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## Pushrod Style 5.0L Plate Instructions

Congratulations on the purchase of your Nitrous Express EFI Plate system. Nitrous Express utilizes only the highest quality components designed for the use of liquid nitrous oxide. To properly utilize these specially designed components and obtain the trouble-free operation that this system is capable of producing, it is extremely important that you read all instructions carefully. Pay special attention to the important notes at the end of the installation steps and the tuning tips listed at the back of this instruction sheet. The NX EFI Plate System is designed to operate with stock fuel pumps and no timing retard, up to the 100 horsepower setting.

On all settings above 100 horsepower the following precautions should be observed:

- A. An extra capacity aftermarket fuel pump must be used, 250LPH Minimum
- B. High octane race type fuel, and/or timing retard must be used to prevent detonation.
- C. Increased strength internal engine components and high performance head gaskets may be required.
- D. Depending on compression and fuel quality timing retard may be necessary to prevent detonation. If you have an aftermarket ECU tuner that advances the stock timing, detonation could be a problem. These aftermarket tuners can be compatible if higher octane fuel or NX Power Booster (PN # 16003) fuel additive is used.

To insure proper system assembly and operation, carefully read the following installation procedures thoroughly before beginning.

Before starting, carefully disconnect the vehicle negative battery cable. If there is any question about this operation, consult the vehicle owner's manual!

DO NOT use any sealer on flare connections, hose, or bottle connections. Use the furnished NX red liquid thread sealer; use no other sealing compounds or Teflon tape.

Excessive tightening of parts is not necessary, snug is tight enough. If it is necessary to remove a fitting installed with the red NX sealer, heat may need to be applied to release the sealing agent.

NOTE: Due to shipping restrictions all NX nitrous bottles arrive empty. Before beginning the installation the N<sub>2</sub>O bottle should be filled by a NX accredited filling station. For filling station locations log on to [www.nitrousexpress.com](http://www.nitrousexpress.com).

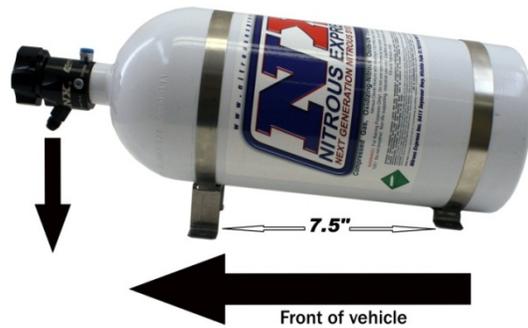
## MOUNTING THE BOTTLE

The nitrous bottle should be mounted in the trunk area or outside of the passenger compartment. If this is not possible or practical a NHRA approved blow down tube and vent fitting (PN's 11708, 11709) must be installed. The positioning of the bottle should be as shown in illustration "A". This will allow the siphon tube to be covered at all times.

The mounting brackets should be assembled on the bottle with the short bracket approx. 2" from the bottom, on 10 lb. bottles the long bracket should be placed approx. 7" above the lower one, on 15lb bottles the upper bracket should be approx. 12" above the lower bracket. Use this mock up as a template to locate the four mounting bolt holes.

**Note: Before drilling holes be sure to check for clearance beneath the mounting surface i.e.: fuel tank, fuel lines, brake lines.**

## ILLUSTRATION A

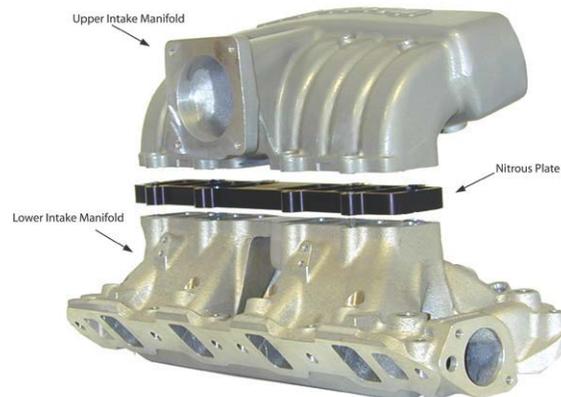


## MOUNTING THE NITROUS PLATE

Before any modifications are made under the hood, we suggest that you make a diagram of all hoses wiring and linkages.

