



## **OWNER'S MANUAL for Dry Nitrous Injection for SVT applications**

CONGRATULATIONS on purchasing your DynoTune Nitrous Oxide Injection System! Your system is composed of the highest quality components available. It should provide many miles of trouble-free performance when used correctly. If you have any questions regarding the performance of our system, call DynoTune Technical Service at 1-978-562-6040.

**NOTICE:** Installation of this DynoTune INC. Nitrous oxide system product signifies that you have read this document and have agreed to the terms stated within.

It is the purchaser's responsibility to follow all installation instruction guidelines and safety procedures supplied with the product as it is received by the purchaser to determine the compatibility of the product with the vehicle or the device the purchaser intends to install the product on.

DynoTune assumes no responsibility for damages occurring from accident, misuse, abuse, improper installation, improper operation, lack of reasonable care, or all previously stated reasons resulting from incompatibility with other manufacturers' products.

DynoTune neither recommends nor condones the use of products manufactured or sold by DynoTune on vehicles, which may be driven on public roads or highways, and assumes no responsibility for damages incurred by such use.

DynoTune nitrous oxide is legal for use in most states when used in accordance with state and local traffic laws. DynoTune does not recommend or condone the use of its products in illegal racing activities.

DynoTune has not pursued California Air Research Board (CARB) exemptions for these kits, hence, they are not legal for use on pollution-controlled vehicles in California. A correctly installed DynoTune nitrous system should not alter the emission control performance of your vehicle under standard EPA test cycle conditions.

**NOTICE:** The DynoTune Nitrous Systems are not intended for use on hatchback type vehicles without the use of a DynoTune bottle blow-down tube kit.

### **HAZARDS DEFINED**

This manual presents step-by-step instructions that describe the process of installing your DynoTune Nitrous Oxide Injection System. These procedures provide a framework for installation and operation of this kit. Parts are referenced by name and number to avoid confusion. Within the instructions, you are advised of potential hazards, pitfalls, and problems to avoid. The following examples explain the various hazard levels:

**WARNING!** Failure to comply with instructions may result in injury or death

**CAUTION!** Failure to comply with instructions may result in damage to equipment.

**NOTE:** This information is important, needs to be emphasized, and is set apart from the rest of the text.

**HINT:** These special instructions provide a handy work tip.

## **NITROUS OXIDE INJECTION SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS**

### **WARNINGS**

- ❑ Do not attempt to start the engine if the nitrous has been injected while the engine was not running. Disconnect the coil wire and turn the engine over with the throttle wide open for several revolutions before attempting to start. Failure to do so can result in extreme engine damage.
- ❑ Never permit oil, grease, or any other readily combustible substances to come in contact with cylinders, valves, solenoids, hoses, and fittings. Oil and certain gases (such as oxygen and nitrous oxide) may combine to produce a highly flammable condition.
- ❑ Never interchange nitrous and fuel solenoids. Failure to follow these simple instructions can result in extreme engine damage and/or personal injury.
- ❑ Never drop or violently strike the bottle. Doing so may result in an explosive bottle failure.
- ❑ Never change pressure settings of safety relief valve on the nitrous bottle valve. Increasing the safety relief valve pressure settings may create an explosive bottle hazard.
- ❑ Identify the gas content by the Dynotune on the bottle before using. If the bottle is not identified to show the gas contained, return the bottle to the supplier.
- ❑ Do not deface or remove any markings, which are on the nitrous bottle.
- ❑ Nitrous bottle valves should always be closed when the system is not being used.
- ❑ Notify the supplier of any condition, which might have permitted any foreign matter to enter the valve or bottle.
- ❑ Keep the valves closed on all empty bottles to prevent accidental contamination.
- ❑ After storage, open the nitrous bottle valve for an instant to clear the opening of any possible dust or dirt.
- ❑ It is important that all threads on the valves and solenoids are properly mated. Never force connections that do not fit properly.

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

## **WHAT IS NITROUS OXIDE?**

### **Do's and Don'ts of Nitrous Oxide**

#### **Chapter 1. Introduction to your DynoTune Nitrous Oxide Kit**

- 1.1 General Information
- 1.2 System Requirements
- 1.3 Kit Components

#### **Chapter 2. Kit Installation**

- 2.1 Bottle Mounting Instructions
  - 2.1.1 Street Vehicles
  - 2.1.2 Racing Vehicles
- 2.2 Bottle Orientation
- 2.3 Bottle Installation
- 2.4 Dry Nozzle Installation
- 2.5 Solenoid Mounting
- 2.6 Solenoid Nozzle Hose Connection
- 2.7 Nitrous Feed Line Mounting
- 2.8 Electrical System Installation

#### **Chapter 3. Baseline Tuning Suggestions**

#### **Chapter 4. Preparing for Operation**

#### **Chapter 5. Advanced Tuning for Maximum Power**

- 5.1 Determining Optimum Jetting
- 5.2 Determining Optimum Ignition Timing

#### **Chapter 6. Routine Maintenance**

- 6.1 Nitrous Solenoid Filter
- 6.2 Nitrous Solenoid Plunger
  - 6.2.1 General Information
  - 6.2.2 Nitrous Solenoid Plunger Disassembly and Inspection

#### **Appendix A. Troubleshooting Guide**

## WHAT IS NITROUS OXIDE?

Nitrous Oxide ...

- ... Is a cryogenic gas composed of nitrogen and oxygen molecules.
- ... Is 36% oxygen by weight.
- ... Is non-flammable by itself
- ... Is stored as a compressed liquid
- ... Exists in two grades --- U.S.P. and Nitrous Plus:

- ❑ U.S.P. is medical grade nitrous oxide; its common use is dental and veterinary anesthesia. It is commonly used as a propellant in canned whipped cream. U.S.P. is not available to the public.
- ❑ Nitrous Plus differs from U.S.P. in that it contains trace amounts of sulphur dioxide added to prevent substance abuse. Nitrous Plus is intended for automotive applications and is available for sale to the public.

In automotive applications, Nitrous Plus and fuel are injected into the engine's intake manifold, which produces the following results:

- ❑ Lowers engine intake air temperature, producing a dense inlet charge.
- ❑ Increases the oxygen content of the inlet charge (air is only 22 percent oxygen by weight).
- ❑ Increase the rate at which combustion occurs in the engine's cylinders.

