

# Series II ODYR-02-1 & SLX-02-1 rev. B PERFORMANCE TACHOMETER

## Introduction:

The Odyssey Series II gauges from Dakota Digital, Inc. incorporates the reliability and quality of our standard gauges, along with several unique features and easy mounting. These features include:

- Industry standard 3-3/8" gauge size.
- Push button tachometer calibration.
- 99,999.9 Hour Meter.
- 999.9 Resettable service hour meter.
- Adjustable shift indicator with an output for a light.
- High rpm recall.
- Gear shift indicator. (requires GSS-1000 sender).
- Adjustable display update rate.
- Compatible with low voltage ECM tach signals
- · Microprocessor stabilized readings.
- Night dimming with lens label lighting.
- Non-Glare, high contrast lens
- High Visibility VFD display for sunlight readability.

# **WIRING COLOR CODE FOR GAUGE:**

RED +12 volt power with key on

BLACK ground for gauge

YELLOW shift light output (Low current only! Use a relay for high current lights.)

GRAY tach signal input BROWN gear shift sender input

BLUE night dimming

WHITE/RED optional weak pull-up for computer tach signals.

# **POWER**

Connect the red wire from the main harness to accessory power from the ignition switch.

Never connect this to a battery charger alone. It needs to have a 12 volt battery connected to it. Battery chargers have an unregulated voltage output that will cause the system to not operate properly.

## **GROUND**

The black wire is the main ground for display system. A poor ground connection can cause improper or erratic operation.

## **TACHOMETER**

The gray wire connects to the vehicle tach signal. On point type and pointless distributors connect to the negative side of the coil. This will sometimes be labeled TACH or DIST. On distributorless ignition systems, connect to the tach output wire or to the negative wire of one of the coils. On MSD ignition systems connect to the tach output terminal.

For tach signals integrated into a vehicle wiring harness, consult a service manual to determine the color code and location of the tachometer signal. The tach signal from some engine computers requires a weak pull-up. Connect the white/red and gray wires together to the tach signal from the engine computer.

The tachometer is adjustable from 1 to 15 cylinder signals and calibration is discussed below. Diesel engines will usually require a diesel tach adapter DSL-1 or DSL-2, available from Dakota Digital, Inc. The tachometer will display rpm directly up to 9,990 and rpm x1000 for rpm over 10,000. The maximum rpm the tachometer will read is 17,900.

# **TACHOMETER CALIBRATION**

The tachometer calibration is done using the function switch.

- 1. Make sure the key is off so the gauge is not powered.
- 2. Press and hold the function switch.
- 3. Turn the key on. The display will show " -- ".
- 4. Release the function switch. The message display will switch between "ENGINE" (cylinder select), "WARN" (warning set), "UPDATE" (update speed), and "SIGNAL" (tach signal type). The tach display will show "SEt"
- 5. When "ENGINE" is displayed press the function switch.
- 6. Release the function switch. The rpm display will show the current cylinder setting.
- 7. Press and release the function switch to change the setting. Each time the setting will increase by one.
- 8. When the desired value is displayed, press and hold the function switch. The calibration value will be stored.
- 9. Release the function switch. The gauge will now restart in normal mode with the new settings.

# **WARNING/SHIFT POINT SETTING**

Changing the warning/shift point is done using the function switch.

- 1. Make sure the key is off so the gauge is not powered.
- 2. Press and hold the function switch.
- 3. Turn the key on. The display will show " -- ".
- 4. Release the function switch. The message display will switch between "ENGINE" (cylinder select), "WARN" (warning set), "UPDATE" (update speed), and "SIGNAL" (tach signal type). The tach display will show "SEt"
- 5. When "WARN" is displayed press the function switch.
- 6. Release the function switch. The rpm display will show the current warning setting.
- 7. Press and release the function switch to change the setting. Each time the setting will increase by 100.
- 8. When the desired value is displayed, press and hold the function switch. The calibration value will be stored.
- 9. Release the function switch. The gauge will now restart in normal mode with the new warning setting.

## SHIFT LIGHT OUTPUT

The shift light output is a ground switch that turns on whenever the rpm exceeds the warning point. It can handle 0.25A, equivalent to a 3W 12V bulb. Connect a low current indicator as follows: One wire from the light will connect to 12 volts, the other wire will connect to the yellow wire from the gauge.

If a large or high power light will be used, then a relay should be connected as follows: One of the coil wires should be connected to 12 volts and the other coil wire will connect to the yellow wire from the gauge. The relay contacts will be used to switch power to the light. Any 12volt automotive relay can be used, such as Dakota Digital's RLY-1 30A relay.

# **FUNCTION SWITCH**

The function switch on the front of the speedometer allows access to all of the performance information. Pressing and releasing the function switch toggles through the different displays. The display sequence is as follows:

HOURS	>	0.0000	Hours in use
SERVIC	>	S 000.0	hours since last service
HI RPM	>	H 0000	high rpm recall
WARN	>	W 0000	current warning set point
GFAR	>	current gear position	

The gear display is only available when a GSS-1000 universal gear shift sender is connected to indicate what gear the automatic transmission is in.

