

Universal Dry 4, 6 & 8 Cylinder Nitrous Oxide System

OWNER'S MANUAL

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NOTICE: The CFNS Universal 4, 6 & 8 Cylinder CFNS System Kits are not intended for use on hatchback type vehicles without the use of External Aluminum Blow-Down Tube and a Racer Safety Pressure Relief Cap.

HAZARDS DEFINED

This manual presents step-by-step instructions that describe the process of installing your CFNS Nitrous Oxide System. These procedures provide a framework for installation and operation of this kit. Within the instructions, you are advised of potential hazards, pitfalls, and problems to avoid. The following examples explain the various hazard levels:

WARNING! Failure to comply with instructions may result in injury or death.

CAUTION! Failure to comply with instructions may result in damage to equipment.

NITROUS OXIDE SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS

WARNINGS

Do not attempt to start the engine if the nitrous has been injected while the engine was not running. Disconnect the coil wire and turn the engine over with the throttle wide open for several revolutions before attempting to start. Failure to do so can result in extreme engine damage.

Never permit oil, grease, or any other readily combustible substances to come in contact with cylinders, valves, solenoids, hoses, and fittings. Oil and certain gases (such as oxygen and nitrous oxide) may combine to produce a highly flammable condition. Never interchange nitrous and fuel solenoids. Failure to follow these simple instructions can result in extreme engine damage and/or personal injury. Never drop or violently strike the bottle. Doing so may result in an explosive bottle failure. Never change pressure settings of safety relief valve on the nitrous bottle valve. Increasing the safety relief valve pressure settings may create an explosive bottle hazard. Identify the gas content by the CFNS label on the bottle before using. If the bottle is not identified to show the gas contained, return the bottle to the supplier. Do not deface or remove any markings, which are on the nitrous bottle. Nitrous bottle valves should always be closed when the system is not being used.

Notify the supplier of any condition, which might have permitted any foreign matter to enter the valve or bottle. Keep the valves closed on all empty bottles to prevent accidental contamination.

After storage, open the nitrous bottle valve for an instant to clear the opening of any possible dust or dirt. It is important that all threads on the valves and solenoids are properly mated. Never force connections that do not fit properly.

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WHAT IS NITROUS OXIDE?

NITROUS OXIDE...

- ...Is a cryogenic gas composed of nitrogen and oxygen molecules
- ...Is 36% oxygen by weight
- ...Is non-flammable by itself
- ...Is stored as a compressed liquid
- ...Exists in two grades—U.S.P. and Nitrous Plus:

U.S.P. is medical grade nitrous oxide; its common use is dental and veterinary anesthesia. It is also commonly used as a propellant in canned whipped cream. U.S.P. is not available to the public.

Nitrous Plus differs from U.S.P. in that it contains trace amounts of sulphur dioxide added to prevent substance abuse. Nitrous Plus is intended for automotive applications and is available for sale to the public. In automotive applications, Nitrous Plus and fuel are injected into the engine's intake manifold, which produces the following results:

Lowers engine intake air temperature, producing a dense inlet charge.

Increases the oxygen content of the inlet charge (air is only 22 percent oxygen by weight).
Increases the rate at which combustion occurs in the engine's cylinders.

Do's and Don'ts of Nitrous Oxide

Do's

Read all instructions before attempting to install your CFNS nitrous system.
Make sure your fuel delivery system is adequate for the nitrous jetting you have chosen. Inadequate fuel pressure or flow will result in engine damage.
Use 14 gauge (minimum) wire when installing electrical system components.
Use high-quality connections at all electrical joints.
Use Teflon-based paste on pipe-style fittings.
Make sure your engine and related components (ignition, carburetor, and driveline) are in proper working condition. **If nitrous is accidentally injected into the engine when it is not running, remove the engine coil wire, open the throttle, and crank the engine 10 to 15 seconds before starting. Failure to do so can result in an explosive engine failure. Use your CFNS nitrous system only at wide-open throttle and at engine speeds above 3000 RPM. Install a proper engine to chassis ground. Failure to do so may result in an explosive failure of the main nitrous supply line.**
Use a high-quality fuel, as suggested in Chapter 3, Baseline Tuning Suggestions.

