



## Flame-Thrower Billet Distributor Installation Instructions

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT:** Read all instructions before starting the installation.

- **WARNING - DO NOT USE WITH SOLID CORE SPARK PLUG WIRES**
- For 12-Volt **NEGATIVE** ground applications only. Maximum voltage 16V, Minimum voltage 8V.
- This distributor is equipped with a hardened steel gear, consult camshaft manufacturer for distributor gear compatibility.
- Engines that have been decked, had significant cylinder head milling or oil pump modification should be checked for oil pump bind and proper cam gear engagement prior to installation.
- Check spark plug wires ends to insure compatibility with distributor cap terminals.
- Modification to the advance curve or vacuum advance would render this product illegal for Street or Off Highway use and may only be used for Closed Course Competition.

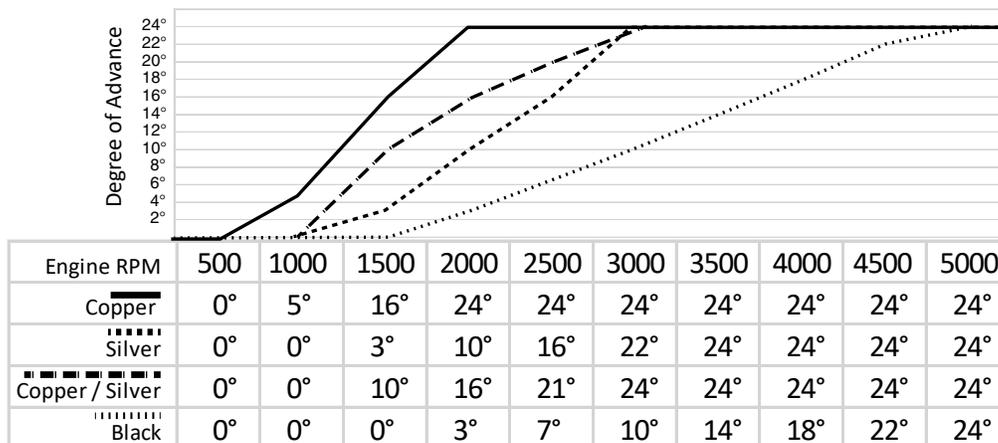
### IGNITION TIMING BASICS

- **Initial Timing** - This is the base or timing of the engine at idle, before the vacuum or centrifugal advance begins.
- **Centrifugal Advance** - The centrifugal advance mechanism is made up of weights, springs and advance stops. The amount of advance and the rate of advance are determined by these parts of the distributor. Springs determine with the advance starts and the rate of advance. Advance stops, or limiters, determine the amount of advance.
- **Total Timing** - Combining the initial timing of the engine plus the amount of advance in the distributor is total timing. Generally this does not include the advance which the vacuum advance contributes. The total advance of an engine can be observed when the engine reaches a RPM higher than the rating of advance springs. Example: 10° Initial + 24° centrifugal = 34° Total Timing.
- **Vacuum Advance** - The vacuum advance is designed to add ignition timing when the vacuum signal is high. The vacuum canister should be connected to a ported vacuum source, which is located just above the throttle plates. At idle and full throttle there will be a very weak vacuum signal at these locations. Generally part throttle and cruise conditions will produce a strong vacuum signal and timing will be added from the vacuum advance.

### ADVANCE CURVES

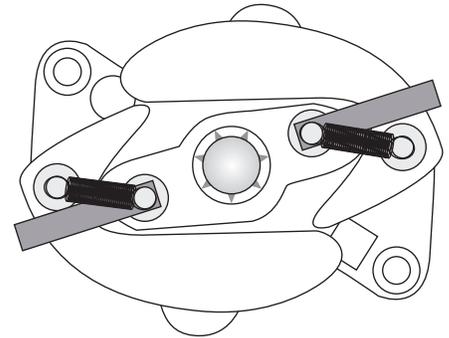
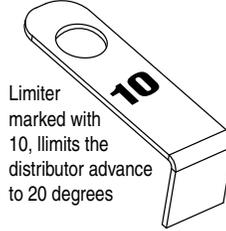
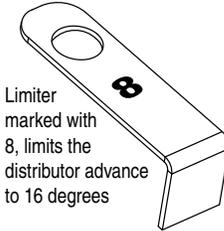
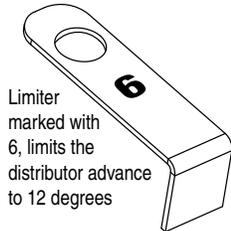
This distributor is equipped with an advance curve that enables it to be used legally on vehicles outlined in the application guide. It is factory set at 24° of centrifugal advance and includes silver advance springs. Modification to the advance curve, mechanical or vacuum advance would render this product illegal for Street or Off Highway use and may only be used for Closed Course Competition. Included with Flame-Thrower billet distributors are optional advance springs, limiters, and lockouts for the mechanical and vacuum advance. These accessories allow for the adjustment of the advance rate and total timing. When modifying the advance follow these basic guidelines:

