



# HALL-EFFECT TRIGGERED ELECTRONIC IGNITION SYSTEM WITH FIXED ADVANCE FOR 4 STROKE & 2 STROKE PETROL ENGINES 6/12 VOLT ELECTRICS POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE GROUND





SYSTEM TYPE: ALF

# This system supersedes True Fire PTF2/PTF2-6

# **SYSTEM CONTENTS:**

- ALTAIR IGNITION MODULE (BLACK BOX WITH WIRES)
- TRIGGER ASSEMBLY (SMALL SQUARE UNIT WITH SLEEVED WIRES)
- TRIGGER FIXING SCREWS, WASHERS & NUTS
- BLACK COIL LINK WIRE (FOR VEHICLES WITH TWO IGNITION COILS)
- RED GROUNDING WIRE (FOR POSITIVE GROUND ELECTRICS)
- CRIMP CONNECTORS & INSULATORS
- LARGE & SMALL CABLE TIES
- CABLE TIE ADHESIVE MOUNTING BASE (FOR IGNITION MODULE)
- TRIGGER MOUNTING PLATE (<u>OPTIONAL, PLEASE SEE TEXT BELOW</u>)
- MILD STEEL ROTOR & FIXING (<u>OPTIONAL, PLEASE SEE TEXT BELOW</u>)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

This system suits many applications, therefore the trigger mounting plate & rotor (timing disc) will be different for each system. This ignition system does not normally include these items, unless agreed & specified in advance with your ignition dealer. If your system has been supplied without these items, you will need to make them to fit your machine. On some machines it may be possible to mount the trigger on the contact-breaker plate and/or use the points cam as the rotor. See page 9 for examples.

This system gives fixed ignition (no advance/retard). This will normally be satisfactory for many 2 strokes and some 4 strokes (e.g. Racing/special machines). If ignition advance/retard is required you will need to make arrangements for this either by use of the original mechanical advancer unit or by some other mechanical means (e.g. A lever connected to the trigger mounting plate or housing).

- This ignition can triggered from the camshaft (or ½ engine speed shaft) or from the crankshaft (or engine speed shaft).
- Can be used as a <u>wasted spark</u> system,
   e.g. Single/twin cylinder 4 stroke firing every 360° crankshaft (or 180° camshaft), or
  - twin cylinder 2 stroke firing both plugs every 180° crankshaft.
- Can be used as a <u>non-wasted spark</u> system,

e.g. Single cylinder 4 stroke firing every 720° (triggered every 360° of the camshaft), or

twin cylinder 4 stroke firing every  $180^\circ$  camshaft using a single ignition coil and distributor

• Can be used on a v-twin, triggered from a rotor on the camshaft & 6/12 volt dual output coil, or triggered using a distributor and single 6/12 volt coil (COIL VOLTAGE MUST MATCH BATTERY VOLTAGE)

# WARNING: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK ALWAYS TURN OFF BEFORE WORKING ON THE SYSTEM

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

5K resistor plug caps should be fitted to the h.t. leads. Alternatively, resistor spark plugs can be used. Resistor plugs & resistor caps can be used, although it is not necessary to use both. Attempting to run the system without resistor type caps or plugs will result in excessive radio frequency interference (r.f.i.), which may cause bad running, misfiring and loss of ignition. For reliability, copper or steel cored h.t. leads should be used, we do not recommend using carbon fibre leads.

- 1. All connections must be of the highest quality, use crimped or soldered connections; twisted wires will not give a satisfactory operation.
- 2. If necessary, remove the petrol tank and/or seat to gain access to the ignition coils, condensers and wiring (if fitted).
- 3. For safety, disconnect the battery (preferably both terminals).
- 4. Remove timing cover (if fitted), disconnect wire(s) and remove contact-breaker assembly & condenser(s) (if fitted).
- 5. If a distributor is fitted, disconnect the low tension wire and remove the cap; note the position of the distributor body and remove from the machine. Any condenser(s) are no longer required and can be removed. They should not be connected to the electronic ignition system.
- 6. Disconnect any remaining wires from the ignition coil(s). These come from the ignition switch supply. Any wires running from the ignition coil(s) to the contact-breakers can be removed.
- 7. If not included with your system, you will need to make a suitable rotor for your machine (see page 9). Fit the rotor to the camshaft/ crankshaft/distributor shaft as required. If you require ignition advance/retard you will need to attach the rotor to the mechanical advancer unit (does not apply if you are using the original points cam to trigger the ignition). Note: example rotor shows two slots/ projections at 180° (for a twin), your application may be different,

e.g. one slot for a single cylinder.

