



# **Installation & Configuration Manual**

**V44 and V88**

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# 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing your Vi-PEC Wire-In Engine Control Unit (ECU). Vi-PEC VX ECU's are an advanced, fully programmable microprocessor controlled Engine Management System.

The VX software platform boasts an impressive list of features giving a new level of user adjustment. This flexibility allows the tuner to have complete control over the engine management system. VX software employs high resolution fuel and ignition tables with configurable load and RPM centres. Coupled with up five dimensional fuel and ignition mapping, barometric pressure compensation and intake air temperature correction this gives an unprecedented level of tuning accuracy. VX ECU's are in field upgradeable, no need to return the ECU for software updates.

All Vi-PEC VX Wire-In Engine Management Systems are designed with flexibility and ease of installation in mind. Vi-PEC Wire-In systems are designed to be wired to either existing wiring or preferably as a complete re-wire. In some cases adapter looms or header boards can be purchased to allow wiring of the VX ECU to factory ECU headers. Contact your nearest Vi-PEC dealer for more information on these.

Vi-PEC Engine Management Systems are designed with the final result in mind. Not only do they boast an impressive range of performance features, but are designed with a focus on safety, reliability and drive-ability. However, the ultimate success of your engine management upgrade is determined by how well the system is installed and tuned.

Installing and tuning any after-market engine management system is not to be taken lightly. VX ECU's give the tuner the control & flexibility that only top after-market engine management systems in the world can provide. While every effort has been made to keep VX ECU's as user friendly as possible, it should be recognised that added features bring added complexity.

The complete set-up of your ECU can be divided into two equally important tasks.

1. This manual covers the wiring and installation of your VX ECU. While it is not strictly essential that this work is performed by an automotive electrician, the knowledge and tools available to these professionals makes it highly recommended. Regardless of who does the installation, it is of utmost importance that clean and robust connections are made throughout the installation. A significant majority of after market engine management failures are due to poor wiring practices. Note that use of complex features such as Variable Valve Timing, Electronic Throttle Control and ECU Hold Power require advanced wiring practice.
2. Once the VX ECU has been installed it will need to be tuned using a laptop computer with Vi-PEC Tuning Software. Information on the configuration and tuning of the VX ECU is detailed in the online help section of Vi-PEC Tuning Software. VX ECU's are shipped pre-loaded with a base configuration that should be close enough to get most engines running after a few application specific adjustments have been made. While hearing the engine running on the new ECU for the first time is always a satisfying feeling, it is important to realise that the job is not complete. The amount of tuning performed and the experience of the tuner are the two most important factors in determining how happy you will be with your engine management system.

## 1.1 Support Options

Should any issues arise during installation, the following options exist for technical support:

1. Contact your nearest Vi-PEC dealer. A Vi-PEC dealer list is available on our website:

[www.vi-pec.com](http://www.vi-pec.com)

2. Technical Support Email: [tech@vi-pec.com](mailto:tech@vi-pec.com)

3. Online Discussion Board: Available from the Vi-PEC website.

The majority of questions received by the technical support team are clearly answered in the manuals. To speed up your technical inquiry please consult the manuals to make sure that your question has not already been answered.

## 2 Choosing a Configuration

As all VX inputs/outputs are configurable, the required connections will be highly dependent on the application. Read this section carefully to ensure the correct functions are chosen.

The first step in installing a VX ECU is to decide what function each of the configurable inputs and outputs will provide.

The VX ECUs have the following input / output pins:

IO	V44	V44P	V88
Injection Drives	4 x Saturated	4 x Peak & Hold	8 x Peak & Hold
Ignition Drives	4	4	8
Auxiliary Outputs	8	8	10
Digital Inputs	3 or 4*	3 or 4*	10
Analogue Voltage Inputs	3/4* + Internal MAP	3/4* + Internal MAP	11
Temperature Inputs	2	2	4
Knock Sensor Inputs	0	0	2
Regulated Outputs	+8V & +5V	+8V & +5V	+8V & +5V
Trigger Inputs	2	2	2

**\* V44 shares one header pin for DI4 and An Volt 2**

### 2.1 Injector Outputs

The V88 has eight independent current controlled (Peak and Hold) injector drives allowing sequential, sequential staged, group and group staged fuel injection. These injection drives are designed to be used with low or high impedance injectors without the use of ballast resistors. Unused Injection channels can be used for additional auxiliary outputs.

The V44P has four independent current controlled (Peak and Hold) injector drives allowing sequential, sequential staged, group and group staged fuel injection. These injection drives are designed to be used with low or high impedance injectors without the use of ballast resistors. Unused Injection channels can be used for additional auxiliary outputs.

The V44 has four independent saturated injector drives allowing sequential, group and group staged fuel injection. These injection drives are designed to be used with high impedance injectors. Injector ballast resistors must be wired if low impedance injectors are to be used. Unused Injection channels can be used for additional auxiliary outputs.

VX Injection Specifications:

- Max Peak Current = 10 A
- Max Hold Current = 3 A
- Max Saturated Injection or Auxiliary Output Current = 5 A
- Open Collector (not fly-wheeled) in auxiliary output mode.

## 2.2 Ignition Outputs

VX ECUs offer up to eight independent ignition drives which can be used in a wide range of configurations from a basic distributor set-up through to more complex multi-coil arrangements. Unused ignition channels can be used for additional auxiliary outputs (simple switching functions only). Direct spark, wasted spark and distributed ignition configurations are supported.

VX Ignition Specifications:

- Ignition Drive High 20mA @ 5V
- Ignition Drive Low 2A over current protected
- Open Collector (not fly-wheeled) in auxiliary output mode.

## 2.3 Auxiliary Outputs

VX Wire in ECUs have up to eight general purpose auxiliary outputs. Unused ignition and injection channels can also be used as auxiliary outputs. Auxiliary outputs are general-purpose outputs that may be used to perform a wide range of functions. However, the following limitations apply:

- A Three Terminal ISC Solenoid must be wired to Aux 1 and Aux 2.
- An ISC Stepper Motor must be wired to Aux 5, Aux 6, Aux 7 and Aux 8.
- Variable Valve Timing (VVT) solenoids must be wired to Aux 1 to 4.
- Aux 5 to 8 can not be Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) above 300Hz. Note that PWM frequencies above 300 Hz may be required to drive a tachometer for a V8 above 4500 RPM.
- Aux 5 to 10 can be used to high side drive (supply 12V to) solenoids.
- An electronic throttle motor must only be wired to Aux 9 (+) and Aux 10 (-).

Auxiliary outputs supply an earth to switch loads such as a solenoid, relay, bulb or LED. All auxiliary outputs may be used as a conditional switch that becomes activated at a certain value (e.g. Honda VTEC), or for more complex control operations such as as idle speed control and electronic boost control.

Loads may be connected directly to the auxiliary output without using a relay provided they do not draw more than 2A of current. Essentially this means that a directly connected load should have a resistance exceeding 7  $\Omega$ . Refer to the section on wiring auxiliary outputs.

Some of the functions that may be performed by auxiliary outputs include:

- Fuel Pump Relay Switching (highly recommended for safety reasons)
- Engine Coolant Fan Relay Switching
- Electronic boost control using a boost control solenoid (uses PWM)
- Variable valve timing solenoid (e.g. VTEC)
- Warning / Check Engine Light
- Purge Control
- EGR Control
- Any function requiring an output activated by temperature, manifold pressure (MAP),

- RPM, gear position, digital input state etc.
- Water Injection / nitrous oxide control (uses PWM)
- Inter-cooler Water Spray
- Air Conditioning Clutch / Fan
- General Purpose PWM
- Idle Speed Control solenoids or stepper motors
- Electronic Throttle Control (V88 only)

VX Auxiliary Output Specifications:

- 1.5k Ohm Internal Pull-up Resister
- Auxiliary Drive Low 2A over-current protected
- Open Collector (fly-wheeled) in auxiliary output mode.
- Aux 5 to 8 High Side Drive (ISC Stepper Mode) 0.5 A.
- Aux 9 and 10 (V88 only) Push-Pull drive 4/4 A.

## 2.4 Analog/Temperature Inputs

VX ECUs have plentiful analogue voltage and temperature channels. The difference between volt and temperature channels is temperature channels have an internal pull-up resister.

All analogue volt channels are created equal and can be wired to any type of analogue input (there is no restrictions as to what must be wired to each channel).

Analogue Volt Inputs may be configured to accept an analogue signal between 0-5V.

Applications include:

- Narrow-band O2 (0-1V output)
- Wide-band O2 (via external wide-band controller)
- 0-5V Voltage (e.g. Boost Adjust)
- Pressure (from 0-5V transducer)

Temperature channels are designed to be used only with PTC or NTC thermistor sensors. Almost all factory temperature sensors fit this category. Do not wire the output of a 0-5V temperature sensor (e.g. a pyro. module) to these channels, instead use an Analogue Voltage Input.

Analogue Channel Specifications:

- Measurable Input Range 0-5V DC
- Input impedance 2.2M Ohm DC (4.7k Ohm AC).
- Maximum Input Voltage +/- 50 V
- Temperature Channel Pull-up Resister 1k Ohm to 5V

## 2.5 Digital Inputs

Digital Inputs are inputs that recognise either a high (+V) or low (GND) signal. Digital inputs are typically set-up to monitor the position of manual switches or connected to sensors that output a signal of variable frequency.

The following Digital Input Limitations Apply:

- Only Digital Inputs 1 to 6 can be used for frequency input (e.g. speed).
- Only Digital Inputs 1 to 4 can be used for Variable Valve Timing (VVT) cam position input.

VX ECU's have up to 10 Digital Inputs that can be configured for sensors/ switches such as:

- Vehicle Speed Sensor
- Antilag Switch
- Clutch Switch (for launch control and flat shifting)
- High / Low Boost Switch
- Water Spray Switch
- Dual Fuel / Ignition Map Switch
- Nitrous Oxide Switch
- Anti-theft Switch
- AC Request Switch

Digital Inputs have a software selectable pull-up resistor that can be enabled when measuring from ground switching devices (such as hall effect sensors).

Digital Input Specifications:

- Low Level Input < 1V
- High Level Input > 2 V
- Digital Input Pull-up Resistor (if enabled) 4k7 Ohm to 12V
- Maximum input voltage +/- 50 V

## 2.6 Trigger Inputs

Trigger inputs are required from crank/cam angle sensor(s) (CAS) for the VX ECU to calculate the current engine speed and position.

VX ECU's use on board digital trigger decoding to determine engine position from the given signals. Set-up of the trigger inputs is performed using Vi-PEC Tuning Software. Contact your nearest Vi-PEC dealer for advice on wiring and set-up of trigger inputs if unsure.

Trigger 1 is used to determine crankshaft position. Trigger 2 is used to determine the engines position in the firing order. In all cases Trigger 1 will need to be used. In many cases Trigger 2 must also be used.

Engines with Variable Valve Timing may also require Digital Inputs be wired to cam shaft position sensors.

Refer to the Trigger Wiring section for more information about trigger requirements for different ignition/injection set-ups.

## 2.7 Summary

After reading this chapter you should be able to complete a list outlining the basic configuration that will be used. It is important to write such a list as you will need to set up each output in Vi-PEC Tuning Software later on. An example of such a list is shown below. A blank table to be filled out by the installer is given in the following chapter.

<b>Configuration: 6 Cylinder, direct spark, sequential injection, turbocharged, variable valve timing</b>	
Trigger 1	Crank Angle Sensor
Trigger 2	Cam Angle Sensor
Analogue Volt 1	MAP Sensor (Vi-PEC 4 Bar)
Analogue Volt 2	Throttle Position (TPS)

<b>Configuration: 6 Cylinder, direct spark, sequential injection, turbocharged, variable valve timing</b>	
Analogue Volt 3	After market Wide-band O2 Controller
Analogue Volt 4	Factory Narrow Band O2 (0-1V)
Analogue Volt 5 to 8	N/C
Analogue Temp Input 1	Engine Coolant Temperature
Analogue Temp Input 2	Inlet Air Temperature
Analogue Temp Input 3	Fuel Temperature
Analogue Temp Input 4	N/C
+5V Out	TPS and MAP sensor power
+8V Out	Cam/Crank angle sensor power supply
Ignition 1	Igniter Channel 1 (Cylinder 1)
Ignition 2	Igniter Channel 2 (Cylinder 2)
Ignition 3	Igniter Channel 3 (Cylinder 3)
Ignition 4	Igniter Channel 4 (Cylinder 4)
Ignition 5	Igniter Channel 5 (Cylinder 5)
Ignition 6	Igniter Channel 6 (Cylinder 6)
Ignition 7	Fuel Pump Relay
Ignition 8	A/C Clutch Relay
Injection 1	Injector 1 (Cylinder 1)
Injection 2	Injector 2 (Cylinder 2)
Injection 3	Injector 3 (Cylinder 3)
Injection 4	Injector 4 (Cylinder 4)
Injection 5	Injector 5 (Cylinder 5)
Injection 6	Injector 6 (Cylinder 6)
Injection 7	Fuel Pump Speed Control 1
Injection 8	Fuel Pump Speed Control 2
Auxiliary Output 1	Idle Speed Control Solenoid (Close)
Auxiliary Output 2	Idle Speed Control Solenoid (Open)
Auxiliary Output 3	Tachometer
Auxiliary Output 4	Variable Valve Timing Solenoid
Auxiliary Output 5	Inter-cooler Water Spray
Auxiliary Output 6	Shift Light
Auxiliary Output 7	A/C Fan Relay
Auxiliary Output 8	Boost Control Solenoid
Digital Input 1	Vehicle Speed
Digital Input 2	Variable Valve Timing Cam Position Sensor
Digital Input 3	A/C Request Switch

**Configuration: 6 Cylinder, direct spark, sequential injection, turbocharged, variable valve timing**

Digital Input 4	I/C Spray Switch
Digital Input 5	Start Position Switch
Digital Input 6	Power Steer Switch
Digital Inputs 7 to 10	N/C

**Example of usage of inputs and outputs**

## 2.8 Installer IO Table

Fill out the following table to assist in installation. It will come in useful when configuring inputs and outputs in Vi-PEC Tuning Software. It is important to note that not all ECU types have all of these inputs/outputs available.

<b>Installer I/O Table</b>		
<b>Function</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Example</b>
Trigger 1	Crank Angle Sensor	Reluctor, Proximity, Optical or Hall
Trigger 2		
Analog Temp Input 1		NTC Thermistor sensors Only
Analog Temp Input 2		
Analog Temp Input 3		
Analog Temp Input 4		
Analog Volt 1		0-5V Input from sensor or external controller
Analog Volt 2	(Shared with DI4 on V44)	
Analog Volt 3	)	
Analog Volt 4		
Analog Volt 5	(Internal MAP on V44)	
Analog Volt 6		
Analog Volt 7		
Analog Volt 8		
Analog Volt 9		
Analog Volt 10		
Analog Volt 11		
+5V Out	TPS and MAP sensor power	+5V Power OUT
+8V Out		
Ignition 1		Use spare Ignition
Ignition 2		

Installer I/O Table		
Ignition 3		channels for switching type Auxiliary Outputs
Ignition 4		
Ignition 5		
Ignition 6		
Ignition 7		
Ignition 8		
Injection 1		Wire Inj 1 to cyl 1, 2 to 2, 3to 3 etc...
Injection 2		
Injection 3		Use spare Injection channels for switching type Auxiliary Outputs
Injection 4		
Injection 5		
Injection 6		
Injection 7		
Injection 8		
Auxiliary Output 1		High Frequency PWM or VVT Control. 3W-ISC Solenoid must be wired to Aux1 & Aux2.
Auxiliary Output 2		
Auxiliary Output 3		
Auxiliary Output 4		
Auxiliary Output 5		PWM less than 300 Hz or GP switching. ISC Stepper. High side driven loads.
Auxiliary Output 6		
Auxiliary Output 7		
Auxiliary Output 8		
Auxiliary Output 9	(E-throttle Motor +)	E Throttle Motor or GP Output.
Auxiliary Output 10	(E-throttle Motor -)	
Knock 1		Knock Sensors Only
Knock 2		
Digital Input 1		Frequency Input, Switch Input or VVT Position
Digital Input 2		
Digital Input 3		

Installer I/O Table		
Digital Input 4	(Shared with An Volt 2 on V44)	
Digital Input 5		Frequency Input or Switch Input
Digital Input 6		
Digital Input 7		Switch Input Only
Digital Input 8		
Digital Input 9		
Digital Input 10		

**Installer IO Table**

### 3 Component Installation Locations

The VX Engine Management System and associated components may be installed in a variety of locations but it is important to choose component locations in accordance with the following guidelines.

#### 3.1 ECU Location

The following items should be taken into account when choosing a location for the ECU:

1. The VX ECU requires environmental protection for both physical and electrical factors that may affect its performance. Normally this requires the device to be fitted inside the vehicle cabin. This position avoids the high temperatures associated with the engine bay and reduces the chances of the ECU getting wet. This position also offers some physical separation between the ECU and ignition components that may cause interference.
2. The main exception to this rule is where the engine is somewhat distant from the driving position, such as a boat. In these cases the ECU should be mounted in close proximity to the engine but NOT directly on, or next to, the engine (e.g. mounted just outside the engine compartment). The idea here is to minimise the length of wiring between the engine and the ECU while maintaining some physical distance to prevent heat and interference. It is preferable to have short main wiring and a longer tuning cable.
3. If water immersion or spray is likely (particularly for marine applications), additional protection may be necessary. A sealed plastic container may be employed here.
4. Allow sufficient space at both ends of ECU for the main wiring harness and tuning cables to be connected.
5. A mounting bracket is provided. Install the bracket on a flat surface and clip the ECU into this bracket firmly. Use only the mounting bracket provided and DO NOT drill holes in the case, as this will probably cause internal damage.

#### 3.2 Ignition Component Placement

All components of the ignition system have the potential to radiate large amounts of interference (electromagnetic radiation) that can wreak havoc on sensitive electronic devices. Therefore it is essential that the ignition components are carefully placed and that full suppression techniques are used. See the ignition wiring section for further details.

#### **IMPORTANT**

#### **Never mount the igniter onto or next to the ECU**

Always mount igniter(s) in the engine bay as close to the ignition coil(s) as possible. This helps to minimize the length of high current wiring between the igniter(s) and coil(s). Avoid areas of high temperature such as exhausts, turbochargers and radiators since the igniter itself will generate heat at high power. If vibration levels will be excessively high, some form of soft or rubber mounting is advisable to prevent component and wiring fatigue. Preferably igniters should be mounted on the chassis rather than the engine to reduce vibration.

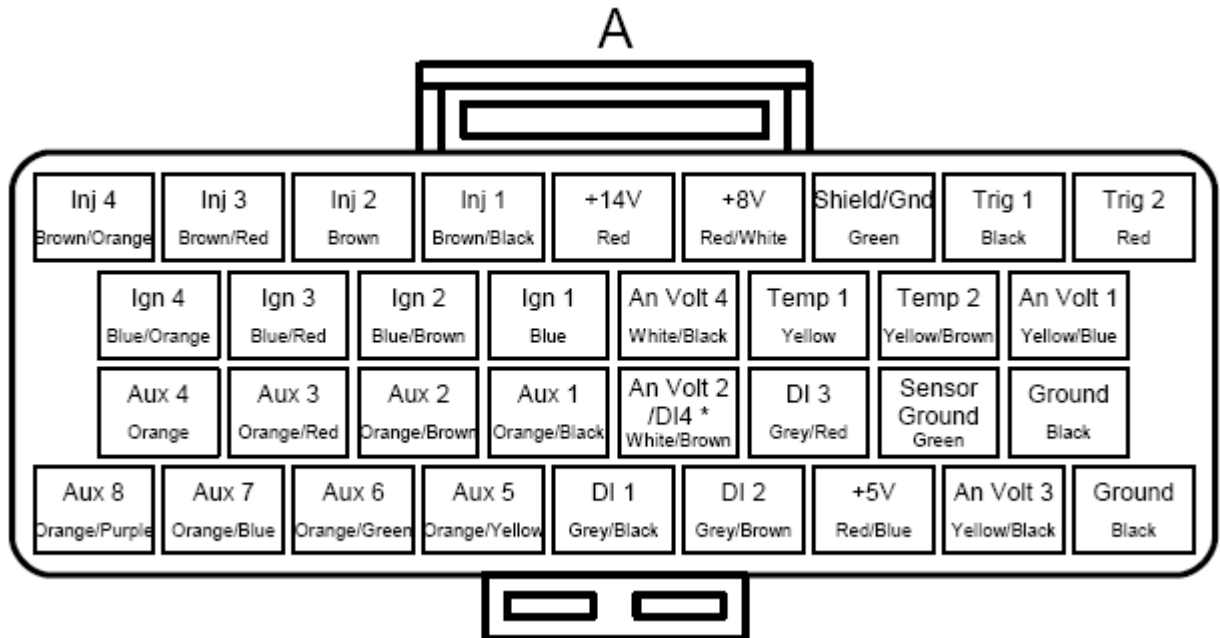
### 3.3 MAP Sensor Location

A Manifold Absolute Pressure (MAP) sensor is required for almost all applications. V44 ECUs have an internal MAP sensor but can also be wired using an external MAP sensor. V88 ECUs require the installation of an external MAP sensor. The MAP Sensor should be installed in a location near the engine, but away from excessive heat, vibration and moisture. It is not recommended to mount the MAP sensor directly on the engine. Refer to Input Wiring section for more information on plumbing and wiring the MAP sensor.

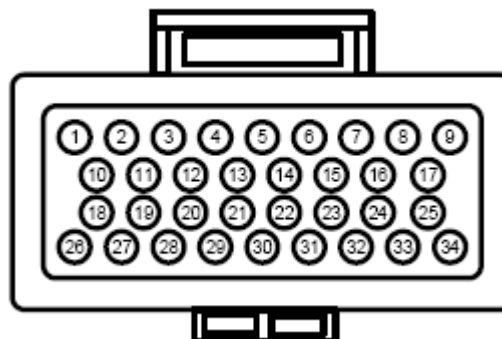
Ideally the MAP sensor should be mounted higher than the inlet manifold so that moisture will not condense in the MAP sensor hose.

## 4 V44 Header Pinout

Viewed looking into ECU header (or wire side of loom connector)

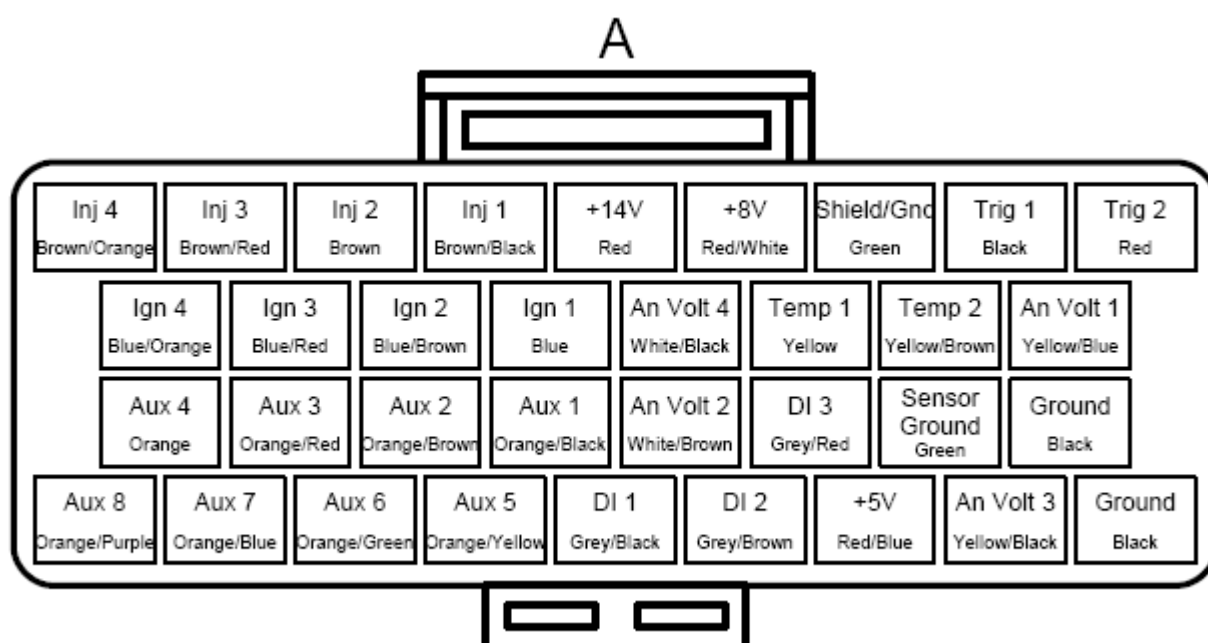
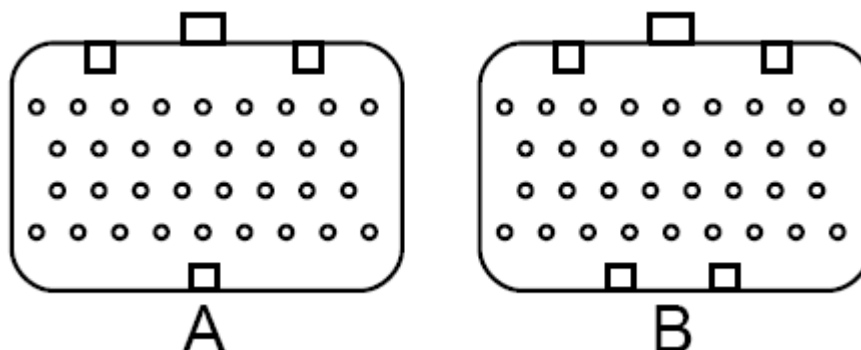


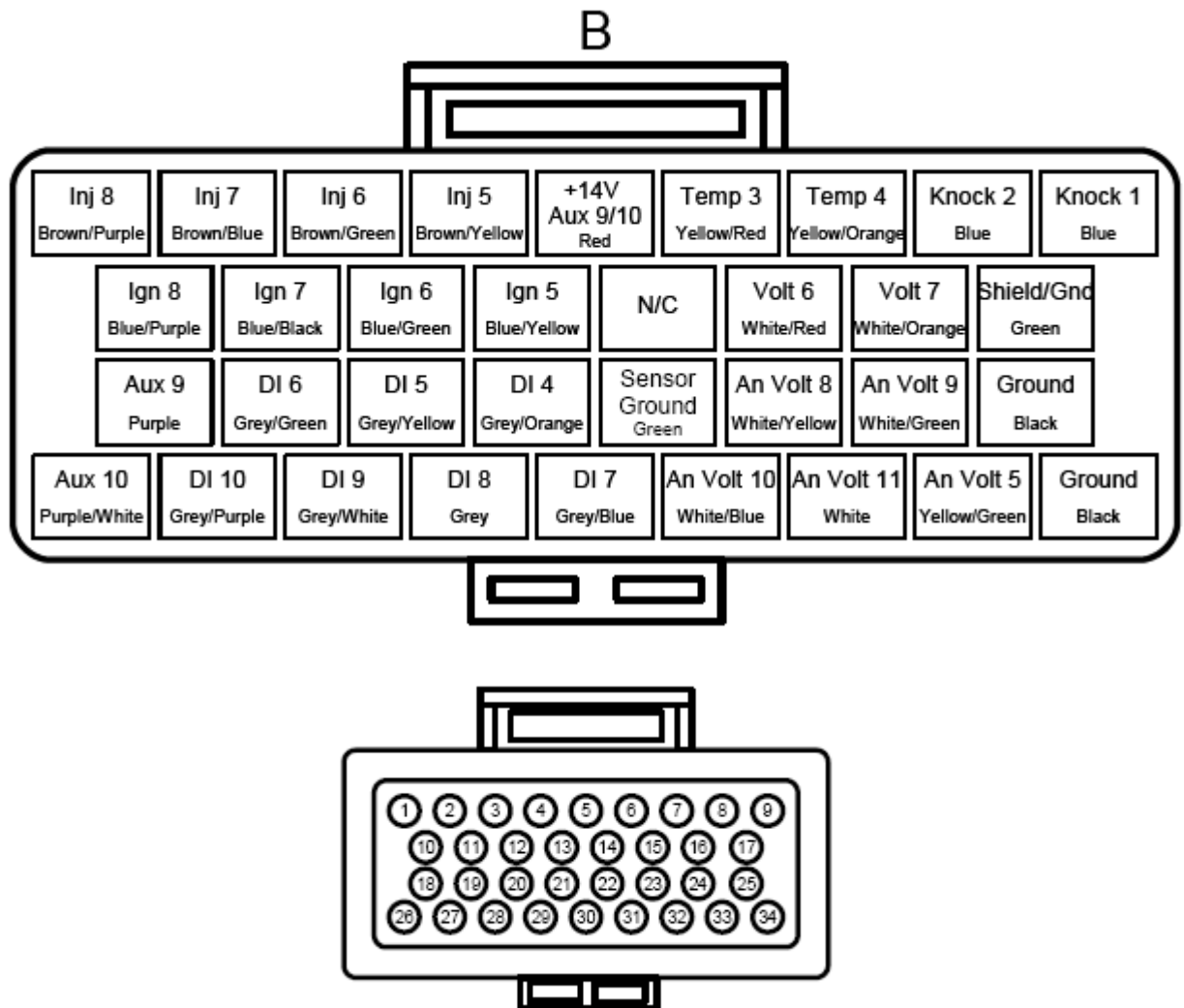
\* Pin can be used as either An Volt 2 or DI 4



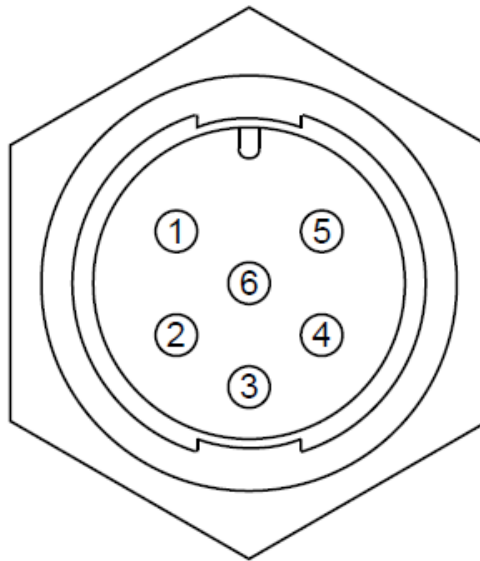
## 5 V88 Header Pinout

Viewed looking into ECU header (or wire side of loom connector)





## 6 Communications Port Pinout



Looking into ECU connector

### Pin Color Function

- |   |        |              |
|---|--------|--------------|
| 1 | Brown  | Ground       |
| 2 | Blue   | N/A          |
| 3 | White  | CAN H        |
| 4 | Green  | CAN L        |
| 5 | Yellow | ECU RS232 TX |
| 6 | Gray   | ECU RS232 RX |

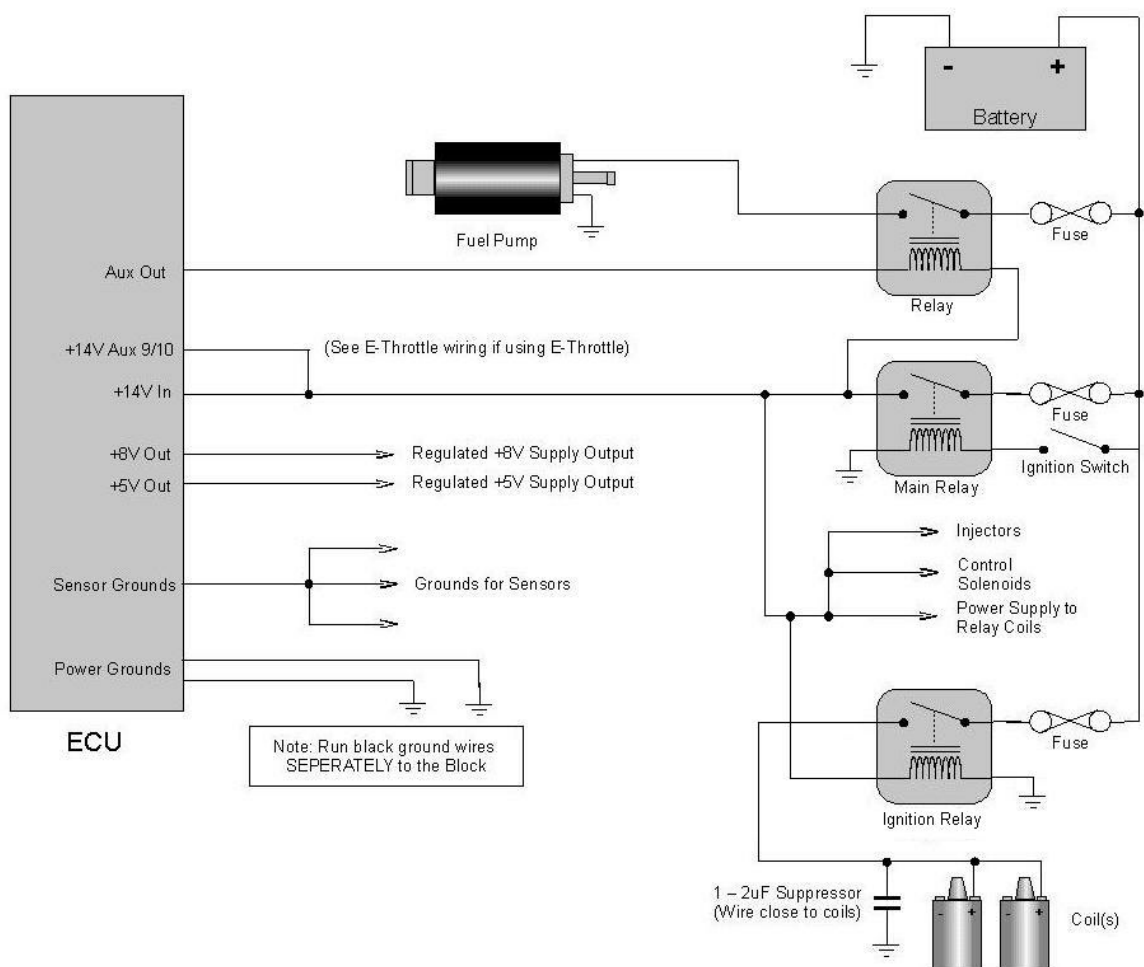
## 7 Power and Ground Wiring

Correct wiring of the power supplies is a very important part of the installation process. The following sections describe wiring of power supplies to the ECU and also power supplies from the ECU.