Don'ts

Engage your nitrous system with the engine off. Severe engine damage can occur.
Modify CFNS nitrous systems (if you need a non-stock item, call CFNS Technical Service for assistance).
Overtighten AN type fittings.
Use Teflon Tape on any pipe threads. Pieces of Teflon tape can break loose and become lodged in nitrous or fuel solenoids or solenoid filters. Debris lodged in a nitrous or fuel solenoid can cause catastrophic engine failure.

Use sealant of any kind on AN type fittings. Do not Allow nitrous pressure to exceed 1100 psi. Excessive pressure can cause swelling or in extreme cases failure of the nitrous solenoid plunger. Solenoid plungers are designed so that pressure-induced failures will prevent the valve from operating. No leakage should occur with this type of failure.

Inhale nitrous oxide. Death due to suffocation can occur.

Allow nitrous oxide to come in contact with skin. Severe frostbite can occur.

Use octane boosters that contain methanol. Fuel solenoid failure may occur, producing severe engine damage.

Chapter 1 Introduction to your CFNS Nitrous Oxide Kit

1. General Information

This Kit is intended for 4, 6, & 8 cylinder applications. This kit was designed to be used on late model multi-point fuel injection type engines with onboard computer reading capacity to compensate for a denser colder air.

This nitrous oxide system injects nitrous oxide into the air intake duct. If the instructions are not carefully followed, poor distribution can occur, resulting in variations of air to fuel ratio from cylinder to cylinder. In extreme cases, intake manifold backfires can occur, if the instructions are not followed exactly. These kits

have been designed for safety and smoothness of operation. Nitrous oxide is injected into the engine only when the following conditions are met:

 Bottle valve is opened. System is armed. Engine is at wide-open throttle.
Horsepower and torque increases due to these kits will vary with engine displacement and modifications. Approximate power increase estimates can be made based upon the mass flow of nitrous oxide into the engine. The following table is provided to allow you to estimate the power increase you can expect for your application. CFNS **strongly** suggests that an upper limit of about 20% to 30% increase in power output from your stock engine. Exceeding this can result in premature engine failure.

Table 1 Jetting Combinations
Nitrous Jetting Approximate Power Increase

	N2O
50HP	.036
75HP	.044
100HP	.053
130HP	.059

If jets other than the ones recommended in the table are used, please refer to Chapter 3, "Baseline Tuning Suggestions" and Chapter 4, "Preparing for Operation", for additional information on jet selection. Driveability, fuel economy, and exhaust emissions should not be affected under normal (part throttle) conditions.

2. System Requirements

When used correctly, these kits will work with stock internal engine components. **To ensure proper performance and engine life, the following is an absolute must:**

Manual Transmissions

If the vehicle is to be exposed to severe operating conditions, such as drag strip usage, the standard clutch should be replaced with a high performance unit.

Automatic Transmissions

If the vehicle is to be exposed to severe operating conditions, such as drag strip usage, a reputable high-performance transmission shop should service the automatic transmission.

3. Kit Components

Before beginning the installation of your CFNS kit, compare the components in your kit with those shown in If any components are missing, please contact CFNS Technical Support at 1-713-849-4120.

Table 2 CFNS Universal Dry Kit Parts List

Item Description	Quantity
(1) 4AN Bottle Nut Adapter	1
(2) Bottle Nut Washer	
(4) #10 Bottle Bracket Set	1
(5) Nozzle	1
(6) Flare Jets 22,26,32,36,38	
(7) Micro switch	1
(8) N2O Solenoid	1
(9) 12' braided feed line	1
(10) 10LB N ₂ O Bottle	1
(11) 1/8" x 4AN fitting Blue	2
(12) 1 ft. 3AN x 4AN Hose (Blue)	1
(13) Solenoid bracket	1

Chapter 2 Kit Installation

4. Bottle Mounting Instructions

NOTE: Disconnect the battery ground before beginning installation.

