

OPTIMUM MARINE EFI



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Congratulations on the purchase of your AFI "OPTIMUM MARINE EFI"[®] TBI system. The following instructions are intended to provide you with thorough description for installing your TBI system. Please read through the instructions completely before beginning your installation. Many of your questions may be covered within this manual.

Verify that all of the components are included in your shipment.

1. Wiring Harness
2. ECM
3. Throttle Body (with IAC and TPS)
4. ECT sensor (Engine Coolant Temp)
5. IAT sensor (Intake Air Temp)
6. MAP Sensor (Manifold Absolute Pressure)
7. Wide Band O2 Sensor with adapter plate (option)
8. Fuel Pump Relay
9. Power Relay
10. Check Engine Light
11. Distributor (option)
12. Distributor module (option)
13. Fuse protection link
14. Fuel filter
15. Inline Fuel Pump
16. Fuel Pressure regulator

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: THIS IS A CUSTOM FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM BUILT FOR YOUR ENGINE. AS WITH ALL CUSTOM PROJECTS SOME FABRICATION MAY BE REQUIRED. YOU MAY ALSO REQUIRE SOME SMALL PARTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE KIT.

ECM

The ECM is the central unit of the fuel injection system. This unit provides the signals that trigger the injectors. The ECM can be mounted anywhere in the engine compartment. Typically it is mounted somewhere behind the engine but is not required.



This is a state of the art ECM which is weatherproof, shockproof and can be operated at a continuous temperature of 230° F.

WIRING HARNESS

The wiring harness included with this kit has been specially built for your unique application. This harness only includes the connectors and leads that are required to run your particular engine based upon the order specifications. Therefore, if there are leftover parts this indicates that an error has been made during assembly and installation of the system. (Open Loop configurations may still have the O2 sensor connector, but not used) Each connector will be marked with a label to the correct sensor that it is to be connected too. In the following section we will describe each sensor and the connector that attaches to it. The wiring harness is fabricated to allow the proper sensor to be hooked up to the respective connector. The "keying" of the connector will not allow for an improper connection.

There is one fusible link required which is to be securely connected to the red battery wire after this wire is cut to length.

The PINK power wire needs to be attached to an Ignition 1 (IGN1, battery power only with key on or in the crank position) power source. Ensure that this is an ignition 1 source. An ignition 1 source is 12volts available any time that the key is not in the off position. Also, this PINK wire must have 12V while the vehicle is in the cranking mode (starting). This means the wire will have power when the key is on, or start, or back to on. Usually this wire can be taken from the proper terminal on the ignition switch or from the fuse box. In a marine application this wire must not be connected to the power side of the coil (+). Interrupt switches on some of these applications can pull down the power and shut off the ECM during a shift; this will cause the

engine to stall. The system will not work if power is not provided to the (PINK) ignition wire while cranking.

The red wire is to be connected to a direct battery lead which has 12v always feeding it; a direct connection to the battery or starter relay is optimal. It is important that these wires are connected to the indicated source or your fuel injection system will not operate properly.

A main fuse link is provided which is the primary fuse protection for the entire system. This link is to be installed at the battery source and secured and sealed to the red battery wire.

It is very important that the ECM and components be supplied with proper voltage. Improper operation of the charging system can result in system malfunctions and drivability issues. The vehicles charging system must be operating at 13.2 volts or more at all times, especially at idle.

Included are two relays, a power relay and fuel pump relay. These relays are of the same design and can be used for either application. The power relay is used to ensure proper voltage is supplied to your system so as not to tax the current wiring of the vehicle with undue voltage requirements. The power relay is controlled by the ECM and connects to the battery feed. Operation of the power relay is controlled by the ECM and is the power feed for all of the battery and switched power feeds in the harness such as the injector(s) This battery lead is labeled and can be attached directly to the battery, the starter solenoid, or any other appropriate full time 12-volt supply. We have included a length of wire long enough to choose your own connection option. Insure that the main fuse circuit protection is installed between the battery power source and the red battery wire. The fuel pump relay is controlled by the ECM and no connections are required except for the power wire to the fuel pump itself.

An ALDL connector is another extension of the harness which is located in your wiring harness. This connector is an OBDII connector and allows the use of a C.A.N. based OBDII scan tool to read operational data of the unit as well as read and clear diagnostic codes.

A white (or orange) wire is also provided which connects to a check engine light. This light can be mounted in the dash, use an empty "idiot light" socket in the instrument panel, or mounted in a small bracket under the dash. It should be mounted in an area noticeable in case of any malfunctions. The wire from the ECM is the ground for the light. When a fault exists, or the system is in diagnostic mode, or the engine is not running with the key on, the light is illuminated. The other side of the light requires a 12v ignition feed. If the CEL supplied is an LED, the light may illuminate slightly under normal conditions. Installing the included resistor in between the two wires of the CEL will keep the light from a dull illumination.

Several black wires with an eyelet on the end are to be bolted to an appropriate engine ground. Insure that you have cleaned the surface where this wire will mate to. Empty threaded holes in the intake manifold or cylinder head have been good locations for this wire. Two star washers have been provided to insure a good continuity to ground.

THROTTLE BODY

Two Barrell Throttle Body

Your AFI throttle body is a direct replacement for your carburetor.

There are many different possible configurations to connect your throttle lever.



AFI does not supply or have any recommendations on throttle cables. Many users modify production cables and brackets for proper fitment. Lokar is an aftermarket company with many options for throttle cables and brackets..

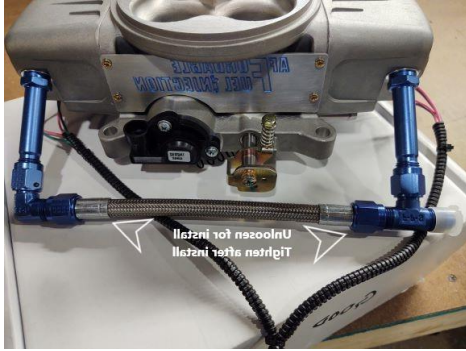
Ensure that smooth unrestricted movement can be obtained from the accelerator pedal from idle to WOT (Wide Open Throttle). Connect the wires to the injector, TPS (Throttle Position Sensor), and IAC (Idle Air Control) valve.

Connect the fuel line to the backside of the throttle body. This is an AN type or barbed pipe thread fitting and is sufficient for the pressures encountered with the fuel injection system.

Four Barrell Throttle Body



Your Optimum Marine AFI system may have been ordered with a 4 bbl. throttle body. The 4 bbl. installation is slightly different than the 2 bbl. units. A 4 bbl. TBI unit will look much like a 4 bbl. carburetor you may have seen with the injectors underneath what would normally be a fuel bowl. These units are true 4 bbl. as they work off the front two barrel's/injectors and bring the rear two injectors in as the secondary throttle plates open.



Four-barrel intakes typically come in one of two bolt patterns: Squarebore and Spreadbore. Squarebore is typically Holley, Motorcraft and some other aftermarket brands. Spreadbore is typically Q-Jet, Thermoquad and some aftermarket brands as well. If your unit is a spreadbore you will be supplied with an adapter to go from Spreadbore to Squarebore as the throttle body is a squarebore base.



Fuel feed for the 4 bbl. is different than the 2 bbl. On your 4 bbl. throttle body will be a fuel feed manifold, an exit fitting and a plug. The fuel feed manifold will be mounted on the TPS side of the throttle body. This unit may be set up to incorporate the fuel entry at the front of the back of the feed manifold. The remaining two pieces can also be installed in either of the remaining two fuel holes adjacent to the fuel feed. The exit fitting is

used to return the fuel back through the pressure regulator. From the pressure regulator the fuel pressure is regulated, and the unused regulated fuel is returned to the fuel tank. The fuel plug is exactly as described, it is a plug for the 4th fuel port on the throttle body.

When installing the fuel manifold to the throttle body, loosen up the two fittings which are part of the hose between the two tubes running up to the fuel inlet ports. Screw in and tighten the two tubes feeding the fuel ports and when tightened, go back and tighten up the two fittings which are part of the hose which you previously loosened up.

FUEL PUMP

An external inline fuel pump has been included with your TBI system. This pump delivers a variable fuel pressure to the throttle body through the fuel pressure regulator. This regulator regulates the fuel pressure between 42 – 55 psi and back to the fuel tank. Engine applications less than 5.0L in most cases use a 35 – 45 psi regulator. This pump should be mounted to the frame of your vehicle. If necessary weatherproof the pump by mounting a cover over it.