### 7.1 Power Supplies

The following diagram shows the recommended wiring arrangement for the power supplies. The following key points are worthy of noting:

- The switch labelled 'ignition switch' is usually the key. The wire that is used to turn on the main relay should be energised when the key is in the 'ON' position. Do not use a source that provides power when the key is in the ACC position as these are typically disconnected while the starter motor is being cranked.
- Each relay uses it's own fuse. Ideally these should be located as close to the battery as possible to minimise the length of unfused wiring.
- When the main relay is turned off all other relays will turn off. However, the high current supplied by the other relays is NOT drawn through the main relay.



### Power and Ground Wiring

## 7.2 +14V In

V44 ECUs have one red wire that supplies power to the ECUs internal supplies.

V88 ECUs have two red power wires. The power wire in connector A is used to power the ECUs internal supplies. The red +14V Aux 9/10 power wire in connector B is used to power the Aux 9 and Aux 10 drivers. For non electronic throttle control applications both red wires should be connected to a relay that provides power when the key is in the 'ON' position. BOTH +12V In wires must be connected at all times.

Although the ECU does not draw a large amount of current, the voltage applied to the '+14V In' wire must remain above 7 Volts at all times. This is especially important while the starter motor is being cranked. A significant drop in voltage will result in the ECU undergoing a reset that will stop the engine from running. As a result, it is important that the battery is in good condition and suitable for the application. Also, make sure that all wiring to the battery and associated terminals are clean and free from corrosion.

## 7.3 +14V Aux9/10

Note: this applies to V88 ECUs only.

The +14V Aux 9/10 wire provides an external power supply to the Aux 9 and Aux 10 driver circuitry. This allows external disconnection of the supply to these drivers as a safety measure when electronic throttle control is used. If electronic throttle control is not being used connect this wire to the same power supply as the ECUs +14V In wire. If wiring with electronic throttle control, refer to the Electronic Throttle Control section of this manual.

**This wire MUST be powered in order for the ECUs self diagnostics and the Aux 9 and 10 drivers to function properly.**

## 7.4 Power Ground

These wires supply the high current earth for the output drives. Since these wire will carry substantial currents, ensure they are well terminated to a clean earth point on the engine block. It is also essential that there is a good clean connection between the engine block and battery negative terminal.

### **IMPORTANT!**

The Power Grounds MUST be run as SEPARATE wires. DO NOT be tempted to join them together at the ECU and run as a single wire. Also beware of poor earth points around the engine. Some manifolds and other attaching parts may be rubber mounted and therefore have poor earth bonding. A good rule of thumb is to use the engine BLOCK or HEAD rather than attaching parts.

## 7.5 Sensor Ground

These wires are used to supply a ground reference for the sensors used by the VX ECU. As such, it is ESSENTIAL that these wires are used for all sensors that require a ground (e.g. throttle position sensor, water temperature sensor, etc.). Failure to do this may result in unstable sensor readings causing erratic ECU operation. Do NOT be tempted to ground sensors to the engine block unless it is absolutely necessary (e.g. single wire sensor).

**IMPORTANT!**

Do NOT connect any green Sensor Ground Wires to the engine block or other grounded point. This will cause current from other devices to flow in the sensor ground wires and may result in unstable sensor readings. Most sensors are isolated from ground so this is usually not a problem. Pay particular attention to this point when connecting external controllers.

## 7.6 +5V Out

This wire supplies a regulated and over current protected +5V to be used by sensors that operate from a 5V supply. The most common example is a throttle position sensor (TPS) and some manifold absolute pressure (MAP) sensors. Do NOT connect this wire to +12 volts or any other +5V supply.

## 7.7 +8V Out

This wire supplies a regulated +8V to be used for the Crank Angle Sensor (CAS) if optical or hall sensors are being used. **Do not use this wire to supply power for other devices.** Care must be taken as some optical and hall sensors are designed to use a 5V supply and may be damaged if supplied with 8V. If a 5V supply is required then the '+5V Out' may be used.

## 7.8 ECU Hold Power Wiring

**This wiring method is only used when an Idle Speed Control (ISC) Stepper motor is wired.** This wiring method allows the ECU and engine management system to remain powered after the key has been switched off. This allows the ISC stepper motor to be reset to the appropriate position for the next start up. The ECU will shut down the system when reset is complete.

The other alternative is to reset the stepper motor at key-on, which can cause excessive over-rev on start up or extended cranking periods.

This wiring method is shown in the following diagram.

How it works:

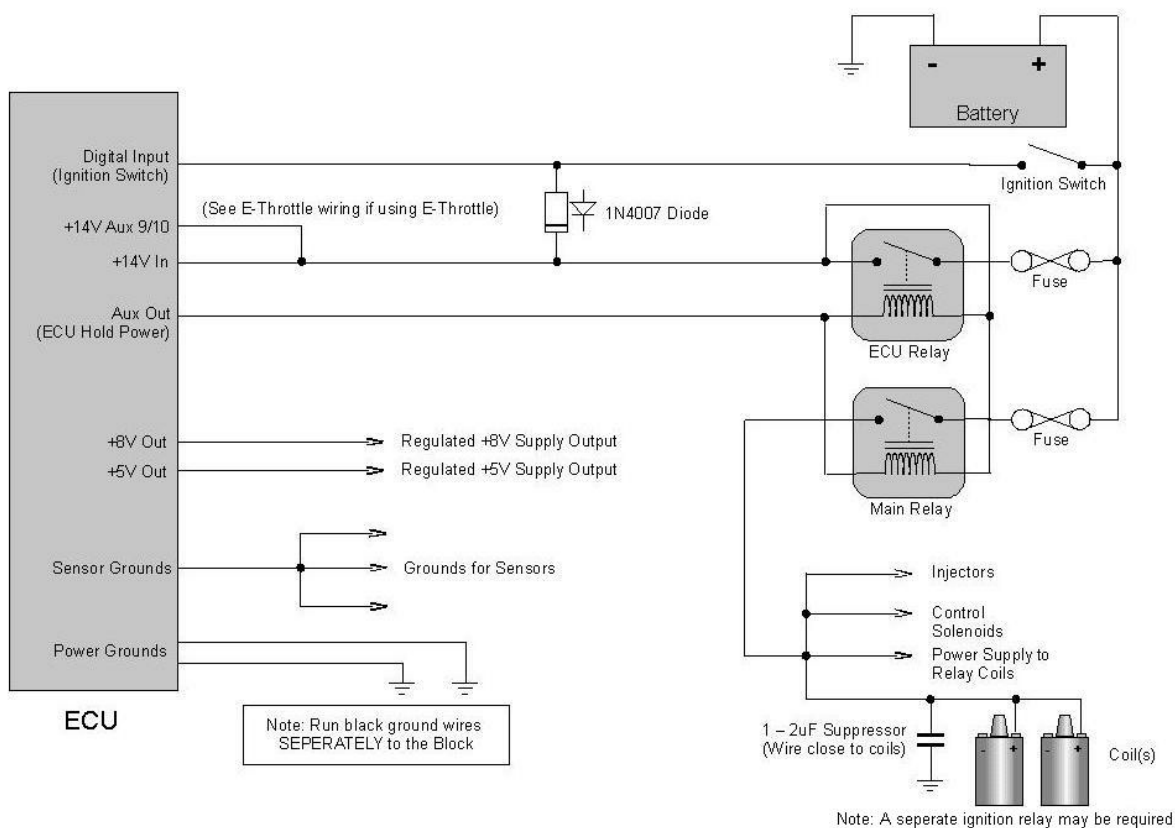
1. The ignition switch is turned on, powering the ECU through the external diode.
2. The ECU powers up and switches the ECU and Main Relays on.
3. All systems are powered through the relays now and run as normal.
4. When the ignition switch is turned off, the ECU senses this through its Digital Input.
5. The ECU resets the stepper motor to its default position, then shuts off the ECU and Main relays when it is ready causing the system to power down.

The following items must be set-up in Vi-PEC Tuning Software when using this wiring. This should be done on the bench before installing the ECU to prevent damage to the diode as it will be powering the system until ECU hold power is set up.

- The appropriate Digital Input must be configured as 'Ignition Switch'.
- The appropriate Auxiliary Output (or Ignition or Injection channel) must be configured as 'ECU Hold Power'.
- The ISC Control 'Stepper Reset' function should be set to 'Key OFF'.

The correct operation of this wiring system can be tested by listening for a pause of a few

seconds between switching the key off and the ECU and Main relays switching off. The ISC stepper motor may also be heard operating during this period.



**ECU Hold Power Wiring**

## 8 Input Signal Wiring

The following sections describe wiring of the various types of sensors used as inputs to the VX ECU.

### 8.1 Trigger Inputs

Trigger inputs are required for the VX ECU to calculate engine speed as well as engine position. In all but the most basic applications both Trigger 1 and Trigger 2 must be used. These must be connected to crankshaft or camshaft position sensors to provide the required information.

- Trigger 1 is used to determine crankshaft position.
- Trigger 2 is used to determine the engines position in the firing order (cam position). Often called the sync signal.
- Digital Inputs may be required for Variable Valve Timing camshaft position sensors (Refer to Digital Inputs Wiring for more information).

In applications using direct spark or sequential injection, Trigger 2 must always be driven from a sensor on the camshaft a sensor using a trigger wheel that performs one revolution for each 720 degree engine cycle.

The Trigger 1 and Trigger 2 cables each include two wires surrounded by a braided shield. These have the following functions.

#### Trigger 1 Cable (Black)

Black	Trigger 1 signal input
White	Sensor Ground

#### Trigger 2 Cable (Grey)

Red	Trigger 2 signal input
White	Sensor Ground

The braided shield in both cables **MUST** not be grounded at the sensor end. If the sensor has its own shielded wire connection, make sure this does not connect directly to the engine block.

There are a large number of triggering variants used by different engine manufacturers. The important differences are the type of sensors used, the number of pulses sent from the sensors during an engine cycle and the timing of the pulses in relation to the engine cycle. There are two main types of sensors that are commonly used. It is important that the sensor type is known, as the wiring for each type is completely different.

#### 8.1.1 Reluctor/Magnetic Sensors

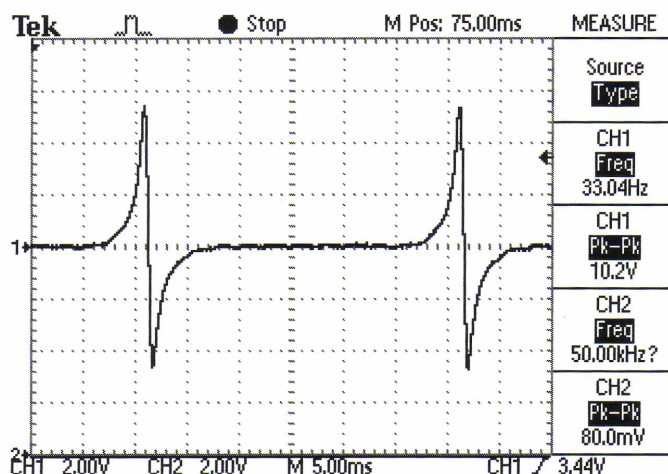
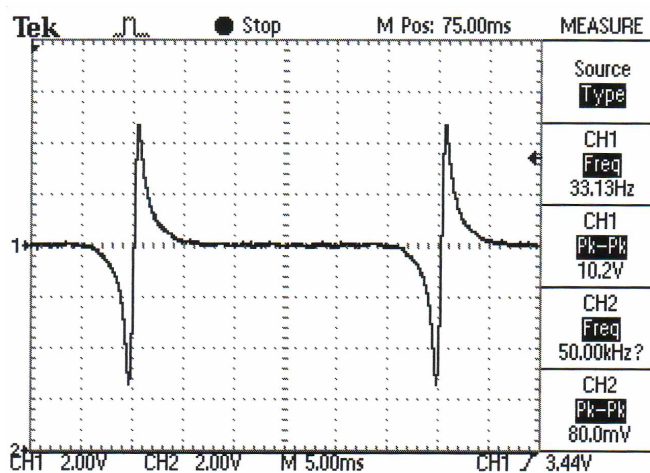
Reluctor/Magnetic sensors have a toothed trigger wheel that passes across the face of the sensor. The movement of the teeth past the sensor generates a voltage in the sensors winding. These sensors usually have only two wires as the sensor itself generates a voltage.

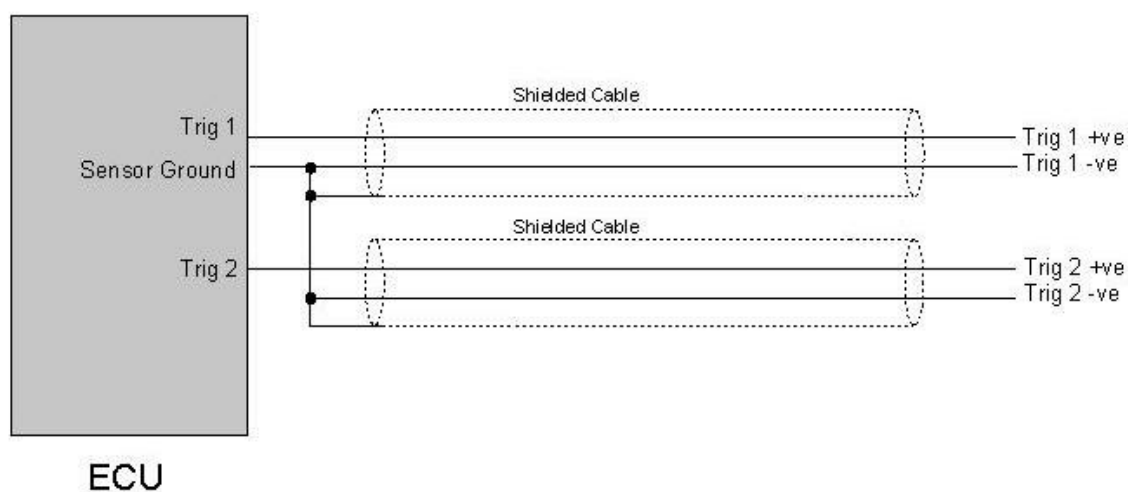
One wire is the sensor ground while the other is the signal output. Some reluctor sensors have a second ground to shield their enclosure and therefore have three wires. These sensors are often identified by sharp tooth profiles.

**IMPORTANT!**

The polarity of the reluctor sensors two wires is very important and must be correct. Wiring of sensors incorrectly could result in erratic running and possibly engine damage

Reluctor sensors MUST be wired so that the ECU sees a positive voltage as the tooth approaches the sensor and a negative voltage as the tooth leaves the sensor. An oscilloscope is usually required to determine correct reluctor polarity.

**Correct Reluctor Polarity****INCORRECT Reluctor Polarity**



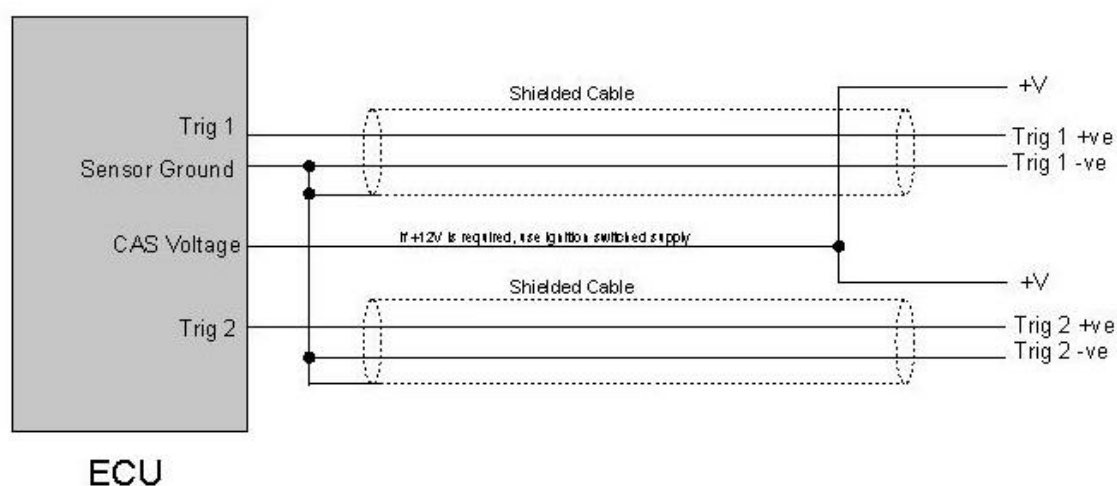
### Reluctor Sensor Wiring

#### 8.1.2 Hall/Optical/Proximity Sensors

Optical, Hall effect and Proximity sensors typically use a trigger wheel with slots or tabs cut out to generate pulses. These sensors require a power supply and typically have three wires.

The +8V Supply offers a regulated 8V for optical or hall sensors. These wires are not used for retractor sensors. Note: many hall sensors will not tolerate 12V and require a 5V or 8V regulated supply.

Most optical or hall sensors will require the 'Trigger Pull-up Resistors' to be turned on in. This is done in the 'Trigger 1' and 'Trigger 2' menus in Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

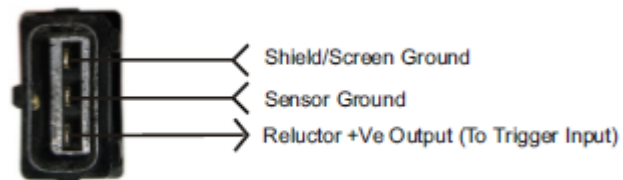


### Optical/Hall/Proximity Sensor Wiring

### 8.1.3 Audi Quattro 5 Cylinder



**5 Cylinder Audi Quattro Crank Angle Sensor**



#### **5 Cylinder Audi Quattro Crank Angle Sensor Wiring**

Note: Connect sensor shield to braided part of trigger cable.

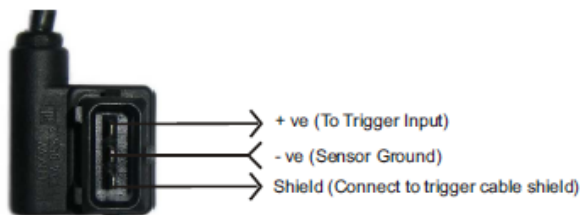
### 8.1.4 BMW M50



**BMW M50 Cam Angle Sensor**



**BMW M50 Crank Angle Sensor**



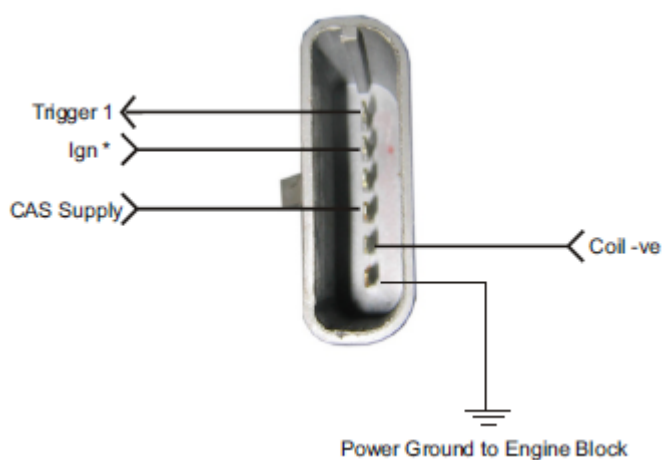
**BMW M50 Cam/Crank Angle Sensor Pinout**

### 8.1.5 Crank Angle Sensors

### 8.1.6 Ford Motorcraft



**Ford Motorcraft Distributor**



**Ford Motorcraft Distributor Wiring**

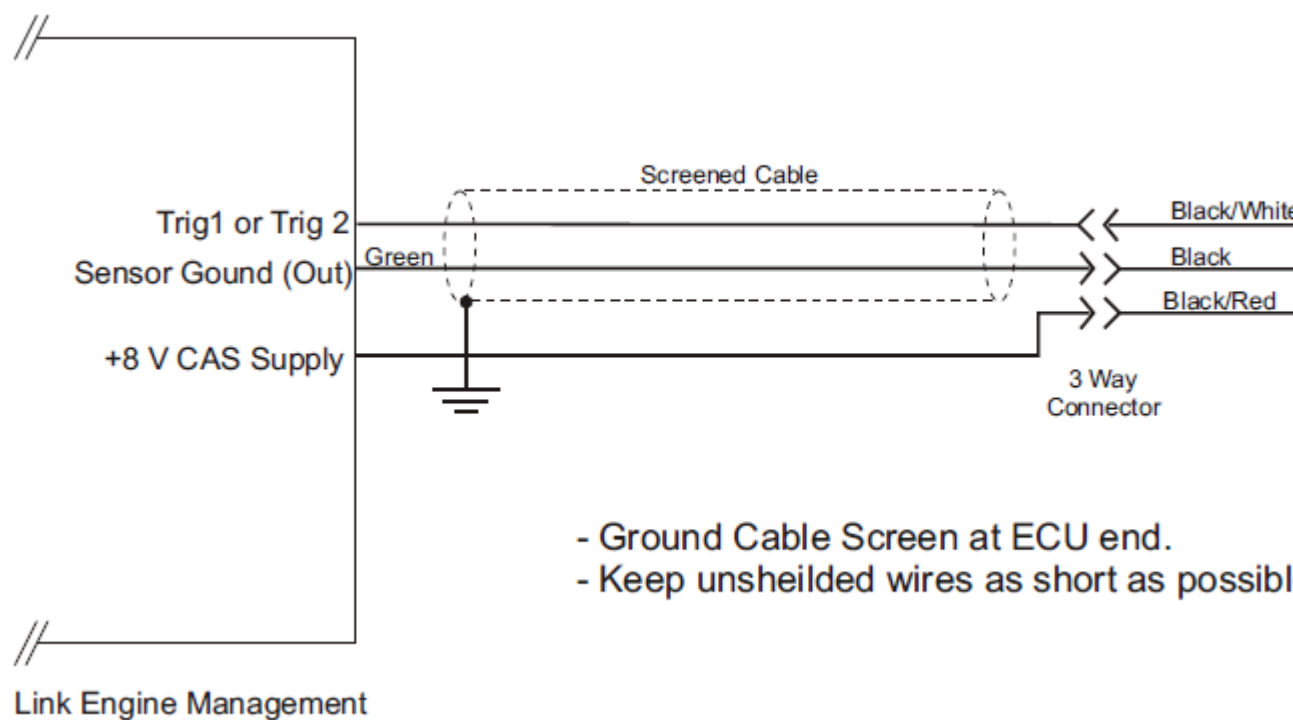
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CAS Supply - On LEM ECU's connect direct to +12V ignition switched source.

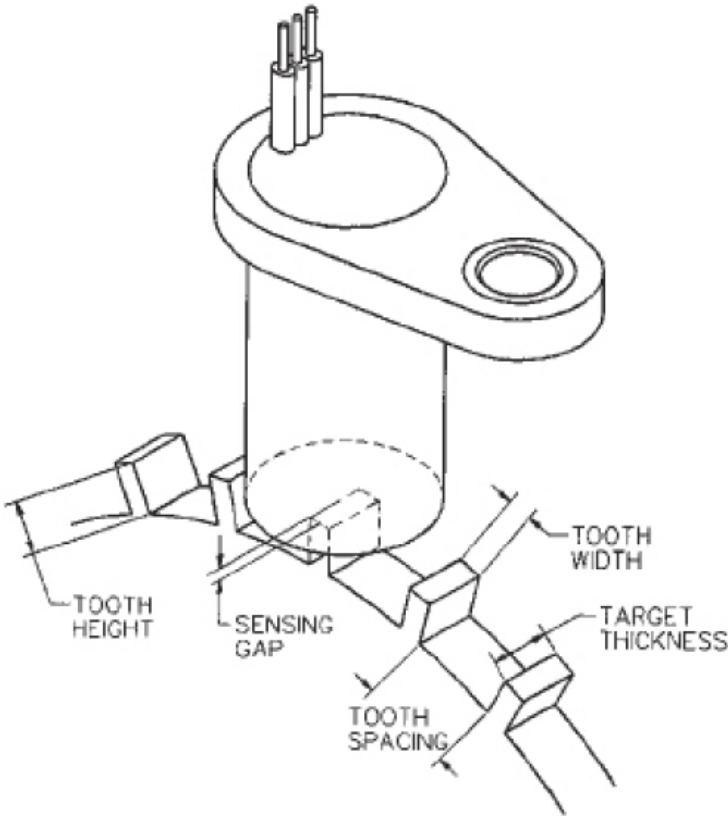
### 8.1.7 GT101 Hall Effect Sensor



**GT101 Hall Effect Sensor**



**GT101 Hall Effect Sensor Wiring**

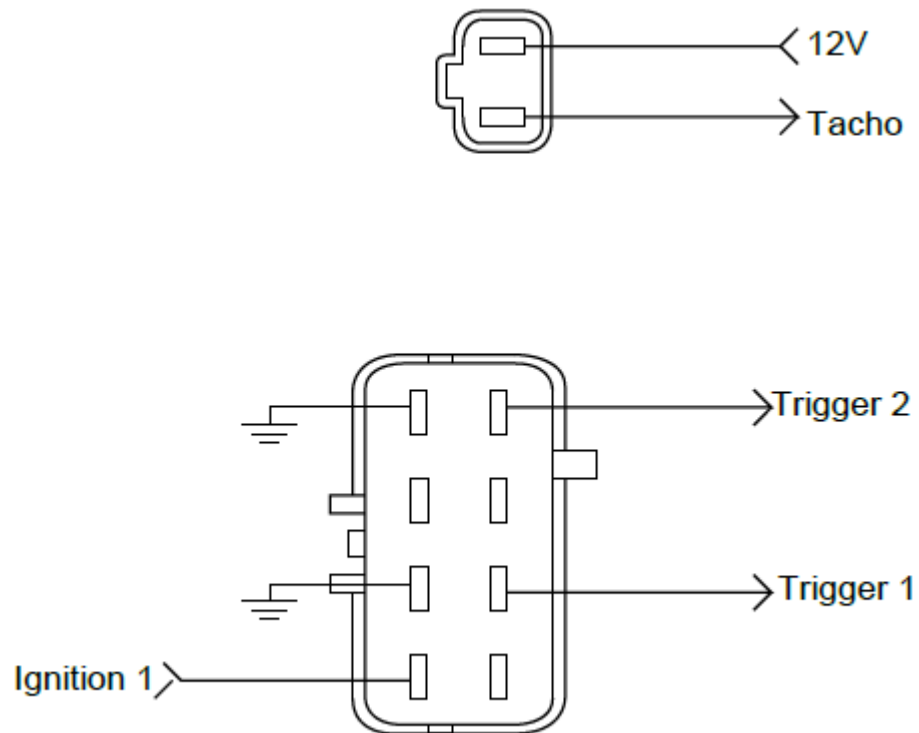


**Sensor Tooth Dimensions**

Tooth Height	5
Tooth Width	2
Tooth Spacing	1
Target Thickness	0
Air Gap	1

**GT101 Tooth Dimensions**

### 8.1.8 Honda 24 Tooth

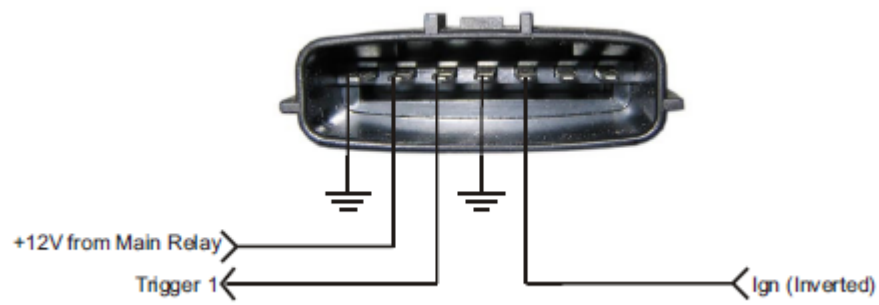


**Honda 24 Tooth (Distributor) Trigger Wiring. As found on Honda H22A Engine.**

### 8.1.9 Honda Civic EK

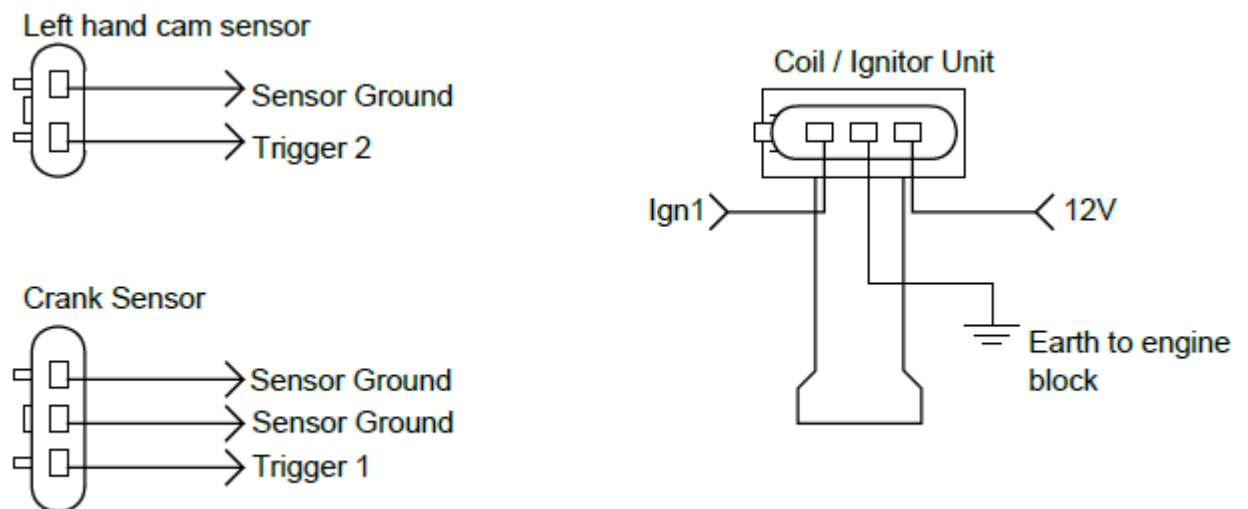


**Honda Civic EK 1600 Crank Angle Sensor**



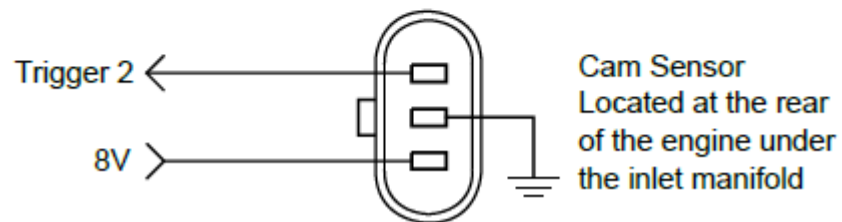
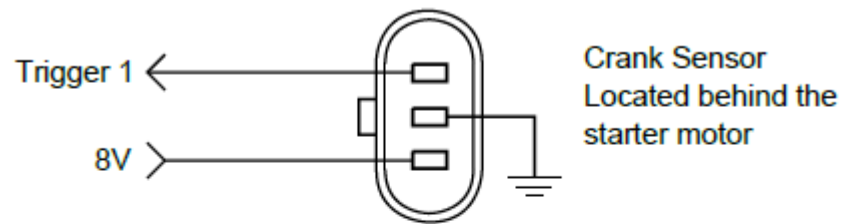
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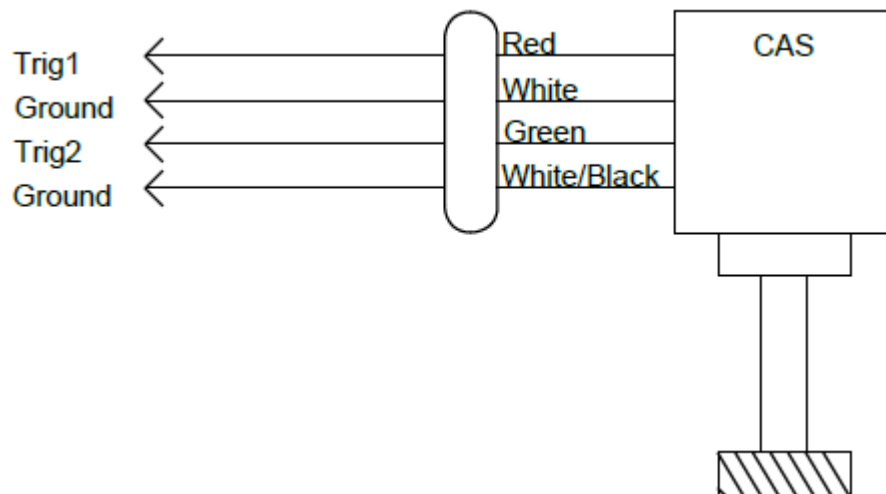
### Honda S2000 Triggers and Ignition

