



**Installation Manual  
For The Ford ACCEL  
Digital Fuel Injection  
Engine Management  
System  
Part #74030**

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# ACCEL/DFI

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Prior to starting the installation of your ACCEL DFI system, read this manual carefully!!

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Some parts are not legal for sale or use in California or on any pollution-controlled motor vehicle.

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## INTRODUCTION

CONGRATULATIONS! You have an engine management system available. The exact science that ACCEL has made is written to assist you with the installation of your system to your FORD application. Read this manual carefully.

Prior to starting your installation, read the instructions of your ACCEL DFI package. You will need the following components:

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Component</b>
(1)	Electronic Control Module
(1)	Main Wiring Harness
(1)	Injector Wire Harness
(1)	Manifold Absolute Pressure Sensor
(1)	Heated Oxygen Sensor
(1)	Coolant Temperature Sensor
(1)	6 way to 4 way Throttle Position Switch
(1)	Throttle Position Sensor
(1)	Throttle Position Sensor conversion connector
(1)	Idle Air Control Motor
(1)	Idle Air Control Motor Housing
(1)	IAC Motor Housing
(1)	IAC Adapter Plate

If you are missing any item, please contact us immediately.

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Although this package is designed to allow you to convert a carbureted engine to fuel injection or allow you better control over your present fuel injected engine, it does not include the hydraulic portion of the installation. If you need a fuel pump, filter, fittings, etc. contact your local ACCEL EMIC center for the proper ACCEL DFI part numbers for your application.

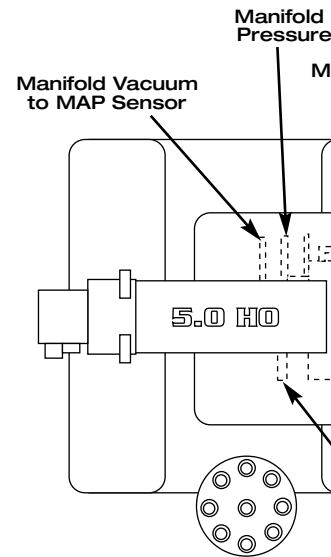
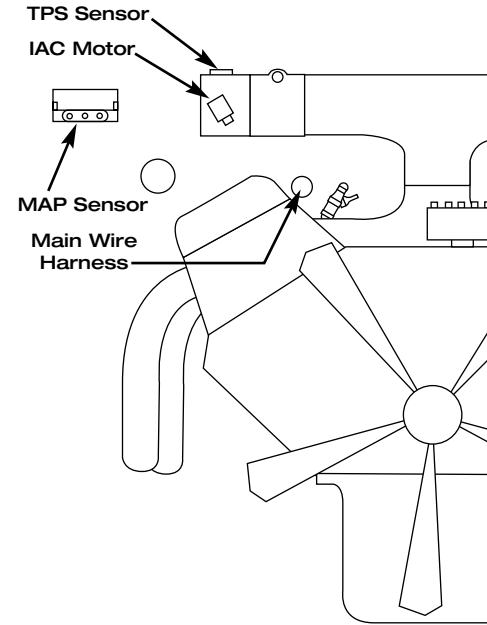
## I. OBTAINING YOUR MANIFOLD

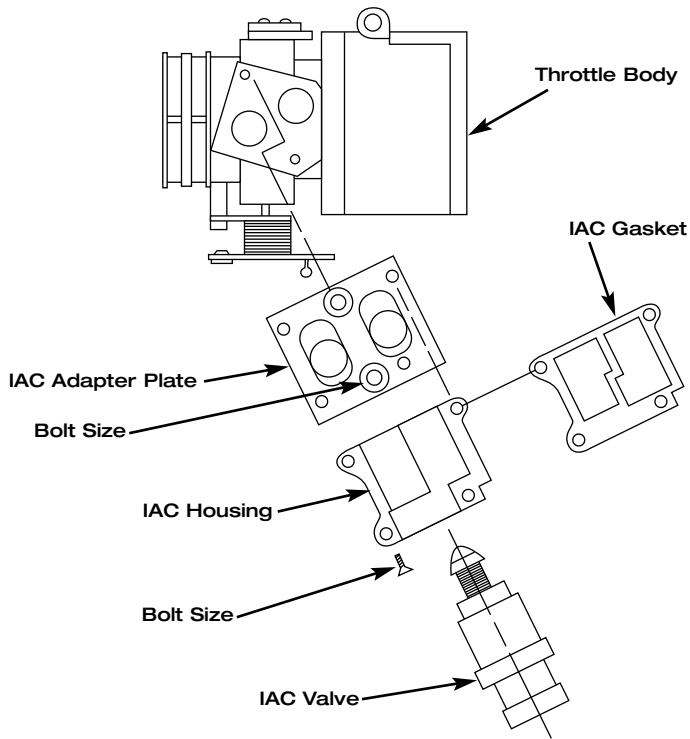
Currently ACCEL DFI only has manifolds for Chevrolet applications, for your Ford application you may use an OEM or aftermarket fuel injection manifold. Talk to some of our ACCEL DFI's EMIC centers for fabricating or modifying a carbureted style manifold for your application. ACCEL DFI EMIC Centers can also sell, install, and tune all ACCEL DFI products. For the nearest dealer to you please call: 1.800.992.2235.

