bottle, use the procedure to install the bottle:

### Street Car Installations

1. Disconnect vehicle's battery.
2. Determine the location of the bottle within the confines of the rear of the vehicle.
3. Once a mounting location has been determined, raise the vehicle (following safety practices involved in working on a vehicle from under the vehicle) and verify fuel tank(s), brake lines, emissions equipment, or structural members in the way of potential mounting bolt locations.

**Note:** It may be necessary to remove the fuel tank depending on the location where

4. Install the rubber insulators within the bottle brackets.
5. Slip bottle into the mounting brackets.
6. Using the mounting bracket bolt holes as templates, mark an area for each of the brackets with chalk, metal marking pen, scribe, or marking pen to locate the bolt
7. Drill two (2) 3/8" mounting holes for each bracket.
8. If heater blanket is used, brackets must be installed 8 1/2 inches apart from each
9. Install the bottle mounting brackets using "Grade 8" bolts, nuts and flat washers (not with kit). Use fender washer underneath the vehicle for sheet metal
10. Tighten the mounting bolts using a thread locking compound (not included with kit).



Shown here is a bottle with a bottle bracket properly installed with the rubber insulator. The distance between the bottle brackets is somewhat adjustable. Remember, mount the short bottle bracket at least 1" from the bottom of the bottle, and never cover any of the bottle label with a

attempt to install the bottle in the bracket without the rubber insulator. The bottle hoop on the bracket is designed to include the thickness of the insulator.

### 2.4.2 Race Car Nitrous Bottle Installations

Install the bottle brackets in accordance to race track and/or sanctioning body rules. Contact the factory for assistance with meeting sanctioning body rules.

### Nitrous Bottle Installations For Vehicles With Hatchbacks Or Trunk Areas That Are Connected With The Passenger

Please contact Edelbrock for more information.

## 2.5 Nitrous Feed Line Mounting

1. Determine the route your main nitrous feed line will follow. Ensure the path does not run the nitrous feed line too close to the exhaust system, suspension, electrical lines/components or tires.
2. Attach nitrous supply line to bottle.
3. Feed nitrous line along proposed route.
4. Secure nitrous supply line to underside of vehicle.
  - ☑ **Note:** Stainless steel covering of the main nitrous feed line is very abrasive. Shield painted components or sensitive system components electrical, fuel lines, brake lines or suspension components to prevent them from contacting main feed line. Rubber hose
5. Leave nitrous line loose pending installation of nitrous solenoid.

## 2.6

Use the following procedures to install the Performer nitrous solenoids:

**use Teflon paste only** on pipe threads. \_\_\_\_\_ .

Placement of the solenoid is often limited by the lack of possible mounting locations in the engine compartment. However, if possible, observe the following

### ☑ Solenoid Safety Information

1. Keep solenoid and lines away from exhaust components.
2. Trial fit the solenoids with all lines attached to ensure a proper fit.
3. Solenoids may be mounted sideways or upside-down, if necessary.

### 2.6.1 Preparing To Mount Your Solenoids

1. Locate the EFI solenoid bracket, solenoid “tee”, and solenoid mounting screws.
2. This solenoid bracket can be modified (bent, twisted and/or cut) for easier installation in areas with minimal clearance. Please look at the photo on the next page for solenoid mounting location, and adapt your bracket according to the needs of your particular application.

### 2.6.2 Nitrous Solenoids and Nitrous Pressure Regulator Mounting

1. Hold one of the nitrous solenoids securely (like in a bench vise) being careful not to harm the solenoid or block the inlet or outlet of the solenoid.
2. Install nitrous filter fitting (Blue fitting 4AN X 1/8 NPT) using liquid Teflon, in the inlet port of the nitrous solenoid.
3. Install one of the 1/8 NPT male sides of solenoid “tee”, using liquid Teflon, on the outlet port of the nitrous solenoid. The female port of solenoid “tee” should be left open.
4. Install the remaining 1/8 NPT male end of the solenoid “tee”, using liquid Teflon, on the second nitrous solenoid. Rotate second solenoid so the female port of solenoid “tee” is facing the same direction as the first solenoid.
5. Install the 3AN x 1/8 NPT (blue straight fitting) into the outlet port of second nitrous solenoid.