### 8.1.11 GM LS1



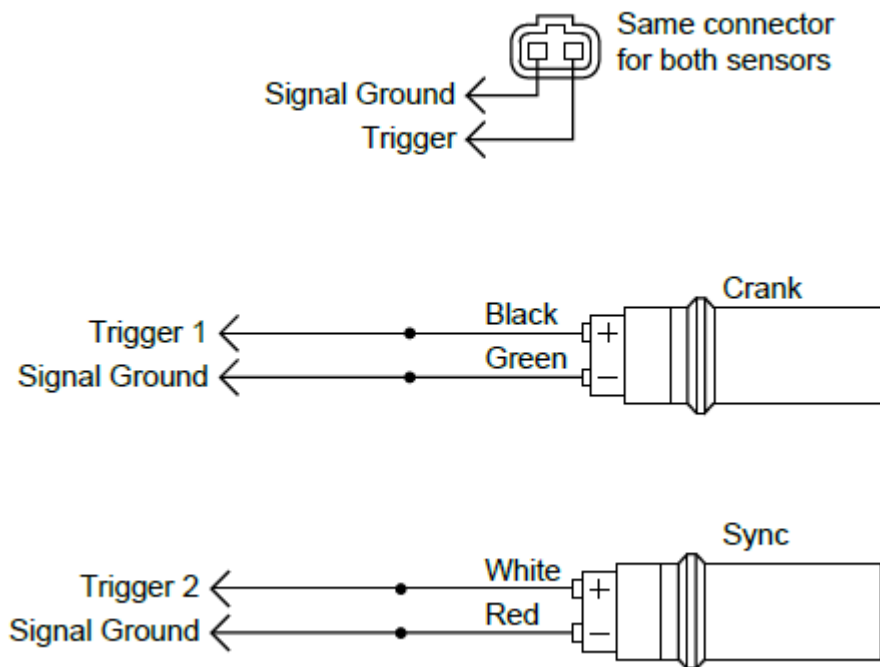
**LS1 Crank and Cam Sensor wiring**

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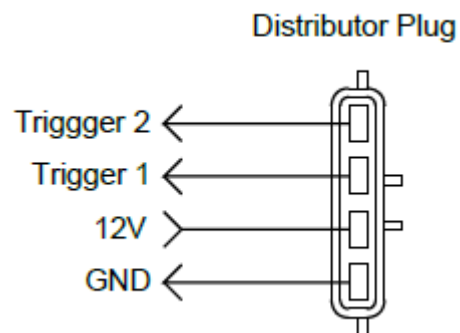
**Mazda 13B (Series 4 & 5) Crank Angle Sensor Wiring**

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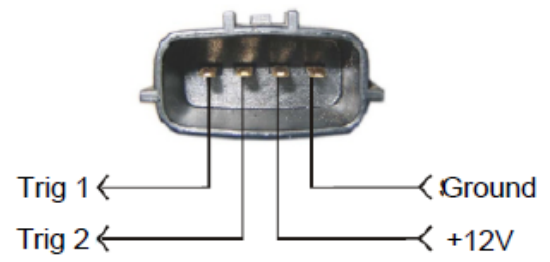
**Mazda 13B Series 6, 7 & 8 Trigger Wiring**

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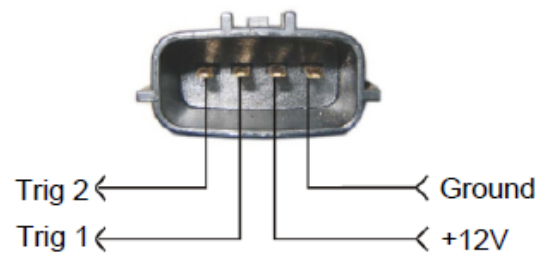


**Mazda 323 (Distributor) Wiring**

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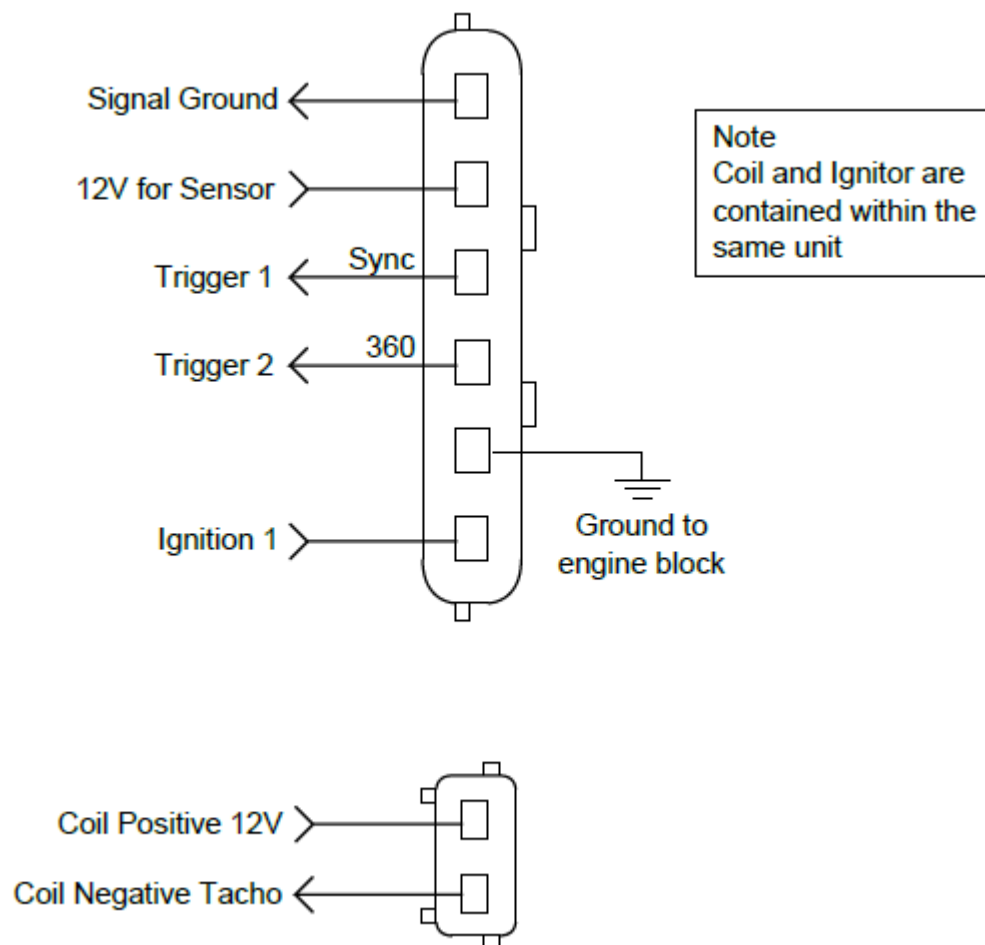


G1 + G2



G3 + G4

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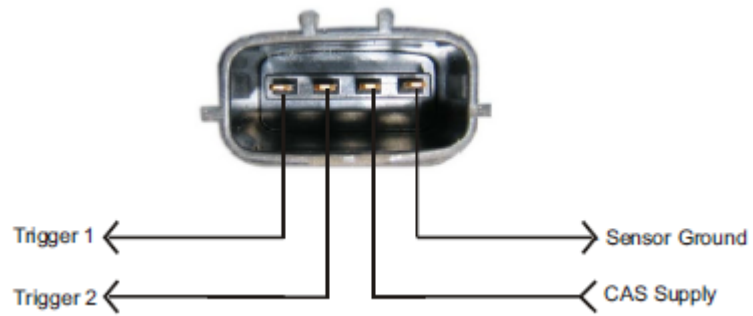


#### Nissan SR20DE (Distributor) Trigger Wiring

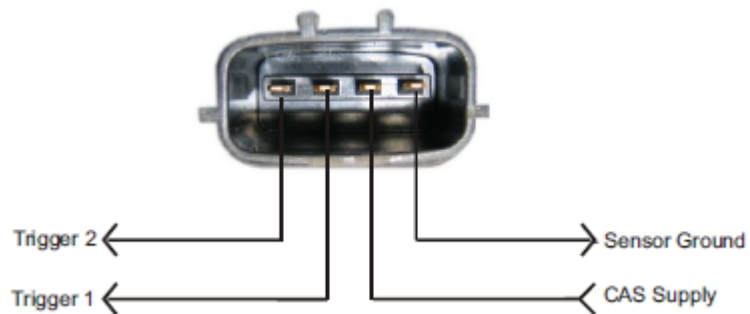
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#### Nissan VH41 Crank Angle Sensor



**Nissan VH41 Crank Angle Sensor Wiring (G1 & G2 ECU's)**

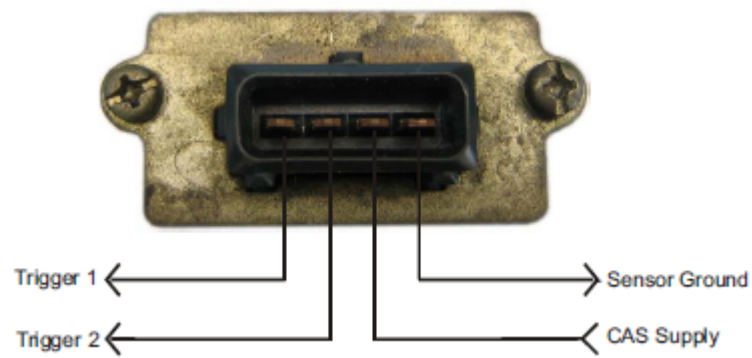


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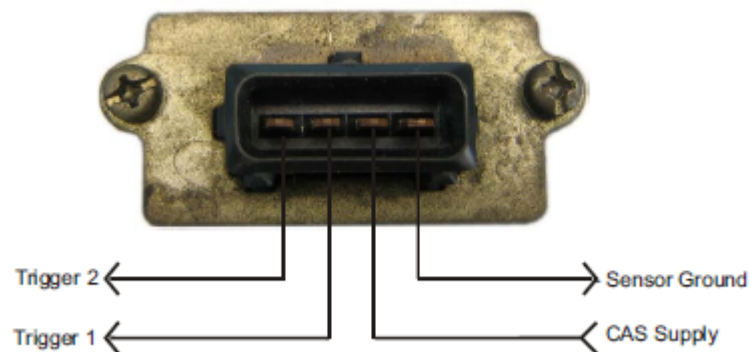
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**Nissan VH45 Crank Angle Sensor**

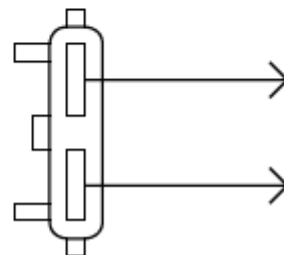
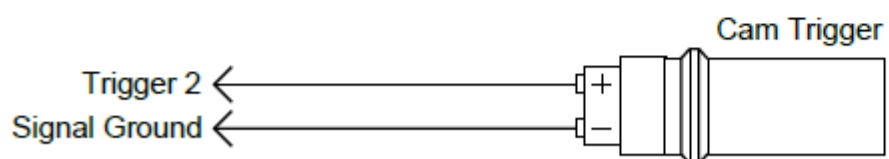
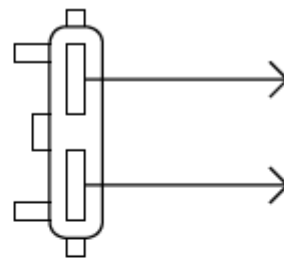
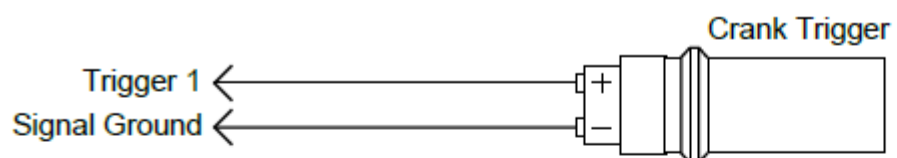


**Nissan VH45 Crank Angle Sensor Wiring (G1 & G2 ECU's)**



**Nissan VH45 Crank Angle Sensor Wiring (G3 & G4 ECU's)**

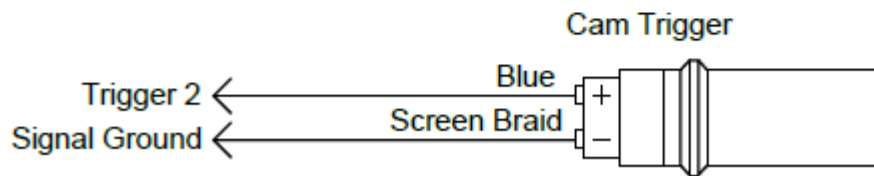
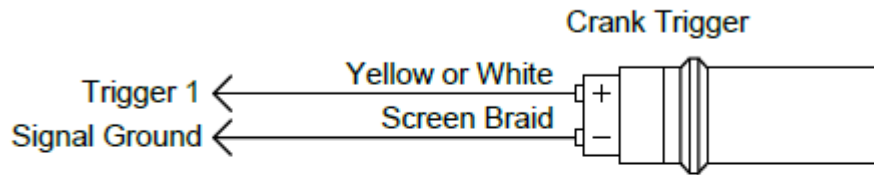
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**Nissan VQ30 Trigger Wiring**

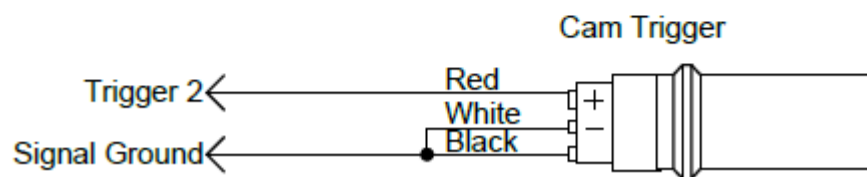
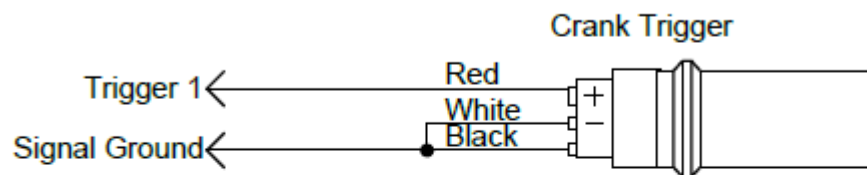
### 8.1.20 Subaru EJ

#### 2 Wire Sensors



#### Subaru EJ 2 Terminal Trigger Wiring

#### 3 Wire Sensors



#### Subaru EJ 3 Terminal Trigger Wiring

### 8.1.21 Subaru EZ30R



**Subaru EZ30R (H6) Crank Angle Sensor Wiring**

### 8.1.22 Toyota 1UZ-FE

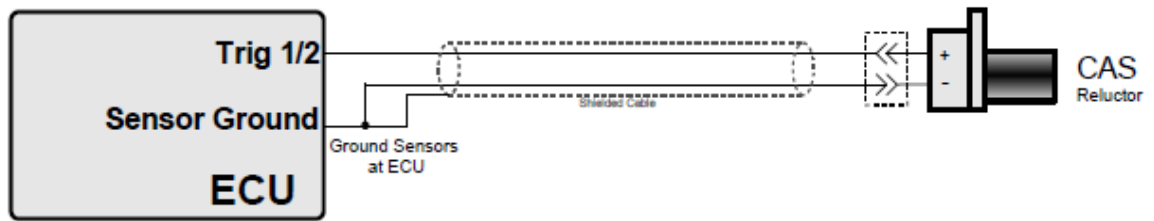


**Toyota 1UZFE Crank Angle Sensor Wiring**

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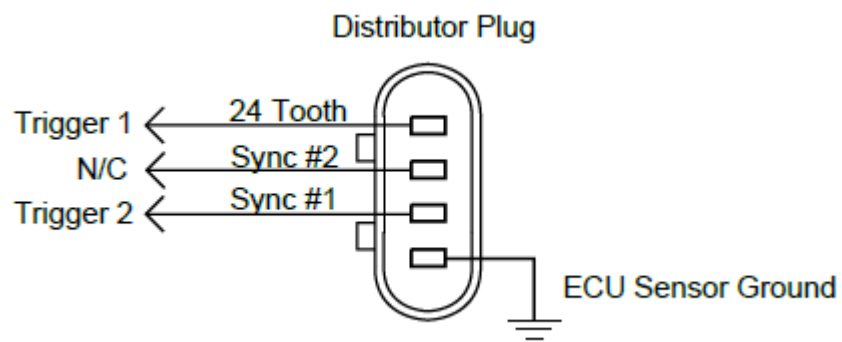


### 1ZZ Crank Angle Sensor Polarity



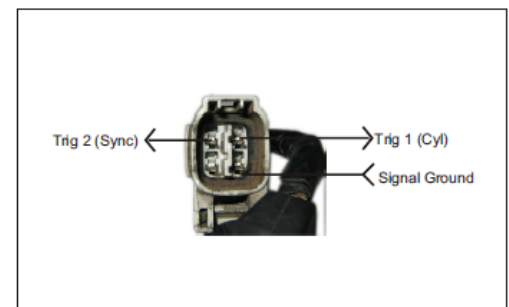
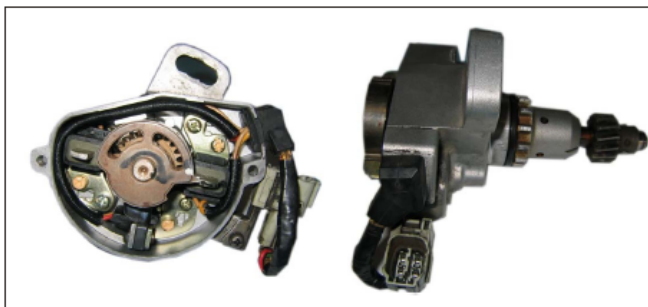
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#### 8.1.24 Toyota 24 Tooth

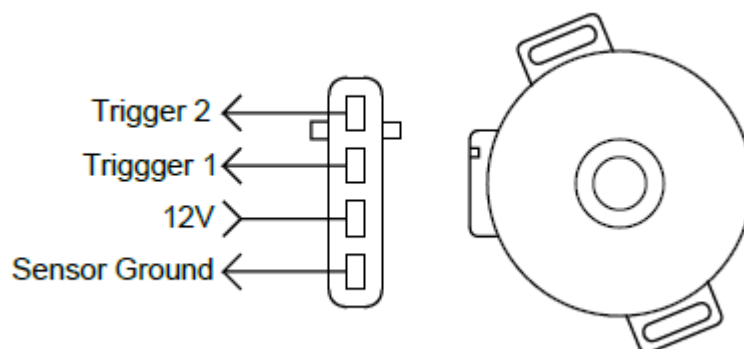


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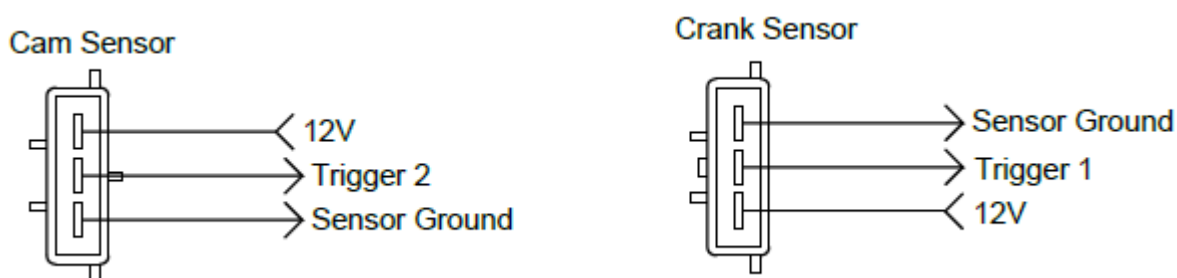


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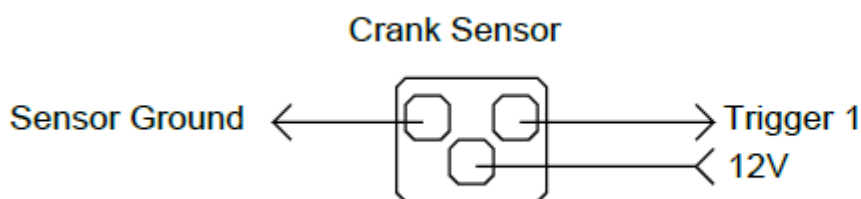
**Mitsubishi VR4 4G63 Trigger Wiring**

### 8.1.27 Mazda MX5



**Mazda MX5 Trigger Wiring**

### 8.1.28 Mitsubishi FTO/GTO



**Mitsubishi FTO/GTO Trigger Wiring**

## 8.2 MAP Sensor

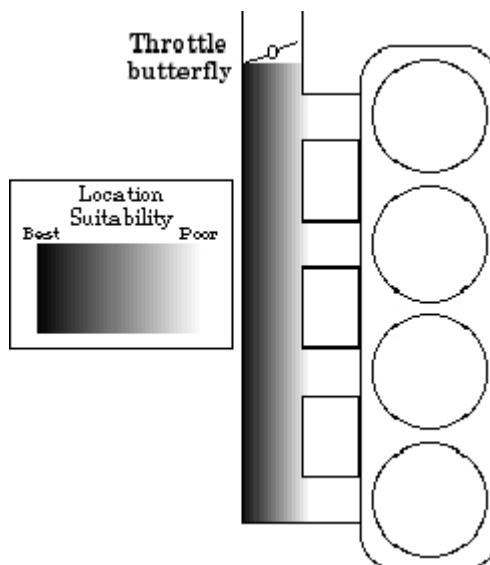
A MAP sensor will be required in all cases except for naturally aspirated engines with very aggressive camshaft profiles. The MAP fluctuations caused by large amounts of overlap result in a very unstable MAP reading especially at idle. Also note that multi-butterfly engines often give a poor vacuum signal. In these cases, it is best to use the throttle position (rather than MAP) to indicate the engine load. In all cases where forced induction is used, a MAP sensor is required.

V44 ECUs have an internal MAP sensor. If a higher pressure is required than that of the

internal MAP sensor, an external MAP sensor can be wired to an Analogue Volt input. To use the internal MAP sensor connect the MAP pressure hose to the barbed fitting on the ECUs end plate.

V88 ECUs require the wiring and mounting of an external MAP sensor (if a MAP sensor is to be used).

The MAP sensor must be connected to the inlet manifold via a suitable length of 3mm (minimum size) vacuum hose. The take off point must be between the engine and throttle plate so that the MAP sensor registers vacuum (as well as pressure on turbo applications). The take off point must be from a common chamber that is connected to all cylinders rather than off a single intake runner. The fuel pressure regulator's pressure signal is usually a good take-off point. However, do not be tempted to share the MAP sensor vacuum hose with other devices such as a boost gauge or in particular a blow off valve.

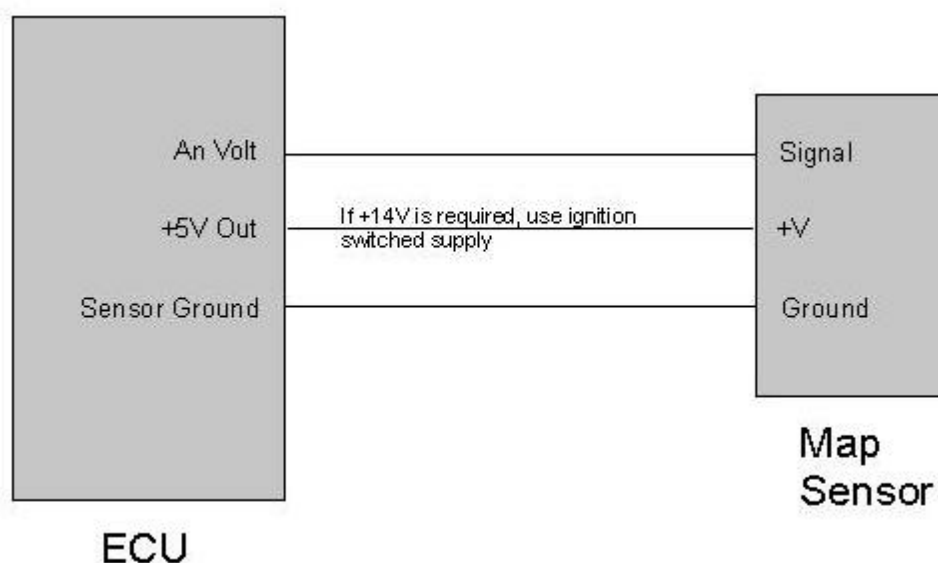


#### **Suitable manifold take off points for MAP sensor hose**

Ideally the MAP sensor should be mounted higher than the inlet manifold so that moisture will not condense in the MAP sensor.

Wiring of a MAP sensor requires the connection of three wires:

1. Signal - The MAP signal must be wired to an Analogue Volt input. Configure this input as MAP sensor and select the appropriate calibration in Vi-PEC Tuning Software.
2. Power - The ECUs +5V Out can power +5V MAP sensors otherwise power the sensor as per manufacturers specifications.
3. Ground - The MAP sensor **MUST** be grounded back at the ECU using a green Sensor Ground wire, not the engine block.

**MAP Sensor Wiring**

### 8.3 TPS Wiring

A Throttle Position Sensor (TPS) is connected directly to the end of the throttle shaft to measure the current angle of throttle opening. Even if the throttle position sensor is not required for load sensing, it is still highly recommended to use one. Throttle position is used for a number of other functions including:

- Acceleration enrichment (much better than using MAP)
- Overrun fuel cuts
- Idle Speed Control
- Boost Control (in some cases)
- Anti-Lag

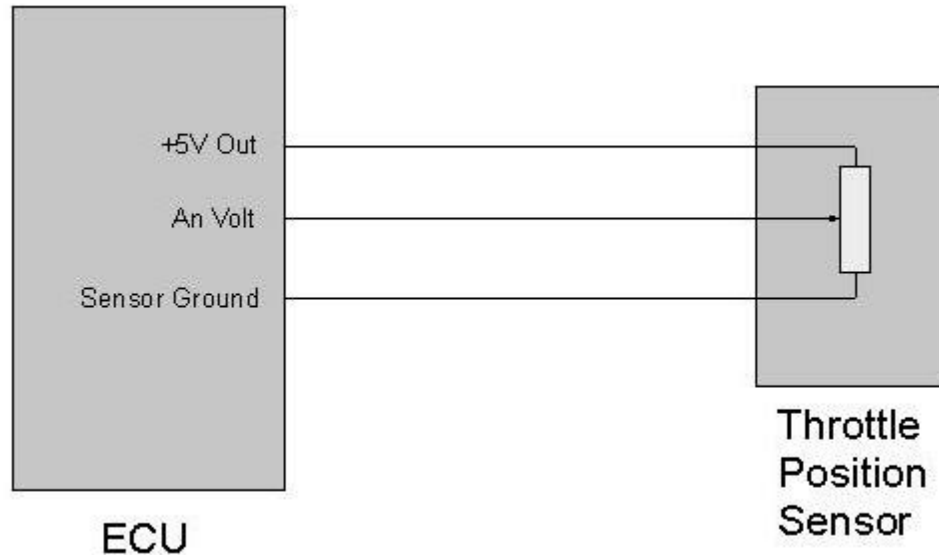
#### **IMPORTANT!**

The throttle position sensor must be a potentiometer (variable resistance) and operate over the entire range of throttle movement. Partial range sensors and idle/full-throttle switches are not suitable and may not be used with VX ECU's.

Ensure the TPS mounting position allows the throttle to move through its full range of motion. The TPS should be adjusted so that it is not reaching the end of its movement at either closed throttle or full throttle. An ideal output voltage range is 0.5 to 4.5 volts. Note: that the ECU will interpret a 0V or 5V signal on the TPS channel to be an error condition.

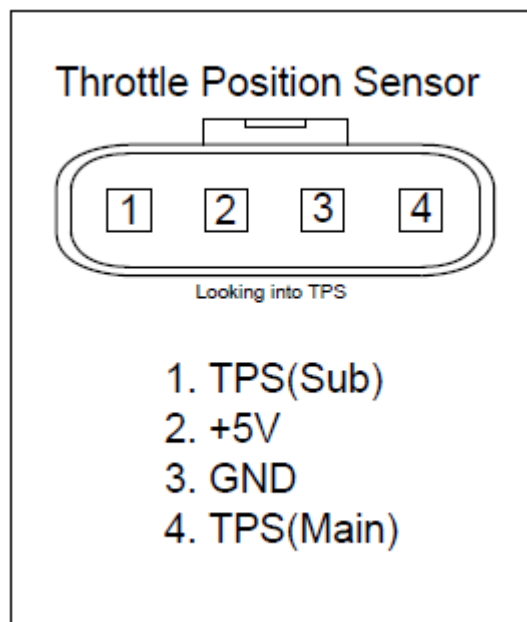
A typical TPS has 3 terminals. To wire either the factory TPS or a custom fitted sensor, an ohmmeter is required. Two of the terminals will show a fixed resistance as the TPS is moved. Connect these terminals to the +5V Out wire (Red/Blue) and Sensor Ground wire (Green). The orientation of the +5V and ground does not matter. The result is that the TPS output will either increase or decrease in voltage with throttle position. The ECU will

automatically detect this so either option is acceptable. The third terminal must show a variable resistance between it and the ground terminal as the throttle position is changed. This is the TPS output and should be connected to any Analogue Volt input.