## II. SETTING UP YOUR MANIFOLD

Prior to installing your manifold make sure that all gasket surfaces are clean. ACCEL recommends using a 180 degree thermostat in most applications. Place your thermostat and gasket onto your manifold, put your thermostat housing onto the manifold and bolt in place. When installing your fuel injectors, be careful not to cut the O-Rings. A small amount of oil on each O-Ring will aid in the assembly. Please reference a service manual for proper torque sequence and vacuum line routing. If this is a custom manifold, please contact your fabricator for this information.

NOTE: It is recommended at this point to use a hole saw (i.e. Green Lee punch) to put two (2) 1-5/8" diameter holes in the firewall to accommodate the main wiring harness. Please refer the figure below.



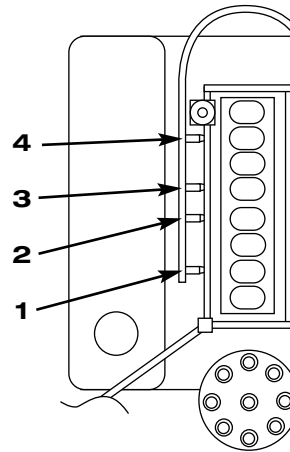


### III. MOUNTING YOUR ECM

The ECM comes with three (3) mounting tabs designed for a #8 sheet metal screw. It is recommended that you mount the ECM in the passenger side kick panel. If the kick panel has an air vent incorporated into it, **DO NOT** mount the ECM here. This unit is not waterproof and therefore needs to be mounted in a location free of moisture. The alternate locations are in the dash board and behind the glove box. **NEVER MOUNT THE ECM IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT!**

### IV. INJECTOR HARNESS

This ACCEL DFI system is similar to carburetors, therefore it does not matter what type of injector you use. For your convenience, the injectors are paired in sets of two, similar to the carburetor, and are mounted in the manifold. Lay the injector harness naturally on the manifold. Check the fuel injectors making sure that they are in place.



### V. MAIN WIRE HARNESS AND CONNECTIONS

An overview diagram of the main wire harness is located at the end of this section. Please refer to the connections between the ECM and the sensors/components. The harness is connected as follows: Begin by connecting the pin ECM connectors to the ACCEL harness so that the tabs snap into place. Then

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two legs through the drivers side firewall hole that you cut in step two followed by the shorter leg through the passenger side firewall hole. Continue pulling the harness legs through the firewall until the rubber grommets seat themselves in the firewall. Once the grommets have been properly seated into the firewall, each leg can be routed between the manifold and the valve covers.

The drivers side leg will contain connectors for the following:

- MAP (3-pin green male connector)
- Computer Controlled Ignition (4-pin male black connector, for a TFI you will use the TFI adapter)
- ESC (purple wire, bare lead)
- Air (2-pin gray connector)
- Coolant (2-pin black connector)
- TPS (3-pin black male connector)

Make sure to connect the switched +12 volt wire (long pink wire with a female spade connector) to a switched ignition accessory in the fuse box. The switched ignition accessory MUST maintain 12 volts during cranking. If it does not, the vehicle will not start.

NOTE: If you are not controlling timing with the ACCEL DFI ECM (using a non-computer-controlled ignition system such as a points distributor) you will not be using the computer-controlled ignition connector (4-pin male black connector) or the ESC connector (purple wire with bare lead).

