



Pro-Drag8

8 channel 250mJ CAPACITOR DISCHARGE IGNITION

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**CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS
& ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

CAUTION

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

74xxxx

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

**THE INSTALLATION OF HIGH ENERGY IGNITION
SYSTEMS MAY REQUIRE ADVANCED
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.**

**IMPROPER INSTALLATION OR OPERATION OF
THIS UNIT COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO IGNITION
SYSTEM AND IGNITION COIL**

INSTALLATION NOTES

(Pro-Drag 250mJ systems only)

MOUNTING

Do not mount the unit where it will be exposed to water or other liquids, ensure the bottom condensation slots are unobstructed and oriented to permit gravity drain. Select a location away from intense heat and if required provide a source of cooling air to remove internally generated heat.

Failure to use supplied rubber mounts will void warranty! Suitable replacement anti vibration mounts are M&W #MNT002, or Paulstra Radiaflex #521128.

IGNITION LEADS

Do not use plain metal wire or carbon core ignition leads.

Use spiral wound inductively suppressed metal core ignition leads such as those available from Magnecor www.magnecor.com.

SPARK PLUGS

The use of use non resistor spark plugs (where possible) will greatly enhance ignition performance.

In some installations the use of resistor spark plugs may be unavoidable. In these cases ensure they are not damaged by testing internal resistance value as part of regular maintenance. Open circuit or high resistance may cause failure of spark plug wires, ignition coils and CDI.

The use surface discharge or semi surface discharge spark plugs are limited to naturally aspirated engines due to their large spark gaps.

INSULATION PRECAUTIONS

Degrease spark plug insulators and coil/plug boots after handling to prevent tracking or insulation breakdown.

Use (supplied) dielectric grease on spark plug insulators and coil/plug boots to increase insulation properties and ease

installation/removal. Use of dielectric grease in main connector may reduce water ingress.

WIRING & POWER SUPPLY

M&W CDI systems are designed to blow the external fuse under conditions of over voltage or reverse polarity. Faults such as loose battery terminals, poor wiring or defective alternator/regulator may also cause for this to occur. Fitting a larger capacity fuse won't disable this feature, will void warranty and may cause irreparable damage to unit. **Only fit the recommended size fuse!**

Main connector pins are designed to be roll crimped. Squeeze crimping or soldering will cause distortion resulting in misfiring or incorrect CDI operation.

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

Do not use voltage boosters as most can't provide the instantaneous current required for correct CDI operation.

When using a total loss electrical system install either a 16V or 18V battery to ensure supply voltage does not drop below 13V. If using extended voltage batteries isolate them during charging to prevent excessive voltage reaching the CDI and ECU.

Use twisted shielded pair wire for all coil connections. Twisted pair wire must be used for power/ground. Keep coil wires one continuous length from CDI and do not fit any intermediate connectors into harness. All coil negative wires must be joined at or in the cdi connector. Keep coil primary (CDI) wires away from HT leads, coil HV outlet and coil body to prevent a flashover occurring.

TRIGGERING

Trigger input & coil output numbers (letters) indicate CDI ignition sequence not cylinder number.

250mJ Pro-Drag systems include a trigger edge selection input which defaults to falling edge ignition with nothing connected. To select rising edge ignition install a jumper wire between 'Trigger Edge' and 'Signal Ground' pins. Where the ECU contains an inbuilt

igniter it may be necessary to use rising edge ignition. **If CDI and ECU trigger edges do not match timing will be erratic!**

POWER LEVEL SWITCH

To reduce ignition energy under low load conditions some M&W 250mJ units include an (active low) power level switch.

Do not manually activate this feature. Either install an adjustable 'Hobbs' style manifold pressure switch or use a programmable output from the ECU and wire so input is grounded as engine comes under load.

TUNING

CDI systems are 'edge triggered' and not effected by dwell settings.

M&W CDI systems may reduce combustion delay and percentage misfire requiring a reduction in ignition timing. The resulting changes in combustion characteristics may also require alterations to fuel flow. Set ECU ignition delay to zero and tune engine as required.

The use of high power CDI systems with alcohol fuel will allow richer A/F ratios without loss of engine performance reducing exhaust gas temperature.

Always re tune both fuel and timing curves after installing CDI ignition.

TACHO OUTPUT

The 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 for coil negative triggering may not read accurately.

