



# Installation and Troubleshooting Guide



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**CDI P/N: 113-4986**

**This unit replaces the following P/N's: 584912, 584986, 584988, 584989 and 584991.**

**WARNING!** This product is designed to be installed by a professional marine mechanic. CDI Electronics cannot be held liable for injury or damage resulting from improper installation, abuse, neglect or misuse of this product.

**SERVICE NOTE:** *This unit requires special inductive spark plug wires and spark plugs. Please use the Factory Recommended Champion QL78YC (0.030 Gap) Spark Plugs and the inductive Gray or Blue spark plug wires (Order CDI P/N: 931-4921 for a set of 6 wires). DO NOT OPERATE ENGINE WITH PLASTIC ENCODER COVER OFF OF THE ENGINE AS THIS CAN AFFECT THE IGNITION. DO NOT OPERATE WITH A BLACK SLEEVED STATOR FROM A 1991-92 MODEL ENGINE.*

## INSTALLATION

1. Disconnect the battery cables.
2. Remove timing wheel cover, power pack cover and regulator/rectifier cover (Between the timing cover and the power pack).
3. Disconnect the stator wire connector and the harness connector from the power pack.
4. Disconnect the timing wire connector from the sensor.
5. Disconnect the spark plug wires from the spark plugs.
6. Unbolt and remove the ignition coils and old power pack.
7. Check for DC voltage on the kill (stop) wires (usually Black/Yellow) with the key-switch in the on and off position. At no time should you see over 2 volts DC on this wire as severe damage to the power pack can occur.
8. Disconnect the ignition coils from the old power pack and reconnect them to the new power pack.
9. Install the new power pack, ignition coils and inductive spark plug wires. (Take care not to over-torque the mounting bolts, OEM specification calls for 50-95 in lbs of torque). Make sure the RF Noise Shield is between the ignition coils and the power pack.
10. Connect the stator and harness connectors to the power pack. Use a small amount of dielectric silicone grease on the connector seal – Do not put any inside the sockets.
11. Connect the harness wire connector to the power pack.
12. Connect the timing wire connector to the sensor.
13. Connect the battery cables.
14. Using a piston stop tool or dial indicator, verify the TDC timing pointer's accuracy. Reset as needed to correct.
15. Use a remote starter (511-6996 is recommended) and an Optical Sensor Tester, verify the ignition timing as follows:

ENGINE	IDLE Timing	WOT Timing
150	4-6 Deg ATDC	20 Deg BTDC
175	4-6 Deg ATDC	17 Deg BTDC

NOTE: Adjust the idle timing to adjust the engine idle speed.

16. Reconnect the engine harness.
17. Replace the timing wheel cover, power pack cover and regulator/rectifier covers.
18. Connect the spark plug wires to the spark plugs.

### IF AN OPTICAL SENSOR TESTER/IGNITION ANALYSER IS NOT AVAILABLE

19. Connect all spark plug wires to a spark gap tester.
20. Disconnect the Port temperature switch's Tan and White/Black wires.
21. Connect a jumper wire to the Tan wire and short it to engine ground.
22. Connect a timing light to the # 1 spark plug wire.
23. Connect the battery cables.
24. Disconnect the engine harness from the boat harness.
25. Using a piston stop tool or dial indicator, verify the TDC timing pointer's accuracy. Reset as needed to correct.
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27. Reconnect the engine harness.
28. Replace the timing wheel cover, power pack cover and regulator/rectifier covers.
29. Connect the spark plug wires to the spark plugs.
30. Disconnect the jumper wire from the Tan temp sensor wire.
31. Connect Tan and White/Black temp switch wire to the temp switch on the Port side of the engine.

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32. Using a motor flushing device or in the water, start and run the engine until it reaches operating temperature.
33. Verify the engine's Quick Start function is working by watching for the drop in engine RPM as the engine temperature goes above 105 Deg F and drops the timing back to running mode.
34. Stop the engine and restart it. You should have approximately a 5-10 second period of Quick Start timing advance before the engine settles down to a normal idle.
35. Disconnect the Port temperature switch's Tan and White/Black wires.
36. Connect a jumper wire to the Tan wire and short it to engine ground.
37. Using a motor flushing device or in the water, start and run the engine. Make sure the over-temp alarm is working and try to rev the engine up. You should not be able to exceed 2600 RPM as the engine should go into S.L.O.W. function at 2500 RPM. Turn the engine off and wait 10 seconds for the processor inside the power pack to reset before continuing.
38. Disconnect the jumper wire from the Tan temp sensor wire.
39. Connect Tan and White/Black temp switch wire to the temp switch on the Port side of the engine.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### NO FIRE AT ALL:

1. Check the kill lanyard and key-switch position.
2. Verify the engine rotation (The engine needs to be turning in a clockwise direction).
3. Check the power pack and ignition coil ground wires for corrosion and tightness.
4. Connect a spark gap tester to all cylinders.
5. Disconnect the boat side harness and connect a remote starter unit. Check for spark. If the engine has spark, check the boat side harness's Black/Yellow wire for shorts to ground.
6. Disconnect the 5-pin connector on the port side of the power pack and see if the spark returns. If it does, use the Fluke meter set to Ohms and see if the Black/Yellow wires are shorted to engine ground.
7. Check the battery voltage on the Yellow/Red striped wire while cranking the engine. If below 11 volts, charge the battery or check all battery cables. If the battery continues to read below 11 volts at cranking, verify the starter is not dragging.
8. Remove the sensor wheel and check for damage, especially where the top slots are located. Sometimes the wheels will break out where the windows overlap.
9. Check the sensor eyes for dirt, grease, etc. If you have to clean it, use denatured alcohol and a Q-tip. Do not use any other cleaning agent because damage to the optical lens will occur.
10. Disconnect the voltage regulator/rectifier and retest. If the engine now has spark, replace the regulator/rectifier.
11. Using the Piercing Probes, check the resistance, then check the DVA voltage on the 6 pin stator connector while connected as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	Resistance	DVA Reading
Orange	Orange/Black	50-60 ohms	12 V or more
Brown	Brown/Yellow	450-600 ohms	150V or more
Brown/White	Brown/Black	450-600 ohms	150V or more

Note: Low readings on all checks indicate a possible problem with the flywheel magnets that require checking or low cranking speed.

