

System 72 90 999 00

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generator / electronic ignition for [wartime BMW R75](#)

This is a follow up system for [70 85 999 00](#). Main difference is that the difficult to adjust pickup in the tower was done away.



Magnet based generator with integrated contactless, fully electronic ignition. Output at 12V/180W DC. Replaces old Noris dynamo with regulator and Noris or Bosch magneto. The system is technically capable of running [without battery](#). No changes on engine casing needed.

Ignition coil, regulator and advance unit have to be mounted outside the engine.

Advantage over original system

- all parts are new
- solid state ignition and advance
- more light output ([with light bulb 40/45W](#))
- very stable ignition with solid spark
- better starting, better fuel burning
- no wear anymore on collector, governor and points

please note

This is a replacement system, not a 1:1 copy of the stock material (if you want this you will need to address BMW). We use the main components also in other similar systems as only multi use material enables us to offer a reasonable price, especially on such rather complex constructions.

The housing is made of aluminium, hence alu-coloured. The seat area for the (not delivered) front cover is different. See [dimensions here](#). Fastening holes for the cover are [M5 and are horizontally spaced by 76mm](#). There are [spacer studs](#) for the cover. Should your cover demand differently spaced fastening holes/threading, please inform at time of order. The [wire exits the tower at rear](#).

The system can not be used in KS750, even though the stock systems may be same. Our systems differ in one critical dimension.

Documentation

- [assembly instructions \(for 72 90 999 00 and for 73 14 999 00\)](#)
- [wiring diagram](#)
- [parts in the pack \(photo\)](#)

Photos

- [the installed open system](#)
- [new system with stock cover](#)
- [system on engine](#)
- [example of positioning ignition coil, advance unit and regulator](#)
- [closer view of same](#)

assembly instructions for [system 73 14 499 00](#) and [system 72 90 999 00](#)

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If you can install and time a stock ignition and possess basic mechanical skills, you can install a VAPE system!

If you never have worked on your ignition, better have it done by someone who knows.

VAPE can not monitor the compliance to those instructions, nor the conditions and methods of installation, operation, usage and maintenance of the system. Improper installation may result in damage to property and possibly even bodily injury. Therefore we assume no responsibility for loss, damage or cost which result from, or are in any way related to, incorrect installation, improper operation, or incorrect use and maintenance. We reserve the right to make changes to the product, technical data or assembly and operating instructions without prior notice.



IMPORTANT:

Please read these instructions fully and carefully before starting work on your motorcycle

Please bear in mind that [any modification of the material as well as own repair attempts which have not been agreed with VAPE may result in a loss of warranty. Do not cut off wires. This leads to a loss of reverse polarity protection and often results in damage to electronics.](#) Also, please take note of the information provided on the information page for this system. Check that what you have bought really corresponds to the motorcycle you have. Wrong ignition settings may damage your engine and even hurt you during kickstart (violent kickbacks). Be careful during the first test runs. If needed change settings to safer values (less advance). During assembly check carefully that the [rotor \(flywheel\) does not touch the stator coils or anything else](#), which may happen due to various circumstances and lead to severe damage.

Designated use

This system is designated to replace stock dynamo/alternator & ignition systems in vintage and classic motorcycles [whose engine characteristics have not been modified aftermarket](#). This system is not a tuning system and it will not bring significant increases in engine output. It does however significantly enhance roadworthiness and comfort by offering better lighting, better function of side indicators and horn and, compared with the aging stock systems, increased reliability. As our system does not tamper with engine characteristics it does not increase emission of gaseous pollutants and noise. In most cases emission of pollutants should even be reduced due to better combustion. If used as designated the system therefore will not normally infringe the existing legal status of the motorcycle (this statement is valid for Germany, for other countries, please check locally against your road licensing regulations). This system is not suitable for use in competition events. If used other than the designated way,

warranty will be voided and it might well be that you do not obtain the desired results or, worst you loose legal roadworthiness.

