



# **Pro-Drag6**

## **6 CHANNEL 500mJ**

### **CAPACITOR DISCHARGE**

### **IGNITION**

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**CHECK WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION &  
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# **CAUTION**

**THIS WIRING DIAGRAM IS  
APPLICABLE ONLY TO IGNITION  
SYSTEMS WITH SERIAL NUMBERS  
STARTING**

**45xxxx**

**USE OF INCORRECT DIAGRAM WILL  
VOID WARRANTY AND MAY DAMAGE  
UNIT**

**INSTALLATION OF THIS PRODUCT  
SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED  
WITHOUT ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE  
AND SKILLS IN AUTOMOTIVE WIRING  
AND IGNITION SYSTEMS**

**IMPROPER INSTALLATION OR  
OPERATION MAY CAUSE DAMAGE  
TO IGNITION SYSTEM AND/OR  
IGNITION COIL**

# INSTALLATION NOTES

(Pro-Drag 500mJ systems only)

## MOUNTING

Do not mount the unit where it will be exposed to water or other liquids and ensure the bottom condensation slots are unobstructed and permit gravity draining. Select a location away from intense heat such as turbochargers and exhaust pipes. Provide a source of cooling air to remove any internally generated heat.

**FAILURE TO USE SUPPLIED RUBBER MOUNTS WILL VOID WARRANTY!**

Suitable anti vibration mounts should be no stiffer than 40 Duro such as M&W #MNT002, Paulstra Radiaflex #521128, Farnell Components (Element14) #7107821, Newark #70C1626 or RS Components #254-7444

## IGNITION LEADS

Do not use either straight metal wire ignition leads or carbon core ignition leads.

For best performance use spiral wound inductively suppressed metal core ignition leads such as those produced by [Magnecor<sup>®</sup>](#).

## SPARK PLUGS

The use of use non resistor spark plugs (where possible) will significantly increase coil to fuel energy transfer.

When using resistor spark plugs ensure they are not damaged internally by regularly measuring resistance value. Open circuit or high resistance may cause failure of spark plug wires, ignition coils and CDI.

Do not use surface discharge or semi surface discharge spark plugs as they contain excessively large non adjustable spark gaps.

## INSULATION PRECAUTIONS

Always degrease spark plug insulators and boots after handling to prevent insulation breakdown through contamination

Use supplied dielectric grease on spark plug insulators and coil boots to significantly improve insulation properties and ease installation and removal. Use in main connector can also help reduce issues due to water ingress.

## WIRING & POWER SUPPLY

M&W CDI systems contain internal protective mechanisms designed to blow the external fuse under conditions of over voltage or reverse polarity. In the event this does occur fitting a larger size fuse will not solve the problem, will void warranty and may make the unit irreparable.

Faults such as a loose battery terminals, poor wiring or faulty alternator/regulator may cause momentary over voltage spikes sufficient enough to blow the fuse.

Main connector pins are designed to be roll crimped not squeeze crimped or soldered. Distortion of pins during crimping and assembly may cause misfiring or incorrect operation of CDI.

Wire ignition system directly to the battery. If wire length exceeds recommendations use larger paired battery cables (power and ground) to make up distance. Do not rely on vehicle chassis to provide ground. If connected to a high impedance supply shared with the ECU or its sensors erratic operation will be experienced.

Do not operate below 13V. If the electrical system has no means of charging use either a 16V or 18V battery to ensure sufficient voltage supply to cdi.

Do not use voltage boosters as voltages above 13.5V provide no additional performance and most can not provide sufficient instantaneous current required for correct CDI operation.

When using extended voltage batteries disconnect the battery during charging to prevent excessive voltage (>22V) reaching the CDI as this may blow the fuse.

Use twisted shielded pair wire for all coil connections. Twisted pair wire may be used for power/ground.  
Keep coil wires one continuous length from CDI, do not fit intermediate connector into harness.

All coil negative wires must be joined at or in the cdi connector.