LED INDICATOR

After applying power to switch wire the LED will illuminate for 1 second and 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 may indicate a possible faulty ignition coil, faulty wiring, low supply voltage or damage to the CDI.

TESTING

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

A more comprehensive test procedure may be found on our web site http://www.mwignitions.com/pg_data_sheets.php

SAFETY

Due to extreme energy and voltage levels developed by M&W 250mJ ignition systems it is strongly recommended caution be taken to ensure personnel safety and prevent ignition component damage.

Application of power to ignition system in combination with an inadvertent ignition event from either ECU being powered up/down or engine rotation can cause irreparable damage to ignition coils and CDI. Personnel in close proximity may suffer a painful electrical shock.

1. Install grounded metal studs in engine bay and transfer spark plug ends of HT leads to these between race events or at least when working on engine.
2. Install aircraft style guarded toggle switch in the CDI ignition switch wire circuit and disable it at all times except when running the engine.

INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS

The main cause of CDI damage is conduction of high voltage to coil primary wiring.

Care must be taken due to the propensity for HV flashovers and insulation breakdown caused by CDI ignitions unique characteristics.

It is essential to fully read and understand these instructions and have a comprehensive knowledge of automotive electrical systems before commencing installation.

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. Ignition coils primarily designed for inductive ignition will limit CDI performance.

COP COILS

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

Use COP coils at your own risk with 250mJ systems, DO NOT use COP coils with 500mJ systems.

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

DO NOT use AEM pencil coils under any circumstances!

FERRITE CDI COILS

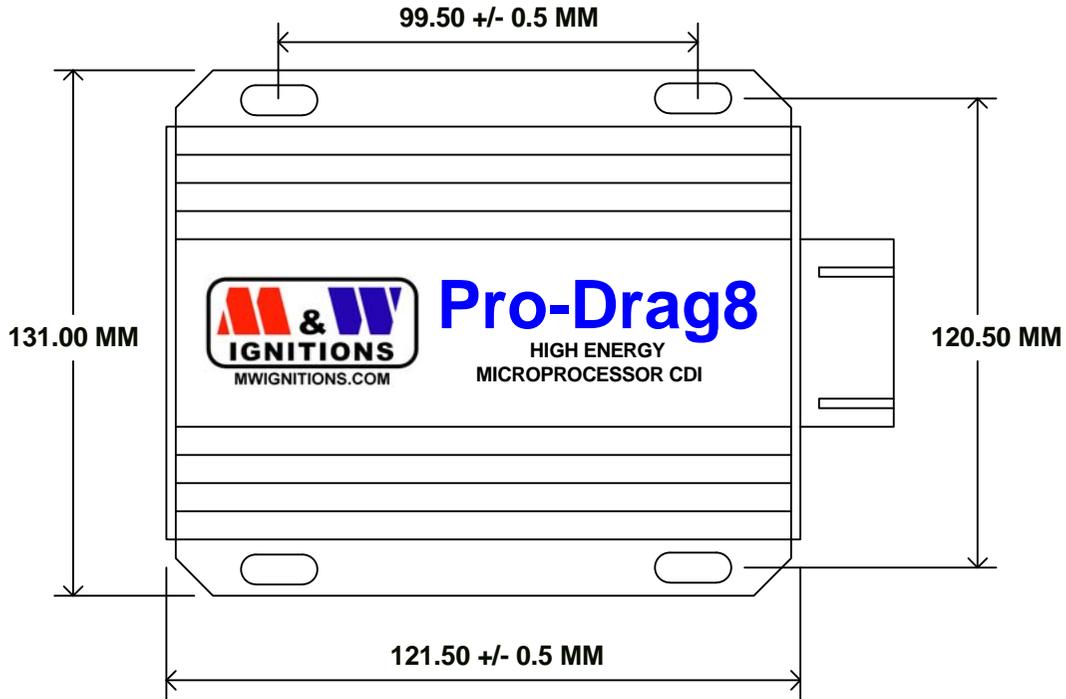
Ferrite core cdi coils provide a lightweight solution for direct fire applications and give high secondary current however they may not be suitable for all applications due to their extremely short arc duration. The high level of EMI emitted by these coils may require additional shielding to prevent 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**



DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON UNIT



Pro-Drag8
HIGH ENERGY
MICROPROCESSOR CDI

Slot dimensions - 5mm * 10mm

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FOR DRAG RACING USE ONLY



VIEWED FROM BACK OF CONNECTOR



DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON UNIT

KEEP ALL INPUTS WELL SEPARATED FROM COIL OUTPUTS

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

SPECIFICATIONS

Supply voltage = 13V - 18V DC negative ground
 Startup voltage = +11V
 Maximum supply current = 20A (per box)
 Shutdown current <700uA
 Maximum ignition frequency = 2,000Hz (combined)
 Maximum energy limit = 1,000Hz (combined)
 Coil primary voltage = 500V
 Spark energy = 250 millijoules
 Trigger = 10mA open collector drive
 Maximum continuous temperature = 105°C
 Dimensions = 122L * 110W * 40H
 Weight = 800gm * 2

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FIRING ORDER MUST ALTERNATE BETWEEN BOXES

* See instructions for use of trigger edge selection

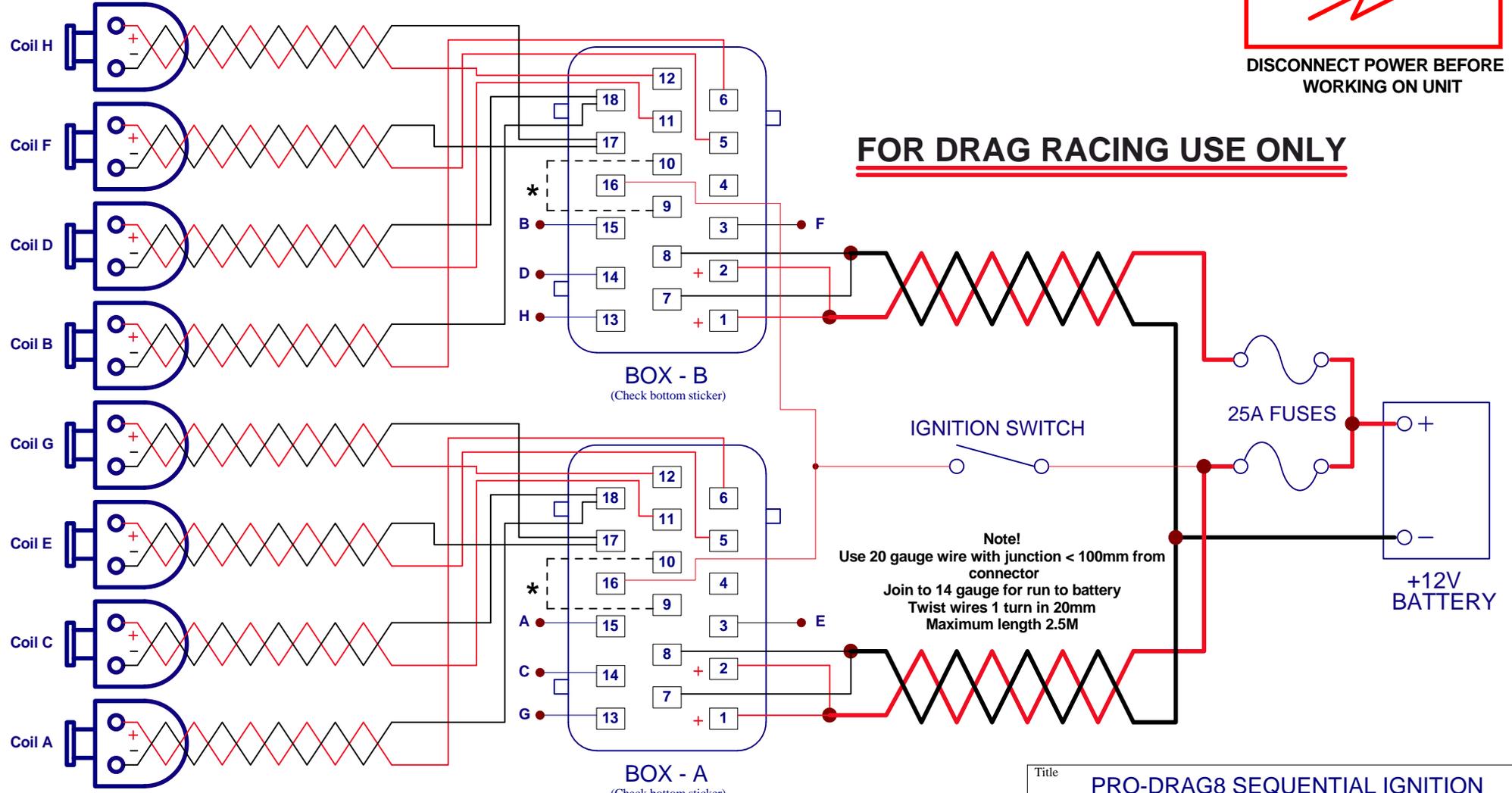
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CAUTION!
HIGH VOLTAGE



DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON UNIT



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

BOX - A
(Check bottom sticker)

CDI CONNECTOR
(LOOKING AT END OF EXTRUSION)

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

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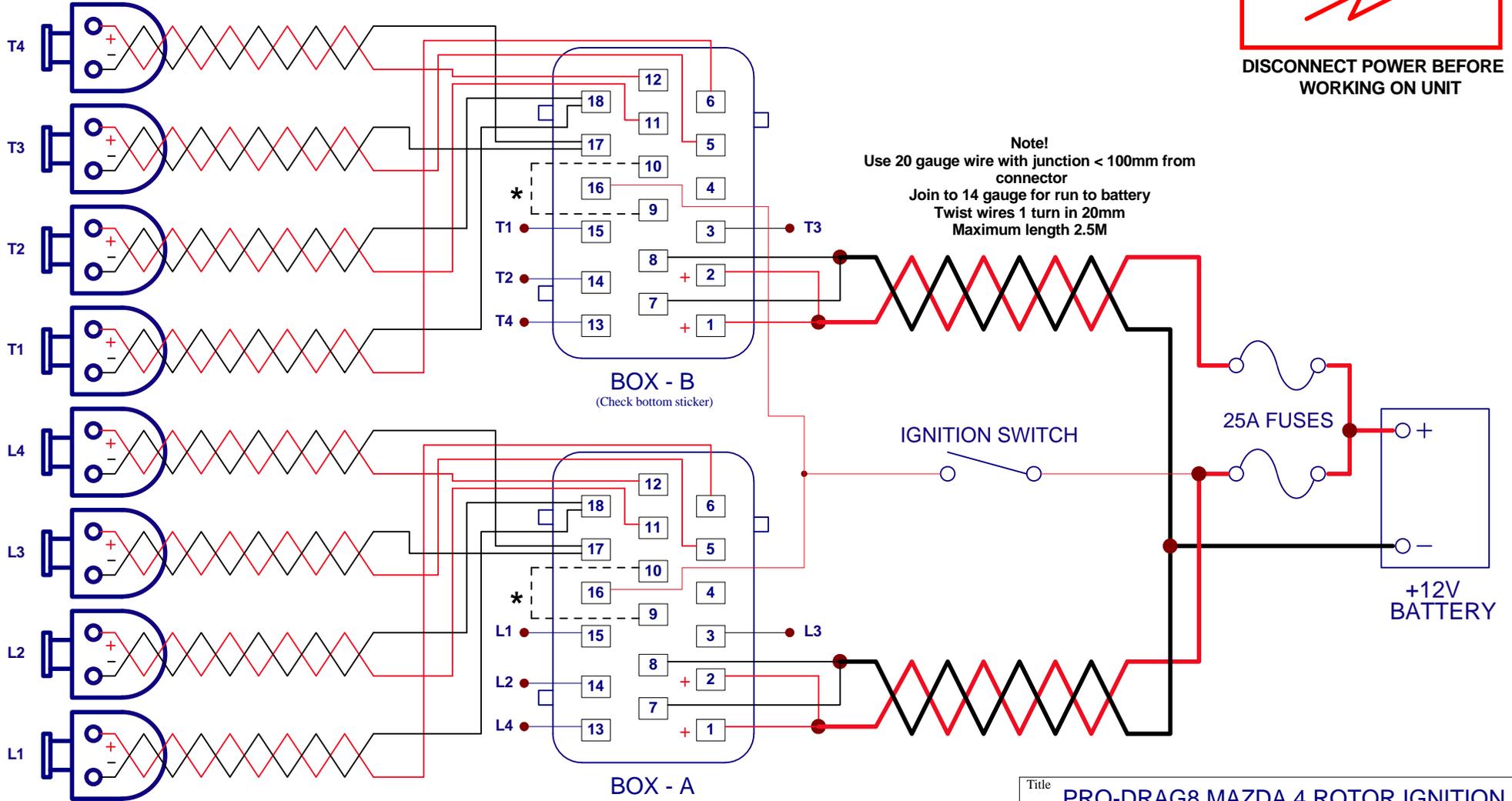
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DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON UNIT