The charging system is only suitable for use with rechargeable 12V (6V systems 6V) lead-acid batteries with liquide electrolyte or sealed lead-acid batteries, AGM, Gel. It is not suitable for use with nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal-hydride, lithium-ion or any other types of recharchable or non rechargeable batteries.

This is a **replacement system and not a copy of the stock material**. The parts in this system therefore look different and might fit differently (notably ignition coil and regulator) requiring some adaptation by you.


During assembly imperatively start with assy of engine based parts to see that those really fit before you start fitting the external parts. In many cases customers assemble those first and thereby often modify them in breach of warranty which renders them unfit for renewed sale. Replacing old ignition systems is not a matter of taking something from a supermarket shelf as there have been very many types, versions and possibly unknown aftermarket modifications which harbour plenty of room for error.

Our systems are **NOT tested for use with third party electronic devices (such as GPS, mobile phones, LED lighting etc)and may cause damage to such parts.** Possibly existing electronic tachometers will not work with the new system. Read our information for suitable solutions. Possibly existing safety switches and electronic valve controls are not supported. It might be that your motorcycle was originally equipped with an ignition that did limit top speed for legal reasons. The new system does not have such a facility, so check your legal situation beforehand.

If you have no expertise for the installation have it done by an expert or at a specialist's workshop. Improper installation may damage the new system and your motorcycle, possibly even lead to bodily harm.

Before you order a system, please check whether a puller tool for the new rotor is included in the kit. If not, better order it at the same time. You might want to order light bulbs, fuse, horn, flasher unit etc.

Never use anything other than the recommended puller tool to pull the new rotor again. Damage to the rotor as a result of use of other tools or methods is not covered by warranty.

	<p>The rotor is sensible to blows (including during transport). Before assembly, please always check for damage (on rotor without magnet plastification try to push the magnets aside with your fingers). After impact the glued in magnets might have broken loose, sticking to the rotor solely by magnetic force, so that one does not notice right away. During engine run the damage would be considerable. Before placing the rotor onto the engine, please make sure that its magnets have not collected any metal objects such as small screws, nuts and washers. That equally would lead to severe damage.</p>
	<p>If you have access to the Internet, best view those instructions online. You get larger and better pictures by clicking onto them and possibly updated information. System list at http://www.powerdynamo.biz</p>



You should have received those parts:

- complete housing mit installed stator coil
- rotor (flywheel) / puller tool
- twin ignition coil
- advance & retard unit
- regulator/rectifier
- HT cables
- fastening screws



The new rotor may be pulled again with the supplied puller M27x1,25 (part 70 85 899 99).

Note: Never use a claw puller, a hammer or any other device, that will shake the magnets off.

The new dynamo (now actually magneto) body is ready assembled. There is no reason for you to take the tower or the coils off. You only risk damage!

You will have however to take the holding device for the cover off. This is a set of 2 rings. Loosen the 2 screws and lift the top ring off. Than turn the lower ring by 90 degrees (clockwise or anticlockwise until its notches come clear. Take the ring out.

For the KS750 and the BMW R75WH there are 2 spacer bolts M5 spaced horizontally at 76mm. They are screwed in and secured by loctite. With this arrangement you may continue to use the [stock cover screws](#). Should you not have those stock screws, you may use lentil shaped countersunk screws M5x16 (not longer than 16mm! as they otherwise might conflict with the rotor).



Make sure your motorcycle rests securely, preferably on an elevated work bench and that you have good access to the dynamo side of the engine.

Disconnect your battery and take it out of the motorcycle. Note that you will install a 12 volts system, so you will either need a 12 volt battery or you use the [option of driving without a battery](#).

You will equally have to replace all lightbulbs to 12 volt ones. The horn may stay at 6 volts.



Disconnect the wires from the old dynamo and take it off. Pull the rotor of the crank.

Remove all 6 volt bulbs off the head light, tachometer and the tail light. The old horn may stay.