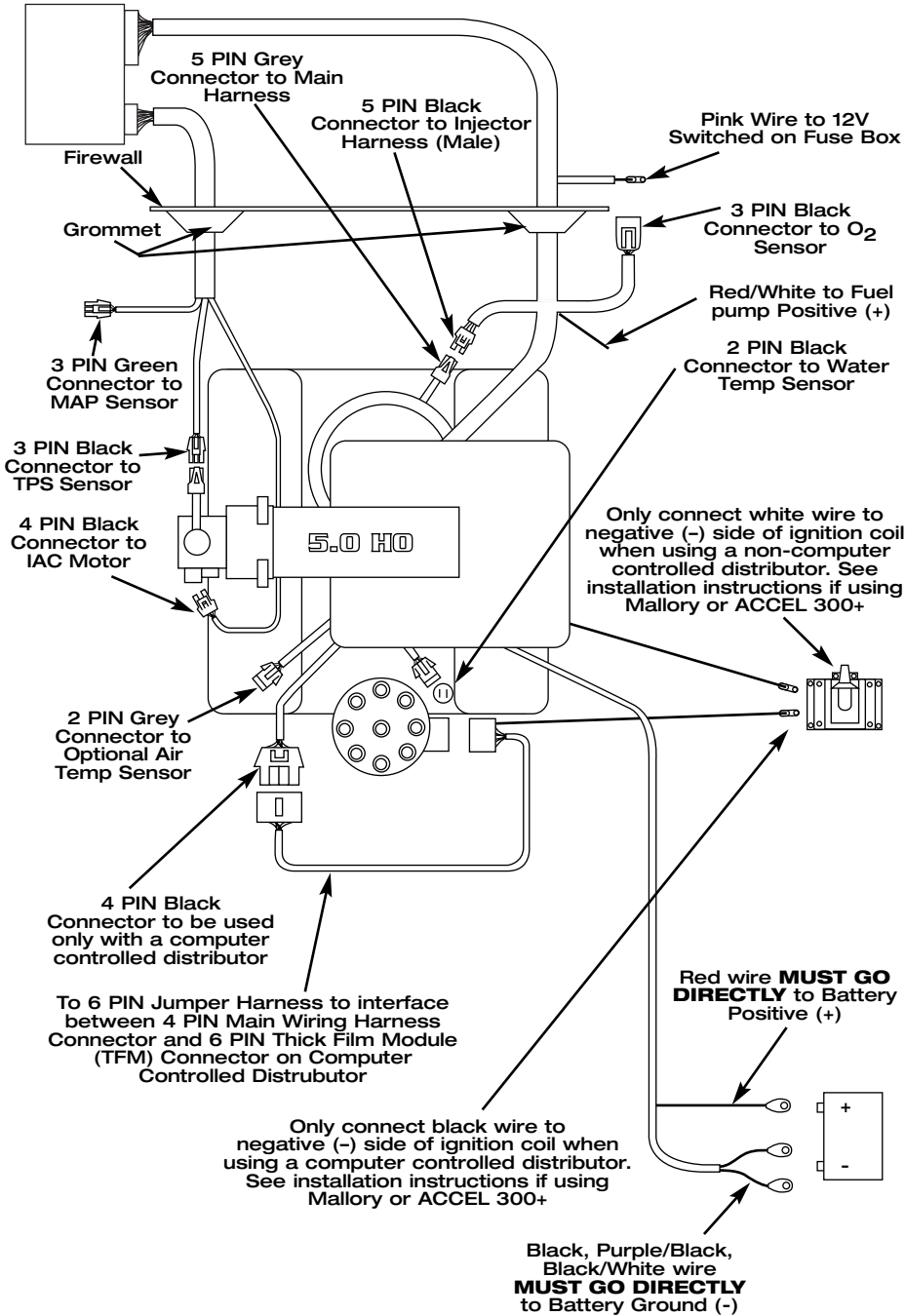
The passenger side harness leg will contain the following sensor connections:

- Oxygen (3-pin female black connector)
- Injector (5-pin round white connector)
- Tach pick-up (1-pin brown connector)
- Fuel pump (bare lead, red wire)
- IAC (4-pin square male black connector)

Connect each to the appropriate sensor at the end of this section. If you need to run a fuel pump wire to reach your fuel pump, use at least 14 gauge wire, soldering and crimping the connection between the two wires. Do not connect both the positive and ground wires of the wiring harness DIRECTLY to the battery. This is intermittent and unusual procedure.

NOTE: If you are controlling timing with the ECM (using a computer-controlled ignition system etc.) the Tach pick-up will not be used. If you use the Tach pick-up and the computer-controlled ignition at the same time, your ACCEL DFI ECM will be both out resulting in a no spark (no fuel). In many cases this will also damage the ECM.