Service note: It is recommended that liquid neoprene be applied to the areas where the piercing probes were used.

The OEM power pack may fire with a bad stator power coil while the CDI power pack will not. This is caused by the increased load on the coil in order to power the digital circuits in the new power pack. If the stator is not replaced in this situation, the stator will fail within a short time while running and result in an on the water breakdown.

12. If all the tests so far show good readings, check the DVA output from the power pack on the primary coil wires as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	DVA Reading
Orange/Blue	Engine Ground	130 V or more
Orange	Engine Ground	130 V or more
Orange/Green	Engine Ground	130 V or more

Note: If the DVA values are below these specifications, the power pack or sensor is likely bad.

13. Check the DVA voltage on the Black/Orange and Orange/Red sensors leads as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	DVA Reading
Orange/Red	Engine Ground	12 V or more
Black/Orange	Engine Ground	12 V or more

WARNING!! The Black/Orange wire should NEVER be shorted to engine ground as this will damage the sensor.

14. If an oscilloscope is available, check the white/blue (crank position signal) and white/green (cylinder position signal) sensor wires while connected to the sensor. With the engine cranking over, you should see a square toothed pattern on both wires. The white/blue wire should show 1 pulse per revolution and the white/green should show 7 pulses per revolution of the engine.

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- a. Led Power – Black/Orange
- b. Power – Orange Red
- c. Ground – Black
- d. Sync – White/Blue Stripe
- e. Cyl – White/Green

## NO FIRE ON ONE BANK:

1. Using the Piercing Probes and DVA adapter, check the resistance and DVA voltage for the bank without spark on the 6 pin stator connector while connected as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	Ohms Resistance	DVA	Bank/Cyl
Brown	Brown/Yellow	450-600 ohms	150V +	Stbd (1,3,5)
Brown/White	Brown/Black	450-600 ohms	150V +	Port (2,4,6)

NOTE: If the power pack has no spark on one bank and the readings are good, replace the power pack.

2. Disconnect the 5-pin connector on the port side of the power pack and see if the spark returns. If it does, use the Fluke meter set to Ohms and see if the Black/Yellow or Black/Orange wire is shorted to engine ground. Check to see if the Shift Interrupter switch is located in the circuit where there is no spark.

## NO FIRE ON ONE CYLINDER:

1. Check the DVA voltage on the Orange wire going to the ignition coil not firing. Compare it to another coil that is firing. If the readings are close, check the resistance of the ignition coil's secondary side sides. A difference of over 25 ohms indicates a defective coil. If the DVA voltage is not close, replace the powerpack.
2. Check the resistance of the sparkplug wire. Normally, you will read about 100 ohms between the connector's on each end. Compare to another sparkplug wire.

## HIGH SPEED MISS-FIRE OR WEAK HOLE SHOT:

3. If the engine runs fine until you get above 4900 RPM and then starts missing, check the Orange to Orange/Black power coil wires with an oscilloscope (If available) or replace the pack. A breakdown inside the pack could cause RFI noise to activate the rev limiter for no apparent reason.
4. Using the Piercing Probes and DVA adapter, check the DVA voltage at the RPM where the problem is occurring while connected as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	DVA Connected	Bank/Cylinder
Brown	Brown/Yellow	150V +	Starboard (1,3,5)
Brown/White	Brown/Black	150V +	Port (2,4,6)

NOTE: The readings should rapidly increase as the engine RPM increases and stabilize below 400 volts (voltage exceeding 400 V DVA indicates a bad pack). A sharp drop in voltage right before the miss becomes apparent usually indicates a bad stator charge coil.

5. Connect an inductive tachometer to the spark plug wires one at a time and compare the readings. If most of the cylinders show the same reading and one or two show different readings, check the primary wires with the inductive pickup to see if the readings are the same coming out of the power pack. A difference in readings between the primary and secondary coil wires indicate bad ignition wires. No difference indicates a bad power pack.

## ONLY HAS FIRE AS LONG AS THE STARTER SOLENOID IS ENGAGED:

Using the Piercing Probes and DVA adapter, check the DVA voltage while connected as follows:

Red Lead	Black Lead	DVA Connected
Orange	Orange/Black	11-24V

NOTE: The readings should rapidly increase as the engine RPM increases and stabilize below 24 volts (voltage exceeding 24 V DVA indicates a bad pack). A sharp drop in voltage right before the miss becomes apparent usually indicates a bad stator winding. A sharp drop in voltage when you let off of the starter solenoid indicates a bad power coil on the stator.

## ENGINE WILL NOT ACCELERATE OVER 2500 RPM AND SHAKES HARD WHEN OVER 2500 RPM (SLOW Activated):

1. Verify the engine is not actually over-heating by using a digital pyrometer.
2. Check the routing of the tan temperature wires, an example of a bad location is shown below. The tan wires have to be located as far away as possible from the spark plug wires.
3. Disconnect the temperature sensors and see if the engine performs normally. If it does, check both temperature sensors and replace the defective one.
4. If there is not any indication of a problem at this point, replace the power pack.

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