6. Install one end of the 1/8 NPT male x 1/8 NPT male nipple fitting, using liquid Teflon, into nitrous pressure regulator inlet port which is the port on the end.
7. Loosely thread nitrous pressure regulator/nipple assembly into 1/8 NPT female
8. Using liquid Teflon, install 1/8 NPT x 3/16" barb fitting into side of the nitrous
  - i. ve nitrous solenoid/regulator assembly from vise.
  - ii. Attach EFI solenoid bracket to the bottom of the solenoids.
  - ii. Verify the desired mounting location for the solenoid/regulator assembly.
9. Install solenoid/regulator assembly in desire
10. Tighten nitrous regulator until barb fitting points towards the vehicle's fuel
11. I wiring loose for electrical systems installation.
12. Connect main nitrous feed line to inlet fitting (4AN x 1/8 NPT nitrous f of the first nitrous solenoid.



Here is a typical EFI solenoid/regulator assembly, mounted in the engine compartment of a vehicle, using a non-modified EFI solenoid bracket. Modifications performed to a solenoid bracket depend on many factors. When mounting the solenoid/ bly on the vehicle, considerations should be taken regarding any potential interference with the vehicle's systems or components.

The line length between the Performer EFI solenoid/regulator assembly and the jet fitting on the nitrous spray nozzle is 24 This should also be considered when mounting the solenoid/regulator assembly.

## Nitrous Spray Nozzle Installation

1. Determine nozzle mounting location in air inlet pipe, between air filter and throttle sure the nozzle, mounting collar, and the feed line from solenoid to nozzle, do not interfere with any components of the
2. Remove air inlet pipe.
3. Drill a 7/16" hole in inlet pipe where nozzle placement has been
4. Install nozzle mounting nut and collar onto inlet pipe.
5. Install inlet pipe.
6. Mark the spray direction on the
7. Using liquid Teflon, install the spray nozzle into the air inlet pipe making sure the nozzle discharge is toward the vehicl
8. Install the #47 jet into nozzle fitting.
9. Install 3AN line from solenoid outlet fitting to spray nozzle jet fit





## 2.8 EFI Vacuum “Tee” Installation

1. Install the #59 jet into the EFI Vacuum “Tee”, between the “Tee” and the blue anodized fitting. Tighten fitting securely.
2. Remove vacuum line from the vehicle’s fuel pressure regulator.
3. Install vacuum line that went to the vehicle’s fuel pressure regulator onto the center barb fitting of the EFI

*r barb can easily be identified by the anodized nut used to hold the Pressure Relief*



4. Measure the correct length of vacuum line from the barb on the Fuel Pressure Regulator to one port of the EFI Vacuum “Tee”. Cut vacuum line and install.
5. Measure the correct length of vacuum line from the barb fitting of the nitrous pressure regulator to the remaining open port on the EFI V
6. Using the included hose clamps, secure all hose connections on “Tee” and

## Fuel Pressure Safety Switch Installation



1. Locate fuel rail test port fitting.
2. Make sure the vehicle’s engine release pressure in fuel system by pressing down on valve in center of the fitting. This will allow the pressure to bleed as some fuel.
3. After relieving all pressure, remove test port fitting core and install the 1/16 NPT male x 1/8 NPT female brass fitting in its place, using liquid Teflon.
4. Using liquid Teflon, install Fuel Pressure Safety Switch into 1/16 NPT male x 1/8 NPT female brass fitting.

applications will require the “Banjo nut” at the fuel filter to be drilled and tapped (1/16 NPT tap supplied with system) to allow mounting of the fuel pressure safety switch.