A fuel filter is to be installed in the fuel line **PRIOR** to the fuel pump. Premature failure of the pump can be the result of improper fuel filter installation. Many older water separators used for carburetors can cause a large drop in fuel pressure under load and cannot be used with your system. If you are using a water separator insure that you have proper fuel pressure

during all modes of operation. If pressure is dropping through the separator you will need to upgrade to a fuel injection rated water separator available at most marine parts suppliers. It is not necessary to use a fuel filter before and after the fuel pump. Some people however feel more comfortable with this type of setup and it can be incorporated. Insure if you do this that the lowest micron rated filter is after the pump. If using a water separator, depending on where the high pressure fuel pump is located a secondary pump should be used to pull the fuel from the tank and feed the fuel to the high pressure pump. Many reuse the mechanical pump for this and some add an additional low pressure lift pump to pull the fuel from the tank. Separator can be before or after this lift pump.

A 12 or 16 Ga. pink wire labeled "Fuel Pump", with sufficient length has been included with the wiring harness for the pump power feed. This wire comes from the fuel pump relay which can be mounted in a convenient under hood location. The mounting and the ground are **very important** for proper operation of the fuel pump. A ground wire is to be attached to a stable clean ground or run back to a battery ground. An improper ground will result in insufficient fuel flow and/or premature pump failure. Mount the fuel pump in the bracket supplied or similar, to keep the pump noise from radiating into the vehicle. You may want to "prime" the fuel feed line with gasoline to aid in the priming of the pump for proper operation.

FUEL LINES & PRESSURE REGULATOR

NOTE: Only use fuel line rated for fuel injection. Steel line or braided fuel line is the most desirable for this application.



Your Optimum marine 2 bbl. TBI fuel injection system only requires one fuel line to the throttle body from the fuel pressure regulator for proper operation. This fuel line begins at the fuel pump, is "T'd" into the side of the fuel pressure regulator and attached to the throttle body. An additional fuel line attaches to the bottom of the fuel pressure regulator and is used to return the low pressure regulated fuel back to the fuel tank. The opposite end of the regulator incorporates a vacuum line which is connected to a full manifold vacuum source. When this style regulator is used with a 4 bbl. throttle body, the regulator is post throttle body and not pre throttle body. In this case one of the hose fittings needs to be removed and plugged allowing the fuel to be pressurized through the throttle body to the regulator. On the end of the regulator is the return and opposite that end a vacuum line is attached which varies the fuel pressure, the same as the 2 bbl. application.

The ideal installation incorporates both the fuel feed and return lines attached to the fuel tank. Some fuel tanks are supplied with a tank vent for evaporative emission purposes. These fittings usually have a restriction incorporated internally and are not sufficient for a fuel return. If the restriction can be

removed and the fitting is of sufficient size, this can be used for a return. Do not eliminate this fitting for evaporative emissions purposes if these items are still in use. Insure that any factory fittings (if used) that are on the fuel tank are free flowing and do not restrict the flow of fuel back to the fuel tank.

ENGINE SENSORS

MAP SENSOR

The MAP sensor is a very important part of the fuel injection system. This sensor sends a voltage to the ECM in relation to the amount of vacuum (pressure) the engine is creating. This signal is used in conjunction with the engine speed to infer the amount of air that is being used by the engine. This is what is called a speed/density system. Because fuel control is very



dependent upon this signal it is very important to install correctly. This sensor is to be installed as close to the manifold vacuum source as possible. The port on the sensor is to face down with the vacuum line attached. This vacuum line should have no sags or dips and the

length should be as short as possible. Some people install this sensor in the center of the firewall towards the cowl or even under the air cleaner at times. Attention needs to be given to the connection of the vacuum line ensuring no leaks. If using the optional carb. heat adapter, there is an extra tapped hole which is the ideal location for the MAP sensor source.

COOLANT SENSOR



The coolant sensor is just like it sounds; it sends an electrical signal to the ECM in proportion to the engine coolant temperature. This sensor is to be installed before the thermostat preferably or in the block itself. (See picture next section) There is a plug in the rear of the block that can be used for the ECT sensor or anywhere on

the engine side of the thermostat. Connect the two-wire connector when installed. Ensure that there are no coolant leaks from the threads of the sensor. It is also important that a continuous flow of coolant is present at the tip of the sensor or a false reading and engine damage can occur.

INTAKE AIR TEMPERATURE SENSOR

The IAT is just like it sounds; it sends an electrical signal to the ECM in proportion to the air temperature in the throttle body. This sensor is best mounted in the intake air stream, however mounting in the engine compartment is acceptable. Connect the two-wire connector when installed.

WIDEBAND OXYGEN SENSOR

The oxygen sensor is installed in the exhaust stream with a plate supplied which mounts between the exhaust manifold and the riser. This sensor samples the exhaust to determine if the engine is running rich or lean of 14.7:1

air/fuel ratio. In this case the O2 sensor is always active and adjusts the air/fuel ratio to the value programmed into the ECM. (See Picture next section)

ENGINE GROUND

An eye terminal with 1-3 black wires and labeled "engine ground" needs to be properly attached to the engine block. It is very critical that a proper ground is used for this input to the ECM and that it is mounted to the engine itself. ***It is most critical that this is a connection going to a bare grounding surface and not a painted surface. It is good practice to run an extra ground wire from the negative (-) on the battery to the ground wire coming from the ECM (from the wire harness Engine ground). Make sure that the ground from the engine to the body of the vehicle is intact. An improper ground will not allow the system to operate properly.***

DISTRIBUTOR MODULE (Stock Ford Distributors and Hall Effect GM)



This Optimum EFI fuel injection system can be configured for full ECM control of the spark advance. A distributor module is mounted inside of a high temperature plastic box and mounted to an aluminum base plate for Hall Effect distributor applications.

Two connectors are located on the side of the distributor module box. A 4 pin connector from the wiring harness will attach to the appropriate place on the module. An additional 2 pin connector is included with your kit and is the power supply and trigger for the ignition coil. The pink wire labeled 12v ign. will connect to a 12 volt ign. 1 source as described above. The white wire will connect to the negative terminal of the coil. (See Picture next section). The coil still requires a 12 volt connection to the "+" side of the ignition coil. **NOTE: Ignition Coil negative "-" is not a ground. Do not supply a ground to this terminal, grounding this terminal will result in no spark and may overheat and burn up your coil.**

DISTRBUTOR (Optional) RPM Input

AFI's Optimum EFI system can be one of several different distributors. The ideal distributor option and in some cases the only option that AFI uses is a Hall Effect distributor. Most of our Ford units are equipped with a Hall Effect. GM and Chrysler both offer Hall Effect units. Many later carburetor model GM units use a Hall Effect which AFI can incorporate into the complete system. Another option is the DUI (Davis Unified Ignition) HEI unit which has been built with a 7 pin module for fuel injection. These are very good distributors but can be a little out of some budgets to be comfortable. A modified HEI

distributor can also be used which is a standard aftermarket HEI style distributor which has been modified by AFI to work with your fuel injection system. Chevrolet motors can be controlled with either a small cap EFI distributor, Hall Effect marine or a large cap HEI style.

If you have updated to an MSD or similar module, or did not order ECM spark control, a white wire labeled coil "-" or tach will connect to the tach output of the MSD or the negative terminal of the coil.

When your application includes an interrupt switch for placing the engine in gear it is important to use the proper procedure in order to maintain operation of the entire EFI unit.

There are a variety of different configurations, consult your manual on the operation so that the signal is used properly.

With any of these interrupt switches, only use the white wire coming off of the two pin connector going from the distributor/ignition module. Insure that the entire ECM system is not powered up from the positive terminal of the coil with this style of interrupt.

Insure that after your new distributor has been installed that the appropriate timing mark is used to set the initial ignition timing. Bring #1 cylinder up to TDC on the compression stroke with the spark plug removed and verify the timing indicator on the balancer that you will use is lined up with this mark. Some engines that have been updated can have two different timing mark locations. If not properly set the engine will not operate correctly. Set the timing to 20 deg. BTDC once the engine is started and fully warmed up or what the value broadcast for spark advance is reading on your scan tool.

When your ignition includes a set timing connector, unplug the connector and set the timing to TDC. Reconnect the connector and the timing will return back to normal timing operation once the engine is powered down and back up.