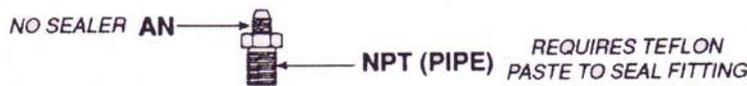
## Do's and Don'ts of Nitrous Oxide

### Do's

- ❑ Read all instructions before attempting to install your DynoTune nitrous system.
- ❑ Make sure your fuel delivery system is adequate for the nitrous jetting you have chosen. Inadequate fuel pressure or flow will result in engine damage.
- ❑ Use 14-gauge (minimum) wire when installing electrical system components.
- ❑ Use high-quality connections at all electrical joints.
- ❑ Use Teflon-based paste on pipe-style fittings.
- ❑ Make sure your engine and related components (ignition, EFI system, and driveline) are in proper working condition. *Do not use any performance chip or modified computer that advances timing more than stock. Using a non-stock blower pulley requires serious professional tuning.*
- ❑ If nitrous is accidentally injected into the engine when it is not running, remove the engine coil wire, open the throttle, and crank the engine 10 to 15 seconds before starting. Failure to do so can result in an explosive engine failure.
- ❑ Use your DynoTune nitrous system only at wide-open throttle and at engine speeds above 3000 RPM.
- ❑ Install a proper engine to chassis ground. Failure to do so may result in an explosive failure of the main nitrous supply line.
- ❑ Use a high-quality fuel, as suggested in Chapter 3, Baseline Tuning Suggestions.

### Don'ts

- ❑ Engage your nitrous system with the engine off. Severe engine damage can occur.
- ❑ Modify DynoTune nitrous systems (if you need a non-stock item, call DynoTune Technical Service for assistance).
- ❑ Over tighten AN type fittings.
- ❑ Use Teflon Tape on any pipe threads. Pieces of Teflon tape can break loose and become lodged in nitrous or fuel solenoids or solenoid filters. Debris lodged in a nitrous or fuel solenoid can cause catastrophic engine failure.



- ❑ Use sealant of any kind on AN type fittings.
- ❑ Allow nitrous pressure to exceed 1100 psi. Excessive pressure can cause swelling or in extreme cases failure of the nitrous solenoid plunger.
- ❑ Inhale nitrous oxide. Death due to suffocation can occur.
- ❑ Allow nitrous oxide to come in contact with skin. Severe frostbite can occur.

## Chapter 1. Introduction to your DynoTune Nitrous Oxide Kit

### 1.1 General Information on Dry Nitrous Injection

This kit is intended for SVT supercharged EFI applications with engines using a MAF (Mass airflow sensor). When Nitrous oxide is injected before the MAF sensor the cold Nitrous passes by the hot MAF sensor wire cooling it down. This fools the cars computer into thinking it has a lot more air is going into the engine, thus the computer adds extra fuel to compensate for the air or in our case Nitrous Oxide. This extra fuel is injected into your engine by your OEM fuel injectors. Both the nitrous and Fuel combine in the chamber to give a “Liquid supercharger” effect.

NOTE: You must use a stock calibrated MAF sensor and blower pulley, a MAF that is not stock may need special tuning to get the A/F ratio correct. See the advanced tuning section. It is up to the Operator of this kit to verify that this kit is compatible with their application.

These kits have been designed for safety and smoothness of operation. Nitrous oxide is injected into the engine only when the following conditions are met:

- ❑ Bottle valve is opened
- ❑ System is armed
- ❑ Engine is at wide-open throttle

Horsepower and torque increases due to these kits will vary with engine displacement and modifications. Approximate power increase estimates can be made based upon the massflow of nitrous oxide into the engine. The following table is provided to allow you to estimate the power increase you can expect for your application. DynoTune **strongly** suggests that an upper limit of about 40% increase in power output from your stock engine. Exceeding this can result in premature engine failure.

**Table 1. Jetting**

Kits	Nitrous	Approximate Power Increase (BHP)
DynoTune Dry EFI Nozzle System (SVT Supercharged Engines)	24	25 HP
	28	35 HP
	32	50 HP

NOTE: If jets other than the ones recommended in the table are used, please refer to Chapter 3, “Baseline Tuning Suggestions” and Chapter 4, “Preparing for Operation”, for additional information on jet selection.

Drivability, fuel economy, and exhaust emissions should not be affected under normal (part throttle) conditions.

## 1.2 System Requirements

When used correctly, these kits should work with stock internal engine components. To ensure proper performance and engine life, the following is an absolute must:

### □ Manual Transmissions

If the vehicle is to be exposed to severe operating conditions, such as drag strip usage, the standard clutch should be replaced with a high performance unit.

### □ Automatic Transmissions

If the vehicle is to be exposed to severe operating conditions, such as drag strip usage, a reputable high-performance transmission shop should service the automatic transmission.