1. Pre-assemble the nitrous plate before you begin. Select the horsepower setting that you want to start with, insert the proper nitrous jet in the fitting marked “N2O” (CAUTION: You must always use a back-up wrench on the jet fittings when tightening the nitrous or fuel lines, failure to do so will result in broken fittings and will void the system warranty!) Connect the blue stainless steel braided line to the plate fitting. The nitrous solenoid can be identified by the “N2O” stamped on the base. Repeat this procedure for the fuel solenoid (the fuel solenoid will be stamped “FUEL”). NOTE: Always check each jet for obstructions before using.
2. Remove the upper intake manifold. Remove all gasket material on the mating surfaces of the upper and lower manifold.
3. The nitrous plate should be installed as shown. (See Illustration B) Fuel and nitrous fittings are to the front of the vehicle. Using supplied gaskets on both sides of the plate reinstall the upper intake on top of the nitrous plate and torque to factory specs using the provided hardware.

## ILLUSTRATION B



## ROUTING THE NITROUS FEED LINE

NOTE: Place a piece of tape over the end of the hose to prevent debris from entering feed line during the routing process.

The 4AN nitrous feed line may be routed to the engine compartment either through the passenger compartment or under the vehicle. Route the line carefully to prevent the possibility of restricting nitrous flow. If routed under vehicle, locate and drill a 3/4 inch diameter hole in a suitable area near the bottle valve for the main line. Starting at the bottle nipple (Do not attach line to the bottle nipple yet) route the line to the engine compartment. Following the factory fuel lines is usually the best path. Note: Keep maximum clearance between all moving parts, suspension components and hot engine components, securing the supply line where possible (“Zip Ties” are the best for securing the feed line). Be especially careful of the feed line being near any “HOT” electrical leads, one small spark will destroy the Teflon liner causing a nitrous leak.

## SOLENOID MOUNTING

1. The NX EFI nitrous systems are supplied with NX “Lightning Solenoids”. The “Lightning” is unique and special attention must be paid to the “inlet-outlet port arrangement. The side inlet port is the location for the filtered 4AN to 1/8NPT fitting. *The side “purge port” is for the optional purge valve. If no purge valve is used a 1/8 NPT plug is provided to block this port.* The nitrous discharge is from

- the bottom of the solenoid base, the non-filtered 4AN to 1/8NPT fitting and the blue 4AN line to the plate should be connected here. The fuel solenoid requires the 4AN to 1/8NPT fitting on the inlet side and non-filtered 3AN to 1/8NPT fitting on the outlet.
2. Install all solenoid fittings using the provided liquid red NX thread sealer (NO TEFLON TAPE PLEASE) at this time. The N2O filter is mounted to the inlet side of the nitrous solenoid. The purge valve is connected to the opposite 1/8 NPT purge port (use the provided plug if a purge valve is not used). The port on the bottom of the solenoid is the discharge to the plate.
  3. The solenoid mounting brackets are designed to be universal. Start by mounting the solenoid brackets to the base of each solenoid. Do not tighten! You may have to flip the mounting bracket over to align the solenoid for the proper orientation. Locate an existing screw, bolt, or stud to mount the solenoids. Choose a location that allows the two plate feed lines some slack to prevent any flow restrictions or influence on the plate. Tighten all mounting screws and mount locations securely now. Note: The solenoids may be mounted in any position, on their side or upside down.
  4. Thread the blue N2O steel braided line onto the Nitrous solenoid outlet (bottom of solenoid). Thread the red Fuel steel braided line onto the Fuel solenoid outlet labeled "Outlet". Tighten securely.
  5. The bottle-feed line will be attached to the N2O filter. See "Routing the Feed Line". Before you attach the nitrous supply line to the filter, purge the line of any foreign matter that may have accidentally entered the line during installation. Do so by removing the tape used during installation and blowing compressed air through the feed line. (Have an assistant hold the end of the hose aimed away from the car and any people. Wearing a glove is recommended). Immediately after the purging operation, connect the main feed line to the N2O solenoid and the nitrous bottle, tighten securely.

## FUEL SUPPLY CONNECTION

**WARNING: THE FUEL RAIL AND/OR FUEL LINES ARE UNDER HIGH PRESSURE. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN DISCONNECTING ANY FUEL LINE. QUICKLY COLLECT AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY EXCESS FUEL SPILLAGE**

### FACTORY "FUEL TEST-PORT"

1. Located on the fuel log (injector rail) is a "test port" fitting used by mechanics for checking fuel pressures. This is usually covered by a black plastic cap and is where the fuel solenoid feed line will be connected. Note: Care should be taken to be certain the port you have selected is the "Fuel Test-Port". Many late model cars have several similar ports that do not contain fuel. Remove the protective cap from the test port fitting. Note: Most Fords will require the entire test port connector fitting to be removed and replaced by the supplied fuel log fitting. Check thread compatibility with AN fitting on main fuel line. (See Illustration C).
1. Now connect the 18-inch red fuel line from the fuel supply to the inlet side of the fuel solenoid.