FINAL CHECKS AND START UP

After you have finished the above installations you are ready to check the system for operation. Turn the ignition key to the "ON" position, but do not start the engine. The fuel pump should turn on for about 2 seconds and then turn off. If this does not happen see #7 below in troubleshooting. . Disconnect the connector from the injector and crank the engine for about 5 seconds; reinstall the injector connector after this operation. Leave the ignition in the "ON" position until the fuel pump has turned off. Turn the ignition off for at least 10 seconds and repeat the ignition cycle. Perform this operation 2 or 3 times to allow fuel to fill the system preparing to start. Inspect all fuel lines and connections to ensure there are no fuel leaks. It would also be appropriate at this time to install a fuel pressure gauge to insure that the proper fuel pressure of 42 -55 (or 35 - 45 in smaller displacement engine applications)psi is being delivered.

Assuming no fuel leaks, you are ready to start the engine. Do not press on the accelerator pedal to start the engine. The IAC valve will provide the proper amount of air for the vehicle to start and run. Start the engine and let it idle; it may take a bit to run smoothly. At this point the control system has not "learned" the engine and the IAC valve has not learned its proper position. These are all functions of the fuel injection system that happen after the engine has been running. It may be necessary to adjust the ignition timing close to the final setting of 20 deg. BTDC or the broadcasted value from your scan tool.

Restart the engine and let it idle for a while. Insure that there are no fuel or vacuum leaks while running and that the idle appears to be controlled by the ECM. The engine speed will be higher while cold and first started and will come down to a base idle on its own. If the engine will not idle properly check for vacuum leaks, proper timing setting, or a check engine light illuminated. When all of these checks have been made, block off the air going to the IAC valve and set the base engine speed to 750 RPM in neutral or park. When you are confident that all is running properly, you may shut it down and complete the remainder of the installation.

Set ignition timing to 20 deg. BTDC (or the value broadcast on your scan tool)with the engine fully warmed up and at 800 RPM or less. Insure that the timing is in fact being set with the proper TDC indicator. We have found on some engines that two different indicators are present and that the timing was set to the incorrect indicator. This causes operational issues with the engine if the timing is not set correctly.

Secure any wires that you may choose, ensuring they are routed away from exhaust manifolds, cables, etc.

Install the air cleaner and you should be ready for operation. If not completed in the earlier steps of installing the throttle body, the bar from the carburetor

needs to be mounted to the top of the throttle body or air cleaner stud needs to be installed to hold down the air cleaner.

A final check with a scan tool should be performed. Your OBDII enabled scan tool can be used in Generic OBDII mode to access the sensor data. Your sensors fully warmed up should read close to the following values.

ECT > 180

IAT ambient temperature to 40 deg. or so above ambient.

MAP 8 – 13 in. / 16 – 21 in. HG.

TPS 0% .5 - .7 volts

Closed loop operation

Idle speed 700 – 725 RPM in neutral

STFT dither about 0% at part throttle in closed loop

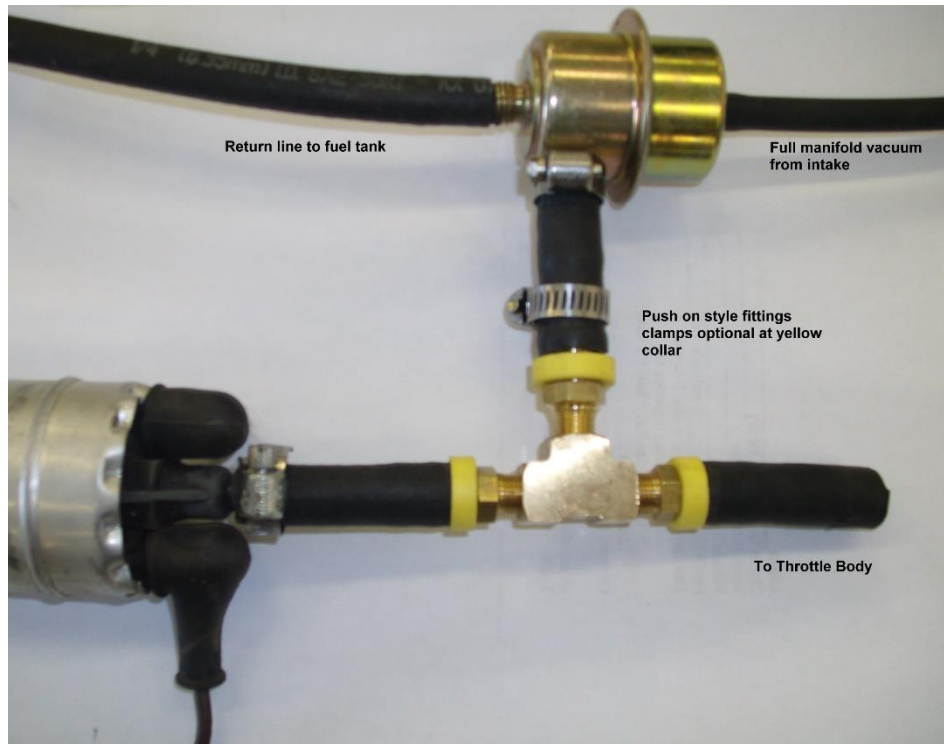
LTFT 0 to + or – 15% idle at times is offset more. Call tech support for any further questions or clarification.

Once you have installed your Affordable Fuel Injection Optimum EFI system you will enjoy the modern technology of fuel injection for years to come. You will benefit from a low maintenance system that provides good drivability and adjusts for towing, altitude and other normal drive situations. The greatest advantage to EFI is dependability and drivability. EFI for the most part is relatively maintenance free once installed and working properly. The sensors are robust and provide for many hours of maintenance free operation. EFI also provides seamless drivability. The system supports all of your engine functions whether it is –20 deg. Or 100 deg, at sea level or 5,000 ft.

Thank you from Affordable Fuel Injection.

FINAL INSTALLATION QUICK CHECK LIST

- 1. Pink ignition wire connected to 12 volts during run and crank**
- 2. Check Engine Light connected to 12 volts not ground**
- 3. MAP sensor is installed with port down and to full manifold vacuum source.**
- 4. All fuel lines are tight and no fuel leaks are present.**
- 5. Distributor wires correctly terminated.**
- 6. Thermostat is 190-195 deg. and operational.**
- 7. Extra grounds supplied to the frame and the block.**
- 8. Insure no oil leaks from oil pressure sending unit (if equipped)**
- 9. Timing set to 20 deg. BTDC or value broadcast to the Scan Tool.**
- 10. Idle speed in neutral is between 700-725. See #10 in troubleshooting guide for proper procedure to adjust.**
- 11. TPS is operating between .5 - .7 volts at closed throttle for a 2 bbl. or 1 volt \pm .1 for a 4 bbl. Key here is that the scan tool is reading 0% at closed throttle.**



Fuel pump and fuel pressure regulator set up 2 bbl.

