

MSD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

MSD Pro-Billet LT-1 Distributor '93-'94 F-Body, '92-'94 Corvette, '92-'94 Full Size PN 8381

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Parts Included:

1 - Distributor	2 - Rotor Screws	5 - 8-32 x 0.5" Phillips Screws
1 - Cap	1 - O-ring	1 - Vacuum Line Assembly
1 - Rotor	3 - 1/4-20 x 2" Socket Head Cap Screws	1 - Removal Tool
1 - Isolator		

IMPORTANT: Due to the number of applications and years that the LT-1 Distributor is used on, it is highly recommended to have the Service Manual for your vehicle during this installation.

IMPORTANT NOTES BEFORE INSTALLATION

Throughout its course, the GM LT-1 engine used two different drive mechanisms to connect the cam to the distributor. Figure 1 shows the drive for the MSD PN 8381 Distributor. This design is used in the early model distributors. Make sure this is correct for your application.



Figure 1 The Drive Mechanism of the PN 8381 Distributor.

Before removing the distributor it is recommended to mark the location of the rotor. This is to ensure that the distributor and cam are indexed correctly prior to reassembly.

Be sure that the O-ring between the distributor cap and the housing is in place before installing the cap. The O-ring must be stretched out, then installed onto the housing. It will shrink back to size.

TIMING INFORMATION

Since the timing of the MSD Pro-Billet Distributor can be adjusted, it is recommended that a timing indicator and mark be fabricated prior to installing the distributor. This way, the timing can be recorded so the MSD Distributor can be set to the same amount. From the factory, the MSD Distributor is set to the OEM specs (one and a half turns).

The MSD Distributor can alter the timing $\pm 6^\circ$, with a quarter turn equalling 1° of timing. The adjusting screw has a soft Loctite compound applied to it for a seal (Figure 2). Repeated adjustments may loosen the screw. If this occurs, remove the screw and apply Blue Loctite[®] to the threads. The screw can safely be removed from the distributor.

Too much advance may cause detonation resulting in the ECU retarding the timing through the engine's knock sensor.

When adjusting the timing, take note that the ECU varies the timing at an idle. It is recommended to bring the engine rpm up to 1,500 - 2,000 when setting the timing.

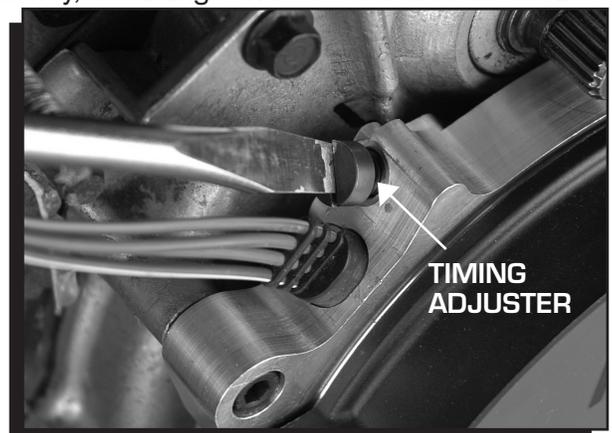
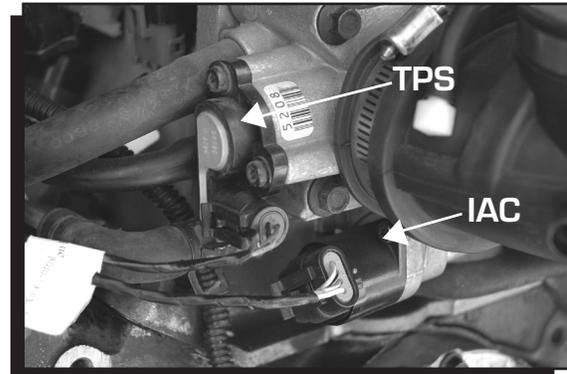
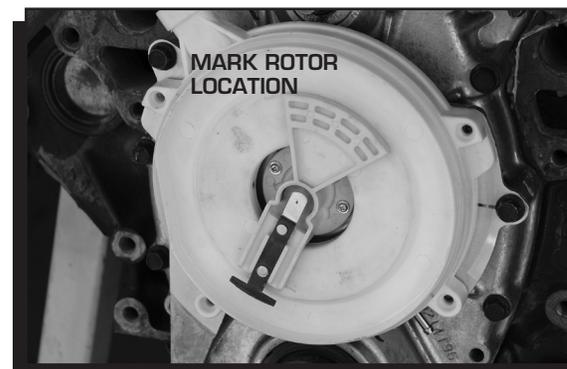


Figure 2 Adjusting the Timing.