### TRIGGERING

Trigger input & coil output numbers or letters indicate CDI ignition system firing sequence not cylinder number.

500mJ Pro-Drag systems are fixed falling edge trigger.

**Trigger edge on the ECU must be set same as that in the CDI!**

### POWER LEVEL SWITCH

Ignition system have no means of detecting engine load and provide maximum performance whether the engine is being free revved or under full load.

M&W 500mJ ignition systems include a power level switch to allow a reduction of ignition energy during low load conditions.

Do not manually activate the power switch. Either install an adjustable 'Hobbs' style pressure switch in the inlet manifold or use a programmable output from the ECU and wire so input is grounded to select high power when engine starts to come on load.

### IGNITION TIMING

M&W high power CDI ignition systems will typically change the engine combustion characteristics and may require significantly less total timing.

Always re tune both fuel and ignition systems after installing CDI ignition.

### TACHO OUTPUT

The M&W tacho output provides a 50% duty cycle square wave signal at battery supply voltage. This will work with most aftermarket digital tacho's however earlier types and those designed to trigger from a coil negative signal may not read accurately.

## LED INDICATOR

After initially applying power to the CDI the LED will illuminate for 1 second then extinguish. The LED will then flash briefly with each consecutive trigger event received (it may be necessary to view the LED directly on axis).

A repeated double flash of the LED indicates a possible faulty ignition coil, faulty wiring, low supply voltage or damage to the CDI. See test procedure below.

## TESTING

The CDI may be tested by momentarily grounding the trigger inputs which will cause the LED to flash and corresponding ignition coil to spark. **Do not conduct this test without a grounded spark plugs installed!**

A more comprehensive test procedure may be found on our web site [http://www.mwignitions.com/pg\\_data\\_sheets.php](http://www.mwignitions.com/pg_data_sheets.php)

## SAFETY

Due to the extreme energy and voltage levels developed by M&W 500mJ ignition systems it is strongly recommended certain procedures be followed to ensure safety of mechanics and prevent ignition component damage.

1. Install dummy, grounded, metal spark plugs in the engine bay and transfer the spark plug leads to these between race events or at least when working on engine.
2. Install an aircraft style guarded toggle switch in the CDI ignition switch wire circuit and habitually disable it when not actually running the engine.

For further instructions and CDI information check out the support tab on our web site <http://www.mwignitions.com>

# IGNITION COILS

(Pro-Drag systems only)

## COIL SELECTION

For ultimate ignition energy and efficiency use coils specifically designed for CDI use. Use of ignition coils designed for inductive ignition will greatly limit ignition (spark) energy.

## COP COILS

COP (coil on plug) coils were not designed for the energy levels developed by M&W Pro-Drag systems.

Use COP coils at own risk with 250mJ systems due to possibility of exceeding insulation limits, DO NOT use with 500mJ systems.

Use resistive spark plugs with all COP coils. Keep plug gap < 0.025" (0.6mm) to prevent coil damage.

DO NOT use AEM pencil coils under any circumstances!

## FERRITE CDI COILS

Ferrite core cdi coils provide a lightweight solution for direct fire applications and give high secondary current however they may not be suitable for all applications due to their extremely short arc duration. The high level of EMI emitted by these coils may also require additional shielding to prevent electrical interference with the ECU or CDI. **Do not use ferrite coils in parallel wired pairs!**