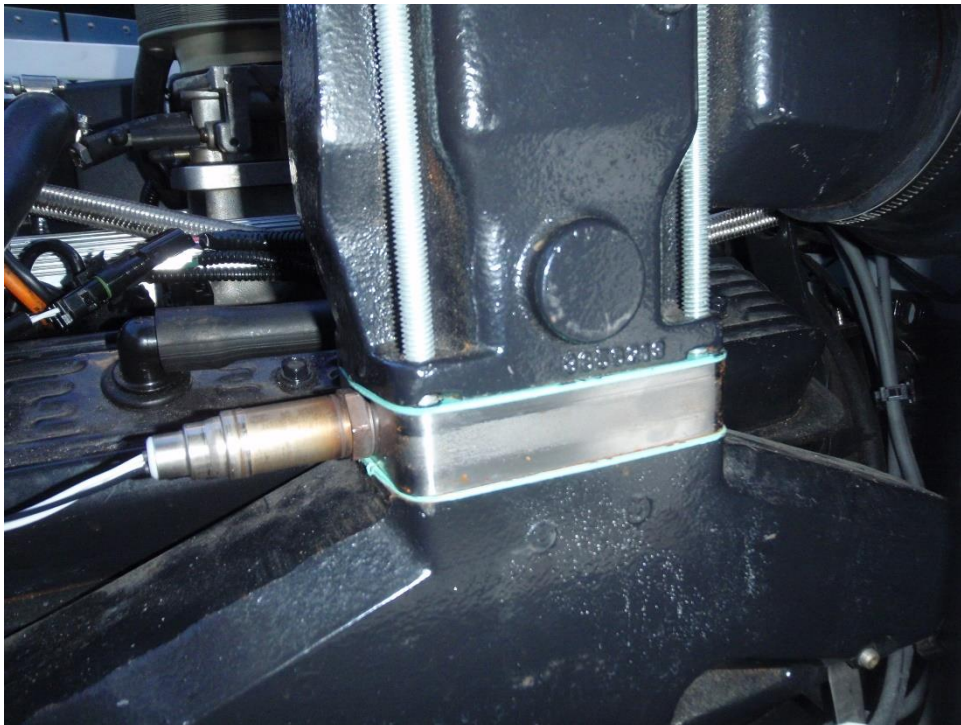


Regulator also used in some applications

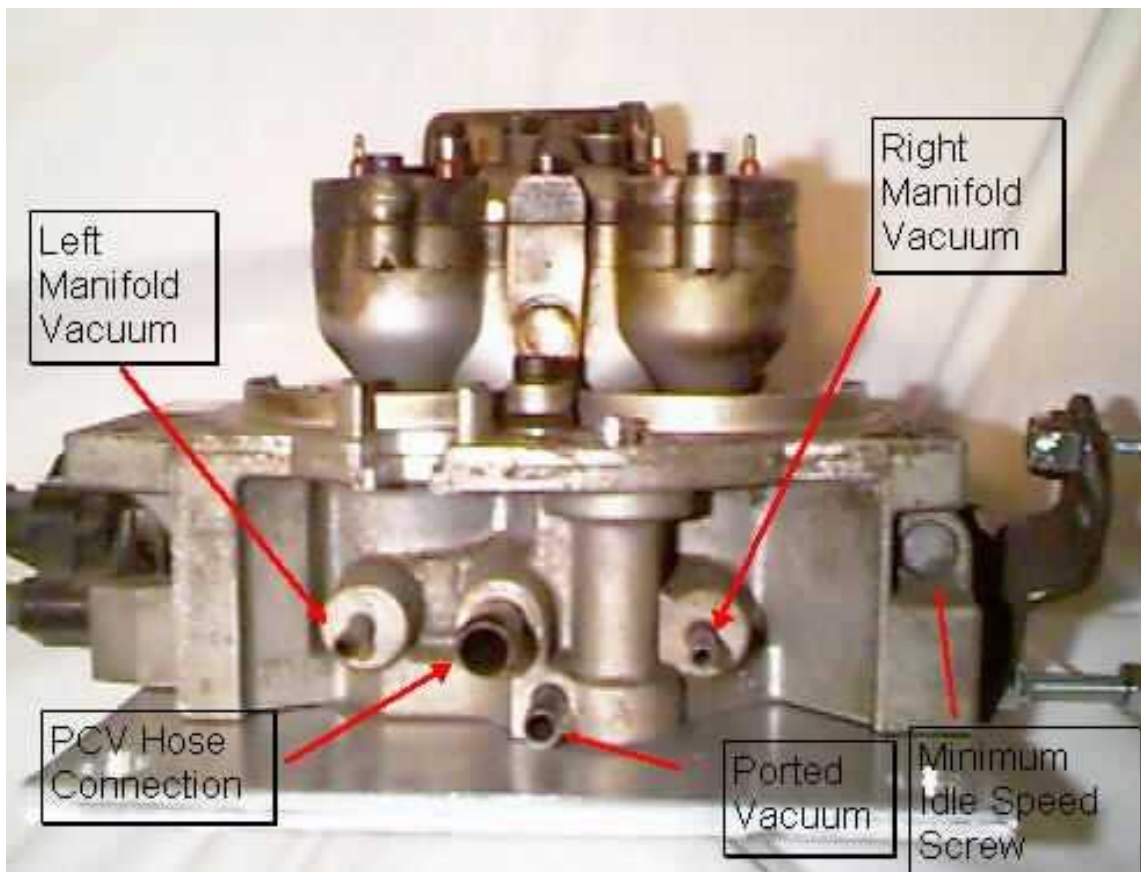


Preferred MAP sensor orientation

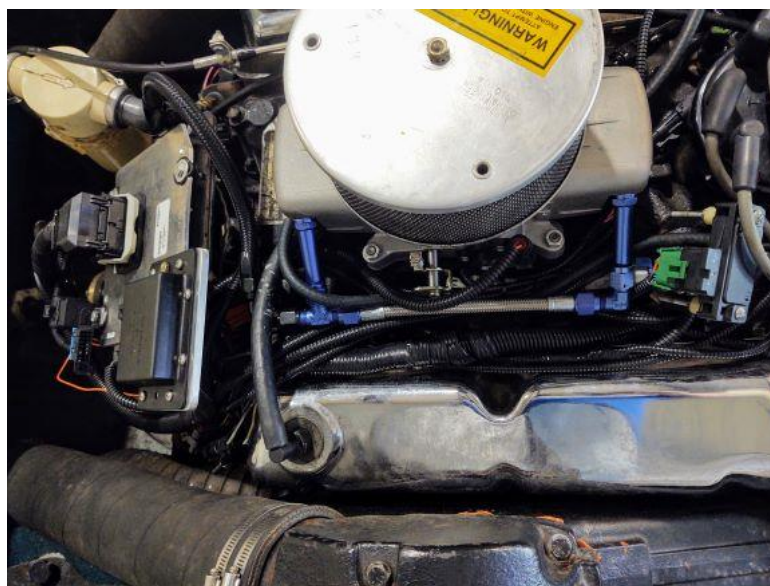
Typical O2 installation, block mounts between the exhaust manifold and the riser.



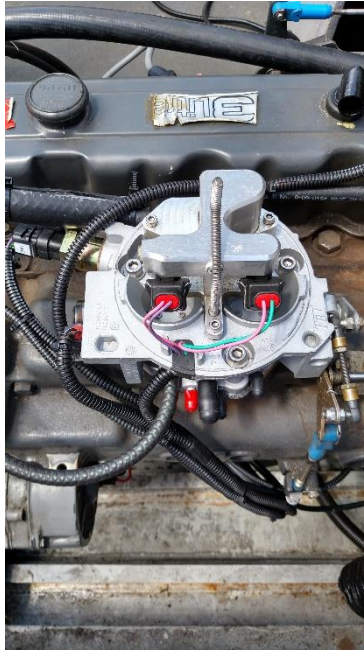
O2 sensor installation



Above - typical ports on two bbl. TBI unit.



Below typical 2 bbl. throttle body.



Distributor module connections. Pink - 12v white to coil neg.

Component Parts and Part Numbers

Harness *	8510
ECM	7203
IAT	7303
ECT	7302
MAP	7300
O2 (Heated)	7301H3
TPS	7306
IAC	7309
Throttle body	7610
Injector	7660
Flange Gasket	7621
Fuel Pressure Regulator	7615
Fuel Pump	7703
Fuel Pump Ground wire harness	8500gnd
Fuel Pump Hold Down Clamp	7703-cl
Relay	7311h
CE Light	7313
Fuse Link	7314
Fuel Filter	G7333
Distributor Module	7820

* Base system

Troubleshooting your TBI Fuel Injection System

Quick Troubleshooting Guide

Connect Scan tool to the engine:

Verify proper value of each sensor with Key on Engine Off.

- TPS 0%
- MAP 90 – 100 dependent on altitude, will be less at high altitude.
- ECT consistent with engine temperature whether cold or warm
- IAT ambient temperature or higher

If any of the above sensors are broadcasting default values work to that problem

Default values are as follows:

- TPS 10%
- MAP 40
- IAT & ECT 77 deg. F or 25 deg. C.

If engine cranks and will not start unplug the connector from the TPS and attempt to start. If engine starts repair TPS circuit.

If all the above checks are OK, install fuel pressure gauge.

- Turn key on and observe fuel pressure. Fuel pump should cycle on and then off and pressure should be between 50 – 55 psi,(40 – 45 psi for smaller displacement engines). If fuel pump does not turn on or pump does not provide full pressure repair fuel system.
- If pump cycles off and on and does not provide pressure verify the wires are connected properly to the fuel pump. This is for new installations or replacement of a fuel pump. Insure the ground is connected to the negative “-” terminal and the power wire from the relay is connected to the positive “+” terminal. On most AFI supplied pumps, the large terminal is the negative terminal.
- If pump cycles on and off, determine if pump comes back on when the engine is cranked. Fuel pump should come back on when engine is cranked.
- Verify that fuel pressure registers between 42-48 (35-40 on smaller displacement engines)with the engine running and that the pressure rises with a rapid movement of the throttle. Repair fuel system if pressures are not in line or pressure drops on acceleration.