Each of the displays are described in more detail here:

## HOURS

The hours display keeps track of and stores the time. No power is required to maintain the memory stored internally. The hourmeter has a range of 0 - 99,999.9 hours.

#### SERVIC

The service hourmeter keeps track of the hours since the last reset. The service hours are reset to zero by pressing and holding the function switch while the service hours is displayed. The service hourmeter has a range of 0-999.9 hours.

# HI RPM

The high rpm recall keeps track of the highest rpm reached. This is reset to zero each time the tachometer is turned on and can also be reset by pressing and holding the function switch while the hi rpm is displayed.

# WARN

The warn display shows where the warning point is currently set. Any time the rpm exceeds the warning point the display will flash "SHIFT" and the output for an external shift light will be turned on.

# **GEAR**

The gear shift display will show the current gear the transmission is in when used with a GSS-1000. The brown wire from the gauge should connect to the "First" terminal on the GSS-1000. Refer to the GSS-1000 instructions for sensor setup. The gear labels are "PARK", "REVRSE", "NEUTRL", "OVRDRV", "DRIVE", "SECOND", and "FIRST". If the gear is changed while another function is being displayed, the readout will automatically switch to the gear display for a few seconds.

# TACHOMETER DISPLAY UPDATE ADJUSTMENT

The tachometer digital display update rate can be changed. Slower updates give a more stable reading, faster updates give quicker response. The HI RPM recall and SHIFT warning are always at 1/8 second update. The default setting is ½ second, which provides the most stable reading.

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- 4. Release the function switch. The message display will switch between "ENGINE" (cylinder select), "WARN" (warning set), "UPDATE" (update speed), and "SIGNAL" (tach signal type). The tach display will show "SEt"
- 5. When "UPDATE" is displayed press the function switch.
- 6. Release the function switch. The rpm display will show the current display update setting.
- 7. Press and release the function switch to change the setting. Each time the setting will increase by one. "SPd1" is ½ sec. update, "SPd2" is ¼ sec. update, and "SPd3" is 1/8 sec. update.
- 8. When the desired value is displayed, press and hold the function switch. The setting will be stored.
- 9. Release the function switch. The gauge will now restart in normal mode with the new settings.

## **NIGHT DIMMING**

Your display system has a dimming feature that dims the display intensity. Normally the system is at full brightness for daytime viewing. When the blue wire has 12 volts the display intensity will be reduced. Connect this to a park light or tail light circuit, then whenever the headlights are on the display will dim. To have the system at full brightness all of the time leave the blue wire disconnected.

# **MOUNTING:**

The gauge requires a round hole 3-3/8" in diameter. It should be inserted into the opening from the front and the U-clamp will be installed from the back. Tighten the two nuts on the U-clamp so that the gauge is secure.

Troubleshooting guide.		
Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Gauge will not light up	Red wire does not have power.	Connect to a location that has power.
	Black wire is not getting a good ground.	Connect ground to a different location.
	Gauge is damaged.	Return gauge for repair. (see instructions)
Gauge lights up, but displays "tACH" "Err"	Tach calibration is invalid	Gauge must be recalibrated (see instructions).
Gauge lights up, but displays just "Err" only	Gauge is damaged.	Return gauge for repair. (see instructions)
Gauge lights up, but tach will only show zero.	Gray wire is not connected properly.	Check connection from gray wire to. tach signal wire.
•	Ignition system not grounded properly.	Check engine and ignition system grounds.
	Gauge is not grounded properly.	Check gauge and engine grounds.
	Tach signal type is not set correctly.	Change the signal type as described on the following page.
	Gauge is not calibrated	Gauge must be recalibrated (see instructions).
Tach reading is erratic or jumps around.	Tach signal wire is loose or broken.	Check all wire connections and inspect wire for breaks.
, ,	Poor ground connection.	Check ground connection on tachometer and engine.
	Update rate is too fast.	Reset display update speed slower.
Tach reading is incorrect.	Gauge is not calibrated correctly.	Gauge must be calibrated (see instructions).
Gauge will not dim.	Blue wire is not connected correctly.	Check wiring connections. Blue wire should have 12 volts with headlights on.
Gauge remains dim at all times.	Blue wire is getting power all of the time.	Connect blue wire to location that only has power when the headlights are on.

## **TACHOMETER SIGNAL TYPE SETUP**

The input circuit can be set up for normal, 12 volt tach input signals or for low voltage tach signals. If you can't get the tachometer to read with everything connected correctly, change the input signal type. Low voltage signals are commonly found on engine computer outputs.

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- 2. Press and hold the function switch.
- 3. Turn the key on. The display will show " -- ".
- 4. Release the function switch. The message display will switch between "ENGINE" (cylinder select), "WARN" (warning set), "UPDATE" (update speed), and "SIGNAL" (tach signal type). The tach display will show "SEt"
- 5. When "SIGNAL" is displayed press the function switch.
- 6. Release the function switch. The message display will show the current setting, "NORMAL" or "LO VLT".
- 7. Press and release the function switch to change the setting. When the desired value is displayed, press and hold the function switch. The new setting will be stored.
- 8. Release the function switch. The gauge will now restart in normal mode with the new warning setting.

## **SERVICE AND REPAIR**

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