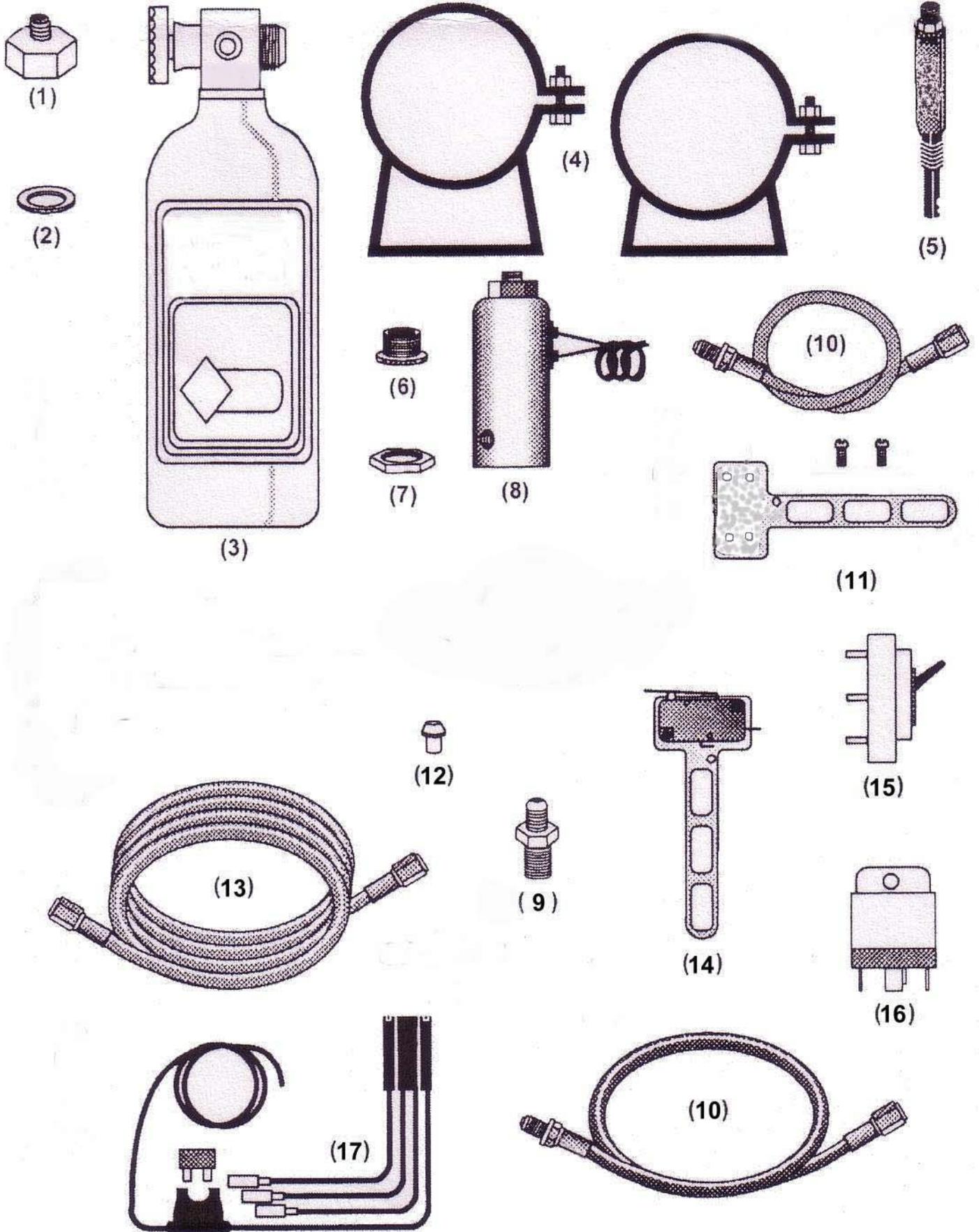
## 1.3 Kit Components

Before beginning the installation of your DynoTune nitrous kit, compare the components in your kit with those shown in Figure 1 and listed in Table 2. If any components are missing, please contact DynoTune Technical Support at (978) 562-6040

**Table 2. DynoTune SVT Dry Kit Parts List**

Item	Description	Quantity	P/N
1	4AN Bottle Nut Adapter	1	
2	Bottle Nut Teflon Washer	1	
3	#10 N20 Bottle	1	
4	#10 Bottle Bracket Set	1	
5	Dry Nozzle	1	
6	Dry Nozzle Adapter	1	
7	Dry Nozzle Adapter Nut	1	
8	Nitrous Solenoid	1	
9	1/8" NPT x 4AN	1	
10	2 ft. 3AN Hose (Blue)	1	
11	Solenoid Mounting Bracket w/screws	1	
12	Flare Jets	3	
13	16 ft. 4AN Hose (blue)	1	
14	Micro switch assembly	1	
15	Arming Switch	1	
16	Wiring Relay – 30 AMP	1	
17	Harness for Wiring Relay w/ Fuse	1	

Figure 1. Dry Kit Components



## Chapter 2. Kit Installation

### 2.1 Bottle Mounting Instructions

NOTE: Disconnect the battery ground before beginning installation.

#### 2.1.1 Street Vehicles

Accurate calibration of your DynoTune nitrous system depends on the bottle remaining at a stable temperature. Mount the bottle away from heat sources, such as the engine compartment or exhaust system, and away from windows, where the bottle is exposed to direct sunlight.

Dynotune recommends that the bottle be environmentally separated from the driver's compartment. Because hatchback-type vehicles generally do not have a firewall between the trunk area and the driver's compartment, the safety pressure relief cap should be replaced with a Blow-Down kit that will vent the Nitrous outside the passenger compartment during an over pressure condition. The blow-down tube should be routed to the exterior of the vehicle (preferably under the vehicle). This procedure will prevent filling the driver's compartment with a cloud of nitrous oxide, If the safety pressure relief cap should happen to rupture for any reason.

#### 2.1.2 Racing Vehicles

Before mounting a nitrous bottle in a racing vehicle intended for use in sanctioned events, check with the sanctioning association for any rules regarding this subject. Most associations require that the bottle be mounted within the confines of the safety roll cage with the safety pressure relief cap vented away from the driver's compartment.

Figure 2 Nitrous Bottle Siphon Tube Orientation

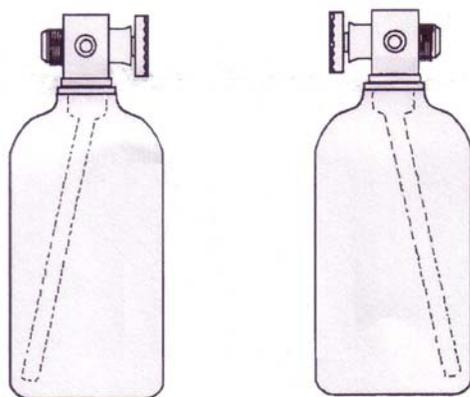
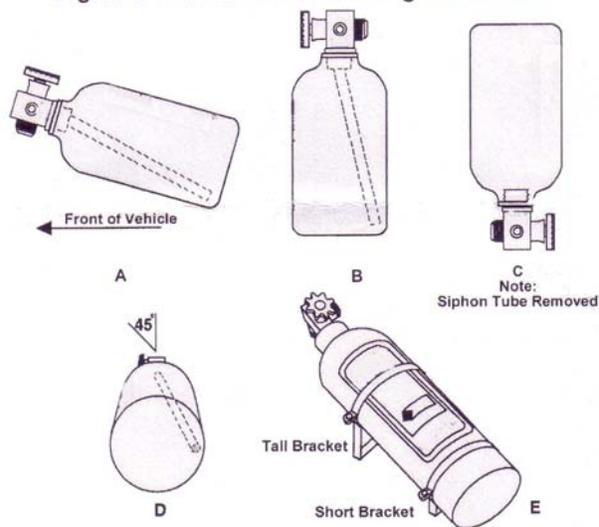


Figure 3 Nitrous Bottle Mounting Orientations



### 2.2 Bottle Orientation

Bottle placement is critical to the performance of your DynoTune nitrous system. It is important to understand how the bottle valve and siphon tube are assembled to properly orient the bottle in your vehicle and ensure that it picks up liquid nitrous while undergoing acceleration. All Dynotune nitrous bottles are assembled so that the bottom of the siphon tube is at the bottom of the bottle and opposite the bottle label (Figure 2).