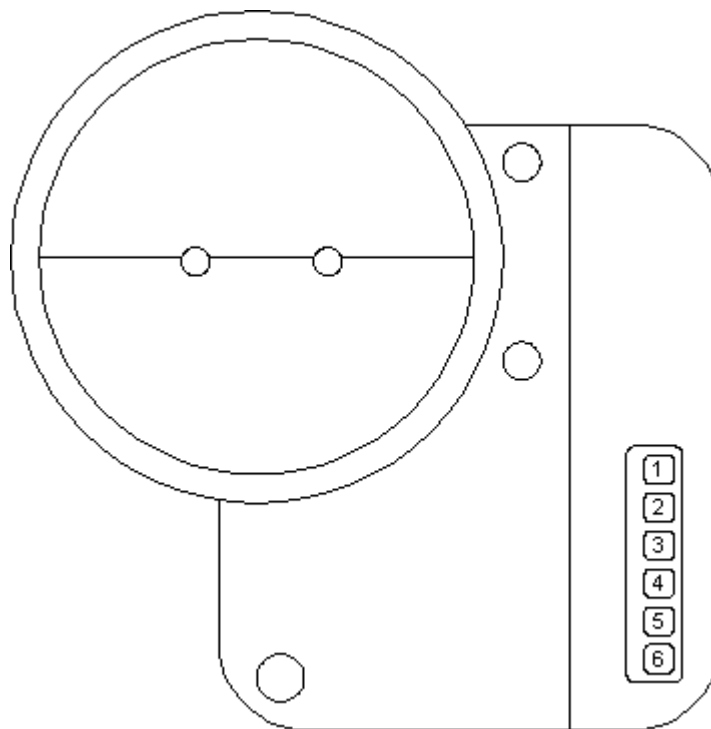
**TPS Wiring**

### 8.3.1 Ford Falcon BA TPS



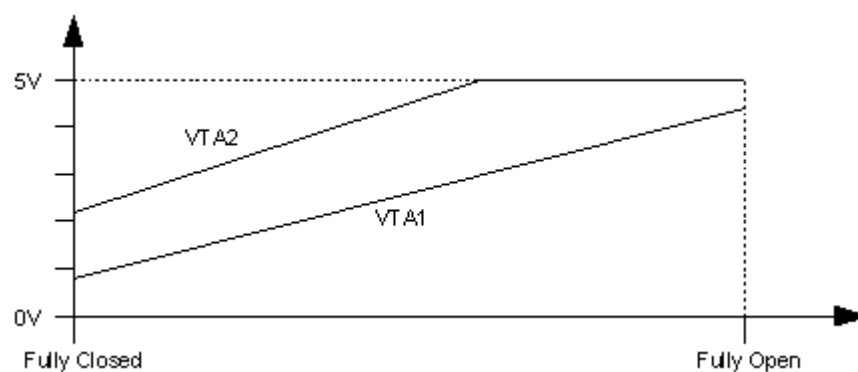
**Ford Falcon BA Throttle Position Sensor Wiring**

### 8.3.2 Toyota 3UR-FE TPS



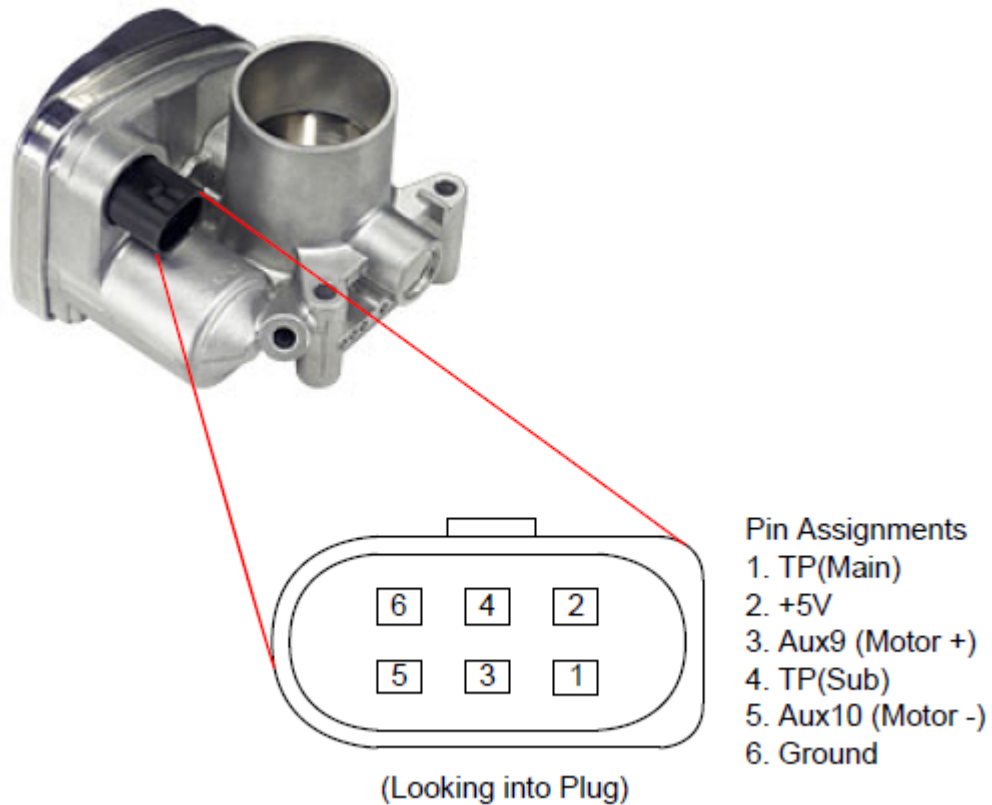
Pin #	Name	Description
1	VTA1	Signal 1
2	VC	+5V
3	VTA2	Signal 2
4	E2	Ground
5		Motor -
6		Motor +

**Toyota 3UR-FE Throttle Position Sensor Wiring**



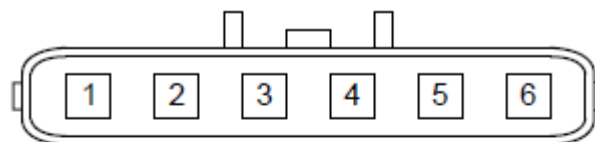
**Toyota 3UR-FE E-Throttle Position vs Output Voltage**

### 8.3.3 BMW M52 (VDO) TPS



#### BMW M52 (VDO) Throttle Position Sensor Wiring

### 8.3.4 Mitsubishi EVO X TPS

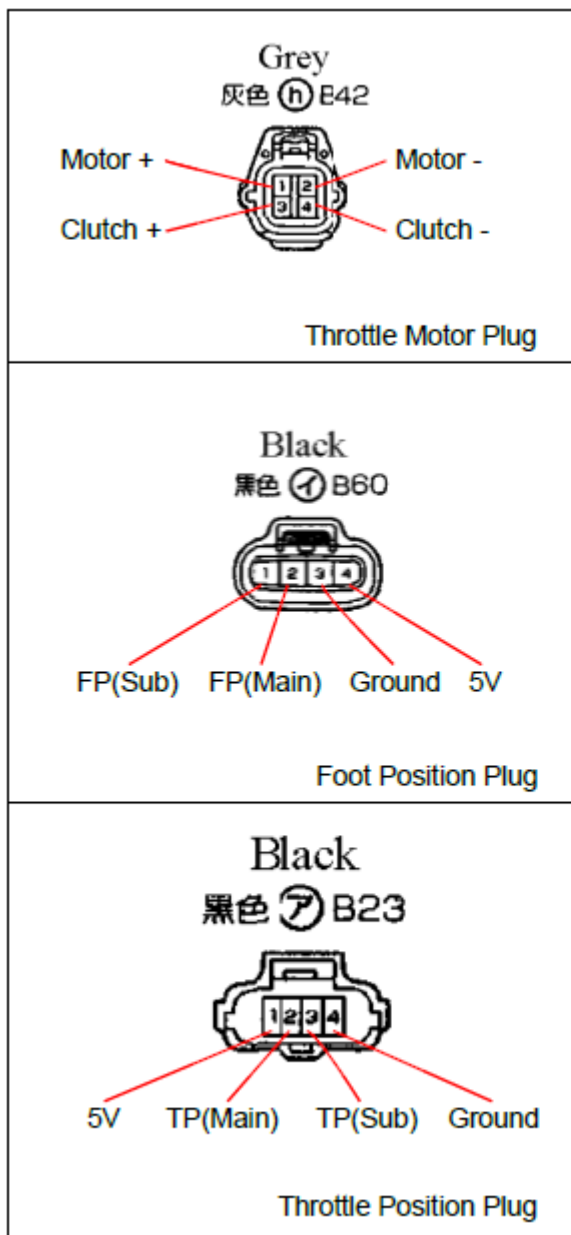


#### Pin Assignments

1. Motor +
2. Motor -
3. Ground
4. TP(Main)
5. +5V
6. TP(Sub)

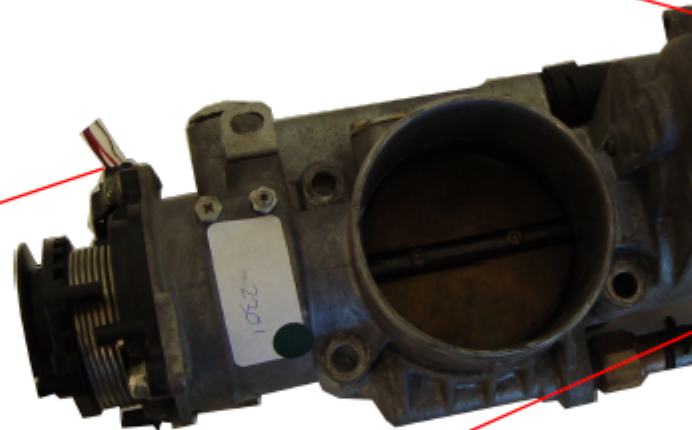
#### Mitsubishi EVO X Throttle Position Sensor Wiring

### 8.3.5 Toyota Clutched E-Throttle TPS

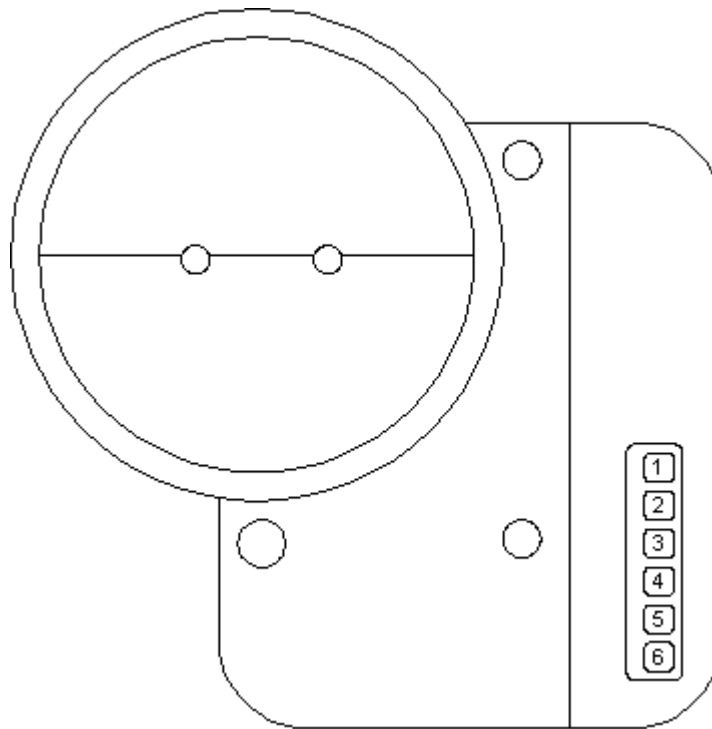


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#### Toyota Clutched E-Throttle Throttle Position Sensor Wiring

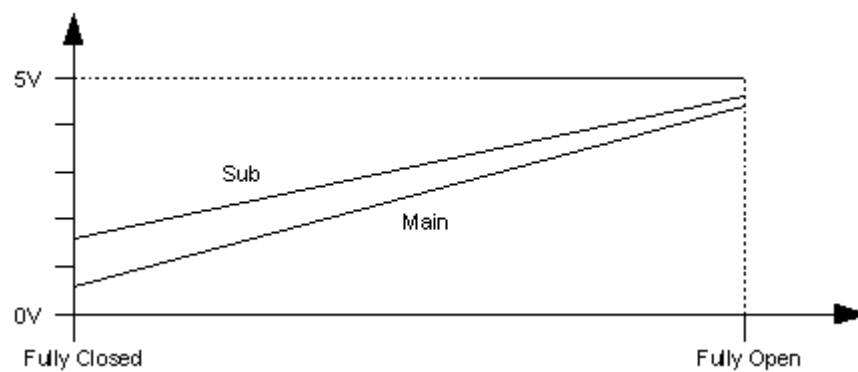


### 8.3.6 Suzuki Swift TPS



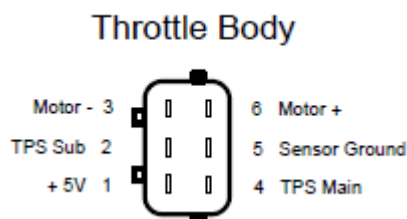
Pin #	Name	Description
1	Main	Signal 1
2	V+	+5V
3	Sub	Signal 2
4	GND	Ground
5		Motor -
6		Motor +

**Suzuki Swift Throttle Position Sensor Wiring**



**Suzuki Swift Throttle Position vs Output Voltage**

### 8.3.7 Nissan VQ35 TPS



**Nissan VQ35 Throttle Position Sensor Wiring**

## 8.4 Engine Coolant Temperature Sensor

Engine coolant temperature is required primarily for fuel enrichment during cold starting and during the warm-up period that follows. This sensor should always be mounted on the engine side of the thermostat.

VX ECU's can measure the temperature using a thermistor (NTC or PTC) sensor or a sensor with a 0-5V output. Any sensor calibration is permitted.

Thermistor sensors have a resistance that changes with temperature and are commonly used in automotive applications. When wiring thermistor sensors the polarity is NOT important. **An Analogue Temp wire should be connected to one terminal on the sensor while the other terminal must be connected to the Sensor Ground (green) wire.**

When using a sensor that produces a 0-5V output or in piggy back application where a factory ECU is already providing the temperature sensor pull-up resistor, connect the ECT signal to an Analogue Volt channel.

VX ECU's are compatible with any NTC or PTC thermistor sensor. The recommended sensor is a Bosch 0 280 130 026 sensor. A number of pre-calibrated sensor options are also provided in Vi-PEC Tuning Software. Note that most factory sensors will use the Standard Bosch NTC calibration. In order to use a sensor with a different calibration you will need to know how the sensor's resistance changes with temperature and enter this information into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

## 8.5 Intake Air Temperature Sensor

Using an inlet air temperature sensor allows fuel and ignition corrections to be made for changes in the temperature of the air entering the engine. The air temperature sensor must be set-up to most accurately measure the temperature of the air entering the engines combustion chambers. On a naturally aspirated engine this normally means any position between the air filter and inlet manifold. However, on a turbocharged/supercharged engine the sensor must be placed **AFTER** turbocharger and any inter-cooler.

On most applications (both naturally aspirated and turbocharged) the recommended mounting position is in the inlet pipe just before the throttle plate. The sensor may also be placed in a section of the inlet manifold that is subject to high airflow. However, in some applications the inlet manifold may get very hot and heat soak the sensor causing a reading that is not representative of the air entering the combustion chambers.

It is very important on a turbocharged/supercharged engine that the air temperature sensor can react fast enough to track the rapidly changing temperature. For this reason, an open

element sensor is required. The recommended sensor is a Bosch 0 280 130 085. On naturally aspirated engines this sensor may be substituted for a 0 280 130 039, which is cheaper and easier to fit.

VX ECU's are designed to measure the temperature using a thermistor sensor. These sensors have a resistance that changes with temperature and are commonly used in automotive applications. When wiring thermistor sensors the polarity is NOT important. **The Inlet Temperature Sensor must be connected to the Sensor Ground (green) wire and an Analogue Temp wire.**

VX ECU's are compatible with any NTC or PTC thermistor sensors. The default calibration is for either of the Bosch sensors listed above. In order to use a sensor with a different calibration you will need to know how the sensor's resistance changes with temperature and enter this information into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software. Note that most commonly used sensors calibrations are available by selecting them in Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

## 8.6 Narrow Band Oxygen Sensor

A narrow-band exhaust gas oxygen (EGO) sensor is very accurate at air/fuel ratios near 14.7:1 (for petrol). At richer or leaner air/fuel ratios there is a very small output signal change for large changes in air/fuel ratio. This makes the narrow-band sensor very good at detecting either a lean or rich condition, but not very useful for detecting how lean or rich. For this reason, a narrow-band sensor is not recommended for tuning purposes. However a narrow band sensor is suitable for running Closed Loop Lambda (CLL). CLL allows the ECU to self tune at cruise to improve economy and emissions.

There are many variations of EGO sensors although most are identical in terms of the output signal. The principal differences are mostly physical involving lead tolerance, heated or unheated, mounting methods, and whether or not a signal ground wire is supplied.

### Lead Tolerance

The lead additives used in most high-octane fuel (aviation gas or race gas) will reduced the lifespan of the sensor considerably. Some probes are shielded and are more tolerant than others.

### Heating

Many probes incorporate an electrical heating element, which is powered by the vehicles 12 Volt supply. These heaters allow the probe to be mounted in cooler portions of the exhaust system and significantly improve the probe performance at idle and during warm up phases of operation. This is because the probe temperature must exceed 300°C before accurate readings are possible.

An Auxiliary Output can be used to control the heating of the oxygen sensor if required. To do this, ground the sensors heater wire through any of the ECU's auxiliary channels.

### Mounting

Most probes have an M18 x 1.5 metric thread designed to screw into a mating boss. Some variants use a bolted flange arrangement, but these are relatively uncommon.

Almost all EFI engines will have a probe installed as original equipment in the exhaust manifold or turbo housing.

If the vehicle does not have a factory fitted EGO sensor, it will be necessary to manufacture a

sensor mount according to engine type and layout.

The ideal mounting position of the sensor in the exhaust can vary depending on the application. Most of the time the preferred position is in the exhaust manifold collector on a naturally aspirated engine or after the turbocharger on a turbocharged engine. However, a location further down the exhaust is acceptable provided the probe is adequately heated. Note that it is also possible to get an EGO sensor too hot which also causes an inaccurate reading. Therefore in applications with particularly high exhaust gas temperatures (e.g. turbo engines, rotary engines) it may be necessary to either use an unheated sensor or move a heated sensor further down the exhaust.

Caution: EGO sensors use ceramic material internally and are susceptible to impact damage. Handle probes carefully to avoid impacts at all times.

### Narrow Band Oxygen Sensor Wiring

Typically narrow-band EGO sensors can be recognised as having one, two, three or four wires. These have the following functions.

- Single Wire Sensor - The wire is the signal output and should be connected directly to an Analogue Voltage Input.
- Two Wire Sensor - One wire for the signal output (to Analogue Voltage Input). The other is the signal ground (Signal Ground (green)).
- Three Wire Sensor (Heated) - One wire for the signal output (to Analogue Voltage Input). Two wires for the heater. One of the heater wires should be connected to an ignition switched 12V supply. The other heater wire can be connected to a convenient ground (or controlled using an auxiliary output). Heater polarity is not important.
- Four Wire Sensor (Heated) - As for three wire sensor, but with an extra wire for the signal ground which must be connected to Sensor Ground (green).

### Recommended Narrow Band Oxygen Sensor

The recommended narrow-band EGO sensor is a Bosch 3-wire lead-tolerant unit with Part Number 0 258 003 070. As with other Bosch 3 wire sensors, the wire colours are:

2 white wires	=	heater (18 watts)
1 black wire	=	output signal

## 8.7 Wide Band Oxygen Sensor

Wideband exhaust gas oxygen (EGO) sensors are able to accurately measure air/fuel ratios over a very wide range from very lean to very rich. This makes these devices very suitable for tuning purposes.

A wideband sensor can be used to run Closed Loop Lambda (CLL) for improved economy and emission. A wideband sensor is a necessity if Quick Tune (refer to the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software online help) is going to be used to tune the engine.

Any Analogue Volt channel may be used to accept the signal from a wide-band EGO sensor controller. Note that VX ECU's cannot accept the signal directly from a wide-band sensor. A wide-band controller works as an interface between a wide-band O<sub>2</sub> sensor and the ECU. The controller should connect directly to the sensor and output a voltage between 0 and 5V.

The sensor calibration (the voltages that correspond to given air/fuel ratios) must be known

and this information must be entered into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.

The recommended Wideband Oxygen Sensor controller is the Innovate LC-1 Wide-Band controller

## 8.8 GP Pressure & Temperature Sensing

Any Analogue Volt channel may be used as inputs from additional general purpose (GP) pressure and temperature sensors. The only restriction is that the sensor must have a 0-5V output. The sensor calibration (the voltages that correspond to given pressures/temperatures) must be known and this information must be entered into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.

GP Pressure and Temperature Sensor Wiring:

- Signal – Analogue Volt Channel
- Power – As per sensor manufacturers specification (can use ECU's +5V out if required)
- Ground – Ground to ECU's Sensor Ground.

Spare Analog Temperature channels can be used for wiring of additional NTC temperature sensors. Refer to the wiring instructions for Engine Coolant Temperature sensors.

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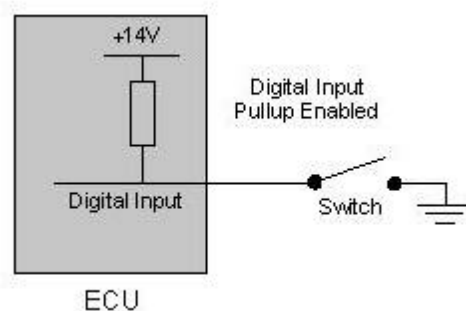
**Do not use a sensor designed to measure air pressure to measure fuel, oil or water pressures. Consult the sensor manufacturers specifications.**

## 8.9 Digital Input Wiring

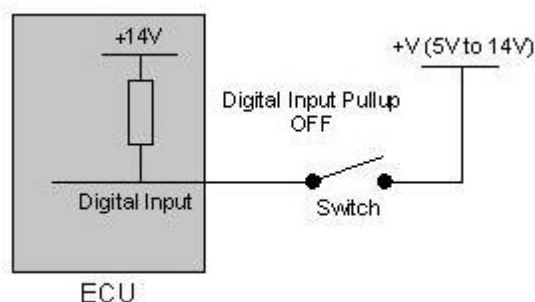
Digital inputs may be connected to switches, controllers or sensors to control various functions including launch control (clutch switch), anti-lag, high/low boost, water spray, dual fuel/ignition maps, nitrous oxide, air conditioning request and variable valve timing.

### Switches and Controllers

The diagrams below show the two methods of wiring Digital Inputs to a switch. When wiring other devices such as controllers it will be necessary to determine if these devices are active low or active high. If a switch or controller drives low then the Digital Inputs 'Pull-up Resistor' will need to be enabled in Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.



**Wiring of a Drive Low Switch to a Digital Input**



### Wiring of a Drive High Switch to a Digital Input

#### Vehicle Speed Input

Speed signals should only be connected to Digital Inputs 1 to 6.

Vehicle Speed may be calculated using the output from a digital speedometer drive or in some cases from the speedometer assembly itself. This may be connected directly to a Digital Input. Some sensors will require that the Digital Inputs 'Pull-up Resistor' is enabled in Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

#### VVT Cam Position Input

Continuously Variable Valve Timing (CVVT, VVT, VVTi, AVCS) Cam Position digital inputs can only be connected to Digital Inputs 1 to 4.

Reluctor or Optical/Hall sensors can be used to measure camshaft position on engines equipped with VVT systems. VVT position sensors should be wired to digital Inputs in the same manner as Trigger Sensors. This includes the use of Sensor ground and shielded cables. Shielded cable for Digital Input wiring is not included in the standard loom but can be purchased from your Vi-PEC dealer. Not using shielded cable can result in cam shaft position measurement errors.

For engine specific information on the wiring of triggers and VVT position sensors refer to your Vi-PEC dealer or [www.vi-pec.com](http://www.vi-pec.com).

Although not absolutely necessary, it is recommended to ease configuration that cam position signals are wired to the same number Digital Input channel as the corresponding solenoid control Auxiliary Output (refer following table). For compatibility, the following use of Digital Inputs and Auxiliary outputs is recommended for VVT wiring. Note that in practice any Digital Input/Auxiliary Output combination can be used.

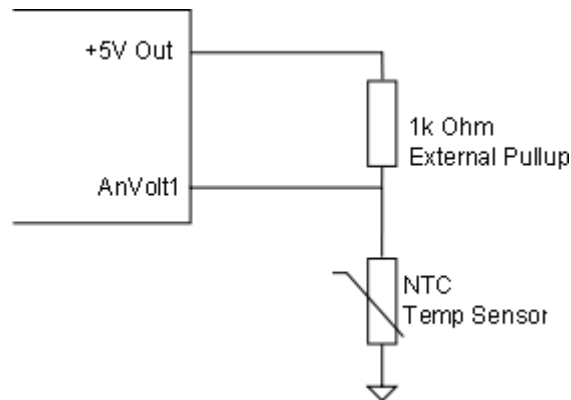
Cam Shaft	Digital Input	Auxiliary Output
Inlet or Inlet LH	DI 1	Aux 1
Inlet RH	DI 2	Aux 2
Exhaust or Exhaust LH	DI 3	Aux 3
Exhaust RH	DI 4	Aux 4

In cases where the same camshaft position signal is used to measure camshaft timing as well as provide sync (firing order position) information, this sensor will usually be wired to Trigger 2.

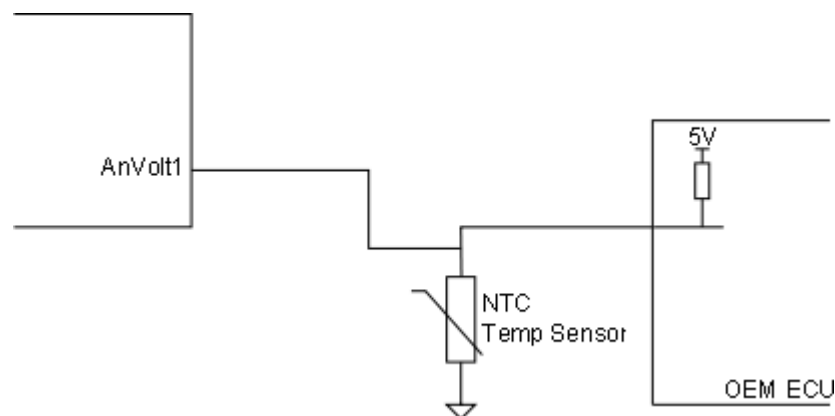
## 8.10 Using voltage channels with NTC sensors

Volt channels can be used to read the temperature from a NTC temperature sensor. An external 1K pull-up resistor must be connected the ECUs voltage input pin and 5V.

The exception to this when wiring a temperature sensor in a piggyback situation. The OEM engine management system's internal pullup resistor will be utilized, in this case the sensor would be wired as you would for a standard temperature input.



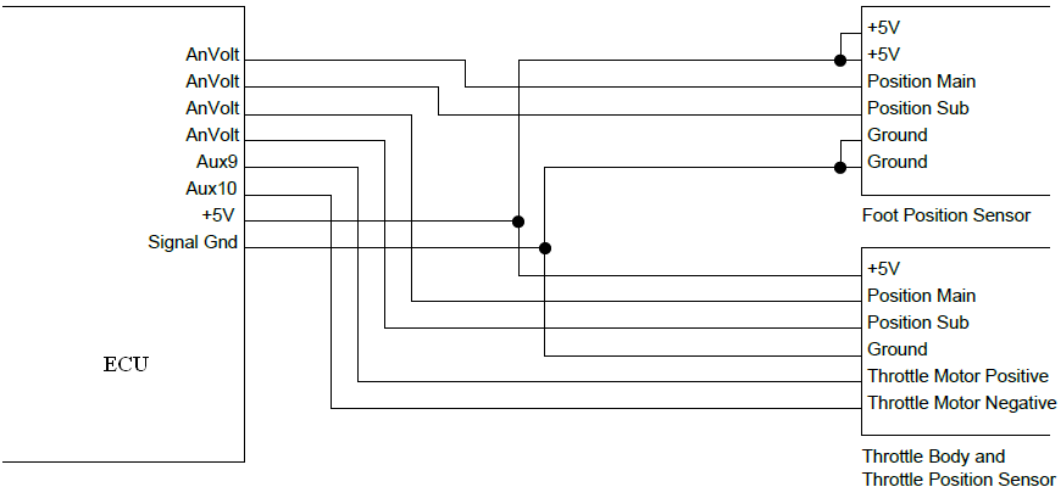
Wiring a NTC temp sensor with an external pullup resistor.



Wiring a NTC temp sensor in a piggyback situation.

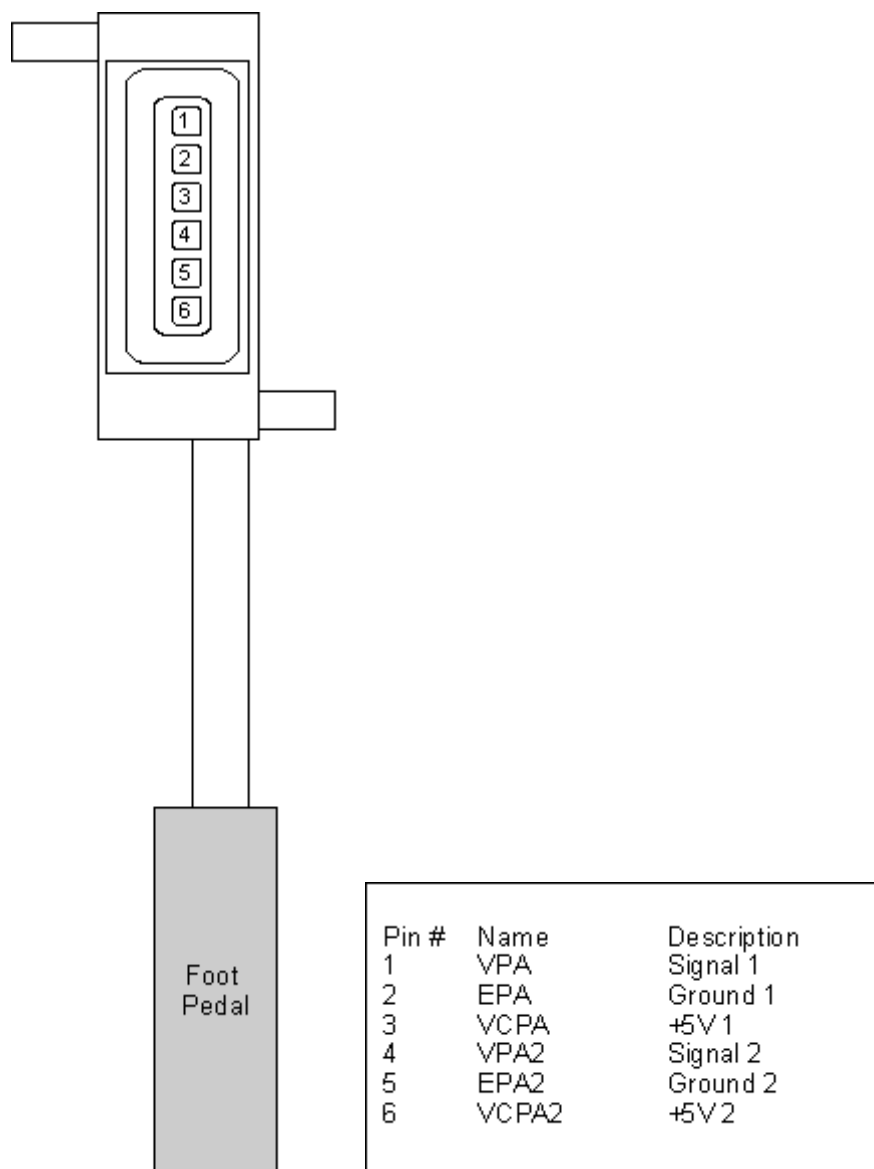
## 8.11 Foot Position Sensors

8.11.1 Generic FPS Wiring

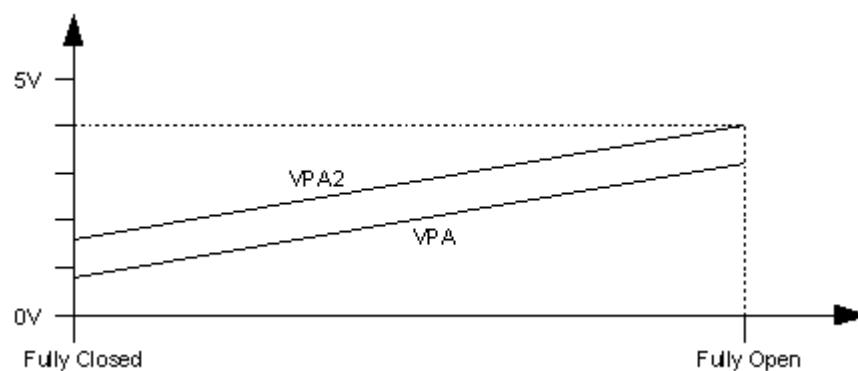


Note: This drawing only provides typical inputs and outputs, please check your specific application.

