VDO Limited Warranty

VDO North America warrants all merchandise against defects in factory workmanship and materials for a period of 24 months after purchase. This warranty applies to the first retail purchaser and covers only those products exposed to normal use or service. Provisions of this warranty shall not apply to a VDO product used for a purpose for which it is not designed, or which has been altered in any way that would be detrimental to the performance or life of the product, or misapplication, misuse, negligence or accident. On any part or product found to be defective after examination by VDO North America, VDO North America will only repair or replace the merchandise through the original selling dealer or on a direct basis. VDO North America assumes no responsibility for diagnosis, removal and/or installation labor, loss of vehicle use, loss of time, inconvenience or any other consequential expenses. The warranties herein are in lieu of any other expressed or implied warranties, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness, and any other obligation on the part of VDO North America, or selling dealer.

NOTE: This is a “Limited Warranty” as defined by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act of 1975.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTRIC TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE AND/OR FUEL GAUGE ARE CONTAINED HEREIN. USE IS RESTRICTED TO 12-VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. LIGHT BULB, IF SUPPLIED, IS 12 VOLT.

Tools and Materials Needed For Installation:
16 Gauge stranded, insulated wire
Non-insulated ¼" spade connectors
2 ½" or 2 ¾" hole saw
Drill and drill bit set
Half-round file
Tape measure or ruler
Small tools: wrench or nut driver, utility knife, pliers, etc.
Various engine adapters

CAUTION!!!

These instructions contain information about gauges of different sizes. You must determine the size of your gauge before cutting any holes!

Diagram D
Temperature/Pressure Gauge Wiring

Diagram E
Fuel Gauge Wiring

1.  SELECT THE LOCATION FOR THE INSTRUMENT AND CUT EITHER A 2 ½" OR 2 ¾" HOLE.
2.  INSERT THE GAUGE AND SECURE IT WITH EITHER THE VDO SPIN-LOK™ CLAMP OR MOUNTING BRACKET.

DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
(Refer to Diagram C)

Wiring the Gauge:

NOTE: On all oil and water temperature gauges, 14-gauge wire is required for gauge ground; it must be a dedicated ground to insure gauge accuracy and to eliminate any erratic gauge readings.

1. Run wires from the instrument location through the firewall to:
   a) the positive (+) terminal on the battery (after the ignition switch, and after the fuse box);
   b) the light switch (also after the fuse in the fuse box);

[Text continues at #1]
c) a good, dedicated ground location (i.e., where the negative (−) battery pole is connected to the chassis of the vehicle); and
d) from the instrument sender terminal to the terminal on the sending unit.

2. Connect the appropriate positive (+), ground (negative [−]), and signal wires to the gauge and gauge lamp socket as shown in Diagram D or E.

3. If you are using a VDO sender with a built-in warning contact terminal, run a wire (min. 16-gauge, stranded) from the sender terminal marked “WK” to one terminal on the warning light. (Diagram B)

NOTE: Do not use teflon tape on the sender threads which act as an electrical ground source for the unit.

Water temperature senders work best if they are installed near the thermostat housing. Oil temperature senders can be used to replace the manufacturer’s oil pan drain plug. The oil pressure sender is installed in the same location as the factory sender or warning light switch.

Remember: These gauges measure ohm resistance which is created by the sender. The ohm range of the sender and gauge MUST MATCH or the gauge will not be accurate. VDO sells many gauges which work with other manufacturer’s senders; but you must know the correct sender ohm range before you buy any of these gauges.