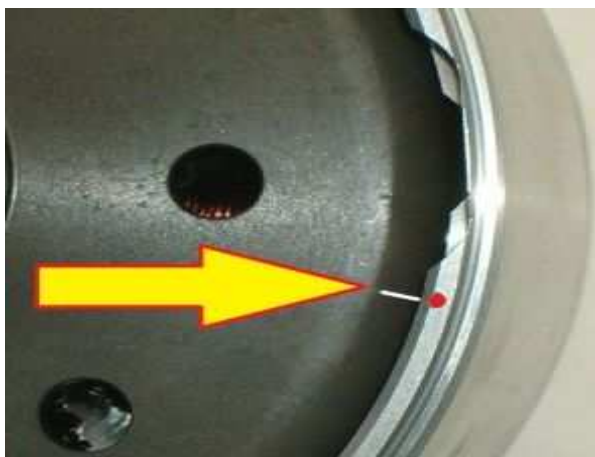


electrically disconnect the stock Noris or Bosch magneto, but keep it installed. Otherwise the engine will be open there. Should you want to completely remove it, make sure to cover the engine opening to prevent oil spillage.
(pics show customer solutions, not available from us)



Have a look at your new rotor. You will find on its circumference a lasered on line.

This marking serves as a timing marking.



Have a look at the new generator housing. You will see there right off the small black coils a small red marking in the top of the housing wall. This is an ignition marking as well.

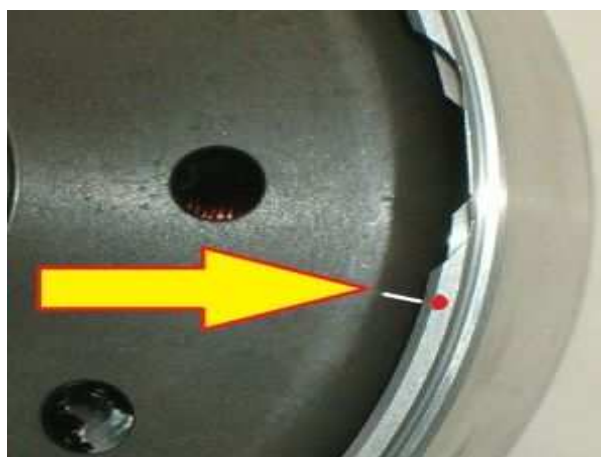
Both will align with crank at top dead center (TDC, the highest point the piston can get).

Place the new housing onto the dynamo seat at the front of the engine.
Fasten it with the 2 flathead screws provided. No worry, the 2 screws will do, even if before it had been 4 of them.



Bring one of the pistons into Top Dead Centre (TDC) Position.

Use the inspection hole to verify. (The marking in the picture is artificially amplified.) Note that you do **not** use the ignition marking ZP.



Now:

- remember the rotor marking
- remember the marking on the housing wall
- verify again that your crank is in TDC position
- place the rotor in such a way carefully onto the crank that the 2 markings align.

Best do this by help of the screwed in puller.

In that position screw the rotor down with the supplied special bolt M12x1 and the curved fastening washer. Make sure not to change the crank position.

With that you have set ignition to normal values. Should you feel after test runs that some modified timing would have advantages for you, you may change timing to theoretically any value. But care, wrong timing may damage your engine.

You change timing by:

- Screwing the puller into the rotor, popping it from the crank ...
- ... and (without changing the position of the crank) resetting the rotor at the wanted angle. Setting it more into a clockwise position will initiate earlier timing, shifting it anticlockwise will make it later. Use small steps only for this.
- Do use a stroboscope to check timing when you experiment!
- You will do yourself a favour to treat your bike to new spark plugs and spark plug sockets (preferably some between 0-2kOhm).
- Adjust the spark plug's gap on 0.4-0.6mm.

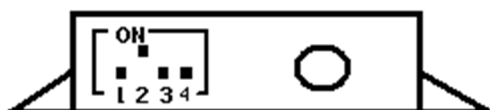
Now, the new ignition coil, the advance unit and the new regulator/rectifier have to find a place on the motorcycle. The regulator is well dimensioned and does not need to get direct airflow.



An easy option (if you opt for driving without battery) is to place them in an [empty battery casing](#).