Whenever the bottle is mounted in a lay-down position, the valve handle must be towards the front of the vehicle with the label facing up (Figure 3A).

If the bottle is mounted vertically, the label must face toward the front of the vehicle (Figure 3B). This orientation will position the siphon tube at the back of the bottle where the liquid N<sub>2</sub>O will be during acceleration.

**WARNING! DO NOT attempt to remove the siphon tube without completely emptying the bottle of all nitrous and pressure. Failure to completely empty the bottle will result in an explosive condition causing injury or death.**

A bottle mounted upside-down must have the siphon tube removed before use (Figure 3C). Non-siphon bottles can be specially ordered from DynoTune.

If the bottle must be mounted parallel to the axles of the vehicle (sideways), the label must be angled at approximately 45° toward the front of the vehicle (Figure 3D). This orientation will position the siphon tube toward the rear of the bottle.

NOTE: When using a bottle with a siphon tube, the tall bracket should be at the valve end of the bottle and the short bracket at the bottom (Figure 3E).

The most efficient mounting is the lay-down position (Figure 3A) this position allows the greatest amount of liquid to be used before the siphon tube begins to pick up gaseous nitrous oxide.

### 2.3 Bottle Installation

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

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses ( ) refer to the parts list/assembly drawing number for the components. Figure 4 shows installation assembly for the DynoTune nitrous system.

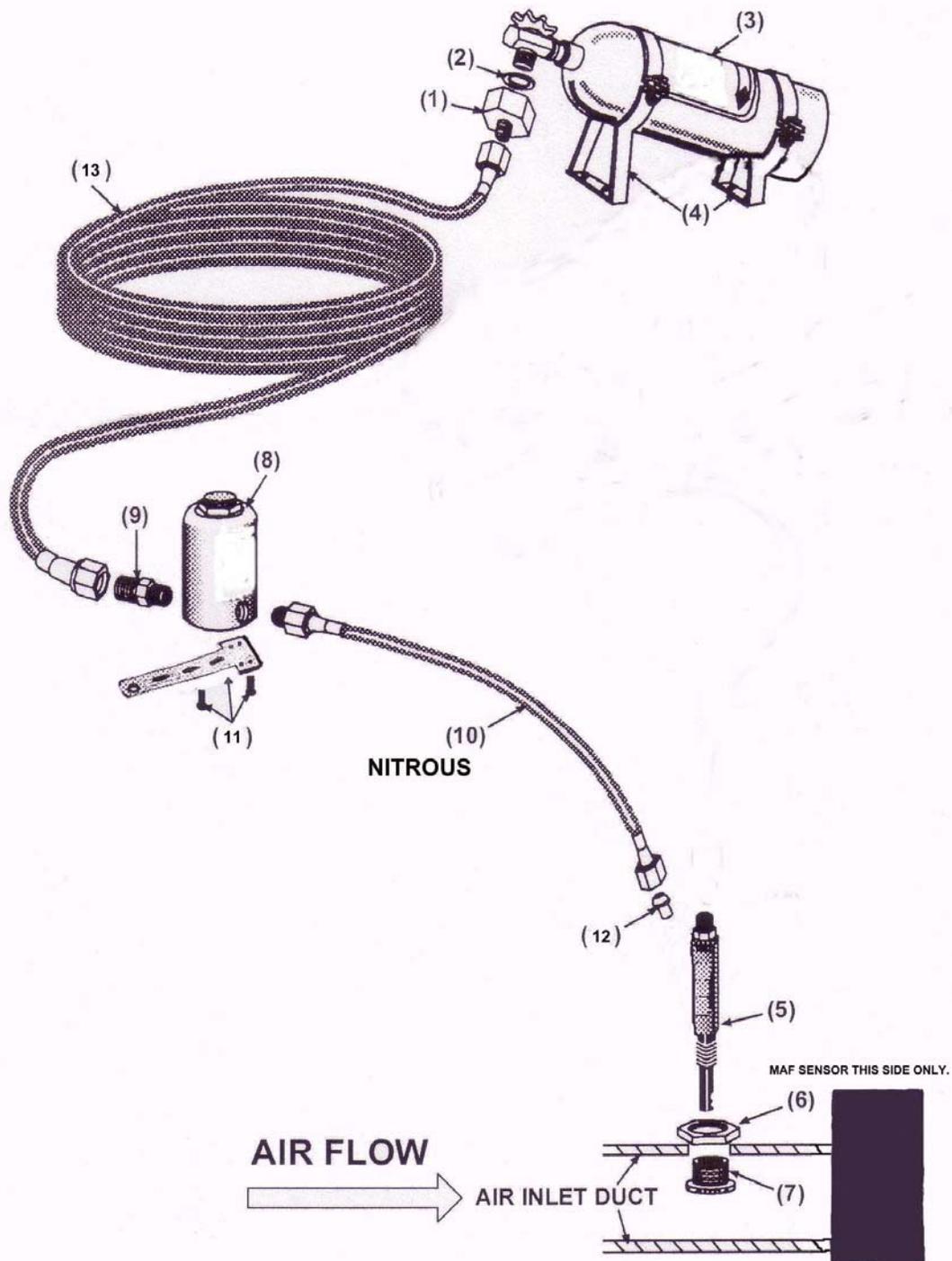
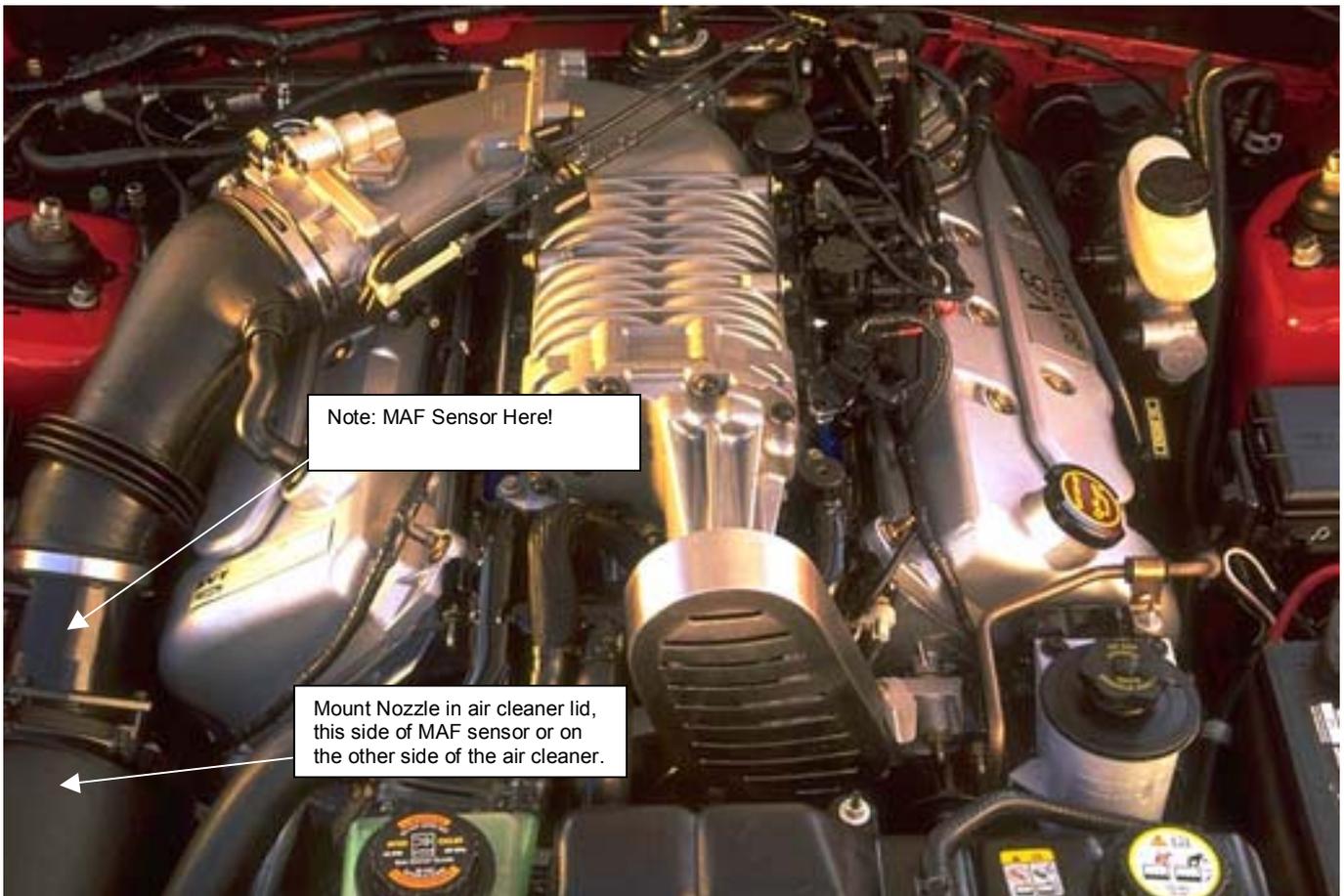