### 3.0 Electrical System Installation



#### 3.1 Electrical Components Bill of Materials (BOM)

		Description
1		Activation microswitch
2		Activation microswitch bracket (not shown)
3		Activation microswitch mounting nut
4		Activation microswitch mounting screw
5		
6		Wire harness with integral relay/fuse holder
7		Red lighted toggle switch
8		18/22g female spade connector, Nylon insulated
9		14/16g female spade connector, Nylon insulated
10		14-16g male spade connector, Nylon insulated
11		16/18, splice connector
12		14/16g 3/8" ring terminal, Nylon insulated
13		18/22g ring terminal #10 Stud, Nylon insulated
14		18/22g ring terminal #8 Stud, Nylon insulated (.187)
15		18/22g female spade connector, Nylon insulated
16		15 amp ATO blade fuse

#### 3.2 Nomenclature Descriptions:

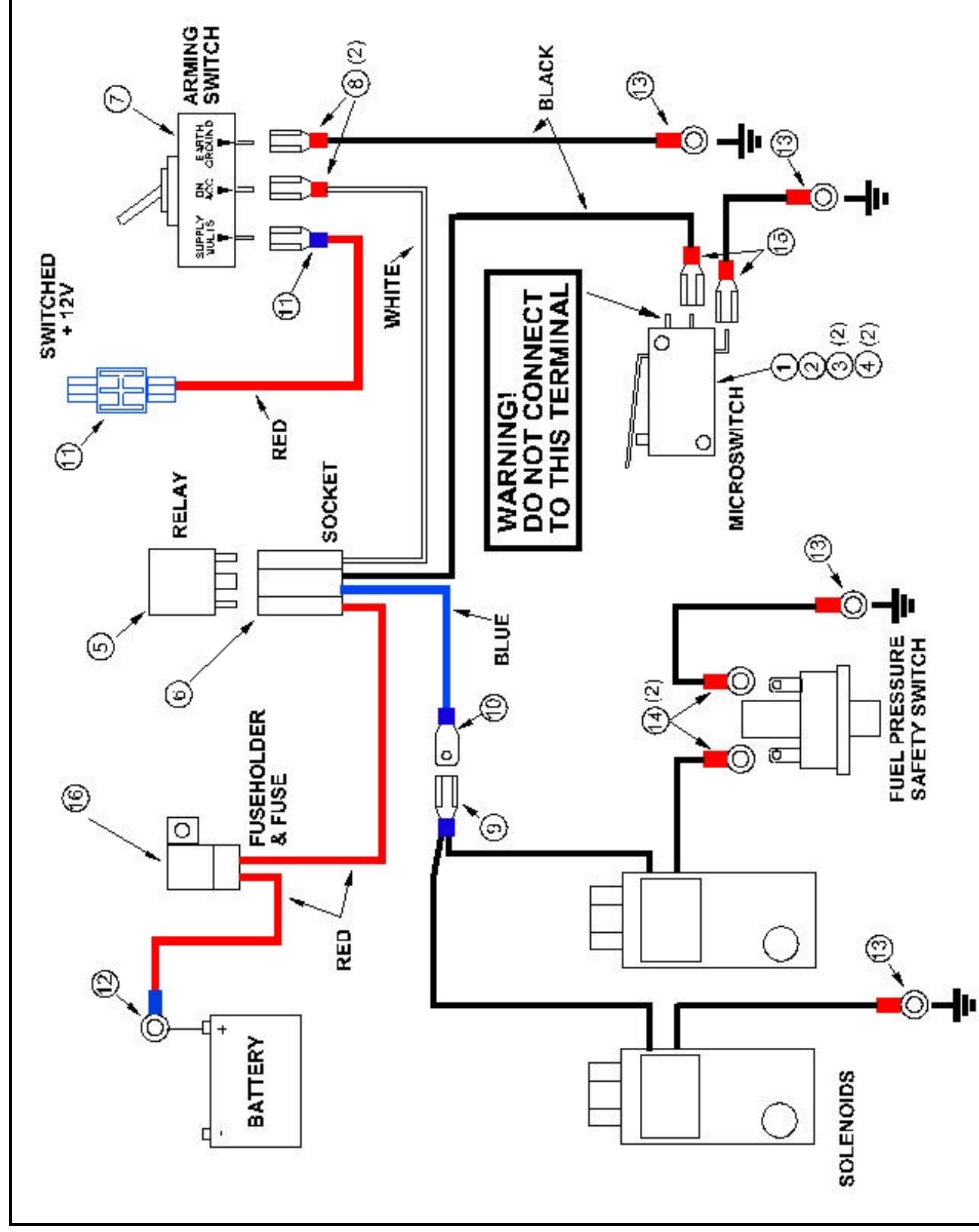
*ATO... the fuse configuration is ATO. When replacing this fuse, ask for an ATO*