As the system may work without battery that gives an easy place for hiding the parts.

Before installing the advance unit, have a look at the small switches at the advance unit. There are 4 switches, activating different advance curves.



The curve made for this system is activated by switch 2 to ON and switches 1,3,4 away from ON (that is OFF). It gives 2° from start up to 1.000rpm and then gradually opens to a full 40° at 3.000rpm.



Now place the cover holding device back into position. Place the bottom ring (the one with the external nodes) into the groove of the housing and turn it until it is back in his original position. Than place the second plate on top and screw the 2 tight together. This will block any movement of the device. It now is ready to take the cover.



Remains to place the stock cover on front of the housing and fix it with the stock screws. Should you not have those, you may use 2 countersunk screws M5x16.

Should you use a cover different in height to the stock cover check length of screws as needed.

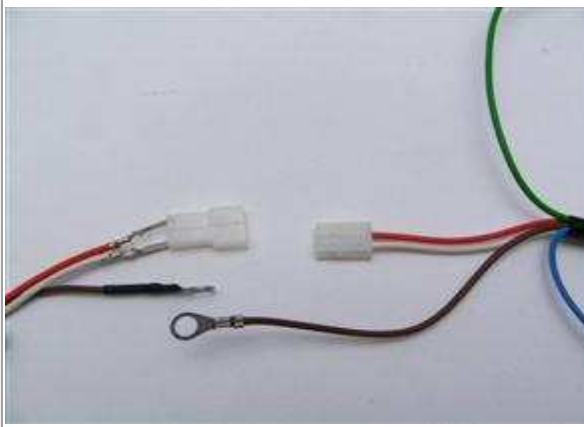
Connect the parts as shown in the respective wiring diagram!



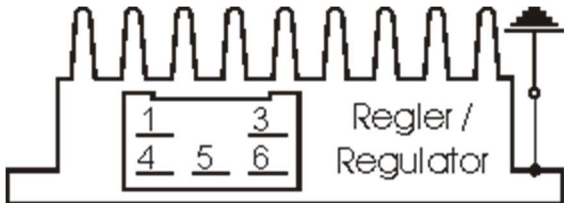
For our [standard DC regulator \(95 22 699 06\)](#), use the [wiring diagram 92ik12](#):

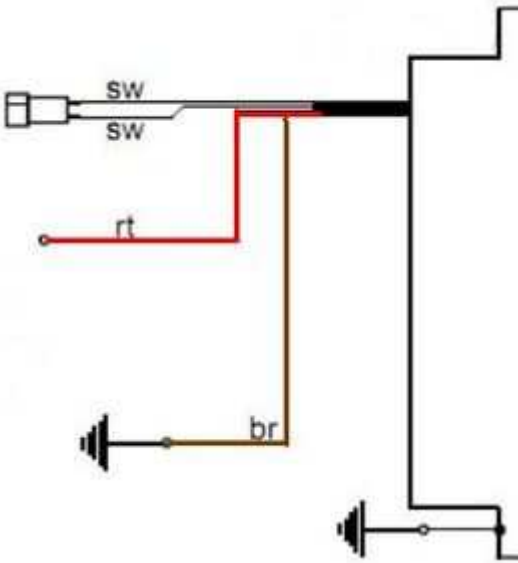

For our [DC regulator with built in smooting condenser \(73 00 799 50\)](#), use additional the [wiring diagram reg 102](#):




Please note that we have not tailored the length of the wires to the exact needs of this installation. This is practically impossible as neither do we know your specific wiring needs, nor can we afford (in the name of a decent system price) to stock hundreds of stator, advance units etc just for a different cable length. You might well have to modify cable length, which you please do with the needed care.

* To facilitate wire exit through the often small openings in the engine casing, the plastic plug of the generator's wiring that leads to the advance unit have not been put onto the wire terminal. You should place the plug there only once all has been properly installed on the engine side.