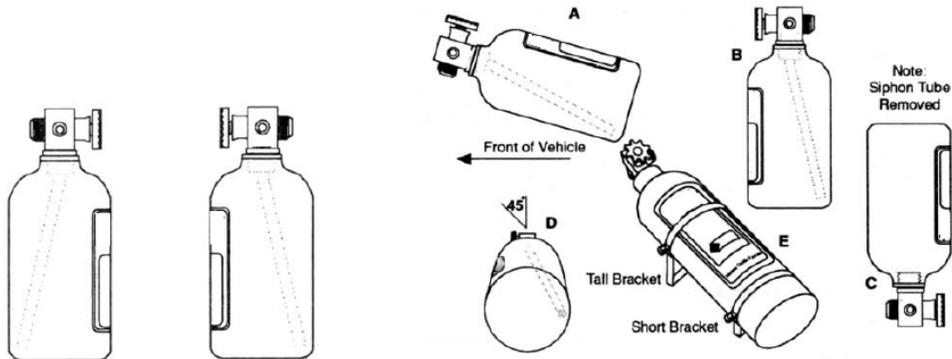
5. Street Vehicles

Accurate calibration of your CFNS nitrous system depends on the bottle remaining at a stable temperature. Mount the bottle away from heat sources, such as the engine compartment or exhaust system, and away from windows, where the bottle is exposed to direct sunlight. CFNS recommends that the bottle be environmentally separated from the driver's compartment. Because hatchback-type vehicles generally do not have a firewall between the trunk area and the driver's compartment, the safety pressure relief cap should be replaced with an aluminum blow-down tube

(a –8 neoprene-line braided hose can be substituted). The blow-down tube should be routed to the exterior of the vehicle (preferably under the vehicle). This procedure will prevent filling the driver's compartment with nitrous oxide, if the safety pressure relief cap should happen to rupture for any reason.

6. Racing Vehicles

Before mounting a nitrous bottle in a racing vehicle intended for use in sanctioned events, check with the sanctioning association for any rules regarding this subject. Most associations require that the bottle be mounted within the confines of the safety roll cage with the safety pressure relief cap vented away from the driver's compartment.



7. Bottle Orientation

Bottle placement is critical to the performance of your CFNS nitrous system. It is important to understand how the bottle valve and siphon tube are assembled to properly orient the bottle in your vehicle and ensure that it picks up liquid nitrous while undergoing acceleration. All CFNS nitrous bottles are assembled so that the bottom of the siphon tube is at the bottom of the bottle and opposite the bottle label (Figure 2). Whenever the bottle is mounted in a lay-down position, the valve handle must be towards the front of the vehicle with the label facing up (Figure 3A).

If the bottle is mounted vertically, the valve handle and label must face toward the front of the vehicle (Figure 3B). This orientation will position the siphon tube at the back of the bottle where the liquid N₂O will be during acceleration.

WARNING! DO NOT attempt to remove the siphon tube without completely emptying the bottle of all nitrous and pressure. Failure to completely empty the bottle will result in an explosive condition causing injury or death.

A bottle mounted upside-down must have the siphon tube removed before use (Figure 3C). Non-siphon bottles can be specially ordered from CFNS. If the bottle must be mounted parallel to the axles of the vehicle (sideways), the valve handle and label must be angled at approximately 45° toward the front of the vehicle (Figure 3D). This orientation will position the siphon tube toward the rear of the bottle.

When using a bottle with a siphon tube, the tall bracket should be at the valve end of the bottle and the short bracket at the bottom (Figure 3E). The most efficient mounting is the lay-down position (Figure 3A) with the valve handle toward the front of the vehicle. This position allows the greatest amount of liquid to be used before the siphon tube begins to pick up gaseous nitrous oxide.

8. Bottle Installation

After you have determined the location and orientation of the nitrous bottle, use the following procedure to install the bottle:

1. Install the bottle nut adapter (1) and Teflon washer (2) on the nitrous bottle (3). Tighten securely.
2. Loosely install the bottle mounting brackets (4) on the nitrous bottle
3. Locate the bottle/bracket assembly in the desired mounting location, ensuring that the location will provide easy access to the bottle valve, hose connection, and bracket clamp bolts to facilitate bottle changing.
4. Use the assembled bottle/bracket unit as a pattern to mark and drill four 5/16" holes in the mounting surface.

CAUTION! When drilling or punching holes for these brackets, be aware what component, wires, or hoses are located or routed behind the general area to avoid vehicle or equipment malfunction.

5. Mount the brackets securely to the surface (recommended minimum of 5/16" bolts or No. 12 sheet metal screws).

6. Secure the nitrous bottle in the mounting brackets and tighten the bracket clamps.

9. Nozzle Installation

The recommended mounting location for the nozzle is in the air inlet duct, just after the air filter but before the mass air flow sensor. (IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS A TURBO BE SURE TO INSTALL THE NOZZLE AFTER THE TURBO BUT BEFORE THE MASS AIR)

1. Before making any permanent modifications to the vehicle, layout the location of all the major components (solenoid, nozzle, nitrous supply lines, etc.). Select the desired mounting location for the Nozzle taking into account the length of the nitrous supply hose and the intended location of the solenoid. Make sure the nozzle and feed line will not interfere with engine components or accessories and will not interfere with the

hood when closed. The nozzle should not move from the perpendicular position in the air inlet duct due to strain induced by the nitrous supply hose. Remove the air inlet duct.