8. If not included with your system, you will need to prepare a suitable baseplate for mounting the trigger; this can be the original contactbreaker plate, or if this is not practical you will need to make one the correct size for your housing. Mark out & drill four trigger mounting holes (centres 14mm x 14mm); if preferred these can be tapped M3 to accept the mounting screws. Mark out & drill two 3mm holes (approx. 8mm apart) close to the trigger connector block; these will be for securing the sleeved trigger cable to the baseplate with a small tie-strap. Fit the ignition trigger to the baseplate, using the four screws, washers, spacers & nuts. The trigger must be mounted with the hall-effect device facing towards the rotor. The trigger can be oriented in a variety of positions: trigger above the rotor, under the rotor or side-on.

# Note: the rotor must pass over the face of the trigger in the directions shown on page 9. For correct switching of the ignition coil(s), the orientation of the trigger and wiring must correspond to the direction of rotation and the design of rotor being used (slot or tooth).

The air gap between the trigger face and rotor face/edge should be between 0.5-2.5mm (not critical), we recommend 1.5mm/0.060". See page 9 for examples (note: for your application, the wiring route & trigger position may be different to that shown in the examples). Secure the sleeved wire to the baseplate with one or more small tie-straps (pass through the two holes (drilled earlier) and over the sleeved wires. It is important that these wires are secured to minimise vibration effects & also to prevent contact with spinning objects (e.g. the rotor or distributor rotor arm).

- 9. Fit the trigger into the contact-breaker housing / distributor body.
- 10. If using a distributor, refit to the machine.
- 11. Find a suitable place for the ignition module, preferably near to the ignition coils (but not strapped to an ignition coil). Secure the ignition module to the frame using one or more large cable ties. An adhesive mounting base is provided; this can be affixed to the underside of the module and the cable tie passed through and around the module and frame. A thin sheet of rubber can be placed between the module and the frame, but do not completely wrap the

# module in foam rubber. WIRING (pages 12-13, fig. 3-6):

- For machines with two ignition coils, take the black coil link wire, connect the negative (—) terminal of one ignition coil to the positive (+) terminal of the other ignition coil.
- 13. Take the violet wire from the ignition module, cut to length and fit an insulator and a suitable crimp connector (normally female spade) to the end. Connect to the negative (—) terminal on the ignition coil (negative of coil#1 on a two coil system). If an electronic rev-counter is fitted, the feed to it will normally be taken from this point (negative terminal of the first ignition coil).
- 14. Take the red wire from the ignition module, cut to length and fit an insulator and suitable crimp connector to the end. Connect to the positive (+) terminal on the ignition coil (positive of coil#1 on a two coil system).
- 15. For **<u>NEGATIVE GROUND</u>** electrics go to step 18.
- 16. For <u>POSITIVE GROUND</u> electrics (most early British bikes/cars): Take the black wire from the ignition module, cut to length and fit an insulator and suitable crimp connector (normally male spade) to the end. Connect to an ignition feed wire previously removed in step 6. Any remaining feed wires are spare and should be covered with suitable insulation to prevent shorting to the frame etc.
- 17. Taking the red grounding wire, connect one end to the positive (+) terminal on the ignition coil (positive of coil#2 on a two coil system). Cut to length and fit a ring terminal on the other end and connect to a good grouding point on the frame, ideally the battery positive (+) terminal. <u>GOTO STEP 20</u>.
- For <u>NEGATIVE GROUND</u> electrics: Connect a positive ignition feed wire (previously removed in step 6) to the positive terminal of the ignition (positive of coil#2 on a two coil system). Any remaining feed wires are spare and should be covered with

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- 19. Take the black wire from the ignition module, cut to length and fit a ring terminal connector to the end. Connect to a good grounding point on the frame, ideally the battery negative (—) terminal.
- 20. Feed the sleeved bi-coloured wires (white-black, white-red & violet-red) up to the ignition module, where possible feeding

through the original aperture used for the contact-breaker wire(s). Where possible, avoid running the wires alongside other wires or ht leads. If you are retaining the distributor, remove the contact-breaker mounting stud, insulator & terminal and feed the wires through this hole (using a grommet if required).