- Use as much initial advance as possible without encountering excessive starter load.
- Select an advance curve that starts above the Idle RPM.
- If detonation (pinging) is detected, you have too much advance. If loss of power is detected you don't have enough advance
- Advance springs can be mixed to create unique advance curves not presented on the chart.
- The distributor comes with 3 different sets of centrifugal advance limiters. The limiters limit the amount of centrifugal advance in the distributor to a designated. The limiters should only be used in special cases that require a reduced total timing. The limiters should be used in pairs but can be mixed to get the desired advance limit.
- Use the chart to the right to find an advance curve that meets your engines need. Select the parts that are indicated in the chart.

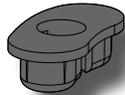


**ADVANCE CURVES (Continued)**

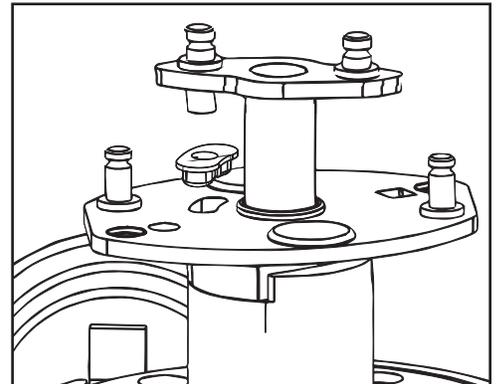
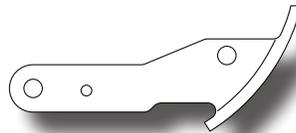
1. To change out the advance springs, remove the cap and rotor.
2. Use needle nose pliers to grip the looped end of each spring. Detach each spring from the inner and outer advance pins. Be careful not to overextend the spring so that it can be reused if needed.
3. If advance limiters are to be used, they must be installed under the advance spring. (See illustration below)
4. Install the desired spring/springs using the needle nose plier. Place one loop on the inner advance pin and stretch the spring carefully to the outer advance pins.
5. Reinstall the rotor and cap.

**VACUUM AND MECHANICAL ADVANCE LOCKOUT**

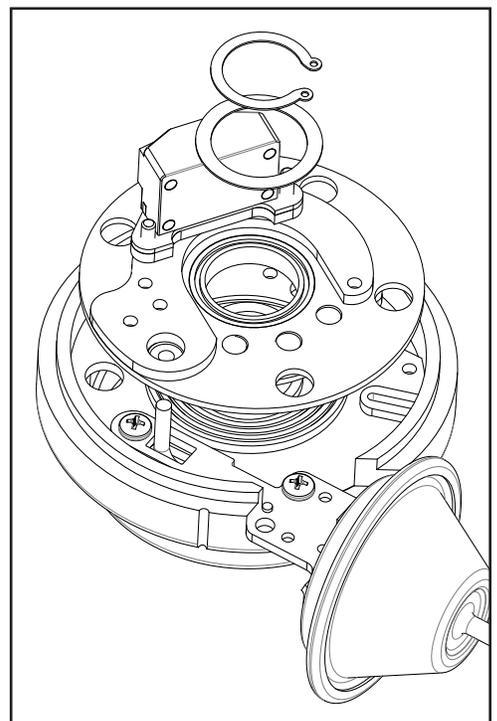
Installation of the vacuum and mechanical advance lockouts requires removal of the distributor from the engine and partial disassembly of the distributor. These are optional modifications and should only be performed in specialized applications.