A. **Metal Mounting Surface:** Drill a .241 hole and tap with a 1/16" pipe tap perpendicular to the centerline of the inlet duct. Install the nozzle so that the N₂O is injected into the air stream of the incoming air. You can also, drill a hole and epoxy the fitting in place. The key to this part of the installation is to be sure that the nozzle will not come lose when the N₂O is injected. Some fabrication may be required.

CAUTION! All debris **must** be removed from the air inlet duct. Use compressed air, if available. Failure to do so can result in severe engine damage.

B. **Rubber/Hard Plastic Mounting Surface:** Drill a .241 hole perpendicular to the inlet duct centerline through the inlet duct. **CAUTION!** Severe engine damage can occur if the nozzle / nozzle assembly works loose from the air inlet duct. Ensure that the nozzle is securely tightened in the air duct.

5. Note the discharge side of the nozzle. Install the nozzle in the inlet duct with the discharge side pointed toward the engine (downstream or in the direction of the induced air stream). Use Teflon paste to ensure adequate sealing.

6. Install the air inlet duct.

10. Solenoid Mounting

CAUTION: Do not over tighten the vise in the following procedure, or the solenoid will be damaged.

1. Clamp the nitrous solenoid in a bench vise.
2. Thread the 1/8" NPT x 4AN nitrous fittings into the inlet/outlet port of the nitrous solenoid. Use Teflon paste to avoid leaks.
3. Select the mounting location for the solenoid assembly. Ensure that the assembly and lines do not interfere with engine accessories or body parts, and that hoses reach the PRO nozzle inlet ports without being stretched or kinked.
4. Securely mount the solenoid assembly.

11. Solenoid / PRO Nozzle Hose Connection

1. Select the proper nitrous jet. Place the desired jets in the PRO nozzle, making sure that the jet is inserted into the correct locations, as marked on the nozzle. Red for fuel and Blue for Nitrous.
2. Connect and tighten the 1 foot braided line to the PRO nozzle inlet port marked BLUE "nitrous". Hold the PRO nozzle in position with a wrench to ensure the nozzle doesn't rotate out of position when the line is tightened.

12. Nitrous Feed Line Mounting

Most late model vehicles have access plugs in the trunk floor, which are convenient for nitrous line routing. Following the fuel lines along the underbody, and entering the engine bay through the front fender well between the plastic inner fender panel and the body usually works well.

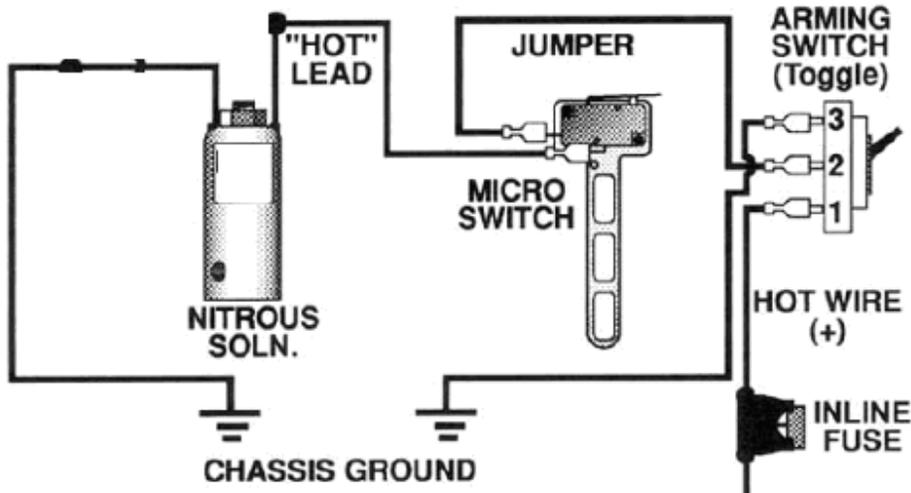
1. Determine the route for your nitrous feed line to follow. Ensure the path is clear of exhaust system, suspension, steering, wheels, electrical lines and components, and tires.
2. Feed the nitrous supply line (16) along the proposed route.
3. If it is necessary to support the nitrous supply line under the vehicle, use nylon tie-wraps to support the line securely.
4. Attach the nitrous supply line to the 4AN bottle nut adapter on the nitrous bottle.

