



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR: ROVER V8 PERFORMANCE DISTRIBUTOR

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **IMPORTANT:** Read all instructions before starting installation.
2. For **12-volt negative ground** systems only.

DISTRIBUTOR REMOVAL

1. Crank the engine until the first cylinder in the firing order is at TDC "Top Dead Center" on its compression stroke. The timing indicator should point to TDC or 0.
2. Remove the distributor cap, leaving the spark plug wires attached. Set the cap and wires out of the way. Make sure that the rotor is pointing towards the contact on the distributor cap for the first cylinder in the firing order.
3. Disconnect the battery negative (-) cable.
4. Disconnect all wires and hoses attached to the distributor.
5. Remove the distributor hold down bolt and clamp.
6. Remove the distributor by lifting up on the distributor housing while slightly turning the rotor.
7. Check the distributor gear for signs of excess wear, or potential problems.

DISTRIBUTOR INSTALLATION

Note: Original hold down clamp must be used with new *Flame-Thrower* distributor. Hold down bracket must be free of paint and corrosion, this will insure that a proper ground is made to the engine block.

1. Remove the *Flame-Thrower* distributor cap.
2. Lubricate the distributor gear and distributor shaft with clean engine oil.
3. Turn the shaft so that when the distributor is placed into the engine, the rotor position matches that of the original distributor. As the distributor drops down, the rotor will turn slightly as it engages with the camshaft gear. Adjust for this rotation by turning the rotor a few degrees prior to the gear engagement. Several attempts may be necessary to achieve the proper rotor position. **Note:** The distributor flange will be flush with the engine block if the installation is done properly.
4. Place the distributor cap onto the housing.
5. Turn the housing so that the terminal, that represents the first cylinder in the firing order, lines up with the rotor.
6. Install the distributor hold down clamp and tighten the hold down bolt slightly.
7. Install new distributor cap. Transfer the spark plug wires from the original cap to the new cap one by one to insure their proper location.



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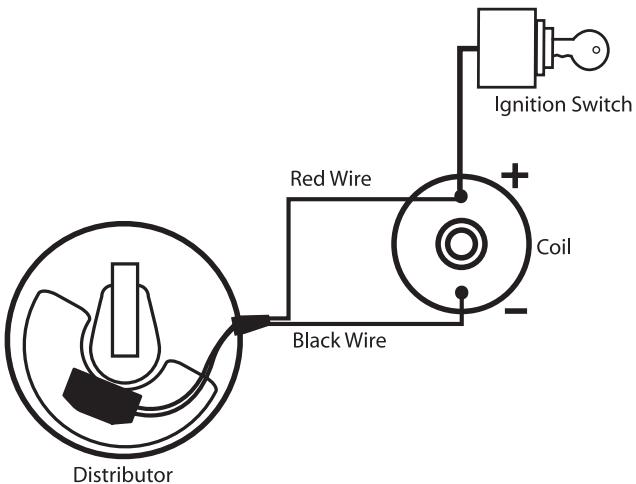
Vacuum advance:

Locate the vacuum hose that was previously attached to the vacuum advance canister. Some applications have vacuum advance hoses attached to a manifold vacuum source, due to the performance advance curve, we recommend that you relocate this hose to a ported vacuum source. After setting initial timing the hose will be unplugged and attached to the vacuum advance on the distributor.

WIRING

The *Flame-Thrower* distributor can be used in conjunction with most Ignition coils rated at 1.5 ohms or greater. For optimum performance purchase and install a 1.5 ohm *Flame-Thrower* or 1.5 ohm HV high performance coil.

1. Determine the proper wire length, and attach the provided terminals. (Use a designated wire crimping tool to achieve an adequate connection)
2. Attach the **Red** wire to the coil positive terminal or a 12-volt ignition source. **Note:** Original ignition wire must be connected to the (+) positive side of the Ignition coil.
3. Attach the **Black** wire to the coil negative terminal.
4. Check to insure correct polarity and that all connections are tight.
5. Reconnect the battery negative cable.



FINAL ADJUSTMENTS

1. Plug vacuum port to vacuum advance canister before setting initial timing.
2. Start the engine and set the initial timing.
3. Tighten the distributor hold down clamp.
4. Connect the vacuum hose to the vacuum advance canister.

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. The engine will not start or runs rough. What is the problem?

- A. Check all connections to insure that they are tight, and in the proper location. Make sure that the red wire from the *Flamethrower* distributor is supplied with a full 12 volts. Check all wires for shorts, correct polarity and that the ignition coil's primary resistance level is acceptable.

Q. The vehicle will start, but then die. After waiting it will start again. What is wrong?

- A. Check for a "Low Voltage Problem." If the voltage supplied to the *Flame-Thrower* distributor red wire is insufficient, the system may run for a period of time, and then shut down as the voltage drops due to engine heat. The period may vary from minutes to hours depending on available voltage and wiring condition.

Q. How do I check for a "Low Voltage Problem" or determine if I am getting adequate voltage?

- A. To quickly test for a "Low Voltage Problem" or for adequate voltage, remove the *Flame-Thrower* distributor red wire from the coil positive terminal. Attach a jumper wire from the battery positive terminal to the distributor red wire. Try to start the vehicle. If the vehicle starts, low voltage is the problem.

Q. How do I check my coil for primary resistance?

- A. Remove all wires from the coil. Set the ohmmeter to the lowest scale. Attach one lead of the meter to the positive coil terminal. Attach the other lead to the negative coil terminal. The *Flame-Thrower* distributor is compatible with coils having a resistance of 1.5 ohms or greater.

Q. May I modify the length of the wires?

- A. Yes, you may cut the wires to any length your application requires. You may also add lengths of wire if needed (20-gauge). Make sure that all wire splices are clean and the connections are tight.

Q. Will the *Flame-Thrower* distributor work with aftermarket capacitive discharge boxes?

- A. Yes, the *Flame-Thrower* distributor is compatible with most CD boxes in the same respect as points. Use the CD box wiring instructions for point systems and treat the Ignitor II black wire as a point wire. The *Flame-Thrower* red wire should be attached to the 12-volt power source.

Q. How can I receive additional help?

- A. Check our web site for current trouble shooting tips and up to date technical information. Log on to www.pertronix.com. You may also contact our tech line at (909-599-5955)