FIG. 4

- 1) Install the bottle nut adapter (1) and Teflon washer (2) on the nitrous bottle (3). Tighten securely.
- 2) Loosely install the bottle mounting brackets (4) on the nitrous bottle as shown in figure 4.
- 3) Locate the bottle/bracket assembly in the desired mounting location, ensuring that the location will provide easy access to the bottle valve, hose connection, and the bracket clamp bolts to facilitate bottle changing.
- 4) Use the assembled bottle/bracket unit as a pattern to mark and drill the four 5/16" holes in the mounting surface. **Caution: When Drilling or punching holes for the brackets, be aware of wires, hoses, fuel tanks etc that may be under or near the brackets!**
- 5) Mount the brackets securely to the surface.
- 6) Secure the bottle into the mounting brackets and tighten the bracket clamps.

## 2.4 Dry Nozzle Installation

- 1) Before making any permanent modifications to the vehicle, layout the location of all major components (solenoid, nozzle, nitrous supply lines etc.)
- 2) Select the desired mounting location for the nozzle (5), taking into account the length of the nitrous supply hose and the intended location of the solenoid. Take into account that the nozzle and lines must clear the hood so check for clearance before drilling.
- 3) It is best mount the nozzle away from the MAF sensor so the Blast of Nitrous will not shoot past the MAF's hot wire sensor. To do this try to mount the nozzle away (1-2 feet if possible) from the MAF sensor so that the incoming engine air will carry the Nitrous Cloud by the MAF sensor cleanly so it gets a good distributed Nitrous Cloud passing by the hot wire sensor. Mounting the nozzle in the air-box lid is the ideal location. Try to mount the nozzle in the top of the air cleaner lid so that the Nitrous Cloud will not pass through the air cleaner element.
- 4) Drill a hole into the air lid or intake tubing before the MAF sensor on the air-cleaner side and mount the nozzle making sure the tip extends fully into the inlet tube or lid. Note: Make sure and remove all chips and debris from the air inlet.
- 5) Make sure the discharge side of the nozzle is pointing toward the engine. Reinstall the air inlet duct or air cleaner lid.



## 2.5 Solenoid Mounting

Caution: do not over tighten the vise in the following procedure, or the solenoids will be damaged.

- 1) Clamp the nitrous solenoid (8) in a bench vise.
- 2) Thread the 1/8" NPT x 4AN fitting into the inlet port of the nitrous solenoid (The Nitrous solenoid has Blue or Black power wires).
- 3) Thread the 1/8" NPT male end of the blue 2 ft 3AN hose (10) into the outlet port of the nitrous solenoid. Remove from the vise.
- 4) Attach the nitrous solenoid to the mounting bracket (11).
- 5) Select the mounting location for the solenoid assembly ensuring the assembly will not interfere with engine accessories or throttle actuation. Make sure the hoses do not get kinked.
- 6) Find a cool temperature location. Make sure the solenoids and lines clear all moving parts and exhaust.