DISASSEMBLY

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Locate the radiator petcock and drain the coolant from the system.
3. Disconnect the MAF, IAC, ICT and TPS sensors (Figure 3). Remove the air intake ducktwork.
4. Once the coolant is drained, remove the upper radiator hose from the thermostat housing.
5. Loosen the three bolts that secure the crankshaft pulley/hub assembly. Do not remove them entirely at this time.
6. Remove the accessory drive belt by moving the spring loaded idler pulley. Use caution as this pulley is spring loaded! The belt will slide off the pulley system and the idler pulley will settle beyond its installed position.
7. Once the belt is removed, proceed with removing the pulley from the crankshaft hub by pulling the three retaining bolts. A puller will be required (Figure 4).
8. It may be necessary to remove the cooling fan. This is done by removing the four bolts and disconnecting the wiring connection.
9. Disconnect the air pump power wires and remove the air pump from its mounting brackets.
10. Disconnect the coolant temperature wiring sensor located on the water pump.
11. Loosen the lower radiator hose clamp and the two heater hose clamps at the water pump. Coolant will generally still pour out of the hoses and water pump.
12. To remove the water pump, the power steering pump may need to be removed. With a short extension, the water pump bolt should be able to be accessed. There are six water pump bolts. Once again, more coolant may spill out.
13. At this point, you should be able to access the distributor cap! Mark the location of each spark plug wire before removing them.
14. Remove the vacuum lines (if equipped) and the distributor connector at the distributor and on the passenger side of the intake manifold (Figure 5).
15. Using the supplied special tool and a 1/4" wrench,

**Figure 3 Disconnect TPS and IAC.****Figure 4 Removing the Hub.****Figure 5 Disconnect the Distributor Connector.****Figure 6 Removing the Original Cap.****Figure 7 Rotor Location.**

remove the four screws that hold the distributor cap to the engine and pull the cap off (Figure 6). Mark the location of the rotor. This will help ensure the proper location of the new distributor (Figure 7).



Figure 8 Removing the Distributor.

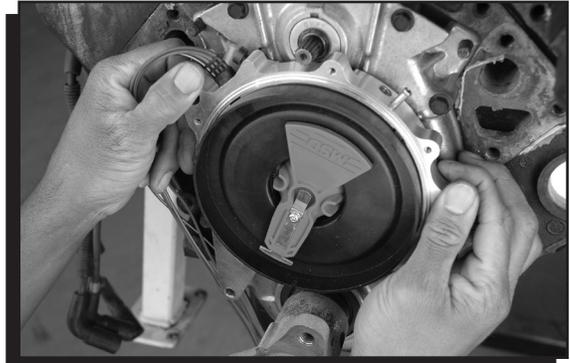


Figure 9 Installing the New Distributor.

16. Remove the three bolts that secure the distributor to the front cover (Figure 8).
17. Notice the indexing pin on the camshaft (Refer to Figure 1). Be sure to align the new distributor with the pin on the cam. The rotor should come to rest in the same location as it did in Figure 7.
18. Install the new Distributor (Figure 9). Use the supplied socket head hex screws.
19. Install the square O-ring seal on the billet housing. Use care not to twist or kink the seal.
20. Install the cap and tighten the five screws evenly.
21. Route the new wiring harness to the top of the intake and plug in the connector (Figure 11).

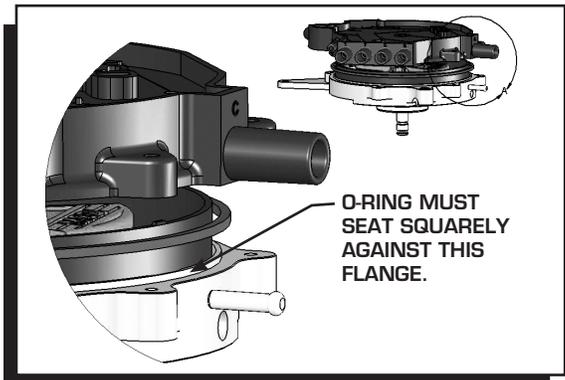


Figure 10 Installing the Seal and Cap.

VACUUM LINE ROUTING

The PN 8381 Distributor Kit is supplied with a vacuum line kit that will aid in venting the distributor cap. One hose assembly connects to a vacuum port on the intake manifold while the other line connects to the air inlet going into the throttle body.

1. Connect the long hose assembly to the lower vacuum inlet of the MSD distributor cap (Figure 12). Use the supplied clamp to secure the hose.
2. Route the vacuum line around the side of the engine and up to the intake manifold. Splice into the hose that connects just over the PCV valve (Figure 13). Also note the check valve that is in-line. The black side of the valve must face towards the vacuum source.
3. Connect the smaller vacuum line to the fresh air inlet port on the top drivers' side of the distributor.
4. Locate the supplied 90° vacuum nipple. Using a 3/16" drill bit, drill a hole in the air intake duct and install the nipple (Figure 14). Make sure the barb goes through and into the duct. Connect the line from the distributor cap to this inlet. This line completes the fresh air circulation through the distributor cap (Figure 15).
5. Install the spark plug wires ensuring they are routed to the correct terminal (Figure 16) and reassemble.