* See instructions for use of trigger edge selection



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

BOX - B
(Check bottom sticker)

BOX - A
(Check bottom sticker)

**CDI CONNECTOR
(LOOKING AT END
OF EXTRUSION)**

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

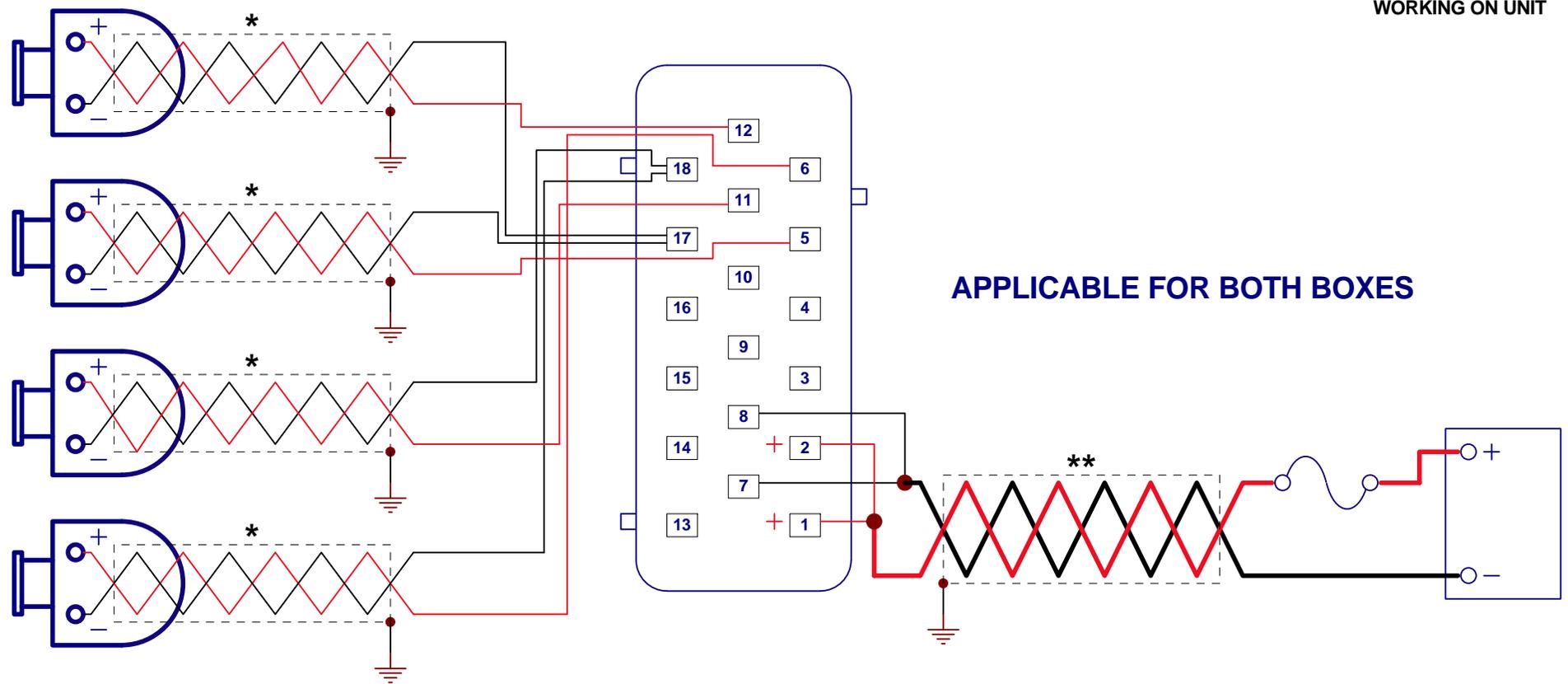
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HIGH VOLTAGE**

DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE
WORKING ON UNIT



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

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