**ILLUSTRATION C**

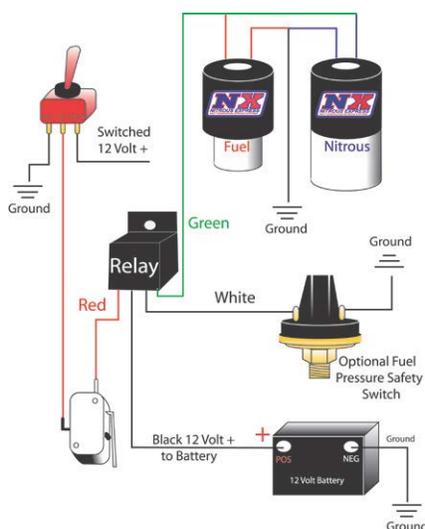


## ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP

1. Mount the toggle (Arming) switch in a location that is within easy reach of and in plain sight of the diver.
2. Using 18-ga. Blue wire and connectors supplied in the switch kit, connect a HOT lead (12 VDC POSITIVE) to the "Power" terminal of the toggle switch. (Use 5 amp inline fuse if desired). This power source must be controlled by the ignition switch (See wiring Schematic).
3. Connect a grounded wire to the "Ground" terminal of the toggle.
4. The system is furnished with a universal wide- open throttle switch. This WOT micro-switch is designed to work with the universal mounting bracket. It's maximum capacity is 10 AMPS and should only be used to activate low amp draw accessories or in conjunction with a relay.
  - A. Assemble the micro-switch on the mounting bracket using the supplied 3/4" 4-40 bolts and nuts. The switch can be mounted in several different configurations, select the position you require and tighten the bolts. Do not over-tighten; the plastic micro switch can be damaged.
  - B. The mounting bracket is made of easily bendable material and may be formed to any configuration that will allow it to place the WOT switch in the proper location.
  - C. The activation arm on the micro-switch is extra long. This allows you to twist, bend, or cut it to aid in the ease of installation. Attach an 18-ga. jumper wire from the remaining terminal "ACC" of the toggle switch to one of the terminals on the wide open throttle switch.
5. Using the 18-ga. wire supplied with the system, connect the remaining wide-open throttle terminal to the "Red" wire on the supplied heavy duty relay. (See wiring diagram).

6. Use the red 12-ga. wire to connect the “BAT” terminal of the alternator or to the + post on the vehicle battery, to the “Black” wire on the heavy duty relay. (If desired a 40 amp fuse may be installed here)
  7. Attach one wire from each of the solenoids to the “Green” wire on the relay. Note: These coils are direct current and it does not matter which wire is used. Now attach the two remaining solenoid wires to a good ground.
  8. Attach the “White” wire from the relay to the fuel safety switch (PN 15708) terminal marked NO. Using the 18 ga. blue wire, attach the other terminal on the safety switch marked (C) to ground. (See wiring Schematic) Note: If a fuel safety switch is not used simply attach the “White” wire on the relay to ground.
  9. Reconnect the battery cable.
  10. At this point both solenoids should be tested for proper operation. Note: (Be sure the nitrous bottle is off and there is no pressure in the N2O supply line). If you are using a fuel safety pressure switch you must use a jumper wire between the NO and C terminals when testing the solenoids. To test, turn the “arming” toggle switch to the ON position and push the “activating” wide-open throttle switch. A clicking sound should be heard as the solenoids open. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure that both of the solenoids are clicking! If no sound is heard or only one of the solenoids is working, check all wire connections and the wiring schematic for proper connections.
  11. With all components mounted, feed line and electrical connections completed, connect the nitrous supply line to the bottle and FULLY open the bottle valve and carefully check connections on the nitrous side of the system for leaks and retighten fittings if necessary. With no leaks detected, start the engine and thoroughly check the fuel connections for leaks. Do not attempt to start engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected into the intake manifold. Disconnect the coil wire and crank the engine several revolutions with the throttle wide open to clear the engine of all nitrous before attempting to start engine.
  12. After a complete check and verification of all components of the system for proper installation and operation it is time to have some fun.
- Note: The nitrous and fuel solenoids are rated only for intermittent duty. Do not engage either solenoid for more than 20 continuous seconds. Solenoids that have “burned or scorched” electro-magnets will not be replaced under warranty.**

### WIRING DIAGRAM



### TESTING AND USING THE SYSTEM

All NX systems are designed for off road usage. Use extreme caution and observe all safety precautions (see your vehicles owner’s manual). Select a suitable test area; your local racetrack is best. Arm the system with the cockpit N2O arming switch. Gently launch the vehicle, gradually accelerating to wide-open throttle. When WOT is achieved a noticeable surge of power should be produced. If not stop and recheck all installation procedures. Call the factory tech line if the problem cannot be located. NOTE: All vehicles equipped with factory rev-limiters should take extreme care not to over-rev the engine. If the rev-limiter is engaged with the N2O system on, serious engine damage could result. An aftermarket RPM window switch (NX PN# 18959) should be used to disengage the N2O system 200 RPM’s before the rev-limiter activates. Your NX system is now ready for regular usage.