**Important:** The wiring hardware and instructions included with this kit are intended for 12-electrical systems only. Before attempting to wire your Edelbrock Performer nitrous oxide system, examine and follow the wiring diagram on the following page. Please call the Edelbrock technical department with any questions concerning electrical wiring.



When working with electrical systems in your vehicle, it is a good idea to have a service manual is also good practice to have a book that specializes on the specialized techniques required when working with vehicular elect

### 3.3 Electrical System Wiring Diagram





### 3.4 Electrical System Installation Procedures

Determine the location of the Relay and Fuse Holder wire harness. Most common installations locate these components inside the driver's compartment and close to the fuse panel under the dash. You can also mount the Relay and Fuse Holder and harness close to the battery. However, these connectors are water-resistant not waterproof required when mounting this assembly under the hood of your vehicle.

#### Wire Schematic Origin and Destination Map

Red			Bat. Volt. Signal	
Red			Underdash Switched 12V	
			Solenoids #1 & #2	
			Fuel PressureSafety	

#### Relay and Fuse Holder Installation

The wire harness attached to the relay and fuse holder includes 8 feet of color- make the electrical system installation for your Edelbrock Nitrous System as easy as possible. do cut any lengths of wires from the wire harness or complete the wiring of the nitrous system until all of the mechanical com

Once all of the solenoids and switches are placed, then route the un-cut wires from the harness to each location allowing enough wire length on each circuit to not interfere with s, heat sources, brackets, etc. Pay particular attention to sharp edges along the route of your wire harness as they can chafe the wire and cause your system to fail.

After you have accounted for the routing of your wires, follow the Wire Harness Schemat page 14 and use the Origin and Destination Map as a guide for which electrical connectors

you have decided the location of the relay and fuse holder, secure them with fasteners (not included with kit) such as sheet metal screws, bolts and nuts, etc. Allow for some slack in the red wire that connects the relay and fuse holders together.

mounting your relay and fuse holder, make sure the mounting surface is strong enough to support servicing the relay and fuse. Also, ensure you allow for some slack in the wire that joins the fuse holder to the relay mount. This will avoid any potential

The fuse is covered by the fuse mount housing.

The relay for the Performer s , and the fuse is .

### 3.6 Arming Switch and Installation

The arming switch is a red, lighted switch that is a “MASTER” arming switch for your system. Without it, your nitrous system would be “on” all of the time and capable of engaging anytime you go to wide-throttle conditions with your vehicle. The switch, when in the “armed” position, is well lit, therefore it should be placed in an obvious position well within the line of sight and easy reach of the driver. Please refer to the procedures below for the instal

1. Locate the final position of your arming switch.
2. Drill a .450” hole for the switch location.
3. Insert the switch from behind the mounting hole and secure with the switch nut.
4. wire until all other mechanical components are in place. Please see the electrical system installation instructions for further information.