When all of these checks have been made continue to step by step guide to further diagnose operational issues.

Troubleshooting guide

Most of the problems encountered while installing your fuel injection system or after a time of operation are very simple. If your check engine light is on you more than likely have a hard fault meaning something is grounded out, unplugged, operating out of range or has gone bad. See below for how to determine what the fault may be and code definitions.

With the addition of Fuel Injection to your engine it is important to remember that the basics are still there, necessary and have not changed. Batteries must be fully charged, charging systems fully operational, the ignition system is fully operational and the integrity of the engine is intact. All of these items are common to an engine and need to be in full operational condition regardless of the fuel system that has been added to your engine.

The ALDL connector allows for full diagnostics of your unit

If you have installed a Fuel Injection system in your vehicle and are having some initial issues here is a quick checklist to work from to get you started.

Pink Ignition wire MUST be connected to 12 volt switched ignition that receives power during crank and key on.

1. Check to make sure your check engine light is not on, or that it is on with the key on but the engine is not running.
2. Make sure that the red battery wire is connected to a battery source (It is highly recommended that this wire is connected directly to the battery) and the pink wire is connected to an ignition 1 source. If your ignition wire is not connected to an ignition 1 source your ECM will not be powered while cranking the engine.
3. Check that the ground wire is securely fastened to the block and that the interface between the block and the terminal is clean.
4. Ensure that there are **NO** vacuum leaks.
5. Ensure that your MAP sensor is connected to a full manifold vacuum source and not a ported source.
6. Set the ignition timing correctly making sure that you have the engine fully warmed up and operating less than 800 RPM's and/or the timing matches the spark advance being broadcast from your scan tool.
7. Ensure that you have full manifold vacuum routed to your fuel pressure regulator and there are no vacuum leaks with this connection.
8. Check your fuel pressure to ensure that you are providing the proper pressure to the system.

Fuel Pressure is critical for proper operation. Fuel tank must be free from debris and fuel pressure needs to be constant and consistent.

Some aftermarket high density fuel filters can cause a large drop in fuel pressure under load and are not recommended for use with your system. If you are using one of these types of filters insure that you have proper fuel pressure during all modes of operation.

99% of all issues are usually taken care of with one or more of these 8 steps of diagnosis.

First and foremost the engine and fuel injection system must be free of vacuum leaks. Vacuum leaks are the leading cause of installation issues with your fuel injection system. Check all sources of potential vacuum leaks including components not related to the fuel injection system.

There are instances where the vacuum leak is coming from the bolts holding down the adapter plate. In some instances, it is necessary to seal these with silicone to provide a positive seal. If your adapter plate had a tag on it stating this, insure that the bolt heads are filled and allowed to cure before running the engine.

Another common issue is a lack of good grounding. Many issues have been resolved simply by making sure that the ground path is secure and clean.

Always start with clearing out Fuel Memory. This is accomplished by turning the key on, engine off and immediately moving the throttle from 0 to WOT four times. Wait 30 seconds and verify after running that LTFT is 0%, if not the clearing did not work. Insure with your scan tool that the TPS is working and moving between 0 – 100%.

Fuel System Checks

Fuel Pressure is critical to the operation of a fuel injection system. Always check to insure that you have the proper fuel pressure. Fuel pressure should vary between about 42 – 55 (35 – 45 for smaller displacement engines) PSI. At idle the fuel injection system is typically around 42 – 45 (35-40 for smaller engines) psi. Higher pressure than 55 (45 for smaller engines) psi indicates that there is an issue with the installation. Many times this is due to kinked fuel lines, improper routing of the return line and/or fuel line restrictions. (See Part 3 of Troubleshooting guide #3) Many fuel tanks have fittings on them which are used for a fuel tank vent. These fittings are not suitable to use as a return line because they have a restriction in them and restrict the flow of fuel back to the tank. If you have installed your return line to a “vent” line you will need to route the return line in a different fashion.

Fuel pressure on your Optimum EFI unit should vary between 42 – 55 (35 – 45 for smaller engines) psi based on the amount of vacuum on the fuel pressure regulator and stay constant under all throttle conditions. There should be an increase in pressure from idle to WOT operation of the TBI unit. A pressure drop under this operation indicates a restriction or issue with the fuel delivery system.

With retrofit fuel injection systems many times we are drawing fuel from gas tanks that are many years old; hence many years have passed where contamination can settle into the fuel tank. The electric fuel pump installed for a fuel injection system will drawing a greater volume of fuel from your tank than your old system did. If there are any contaminants in the tank this many times will plug up or greatly restrict the flow of fuel to the system causing many issues.

Step by Step Troubleshooting guide.

Your fuel injection system has been pre calibrated to your particular vehicle. As long as the information about your engine was correctly stated, the system as received will provide many years of trouble free use. However from time to time problems are encountered with your fuel injection system. Here are a few commonly asked

questions about fuel injection problems. Match the issue # with the chart below for an explanation of the issue and use the troubleshooting fault tree.

Use of this section may require a digital voltmeter, test light, fuel pressure gauge, timing light, tachometer and a diagnostic scan tool. If you are familiar with vehicles and how they are serviced you should be able to work through this section with no issues. In many instances you may want to have a professional automotive technician familiar with fuel injection repair to help you.

- 1. My engine cranks but will not start.**
- 2. My engine is running to lean, or is backfiring on acceleration.**
- 3. My engine is running rich.**
- 4. I do not seem to have as much power as I should.**
- 5. I am getting a sag when I accelerate.**
- 6. My engine takes longer to start than I think it should.**
- 7. The fuel pump is not coming on when I first turn the key on.**
- 8. The RPM on my engine does not come down when I come to an idle.**
- 9. I am not getting as good of fuel economy as I think I should.**
- 10. The engine is revving up and down when I come down to an idle. There is a large "sucking" sound coming from the throttle body when it is warmed up. My engine stalls or almost stalls when I come down to an idle.**
- 11. The engine stalls coming to an idle.**
- 12. My fuel pump is real noisy.**
- 13. My check engine light does not come on when I turn the key on.**
- 14. My check engine light is on when the engine is running.**
- 15. Engine shuts down and sometimes restarts and sometimes it doesn't.**

1. Engine cranks but will not start.

There is an assumption that the battery is at a full state of charge, the fuel tank has fuel in it and that all sensors are correctly connected and there are no trouble codes in the ECM and that the readings of the scan tool are consistent with the values listed in final checks.

1. Does the injector spray fuel when cranking the engine?

Yes – Go to step 2.

No – Disconnect the TPS sensor and determine if the vehicle starts, injector sprays.

If engine starts or injector sprays, repair TPS circuit.

If injector does not spray move to the next "NO" step.

No - Remove the injector connector from the injector. With a voltmeter or test light measure the voltage or validate power to the pink wire of the connector with the key on.

Yes – Pink wire has voltage, go to step 1a.

No – There is no power getting to the system. Check for proper connection to the battery, fuses are good, relays have been connected and seated properly. Correct the power issue; if there is still no fuel spray when cranking the engine after this has been corrected go to step 1a.

1a. With the voltmeter or test light still connected crank the engine and verify voltage to the pink wire on the injector connector.

Results: "0" volts or the light goes out when cranking the engine.

The primary (pink) ignition wire is incorrectly connected to the vehicle. This is to be an ignition 1 (IGN1) source which is power in both the key run and crank position. Correct the connection of this wire and verify voltage to the pink wire on the injector connector. Test again for fuel spray during crank. If the engine still cranks, is spraying fuel, but will not start go to step 2.

"Low volts, < 8" This is an indication of either a battery in a state of very low charge, a bad battery or too much resistance in the system.

- record the battery voltage while cranking at the battery.
- record the voltage at the pink wire of the injector connector while cranking the engine.
- compare these two voltages, they should be within .2 (2/10) volts of each other. If these voltages are greater than .2 there is a bad connection or too much resistance in the wire feeding the ECM.
- Correct the issue with low voltage. If cranking voltage is above 9 volts while cranking and there is still no fuel spraying the issue is in the fuel delivery system.

"9 volts or higher" this is normal cranking voltage. If there is no fuel spraying while cranking the issue is in the fuel delivery system or ignition system. Troubleshoot the fuel system for improper operation (See Fuel System checks at the beginning of this guide). Troubleshoot ignition system, go to 1b.

1b. Your TBI fuel injection system fueling is "triggered" from the ignition system. It is assumed that the coil is operational, a 12 volt ignition 1 (IGN1) source is connected to the positive terminal of the coil.