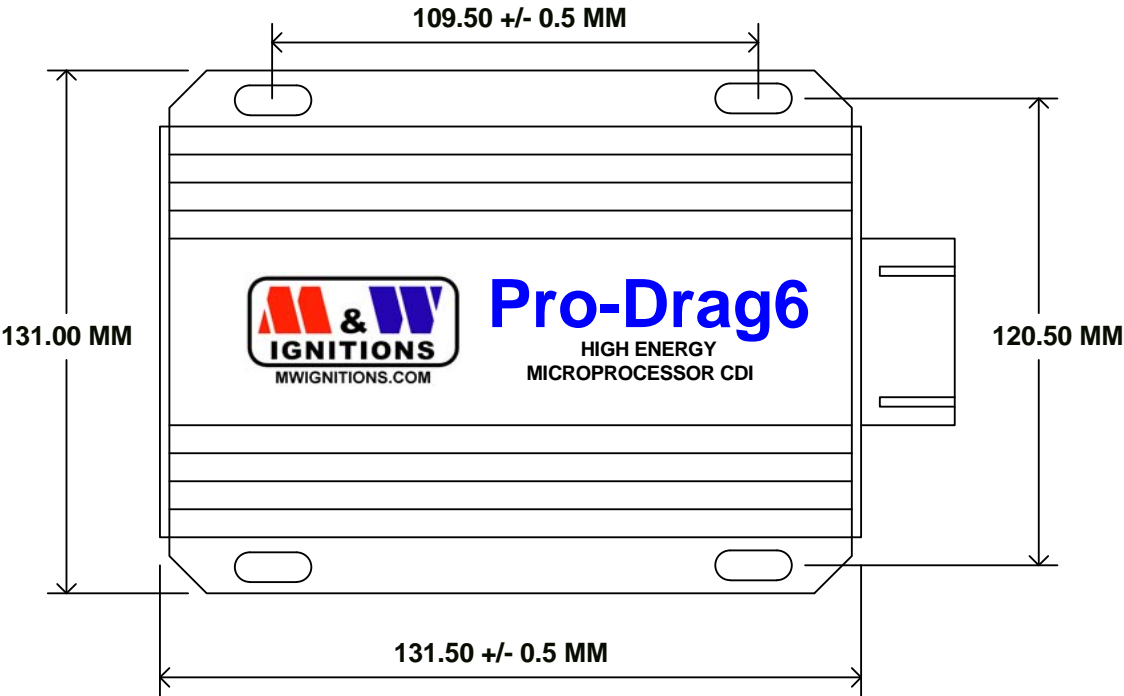
**CAUTION!**

**IGNITION COIL DAMAGE MAY OCCUR IF  
OPERATED WITH AN EXCESSIVE SPARK GAP**

**NOT FOR STREET USE!**



**DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON UNIT**



Slot dimensions - 5mm \* 10mm

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# M & W IGNITIONS

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HIGH VOLTAGE**



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**VIEWED FROM BACK OF CONNECTOR**



**KEEP ALL INPUTS WELL SEPARATED FROM COIL OUTPUTS**

1 +12V (Battery)	7 Ground (Battery)	13
2 +12V (Battery)	8 Ground (Battery)	14 Triggers C & D
3 Triggers E & F	9 Power switch	15 Triggers A & B
4 Tacho	10	16 Ignition control
5 Coils E & F +	11 Coils C & D +	17 Coils E & F -
6 Coils A & B +	12	18 Coils A/C & B/D -

## SPECIFICATIONS

Supply voltage = 13V - 18V DC negative ground  
 Startup voltage 11V  
 Maximum supply current = 20A (per unit)  
 Power off current < 700uA  
 Maximum ignition frequency = 700 Hz combined  
 Coil primary voltage = 400/500V  
 Spark energy = 320/500millijoules selectable  
 Trigger = 10mA falling edge  
 Tacho = 12V, 100A square wave  
 Maximum allowable case temperature = 105°C  
 Dimensions = 112L \* 110W \* 40H  
 Weight = 900gm (each)

