

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTOR 123 Ignition

A Series Mini

Part Number: 123MINIRVAPLUSEARLY

CHECK THIS FIRST !

1. Make sure that you ordered the correct 123ignition : - Cars with the minuspole of the battery connected to the car-body are referred to as 'NEGATIVE EARTH'; use the 'diagram for cars with NEG.EARTH' (see the last pages of this manual). - Hence, cars with the plus-pole of the battery connected to the carbody are 'POSITIVE EARTH'. Many classic English cars were wired this way. For these cars ONLY the 123ignition with the 'POS'-option can be used. Use the 'diagram for cars with POS.EARTH' (see the last pages of this manual). - Cars with 'BOSCH D-Jetronic' injection, had a distributor with a three-pole connector on the side. For such cars you need a 123ignition with the 'IE'-option. - The 123ignition can be supplied with the high-tension cables coming out upward ('R'-model) or sideward ('A'-model). - Cars with vacuum-advance need a 123ignition with the 'V'-option.

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WITH THE OLD DISTRIBUTOR STILL IN PLACE

- 2. Find out in which direction the rotor rotates. Mark the output towards cylinder #1 on the cap. Remove the low-voltage cable from the distributor to the coil, and remove the cap. Now ask someone to crank the starter, and make a note : is the rotor rotating clockwise (CW) or is it rotating counter-clock-wise (CCW)?
- 3. **Crank the engine** in its normal direction until you see that the rotor points towards the mark you made for cylinder #1, and verify that the static timing-marks of your engine align. Do not rotate the engine anymore!
- 4. **Check the firing order of the cylinders**. Use your workshop-manual, or follow the cables from the cap to the spark plugs. You start with cylinder #1, and remember to count in the direction that you have found earlier. Make a note of the firing order too, e.g. '1-3-4-2'
- 5. Check which advance-curve is required for your engine. Use your workshopmanual, check the model-number of the existing distributor (although sometimes a wrong one is mounted by an earlier owner of the car). Also compare the curvelistings for the various models in this manual.

If after reading the instructions you are unsure of the procedure to be followed, please ask someone who knows.

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OUT WITH THE OLD DISTRIBUTOR, IN WITH THE 123IGNITION !

- 6. **Turn the ignition off** and (with the engine still in the static timing-position for cylinder #1) remove the old distributor.
- 7. **Using an 8-mm Allen wrench**, open the cap at the side of the 123ignition. Rotate the micro-switch to select the proper advance-curve using a small screwdriver. Close the cap tightly.
- 8. **Mount the unit carefully**, and ensure that the drive-dog mates correctly. Find a position so that the vacuum-nipple and cables come out conveniently. Fasten it in such a way, that you can still rotate the new distributor.
- 9. Follow the appropriate wiring-diagram on the last two pages of the manual, but leave the black wire unconnected for now.
- 10. **Turn the ignition on**. A timing LED shines through one of the four holes in the aluminium disc. Rotate the body until the LED is 'off'. Now slowly rotate the body OPPOSITE to the direction that you have found under point 2, until the green LED just lights up. While turning the body, also press the rotor in the same direction to remove any free play in the drive-gear. Now, tighten the 123ignition securely.
- 11. **Connect the black wire to the coil**. Connect the sparkplug leads in the proper sequence to the new cap (see point 4), starting with cylinder #1, to which the new rotor is pointing. Also connect the high voltage lead from the coil to the centre position of the cap. Attach the cap to the 123ignition. Keep low-voltage wiring well away from the high-voltage cables and from moving parts. Do not connect the vacuum-tube yet.
- 12. You can now start your engine. Use a stroboscope to adjust the maximum advance for your engine. If that is correct, you can attach the vacuum-tube to the nipple of the 123ignition with the 'V'-option.

Enjoy your 123 ignition !

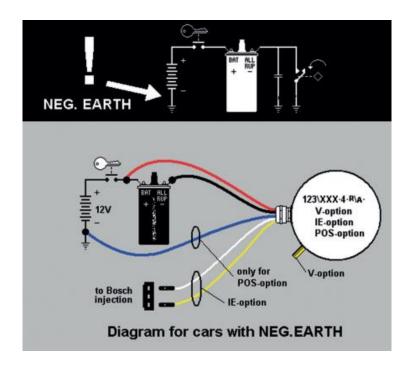
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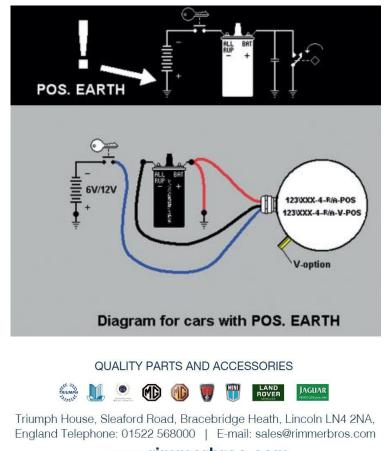


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| curve | advance starts [degr.crankshaft][| max. advance rpm/degr.crankshaft] | vac.adv. starts [mmHg] | vac.adv. ends [mmHg/degr.] | replaces | remark |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 0 | 1000 | 5000 / 18,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41404,41030,41419 | 2000 / 4,5 |
| 1 | 1000 | 5000 / 18,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS | 2000 / 6,7 |
| 2 | 1000 | 5000 / 18,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41214,42535,41257 | 2000 / 8,4 |
| 3 | 1000 | 5000 / 18,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 40774 | 2000 / 10,2 |
| 4 | 1000 | 5000 / 20,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 40931,41410,41882,42626,42635 | 2000 / 6,3 |
| 5 | 1000 | 5000 / 20,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41412,41570 | 2000 / 7,6 |
| 6 | 1000 | 5000 / 20,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 42681 | 2000 / 9,4 |
| 7 | 1000 | 5000 / 20,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 42628 | 2000 / 11,1 |
| 8 | 1000 | 5000 / 22,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41418 | 2000 / 6,2 |
| 9 | 1000 | 5000 / 22,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS | 2000 / 8,1 |
| Α | 1000 | 5000 / 22,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41417,41045,41134,41242,41251 | 2000 / 10,3 |
| В | 1000 | 5000 / 22,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 40979,41057,41212,41246,41411 | 2000 / 12,9 |
| с | 1000 | 5000 / 24,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 40767,40819,40899,41007,41250 | 2000 / 7,0 |
| D | 1000 | 5000 / 24,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41255,41938 | 2000 / 10,4 |
| E | 1000 | 5000 / 24,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 41033,41026 | 2000 / 12,1 |
| F | 1000 | 5000 / 24,0 | 150 | 350/14,0 | LUCAS 40768,40873,40941,41249,41569 | 2000 / 13,9 |

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