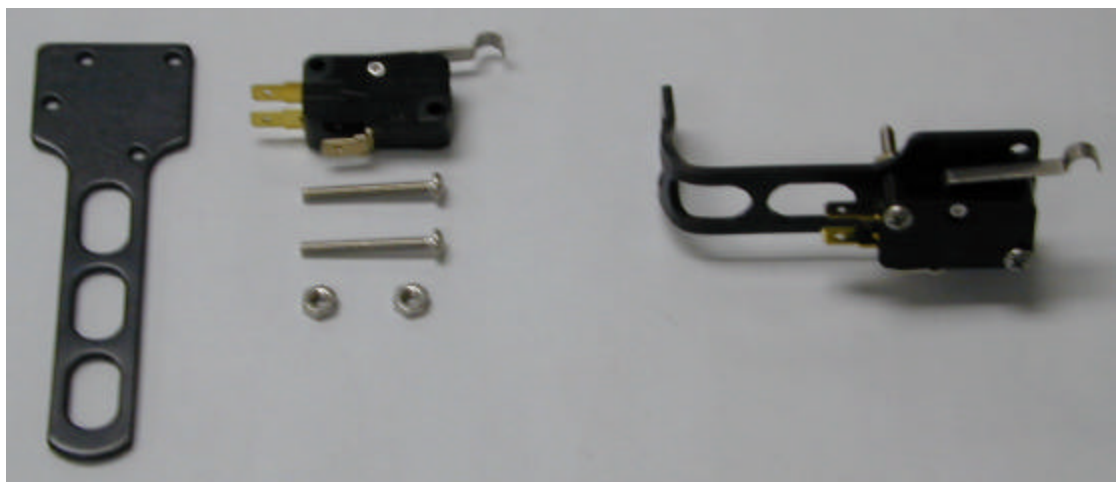
llar included with the switch for applications that require special

### 3.7 Microswitch Installation and Wiring

The function of your microswitch is to enable your nitrous system. It should be insta so that the switch is forced closed by coming in contact with the throttle linkage only at  
**The nitrous system must only function at wide-**

#### ☒ **MICROSWITCH SAFETY INFORMATION**

1. allow wiring from the microswitch to come in contact with heat sources on the intake manifold such as EGR risers or passageways.
2. s to the microswitch that can create interference with the operation
3. The microswitch must be located in such a way as to be clear of the normal operation of the throttle linkage.
4. directly expose the microswitch to liquids such as water or gasoline.

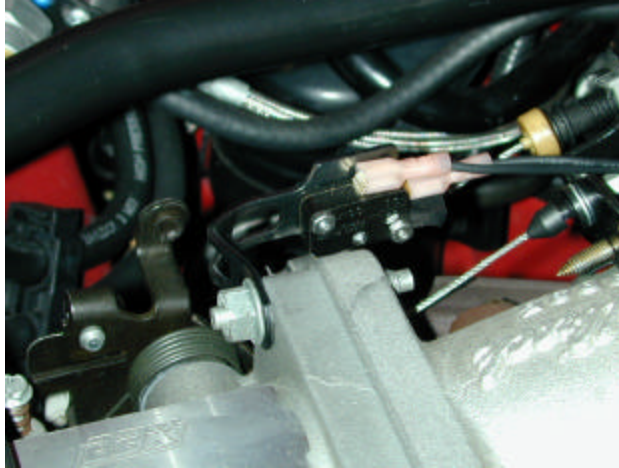


This is a picture of an un-modified and “ready to install” microswitch assembly. The microswitch bracket has several mounting positions available for clocking of the switch. It also is of a universal length and can be attached to several positions on and

### 3.7 Microswitch Installation and Wiring (Continued)

The bolts used to attach the microswitch have extra length to allow for spacing the microswitch away from the bracket to offer a level of adjustability of the microswitch. If necessary, of the microswitch, we recommend trimming the bolts for

Due to the wide variety of throttle linkage combinations in use, it is impossible to supply a microswitch bracket custom-tailored to each application. The universal bracket-supplied will need to be modified to fit your specific application.



Here is the microswitch assembly mounted for use with an Edelbrock Throttle body (#3825) on an Edelbrock intake

example of one of many ways in which to mount a microswitch on your manifold. The microswitch bracket allows for many mounting positions. The microswitch bracket can be modified to clear almost any potential interference around the throttle linkage.