WARNING! Nitrous oxide can cause death if inhaled. Severe frostbite can occur, if allowed to contact the skin.

Always point the nitrous line opening away from people when purging the line.

5. Purge the nitrous supply line.
 - A. Wrap the end of the nitrous line with a rag and hold securely.
 - B. Point the opening **away** from people.
 - C. Briefly open the bottle valve.
6. Attach the nitrous supply line to the nitrous solenoid inlet port.

Figure 9 Electric Wiring Schematic



13. Electrical System Installation Dry kit only has the N2O solenoid.

Refer to Figure 9 and the procedures in this section for electrical system installation.

WARNING! Death or injury may occur from working on a charged electrical system.

1. Disconnect the car battery at the ground cable (if not already done).

WARNING! Binding or dragging of the throttle linkage will create a potentially dangerous stuck-throttle condition. Ensure that the micro switch does not interfere with normal throttle linkage operation.

2. Install the throttle micro switch as follows:

The micro switch may be mounted to a bracket in a variety of positions.

A. Mount the throttle micro switch on the throttle body so that the throttle linkage movement triggers the micro switch.

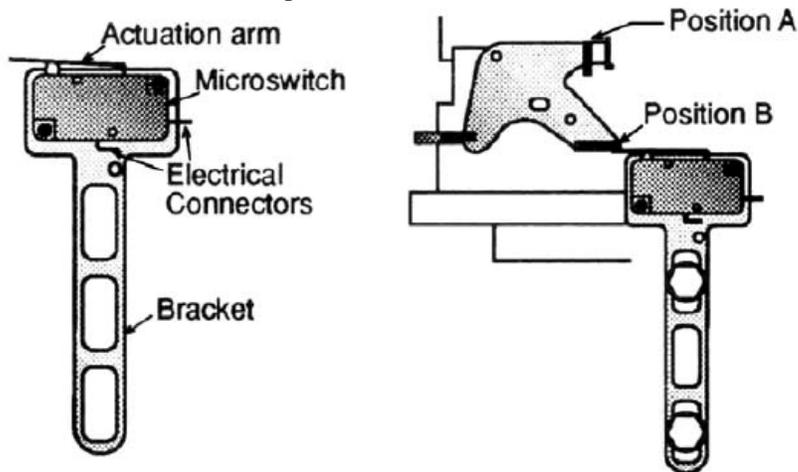
B. Adjust the micro switch to trigger at wide-open throttle by adjusting the micro switch's position to ensure the actuation arm of the micro switch "clicks" at the same point your throttle linkage reaches wide-open throttle against the throttle stop.

C. Ensure that the throttle and switch can reach the activation position, Position B, by using the accelerator pedal. Have an assistant slowly press the pedal to the floor while you listen for the "click" of the micro switch.

3. Install a arming toggle switch in the vehicle interior, within easy reach of the driver. This switch is to be used to activate the nitrous system once safe engine RPM levels are reached.

CAUTION! Never activate your nitrous system below 3000 engine RPM.

Figure 10 Microswitch Mounting



1. Connect the bottom terminal of the micro switch to the middle of the arming switch.

3. Connect the open terminal on the micro switch to the positive side of the solenoids.

4. Connect the #1 terminal on the arming switch to a switched 12 volt power source.

5. Connect the #3 terminal of the arming switch to a ground.

6. Reconnect the battery.

7. Turn the arming switch on.

8. Push the throttle wide open while the engine is off. Each solenoid should make a clicking noise if it is cycling correctly. If no noise is heard, check all the wiring connections and the wiring schematic in Figure 9.

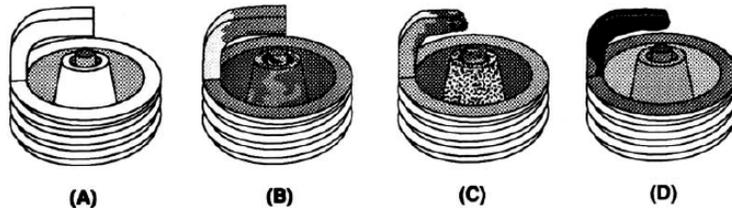
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Do to the fact that this type of system does not add fuel to the nozzle. It is important to have a high quality fuel system. Also, your onboard computer must be able to read the temperature drop and add extra fuel or catastrophic engine damage will result.