At this time you can connect your UIM (UIM, or Power Tuner) to the MWH. The UIM 6-way connector (located near the MWH) will connect to the 6-way connector on the UIM. If you are using a UIM there is nothing for you to do with the MWH. If using a UIM mount the UIM with sheet metal screws or 20 pan head screws in a location convenient to the driver.



## VI. CHOOSING YOUR

### NON-COMPUTER-CONTROLLED

If you are using a stand-alone map points distributor, etc., the Tach pick-up connector (must be used. Connect side of the coil. If the brown connector make sure not to remove the 39K resistor located 3" away from the existing

NOTE: If you are using an aftermarket box (i.e. ACCEL 300+, Mallory Hy pick-up connector **MUST** be connected to the box's Tach output signal. It is also recommended to remove the 39K ohm resistor from the Tach pick-up lead from the end of the Tach pick-up lead to this lead to the negative side of the distributor box. This can result in ECM damage.

ACCEL strongly urges the use of a high quality wire such as ACCEL 300+ or ACC Wires. We have encountered problems (suppressing electrical noise) with other wires available on the market such as heavy gauge core. The use of these wires may interfere with the operation of the ECM. Further, some ignition units also produce electrical interference with the ECM's operation. This is strictly at the risk of the owner. Consult the recommendations of ignition system

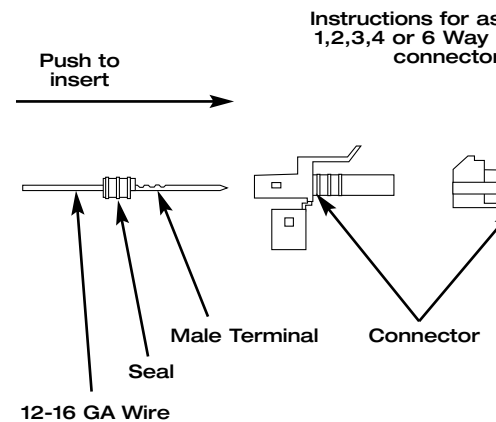
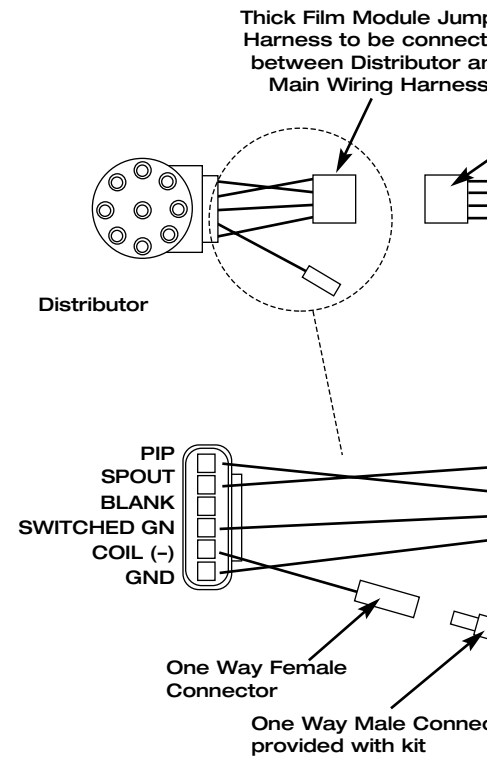
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The total advance to which you set the engine will depend upon the engine you have. Vacuum advance should be controlled with the EGR port, which is located before the throttle blades. ACCEL DFI recommends a distributor with an adjustable vacuum advance. Once the total advance is set, connect the vacuum line to the canister. Adjust the canister to maintain 20-26 degrees with a hot idle at 800 RPM. Again, this is ACCEL's recommendation, depending upon compression ratio and cam profile, you may have to decrease this to avoid detonation.

## COMPUTER-CONTROLLED IGNITION

If you are using a TFI distributor you will need to connect the TFI adapter harness to the 4-pin black ignition control connector on the MWH. After doing so you can plug the 6-way end into your TFI distributor; the 1-pin black connector will go to the negative side of your ignition coil or points/lead of your enhancer box. You can also control timing by using a magnetic pick-up distributor or crank trigger. In order to do so you must get a modification done to your ACCEL DFI ECM (ACCEL DFI part number 74043-I). This modification will come with the necessary wiring (this wiring will replace the TFI adapter) but will not come with an enhancer box that is required. If you will need this modification, contact ACCEL DFI for further instructions and a shipping address.