Please look for potential microswitch mounting locations and adapt your microswitch

The microswitch bracket is drilled to allow many different switch mounting positions. Adjust the microswitch to be positioned in such a manner that it will engage the throttle linkage without interfering with its normal operation. The bracket may be manipulated (bent, twisted, and/or cut) to best suit your combination. Adjust the microswitch so the actuation arm is triggered by throttle linkage making sure all wiring and the bracket do not interfere with the linkage.

Adjust microswitch to ensure the actuation arm “clicks” at the same point you linkage reaches wide open throttle against the throttle stop. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3.8 Final Electrical Installation Recommendations

☒ **At this time, it is advised that you double-**

1. -check all wires so that they do not come in contact with any heat sources
2. -check the wires that lead from the microswitch to ensure they do not interfere with the operation of the throttle linkage.
3. Make sure the relay and the fuse are serviceable and mounted securely.

You are ready to hook up your battery and prepare your vehicle to run.

## 4.0 Before You Run Your Vehicle Using Your Edelbrock Nitrous System

You have just completed the installation of your Edelbrock Nitrous System. It is time to perform some basic system checks to ensure all of the work you have done is correct and ready to operate properly. The following procedure is designed to validate the operation of your nitrous

 **Note:** Before performing steps 1 thru 4, make sure that the nitrous bottle is closed and

### 4.1 Fuel System Check

1. Hook up all battery leads.
2. -check all wires and leads for signs of heat and proper connections.
3. Turn the ignition key to the engine "on" position without starting the engine.
4. Inspect fuel rail where Fuel Pressure Safety Switch has been installed for any leaks.

### 4.2 Nitrous System Check

1. With the vehicle's engine running, slowly open nitrous bottle valve.  
*There should be no change in engine idle speed. If idle speed changes, bottle valve immediately and refer to the "Troubleshooting -21.*
2. Inspect nitrous lines and fittings for leaks using a soapy water mixture and a small
3. If any of the fittings/connections show bubbling around the attachment nut threaded area of the fitting, shut the nitrous bottle valve off immediately and dry the service to that particular fitting connection.
4. If the engine idle does not come up, and all of the fittings appear to be leak- you have successfully completed the installation of you Edelbrock Nitrous System.

## 5.0 Troubleshooting and Routine Maintenance

How to use our Troubleshooting Flowchart:

The troubleshooting of a nitrous system is basic and straightforward. The symptom chart is divided by symptom, cause and action required. Determine your problem (symptom), identify the potential problem (cause) and correct the problem (action required).

### **Symptom #1... *Change in engine speed when nitrous bottle valve is opened.***

1. Malfunctioning nitrous solenoid.
  - a. Refer to solenoid inspection and repair on page 21.
  - b. Repair/replace solenoid.
2. Contamination in nitrous solenoid.
  - a. Refer to solenoid inspection and repair on page 21.
  - b.

### ***Engine runs excessively rich when system is activated.***

1. Nitrous bottle valve not fully opened.
  - a. Check bottle valve.
  - b. Open valve fully.
2. Nitrous bottle mounted improperly.
  - a. Mount bottle properly. See manual pages 7-8 for more information.
3. Plugged nitrous filter.
  - a. Clean and/or replace nitrous filter.
  - b. See nitrous solenoid symptom #1.
4. Low bottle pressure.
  - a.
  - b. Bottle should be 10 lbs. above empty, bottle weight listed on bottle label
  - c. Bottle temperature.
  - d. Maintain 80 to 85 degrees of bottle surface temperature.

### ***No change in performance when system***

1. System wired incorrectly.
  - a. Compare wiring to schematic. See page 14.
  - b. Wire per instructions.
2.
  - a. Connect test light to battery "+" (positive) terminal. Check for continuity at grounds.
  - b. Tighten/repair loose
3. No power to arming switch.
  - a. With ignition "on", connect test light to battery "-" (negative) terminal. Check for power at pole #1 on arming switch.
  - b. Repair wiring as necessary.
4. Malfunctioning arming switch.
  - a. With ignition "on", turn arming switch "on." Connect test light to battery "-" terminal. Check for power at terminal #1 wire on arming switch.
  - b. If power is present, replace arming switch.
5. Malfunctioning microswitch.
  - a. Turn arming toggle "off". Open (lever is not being activated) throttle microswitch, check for continuity between microswitch wiring terminals.
  - b. If continuity is present, replace microswitch.