CAUTION! Use of excessive bottle pressure and/or inadequate fuel pressure can result in an excessively lean condition. In extreme cases, this will produce catastrophic engine failure.

CAUTION! Never activate your nitrous system below 3000 engine RPM.

Figure 11 Spark Plug Condition



How to Read Spark Plugs from a Nitrous Oxide Injected Engine

A. Correct Timing, Mixture, and Spark Plug Heat Range

Ground strap retains a “like new” appearance. Edges are crisp, with no signs of discoloration. Porcelain retains clear white appearance with no “peppering” or spotting.

B. Excessively Rich Mixture

Porcelain may be fuel stained, appearing brown or black. In extreme cases, ground strap, electrode, and porcelain may be damp with gasoline, or smell of fuel.

C. Detonation

Edges of the ground strap may become rounded. Porcelain has the appearance of being sprinkled with pepper, or may have aluminum speckles. During heavy detonation, the ground strap tip may burn off. This phenomena can result from excessive ignition timing, too high a heat range spark plug, or inadequate fuel octane.

D. Excessively Lean Mixture

Edges of the ground strap may become rounded. Under moderate overheating, the tip of the ground strap can discolor, usually turning purple, or the entire ground strap can become discolored.

14. Determining Optimum Ignition Timing

IMPORTANT! Ignition timing should be retarded approximately 2 degrees per 50 HP increase due to nitrous oxide injection. Start with the engine’s best total timing and reduce from there. Use the initial settings, which are 2-3 degrees more retarded than you expect to be optimum.

Example:

Total Ignition Timing with Nitrous----- 38°
100 HP Increase from Nitrous-----2°/50HP----- 4° Retard
Initial Safety Margin----- 2° Retard
Initial Timing with Nitrous----- 32°

The following scheme for determining ignition timing should allow you to determine the optimum setting for your vehicle, without incurring engine damage during the tuning phase.

1. Estimate the reduced ignition timing that you think will produce the best power, based upon the 2-degree retard per 50 horsepower increase rule.
2. Set the ignition timing 2 to 3 degrees retarded from your best power estimate setting.
3. Stabilize the nitrous bottle pressure at 950psi.
4. Perform a dynamometer pull or a full throttle pass down the racetrack. Note the power reading or vehicle mph.
5. Increase the ignition timing 2 degrees.
6. Perform a dynamometer pull or a full throttle pass down the racetrack. Note the power reading or vehicle mph. Examine the spark plugs for signs of detonation (refer to Figure 11 for tips on reading spark plugs).
- 6A. If power increase or vehicle mph increase **and** spark plugs show no sign of overheating or detonation, increase the ignition timing 2 degrees.
- 6B. If power increase or vehicle mph increase **and** spark plugs begin to show slight signs of detonation—STOP. Do not advance the timing further. You may choose to reduce the timing 2 degrees at this point for an extra margin of safety.
- 6C. If power decreases or vehicle mph decreases, reduce the ignition timing 2 degrees.
7. Repeat step 6 until optimum ignition timing is obtained.

Chapter 4 Routine Maintenance

15. Nitrous Solenoid Filter

When nitrous bottles are refilled they can become contaminated with debris, if the refiller does not have an adequate filter in their transfer pump mechanism. Contaminants in the bottle will eventually become lodged in the nitrous solenoid filter fitting. You should periodically (after every 20-30 pounds of nitrous usage) examine the mesh in the nitrous filter for debris. To clean the filter, follow the following steps:

1. Close the valve on the nitrous bottle. Empty the main nitrous feed line.
2. Disconnect the main nitrous feed line from the nitrous solenoid. Remove the nitrous filter fitting from the nitrous solenoid.
3. Remove **all** Teflon paste debris from the solenoid inlet port threads and from the nitrous solenoid filter pipe threads.
4. Examine the mesh in the nitrous filter fitting for contaminants. Blow out debris with compressed air, if necessary.
5. Apply fresh Teflon paste to the nitrous filter pipe threads. Reinstall the filter in the nitrous solenoid.
6. Reconnect the main nitrous supply line to the nitrous solenoid.