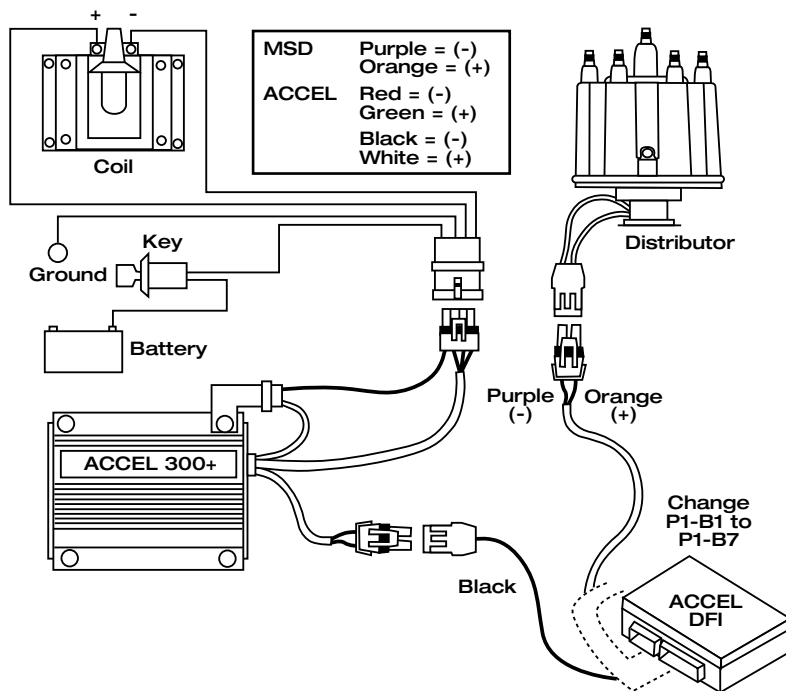
In order to set the initial timing, the ignition bypass connectors (two 1-pin connectors) incorporated into the ignition control leg must be disconnected. With the engine running hot at 800 RPM, manually adjust the distributor to 6 degrees BTDC. Once adjusted, reconnect the ignition bypass line. As soon as you connect the bypass line the ACCEL DFI ECM regains control of the timing. The spark



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curve is pre-programmed into the ECM from ACCEL DFI. It has initial timing of 20 degrees BTDC and a total timing of 34 degrees BTDC in by 3000 RPM. The timing curves, as well as all other tables in the ECM, can be adjusted to better suit your engines requirements using ACCEL DFI's calibration software "CALMAP".

NOTE: If an aftermarket ignition enhancer box is used (i.e. ACCEL 300+, MALLORY HyFire), the TFI distributor can be wired as described by the manufacturer of the enhancer box. However, if you are controlling timing with a magnetic pick-up distributor or a crank trigger, refer to the illustration below.



## VII. FUEL PUMP AND HIGH PRESSURE LI

ACCEL DFI currently has two high pressure fuel pumps available: part number 74701, an electric fuel pump which can support up to 450 horsepower and part number 74702 which can support up to 300 horsepower and 45 PSI. This fuel pump can be mounted directly on the frame rail. You can use part number 74701 on this pump onto your frame rail. Regardless of which pump is used, be sure to mount your fuel pump at a point of fuel level and in a protected area. All fuel components must also be protected from exhaust and engine compartment heat to prevent potential road damage.

### FUEL PUMP WIRING

The fuel pump requires a +12 volt power source. If you were originally an EFI vehicle and a fuel pump was installed, you still MUST use the +12 volt power source. Connect the +12 VDC side of the fuel pump to the ACCEL DFI main wiring harness, using the fuel pump power tracer. The fuel pump relay is already installed in the main wiring harness and is controlled by the ACCEL DFI. No wiring is necessary for the relay. The fuel pump draws between 4 and 8 amps of current. The fuel pump is a 14 gauge wire. Connect the pump to the red wire with which the fuel pump relay is soldered. The connection between the fuel pump and the red wire for the fuel pump can be at any convenient location. The fuel pump should be connected to the chassis to the negative (-) terminal. Make sure that wiring between the fuel pump and the engine compartment does not hang near or contact with rotating parts, or become exposed.