	<p>Look for the advance unit with its female plug and the two wires (red and white).</p> <p>Put the provided 2-position plug housing onto this plug and insert the two wires (red and white) from the generator. Make sure that the terminals engage securely in the housing and that you connect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white to white • red to red
<p>Should you need (or want) to get the terminals out of the plug housing again, enter a paper clip from front next to the terminals and push the little barb aside. Than pull the wire out.</p>	
<p>* The brown wires from the new generator and the advance unit with the round eye terminals ...</p>	<p>... have to be screwed to the holder frame of the ignition coil (ground). This connection is very important. Please don't depend on the frame as <i>the</i> earth-connection. Varnish, oil and dirt prevent often a good contact!</p>
<p>* The grey resp. green cable of the advance unit ...</p>	<p>... is the output of the to the ignition coil and gets connected to the single male terminal there.</p>
<p>Important! Avoid prolongation of the green wire between advance unit and ignition coil. This may lead to ignition trouble.</p> <p>* Never run the high tension cable and the cables from the generator to the advance and/or the grey wire from the advance to the ignition coil closely in parallel (say in one shielding). This will trigger back coupling that disturbs ignition and might even damage the advance unit.</p>	
<p>The blue/white wire at the advance unit. This is the kill (cut-off) wire.</p> <p>* Note: Should you experience ignition failures, disconnect as a first measure this blue wire. In many cases that will permit you to get mobile again (particulars see: technical help)!</p>	<p>Connected to ground - it will stop ignition!</p> <p>This type of wiring is used in motorcycles which originally already had magneto ignition and therefore switched off by shortcircuiting against ground.</p> <p>Those vehicles have by design a main lock (or some kill switch) that connects a pin to ground when in OFF position (German bikes: pin 2). The blue/white wire of the ignition coil will be connected here. In that way the cut-off works like previously.</p>
<p>* Connecting VAPE alternator to lighting circuit (via regulator):</p>	

	<p>The 2 black wires running from the stator coil carry the voltage for lights, horn, flashers etc. They have nothing to do with ignition.</p> <p>This voltage (something between 10 and 50 volts AC) has however to be stabilized (regulated) and for most uses rectified into direct current (DC) as it primarily is alternating current (AC).</p> <p>For this we offer 2 different regulators:</p>
	<p>Attention: Any confusion between plus and minus (with the DC versions) leads to immediate destruction of the regulator. This will not constitute a warranty case as it is negligence! One can recognize a burnt regulator mostly by its sharp smell.</p>
<p>* Regulator type 1: with standard DC regulator (95 22 699 06), use the wiring diagram 92ik12:</p>	
<p>* </p>	<p>The new regulator/rectifier has a compact plug with 6 positions, of which <u>one</u> is not used. A female plug cover fitting to this plug is delivered. Into this female plug you have to insert the following wires (which have terminals that snap into the plug):</p>
<p>The two black cables leading from the generator ...</p>	<p>... connect to pins 1/4 of the new regulator (from there equally black wires lead inside the unit). It does not matter which wire connects to which of the both terminals (1/4) as they carry alternating current.</p>
<p>The new brown cable with the round eye terminal ...</p>	<p>... connects pin 3 of the regulator unit (from there equally a brown wire goes inside the unit) with the negative pole of the battery or (in case you drive without battery) to ground (chassis).</p>
<p>The new red cable with the round eye terminal ...</p> <p>Take care: Wrong polarity will damage the electronics!</p>	<p>... connects to pin 5 of the new regulator (from there equally a red wire goes inside the unit). Here your regulated positive voltage comes out to connect to battery plus, or (in case you drive without battery) to the voltage input terminal of the main switch (ignition lock, German bikes: pin 51/30).</p>
<p>Make sure that you have a 8A-fuse between battery and vehicle circuitry.</p>	
<p>The green/red wire at pin 6 of the new regulator ...</p>	<p>... is for the charge control light. You connect there the wire that formerly did run from the control light to the original regulator.</p>