16. Nitrous Solenoid Plunger

General Information

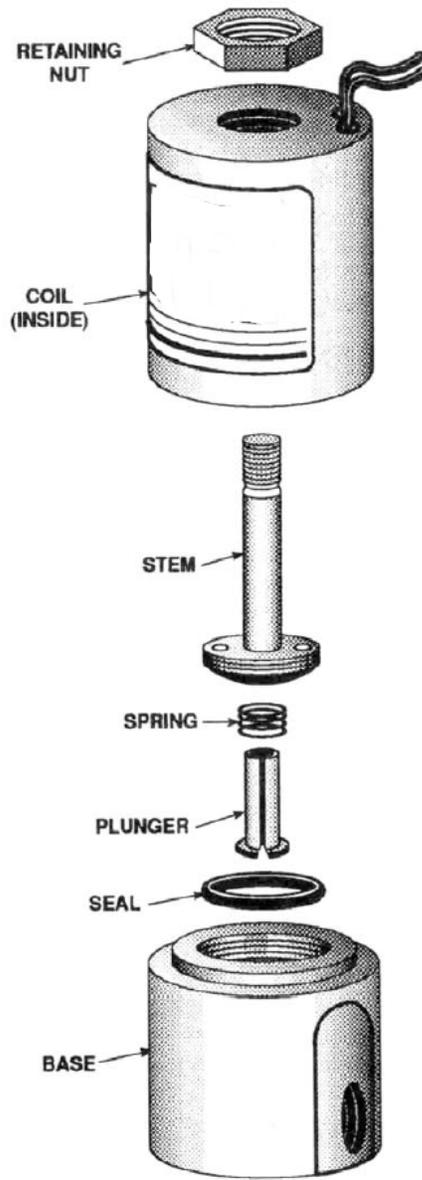
The seals used in CFNS nitrous solenoid plungers are constructed from materials that are designed to be used with nitrous oxide. When kept free from fuel contaminants or from over pressurization, they should provide trouble free performance. You should periodically (after every 20-30 pounds of nitrous usage) examine the seal in the nitrous solenoid plunger. The seals used in CFNS nitrous solenoid plungers are designed to work at pressures up to 1100psi. Exposing the plunger to excessive pressure (whether the vehicle is sitting or in-use) can result in the seal in the plunger seal swelling or in extreme cases, plunger seal disintegration.

NOTE: fail to flow nitrous oxide. Swelling of the nitrous solenoid plunger seal will reduce nitrous flow (causing an excessively rich nitrous/fuel condition and a loss of power).

Nitrous Solenoid Plunger Disassembly and Inspection

1. Close the valve on the nitrous bottle.
2. Empty the main nitrous supply line.
3. Remove the retaining nut from the nitrous solenoid.
4. Remove the coil and housing from the nitrous solenoid base.
5. Unscrew the stem from the nitrous solenoid base. Do this by double nutting the stem, or by using a solenoid stem removal tool **Do not use pliers on the solenoid stem. Damage to the stem will result.**
6. Remove the stem, spring, and plunger from the solenoid base.
7. Examine the plunger seal for swelling. The seal surface should be flat, except for a small circular indentation in the center of the seal; A fuel-contaminated seal will protrude from the plunger and be dome-shaped. A fuel-contaminated seal may return to its original shape if left out in the fresh air for several days. It may then be returned to service. A seal, which has been over pressurized, may be dome-shaped, or the sealing surface may be flat with the seal protruding out of the plunger. A dome-shaped seal may return to its original shape if left out in the fresh air for several days. It may then be returned to service. A seal, which is flat, but protrudes from the plunger body has probably failed internally and should be replaced.

17. Figure 12 Exploded View of a Typical Solenoid



Appendix A Troubleshooting Guide

The troubleshooting chart on the following pages should help determine and rectify most problems with your installed CFNS system. If you still need assistance determining or fixing problems, call the CFNS Technical Support at 1-713-849-4120