## MECHANICAL PUMP REMOVAL

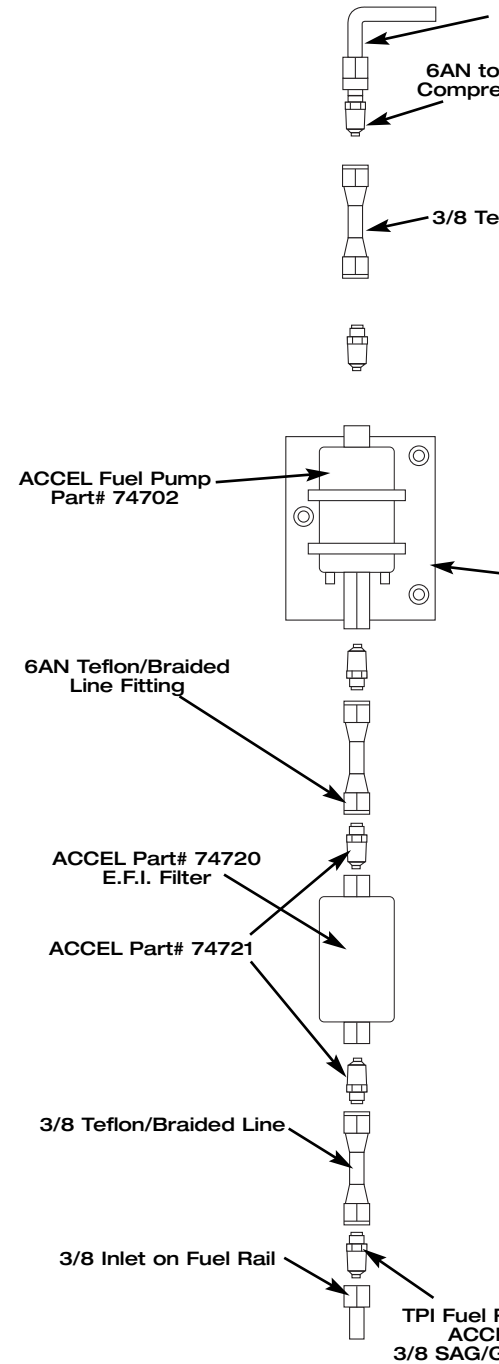
If your engine was carbureted, be sure to either cap off the fittings on your mechanical pump or remove the pump and cover the opening with a block off plate.

## HIGH PRESSURE FUEL FILTER MOUNTING

Locate the high pressure fuel filter at the outlet of the high pressure fuel pump on the frame rail. It is recommended to place a filter between the fuel tank outlet and the pump inlet if the pickup tube in the tank does not have a filter. Failure to do so can result in fuel pump damage. ACCEL DFI high pressure filter, part number 74720 requires 3/8" Saginaw fittings. If your filter does not have these fittings you can use part number 74721, these adapter fittings will fit the 74720 filter and allow you to use a 6AN fitting.

## ROUTING HIGH PRESSURE FUEL HOSE

At this point the high pressure circuit of the fuel system can be plumbed (refer to diagram at the end of this section). If the existing fuel supply line cannot sustain 150 PSI fuel pressure (ACCEL recommends a fuel line rated to at least 330 PSI), then it must be replaced with high pressure fuel line/tubing. Remember, with a carburetor, your fuel system operated at about 6 PSI. However, with fuel injection, the system operates around 50 PSI of fuel pressure. Never take any chances. If in doubt, replace the hose. You will need a minimum of 3/8" ID supply line and 5/16" ID return.



NOTE: If using ACCEL Pump Part #74701, please contact ACCEL/DFI Techn

## DUAL FUEL TANKS

It is important to note that for vehicles with two fuel tanks and/or a class "A" RV, it is highly recommended that a boost pump be installed in each tank and feed through a multi-port switching valve, especially when operating in hot climates. Boost pumps used on such vehicles as a 1985 Ford F-250 5.0L EFI will work well for this type of application. The switching valve from a 1984 Ford Diesel or a 1986 Chevrolet C-10 (305 CID) will work well in dual tank applications. Dual tank equipped vehicles must be plumbed to return excess fuel to the tank which is supplying fuel to the EFI system to avoid tank overflow problems. The remotely-activated dual tank three-way valves described above will work well in these applications.

### A NOTE TO THE INSTALLER

There seems to be a misunderstanding with some people that a fuel pump "produces pressure". This is not accurate. What actually happens is the pump produces fuel flow at a given system pressure which is dictated by the pressure regulator. The pressure regulator has a spring which is preset to provide a certain system pressure, i.e. 45 PSI. The regulator opens as the pressure in the fuel line increases due to the flow of fuel provided by the pump.