### 8.11.2 Toyota 3UR-FE FPS

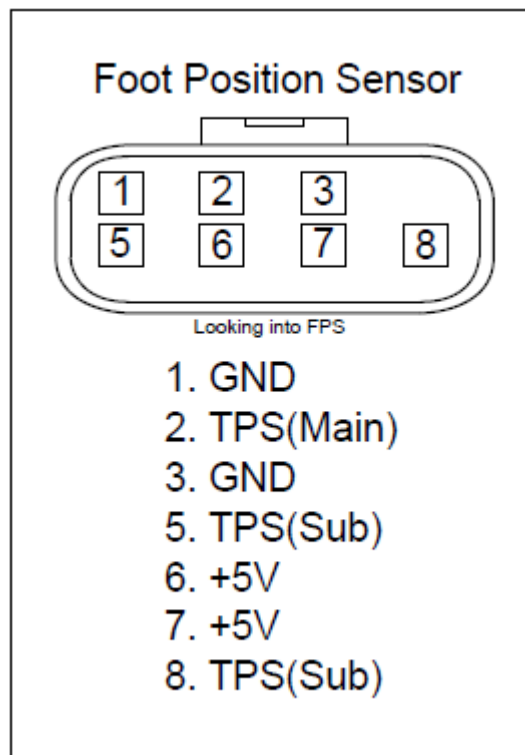


**Toyota 3UR-FE FPS Wiring**



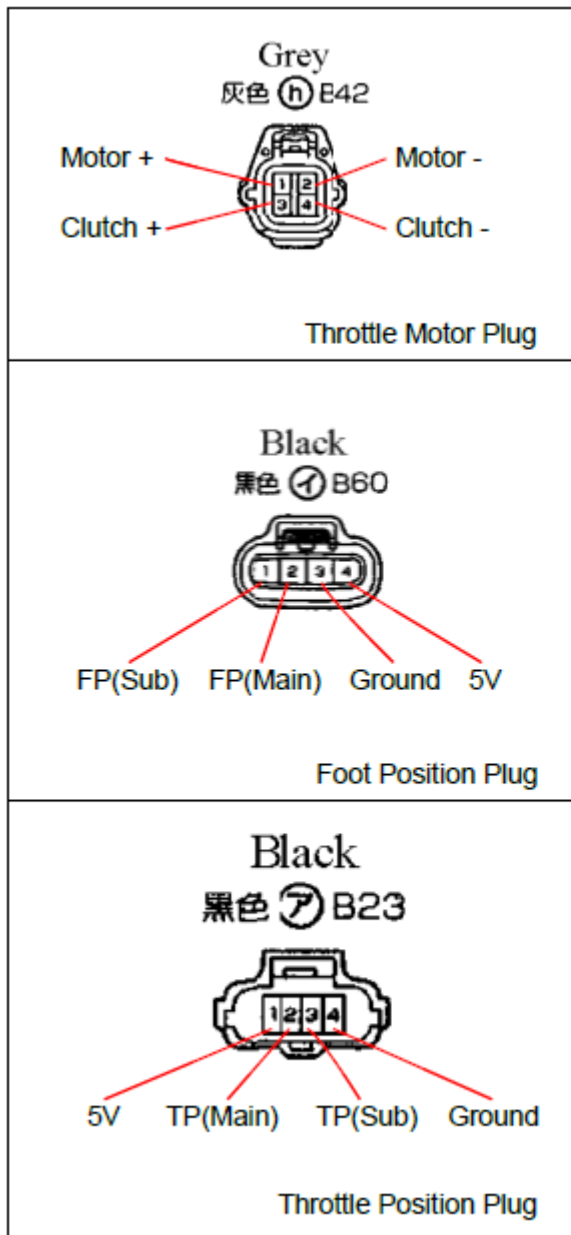
**Toyota 3UR-FE FPS Pedal Position vs Output Voltage**

### 8.11.3 Ford Falcon BA FPS



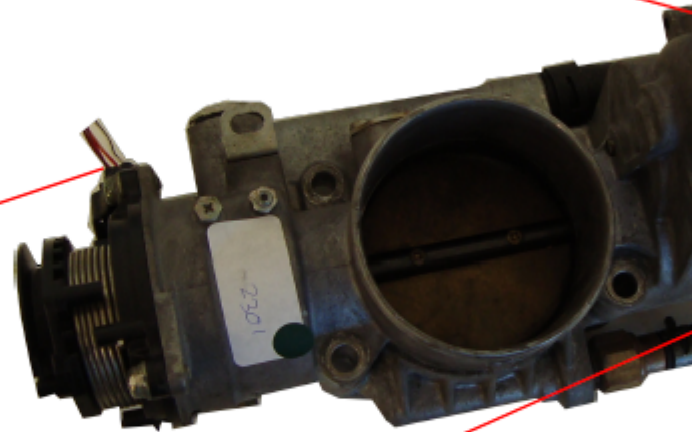
**Ford Falcon BA FPS Wiring**

### 8.11.4 Toyota Clutched E-Throttle FPS

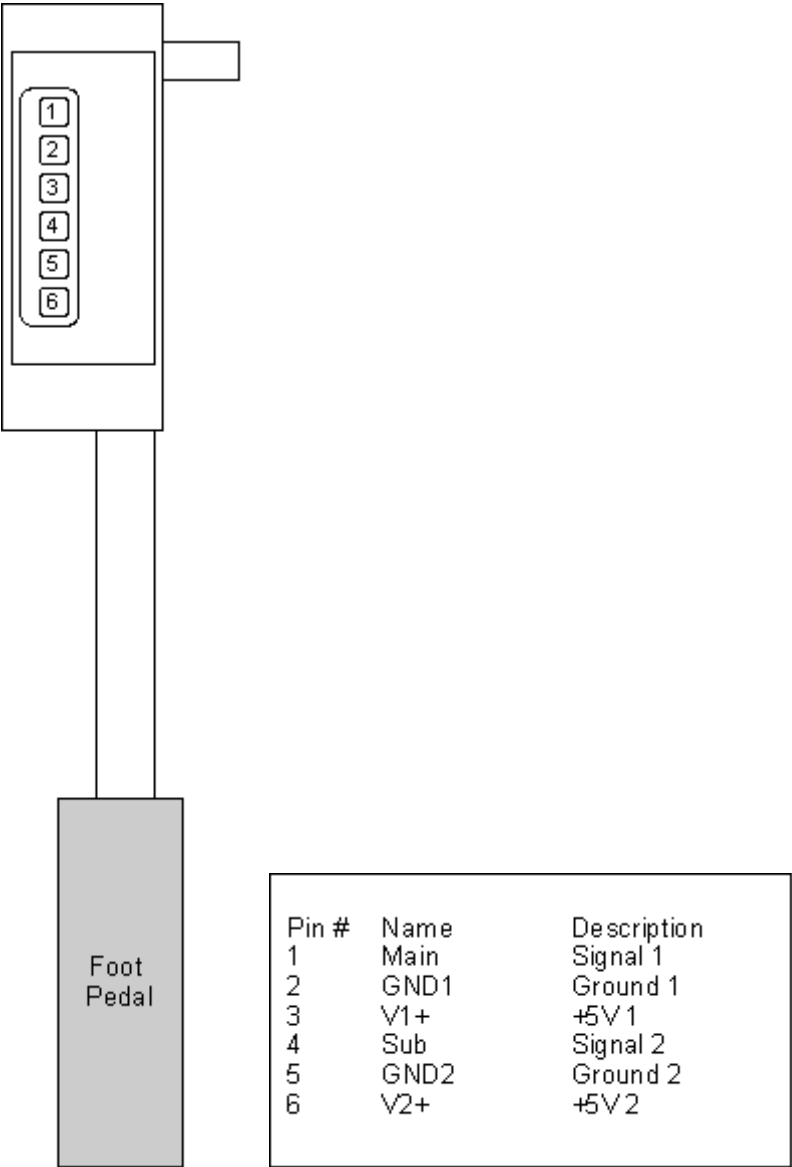


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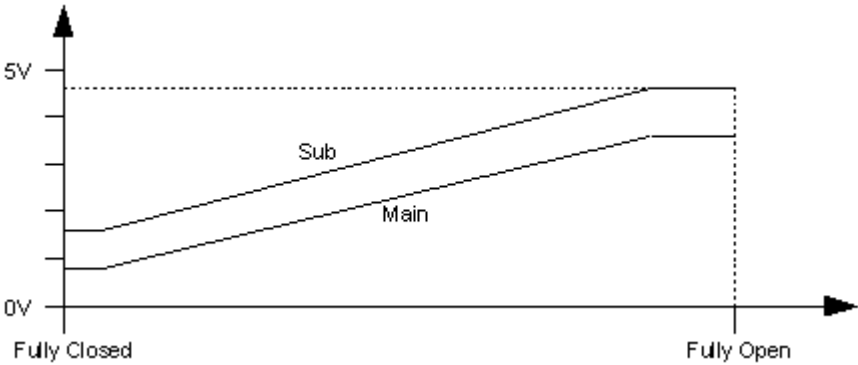
#### Toyota Clutched E-Throttle FPS Wiring



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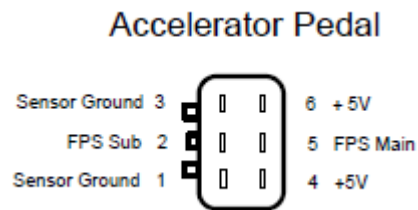


Suzuki Swift Foot Position Sensor Wiring



Suzuki Swift Pedal Position vs Output Voltage

### 8.11.6 Nissan VQ35 FPS

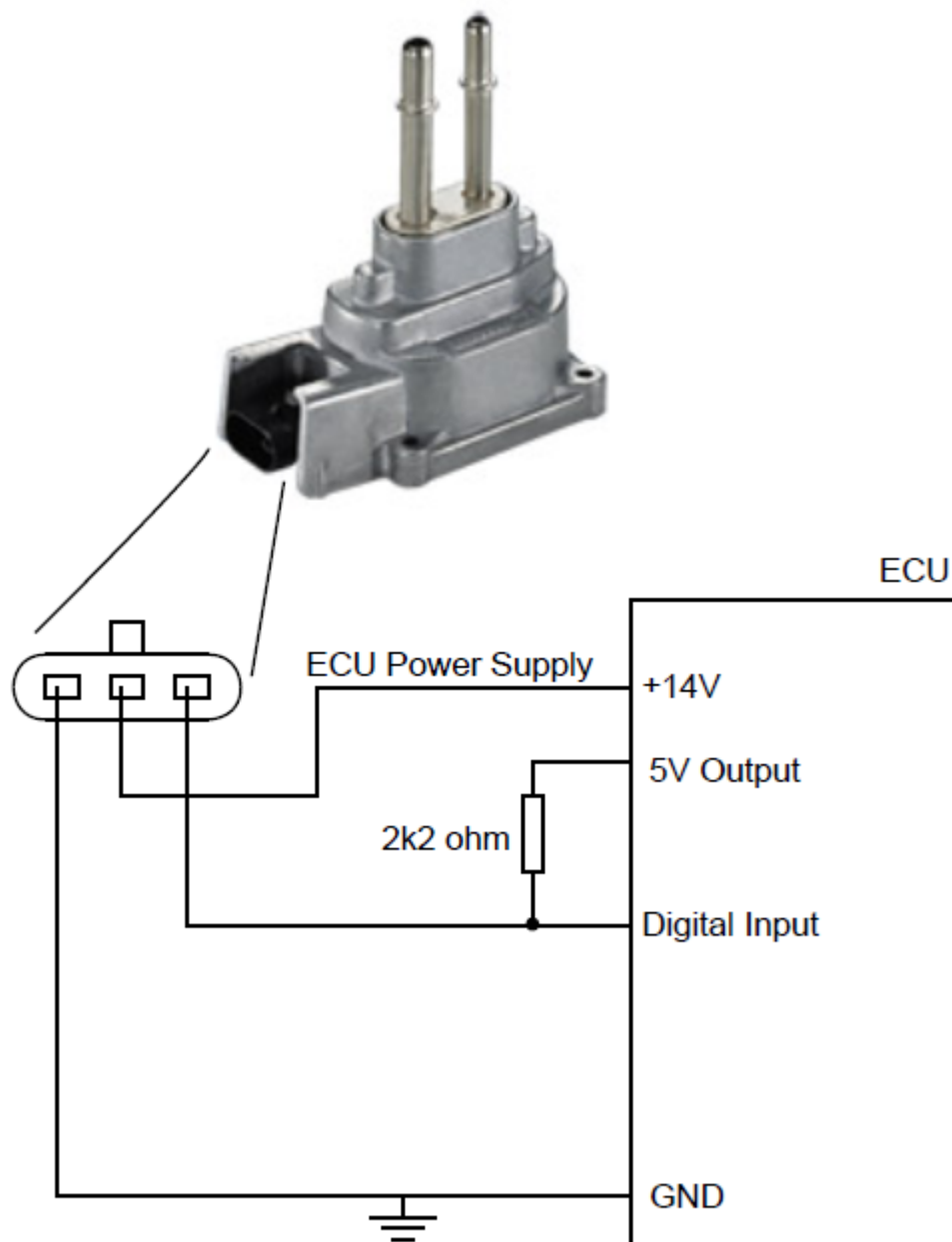


#### Nissan VQ35 Foot Position Sensor Wiring

## 8.12 Ethanol Content Sensor Wiring

The Siemens ethanol content sensor can be wired as follows:

## Siemens Ethanol Content Sensor



Note: Pullup resistor inside the ECU must be set to OFF

## 9 Output Wiring

The following sections describe wiring of output devices to VX ECUs.

### 9.1 Fuel Injector Drives

Note: For information on wiring Injection Outputs as additional Auxiliary Outputs, refer to the section on wiring Auxiliary Outputs.

The injector drives on a VX ECUs work by supplying an EARTH to turn the injectors on. A switched (key ON) 12V must be supplied to the other terminal of the injector. The polarity of the injector is not important. Note that injectors should be powered from the same supply as the ECU. This ensures the ECU has accurate measurement of injector voltage for calculating injector dead time.

#### **WARNING!**

**DO NOT connect +12V directly to any of the injector drives**

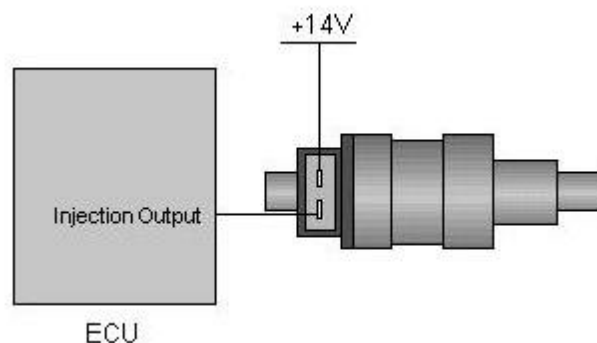
Injectors are commonly available as either high impedance or low impedance. To determine injector impedance: With the injector unplugged, use an ohmmeter to measure the resistance across the two terminals of the injector;

- If the injector resistance is greater than 6  $\Omega$  then the injectors are high impedance and no ballast resistors are required,
- If the injector resistance is less than 6  $\Omega$  then ballast resistors will be required.

#### 9.1.1 High Impedance Injectors

All VX ECU's can drive up to two high impedance injectors off each Injector Drive. It is recommended to wire a single injector to each injector drive. On engines with more cylinders than the ECU has Injection Drives injectors should be paired.

Wiring for high impedance injectors is shown below.



**High Impedance Injector Wiring**

#### 9.1.2 Low Impedance Injectors

V88 and V44P ECUs can drive low impedance injectors directly the same as wiring high impedance injectors. When driving low impedance injectors directly it is essential that before

running the engine the correct Injection Mode (Peak and Hold) and Peak and Hold Currents are configured using Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

V44 ECUs have saturated injection drivers only. When driving low impedance injectors, ballast resistors must be installed. Note that most vehicles factory fitted with low impedance injectors will have factory fitted ballast resistors.

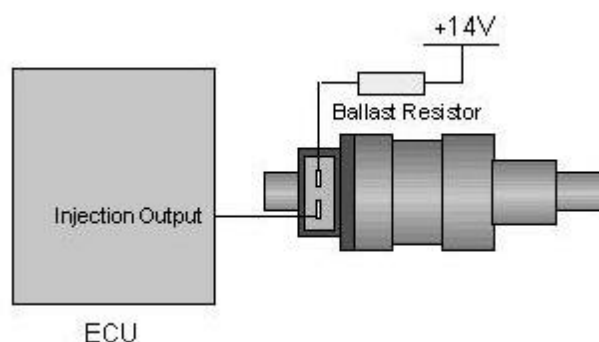
### **WARNING!**

**Low impedance injectors can NOT be wired directly to a V44 ECU.**

### **Wiring Ballast Resistors**

V44 ECUs can drive up to 2 low impedance injectors on one Injection Drive WITH BALLAST RESISTORS FITTED. Ballast resistors must be used to limit the current through the injectors and injector drive to avoid damage.

It is recommended to wire a single injector to each injector drive. On engines with more than eight cylinders injectors should be paired.



**Injector wiring for injectors with ballast resistors**

### **Ballast Resistor Selection**

If the injector impedance is LESS THAN 2 Ohms, use 2R2 (2.2 Ohm) ballast.
If the injector impedance is between 2 and 6 Ohms, use 4R7 (4.7 Ohm) ballast.
If the injector impedance is greater than 6 Ohms, use no ballast.

It should be noted that injector ballast resistors get quite hot at high injector duty cycles. Therefore these should be mounted on a heat sink and this should be bolted to the chassis. Typically ballast resistors should be mounted in the engine bay.

Do not use common 0.25W or 1.0W resistors, as these will burn out almost immediately. 50W resistors should be used. These are relatively uncommon at hobbyist shops, but are readily available from your Vi-PEC dealer in groups of 2, 4, 6 or 8 resistors on a heat sink.

## **9.1.3 Injection Mode**

VX ECUs have up to eight independent injector drives. This means that for most engines sequential injection can be used. Depending on the number of Injection Drives, the following Injection Modes may be available:

- Single Point Group
- Sequential

- Multi Point Group
- Sequential/Staged
- Group/Staged

### **Single-Point Group Injection**

A single injector (sometimes two) is used to supply fuel for all cylinders. Normally this injector is placed just before or just after the throttle body. In this mode the injector(s) are fired once per TDC. The injector should be driven by Injector Drive 1. If two injectors are used then the second injector should be driven by Injector Drive 2.

### **Multi-Point Group Injection**

This mode should be used if each cylinder has its own injector, but there are too many cylinders or insufficient triggering to use sequential injection. In this mode the injectors are fired in two out-of-phase groups with each group firing once for every 360 or 720 degrees of crankshaft rotation (depending on the Injection Rate setting). Wire each injector to its own drive or pair injectors if there are not enough drives.

### **Sequential Injection**

This mode should be used if each cylinder has its own injector providing the following criteria are met:

1. There must be one Injector Drive for each cylinder.
2. There must be sufficient triggering for the ECU to calculate the current engine position in the 720 degree engine cycle. This means that a second trigger sensor is required for synchronisation and this must use an appropriate trigger wheel driven off of the camshaft (or driven at half the crankshaft's angular speed).

In this mode each injector must be correctly wired to its own injector drive so that the injector can be fired. The timing at which the injectors fire is configurable within Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.

The firing order of the engine is NOT important at the wiring stage as the firing order will be entered into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software. Wire each cylinder to its corresponding injector drive number (wire cylinder 1 injector to injector drive 1, 2 to 2, 3 to 3 etc...).

Set the 'Injection Mode' to 'Sequential' when using this configuration.

### **Staged Injection**

This mode allows the use of staged injection where the engine uses primary injectors that operate at all times and secondary injectors that only operate at high load/rpm. This arrangement is useful in applications with very high fuel delivery requirements that would normally require extremely large injectors. Very large injectors make tuning difficult at low loads (idle and low power operation). With staged injection one smaller set of injectors operates at low load giving more precise control. At higher loads both sets of injectors become active to supply the required fuelling needs.

### **Group Fire Staged Injection**

This mode must be used for staged injection if the criteria required for sequential injection are not met. In this mode the number of injection drives used can be specified using the 'Active Drives' setting. Irrespective of the number of injection drives used, wire the primary injectors to odd numbered Injector Drives (Inj1, Inj3, Inj5, Inj7), wire the secondary injectors to even numbered Injector Drives (Inj2, Inj4, Inj6, Inj8). In this mode all primary injector drives are fired at the same time (group fire) and all secondary injector drives are fired at the same time

(group fire). Set the 'Injection Mode' to 'Group/Staged' when using this configuration.

### Sequential Staged Injection (V88 only)

This mode can be used to provide full sequential injection on both the primary and secondary injectors. This mode requires that the engine have sufficient triggering to calculate crankshaft position and the position in the firing order (i.e. a sync signal is required).

Cylinders/ Rotors	Primary	Secondary	Spare Inj Drives
<b>2</b>	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2	Inj 3 = Sec 1 Inj 4 = Sec 2	Inj 5-8 Spare
<b>3</b>	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3	Inj 4 = Sec 1 Inj 5 = Sec 2 Inj 6 = Sec 3	Inj 7-8 Spare
<b>4</b>	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3 Inj 4 = Pri 4	Inj 5 = Sec 1 Inj 6 = Sec 2 Inj 7 = Sec 3 Inj 8 = Sec 4	None
<b>5</b>	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3 Inj 4 = Pri 4 Inj 5 = Pri 5	Inj 7 = Sec Group 1 Inj 8 = Sec Group 2	Inj 6 Spare
<b>6</b>	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3 Inj 4 = Pri 4 Inj 5 = Pri 5 Inj 6 = Pri 6	Inj 7 = Sec Group 1 Inj 8 = Sec Group 2	None

Full primary and secondary sequential injection can only be achieved on engines with four cylinders or less. Wire injectors as shown in the preceding table. On engines with 5 or 6 cylinders the primary injectors will be fired sequentially and secondary injectors fired in group mode. Engines with 8 or more cylinders must use Group Staged Injection.

Set the 'Injection Mode' to 'Sequential/Staged' when using this configuration.

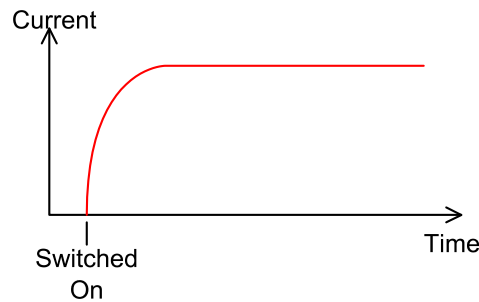
## 9.1.4 Fuel Injector Wiring and Setup Tech Note

### Injector Impedance

The injector impedance measured in ohms (  $\Omega$  ) defines the maximum current that will be drawn with an applied voltage. The maximum current can be simply calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum Injection Current} = \text{Battery Voltage} / \text{Injector Impedance}$$

The term 'Impedance' is used rather than 'Resistance' when talking about fuel injectors. This is due to the inductive properties of the fuel injector. The inductive properties of the fuel injector cause the current to increase in a 'damped' fashion towards it's maximum current.



### Example

A 12 fuel injector is wired to an injection channel, the battery voltage is 13.5V. How much current will the injector draw?

Using the above equation -

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Max Injection Current} &= \text{Battery Voltage} / \text{Injector Impedance} \\ &= 14\text{V} / 12 \\ &= 1.17 \text{ A}\end{aligned}$$

### Example

A 3 fuel injector is wired to an injection channel, the battery voltage is 14V. How much current will the injector draw?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Max Injection Current} &= \text{Battery Voltage} / \text{Injector Impedance} \\ &= 14\text{V} / 3 \\ &= 4.67 \text{ A (very high)}\end{aligned}$$

## Measuring Injector Impedance

Measuring injector impedance is simple, all you need is a multimeter.

1. Set the multimeter to its resistance setting with the lowest range possible (e.g. 0 – 100 ).
2. Measure the resistance of the multimeter leads by connecting the two together, note down this number.
3. Connect the two leads of the multimeter to the two terminals of the injectors. (Make sure the injector terminals are clean). Note the measured resistance.
4. Subtract the lead resistance from the measured resistance. (e.g. 2.01 – 0.01 = 2.00 ) This number is the injector impedance.

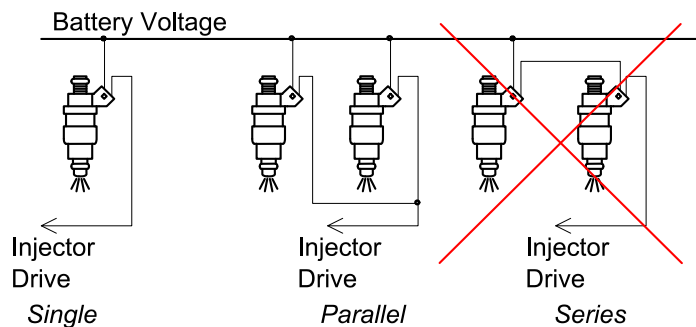
Note, it is good practice to measure all of the injectors. This checks the condition of the solenoid inside the fuel injector. If an injector has been overheated, the measured impedance is generally lower.

## High vs. Low Impedance Injectors

Injectors can be classified as either 'high' or 'low' impedance. As a general rule, 6  $\Omega$  or greater is considered a high impedance injector, and less than 6  $\Omega$  is considered low impedance. Low impedance injectors will draw higher current.

### Injector Wiring

Injectors can be wired either individually or in groups to an injection drive. When wiring injectors in groups, they **MUST** be connected in a parallel arrangement. Never wire fuel injectors in series.



It is important to consider drive current when wiring injectors. Drive current is the amount of current flowing into any individual injection channel on the ECU.

- When wiring one injector per injection channel, drive current is exactly equal to injector current.
- When wiring multiple injectors per injection channel, drive current equals the sum of the injector currents on that channel.

It is important that the injectors are supplied from the same voltage supply that is used by the ECU. This allows the ECU to accurately measure the injector voltage for dead time correction as well as flywheeling the current when operating in peak and hold mode.

### Example

Three 12  $\Omega$  fuel injectors are wired to an injection channel, the battery voltage is 13.5V.

How much current will each injector draw?

Max Injection Current = Battery Voltage / Injector Impedance

$$= 13.5V / 12$$

$$= 1.125 A$$

How much current will flow into the injection channel (drive current)?

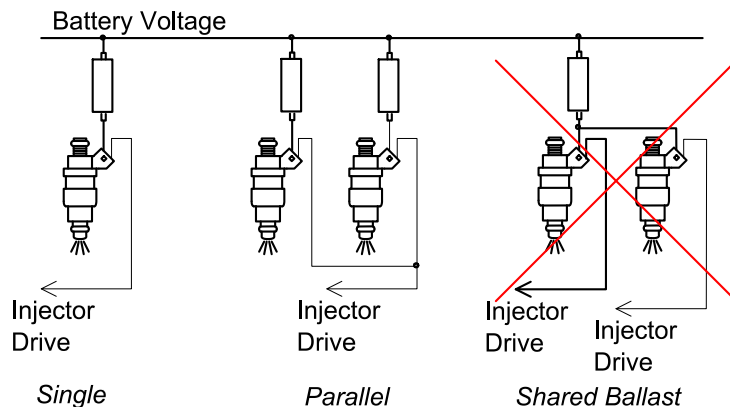
Drive Current = Injector 1 Current + Injector 2 Current + Injector 3 Current + ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1.125 + 1.125 + 1.125 \\
 &= 3.375 \text{ A}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Ballast Resistors

Ballast resistors provide a way of limiting the current through a low impedance fuel injector.

A ballast resistor is always wired in series with a fuel injector. Each fuel injector requires it's own ballast resistor. You can not share a ballast resistor over multiple injectors, this will cause varying injection current depending on how many drives are turned on.



Calculating injection current through fuel injectors wired with ballast resistors can be done simply by adding the ballast resistor resistance ( ) to the injector impedance ( ). The new impedance can then be used in the previously discussed equations.

$$\text{Effective Injector Impedance} = \text{Injector Impedance} + \text{Ballast Resistance}$$

$$\text{Maximum Injection Current} = \text{Battery Voltage} / \text{Effective Injector Impedance}$$

### Example

Two 2 fuel injectors are wired to an injection channel each with a 4.7 ballast resistor, the battery voltage is 12V.

What is the effective impedance of each fuel injector?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Effective Injector Impedance} &= \text{Injector Impedance} + \text{Ballast Resistance} \\
 &= 2 + 4.7 \\
 &= 6.7
 \end{aligned}$$

How much current will each injector draw?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Max Injection Current} &= \text{Battery Voltage} / \text{Effective Injector Impedance} \\
 &= 12\text{V} / 6.7 \\
 &= 1.79 \text{ A}
 \end{aligned}$$

How much current will flow into the injection channel (drive current)?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Drive Current} &= \text{Injector 1 Current} + \text{Injector 2 Current} + \text{Injector 3 Current} + \dots \\ &= 1.79 + 1.79 \\ &= 3.58\text{A}\end{aligned}$$

When selecting a ballast resistor, it is important to select a value that will limit the current enough not to damage the ECU, but supply enough current to open the injector.

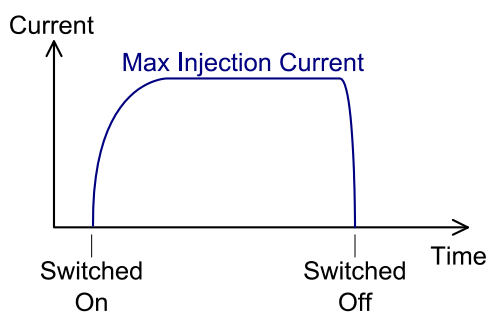
The alternative to using a ballast resistor is to use a peak and hold control mode, this will be explained further in a following section.

### Injection Control Modes

There are two main ways of controlling fuel injectors: saturated control and peak and hold control. Saturated mode is typically suited to driving high impedance injectors and peak and hold mode is suited for driving low impedance injectors.

#### Saturated Control

Saturated control is the most simple form of injector control. Basically the injector drive is turned hard on the entire duration of the injection event. This means the maximum current is held for most of the injection period (less the turn-on and turn-off current transitions).



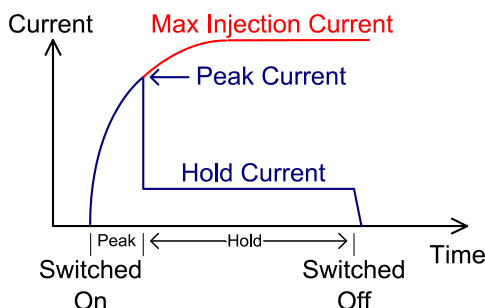
It is critical to not exceed the rated saturated injection current for the ECUs injector drives.

#### Peak and Hold Control

Peak and hold injector control is a two stage system for driving low impedance injectors. Peak and hold provides the advantages of fast opening times (dead time) compared with ballast resistors and low power consumption when holding the injectors open.

During the peak stage, the injector drive turns hard on and the current rises towards the maximum injection current. The ECU detects when the current reaches the defined 'Peak Current', at this point the control switches to hold mode.

Once in the hold stage, the ECU is acting as an ultra efficient ballast resistor limiting the current through the injector.



You can see from the above image, the maximum current is higher than that of the peak current. If this wasn't the case, the current would never reach its peak value and switch over to hold mode.

When setting the peak and hold currents, it is important to consider this. Careful reading of the fuel injector specification sheet will provide minimum opening currents and impedance for calculating the maximum current.

Typically the hold current will be one quarter of the peak current. The following table shows typical peak and hold settings.

Effective Impedance ( $\Omega$ )	Peak Current (A)	Hold Current (A)
2	4	1
4	2	0.5

## Safety Features

When a Vi-PEC ECU equipped with peak and hold injection detects that the peak current (8A in saturated mode) has been reached in 40 $\mu$ S, the injector drive will go into safe mode, effectively shutting the drive down.

It is possible to trigger safe mode either by a direct battery short or when wiring a combination of injectors to a drive resulting in a very low impedance.

The second safety feature is a peak time out. The peak mode will only remain active for a maximum time of 4ms, at this point it will switch to hold mode. This is a safety feature only, for correct operation the transition from peak mode to hold mode must be made by the current exceeding the set peak current.

## Summary

In summary:

- The saturated injection mode is used for controlling high impedance injectors (greater than 6  $\Omega$ ).
- The peak and hold injection mode is used for controlling low impedance injectors.
- Peak and hold injection provides the advantage of faster opening times with less injector and circuitry heating.
- Injectors must never be wired in series.

