



# Installation Instructions

## 99017 HEI Distributor

Carb EO #  
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**Note:** We recommend that you read the entire instruction sheet before beginning the installation.

1. If you are replacing an old HEI distributor note the position of the vacuum advance and the wire connector on the distributor cap. Without removing any of the spark plug wires, remove the existing distributor cap from the distributor base.
2. Select a fixed point on the engine or firewall and crank the engine until the rotor is facing this position. Make a mark on the engine or firewall so that the new distributor can be installed in the same position.
3. Loosen the distributor clamp (do not remove) and push away from the distributor base.
4. Remove the distributor from the engine. The rotor will turn as the distributor is removed due to the cut of the distributor and camshaft gears. You will need to take this into consideration later in step #7 during the installation of the new distributor.
5. Place the new gasket over and not into the distributor hole in the intake manifold.
6. Remove the distributor cap, coil and coil cover as an assembly from the new distributor.
7. Insert the new distributor into the engine by engaging the oil pump drive and camshaft gear while aligning the rotor with the mark you made earlier taking into consideration the amount of rotor movement needed to engage the gears. If, for some reason, the distributor does not seat fully you may need to turn the oil pump drive slightly with a long screwdriver prior to installation in order to engage the oil pump drive.
8. If replacing an old HEI distributor turn the new distributor so that the vacuum advance matches the positions as noted with the old distributor. Install the distributor clamp and snug, do not tighten.
9. Install the new distributor cap – note the alignment tab location, If you are replacing an old HEI distributor the primary connector should match the position as noted with the old HEI distributor. Install coil and coil cover assembly and plug the 3-pin connector into the cap in the B+, GND and C- positions.
10. Using the old cap as a reference remove and install one spark plug wire at a time onto the new cap. This will assure the correct position for the firing order.
11. Connect the remaining power and tach wires as follows:
  - a) Connect the switched 12-gauge wire from a 12-volt source to the BAT terminal on the distributor cap.
  - b) For vehicles not originally equipped with HEI distributor a harness kit p/n 170072B is sold separately. Follow steps 11a & 11c.
  - c) To utilize a tachometer, if so equipped, connect the trigger wire from the tachometer to the TACH terminal on the distributor cap.
12. Start the engine, check and adjust the initial timing with a timing light. Tighten hold down clamp.
13. Connect the vacuum advance unit by means of a vacuum hose to a ported vacuum outlet. This will be located above the throttle plate(s) at the base of the carburetor.
14. The advance mechanism can be adjusted by inserting a 3/32" or 2.5mm hex wrench into the vacuum hose nipple on the canister at the base of the distributor. Turning the hex wrench clockwise increases the amount of vacuum advance, while turning it counter-clockwise reduces the amount of vacuum advance.
15. The mechanical advance is set up at the factory for a curve that begins at 1000 RPM and yields 18 degrees of mechanical advance, all in by 3000 RPM. If the distributor's mechanical advance needs to be recurved to match the requirements of your specific engine, a spring kit p/n 7466 is sold separately.
16. Consumables and tune items such as; cap, rotor, dust cover, spark plug wire retainer, ignition coil, 4-pin module, vacuum advance and driven gear are all available and sold separately.

**Affix the E.O. Label (xxxxxxx) on or adjacent to the ignition**

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