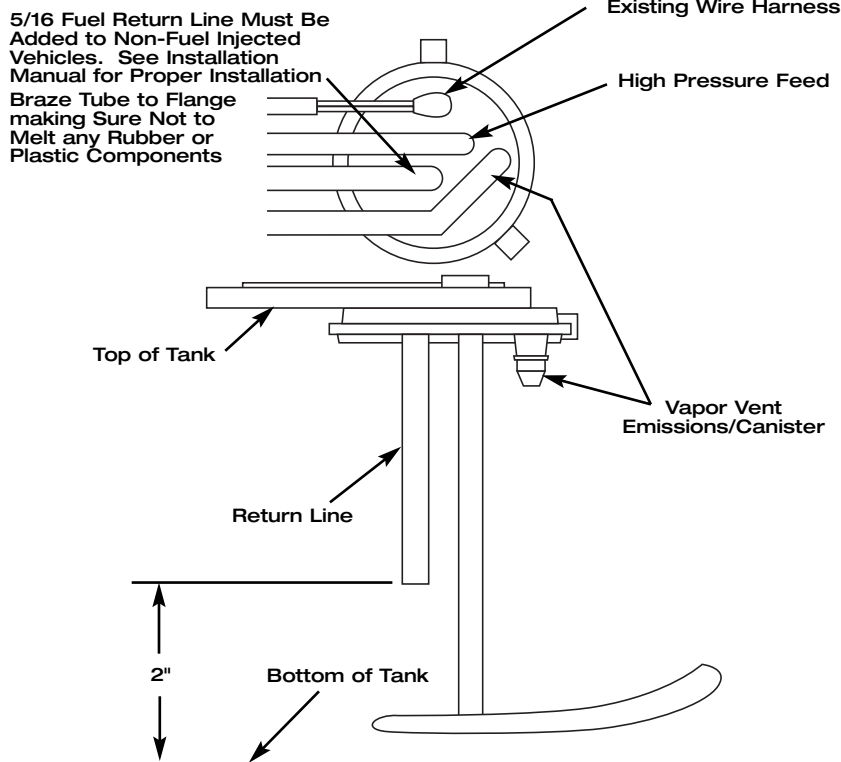
As the pressure drops, due to bypassing of fuel to the tank, the regulator closes at a pressure of 45 PSI (this pressure is variable on adjustable regulators). This process will begin again as pressure raises. Therefore, the pressure regulator is a dynamic modulating device which always tries to seek its preset pressure.

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## SENDING UNIT MODIFICATION

To install a return line in your tank assembly from the fuel tank and out the top of the flange. Be sure to grind to weld the tube into place, welding as discussed later in this section. ACCEL part number 74731, will supply you with other lines that you may need. Plug the fuel line so that the in-tank portion is at the bottom of the tank and away from the fuel (see figure at the end of this section). Be sure this tube does not interfere with the sending unit on the tank unit. Clean the unit well before moving to the next step. Seal and secure the tube by welding or brazing with low heat to prevent damage does not occur. Also make sure there is no damage to the sending unit wires or the fuel line. Welded area and check for cracks in the tubes or welded area.

Check the condition of the filter sock. If the sock is torn or contaminated, do not use it. If you are not using a filter sock in your system, install a filter between the fuel tank supply line and your fuel pump.



## RETURN FUEL LINE INSTALLATION

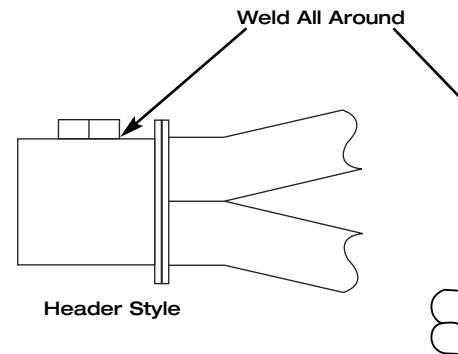
If your vehicle was originally equipped with a carburetor, you **MUST** run a 5/16" ID (inner diameter) or larger return line from the engine (fuel pressure regulator) to the fuel tank. Some vehicles with carburetors came with 1/4" diameter return lines. This is too small in ID (inner diameter) and will create an unacceptable amount of back pressure in the fuel line, thus causing a rich condition. Using good judgment install a fuel line from the pressure regulator outlet to the fuel tank with restriction free bends in protected areas (refer to the diagram at the end of the "Routing High Pressure Fuel Hose" section). The fitting at

the pressure regulator is a #5 AN. ACCEL DFI recommends a #5 AN to 5/16" AN connector to connect the 5/16" return line.

ACCEL DFI recommends using a return line and return line plumbing, such as stainless steel Teflon AQP by Ared.

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The ACCEL DFI System comes with an M18 X 1.5 hex nut. This nut is to be mounted (preferably the passenger side) of the exhaust pipe to mounting the nut, drill a perpendicular hole in the exhaust pipe of header (closest to the manifold) without interfering with the flanges.