	<p>Remark: Until November 2007 this wire has been a single wire outside the compact plug.</p>	<p>Sure that this control only functions with a battery present. Should you drive without battery but still connect the wire, you will see that the light glows even as the generator generates voltage. So without battery, do not connect it.</p>
	<p>The charge light control function is based on a transistor switch and is an additional function. Even if that should fail, the regulator might still be in ok working condition. Simple check: have the engine running, turn lights on, disconnect the battery. If you have bright lights the unit is ok.</p>	
<p>*</p>	<p>Regulator type 2: with DC regulator with built in smooting condenser (73 00 799 50), use additional the wiring diagram reg 102:</p>	
		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 2 black (sw) wires are the AC input from the alternator (as it is AC it does not matter which black to which black) the red (rt) wire is the 12V DC output plus the brown (br) wire is ground, internally connected to housing
<p>*</p>	<p>Screw the high tension (ignition) cable ...</p> <p>Please do not use any spark amplifying cables, such as "Nology supercables" or "hot wire". This will disturb the system and possibly damage it.</p>	<p>... into the ignition coil and pull over the rubber seal before mounting the coil (it will be easier).</p> <p>Please do use the cable arriving with the pack and not any old cable.</p>
	<p>You will do yourself a favour to treat your bike to new spark plugs and spark plug sockets (preferably some between 0-2kOhm). Plenty of problems are to be traced back to "apparently good" (even completely "brand-new") sparks plugs, terminals and cables.</p> <p>Do not use spark plugs with an intern suppression resistor. NGK (e.g.) offered such spark plugs coded with an "R" (for resistor).</p>	

*	 	<p>In our twin outlet coils both ends of the secondary go to the spark plugs.</p> <p>Typical resistance between both exits is 6.2kOhm. Both exists fire at the same time (as many twin systems do). Sparks will be polarised however at a 180 degrees difference which might manifest when you strobe it.</p>
	<p>Ignition will only work correctly if both plug terminals are connected. You may not test one side with the other open (not sitting on the mounted spark plug). This is because (effectively) each exit uses ground from the other. That means also that both plugs are working in serial, adding resistances, so better use low resistance spark plug (resistor) sockets and make sure they are good. If in doubt, measure resistance on a hot socket (warm it up before measuring).</p> <p>Is the flow from ground of one side via spark plug there, via coil, to the other spark plug and its ground interrupted you get no spark - on neither side. If you really want to test only one side, put the HT wire of the other to ground (earth it) than it will work. Sometimes a coil deprived of its ground from the other side searches for a substitute - with some solid fireworks around it to the chassis.</p>	
		<p>We offer as an alternative 2 single coils which are connected in parallel. With this arrangement you may do testing of just one cylinder by disconnecting the non-used coil.</p>
*	<p>Finally - and before installing the battery and before the first kickstart - please re-check carefully all connections and fitments against the wiring diagram. Do check battery and light bulbs for correct voltage (12V).</p> <p>Should something not work, please consult our trouble-shooting guide on our homepage. As a first step disconnect the blue wire from the coil and re-test.</p>	
*	<p>IMPORTANT: During crank shaft repair the dynamo shaft is often machined and gets shorter. The result is a rotor sitting lower, possibly touching now with its rivets the stator coil. The result is a destroyed stator and ignition failure.</p> <p>For more detail and how to check see (online) here.</p>	
	<p>Important safety and operating information</p> <p>Safety first! Please observe the general health and safety regulations motor vehicle repair # (MVR) as well as the safety information and obligations indicated by the manufacturer of your motorcycle.</p>	