- If ballast resistors are required, they must be wired per injector.

## 9.2 Ignition Drives

Note: For information on wiring Ignition Outputs as additional Auxiliary Outputs, refer to the section on wiring Auxiliary Outputs.

VX ECUs have up to 8 independent ignition drives which can be used in a wide range of configurations from a basic distributor set-up through to more complex multi-coil arrangements. VX ECUs support the ignition configurations shown in table below.

Number of Cylinders	Distributor	Wasted Spark (1 Dual Post Coil per two Cylinders)	Direct Spark (1 Coil per Cylinder)
2	✓	✓	✓
3	✓	✓	✓
4	✓	✓	✓
5	✓	✓	✓ *
6	✓	✓	✓ *
8	✓	✓ *	✓ *
10	✓	✓ *	✗
12	✓	✓ *	✗

Number of Rotors	Leading Wasted	Direct Spark
2	✓	✓
3	X	✓ *
4	X	✓ *

Available Ignition Combinations (\* V88 ECU Only)

### 9.2.1 Igniter Requirements

An igniter acts as an interface between the ECU and the ignition coil(s). The Igniter is used to drive the coil(s) by supplying a ground for the coils negative terminal.

The igniter is basically a solid-state switch, which may also limit the coil current to a predetermined value. This limiting feature eliminates coil ballast resistors and provides protection of the coils if the dwell time (time the coil is charged for) is set too long. Over voltage clamping is incorporated to prevent damage to the igniter should a high-tension lead become disconnected or similar.

Each one of the ignition drives may be used to switch a separate channel on an igniter. Each channel on the igniter is used to switch an ignition coil. The following examples show the requirements for some common ignition configurations:

Example - 4 cylinder engine with direct spark

- Four ignition drives must be used

- A four channel igniter (or 2 x 2 channel igniter's) must be used
- Four Single Post Coils must be used

Example - 4 cylinder engine with wasted spark

- Only two ignition drives are used (Ign. 1 and Ign. 2)
- One two channel igniter must be used
- Two Dual Post Coils must be used

Example - Engine with single distributor ignition

- Only one ignition drive is used (Ign. 1)
- A single channel igniter must be used
- One Single Post Coil must be used

Conventional igniters begin to charge the coil when their input is high. Spark occurs when the input goes low. This is known as a Rising 'Dwell Edge'. Some factory igniters (eg some Ford and Honda), MSD ignitions and some other units work in the opposite sense. The coil begins to charge when the input signal goes low while spark occurs on the transition from low to high. In these cases, a Falling 'Dwell Edge' must be selected in Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.

Always mount igniter(s) in the engine bay as close to the ignition coil(s) as possible. This helps to minimize the length of high current wiring between the igniter(s) and coil(s).

### **WARNING!**

**NEVER mount the igniter(s) on or near to the VX ECU**

Avoid areas of high temperature such as exhausts, turbo chargers and radiators since the igniter itself will generate heat at high power. If vibration levels will be excessively high, some form of soft or rubber mounting is advisable to prevent component and wiring fatigue.

High current ignition wiring should NOT be run along side other ECU wiring. Separate high current ignition wiring into its own loom running directly to the coils.

## **9.2.2 Coil Requirements**

The coil required for a particular application will depend largely on the method used to drive the coil and the spark energy requirements. Consult the igniter manufacturer for a recommended coil for use with a particular igniter.

The required Dwell Time will be entirely dependent on the coils inductance. Dwell time should be correctly set to avoid damage to coils and igniters and also ensure adequate spark energy. It is not true that increased dwell time will always result in increased spark energy.

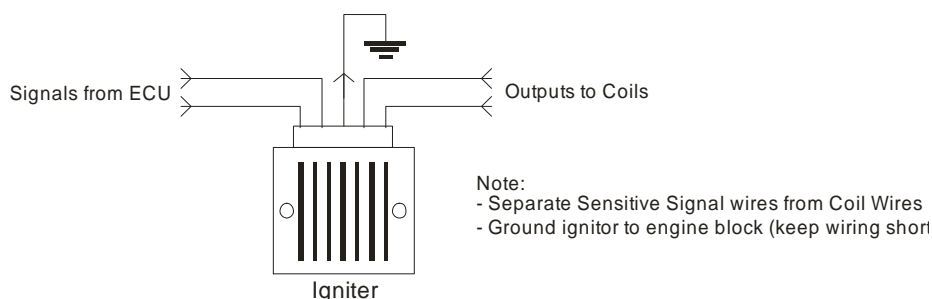
Use only coils designed for high-energy transistor/inductive ignition systems. The coils primary resistance should typically be between 0.4  $\Omega$  and 1.0  $\Omega$ . This applies to both single and dual post coils in distributed and multi coil applications.

## **9.2.3 Ignition System Wiring**

The following guidelines should be considered when wiring ignition systems:

- Unsuppressed H.T. leads act as aerials and radiate very powerful interference signals. **ALL applications must use suppressed HT leads**, preferably resistance type rather than spiral wound or inductive. Typically these vary from 1000 ohms to 5000 ohms depending on lead length. NEVER use plain wire leads.

- Isolate the ignition system as much as possible from other sensitive devices, especially the ECU. Do not run non-ignition related wiring close to igniters, coils or HT leads wherever possible. Maintain maximum distance from radio transmitters and coaxial cables etc.
- Always use resistor spark plugs. These can be checked by measuring the resistance between the top of the spark plug and the centre electrode. On a resistor plug the resistance will be several thousand ohms.
- If insufficient ignition energy is causing a high-power misfire (especially on turbo/super charged engines), it may be necessary to reduce the spark plug gap. Gaps as small as 0.5mm (.020") may be necessary. This also reduces the amount of radiated electrical noise due to the lower firing voltage.
- Keep the input wiring to the igniter (from the ECU) separate from the output wiring of the igniter (to the coils) as shown below.

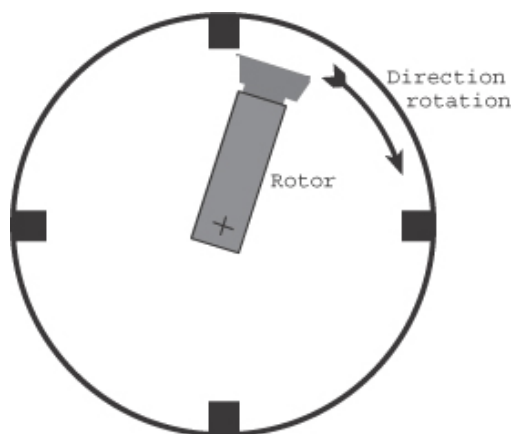


**Separation of igniter input and output wiring**

#### 9.2.4 Distributor Ignition

A distributor rotates at half the crankshaft speed and routes the high voltage generated by the coil to the intended spark plug via a rotor and HT wiring. A distributed engine requires one ignition drive and a single channel igniter. Use Ignition Drive 1 to switch the igniter.

Because the rotor will only point to each post on the distributor cap for a short amount of time, the rotor timing dictates the range of ignition advance angles that may be used without misfiring or unnecessarily losing spark energy. A wider tip on the rotor will also allow a wider range of timing values to be used. The tip of rotor should be just leaving the post when the crankshaft is positioned at the minimum timing that will be used (typically at about 10 degrees BTDC). The point where the leading tip of the rotor arrives at the post is the most advanced timing that should be used.

**Correct Rotor Timing**

### 9.2.5 Multi-Coil Wasted Spark Ignition

Wasted spark will fire two cylinders simultaneously, using a common dual post coil. When a dual post coil is fired, two cylinders receive a spark. One cylinder is fired conventionally on the compression stroke while the other cylinder has its piston in the same position but on the exhaust stroke. One crankshaft rotation later, these two cylinders are two working strokes further ahead and the spark plugs fire again, but now with reversed roles. The result is that each coil will be fired twice per engine cycle hence the term “wasted spark”. This set-up can ONLY be used on engines with an even number of cylinders.

#### Dual Post Coils

One dual post coil (with a primary resistance between 0.4 and 1.0 ohms) is required per 2 cylinders. Figure 8.8 shows a typical coil. The coils should be positioned so they minimise the length of the HT Leads. This will help reduce the electrical noise generated when the spark plugs are fired.

**Dual Post Coil**

The main concern when using dual post coils is the generation of electrical interference. This can interfere with ECU operation and cause unwanted static on car radios. The ignition suppression techniques outlined earlier are particularly important. All wasted spark systems should use ‘Resistive Spark Plugs’ if the engine does not currently use them.

One igniter channel is required for each dual post coil.

#### Single Post Coils

It is possible to run an engine that has a single coil per cylinder in wasted spark configuration.

This is often done when there is not enough ignition drives to control each coil individually. In this case two coils are fired at the same time.

Each coil must be wired to a single igniter channel. It will be necessary to split the wiring from the each ECU ignition output to go to the input of two igniter channels.

### IMPORTANT!

When running a wasted spark arrangement with a single coil per cylinder, each coil must be wired to an individual ignition channel. **DO NOT** wire the output of one igniter channel to two coils. This will result in very low spark energy and erratic engine running.

### Wasted Spark Ignition Wiring

To ensure each ignition drive is matched to the correct cylinder, the firing sequence will need to be determined. Note this option is only possible when the engine has an even number of cylinders. When using a wasted spark arrangement, an ignition drive will fire cylinder pairs that are 360° apart in the firing order.

- Ignition Drive 1 always needs to be connected to cylinder number 1 and its corresponding cylinder (360° apart in the firing order).
- Ignition Drive 2 should be connected to the next cylinder in the firing order and its corresponding cylinder (360° apart in the firing order).
- If more cylinders exist (6, 8, 10 & 12 cylinder engines) then the pattern should be continued. For example Ignition Drive 3 fires the third cylinder in the firing order and its corresponding cylinder.

Use the following table to determine coil ignition wiring for wasted spark applications. Write the engines firing order in the column on the left.

Write Firing Order Below	Number of Cylinders			
	2	4	6	8
1	Ign 1	Ign 1	Ign 1	Ign 1
	Ign 2	Ign 2	Ign 2	Ign 2
		Ign 1	Ign 3	Ign 3
		Ign 2	Ign 1	Ign 4
			Ign 2	Ign 1
			Ign 3	Ign 2
				Ign 3
				Ign 4

### Wasted spark Ignition Wiring

Example - Wasted spark set-up for a 4 cylinder engine with 1-3-4-2 firing order.

- Ignition Drive 1 fires cylinders 1 and 4
- Ignition Drive 2 fires cylinders 2 and 3

Example - Wasted spark set-up for a 6 cylinder engine with 1-5-3-6-2-4 firing order.

- Ignition Drive 1 fires cylinders 1 and 6
- Ignition Drive 2 fires cylinders 5 and 2
- Ignition Drive 3 fires cylinders 3 and 4

### 9.2.6 Multi-Coil Direct Spark Ignition

Direct spark uses an ignition coil per cylinder, firing each cylinder once per engine cycle (2 crankshaft revolutions). If multi-coil operation is required for an odd number of cylinders, the only option is to use an ignition coil per cylinder.

V88 ECUs have eight ignition drives allowing up to eight individual coils to be controlled. Therefore, this ECU may only be used on engines with eight cylinders or less with direct spark ignition.

V44 ECUs have four ignition drives allowing up to four individual coils to be controlled. Therefore, this ECU may only be used on engines with four cylinders or less with direct spark ignition.

Engines using direct spark ignition must have a way for the ECU to calculate the current order in the firing sequence. Because an engine may be at one of two possible positions in the firing sequence given a crankshaft position, a trigger wheel rotating at crankshaft speed is not sufficient for direct spark ignition. Therefore a second sensor mounted on the camshaft (or driven at camshaft speed) is required to send a sync pulse. If an engine does not have an appropriate sensor then either one will need to be fabricated or another ignition mode must be used.

Some factory set-ups using direct spark have a coil and igniter in one package, mounted on top of the spark plug. These are normally three terminal devices requiring 12 volts, ground, and the signal from an Ignition Drive.

When using a non-factory arrangement the coils should be positioned so they minimise the length of the HT Leads. This will help reduce the noise generated when the spark plugs are fired.

Each ignition drive **MUST** be connected via an igniter channel to a coil (remember some coils have the igniter built in).

Example - 4 cylinder engine with direct spark

- Four ignition drives must be used
- A four channel igniter (or 2 dual channel igniters) must be used
- Four Single Post Coils must be used
- Drive the igniter for cylinder one from Ign 1, cylinder 2 from Ign 2, cylinder 3 from Ign 3 and cylinder 4 from Ign 4.

When wiring an ignition system using direct spark, the firing order of the engine is not important as it will be entered into the ECU via Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

Ignition Drive 1 must be wired to cylinder 1 coil, Ignition Drive 2 to cylinder 2, 3 to 3, etc.

## 9.3 Auxiliary Output Wiring

VX ECUs have up to 10 auxiliary outputs. Unused ignition and injection channels can also be used as auxiliary outputs. Auxiliary outputs are general-purpose outputs that may be used to perform a wide range of functions. However, the following limitations apply:

- All Auxiliary, Ignition and Injection outputs can switch a load by supplying a ground for it.

- Aux 5 to 8 can be used as high side drives (ie they can supply power to a load).
- A Three Terminal ISC Solenoid must be wired to Aux 1 and Aux 2.
- An ISC Stepper Motor must be wired to Aux 5, Aux 6, Aux 7 and Aux 8.
- Aux 5 to 8 and Ignition 1 to 4 when used as Aux channels can not be Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) above 300Hz (except in tacho mode).
- VVT Solenoids must be wired to Aux channels 1 to 4.
- An Electronic Throttle Control Motor must be wired to Aux 9 and Aux 10.

Auxiliary Outputs are normally used to supply a GROUND to actuate solenoids, relays, LEDs or lights. The amount of current flow is entirely dependant on the internal resistance of the device connected to a drive. The load must not draw more than 2 Amps. This means that a directly connected load should have a resistance exceeding 7 . If the resistance is lower than this a relay should be used. DO NOT connect +12V directly to any auxiliary output.

The following list shows only some of the devices that can be controlled by Auxiliary Outputs

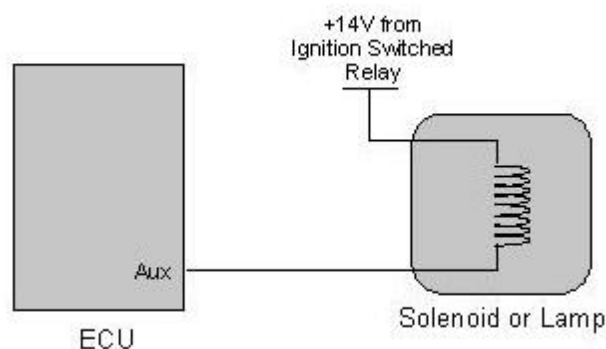
- Idle Speed control (ISC) Solenoids and Stepper Motors
- Boost Control Solenoid
- Fuel Pump Relay
- Fuel Pump Speed controller
- Engine Fan Relay
- A/C Clutch Relay
- A/C Fan Relay
- Inter-cooler Spray Pump Relay
- Tachometer
- Check Engine Light
- Purge and EGR Solenoids
- Variable Valve Timing Solenoids
- Speedometer
- Oxygen Sensor Heater
- Water Injection
- Nitrous Oxide Injection
- Electronic Throttle Control
- General Purpose Switching
- General Purpose Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

### 9.3.1 Low Side Driving (Switching To Ground)

On a typical two-terminal solenoid, the Auxiliary Output should be connected to one terminal to supply a ground, while the other terminal should be connected to an ignition switched (key ON) 12V source. A warning/shift light may also be wired the same way. This configuration is shown below.

#### **WARNING!**

Solenoids and relays wired to auxiliary outputs must take their switching coil power supply from a switched (through a relay) source. Do NOT use a +12V hot supply (direct from the battery). Doing so may result in the ECU staying powered up when the key is switched off.

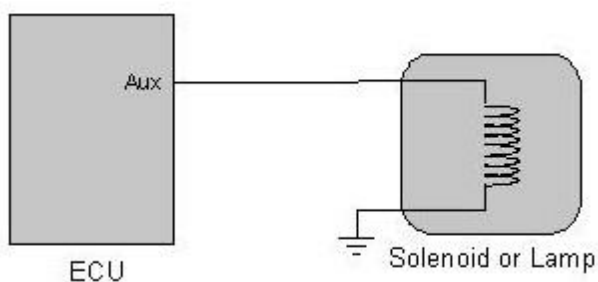


**Low Side Driving a Solenoid**

### 9.3.2 High Side Driving (Switching Power Supply)

Some single terminal solenoids are grounded through the engine block (e.g. most Honda VTEC solenoids). Therefore power must be applied to the terminal on the solenoid to turn it on. Auxiliary Outputs 5 to 8 can be used to supply power to a solenoid. If Auxiliary Outputs 5 to 8 are already used then it will be necessary to wire a relay to control the solenoids power supply.

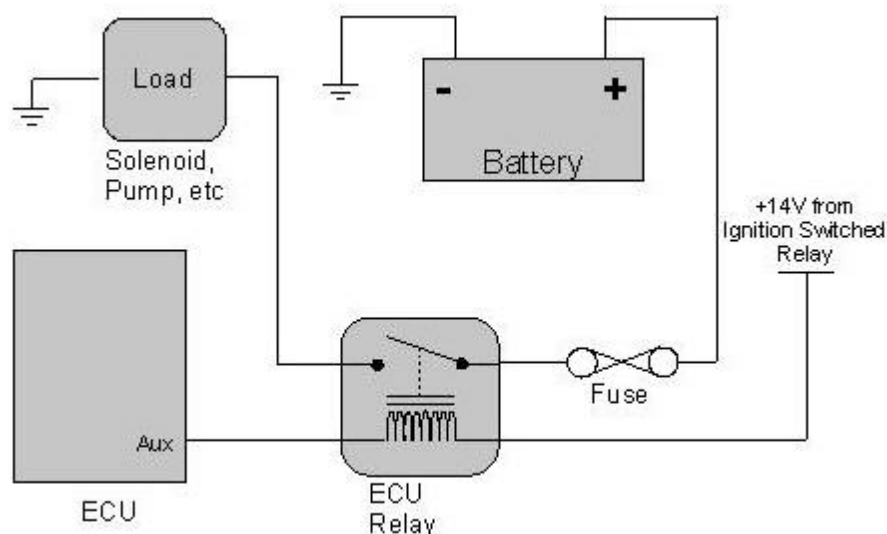
Aux 5 to 8 high side drivers can supply up to 0.5 Amps. this means the solenoid must have a resistance greater than 30 Ohms.



**High Side Driving a Solenoid**

### 9.3.3 Switching Through a Relay

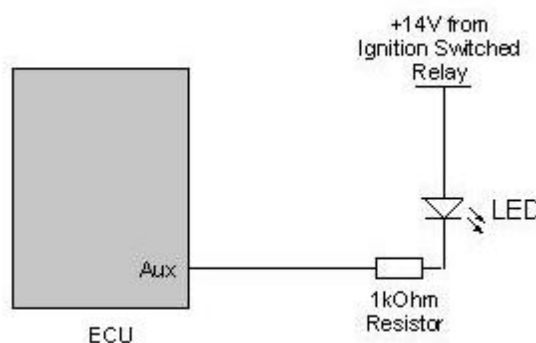
To switch any large load through a relay, the wiring shown below should be used. Examples of such loads include fuel pumps, engine coolant fans and air conditioning compressor clutches. DO NOT wire high current devices directly to the ECU.



**Switching Loads Using a Relay**

### 9.3.4 Switching an LED

Auxiliary outputs may be connected to a high intensity LED to provide a shift, or warning light. However, a 1k $\Omega$  (1000 $\Omega$ ) current limiting resistor is required to be placed in series with the LED. Failure to install the resistor will result in permanent failure of the LED. A bulb may also be used instead of an LED (and it does not require a resistor).



**Connection of an LED to an Auxiliary Output**

## 9.4 Idle Speed Control

Idle Speed Control (ISC) is required to provide an acceptable idle speed when the engine is cold or when loads (AC etc.) are applied. Without idle speed control, an engine will idle too slowly when cold. Often the cold idle speed will be so low that the engine stalls. Likewise, extra load loads will decrease the idle speed and may cause the idle to stall or become unstable. The ISC system regulates the engine idle speed by adjusting the amount of air which is bypassed around the throttle. This air may be bypassed using either a solenoid or stepper motor.

VX ECU's employ a sophisticated closed loop idle speed control system that provides factory

like idle speed control. This system can be used to provide idle speed control using either a 2 or 3 terminal ISC Solenoid or a 4 or 6 terminal ISC Stepper Motor. While a solenoid and stepper motor operate very differently they both achieve the effect of bypassing air around the throttle plate to increase the idle speed.

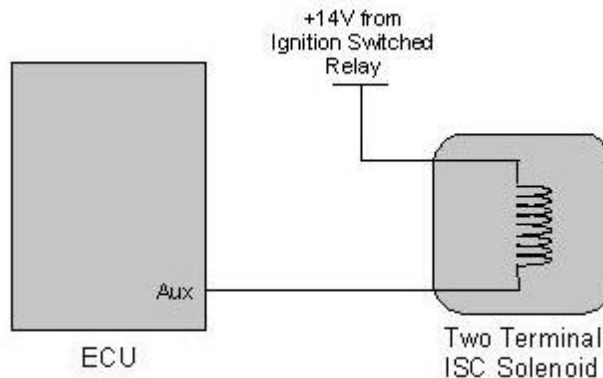
Some engines use a non-electronic system to control idle speed as the engine warms up. This system contains a bimetallic strip, which is heated by the engine coolant and/or electrically. As the engine warms up, the amount of bypassed air is reduced and the idle is returned to its normal level. The ECU does not control this type of device. It is intended ONLY as an idle up when the engine is cold.

### 9.4.1 Two Terminal ISC Solenoid

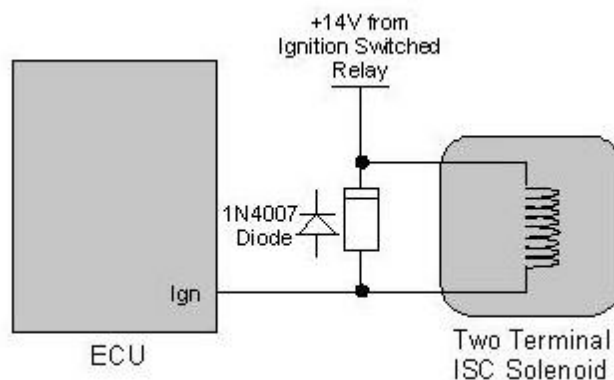
A two terminal ISC solenoid may be wired to Auxiliary Channels 1 to 8. Injection channels can not be used for ISC control. Ignition Channels 1 to 8 can also be used to control a two terminal ISC Solenoid however an external fly-wheeling diode must be wired.

Two terminal ISC solenoids need only one auxiliary output (or ignition channel) to open the solenoid. A spring is used to automatically close the solenoid. Connect one terminal to the engine managements power supply and connect the remaining terminal to an Auxiliary/ Ignition Output Output. See Figure 8.13. The orientation of the wires does not matter.

An ISC solenoid must be wired to a switched power supply. Note that some Nissan ISC solenoids are powered directly from the battery. This wiring must be changed,



**Wiring for two-terminal ISC solenoid on Auxiliary Output**



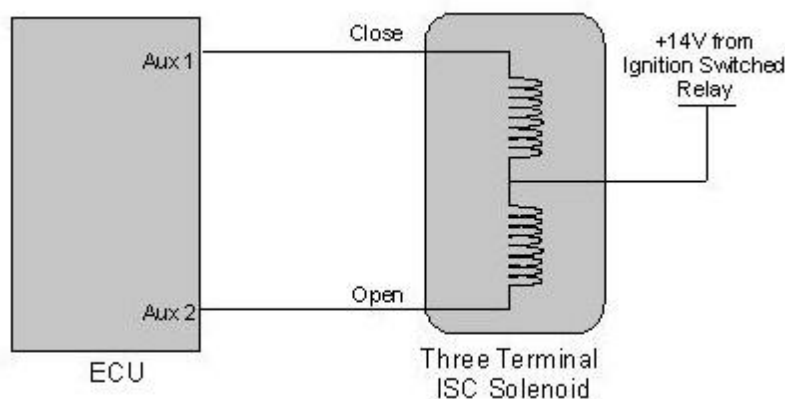
### Wiring for two-terminal ISC solenoid on Ignition Output

#### 9.4.2 Three Terminal ISC Solenoid

A Three Terminal ISC Solenoid must be wired to Aux 1 and Aux 2. Aux 1 is ISC Close, Aux 2 is ISC Open.

Three terminal ISC solenoids needs one Auxiliary Output to open the solenoid and another Auxiliary Output to close it.

Use an ohmmeter to find the common terminal (usually the centre). Figure 8.14 shows the schematic. Next measure the resistance between the common and remaining two terminals. This should be greater than 10 ohms. Apply +12V to the common terminal of the solenoid. Ground one of the other terminals. If this terminal causes the valve to open, connect it to an Auxiliary Output 2 and note that this output should be configured as 'ISC Solenoid'. If the valve closes, connect the terminal to Auxiliary Output 1 and note that this output should be configured as 'ISC Solenoid Slave'.



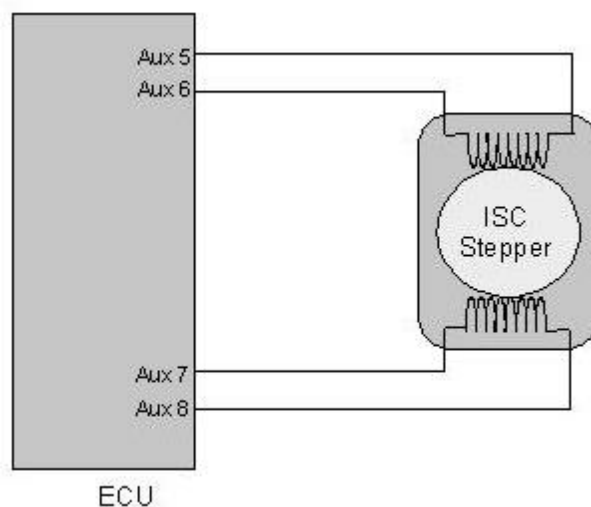
Three terminal ISC Solenoid Wiring

#### 9.4.3 Four Terminal ISC Stepper Motor

An ISC Stepper Motor must be wired to Aux 5, Aux 6, Aux 7 and Aux 8.

When using an ISC Stepper, the ECUs power supply should be wired for ECU Hold Power as shown in Figure 6.2. This will allow the ECUs Hold Power function to be taken advantage of. Using ECU Hold Power allows the ECU to reset the stepper motor after key off. This avoids extended cranking periods caused by resetting the stepper at key on.

The diagram below shows a schematic of a four-terminal stepper motor. Note that there are two coils. Use an ohmmeter to pair the terminals with a common coil. Aux 5 and 6 must be connected to the terminals for one coil, while Aux 7 and 8 must be connected to the terminals for the other coil. If it is found that the stepper motor runs in the opposite direction to that expected, reverse the wiring to Aux 5 and Aux 6.



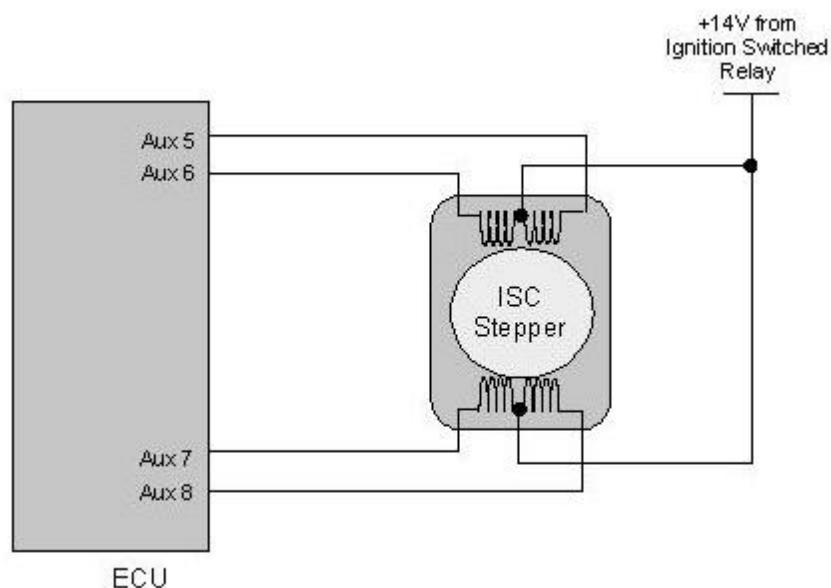
**Four-terminal ISC Stepper Motor**

#### **9.4.4 Six Terminal ISC Stepper Motor**

An ISC Stepper Motor must be wired to Aux 5, Aux 6, Aux 7 and Aux 8.

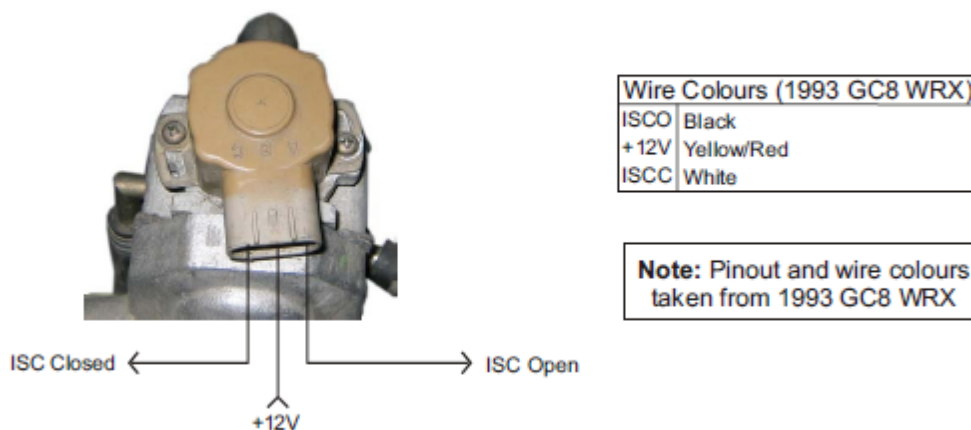
When using an ISC Stepper, the ECUs power supply should be wired for ECU Hold Power. This will allow the ECUs Hold Power function to be taken advantage of. Using ECU Hold Power allows the ECU to reset the stepper motor after key off. This avoids extended cranking periods caused by resetting the stepper at key on.

The diagram below shows a schematic of a six-terminal stepper motor. These are similar to a four-terminal Stepper Motor, but each coil has a centre-tap that must be connected to 12V. Like the four-terminal version, Aux 5 and 6 must be connected to the terminals for one coil, while Aux 7 and 8 must be connected to the terminals for the other coil. If it is found that the stepper motor runs in the opposite direction to that expected, reverse the wiring to Aux 5 and Aux 6 channels.



**Six-terminal ISC Stepper Motor**

#### 9.4.5 Subaru Idle Control Valve EJ20T



### 9.5 Tachometer

An auxiliary output configured as 'Tacho' produces a 0-12V pulse to drive a low-level tachometer. There will be one output pulse for each time a cylinder reaches TDC. Connect an Auxiliary Output directly to a low-level tachometer.

VX ECUs will NOT drive a high-level tachometer. High-level tachometers must be triggered by a coil's negative terminal. Using a high-level tachometer on a multi-coil engine presents some problems, as each coil is not firing as often as a distributor engine's coil would. In this case the preferred solution is to modify the high-level tachometer to accept a low-level signal.

## 9.6 Variable Valve Timing (VVT) Solenoids

Continuously Variable Valve timing (CVVT, VVT, VVTi, AVCS, VANOS) Cam Position solenoids can only be connected to Auxiliary Outputs 1 to 4.

It is recommended to ease configuration that cam position control solenoids are wired to the same number Auxiliary Output channel as the corresponding cam position Digital Input (refer following example).

Although not absolutely necessary, it is recommended to ease configuration that cam position signals are wired to the same number Digital Input channel as the corresponding solenoid control Auxiliary Output (refer following table).

For compatibility, the following use of Digital Inputs and Auxiliary outputs is recommended for VVT wiring. Note that in practice any Digital Input/Auxiliary Output combination can be used.