Remove plug wire and check for spark while cranking.

No Spark – Repair ignition system.

Has spark – Insure wire continuity between the ECM and the distributor . If fuel is still not spraying go to fuel system troubleshooting before replacing any components. If all wires are in tact and routed correctly and all fuel system checks are correct, replace distributor module.

2. Perform the fuel system checks found at the beginning of this troubleshooting Guide. If the fuel pressure and fuel system are operating as required Insure that the check engine light is on with the key on but the engine not running and there are no stored codes.

If you have installed a new distributor, removed the distributor for any reason your ignition timing may be off too much to operate the engine properly. Disconnect the connector from the injector and set the ignition timing to its proper setting while cranking the engine. Assumption here also is that the timing mark on the balancer is lined up with TDC of #1 cylinder and that the distributor is seated properly and not 180 degrees off. If all of this checks OK go to step 3.

3. Measure the voltage on the throttle position sensor. If using a scan tool you can read TPS, if not measure the voltage. To measure the throttle position voltage check between the brown wire and the black/white striped wire on the TPS with the TPS still connected and the key on. DO NOT PUNCTURE THE WIRES to measure this voltage and only use a digital voltmeter. Voltage can be measured by back probing the TPS connector between these wires either with a thin paper clip or appropriate tool used for this type of measurement. Voltage should be between .5 volts and .7 volts.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine still will not start you will need to call tech support. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Fuel pressure at the inlet of the TBI unit _____
Return line fuel pressure _____
Voltage measured at the battery while cranking _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking _____
Voltage measured at the TPS sensor key on engine off _____
Codes stored in the ECM
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

2. My engine is running to lean, or is backfiring on acceleration.

Assumption here is that all plug wires are installed properly, the secondary ignition system (plug wires, coil, cap and rotor) is in good operating order and the engine is in good order.

Perform fuel system checks found at the beginning of this guide and make any corrections as necessary.

Check initial ignition timing again.

If the timing is OK check to insure that the timing is advancing as it should with throttle lever actuation.

If the fuel system checks performed are OK and the initial ignition timing is OK you will need to call tech support.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still running lean or is backfiring on acceleration you will need to call tech support. In many cases the specifications of the engine are different than what was originally discussed or assumed. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Fuel pressure at idle _____
Fuel pressure while briefly accelerating the engine to WOT _____
Return line fuel pressure _____
Voltage measured at the battery while running _____
Engine operational temperature _____
Initial ignition timing _____
Timing at 2000 RPM _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

3. Engine runs too rich.

Check for vacuum leaks and insure that all vacuum leaks are corrected and sealed. If the engine is also running at a higher than expected idle this is a good indication of a vacuum leak as well.

1. Is the vacuum line to the MAP sensor securely fastened to both the MAP sensor port and a full manifold vacuum port on the intake manifold?

Yes, If engine is still running rich go to step 2.

No – Repair leak, kink or routing, is engine still running rich? If yes go to step 2.

2. Is the MAP sensor connected to a full manifold vacuum port?

Yes – If engine is still running rich go to step 3.

No – Correct the vacuum source issue, if the engine is still running rich go to step 3.

3. Is the fuel pressure measured at 42 - 55 (35 – 45)psi while running?

Yes – If the engine is still running rich go to step 4.

No – Is the return line connected to an unrestricted return port on the fuel tank?

Many fuel tanks have a port on the fuel tank that is for a fuel vent. These ports are not adequate for a fuel return. There is an orifice in these ports that will restrict the flow of fuel. Check that you have not used a vent port for the fuel return line.

No – Go to step 3a.

Yes – Fuel is being returned to a vent line. Re-route fuel return line to a non orificed port or fabricate a free flowing return line port to the fuel tank or fuel return. If still running rich go to step 3a.

3a. Measure return line fuel pressure. This pressure should be less than 3 psi, if not there is a restriction in the return fuel line. If return fuel line pressure is less than 3 psi and the engine is still running rich go to step 4.

If return line pressure is not less than 3 psi there is a restriction in the fuel line Find and repair the restriction until the fuel pressure on the return line is less than 3psi. In some cases this requires a larger diameter fuel return line. Go to step 3b to help determine root cause of increased return line pressure.

3b. Remove the fuel return line and attach a length of rubber hose of sufficient length to run into an approved gasoline container. Run engine and recheck fuel pressure on both the feed side and the return side. If both sides are within the above ranges there is a restriction in the fuel delivery system that needs to be repaired.

4. Does the engine have a fully operational thermostat?

Yes – insure that the engine will reach 190 deg. in a reasonable time, go to step 5.

No – Install new thermostat, proper size thermostat will be 190- 195. 160 or 180 degree thermostat is not acceptable for this application and will not comply with AFI warranty or emissions requirements. If still running rich go to step 5.

5. Is the coolant sensor installed in a portion of the engine or the cylinder block which provides a constant flow of coolant over the tip of the sensor?

Yes –Go to step 6.

No – Reinstall the coolant sensor in a different location to insure constant flow of coolant over the sensor. If still running rich go to step 6.

6. Is the charging system operating properly and is the voltage measured at the battery and the injector 13 volts or higher with the engine running?

Yes – Go to step 7.

No – Repair charging system. Note the discussion about older style AC Delco single wire alternators. If still running rich after repairing go to step 7.

7. If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still running rich you will need to call tech support. In many cases the specifications of the engine are different than what was originally discussed or assumed. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Fuel pressure at idle _____
Return line fuel pressure _____
Voltage measured at the battery while running _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking. _____
Engine RPM at start up idle on a cold start _____
Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature _____
Engine operational temperature _____
Initial ignition timing _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

4. I do not seem to have as much power as I should.

Verify that you have set your timing properly, timing should be set to 20 deg. (or the value being broadcast from the ECM) BTDC with the engine fully warmed up and RPM below 800.

Verify that the timing mark for TDC of #1 cylinder that is being used to set the timing lines up properly with TDC of #1 cylinder (#1 piston at TDC with spark plug removed).

Ensure that your plug wires are properly connected with the correct firing order.

Your fuel pressure may be insufficient; see fuel system checks at the beginning of this guide.

Verify that there are no vacuum leaks and that the MAP sensor is properly connected.

5. I am getting a sag when I accelerate.

Insure that the MAP sensor and TPS sensor are working properly with scan tool. Default values for MAP and TPS are a single value and can cause a sag if not operating properly.

Timing is a critical issue with sags. Verify that your timing is correctly. see #4 also.

Fuel pressure is not adequate for proper operation, make sure that there is no contamination in the tank or your fuel filter is plugged. (See Fuel System check above). A plugged fuel filter may be an indication of a contaminated tank.

Bad ground to the block, insure that the surface that you are making the connection to on the block is clean and making a positive connection.

Your O2 sensor may be contaminated, bad or not properly installed in the exhaust.

You may have left out some of the important specifications for the proper calibration chip to be made.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still sagging on acceleration you will need to call tech support. In many cases the specifications of the engine are different than what was originally discussed or assumed. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Fuel pressure at idle _____
Fuel pressure when throttle is blipped to WOT _____
Return line fuel pressure _____
Voltage measured at the battery while running _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking.
Engine RPM at start up idle on a cold start _____
Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature _____
Engine operational temperature _____
Initial ignition timing _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

6. My engine takes longer to start than I think it should.

Check for vacuum leaks, this is the most common cause.

Make sure that your timing is set correctly; see Troubleshooting point #4.
Fuel pressure is not adequate for proper operation. See Fuel System Checks at the beginning of this guide.

Fuel pump relay is not coming on or is faulty.

Check that the MAP sensor is properly connected to a full manifold vacuum source. Ensure that the vacuum source to your MAP sensor is free from restrictions and has a secure connection.

Throttle plates are not adjusted properly not allowing an adequate amount of air for starting the engine. Go to Troubleshooting guide #10 and verify the adjustment.

Throttle position sensor is out of adjustment or faulty. Throttle position voltage with throttle fully closed with the key on should be .5 volts + .2 volts.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still sagging on acceleration you will need to call tech support. In

many cases the specifications of the engine are different than what was originally discussed or assumed. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Fuel pressure at idle _____
Voltage measured at the battery while running _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking _____
TPS % broadcast on scan tool key on engine not running _____
Engine RPM at start up idle on a cold start _____
Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature _____
Engine RPM at idle with IAC fully blocked off. _____
Engine operational temperature from scan tool _____
Initial ignition timing and idle timing _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

7. The fuel pump is not coming on when I first turn the key on.

Is the check engine light on with the key on engine off? (Assumes check engine light is connected properly, see installation instructions to verify check engine light installation)

Yes - Go to step 1.