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
No change in engine speed when the fuel solenoid is activated (Preparing for Operation—Chapter 4).	System wired incorrectly.	Compare wiring to schematic (Figure 6).	Wire per instructions.
	Restricted fuel line.	Inspect fuel line for restrictions (crimped or plugged).	Remove restrictions.
	Malfunctioning fuel solenoid.	Turn arming switch ON. Activate microswitch. Solenoid should make "clicking" noise.	Repair/replace solenoid.
Change in engine speed when nitrous bottle valve is opened (Preparing for Operation—Chapter 4).	Malfunctioning nitrous solenoid.	Remove and inspect solenoid.	Repair/replace solenoid.
Engine runs rich when system is activated.	Bottle valve not fully opened.	Check bottle valve.	Open valve fully.
	Bottle mounted improperly.	Check bottle orientation.	Mount bottle properly.
	Plugged nitrous filter.	Inspect filter.	Clean/replace filter.
	Low bottle pressure.	Check bottle temperature.	Set bottle temperature to 80° to 85°F.
	Inadequate nitrous supply.	Weigh bottle.	Fill bottle.
	Mismatched N ₂ O/fuel jetting.	Compare jetting to recommended values.	Install correct jets.
	Excessive fuel pressure.	Install fuel pressure gauge.	Regulate pressure down, or install smaller fuel jetting.
	Loose nitrous solenoid wiring.	Inspect the solenoid wiring.	Repair wiring.
Malfunctioning nitrous solenoid.	WARNING: Solenoid discharges nitrous at a high rate. Don't inhale nitrous; death may occur. Skin contact may cause frostbite. Close bottle valve. Disconnect the nitrous solenoid outlet port. Disconnect the solenoid (+) lead. Open the nitrous bottle valve. Briefly connect the +12V to the solenoid. Solenoid should discharge N ₂ O at a high rate.	Rebuild solenoid.	
No change in performance when system is activated.	System wired incorrectly.	Compare nitrous wiring to schematic.	Wire system per instructions.
	Loose ground wire(s).	Connect 12V test light to battery (+) terminal. Check for continuity at grounds noted in schematic.	Tighten/repair loose grounds.
	No power to arming switch.	With vehicle ignition ON, turn arming switch ON. Connect 12V test light to battery (-) terminal. Check for power at pole #1 on arming switch.	Repair wiring.
	Malfunctioning arming switch.	With vehicle ignition ON, turn arming switch ON. Connect 12V test light to battery (-) terminal. Check for power at red wire on arming switch.	Replace arming switch.
	Overly rich fuel condition.	Check for black smoke or backfiring through exhaust with system activated.	Install smaller fuel jet or decrease fuel pressure.
	Malfunctioning throttle microswitch.	Turn arming switch OFF. Close throttle microswitch. Check for continuity between microswitch wiring terminals.	Replace throttle microswitch.

Engine detonates mildly when system is activated.	Excessive ignition timing.	Check ignition timing.	Reduce timing in 2° increments, up to 8° from non-nitrous conditions.
	Inadequate octane fuel.		Use higher octane fuel; up to 116VPC-16
	Spark plug heat range too high.		Reduce spark plug heat range (max. 2 steps).
	Too much nitrous flow.		Reduce nitrous jetting.
Engine detonates heavily when system is activated.	Inadequate fuel delivery due to: Plugged fuel filter.	Inspect fuel filter.	Clean or replace fuel filter.
	Crimped fuel line.	Inspect fuel line.	Replace crimped line.
	Weak fuel pump.	Install fuel pressure gauge	Repair/replace fuel pump.
High-RPM misfire when system is activated.	Excessive spark plug gap.	Inspect spark plugs.	Set spark plug gap at 0.030 to 0.035"
	Weak ignition/ignition component failure.	Inspect components (plug wires, distributor cap, etc.)	Replace worn components.
Surges under acceleration when system is activated.	Inadequate supply of nitrous.	Check bottle weight.	Fill bottle.
	Bottle mounted incorrectly.	Compare bottle position and orientation to instructions.	Mount or orient bottle correctly.

Nitrous Oxide Accessories

CFNS systems are calibrated for optimum performance with a bottle pressure of 950-1000 psi. The pressure will change with temperature. Heater kits are pressure controlled to keep the bottle near 1000 psi to provide correct pressure. **Bottle Heaters** are available for 10 & 15 lb. bottles. Insulating the bottle helps maintain pressure by keeping heat in the bottle when it's cold, or heat out when it's hot outside.

The purpose of a **Purge Valve kit** is to release trapped air or gaseous nitrous from the feed line(s). Also, used with a bottle heater to purge down to the ideal pressure. This helps to ensure consistent performances. And, purging looks cool too!

Nitrous Pressure Gauges measure from 0-2000psi (although recommended level is 950-1000 psi) and are essential in monitoring the bottle. It's a great safety feature and allows better tuning of your nitrous kit.

The **Quick Release Aluminum Bracket** is available for 10 lb. and 15 lb. bottles

Remote Bottle Openers are also available.

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