## 2.6 Solenoid / nozzle hose connection

- 1) Select the proper nitrous jet (15). Place the desired jets into the nozzle, as shown in figure 4.  
NOTE: Start with the lowest HP jet to test the system out.
- 2) Connect and tighten the blue fitting side of the 2 ft. 3AN hose (10) to the nozzle as shown in figure 4

## 2.7 Nitrous Feed Line Mounting

Some folks run the lines under the car or inside the car, under the carpeting. If you run the line under the carpet check NHRA rules for racing applications as routing the line inside the car may be dangerous. It is always recommended to run the lines outside the car.

- 1) Determine the route for your nitrous feed line. Ensure the path is clear of the exhaust and moving parts like wheels, brakes, steering linkage etc.
- 2) Feed the nitrous supply line (16) along the route you have decided on.
- 3) Use nylon quick zips to secure the Line as needed.
- 4) Attach the Nitrous Feed line to the 4AN bottle nut (1) on the nitrous bottle. **Warning: Nitrous oxide can cause death if inhaled or cause sever frost bite if it contacts your skin, always point the line away for people or objects when purging the air from the line.**
- 5) Purge the nitrous supply line at the solenoid end.
  - a. Wrap the nitrous line open end with a rag and secure down.
  - b. Crack the bottle valve slightly to purge the line, it only takes a second to purge the line.
- 6) Attach the nitrous supply line to the solenoid fitting on the inlet port, again the nitrous solenoid has blue or black power wires.

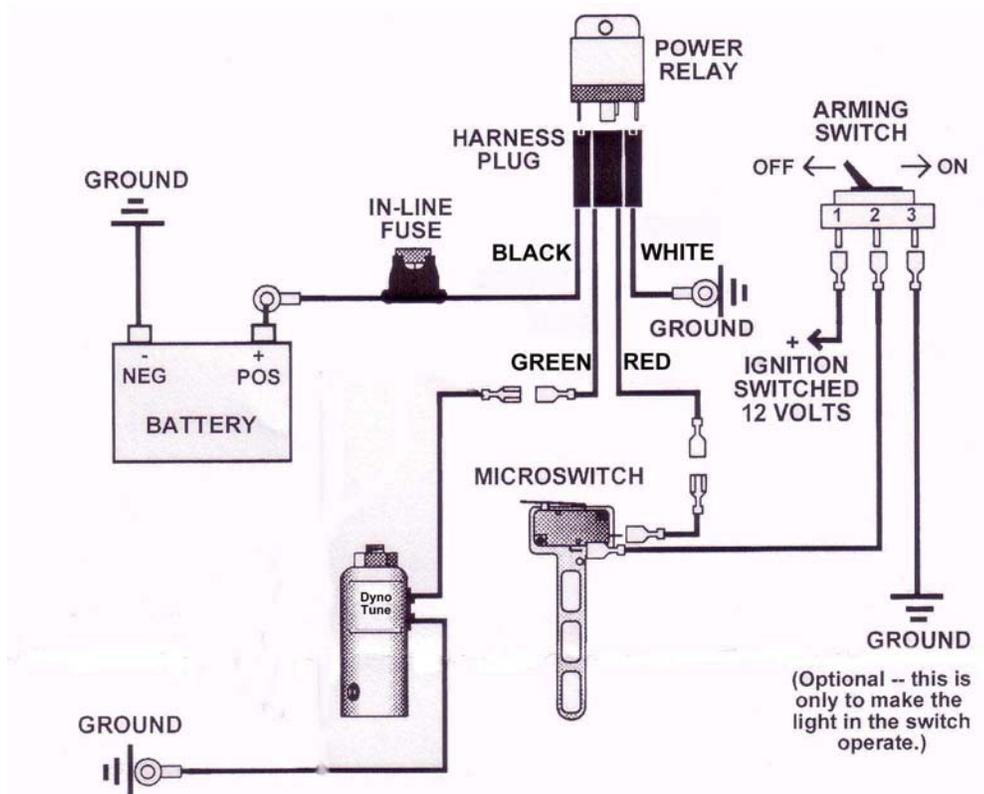


FIG. 9

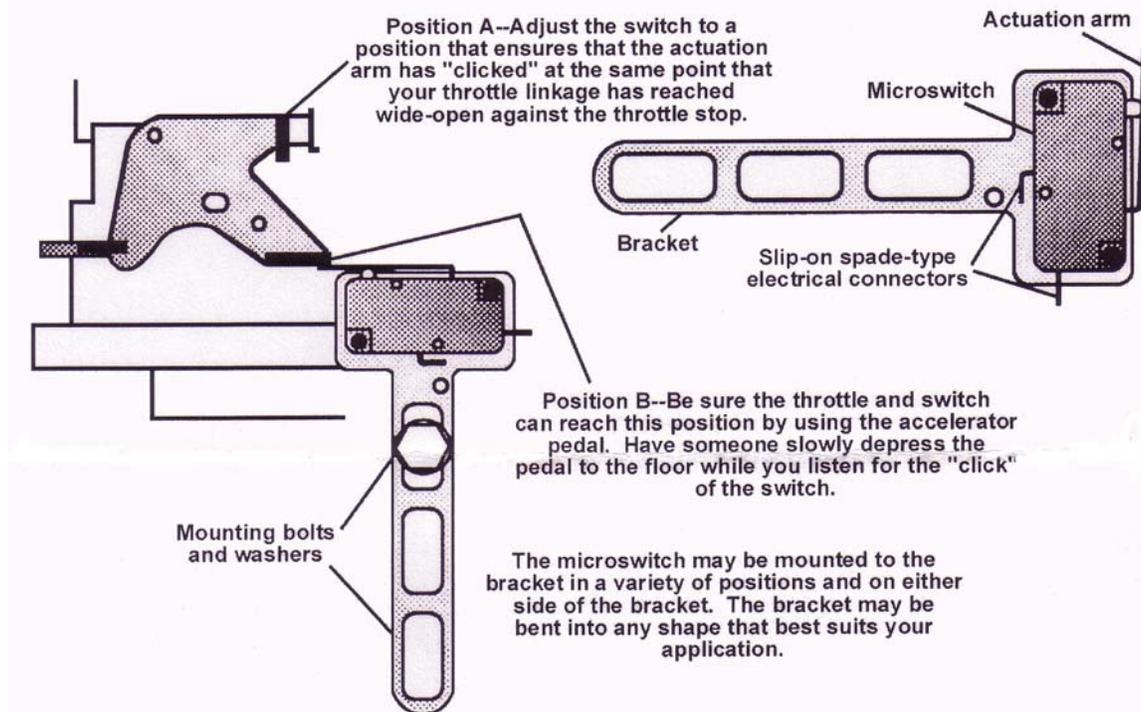
## 2.8 Electrical System installation

Refer to figure 9 and the procedures in this section for electrical system installation. **WARNING! Death or injury may occur from working on a charged electrical system.**