6. Inadequate nitrous supply.
  - a.
    1. Bottle should be 10 lbs. above empty bottle weight listed on bottle label when
  - b. Check bottle pressure.
    1. -950 psi for optimum system performance.
  - c. Check bottle temperature.
    1. n 80 to 85 degrees of bottle surface temperature.
  - d. Check bottle valve.
    1. Open valve fully.
  - e. Check bottle orientation. See p
    1. Mount bottle properly.
7. Mismatched nitrous/vacuum "TEE" jetting.
  - a. Compare jetting to recommended values. See page 5.
    1. Install correct jets
  - b. Verify the number stamped in the jet.
    1. Acquire the right size jets and install correct jets.
8. Loose nitrous solenoid wiring.
  - a. Inspect solenoid wiring. See pages 13-14 for wiring information.
  - b. Repair wiring as neces
9. Malfunctioning nitrous solenoid.
  - a. Inspect solenoid wiring. See pages 13-14 for wiring information.
    - 1.
  - b. Inspect solenoid. See symptom # 2.
    1. Rebuild/replace solenoid.

***Engine detonates mildly when system is activated.***

1. Excessive ignition timing.
  - a.
    1. Reduce timing in 2-degree increments for every 50 hp.
2. Inadequate octane fuel.
  - a. Verify what gasoline you use.
    1. -
3. Spark plug heat range too high.
  - a. t heat range the spark plug is, and how it functions in a high load, high performance application.
    1. Install a performance spa
    2. Reduce spark plug heat range.
4. Too much nitrous flow.
  - a. Verify the size of the nitrous jet.
    - 1.
  - b. Check bottle temperature and pressure.
    1. Ensure before every nitrous usage that you only use nitrous when the temperature and pressure of your bottle are correct.

**Symptom #6... *Vehicle surges under acceleration when system is activated.***

1. Inadequate nitrous supply.
  - a.
    1. e should be 10 lbs. above empty bottle weight listed on bottle label when full.
  - b. Check bottle temperature.
    1. 5 degrees of bottle surface temperature.
  - c. Check bottle valve.
    - 1.
  - d. Check bottle orientation. See pages 7-8.
    1. Mount bottle properly.

**Solenoid inspection and maintenance.**

1. Close valve on nitrous bottle.
2. Make sure all nitrous supply lines are free of pressure before removal of any system solenoid.
  - a. Empty main nitrous supply line at the nitrous bottle. Take care to not breathe or expose your
  - b. **Do not open pressurized fuel lines over a hot engine .**
3. s solenoid from the engine and securely clamp it into a vise, taking great care not
4. noid cover, retaining nut from top of the nitrous solenoid.
5. Remove coil and housing from nitrous solenoid base.
6. em from nitrous solenoid base. Do this by using a solenoid stem removal tool or by “double nutting” the stem and unscrewing the **pliers on solenoid stem**; damage to the stem will result.
7. spring and plunger from the solenoid base paying close attention to
8. Examine the plunger seal for swelling, cuts and abrasions. The seal surface should be flat, except for a small circular indentation in the center of the seal.

A seal that has been contaminated or over-pressurized will bulge from exposure to chemicals other than nitrous oxide. It can appear to extend down from the plunger and be -shaped. A contaminated seal may return to its original shape if left out i approximately 48 hours. It may then be returned to service. If it does not return to its original
9. Clean the solenoid body. **Do not use an oil-based solvent to clean any part of the solenoid.** er or electrical contact cleaner. Remove any contaminants that may be present. Make sure solenoid body is clean, dry and free
10. -Ring, plunger and piston spring.
11. Re-assemble solenoid by reversing disassembly p



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