21. On the trigger and the ignition module, cut the bi-coloured wires & sleeving to length. Carefully strip back 4-5mm of insulation from the ends of the trigger wires and the corresponding wires on the ignition module. Connect each of the wires as detailed below.

# 12 volt electrics:

TRIGGER		<b>IGNITION MODULE</b>
White-Black	⇒	White-Black
Violet-Red	⇒	Violet-Red
White-Red	⇒	White-Red

## 6 volt electrics (Positive Ground):

<u>TRIGĠER</u>		,
White-Red	⇒	Battery Positive/Ground

### 6 volt electrics (Negative Ground):

TRIGGERWhite-Red⇒Positive feed (via ignition switch)

# See page 12-13, Figs. 3-6

For 6 volt electrics, the module White-Red wire should be left unconnected; cover this with sleeving or insulating tape. This spare wire can be folded back & tucked into the sleeving.

- 22. To time the ignition, first set the engine as follows:
  - For engines with no advance/retard: set engine to <u>full advance</u> mark/position (e.g. 38° BTDC / 10mm)
  - For engines with mechanical advance/retard: set engine to the <u>static advance</u> mark/position (e.g. 10° BTDC / 5mm)

If no timing marks are available, the engine will need to be set using either a dial guage down the bore or a degree disc. Note: if using a degree disc attached to the <u>camshaft (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  engine</u> <u>speed shaft</u>), the full advance figure reading on the disc must be

halved, e.g. for 38°, set engine to T.D.C., zero disc and rotate engine backwards until degree disc has travelled 19°.

# 23. WARNING: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK.

The following operations may produce a spark from the plug(s), therefore it is recommend that the spark plugs be removed & grounded onto the cylinder head (with the plug caps & h.t. leads connected to them). Alternatively, the violet wire can be temporarily disconnected from the negative terminal of the ignition coil, place insulation tape over the end to prevent shorting to ground, etc.

- 24. Reconnect the battery.
- 25. Position the rotor with the slot/projection approaching the trigger, in the direction of rotation.
- 26. Switch the ignition on. The red timing light on the ignition trigger should turn on.
- 27. If the rotor can be turned (i.e. not keyed or fixed), proceed as follows, otherwise go to step 31. <u>Without turning the engine</u>, turn the rotor in normal direction of rotation until first slot/projection completely passes the trigger face.
- 28. Repeat the previous step. The trigger is now calibrated. This will give the most accurate results. If the calibration stage is not carried out the timing may be inaccurate (by a few degrees), requiring use of a strobe light and adjustment to achieve the correct timing.
- 29. Continue turning rotor in normal direction of rotation until the red timing light on the trigger changes state (i.e. goes from "ON" to "OFF" or "OFF to "ON"). See page 9.
- 30. Keeping the rotor in this position, tighten its fixing bolt/nut. GOTO STEP 32.
- 31. The alternative method of timing is by moving the trigger baseplate. Turn the plate <u>against the normal direction of the rotor</u> until the rotor slot/projection has passed over the face of the trigger. Back off the trigger plate, then finally turn the trigger plate <u>against the</u> <u>normal direction of the rotor</u> (passing the rotor slot/projection over the face of the trigger) until the red timing light on the trigger changes state again, <u>stop turning</u>. Tighten the trigger plate fixings.
- 32. Switch the ignition off.
- 33. <u>For distributor models:</u> refit rotor arm/cap. It is important that the rotor arm is pointing to the correct h.t. outlet on the cap. It may be necessary to reorder the h.t. leads so that the plugs are fired in the

correct sequence (refer to owners/workshop manual).