- 1) Disconnect the battery at the ground cable (if not already done.)
- 2) Install the throttle micro switch (17) as follows: Hint, the micro-switch may be mounted to the bracket in a variety of positions and on either side of the bracket. The bracket may be bent to suit the application. **WARNING! Binding or dragging of the throttle linkage will create a potentially dangerous stuck-throttle condition. Ensure that the micro-switch does not interfere with the normal operation of the throttle linkage operation.**
  - a. Mount the throttle micro-switch on the throttle pedal bracket so that the throttle pedal arm movement triggers the micro-switch. See picture below:



Optionally you can mount it on the throttle body linkage. General description below is not a specific Application, you will need to be creative.



- b. Adjust the micro-switch to trigger at wide-open throttle by adjusting the micro-switches position to ensure the actuation of the micro-switch “clicks” at the same point the throttle pedal reaches wide-open throttle.
  - c. Slowly press the pedal to the floor while you listen for the “Click” of the micro-switch.
  - d. Warning: Make sure carpeting and floor mats cannot interfere with the operation of the micro-switch or accidentally operate the switch.
- 3) Install the arming switch (15) in the vehicle interior, within easy reach from the drives seat. This switch will put power to the entire system. CAUTION! Never activate your nitrous system below 3000 RPM's as doing so could damage your engine.
  - 4) Install the relay (16) and the relay harness (17) in the engine compartment near the battery.
  - 5) Connect one of the orange fuse wires to the battery (+) terminal. Connect the other fuse wire to the Black wire going to the relay. Install the fuse into the fuse holder
  - 6) Connect one wire from the solenoid to the Green relay wire. (**NOTE: Blue wire on relay not used**)
  - 7) Connect other solenoid wire to a good chassis ground.

### Micro-Switch Wiring

- 1) Connect the White relay wire to a good solid ground.
- 2) Connect the red relay wire to either terminal on the throttle micro-switch.
- 3) Connect the open terminal on the micro-switch to the (#2) terminal (acc) on the arming switch.
- 4) Connect the #1 terminal (power) on the arming switch to a 12volt power source.
- 5) Connect the #3 terminal (ground) of the arming switch to ground.
- 6) Reconnect the battery.
- 7) Turn the arming switch on.
- 8) Push the throttle wide open while the engine is off. The solenoid should make a clicking noise if it is working properly. If no noise is heard, check all wiring connections and each wire in schematic per figure 9. **NOTE: Nitrous flowing through the solenoid is needed to keep the coil from melting. Short, one-second power cycles will not hurt it but more than 5 seconds with no nitrous flowing though it will melt the coil and void your warranty.**

## Chapter 3 Baseline tuning suggestions

Your DynoTune system comes preset with nitrous jetting based upon engine displacement and HP wanted. The jetting is conservative and is intended to work with stock ignition systems and +92 octane unleaded gasoline. HP numbers are based upon 950 PSI (85 degrees F). Using the listed jets should yield safe reliable power increases if proper A/F ratios are achieved. It is up to the Operator of this kit to ensure that their vehicle will be compatible with this kit. Running this kit on a vehicle without a MAF sensor compatible with this kit will cause serious engine damage! Jets yielding 50HP should be considered the maximum if you do not have an Air/Fuel Ratio gauge or a method to check you're A/F ratio. 50HP max for 6 CYL and 35HP max for 4 CYL.

Caution! Use of excessive bottle pressure and or inadequate fuel delivery (weak fuel pump or fuel system problems) can cause a lean condition which will damage your engine. Start with the smallest jet and work your way up. If you hear pinging at higher HP levels you may need to use a higher octane fuel or octane booster and or retard timing.

## Chapter 4 Preparing for operation

- 1) Turn on the ignition switch and check for fuel leaks. Shut off the vehicle.
- 2) Open the nitrous bottle valve.
- 3) Inspect all the lines and fittings for leaks and adjust as needed.
- 4) Enjoy the power only a DynoTune Nitrous system can offer!

**CAUTION! Never activate your nitrous system below 3000 RPM.**

## Chapter 5 Advanced Tuning for Maximum power

After performing the Baseline Tuning Suggestion-Chapter 3, if you desire to maximize the performance of your system (Greater than 50hp), perform the following:

Note: Power levels higher than 50hp should use one heat range cooler plugs and retard timing. Using an octane booster may eliminate the need for timing retard at 50hp levels and higher. Larger Injectors or a high flow fuel pump is required for higher HP levels. HP in excess of 175hp can be achieved if proper preparation is taken (professionally tuned and modified engines).

Note: Always perform the nitrous/fuel ratio modification listed in section 5.1 before attempting to optimize the ignition timing (section 5.2). Improper nitrous/fuel ratio combinations can mislead you when attempting to optimize the ignition timing.

### 5.1 Determining optimum A/F ratio

- 1) Run the car on a dynamometer and measure A/F ratio. You can keep increasing the jet size as long as the a/f ratio is safe. You should also retard timing if more than (50HP 6 cyl and 35HP 4cyl) is added to the engine, listen for pinging as all cars run different.
- 2) Check your plugs between runs to make sure you're A/F ratio and timing is perfect.

