Pressure, Level, Temperature and Trim Gauges

Gauges operate by drawing a low electrical current from a variable resistance sender. As the sender resistance increases or decreases with pressure, level, temperature or tilt, the amount of current flowing increases or decreases proportionally causing the meter’s pointer to deflect.

Troubleshooting:

Symptom recognition and visual inspection are the first steps to effective troubleshooting. Refer to your installation instructions to verify that the gauge is installed properly. **Note:** senders must be grounded in order for gauges to function. In the case of pressure and temperature senders, this means no thread sealant can be used on the sender’s threads. The threads on pressure and temperature senders are tapered and self-sealing. Gauges usually exhibit two symptoms: inoperative or not reading correctly.

1. **Gauge is inoperative** – To test the gauge, disconnect the sender terminal. Turn the ignition switch on. The gauge pointer should be pegged fully to the left side of the gauge. If it doesn’t, test to see if the ignition voltage is present by connecting a multimeter between the “I” and “G” terminals. If the voltage is not present (Approximately 12 volts DC for 12 volt systems, 24 volts DC for 24 volt systems) troubleshoot the wiring from the ignition and to ground. If the gauge pointer does peg to the left, short the sender terminal of the gauge to ground, the pointer should deflect fully to the right. If it does not, the gauge is faulty. If the pointer does peg to the right, and the ignition voltage is present, the problem is with the sender or the wiring from the sender to the gauge. **Note:** If European senders are being used, pointer deflection will be the opposite of above on level and pressure gauges.

2. **Gauge is reading incorrectly** – This problem usually occurs when the gauge and sender are not compatible. Make sure the sender is made for the specific range of your gauge (150 psi sender for 150 psi gauge, 100-240 F sender for a 100-240 F gauge, etc.). Unless otherwise specified, Hardin Marine will send gauges that are compatible with American made 240-33 ohm senders. European or AC senders will cause incorrect readings unless the gauge was manufactured to work with those senders.

3. **Troubleshoot Hardin Trim Gauge for Mercruiser application** - To verify correct operation of this trim gauge the 12V positive and Negative connection must be attached and ignition power turned on. The gauge will read full / Up next a jump connection can be made from the negative terminal to the sender post. When connected the gauge will read empty or down. If this happens then the gauge in operative. The sender post reads an ohm reading from the sender wire and operates in a range of 167OHMS full or Up and 10 OHM Empty / down.

Dual Station Gauges:

When running two gauges from one sender, the sender must be a dual station sender. A single gauge sender will not run two gauges correctly. The gauges must be the same, mixing gauges from different manufacturers may cause one gauge to read higher than the other gauge.
Wiring Connections For Electrical Gauges

12 V BATTERY

TO STARTER

AMMETER

IGNITION SW

VOLTAGE REGULATOR

ALTERNATOR OR GENERATOR

G TACH

G SPEEDO

SENDR

SENDER

G VOLTMETER

G OIL PRESSURE

G TEMP

G FUEL LEVEL

G GAUGES

G TACHOMETER

G SPEEDOMETER

FROM IGNITION

GND

BATT

BATT

GND

SIG
2" Series 2000 Air-Core Gauge Installation Instructions

**WARNING**

Improper installation may damage the instrument and/or cause injury to the installer. If you have installation questions, please contact the factory.

Disconnect battery cable before installing the instrument.

Check for obstructions behind dash panel such as wires and hoses before cutting the mounting hole for the instrument.

**MOUNTING**

Recommended dash hole size: 2.125 +/- .015 in DIA.

Secure the instrument into dashpboard with mounting "U" clamp, lock washers and hex nuts.

If dashboard thickness exceeds clamp grip range, clamp legs may be shortened.

Position instrument in dashboard prior to tightening clamp nuts to recommended torque.

Maximum recommended tightening torque for all hardware: 6 lb-in.

Caution, over tightening mounting hardware may damage the instrument.

**MAINTENANCE**

Periodically check and torque all hardware per mounting specifications.

Clean electrical connections if corrosion develops around hardware.

Clean glass with a soft, damp, clean cloth.

For electrical connections, use hex nuts and lock washers supplied with the mounting kit.

NOTE: A N/C MEANS NO CONNECTION TO THE STUD. SEE INSTALLATION WARNING NOTE.
**3" Model 3-12 Tachometer Installation Instructions**

**WARNING**
Improper installation may damage the instrument and/or cause injury to the installer. If you have installation questions, please contact the factory.
Disconnect battery cables before installing the instrument.
Check for obstructions behind dash panel such as wires and hoses before cutting the mounting hole for the instrument.

**MOUNTING**
Recommended dash hole size: 3.386±0.015 in (85.86±0.38 mm) DIA.
Secure the instrument into dashboard with mounting "U" clamp, lock washers and hex nuts.
If dashboard thickness exceeds clamp grip range, clamp legs may be shortened.
Position instrument in dash board prior to tightening clamp nuts to recommended torque.
Maximum recommended tightening torque for all hardware: 6 lb-in (0.68 N-m).
Caution, over tightening mounting hardware may damage the instrument.

**MAINTENANCE**
Periodically check and torque all hardware per mounting specifications.
Clean electrical connections if corrosion develops around hardware.
Clean glass with a soft, damp, clean cloth.

![Diagram of tachometer installation instructions]

- TO STARTER SOLENOID
- VOLTAGE REGULATOR
- 12V BATTERY
- IGNITION SW
- ALTERNATOR
- TO LIGHT SWITCH
- SW
- LT
- GND
- COIL, MPU, ECM, DISTRIBUTOR, ALTERNATOR, PULSE GENERATOR OR ELECTRONIC IGNITION
- RANGING SWITCH
  1 = 4 CYL
  2 = 6 CYL
  3 = 8 CYL
  4 = 12 PALT

For electrical connections, use hex nuts and lockwashers supplied with the mounting kit.