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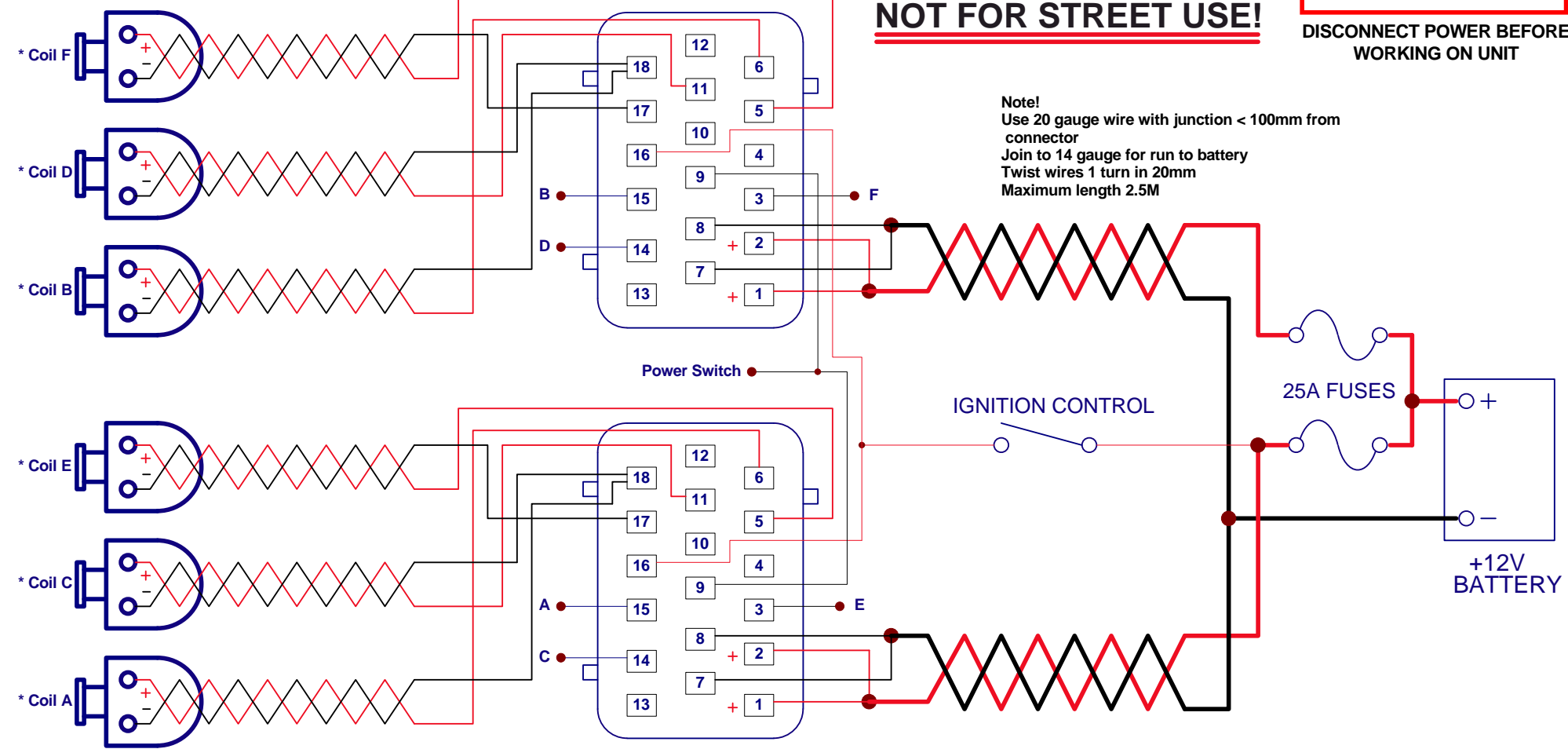
# FIRING ORDER MUST ALTERNATE BETWEEN BOXES

\* Numbers indicate firing order not cylinder number



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Note!  
Use 20 gauge wire with junction < 100mm from connector  
Join to 14 gauge for run to battery  
Twist wires 1 turn in 20mm  
Maximum length 2.5M

Note!  
Use 18-20 gauge wire  
Twist wires 1 turn in 20mm  
Maximum wire length 2M

← TOP  
CDI CONNECTOR  
(LOOKING AT END OF EXTRUSION)