Cam Shaft	Digital Input	Auxiliary Output
Inlet or Inlet LH	DI 1	Aux 1
Inlet RH	DI 2	Aux 2
Exhaust or Exhaust LH	DI 3	Aux 3
Exhaust RH	DI 4	Aux 4

Solenoids **MUST** be wired directly to an auxiliary output channel **DO NOT** wire continuously variable valve timing solenoids through a relay as high frequency switching is used.

Some factory systems use 12V switching to control VVT solenoids. These solenoids must be rewired to be ground switching.

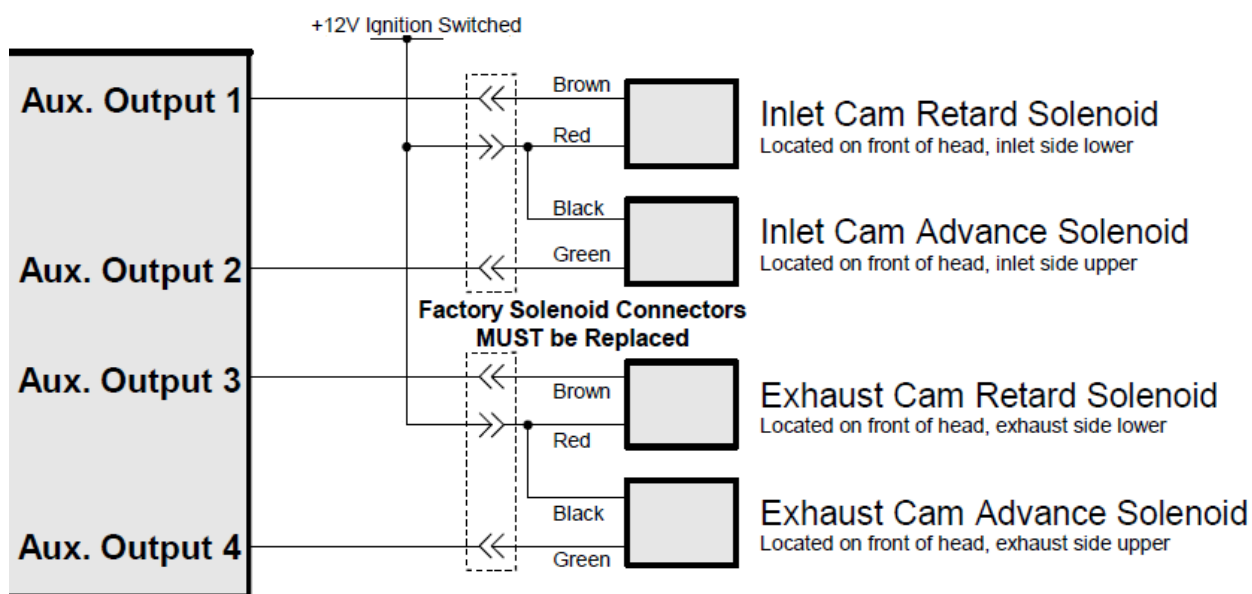
### BMW Vanos

The BMW Vanos system uses a non-conventional advance and retard solenoids. The wiring for this is different to a standard VVT system.

Solenoid	Auxiliary Output
Inlet Camshaft Retard Solenoid	Aux 1
Inlet Camshaft Advance Solenoid	Aux 2
Exhaust Camshaft Retard Solenoid	Aux 3
Exhaust Camshaft Advance Solenoid	Aux 4

A modification to the vehicle must be made before the system will operate correctly.

**BMW S50** - The connectors on the solenoids contain diodes that need to be removed. The best option is to replace the connector with an general purpose aftermarket connector. The following shows the correct wiring method.



BMW S50 Vanos Wiring

**BMW S54** - The Vanos module contains diodes that need to be removed. The following diagram shows the location of these diodes.



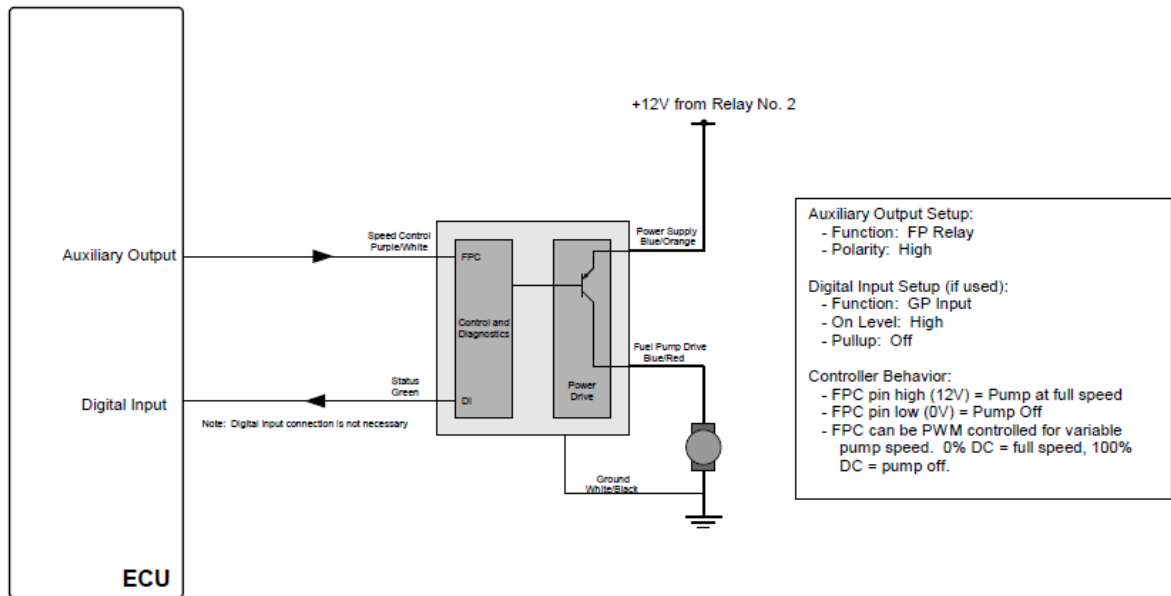
BMW S50 Vanos Diode Removal

The diodes can be carefully removed by heating up one end with a soldering iron and prying up this end. The other end can then be heated and the diode will fall away. Remove all four diodes.

Pins 2 and 5 on the connector must be changed to be supplied with '12V key on' rather than ground as wired by the OEM. An additional relay may be required.

## 9.7 Fuel Pump Control

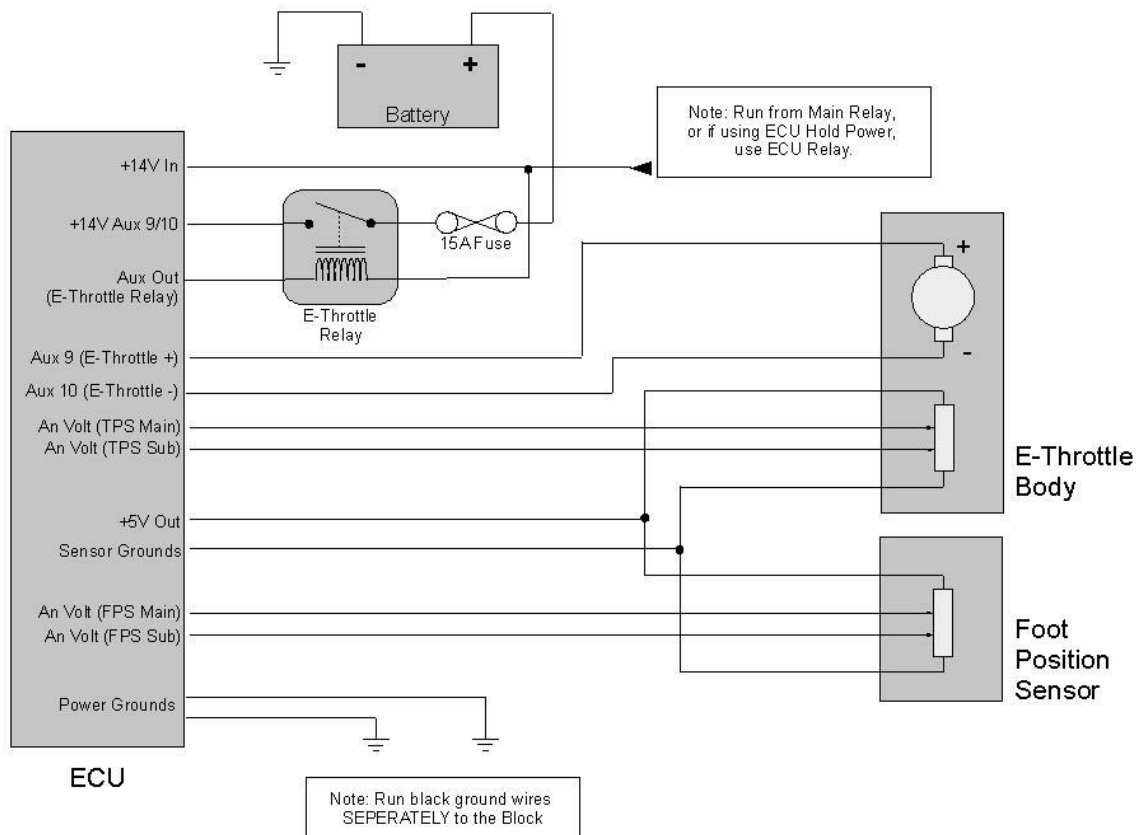
### 9.7.1 Toyota 1JZ-GE Fuel Pump Control



## 9.8 E-Throttle

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### 9.8.1 Generic E-Throttle Wiring



### 9.8.2 External Electronic Throttle Control Module

The external electronic throttle control module can be wired as in output interface for ECUs that do not support electronic throttle control internally.

The module requires three auxiliary outputs from the ECU. Signals '1' and '2' control the output drive signals from the module and 'Enable' signal disconnects power from the internal electronic throttle drive.

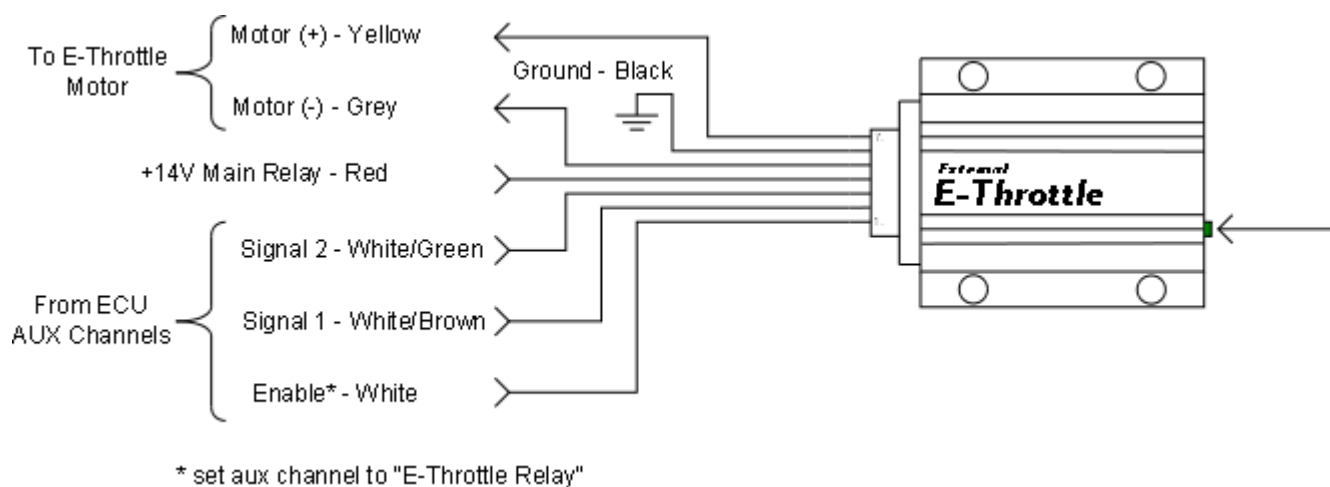
- Signal 1 must be connected to any of the following auxiliary channels: 1, 2, 3 or 4. The function must be set to 'E-Throttle Signal 1'.
- Signal 2 must be connected to any of the following auxiliary channels: 5, 6, 7 or 8. The function must be set to 'E-Throttle Signal 2'.
- Enable must be connected to any auxiliary, auxiliary fuel or auxiliary ignition channel. The function must be set to 'E-Throttle Relay'.

The power for the device needs to come from the main relay. Power should ONLY be present at key on.

#### WARNING

**DO NOT POWER THE DEVICE OFF +12V DIRECTLY FROM THE BATTERY. POWER**

### MUST BE SUPPLIED VIA THE MAIN RELAY



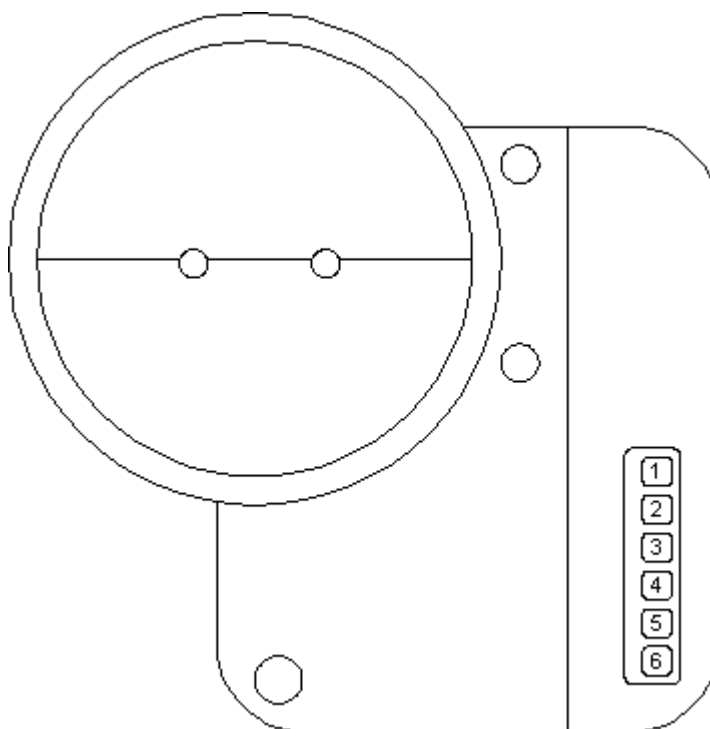
#### External EThrottle Wiring Example

An LED on the end of the case provides information on it's current state:

- A green LED indicates the device is powered and enabled.
- A red LED indicates that there is a fault. A fault condition can occur from an output short circuit, excessive current draw or if the device goes over its rated temperate.
- If the LED is off the device is either not powered or not enabled.

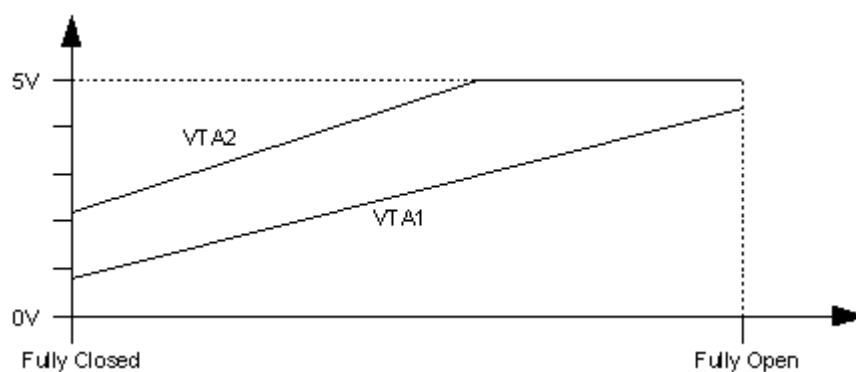
For information regarding the wiring of the E-Throttle inputs see the Electronic Throttle Control section of this manual.

### 9.8.3 Toyota 3UR-FE



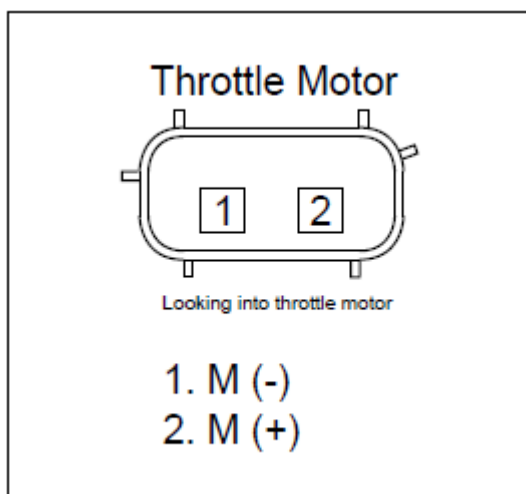
Pin #	Name	Description
1	VTA1	Signal 1
2	VC	+5V
3	VTA2	Signal 2
4	E2	Ground
5		Motor -
6		Motor +

**Toyota 3UR-FE E-Throttle Wiring**



**Toyota 3UR-FE E-Throttle Position vs Output Voltage**

### 9.8.4 Ford Falcon BA



#### Ford Falcon BA E-Throttle Wiring

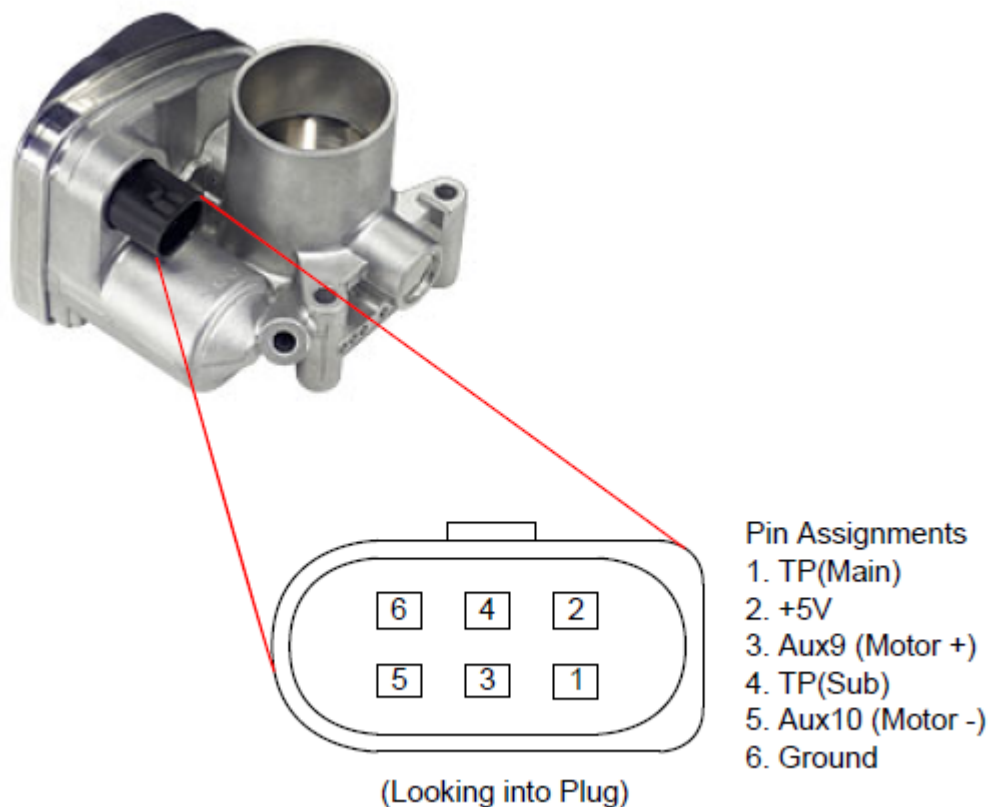
### E-throttle Setup Notes

While every effort is taken to ensure correctness, no responsibility will be taken for the consequences of any inaccuracies or omissions.

Part Number	
Vehicle Make	Ford
Vehicle Model	Falcon BA
P Gain	7
I Gain	0.148
D Gain	35.00
Deadband %	0.2
Max DC	90
Min DC	-90
Frequency (Hz)	500
TP(sub) 100%	67%
TP(Main) closed (V)	3.80 V
TP(Main) open (V)	1.65 V
TP(Sub) closed (V)	1.38 V
TP(Sub) open (V)	3.84 V
TPS(Main) error high (V)	4.10 V
TPS(Main) error low (V)	1.30 V

TPS(Main) error (%)	5.00 V
TPS(Sub) error high (V)	4.10 V
TPS(Sub) error low (V)	1.00 V
TPS(Sub) error (%)	5.00 V

### 9.8.5 BMW M52 (VDO)



#### BMW M52 (VDO) E-Throttle Wiring

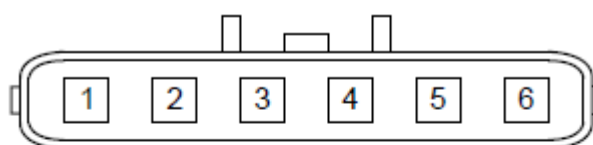
### E-throttle Setup Notes

While every effort is taken to ensure correctness, no responsibility will be taken for the consequences of any inaccuracies or omissions.

VDO Part Number	408 238 424 002
Vehicle Make	BMW
Vehicle Model	M52
P Gain	8.00
I Gain	0.102
D Gain	30.00
Deadband %	0.2

Max DC	90
Min DC	-90
Frequency (Hz)	500
TP(sub) 100%	100%
TP(Main) closed (V)	4.52 V
TP(Main) open (V)	0.29 V
TP(Sub) closed (V)	0.48 V
TP(Sub) open (V)	4.70 V
TPS(Main) error high (V)	4.70 V
TPS(Main) error low (V)	0.15 V
TPS(Main) error (%)	5.00 V
TPS(Sub) error high (V)	4.85 V
TPS(Sub) error low (V)	0.30 V
TPS(Sub) error (%)	5.00 V

### 9.8.6 Mitsubishi EVO X



#### Pin Assignments

1. Motor +
2. Motor -
3. Ground
4. TP(Main)
5. +5V
6. TP(Sub)

#### Mitsubishi EVO X E-Throttle Wiring

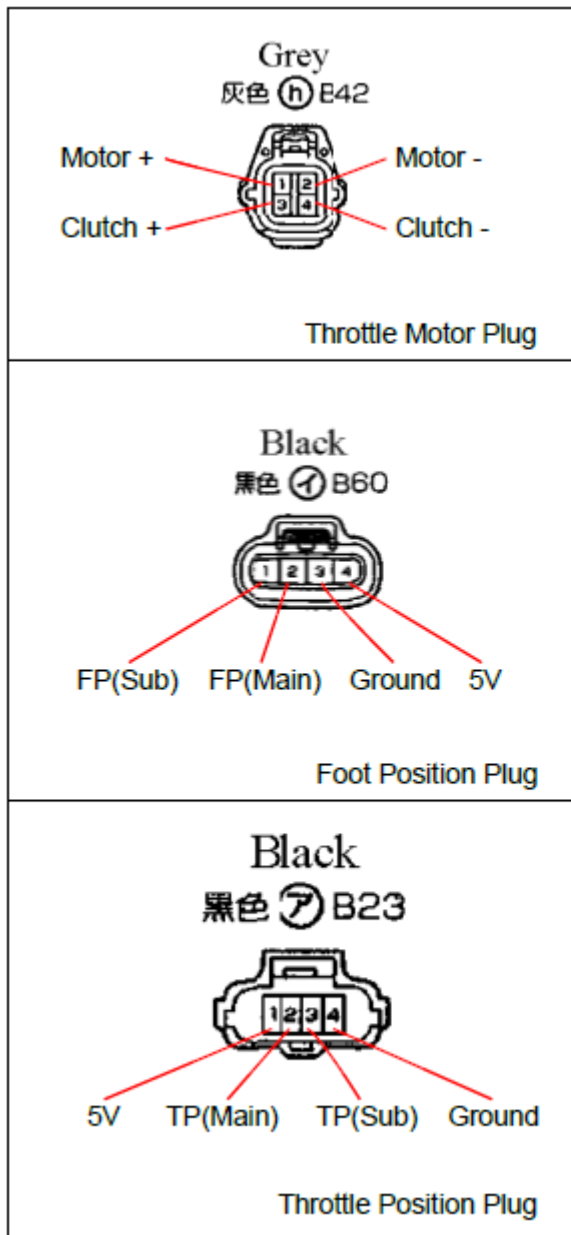
### E-throttle Setup Notes

While every effort is taken to ensure correctness, no responsibility will be taken for the consequences of any inaccuracies or omissions.

Part Number	
Vehicle Make	Mitsubishi Lancer
Vehicle Model	EVO X

P Gain	8.00
I Gain	0.142
D Gain	35.00
Deadband %	0.2
Max DC	90
Min DC	-90
Frequency (Hz)	500
TP(sub) 100%	100%
TP(Main) closed (V)	0.53 V
TP(Main) open (V)	4.42 V
TP(Sub) closed (V)	4.47 V
TP(Sub) open (V)	0.52 V
TPS(Main) error high (V)	4.70 V
TPS(Main) error low (V)	0.30 V
TPS(Main) error (%)	5.00 V
TPS(Sub) error high (V)	4.70 V
TPS(Sub) error low (V)	0.30 V
TPS(Sub) error (%)	5.00 V

### 9.8.7 Toyota Clutched E-Throttle



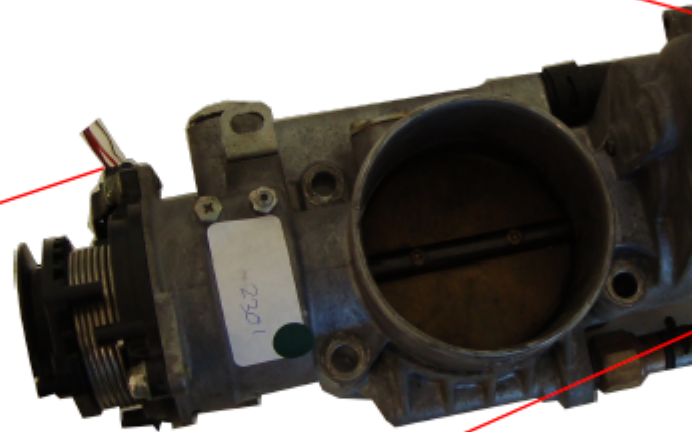
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#### Toyota Clutched E-Throttle E-Throttle Wiring

### E-throttle Setup Notes

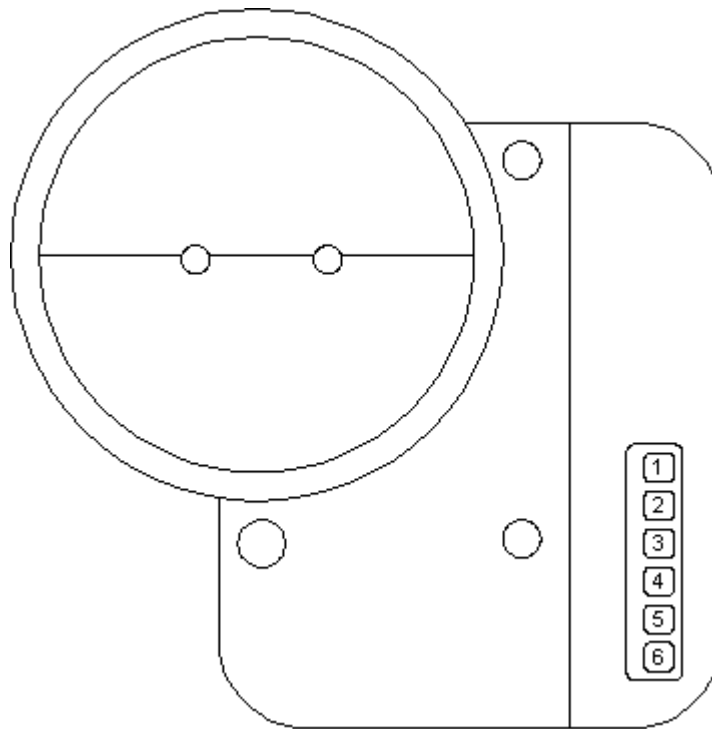
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Part Number	
Vehicle Make	Toyota



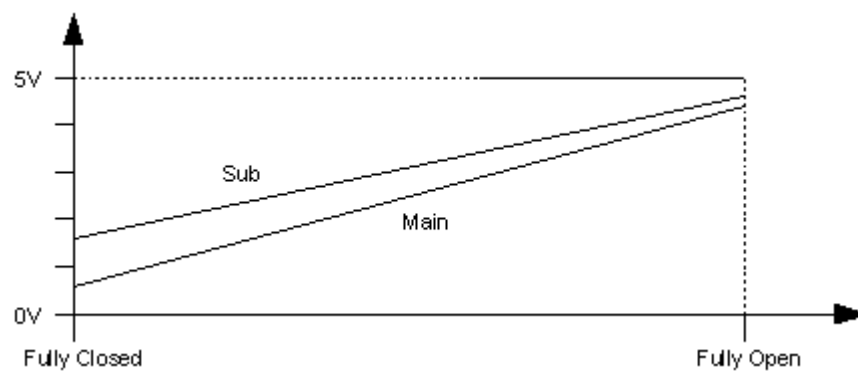
Engine Models	3S-GTE, 1UZ-FE
P Gain	8.00
I Gain	0.121
D Gain	60.00
Deadband %	0.2
Max DC	95
Min DC	-95
Frequency (Hz)	500
TP(sub) 100%	68.5%
TP(Main) closed (V)	0.29 V
TP(Main) open (V)	3.92 V
TP(Sub) closed (V)	1.93 V
TP(Sub) open (V)	4.99 V
FP(Main) closed (V)	0.55 V
FP(Main) open (V)	4.26 V
FP(Sub) closed (V)	2.30 V
FP(Sub) open (V)	4.99 V
Connect the negative of the clutch to a native auxiliary channel (not aux-fuel or aux-ign). The clutch positive must not be hot fed. Set the function to 'Test PWM' with a frequency of 250 Hz.	

### 9.8.8 Suzuki Swift



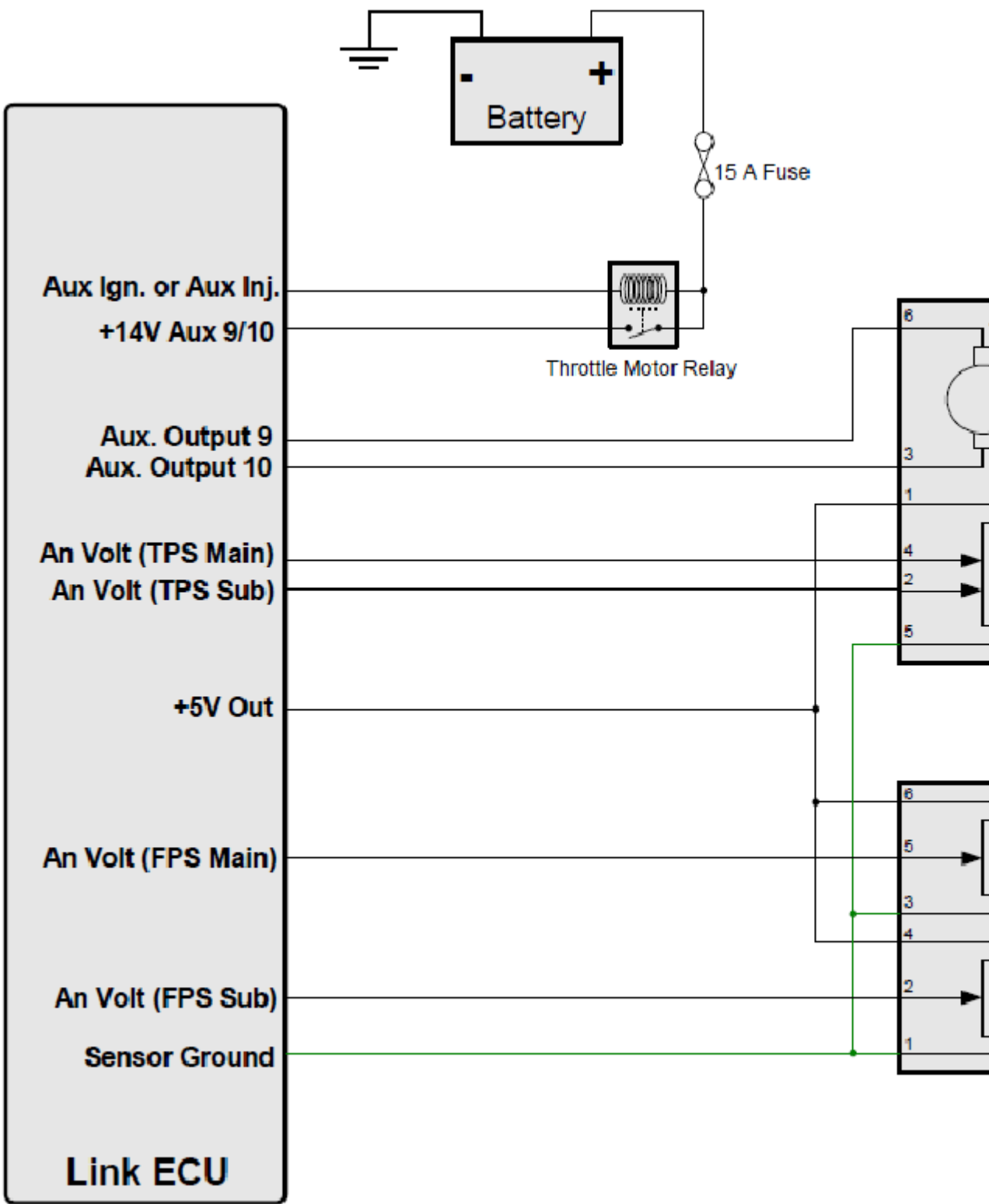
Pin #	Name	Description
1	Main	Signal 1
2	V+	+5V
3	Sub	Signal 2
4	GND	Ground
5		Motor -
6		Motor +

**Suzuki Swift E-Throttle Wiring**



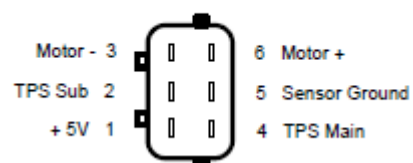
**Suzuki Swift Throttle Position vs Output Voltage**

9.8.9 Nissan VQ35



Nissan VQ35 E-throttle Wiring diagram

### Throttle Body



### Nissan VQ35 E-Throttle Wiring

## 10 Rotary Engine Wiring

This section outlines wiring of VX ECUs to Rotary engines. Wiring of Injection, Ignition and Metering Oil Pump control is covered. This applies to two, three and four rotor engines.