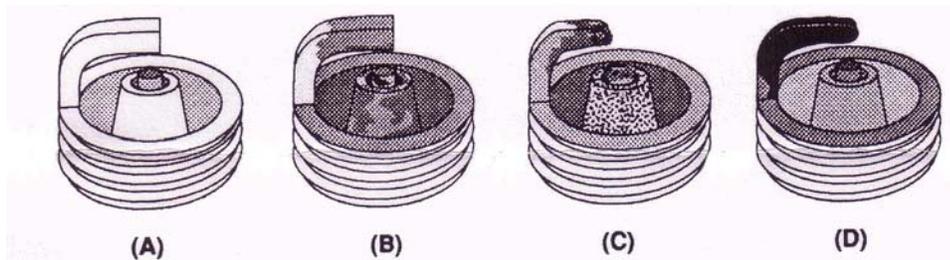


FIG. 11

## How to read Spark plugs from a nitrous oxide injected Engine

### A. Correct Timing, Mixture and spark plug heat range

Ground strap retains a “like new” appearance. Edges are crisp, with no signs of discoloration. Porcelain retains clear white appearance with no “peppering” or spotting.

### B. Excessively Rich Mixture

Porcelain may be fuel stained appearing brown or black. In extreme cases, the ground strap, electrode, and porcelain may be damp with gasoline, or smell of fuel.

### C. Detonation

Edges of the ground strap may become rounded. Porcelain has the appearance of being sprinkled with pepper, or may have aluminum speckles. During heavy detonation, the ground strap tip may be burnt off. This phenomena can result from excessive ignition timing, too high a heat range spark plug, or inadequate fuel octane.

### D. Excessively Lean Mixture

Edges of the ground strap may become rounded. Under moderate overheating, the tip of the ground strap can discolor, usually turning purple in color, or the entire ground start can become discolored.

## 5.2 Determining Optimum Ignition Timing

### IMPORTANT!

Ignition timing should be retarded approximately 2 degrees per 50 hp

The following scheme for determining ignition timing should allow you to determine the optimum setting for you vehicle, without incurring engine damage during the tuning phase.

1. Estimate the reduced ignition timing that you think will produce the best power.
2. Set the ignition timing 2 degrees retarded from your best power estimate setting.
3. Stabilize the nitrous bottle pressure at 950PSI.
4. Perform a dynamometer pull or a full throttle pass down the racetrack. Note the power reading or vehicle MPH at the track.
5. Increase the ignition timing 2 degrees.
6. Perform a dynamometer pull or a full throttle pass down the racetrack. Note the power reading or vehicle MPH at the track. Examine the spark plugs for signs of detonation (refer to figure 11 for tips on reading spark plugs).
  - A. If power increase or vehicle MPH increase **AND** spark plugs show no signs of overheating or detonation, increase the ignition 2 degrees.
  - B. If power increase or vehicle MPH increase **AND** spark plugs begin to show slight signs or detonation-**STOP**. Do not advance the timing further. You may choose to reduce the timing 2 degrees at this point for an extra margin of safety.
  - C. If power decreases or vehicle MPH decreases, reduce the ignition timing 2 degrees.
7. Repeat step 6 until optimum ignition timing is obtained.

## Chapter 6 Routine Maintenance

### 6.1 Nitrous filters and lines

- 1) Clean the Filter in the nitrous solenoid inlet port if so equipped.
- 2) Inspect all fuel lines and nitrous lines for leaks and repair as needed.

### 6.2 Nitrous Solenoid Plunger

#### 6.2.1 General information

The seals used in DynoTune nitrous oxide solenoids are designed to be used with nitrous oxide only. When kept from fuel contamination or over pressurization, they should provide trouble free performance. You should periodically (after every 20-30 pounds of nitrous usage) examine the seal in the Nitrous solenoid plunger. The seals used in the plungers are designed to work at pressures up to 1100psi. Exposing the plunger to excessive pressure can result in the seal in the plunger swelling or in extreme cases, the plunger seal disintegration resulting in a leaky solenoid.

#### 6.2.3 Nitrous Solenoid plunger Disassembly and inspection

- 1) Close the valve on the nitrous bottle.
- 2) Empty the main nitrous supply line.
- 3) Remove the main nitrous supply line.
- 4) Remove the retaining nut from the nitrous solenoid and remove the coil and housing. Note any shims.
- 5) Unscrew the stem from the nitrous solenoid base. Do this by double nutting the stem; do not use pliers as this will damage the stem!
- 6) Remove the stem, spring and plunger from the solenoid base.
- 7) Examine the plunger seat for swelling. The seal surface should be flat, except for a small circular indentation in the center of the seal.

A fuel-contaminated seal will protrude from the plunger and be dome-shaped. A fuel-contaminated seal may return to its original shape if left in the fresh air over several days. A seal, which is flat, but protrudes from the plunger body has probably failed internally and should be replaced.

- 8) Re-assemble in reverse order.

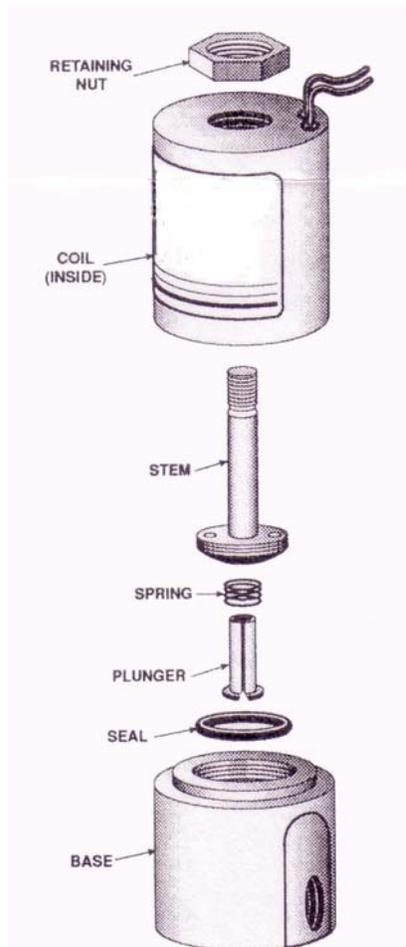


FIG. 12

## Troubleshooting

**Lack of power when Nitrous is activated:** Check to make sure the nitrous bottle is full and up to pressure (900-950psi). Check to make sure the Filter on the inlet port of the nitrous solenoid is not clogged. Check for leaks in the nitrous line assembly. Check to make sure the nozzle is not too close to the MAF as nitrous may be blowing past the hot wire MAF sensor above or below the sensor.

**You hear pinging when nitrous is activated:** use a higher-octane fuel and or retard timing. Check your plugs for detonation. Try one heat range cooler spark plug.