Open the nitrous bottle and check all connections for leaks. With the lines disconnected from the solenoids, crack your nitrous bottle open to allow Nitrous pressure into the system. Check for any leaks that may be present, and tend to any that may exist. If the solenoid itself is not sealing, activate the nitrous solenoids a few times in rapid bursts to seat the plunger in the solenoids.

## SAFETY TIPS

Do not attempt to start engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected while the engine was not running. Disconnect coil wire(s) and turn motor with throttle wide open for several revolutions before attempting to restart. If it is not possible to disable the ignition then the spark plugs must be removed and the engine cleared of all nitrous before attempting to start engine.

1. Never permit oil, grease, or any other readily combustible substances to come into contact with nitrous cylinders, valves, solenoids, hoses and fittings. Oil and certain gases (such as oxygen or nitrous oxide) may combine to produce a flammable condition.
2. Never interchange solenoids or other appliances used for one compressed gas with those used for another.
3. Identify the gas content by the label on the bottle before using. If the bottle is not identified to show the gas contained, return the bottle to the supplier.
4. Do not deface or remove any markings, which are used for content identification.
5. Cylinder valves should be closed except when nitrous is actually being used.
6. Notify supplier of any condition, which might have permitted any foreign matter to enter the valve or bottle.
7. Never drop or violently strike the bottle
8. Keep valves closed on all empty bottles to prevent accidental contamination. Open the bottle valve for an instant to clear opening of any possible dust or dirt before usage. Aim bottle outlet away from all body parts. Do not point it in the direction of a person.

## POWER TUNING TIPS

Nitrous oxide works well with all applications; 4 cycle, 2 cycle, diesel, and rotary engines. Each one has individual tuning characteristics, and these tips apply generally to each one. Nitrous oxide is referred to as "Liquid Supercharging" because it, in effect, does the same thing as a mechanical supercharger, forcing more fuel and oxygen into each cylinder, thus producing more power. The biggest enemy of all supercharged, turbo charged and nitrous injected engines is "DETONATION". The use of higher-octane fuel, and or a combination of better fuel and timing retard can control this. Remember detonation is a spark plug, head gasket and engine "KILLER".

1. Your engine should be tuned to its maximum power prior to nitrous usage.
2. The ignition is an integral part of the nitrous system and must be able to ignite the mixture under very high cylinder pressures. The hotter the spark the better!
3. In stock engine applications and street usage the spark plugs should be at least 2 steps colder than stock. Do not use platinum tip, extended tip or any plug with multiple ground straps or split ground straps. When in doubt about heat range always go one step colder. A spark plug that is to "Hot" will cause detonation, burned plugs, poor performance, and engine damage. In competition engines always use the coldest plug available. Never use an extended tip plug in a racing engine.
4. The NX nitrous system is so advanced, (technology, engineering, and workmanship) that huge amounts of timing retard is not required. You may run as much timing as you normally would, if you have the octane required to prevent detonation. We recommend 1 degree timing retard for each 50 horsepower boost as a starting point. Your engine may need more or less depending on your combination.
5. Your fuel system is also an integral part of the nitrous system, be sure it is in top shape and all filters are clean.
6. Engine operating temperature should be between 160 and 200 degrees prior to nitrous usage.
7. Never "lug" your engine and hit the nitrous system, use the system at wide-open throttle only, nitrous should not be used below 3000 rpm's. If you do any of the above a serious "Back Fire" could result in engine damage.
8. The better the exhaust system the better the nitrous system will work.
9. Do not attempt to drill or alter the jets, solenoids, or the tubes in the nitrous plate. These items are engineered to their maximum capability. Any modification you can make will decrease power and destroy engine parts.
10. Do not mix or attempt to match any other brand solenoids with this system. Do not attempt to mix or match any other brand plate or nozzle with this system. Do not attempt to use any other brand kit as a second stage with this system. Our nitrous technology is far superior to any of our competitors. Any attempt at this could lead to serious engine damage.
11. All of our systems are designed to operate at 1050 PSI bottle pressure. This is extremely important and cannot be stressed enough. If your bottle pressure is below 1050 PSI the system will run rich and will not produce the advertised horsepower. If the bottle pressure is above 1050 PSI the system will run lean, possibly damaging engine parts. This pressure is easily monitored by using a NX liquid filled pressure gauge (PN 15509). Note: When the ambient temperature is below 97 degrees a bottle warmer is required (PN 15940 or 15941). An NX bottle jacket (PN15945 or 15946) will help stabilize bottle pressure in the winter and summer.  
**CAUTION: NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME TO HEAT A NITROUS BOTTLE. THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY FATAL PRACTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
12. A purge valve (PN15600-15601) is recommended on all NX systems. When the weather begins to get hot a purge valve is worth up to a tenth of a second on a 1/4 mile pass. Note: The correct purging procedure for drag racing is: 1. Complete the burnout. 2. Light the pre-stage bulb. 3. Push the purge button three times, one second each. 4. Stage immediately, GO FAST.
13. If there is a question about the purity of your nitrous supply, a filter (PN15610 or 15607) should be used when refilling your bottle. Just attach the filter to your bottle when you take it to be refilled. Contaminated nitrous will cause serious damage to the nitrous solenoids and possibly to your engine. This is a lifetime renewable filter.
14. If you have questions about the suitability of your torque converter or gear ratios, call the factory tech line for the inside scoop.
15. Your nitrous bottle should be turned off when not in use (even between runs). An NX remote bottle opener (PN 11107) will make this task much easier.