	<p>The timing marks on the material are for general guidance only during first installation. Please check after assembly by suitable means (stroboscope) that settings are correct to prevent damage to the engine or possibly even your health. You alone are responsible for the installation and the correctness of settings.</p>
#	<p><u>Ignition systems generate high tension!</u> With our material right up to 40,000 Volts! This may, if handled carelessly, not only be painful, but outrightly <u>dangerous</u>. Please do keep a safe distance to the electrode of your spark plug and open high tension cables. Should you need to test spark firing, hold the spark plug socket securely with some well insulating material and push it firmly to solid ground of the engine block.</p> <p>Never pull sparkplug caps when engine is running. Wash your vehicle only with engine at standstill and ignition off.</p>
#	<p>Should you have received in the kit HT cables with a fixed rubber boot(which does not contain a resistor) you might have to use spark plugs with an inbuilt resistor (or replace the cap with one containing a resistor) to comply with your local laws.</p>
#	<p>After installation, please <u>check tightness of all screws, even those preinstalled</u>. If parts get loose during run, there will be inevitably damage to the material. We pre-assemble screws only loosely.</p>
#	<p>Give the newly installed system a chance to work, <u>before you start to check and test values</u>, or what is worse apply changes to it.</p> <p>Our parts have been checked before delivery to you. You will not be able to check much anyway. At any rate do refrain from measuring the electronic components (such as ignition coil, regulator and advance unit). You risk severe damage to the inner electronics there. You will not get any tangible results from the operation anyway. Bear in mind that also your carburetor, your spark plugs and spark plug sockets (even if completely new) might be the reason for malfunction. The general experience with our systems is that the carburetor will have to be re-adjusted to lower settings. Should the system not start after assembly, first disconnect the blue (or blue/white) cut-off wire directly at the ignition coil (or in some cases advance unit) to eliminate any malfunction in the cut-off circuitry. Check ground connections carefully, make sure there is a good electrical connection between frame and engine block.</p> <p>In case of troubles, please consult our <u>Knowledge Base</u> first before you send off the material to us for checking</p>
#	<p>The spark of classic, points based ignition systems has with about 10,000 Volts comparatively little energy and looks therefore yellow and fat (which however makes it highly visible). The spark from our system is a high energy spark with up to 40,000 Volts and therefore is needle thin focused in form, and blue in colour, which makes it not so visible. Furthermore you get spark only at kick-start operated speeds and not by pushing the kick-lever down slowly with your hand (as you might get with battery based ignitions).</p>
#	<p>Systems using a <u>twin outlet ignition coils</u> have a few peculiarities. Please observe that during tests on one side, the other has either to be connected to an fitted spark plug or securely earthed/grounded. Otherwise there will be no spark on either side. Also with such open exits long and dangerous sparks may fly all over the coil.</p>

#	Never do electric arc welding on the bike without completely disconnecting all parts containing semiconductors (ignition coil, regulator, advance) stator and rotor need not be taken off. The same is true for soldering. Before touching electronics disconnect the soldering iron from mains! Never use copper putty on spark plugs.
#	Electronics are very sensitive to wrong polarity. After work on the system, do check correct polarity of the battery and the regulator. Wrong polarity creates short circuits and will destroy the regulator, the ignition coil and the advance unit. As a rule, wiring will always be colour to colour. Instances, where colour jumps between wires are expressly mentioned in our instructions.
#	When you handle the new rotor, take care not to damage its magnets. Refrain from direct blows to the circumference of the rotor. When transporting never put the rotor over the stator. Observe our information relative to transport of the material.
#	Do not use spark plug sockets with a resistance of more than 5kOhm. Better use 1 or 2kOhm ones. Bear in mind that spark plug sockets do age and thereby increase their internal resistance. Should an engine start up only when cold, a defective spark plug socket and/or spark plug is very probably the cause. In case of problems check high tension cables too. Never use carbon fibre HT-cables, never use so called "hot wires" which promise to increase spark.
#	It is a good idea to cover the rotor in a thin layer of oil to reduce the risk of corrosion.
#	Never use a claw puller or a hammer to disengage the rotor. Its magnets might become loose in the event. We offer a special puller for disengaging the new rotor again (see assembly instruction)!
#	Should the motorcycle not be in use for some longer period, please disconnect the battery (so existing) to prevent current bleeding through the diodes of the regulator. Though, even a disconnected battery will empty itself after a while.
#	Please do observe these remarks, but at the same time, don't be afraid of the installation process. Remember, that before you, thousands of other customers have successfully installed the system. <i>Enjoy driving your bike with its new electric heart!</i>

Schaltplan 92ik12 (wiring diagram)