**Mechanical Lockout Installation**

1. Remove the cap and rotor.
2. Remove the advance springs, brass bushings, weights and limiters if used.
3. Knock out the roll pin in the distributor gear, or retaining collar if equipped, on the shaft. Remove these from the distributor, take note of their respective locations for re-installation.
4. Pull up on the center section of the distributor shaft and separate the shaft from the advance plate.
5. Press the plastic mechanical advance lock down firmly in to the advance slot as shown in the illustration to the right.
6. Line up the advance pin with the lockout and press it down.
7. Reinstall the shims, gear or collar in the proper order and install the roll pin.
8. The lock eliminates the need for advance springs weight and bushings.

**Vacuum Lockout Installation**

1. Remove the cap and rotor.
2. Knock out the roll pin in the distributor gear, or retaining collar if equipped, on the shaft. Remove these from the distributor, take note of their respective locations for re-installation.
3. Pull the entire distributor shaft and advance assembly out of the distributor housing.
4. Remove the complete shaft assembly from the housing.
5. Remove the snap ring and shim located on the center hub of the distributor.
6. Lift up on the entire module assembly to for access to the vacuum advance screws. Do not disconnect the ground wire.
7. Remove the two screws holding down the vacuum advance. Remove vacuum advance from the distributor housing.
8. Position the vacuum lockout into the housing. Reusing the screws to tighten the lockout in place.
9. Position the module assembly first over the center hub and then over the vacuum lockout pin. Once aligned press plate down.
10. Reinstall the shim and snap ring around the center hub.
11. Insert the distributor shaft assembly, all shims, gear and or collars. Be sure the mechanical advance is seating flat across the top. Install the roll pin and verify the shaft end-play is appropriate
12. Reinstall rotor and distributor cap.





**START UP**

1. Check all the wires and connections to ensure they are correct.
2. Verify the spark plug wires are securely connected and in the correct firing order.
3. Start the engine. If the engine fails to start, rotate the distributor in small increments clockwise or counter clockwise until the engine starts.
4. Bring the engine up to normal operating temperature.
5. Disconnect the vacuum advance hose to the distributor and plug the hose.
6. Set initial timing to the desired setting.

**TROUBLESHOOTING**

For the most up-to-date troubleshooting tips, wiring diagrams and FAQ's visit [www.support.pertronix.com](http://www.support.pertronix.com). The most common issues can be found below.

- Q.** The engine will not start.
- A.** There are several reasons that can prevent the engine from starting after installing a distributor.
- Check all connections to ensure that they are tight and in the proper locations.
  - Check the engine timing to ensure the distributor was installed correctly.
  - Make sure the distributor's Red wire is getting full battery voltage with the key in the start and run position.
  - Check that the distributor housing is getting a good ground back to battery negative.
  - Remove all other wires from the coil negative except for the distributor's Black wire. Turn the key "ON" and check the coil positive for voltage. If the coil does not have voltage the coil was wired incorrectly. If the coil positive terminal has voltage, try starting the engine. If the engine starts then one of the wires removed from the coil negative terminal is shorted to ground.
- Q.** The engine starts but stops after a period of time. Typically after a cool down it will start up again.
- A.** This type of problem can occur after a few minutes from startup to hours. The most common reason is a reduced voltage to the distributor Red wire. Visit [www.support.pertronix.com](http://www.support.pertronix.com) and perform the loaded voltage test.
- Q.** How do I check a coils primary resistance.
- A.** For the most accurate results use a digital volt meter. Select the lowest ohm scale and measure between the positive and negative terminals. The coil should not have any wires attached to it while being tested.

**LIMITED WARRANTY**

PerTronix, LLC. warrants to the original Purchaser of its Flame-Thrower distributor that the product shall be free from defects in material and workmanship (normal wear and tear excluded) for a period of 1 year for mechanical and 30 months for electrical from the date of purchase.

If within the period of the foregoing warranty PerTronix finds, after inspection, that the product or any component thereof is defective, PerTronix will, at its option, repair such products or component or replace them with identical or similar parts PROVIDED that within such period Purchaser:

1. Promptly notifies PerTronix, in writing, of such defects.
2. Delivers the defective product or component to PerTronix (Attn: Warranty) with proof of purchase date; and
3. Has installed and used the product in a normal and proper manner, consistent with PerTronix printed instructions

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