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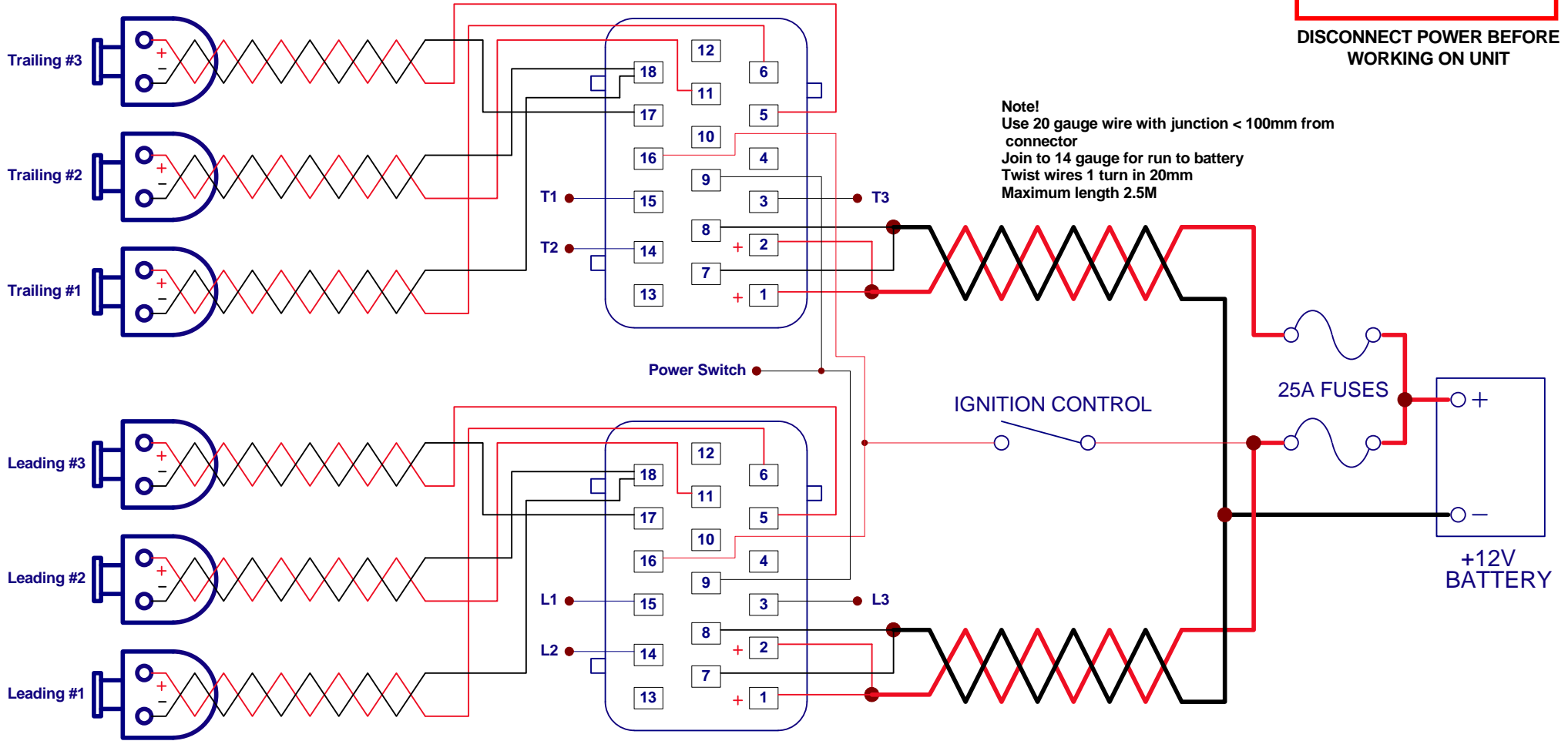
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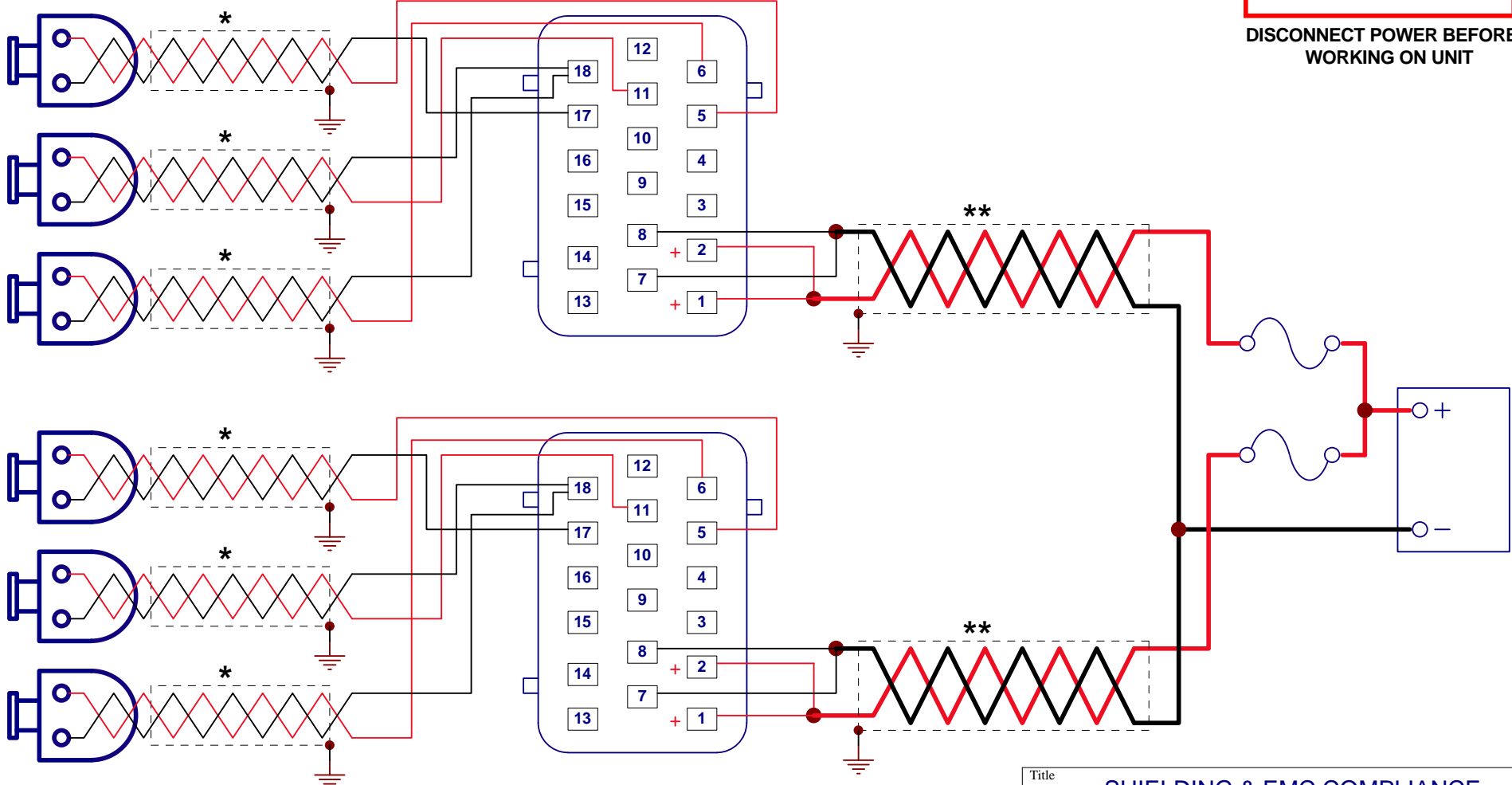
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\* Use twisted shielded cable grounded at one end only  
 \*\* Shielded power cables required for Australian EMC compliance

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