- 34. Refit spark plugs & caps, if removed in step 23. Reconnect the violet wire to the ignition coil, if disconnected in step 23.
- 35. Re-check all connections are good and tight; any loose crimps should be removed, slightly closed up and refitted, or preferably replaced.
- 36. Refit tank, fuel lines, battery & seat, as required.
- 37. The engine should now start and after warming up should tick over well, provided everything else is correctly adjusted.
- 38. SWITCH IGNITION SAFETY. OFF FOR BETWEEN ADJUSTMENTS. If desired, the ignition timing may be checked/ fine tuned with the aid of a white light strobe (preferably powered by a separate battery). Time the engine in the normal manner, either to the full advance mark or static advance mark, as appropriate. Adjust the timing by making very small movements of either the ignition trigger baseplate or the rotor. If triggering off the camshaft, 1° movement here is equivalent to 2° of the crankshaft. To advance the timing, turn the trigger against the direction of the rotor (or turn the rotor in its normal direction).

To <u>retard</u> the timing, turn the trigger baseplate in the same direction as the rotor. If no timing mark is available, road test the vehicle and adjust (if necessary) for optimum performance.

38. Refit timing/contact-breaker cover, as necessary. The timing is now set and requires no further adjustment. However, please note that for satisfactory operation of this ignition system it is important that the wiring, ignition coils, switch, battery, h.t. leads, plugs and plug caps are in good order.



#### ALTERNATIVE TRIGGER POSITION



ROTOR DIRECTION ACROSS -TRIGGER FACE



STATIC TIMING LIGHT

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#### **Ignition Coils**

When using two or more ignition coils (whatever voltage), they must be connected in series, as shown in the wiring diagrams on page 9. Do not wire the coils in parallel.

#### For 12 volt electrics:

For low compression ratio engines (less than 9:1), two 12 volt coils connected in series are satisfactory. For best results on racing or high compression ratio engines use two 6 volt coils connected in series or one 12 volt dual output coil with a primary resistance of 3 to 5 ohms. CDI type and some electronic ignition coils are incompatible with this system; for suitability check the total primary resistance is 3 ohms or more (measure across the + and — terminals with a multimeter).

#### For 6 volt electrics:

For low compression ratio engines (less than 9:1), two 6 volt coils connected in series are satisfactory. For best results on racing or high compression ratio engines use two 3 volt coils connected in series or one 12 volt dual output coil with a primary resistance of 1.5 to 2.5 ohms. CDI type and some electronic ignition coils are incompatible with this system; for suitability check the total primary resistance is 1.5 ohms or more (measure across the + and — terminals with a multimeter).

#### **General Data/Troubleshooting**

Wiring should be cut to the correct length. Excess wire should not be coiled up; this can affect the correct running of the ignition system. Where possible the wires from the ignition trigger should be run separately from the rest of the wiring loom, especially the h.t. leads. The frame/chassis must act as an electrical return (ground/earth), whether positive or negative ground. If the engine is rubber mounted a good ground/earth strap must be provided.

The system can be run total-loss from a battery only (e.g. for racing/off-road applications).

If there are no sparks, check battery, switch, grounding, wiring, connections & ignition module. Continuous sparks without turning the engine indicates a poor supply to the ignition; check battery (bad cell), switch, grounding, & connections.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Ignition Module (Part# ALFM) Minimum Supply Voltage: Maximum Supply Voltage: Maximum Ignition Coil Peak Primary Voltage: Maximum Ignition Coil Secondary Voltage: Current Draw (Static): Current Draw (Dynamic):

4.5 Volts DC
16 Volts DC
400 Volts (Regulated)
Ignition Coil Dependent
0.05 Amps Max. (Ignition Coils Off)
Typically 2-4 Amps
(Coil & Voltage Dependent)

Maximum Ignition Coil Current Draw: Ignition Coil Turn Off (Engine Static): Minimum Cranking Speed: Maximum Switching Rate:

Ignition Trigger (Part# PDT8) Trigger Type: 5 Amps 1 Second (Typical) 50 rpm (Typical) 10,000 Sparks/Minute (coil type/dwell period & supply voltage dependent)

Differential Hall-Effect (Direction sensitive)

#### Ignition Rotor (Application dependent) Material: Recommended Thickness: Tooth/Slot Width: Tooth/Slot Depth:

Low Carbon (mild) steel 6+ mm 5+ mm 5+ mm Terms & Conditions and Warranty

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