No - Check for proper installation of check engine light.

- a. Check fuses to insure that they are not blown. If fuses are OK go to b.
 - b. Check voltage at check engine light, if 12 volt are not present the check engine light is not connected properly. If 12 volts are present either the ECM is not powered properly or is defective.
1. Insure that the IGN1 wire is not connected to a battery feed.
 - a. Check pink wire to the power relay and/or the pink wire powering up the injector(s) to insure there is no voltage with the key off. If voltage is present with the key off the pink wire is not properly connected or the power relay is bad.
 - a. Check fuel pump relay for proper operation.
 - Turn ignition off for at least 15 seconds.
 - Connect an ohmmeter or test light to the blue wire at the fuel pump relay.
 - Turn ignition on, a ground signal should be present at this wire for the first 2 or 3 seconds after turning on the ignition switch.
 - If ground is not present either the ECM is not powered or grounded properly or the ECM is faulty.
 - If ground is present check for voltage at the fuel pump with the same type of operation.
 - If voltage is not present at the fuel pump check the wiring, if wires appear to be OK replace the fuel pump relay.
 - If voltage is present verify the ground for the fuel pump is sufficient and securely fastened. If fuel pump ground is OK the fuel pump is defective.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the fuel pump is still not coming on when you turn the key on you will need to

call tech support. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Voltage measured at the check engine light with key on engine off _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector with the key off _____
Ohms measured at the blue wire at the fuel pump relay at first 3 seconds of the key on _____
Voltage measured at the pink wire to the fuel pump at the first 3 seconds of the key on _____
Voltage measured with voltmeter between the black wire and pink wire on the fuel pump for the first 3 seconds of the key on _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

8. The RPM on my engine does not come down when I come to an idle.

- More than likely you have a large vacuum leak, verify that your system is free from vacuum leaks.
- Check that all non used vacuum ports are plugged.
- Your battery wire is connected to a battery source and not an ignition 1 source.
- The engine has not come to full operating temperature as of yet.
- Your thermostat is inoperable or opens at too low of a temperature. A 190° stat is required for this application.
- Throttle cable or throttle on the throttle body is not coming to a complete close. Throttle plate is binding in the throttle bores.
- The throttle plates are adjusted too far out, see procedure #10 for proper adjustment sequence.
- IAC is not working, either faulty or there is a wiring issue.
 - i. Shut engine off and wait for 20 seconds
 - ii. Unplug IAC connector from IAC
 - iii. Start up engine, RPM should be significantly higher than the base RPM. If the engine RPM did not increase the IAC is bad or the wiring is faulty to the IAC or the ECM is bad.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still idling too high you will need to call tech support. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

TPS % broadcast to the scan tool with the key on engine not running _____
Engine RPM at start up idle on a cold start _____
Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature _____
Engine RPM at idle with IAC fully seated or blocked off. _____
Engine operational temperature from scan tool _____
Initial ignition timing and advance at idle _____
Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

9. I am not getting as good of fuel economy as I think I should.

If all is set up properly with the installation of your fuel injection system you are probably getting as good of fuel economy as you are going to get.

1. Insure that your timing is set properly and operational
2. Your thermostat is in good working order and is 190 degree or above.
3. Your fuel pressure is at the specified pressure (see fuel system check at the beginning of this guide.
4. You may have other factors such as tires, brake drag or other external issue from the fuel injection system that is not working properly.
5. Re-evaluate your driving habits and insure that you are driving in a fashion that will provide you optimum fuel economy. If you are trying to race everyone from the light chances are you will not get the fuel economy that you expect.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and you still feel that you should be getting better fuel economy you will need to call tech support. In many cases the specifications of the engine are different than what was originally discussed or assumed. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

What is the Fuel Economy that you are getting _____

What is the Fuel Economy that you are expecting _____

Voltage measured at the battery while running _____

TPS % with the key on engine not running _____

Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature _____

Engine operational temperature _____

Initial ignition timing and idle spark advance _____

Trouble Codes from the ECM (see #14) _____

Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

10. The engine is revving up and down when I come down to an idle. There is a large "sucking" sound coming from the throttle body when it is warmed up. My engine stalls or almost stalls when I come down to an idle.

- This is usually an indication of a vacuum leak; again make sure that you have no vacuum leaks.

This could also be an indication of the wrong base ignition timing. Verify that you have set your ignition timing correctly (see #4).

Your engine may also require more air going through the throttle plates at idle than it is currently set for. Here is a procedure to check this setting.

- a. Make sure your engine temperature is at full operating temperature.

b. Plug the IAC passage on the inside of the throttle body with a piece of tape or tool designed for this purpose and unplug the IAC connector from the IAC.

In some cases you may need to shut the engine off and turn in (open up the throttle plates) a couple of turns to move more air through the throttle plates than through the IAC valve. With this method, open the plates, start the engine and allow to operate for 1 minute or more fully warmed up. RPM should be higher than 800 RPM. After 1 minute unplug the IAC valve.

c. Check that the RPM is 700 – 725 in neutral with the engine fully warmed up and/or adjust as necessary, re-install the IAC connector, remove the tape if you taped over the IAC port and turn the engine off.

d. Wait for 30 seconds with the key turned off and then restart the engine.

e. If you have a fast idle after 1 minute of operation this did not work or you have a vacuum leak that is not repaired, or the throttle plates are already too far open. You may have to go through the procedure again.

f. If you do not have a fast idle then it is OK and you can proceed to determine if the plates are adjusted properly. Let the engine idle for a little bit and then check your idle speed in drive. The speed should be about 625 in drive or 700 in neutral or park. If it is lower than this you can raise the idle up or if it is above this determine if you should bring the speed down.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the engine is still idling too high you will need to call tech support. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

TPS % with the key on engine not running_____

Engine RPM at start up idle on a cold start_____

Engine RPM at idle with stabilized temperature_____

Engine RPM at idle with IAC fully seated or blocked off._____

Engine operational temperature_____

Initial ignition timing, advance at idle_____

Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

11. The engine stalls coming to an idle.

Verify all ignition system components are operating properly, including cap, rotor, secondary ignition wires and coil.

Verify that the IAC is operating properly.

- Shut engine off and wait for 20 seconds
- Unplug IAC connector from IAC

Start up engine, RPM should be significantly higher than the base RPM. If the engine RPM did not increase the IAC is bad or the wiring is faulty to the IAC or the ECM is bad. Repair as necessary.

Verify proper fuel pressure, perform above fuel system checks.

Verify timing is proper

Verify that the EGR is working properly and not sticking. (if equipped)
Sticking EGR valve will cause a stall.

12. My fuel pump is real noisy.

If your fuel pump is real noisy you may not have isolated it from the body or the frame real well. Isolation brackets were provided with your fuel pump. If these are properly installed it should isolate any radiated noise from the pump. If this is insufficient you may need to isolate it more with some rubber grommets.

We have also diagnosed noisy fuel pumps with fuel return lines being too small. By stepping up the size of the return line you may eliminate fuel pump noise after the other items have been addressed. Fuel pump noise also can radiate through the fuel lines to the frame or body of the vehicle. Insure that the fuel lines are isolated as well if need be to eliminate the noise.

A noisy fuel pump can also be an indication that it is starving for fuel. Insure that all filters are in good order and that the fuel tank sock is clean. Prolonged fuel starvation will damage the fuel pump and not allow proper flow; it may also radiate a lot of noise.

13. My check engine light does not come on when I turn the key on.

Your check engine light should illuminate when you turn the key to the on position for a bulb check.

Check for proper installation of check engine light.

- a. Check fuses to insure that they are not blown. If fuses are OK go to b.
- b. Check voltage at check engine light, if 12 volt are not present the check engine light is not connected properly. If 12 volts are present either the ECM is not powered properly or is defective.
- c. If the fuse is OK insure that you are receiving 12 volts to the ECM where indicated (see wiring diagram provided) If you are not receiving 12 volts to the ECM something in the vehicle's power circuit is not connected properly.
- d. If 12 volts is available at the proper cavities of the ECM please check that you have a proper ground circuit to the engine block.

If you have gone through all of the above procedures and the fuel pump is still not coming on when you turn the key on you will need to call tech support. When you call tech support you will need to have the following information available.