### 10.1 Rotary Injection Wiring

Wire Injectors as shown in the table below:

Rotors	Primary	Secondary	Spare Inj
2	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2	Inj 3 = Sec 1 Inj 4 = Sec 2	Inj 5-8 Spare
3	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3	Inj 4 = Sec 1 Inj 5 = Sec 2 Inj 6 = Sec 3	Inj 7-8 Spare
4	Inj 1 = Pri 1 Inj 2 = Pri 2 Inj 3 = Pri 3 Inj 4 = Pri 4	Inj 5 = Sec 1 Inj 6 = Sec 2 Inj 7 = Sec 3 Inj 8 = Sec 4	None

**Rotary Injection Wiring**

Notes:

- A V88 ECU is required for sequential injection on 3 and 4 rotor engines.
- Injection mode should be set to Sequential/Staged.
- Ensure injector staging adjustments and primary and secondary injector dead times are setup correctly for the injector types fitted.
- ECUs without peak and hold injection must be wired with ballast resistors if low impedance injectors are used.
- When wiring low impedance injectors directly to a peak and hold ECU, make sure Injector Driver Mode is set to Peak and Hold and the correct peak and hold currents have been set.
- Spare Injection drives can be used as additional auxiliary outputs if required.

### 10.2 Rotary Ignition Wiring

Wire Ignition as shown in the following table:

Rotors	Ignition Mode	Leading	Trailing	Spare Ign
2	Leading Wasted	Ign 1 = L1 & L2	Ign 2 = T2 Ign 3 = T1	Ign 4
2	Direct Spark	Ign 1 = L1 Ign 2 = L2	Ign 3 = T1 Ign 4 = T2	Ign 5-8 Spare
3	Direct Spark	Ign 1 = L1 Ign 2 = L2 Ign 3 = L3	Ign 4 = T1 Ign 5 = T2 Ign 6 = T3	Ign 7-8 Spare
4	Direct Spark	Ign 1 = L1 Ign 2 = L2 Ign 3 = L3 Ign 4 = L4	Ign 5 = T1 Ign 6 = T2 Ign 7 = T3 Ign 8 = T4	None

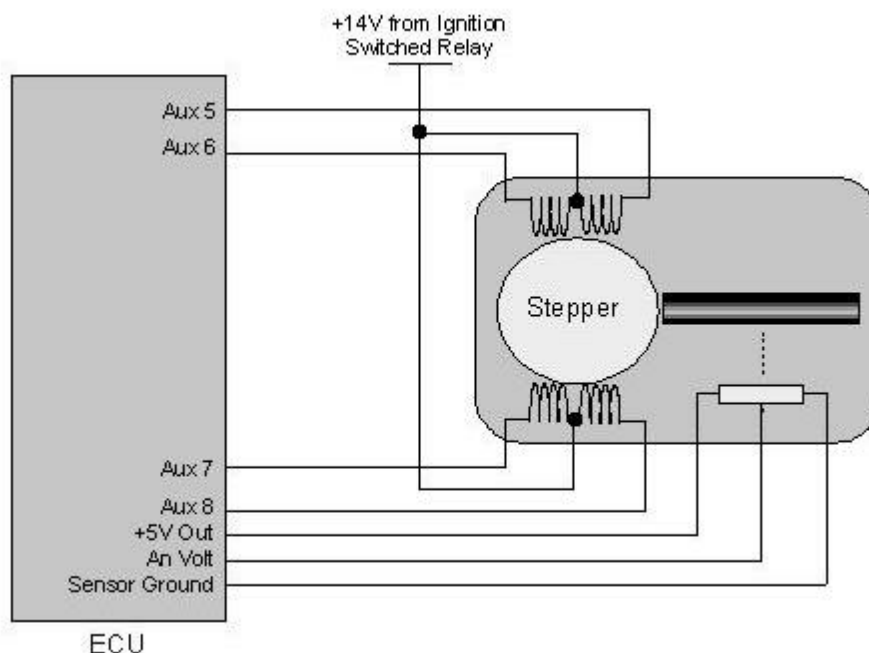
**Rotary Ignition Wiring**

Notes:

- A V88 ECU is required for direct spark ignition on 3 and 4 rotor engines.
- Ensure the Ignition Mode is set to Rotary – Direct or Rotary – Leading Wasted. Do not use the generic Direct Spark or Wasted Spark modes.
- Igniters must be wired. Do not wire coils directly to the ECU.
- Spare Ignition drives can be used as additional auxiliary outputs if required.

### 10.3 Metering Oil Pump Wiring

Rotary engines Metering Oil Pumps can be controled directly from VX ECU's. This involves wiring the pumps stepper motor and position feedback to the ECU.



#### Metering Oil Pump Control Wiring

Notes for wiring the stepper motor:

- The centre tap of both windings should be wired to the same power supply as the ECU to ensure correct flywheeling and to prevent backfeeding.
- One common pair of windings must be wired to Auxiliary Outputs 5 and 6. The other pair must be wired to Auxiliary Outputs 7 and 8.
- Auxiliary Outputs 5-8 must be set to "Rotary Oil Pump".
- Use the Stepper Calibration function (found under Aux 8) to test if the stepper is wired correctly. Setting Stepper Calibration to Fully Closed should cause the motor to close the valve (so no oil enters the engine). Likewise, setting Stepper Calibration to Fully Open should cause the motor to completely open the valve. Once finished tested, set Stepper Calibration to Off.
- If the motor rotates in the wrong direction swap the wiring of Aux 7 and Aux 8.

Notes for wiring the motor position feedback:

- Any Analog Volt input can be used for the feedback position signal.
- The sensor should be wired to the ECU's sensor ground (which is grounded at the ECU) not directly to the engine.
- When wired correctly the position signal should have approximately 0.9V with the valve

fully closed and 4.4V with the valve fully open (note that if this is opposite it can be compensated for using the analog inputs calibration).

Instructions for configuring and calibrating the ECU for Metering Oil Pump Control can be found in the Vi-PEC Tuning Software online help (search Metering Oil Pump). These must be followed exactly to ensure accurate oil metering. This **MUST** be done before attempting to start the engine.

Your nearest Vi-PEC dealer can provide you with a factory metering oil pump control calibration table if required.

Motor	Position Sensor
PICTURE - motor pinout 1 - Black - Aux 7 2 - Red/White - Power Supply 3 - Yellow - Aux 8 4 - Blue - Aux 5 5 - Red - Power Supply 6 - White - Aux 6	Blue = +5V Yellow = Position Signal Black = Sensor Ground

**Series 6 RX7 Metering Oil Pump Pinout**

## 11 PC Tuning

VX ECUs require PC/laptop tuning using the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software application running on a Windows based computer. Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software may be downloaded from [www.vi-pec.com](http://www.vi-pec.com). Note that when new versions of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software are released they are posted on the website and may be downloaded at no cost. Also note that VX ECUs must be used with the correct version of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.

### **IMPORTANT!**

The VX ECU has on board USB.

**BEFORE connecting the ECU to your laptop, the USB drivers must be installed. Failure to install the drivers on your laptop first may result in windows assigning incorrect drivers. These drivers will not work with the VX ECU and are difficult to uninstall.**

### 11.1 Installing USB Drivers

Before connecting the ECU to your laptop or PC, the ECU USB drivers must be installed. These drivers are installed as part of Vi-PEC Tuning Software installation as described in the following section. Should internet download not be practical, a copy of the drivers on CD can be obtained from your nearest Vi-PEC Dealer.

### 11.2 Installing Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software

Due to the frequent updates Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software is no longer shipped with each ECU. You will be required to download the latest version of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software from:

[www.vi-pec.com](http://www.vi-pec.com)

Should access to an Internet connection be impractical, the latest version of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software can be requested from your nearest Vi-PEC dealer on CD.

#### **Installing from the web**

1. Go to the above website and navigate to the downloads and software updates section.
2. Download the latest version of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software. When prompted to run or save the file, select save. It is recommended to save this file on the desktop.
3. Double click the saved file and follow on screen instructions.
4. When prompted to install USB drivers, select yes. This may take some time.
5. When installed, open Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software by double clicking on the icon that has been placed on the desktop.

#### **Installing from a CD**

1. Insert the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software disk into you computer's CD ROM.
2. Open 'My Computer'
3. Double click your CD ROM drive.
4. Double click the file labelled Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning SoftwareSetup.exe (or

similar name).

5. Follow the on screen instructions.
6. When prompted to install USB drivers, select yes. This may take some time.
7. When installed, open Vi-PEC Tuning Software by double clicking on the icon that has been placed on the desktop.

### 11.3 Communicating With Your ECU

After Vi-PEC Tuning Software installation, you will be able to connect the VX ECU to the laptop to perform set-up and tuning work.

1. Connect the ECU to your laptop using a Vi-PEC VX ECU USB Cable. If not supplied with the ECU, these can be purchased from a Vi-PEC dealer. No other adapter or cabling is required. Connect the cable to the connector labelled USB.
2. If this is the first time you have connected a VX USB ECU to your laptop follow the driver installation instructions that appear. When prompted if you want to install drivers select 'Continue Anyway'.
3. Start Vi-PEC Tuning Software by double clicking on the Vi-PEC Tuning Software icon on the windows desktop.
4. Switch the key to the ON position. This will provide power to the ECU.
5. In Vi-PEC Tuning Software, under the 'Options' menu, select 'Connection'. The connection options dialogue will open. Select the correct COM Port number from the drop down list or select auto for automatic com port detection.
6. Vi-PEC Tuning Software offers both mouse and keyboard control. To establish a connection between the PC and ECU using the mouse, click the 'L' icon located near the top centre of the Vi-PEC Tuning Software screen. Alternatively, using the keyboard, press and hold the Ctrl, Shift and L keys. The same process can be used to disconnect. If a successful connection is established, Vi-PEC Tuning Software will download settings from the ECU, otherwise you will be warned that an error has occurred.
7. Make sure the connection shows "ONLINE" in the top right corner of Vi-PEC Tuning Software. The logo should also be spinning in the top right corner.
8. To permanently STORE any changes made to the ECU click on the 'S' icon near the top centre of the screen or press F4. If this is not done before turning the ECU's power off all changes made will be lost.

## 12 First Time Setup

This section of the manual details a generic procedure for first time set-up of the VX ECU. These procedures also provide a good means of becoming familiar with both the VX ECU and Vi-PEC Tuning Software. It is recommended that these procedures are followed for every set-up, no matter how experienced you are!

### 12.1 Pre-start Checks

To avoid potential engine damage and wasted time, the adjustments presented in the following sections must be made before attempting to start the engine.

For further help on any of the settings discussed below, consult the online Help in Vi-PEC Tuning Software. Online help can be invoked by pressing F1, or right clicking any item and selecting 'What's this?'.

#### Pre-set-up Checks

Before attempting to configure the ECU, ensure the following tasks have been completed:

1. Ensure the ECU and all associated components are connected and correctly wired/installed.
2. Fully charge the vehicle's battery, as the engine will be required to be cranked during the set-up procedure.
3. Check all oil and water levels are correct.

#### Connecting to Vi-PEC Tuning Software

Use the following procedure to establish a connection between your Vi-PEC ECU and Vi-PEC Tuning Software.

1. Make sure your laptop battery is fully charged or plugged in to mains power.
2. Connect the ECU to your laptop and connect to Vi-PEC Tuning Software as described in the 'Communicating with your ECU' section of this manual.

### 12.2 Initial Setup

After all checks described in previous sections have been performed, the ECU is ready to be configured for a particular application. The following set-up procedure should be used on all installations as a minimum:

#### Configuration and Fueling Set-up

If the ECU is to be used to control fuel injection, all of the following steps must be performed. If the ECU will not be controlling fuel injection, then only steps 1 and 2 are required.

1. If you have a .pcl file containing a base configuration, this is the time to load it into the ECU. To do this, select 'Open' from the 'File' menu. Select the required .pcl file and then select 'OK'. When prompted if you want to load the file into the ECU, select 'Yes'.
2. Click on the 'Configuration' heading in the tuning function tree (top left of Vi-PEC Tuning Software screen):
  - a. Select the correct engine type

- b. Select the correct number of cylinders/rotors.
  - c. Enter the engines firing order.
3. Click on the 'Fuel' heading, then 'Fuel Set-up':
  - a. Select the desired Injection Mode (e.g. Sequential or Group).
  - b. Select Injector Control method (e.g. Saturated or Peak and Hold) (Peak and Hold ECUs only). Also set the correct injector peak and hold currents.
  - c. Set main fuel table load axis control parameter (e.g. MAP, MGP or TPS).
4. Click on 'Accel Enrichment':
  - a. Turn Accel Mode OFF for first time set-ups.
5. Click on 'IAT Fuel Correction':
  - a. If air temperature correction is to be used and an air temperature sensor is fitted, select the required 'IAT Mode' (e.g. 2D Table or 3D Table). Note that the default 2D Table is recommended for the majority of applications.
  - b. Turn OFF air temp correction (under 'IAT Mode') if air temperature correction is not going to be used
6. Click on 'Injector Deadtime':
  - a. Select the appropriate Injector Type. If the required injector type is not listed, select the closest type available. The injector dead time table will be set up later when the engine is running.
7. Click on 'Fuel Temp Correction':
  - a. Set 'Fuel Temp Mode' to OFF if not required.
  - b. If fuel temperature correction is required and a fuel temperature sensor has been fitted, set 'Fuel Temp Mode' to the desired type.
8. Click on 'Overrun Fuel Cut':
  - a. Set 'Fuel cut Mode' to OFF.
9. Click on 'Fuel Advanced', then 'Dual Fuel Table':
  - a. Set 'Dual Table Mode' to OFF.
10. Click on '4D Fuel Table':
  - a. Set 'Fuel Overlay Mode' to OFF.
11. Click on 'Injector Test':
  - a. Turn each injection channel on one by one and check that the correct cylinders injector clicks. Fix any problems now if the injectors do not operate.
12. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

## Ignition Set-up

If the ECU is to be used to control ignition, all of the following steps must be performed. If the ECU will not be controlling ignition, then only the first step is required.

1. Click on 'Ignition' then 'Ignition Set-up':
  - a. Select the correct type of 'Ignition Mode' for the application. Set to 'OFF' if ignition is not controlled by the ECU.
  - b. Set 'Maximum Advance' to a suitable value.
  - c. Enter appropriate values for coil dwell time in the 'Ignition Dwell Time' table.
2. Click on 'ECT Ign Trim':
  - a. Set 'Engine Temp Correction' to OFF (for now).
3. Click on 'IAT Ign Trim':
  - a. Set 'Air Temp Correction' to OFF (for now).
4. Click on 'Ignition Advanced' then 'Individual Cyl Ign Trim':
  - a. Set 'Individual Ign Mode' to OFF (for now).
5. Click on 'Dual Ign Table':
  - a. Set 'Dual Table Mode' to OFF (for now).
6. Click on '4D Ign Table':
  - a. Set '4D Ign Mode' to OFF (for now).
7. Click on 'Ignition Test':
  - a. Turn each ignition channels test function on one by one.
  - b. Check for a quiet clicking sound from each coil or alternately connect a spark gap and check for spark on the correct cylinders.
  - c. Correct any problems before continuing.
8. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### Limits Set-up

At this stage it is not necessary to precisely set all limits. However, it is essential to ensure they are set to values that will not interfere with tuning procedures. It is advisable to err on the conservative side when setting limit values.

1. Click on 'Limits' then 'RPM Limit':
  - a. Select the desired 'RPM Limit Mode'
  - b. Enter the required RPM limiting value for each engine temperature in the 'RPM Limit Table'.
2. Click on 'MAP Limit':
  - a. Select the desired 'MAP Limit Mode'
  - b. Enter the required MAP limiting value for each engine temperature in the 'MAP Limit Table'.
3. Click on 'Vehicle Speed Limit'
  - a. Set the 'Vehicle Speed Limit' to a high enough value to ensure it is not invoked during tuning. Note that this limit will only be effective if a vehicle speed sensor is correctly wired and

configured.

4. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### **Auxiliary Output Set-up**

This section configures the ECU's Auxiliary Output drivers for the devices they have been wired to. Preparing a configuration table as shown in Section 2.7 of this manual will greatly simplify set-up of Auxiliary Outputs. Note that one auxiliary channel should always be wired and configured for the fuel pump relay drive.

1. Click on 'Auxiliary Outputs' then select the first Auxiliary Output that requires configuration:
  - a. Select the required 'Function' for the Auxiliary Output channel.
  - b. Configure the channel as required. Refer to Vi-PEC Tuning Software's online help for more information on adjustments.
2. Configure each additional Auxiliary Output channel. Ensure unused channels have their 'Function' set to 'Not Selected'. Note that the 'Test On' and 'Test PWM' functions can be used to test wiring of auxiliary output devices.
3. Configure any Ignition and Injection channels used for auxiliary output functions in the same manner.
4. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### **Digital Input Set-up**

This section configures the ECU's Digital Input channels for the devices they have been wired to. Preparing a configuration table as shown in Section 2.7 will greatly simplify set-up of Digital Inputs.

1. Click on 'Digital Inputs' then select the first Digital Input that requires configuration:
  - a. Select the required 'Function' for the Digital Input channel.
  - b. Configure the channel as required. Refer to Vi-PEC Tuning Software's online help for more information on adjustments.
  - c. Confirm the operation of the Digital Input by opening the Digital Inputs tab of the runtime values (lower area of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software screen).
2. Configure each additional Digital Input channel. Ensure unused channels have their 'Function' set to 'OFF'.
3. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### **Analogue Input Set-up**

This section configures the ECU's Analogue Input channels for the devices they have been

wired to. Preparing a configuration table as shown in Section 2.7 will greatly simplify set-up of Analogue Inputs. Essential inputs are configured in this section. All steps must be performed on all applications.

1. Click on 'Analogue Channel'.
2. Select the Analogue Channel that is wired to the MAP sensor.
  - a. Set the function to 'MAP Sensor'.
  - b. Select the correct "MAP Sensor Type".
  - c. Ensure the MAP runtime value reads reasonably close to the barometric pressure reading (BAP).
  - d. Perform a MAP Sensor Calibration. Do this by selecting 'MAP Sensor Calibration' from the Tools menu and following on screen instructions.
3. Select the Analogue Channel that is wired to the TPS sensor:
  - a. Set the function to TPS (main).
  - b. Perform a TPS Calibration. Do this by selecting 'TPS Calibration' from the Tools menu and following on screen instructions.
4. Set up all other connected Analogue Volt channels as required.
5. Set unused channels to OFF.
6. Click on the An Temp channel wired to the engine coolant temperature (ECT sensor).
  - a. Set the channels function to 'ECT'.
  - b. Select 'Temp Sensor Type'. If a custom type sensor is to be used then the resistance vs. temperature values should be entered now.
  - c. Confirm correct reading of the sensor by opening the Analogue Inputs tab runtime values (lower area of Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software screen).
7. Repeat the previous step for all Analogue Temperature channels.
8. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### Trigger Set-up

Trigger set-up requires entering information regarding the way in which engine speed and position is measured. Consult the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software online help for further information on functions.

### **WARNING!**

**These are probably the most critical set-up values. Do not attempt to start the engine unless you are 100% confident that these values are correct.**

If trigger information is unknown, consult your nearest Vi-PEC dealer for further assistance.

1. Click on 'Triggers' then 'Trigger Set-up':
  - a. Configure triggers as required.
2. Click on 'Trigger1':
  - a. Select correct trigger type and set-up completely.
3. Click on 'Trigger2':
  - a. Select correct trigger type and set-up completely.
4. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

### **Additional Set-up**

It is important that all features not required for initial tuning are either disabled or correctly set-up. It is recommended that features be initially disabled to ensure they do not complicate tuning.

1. Click on 'Motorsport' then 'Antilag':
  - a. Set 'Antilag Mode' to OFF.
2. Click on 'Launch Control':
  - a. Set 'Launch Control Mode' to OFF..
3. Click on 'Flat Shifting':
  - a. Set 'Flat Shifting Mode' to OFF.
4. Click on 'Boost Control' (only visible if an Auxiliary Output is configured for a Boost Control Solenoid) then 'Boost Set-up':
  - a. Configure Boost Control as described in the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software online help.
5. Click on 'Dual Boost Maps':
  - a. Set 'Dual Boost Mode' to OFF.
6. Perform a Store to permanently save changes to the ECU by pressing F4.

## **12.3 Trigger Calibration**

The following instructions assume that all pre-start set-up instructions given in previous sections have been completed. Only after all pre-start checks have been made should an attempt be made to crank the engine. The following steps must be performed before an attempt is made to start the engine to ensure the ECU is calibrated to precisely measure engine position.

1. Connect the ECU to Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.
2. Select 'Fuel', then 'Fuel Set-up':
  - a. Set 'Injection Mode' to OFF. This will prevent the engine from trying to start while the triggers are calibrated.
  - b. Perform a Store (press F4) to make sure fuelling is not re-enabled if power to the ECU is lost.

3. Click on 'Triggers' then 'Calibrate Triggers'.
4. Perform the correct trigger calibration procedure as described in the Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software online help (Press F1).

Note that trigger calibration must be performed again once the engine is running. Due to the acceleration and deceleration of the crankshaft at low speeds, an inaccurate measurement of engine timing is usually made. Also it is often harder to see timing marks with a timing light at slow engine speeds. Trigger calibration should be checked again at between 2000-4000 RPM where engine speed is stable and a more consistent timing reading can be obtained.

## 12.4 First Time Startup

After performing all set-up instructions given in previous sections, including trigger calibration, the engine is now ready to be started. The following procedure should be used for first time start-up:

1. Turn the ignition key OFF then ON. The fuel pump should prime momentarily upon power up.
2. Connect the ECU to Vi-PEC Tuning Software Tuning Software.
3. Click on each of the runtime value tabs (located about two thirds of the way down the screen) and check that all values are as expected. Where possible operate sensors (e.g. TPS) to ensure correct readings are displayed. The following values should be checked:
  - a. TPS – spans from 0 to 100% when throttle is pressed. If not, perform a TPS Calibration.
  - b. MAP – should read approx 101 kPa (at sea level) with the engine not running. If not, check the MAP Sensor Type setting and perform a MAP Calibration.
  - c. ECT – should read current engine temperature.
  - d. IAT – should read current intake air temperature.
  - e. Digital Inputs – Operate switches connected to any digital inputs while watching the runtime value to ensure they operate as expected.
4. Rectify any faults found in Step 3.
5. Click on the 'Fuel' heading, then 'Fuel Set-up':
  - a. Locate the 'Master' setting. This will need to be adjusted during or just after start-up.
6. Crank the engine until it starts. Some throttle may be required for first time start-up due to imperfect tuning. If necessary adjust the Master setting to enrich/lean the engine (increase to enrich).
7. If the engine fails to start after several attempts, do not crank it endlessly. Stop and determine the problem before continuing.
8. Check the Trigger Error Counter (found under the Triggers runtime values tab). If this value

- increases during cranking/running then there is a trigger setup fault. It is not unusual for this number to count one or two on the first engine revolution.
9. Once the engine starts, adjust the 'Master' setting to achieve best possible running.
  10. The engine should now be allowed to fully warm up. It may be necessary to readjust 'Master' several times to maintain smooth running. Don't forget to keep an eye on engine temperature.
  11. Once the engine is warmed up and running well, perform another trigger calibration (known "as setting the base timing").
  12. Perform a Store by pressing F4.

## 12.5 Essential Tuning Adjustments

It is assumed that at this stage all set-up procedures described in previous sections have been completed and the engine is running. The following steps detail correct set-up procedures for some of the more critical ECU parameters (note that MAP Sensor Calibration should have already been completed by now):

### MAP Sensor Calibration

At key on and engine not running the Manifold Absolute Pressure (MAP) Sensor should always match the Barometric Absolute Pressure (BAP) Sensor. As well as providing altitude correction, the BAP sensor also allows the MAP sensor to be calibrated prior to tuning.

VX ECUs use an on-board barometric sensor that is calibrated prior to dispatch. This ensures that all Vi-PEC Tuning Software programs (PCL Files) give a consistent state of tune throughout the ECU range. This allows a PCL file to be transferred between VX based ECU's giving an equivalent state of tune providing all factors affecting VE are equal.

Without the ability to calibrate all the available types of MAP Sensors to the BAP Sensor there would be significant affects on the accuracy of the resulting tune, especially when tuning with Manifold Gauge Pressure (MGP) as a load index.

To calibrate the MAP sensor, select the 'MAP Sensor Calibration' item in the Vi-PEC Tuning Software 'Options' menu and follow on screen instructions.

### Injector Voltage (Dead time) Correction

There is always a delay between the injector being energised and the injector actually opening. Likewise, there is a small delay between the injector being de-energised and the injector closing. The opening time is considerably longer than the closing time, however the overall result is that less fuel will flow for a given pulse width than would be expected with an 'ideal injector'. To compensate for this the injector pulse widths are increased to compensate for this 'dead-time'. The dead-time for a given injector is a function of the battery voltage, differential fuel pressure and the type of injector driver (saturated or peak and hold). A typical dead-time at 3 Bar differential fuel pressure and 14 volts is just under 1ms (ms = millisecond = 1 thousandth of a second).

In applications with a linear 1:1 fuel pressure regulator (i.e. not a rising rate regulator), the differential fuel pressure (difference between manifold pressure and fuel pressure) will be constant. Therefore the only variable that is changing will be the battery voltage (this changes

with electrical load and sometimes engine speed). Without correction, the changes in dead time will cause the engine to run lean when the voltage drops. If the Injector Voltage Correction is properly set-up then changes in the battery voltage will not affect the air/fuel ratio.

The injector dead-time table allows the dead- time for different battery voltages to be entered. The values represent the dead-time in milliseconds. These should increase with falling system voltage.

Injector dead time for a particular set of injectors can be determined using a flow bench or on a running engine.

To determine the injector dead-time using a flow bench, the injectors need to be operated at the intended operating pressure (normally three bar) and at a constant duty cycle as well as a set voltage. Vary the supply voltage to the injector and measure minimum pulse width at which the injectors will flow for a particular voltage. This is the required dead-time for that injector at that tested voltage.

To determine injector dead time on a running engine, with the engine fully warmed and operating at stable air/fuel ratios (a very precise AFR meter is required – a narrow band O2 sensor will not suffice), electrical drain needs to be applied to the system; the preferred method is disconnecting the alternator main fuse. Battery load testers are also useful here too.

Watching the air fuel ratios change while the battery voltage drops, the dead-time table can be trimmed to maintain the same stable air/fuel ratio. Injector Dead-Time can be viewed as a row graph. A smooth curve needs to be maintained at all times.

NOTE: any change to the fuel pressure or injectors will require a recalibration of the injector dead-times.

### **Master**

Master should be set so that the numbers in the middle of the fuel table end up around a value of 50. This is to allow sufficient span of the numbers in the main fuel table.

## 13 Communication Wiring

This section contains detailed information about wiring communications wires to provide robust and reliable signals.

- CAN Bus wiring

### 13.1 CAN Bus Wiring

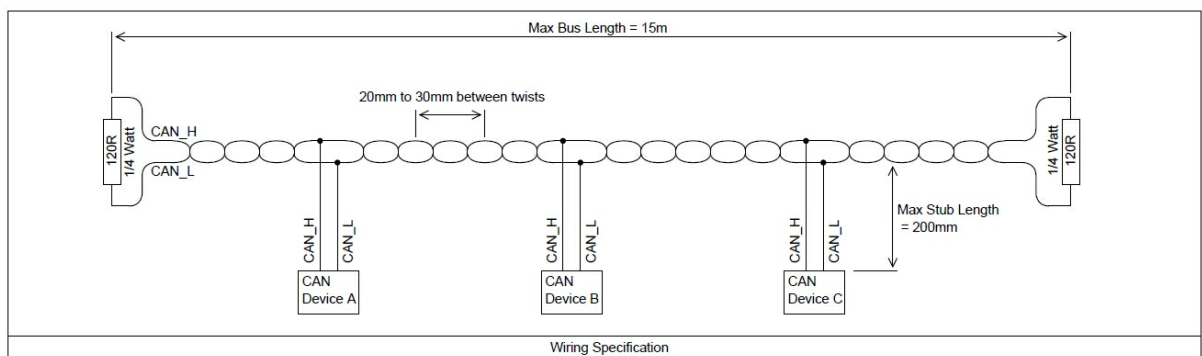
A CAN bus consists of a main bus (trunk) with devices individually joined to the bus.

Each end of the bus must be terminated with a 120R resistor (1/4 Watt minimum).

The trunk (main bus) must be a total length of less than 15m.

The two wires of the bus must be twisted together with a rate between 33 and 50 twists per meter. (20mm to 30mm between twists)

Each device needs to be connected into the main bus. The length of the wire used to connect to the bus must be less than 200mm.



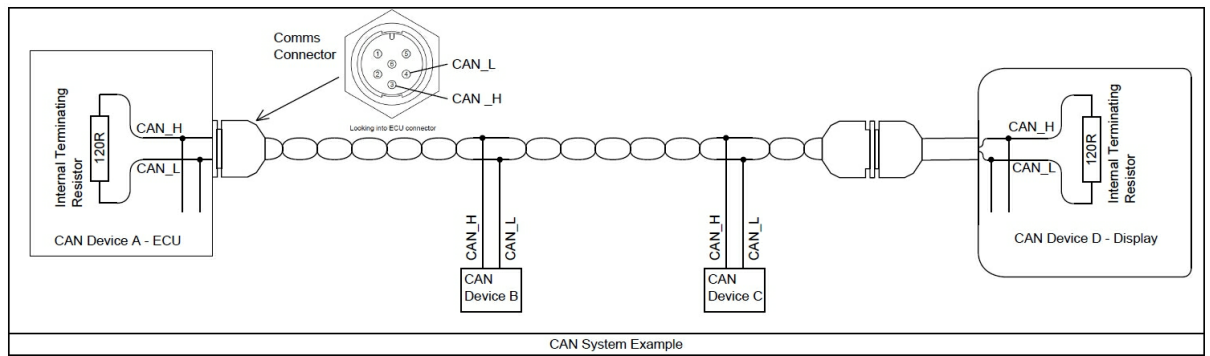
To simplify the installation, the following devices contain terminating resistors:

- All Vi-PEC VEXECUs.
- Vi-PEC Display. Note that the terminating resistor is in the connector of the displays power supply cable.

This means that these devices can **only** be used at the **end** of the bus. If you want to connect these devices to the middle of the bus, please contact your local Vi-PEC distributor to arrange the removal of the internal resistor.

#### Example

The following is an example using devices to terminate the bus.



### Hints

- Run the trunk as close as possible to all devices. It is important to minimise the length of the connection from the device to the bus.

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