## IX. AIR CLEANER ASSEMBLY

If you are using a stock throttle body on your application, the ACCEL POWERFILTER division of ACCEL may very well have a high performance reusable air cleaner for you. They may also have one for your custom application, contact ACCEL's Technical support team for more information.

At this point all the electrical connections should be made between the sensors, computer, and optional equipment. Keep in mind that you will have at least one extra connector that will not be used on the main wiring harness. Now connect the positive terminal to the positive side of the battery, and the ground wires to the negative battery terminal (refer to the diagram in section V).

## X. STARTING THE VEHICLE

Turn the ignition key to the run position. Do not crank yet. The fuel pump should run for two seconds, then shut off. Now turn the ignition key off. Repeat this procedure of turning the key on and off four times, listening carefully for the fuel pump. This is needed to prime the fuel delivery system. The best way to check if the system is priming is to connect a fuel pressure gauge to the shroeder valve on the fuel rail. ACCEL DFI offers gauges for some Ford applications, check your application with one of ACCEL's dealers. Now check for leaks along the entire length of the vehicle. Crank the engine. After the engine starts, the engine should fast idle and the speed will decrease as the coolant temperature heats up. If the engine does not start after ten seconds of cranking, check the following:

- A) All electrical and mechanical connections are secure.
- B) There are no fuel leaks.
- C) The fuel feed line is pressurized. A common problem is the fuel pump. On the ACCEL pumps, the port designations are casted in the terminals. If the ACCEL 74702 pump is installed backwards, it will run backwards.
- D) Ensure that the engine timing is correct.

## XI. OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- (1) User Interface Module (UIM, part # 74702)

This option allows the driver to change the fuel table while the engine is running. The UIM contains two potentiometers for adjusting the amount of fuel supplied at idle and WOT. The idle potentiometer has the ability to increase or decrease the amount of fuel at idle and part throttle by 10%. The WOT potentiometer comes into play only when the throttle is wide open. The 20 percent increase and decrease is 20 percent of the amount of fuel delivered at WOT.

The UIM must remain connected to the ECM harness after adjustments are made. If the UIM is disconnected, the ECM will automatically return to its preset values.

If your engine requires a somewhat different fuel table than is noted on the ECM or you have a different engine combination, use the ACCCEL/DFI fuel table.

Communications Interface option, CALMAP (part number 74990-S with a 5ft cable, 74990-L with a 25ft cable). This software will allow you to customize the Fuel and Timing curves as well as all other parameters in the ECM.

### FAN CONTROL KIT (PART NUMBER 74171)

This kit includes a harness with a integral relay that interfaces between the ECM and the fan. This allows you to turn on an electric fan at a given engine temperature via CALMAP. This kit does not include a fan.

### NITROUS OXIDE CONTROL (part numbers listed below)

Single Stage Harness Only  
Part Number 74253

Multi-Stage Harness Only  
Part Number 74697

Although ACCEL DFI currently does not have complete nitrous oxide kits available for Ford applications, we do offer the necessary wiring to allow you to control your nitrous through the ACCEL DFI ECM. The part numbers listed above are ready to plug into your ACCEL DFI ECM and nitrous solenoid to give you exact delay control, ignition timing and fuel control over your nitrous system. ACCEL can also offer you the nitrous solenoid, contact your local ACCEL EMIC dealer for more information.

## XII. TROUBLE SHOOTING

The following are some common problems encountered with various installations.

### Injectors not firing (clicking) - the

- Usually due to a low battery. Voltage should be (9) volts during cranking to activate injectors.
- Injector harness not connected to ECM.
- Short in either pin P1-C7 or P1-D7 to battery positive (+) and negative (-). Use a voltmeter.
- Tach wires to positive (+) side of battery.
- P1-D7 (long pink wire with female connector) receiving +12 volts during cranking. Do not connect this wire to a voltage source during cranking.

### Runs rich at idle:

- Vacuum line to fuel pressure regulator.
- MAP sensor vacuum line pinched.
- UIM idle knob turned all one way.
- Wrong injectors for the application.
- Return fuel line is too small/restricted.
- Calibration in the ECM is wrong.

### Runs rich all the time:

- Wrong injectors for the application.
- Return line is too small/restricted.
- Calibration in the ECM is wrong.

### Engine cranks a while before starting:

- +12V and ground terminals not connected.
- Fuel pump is not priming the fuel system.

If you are experiencing problems please contact your dealer, or feel free to call ACCEL's technical support to an ACCEL DFI technical representative.



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