Figure 11 Distributor Connector.

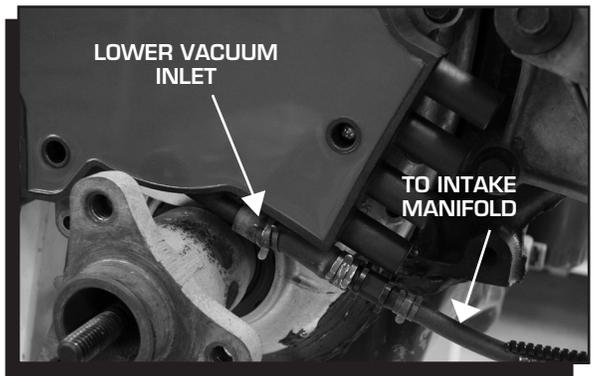


Figure 12 Install the Lower Vacuum Line.

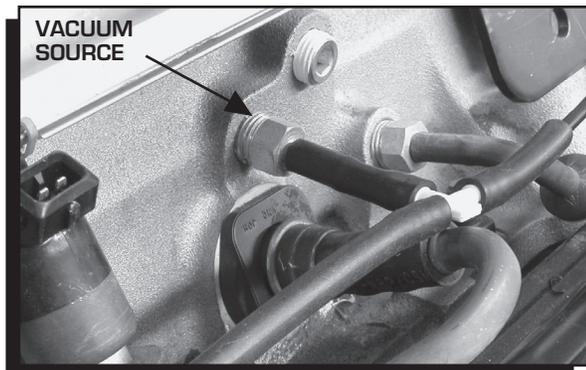


Figure 13 Connecting the Vacuum Source.

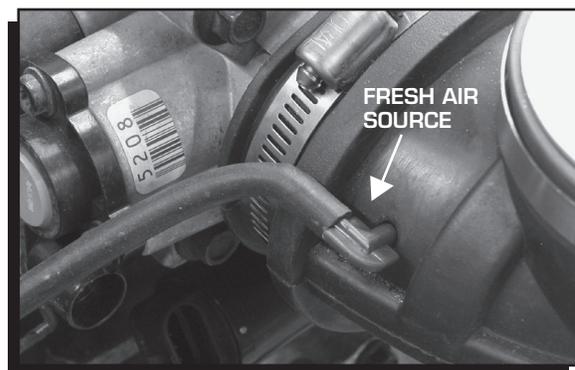


Figure 14 Installing the Fresh Air Line.

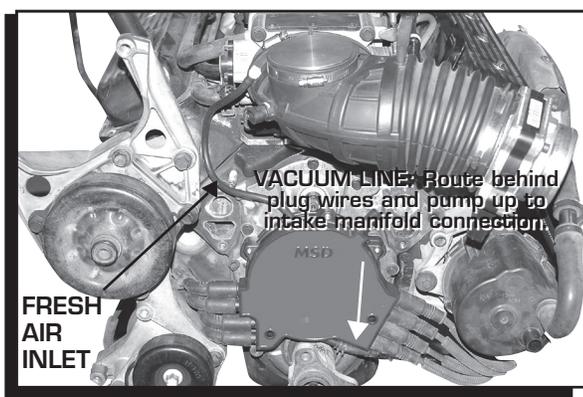


Figure 15 Fresh Air Hose Routing.

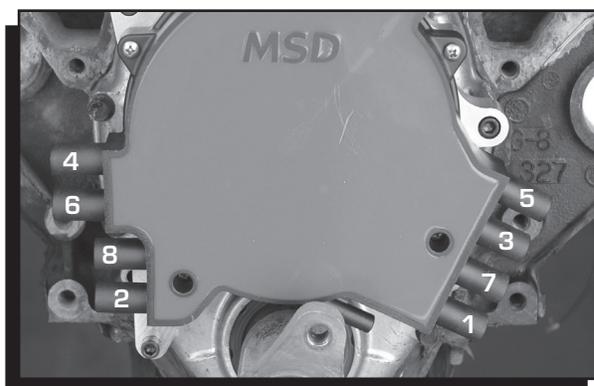


Figure 16 Plug Wire Routing.

Service

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When returning the unit for repair, leave all wires at the length in which you have them installed. Be sure to include a detailed account of any problems experienced, and what components and accessories are installed on the vehicle. The repaired unit will be returned as soon as possible using Ground shipping methods (ground shipping is covered by warranty). For more information, call MSD at (915) 855-7123. MSD technicians are available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday (mountain time).

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