16. Start with the lowest power setting in your system. Don't try to be the track "Hero" on your first pass. Remember start out small and work your way up, NX systems produce more real horsepower than any other brand on the market today.
17. If the solenoids must be disassembled for cleaning or rebuilding always use the proper wrench (PN 15921). Do not use any clamping device on the solenoid tower, instant non-warranty, damage will result.
18. If you run an NX system of 150+ horsepower you must use a high octane racing type fuel. These are some tips to help you choose and maintain the correct fuel for your application:
  - A. The most important statistic you should look for in the fuel specifications is the "MON" or motor octane number. In most cases the higher the number the more timing you can run and detonation will not be a problem
  - B. Most V-8 or V-12 engines with stock compression will run on "93" unleaded pump gas with up to 150 horsepower boost, most 4 or 6 cylinders with stock compression can use up to 75 horsepower.
  - C. Racing engines with 10-1 compression or higher must run racing fuel. The higher the compression, and the higher the boost, the higher the "MON" must be.
  - D. With nitrous usage usually the highest "MON" available is the one that should be used.
  - E. All NX systems are calibrated to use fuel with .730 specific gravity or "SG". If you use a fuel with a lower "SG" you must use a larger fuel jet to compensate for the lighter fuel. If you use a fuel with a higher "SG", a smaller fuel jet will be required. Most unleaded pump gas is .730 SG or above.
  - F. Racing fuel should be stored in an airtight, dark container. Exposure to atmosphere allows very important elements to evaporate, lowering the octane of the fuel. Sunlight oxidizes the lead contained in racing fuel, since this is the most important ingredient used to raise octane it must be protected.
  - G. Never leave the fuel in your car between race days. This allows evaporation of the very important "High end" hydrocarbons and lowers the octane of the fuel.
  - H. Never buy racing fuel from an underground or vented storage tank. Always demand to see where and how the fuel is stored, a sealed drum is the only correct way.
  - I. AV gas or aviation fuel is not compatible with nitrous usage, don't be tempted by the cheap price, instant engine damage will result!
  - J. For a fuel recommendation, contact your NX dealer.
19. All vehicles, including full competition race cars, must have an alternator to provide adequate amperage required by today's racing accessories. Add up all the amps required by your car, you'll be surprised!
20. If you notice some of the N2O-fuel orifices are not perfectly aligned in your NX plate system, do not be concerned. This misalignment has been engineered into the system to direct fuel to specific cylinders.
21. If you have trouble with your NX system or any related parts, call your dealer first. If you still need help call the factory tech line 940-767-7694 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Mon-Fri. We are the nitrous experts and will give straight answers to your questions.

In conclusion.....

This instruction sheet and power tuning tips are valid only for a NX system. If you have a kit from another manufacturer this information will not help you! A tune up from any other brand of nitrous kit will not work with the NX "Next Generation" technology.

DO NOT LISTEN TO:

- A. YOUR BUDDY!
- B. YOUR BUDDY'S FRIEND!
- C. THE LOCAL NITROUS GURU!
- D. ANY ARTICLE IN ANY MAGAZINE

If you follow the foregoing suggestions, your NX system will operate trouble free and provide years of thrills. ABOVE ALL REMEMBER TO RACE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!