Voltage measured at the check engine light with key on engine off _____

Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector while cranking _____

Voltage measured at the pink wire on the injector with the key off _____

Any information that you feel is important for diagnosing the issue at hand.

14. My check engine light is on when the engine is running.

A check engine light indicates a hard fault with your fuel injection system.

Insure that all of your sensors are connected, you have a good ground and that no wires are pinched.

Also insure no vacuum leaks and that your MAP sensor is connected to a full manifold vacuum source.

If all of these steps indicate a proper installation and no issues you will need to read the codes from the memory area of the ECM and follow the diagnostic procedures for that particular code.

Your AFI fuel injection system is equipped with the latest OBDII level software to retrieve trouble codes. Using any OBDII CAN protocol scan tool you can display the trouble codes. If you have the service software for your ECM this is very easy as well. Simply connect the laptop and any trouble faults will be listed under trouble faults.

An OBDII connector is provided that will plug into the CAN (ALDL) connector in your harness. This connector is not supplied with every kit but to every location. Larger locations will have several connectors based on the # of Scan tools available to the location. These connectors should be kept with the scan tool. The ALDL connector (ALDL) should be kept sealed with the appropriate connector at all time the vehicle is in operation and not using the diagnostic tools.

15. Engine shuts down and sometimes restarts and sometimes it doesn't.

Your Optimum EFI system can be equipped with integrated automatic shutdown features. Some are standard and others are optional. Each shut down will set a DTC and store the code in the ECM. Insure that you clear any code after diagnosing that your issue was an automatic shut down feature.

The shut down features are as follows:

High engine coolant shut down. (If turned on)

The ECM will cause the engine to shut down if the temperature reaches 238 deg F. It will not run until the temperature is below 234 deg F.

- A code P0217 will set under this condition.
- Insure that you clear the code if this code has been present.
- This same condition will be present if the ECT is defective.
- If your vehicle is continually setting this code and/or shutting down, determine the cooling system issues which are causing it and repair accordingly.
- Engines need to be equipped with the proper size radiator, fan and a fan shroud to provide proper cooling.

TROUBLE CODES

All trouble codes are standard OBDII level and values.

OBDII Code	OBDII Desc.
P0106	MAP Range Performance Problem-Sticking
P0107	MAP Circuit Low Input
P0108	MAP Circuit High Input
P0111	IAT Range Performance Problem
P0112	IAT Circuit Low Input
P0113	IAT Circuit High Input
P0115	ECT Range Performance Problem
P0117	ECT Circuit Low Input
P0118	ECT Circuit High Input
P0122	TPS Circuit Low Input
P0123	TPS Circuit High Input
P0130	O2 Sensor Circuit malfunction
P0131	O2 Sensor Low Voltage
P0132	O2 Sensor High Voltage
P0171	Fuel Trim Lean - At adaptive maximum
P0172	Fuel Trim Rich - At adaptive maximum
P0200	Injector Circuit Malfunction
P0217	Engine Over Temp Condition
P0219	Engine Overspeed Condition
P0230	Fuel Pump Circuit Malfunction
P0322	EST Circuit Open
P0460	Fuel Level Circuit Malfunction
P0462	Fuel Level Circuit Low
P0463	Fuel Level Circuit High
P0521	Engine Oil Pressure Low
P0522	Oil Pressure Circuit Low
P0523	Oil Pressure Circuit High
P0562	System Voltage Low
P0563	System Voltage High
P0650	MIL circuit malfunction
P1102	MAP In-Range Indicates Low
P1103	MAP In-Range Indicates High
P1121	TPS Adapt Low Min
P1122	TPS Adapt Low Max
P1123	TPS Adapt High Min

P1124	TPS Adapt High Max
P1131	O2 In-Range Indicates Low
P1132	O2 In-Range Indicates High
P1201	Injector PW Overflow
P1220	Medium engine overspeed
P1241	Output Voltage Range Low
P1242	Output Voltage Range High
P1350	EST Bypass Circuit Open
P1460	Fuel Level Is Low
P1461	Fuel Level is nearing empty
P1462	Fuel Level is Empty-engine shut down
P1478	Fan Circuit Malfunction
P1506	IAC Fault
P1507	IAC Fault
P1655	Smart Start circuit malfunction

- P0106** MAP sticking, voltage not changing.
- P0107** Low voltage (high vacuum) at MAP sensor.
- P0108** High voltage (low vacuum) at MAP sensor.
- P1103** MAP in range error high.
- P1102** MAP in range error low.
- P0111** IAT in range error. IAT has failed but is not an open or shorted circuit.
- P0112** IAT Low, Sensor could be unplugged Resistance will be high with this issue.
- P0113** IAT High, Sensor could be grounded out. Resistance will be low with an issue.
- P0115** ECT in range error. ECT has failed but is not an open or shorted circuit. An ECT not installed in the proper location can cause this code also. A bad or weak thermostat can also cause this code.
- P0117** ECT Low, sensor can be unplugged, engine will run very rich with this issue. Resistance will be high or open circuit.
- P0118** ECT High, sensor can be shorted or bad and engine will run lean with this issue. Bad sensor will have low resistance.
- P0217** ECT over temperature. Set when engine is over 248 deg. F (120 deg. C). Overheating of the engine causes this code.
- P0122** Low voltage at throttle position sensor
- P0123** High voltage at throttle position sensor. Sensor could be unplugged.
- P1121** TPS adjusted at too low of a voltage.
- P1122** TPS adjusted at too high of a voltage.
- P1123** TPS not reaching high enough voltage.
- P1124** TPS voltage too high at part throttle.
- P0130** Oxygen sensor signal stays lean during warm engine cruise, your O2 sensor could be unplugged.

P0131 O2 sensor failed lean (low voltage)
P0132 O2 sensor failed rich (high voltage)
P1131 O2 sensor lean, does not mean sensor is bad, can set with large vacuum leak, low fuel pressure or other event causing a lean condition. Contaminated sensor can cause this code.
P1132 O2 sensor rich, does not mean sensor is bad, can set with contaminated sensor, too high of fuel pressure or any event causing a rich condition.
P0172 Internal fuel memory is at its rich limit
P0171 Internal fuel memory is at its lean limit
P0200 Injector or injector circuit fault
P1201 Injector PW overflow
P0230 Low voltage at fuel pump or Low voltage at Fuel pump relay
P0322 Low voltage at electronic spark timing circuit
P1350 Fault at electronic spark timing bypass circuit
P0460 Fuel level circuit malfunction
P0462 Fuel level circuit low
P0463 Fuel level circuit high
P1460 Fuel level is low, low fuel light is on
P1461 Fuel level is at a critical level, low fuel light is flashing
P1462 Engine has shut down due to low fuel level, low fuel light is Flashing
P0521 Oil pressure low, engine will shut down after a short start up or will shut down if the engine loses oil pressure.
P0522 Oil pressure circuit low
P0523 Oil pressure circuit high
P0563 High voltage at battery
P0562 Low voltage at battery
P0650 MIL circuit malfunction
P1241 Sensor voltage is Low
P1242 Sensor voltage is High
P1506 IAC circuit error
P1507 IAC circuit error
P0219 Engine has been operated at the rev. limiter
P1220 Medium engine over speed
P1655 Smart Start circuit malfunction

ECM Connector Pin Out and Wire Coding

Connector A			Connector B		
Pin	Wire Color	Connect to:	Pin	Wire Color	Connect to:
#			#		
1	Green	IAC - B	1	Blk/Wht	Sensor Gnd
2	Blue	IAC - A	4	Tan	Ign, Crank
4	Yellow	Low Fuel Light	5	Orange	Dist. A
5	Green	Injector	7	Blue	Oil Pressure - C
7	White	EGR Solenoid	8	Pink	Ign. 12v
8	Yellow	Smart Start Relay	12	Yellow	ECT
	Clear or				
9	Red	Dist Mod D	13	Purple	O2 - C
10	Black	Dist Mod B	14	Blue	Fuel Level
11	Green	Fan Relay	15	Tan	IAT
14	Blue	Fuel Pump Relay	17	Black	Ground
16	Black	Ground	18	Brown	MAP - B
17	Yellow	IAC - C	20	Blue	ALDL - J
18	Purple	IAC - D	21	White	ALDL - K
		Power Relay			
22	Black	control	22	Red	Battery
		Power Relay			
23	Pink	output	23	Brown	TPS - C
24	Orange or	C E Light	24	Orange	5v Ref.
	White				