



## ODY-03-1 OIL PRESSURE GAUGE

### Introduction:

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

- A warning feature that flashes the gauge readout when outside operating limits.
- A connection for an external warning indicator that is activated when the gauge flashes.
- User adjustable warning points.
- Microprocessor stabilized readings.
- Quick-Start feature to provide accurate readings quickly after being powered up.
- Night dimming with lens label lighting.
- High Visibility VFD display for sunlight readability.

The oil pressure gauge will read the engine oil pressure. The engine oil keeps your motor lubricated so it can turn easily and the metal does not wear away quickly. Sufficient pressure is needed to make sure that all of the parts receive good lubrication. By monitoring the pressure you can determine when there is a problem before any damage is done to your engine. The pressure will be zero when the engine is not running, and will increase after the engine is started. The oil pressure will vary with engine speed, dropping as the speed decreases. The oil pressure will also vary with temperature. When the engine is cold, especially during the winter, the pressure will be higher until the engine reaches its operating temperature.

The oil pressure is created by the oil pump. Low oil pressure can be caused by a weak pump, low oil level, or by worn bearings in the engine. If the engine does not have proper oil pressure, the metal parts of the engine will begin grinding against each other, causing excessive wear or seizing the engine. If the oil pressure is too high, the oil will begin seeping past the piston rings and be burned with the fuel.

The oil pressure gauge will operate and read correctly between the pressure range of 0 - 145 psi. The gauge has user adjustable high and low warning levels. These can be set to indicate when the engine has too little or too much oil pressure.

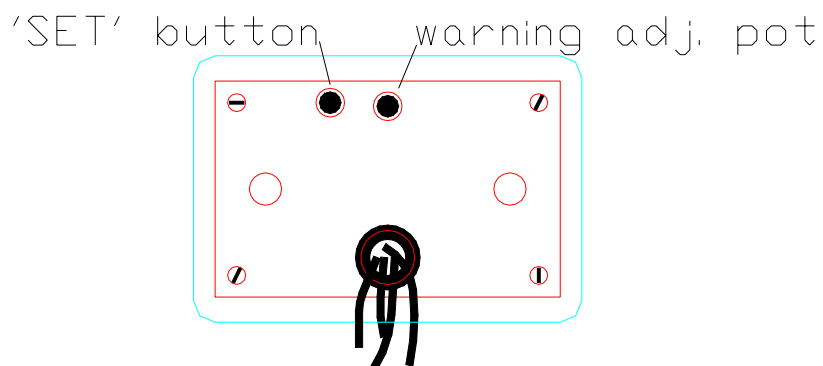
### Operation:

The gauge needs only the red and black wires connected to light up. The gray wire connects to the sender. **The sender must be Dakota Digital part SEN-03-1.** Sending units from other manufacturer's will cause incorrect readings. SEN-03-1 has 1/8" NPT threads. If other thread sizes are needed, an adapter fitting should be used to change the thread size. If the gray wire is not connected, the display will show "EE". If the gray wire is shorted to ground, the display will show "--". When the blue wire has 12 volts, it will dim the display for night viewing. The yellow wire will provide a ground output when the gauge reading is outside the warning limits.

### Setting the warning limits:

The high and low warning limits can be set to different values. Once they have been set, they are stored internally so that the gauge will retain the values even when the gauge does not have any power. These values can be set and reset as many times as desired. The procedure for setting the warning limits is as follows:

1. Make sure the key is off so the gauge is not powered.
2. Press and hold the 'SET' button. This is located behind the hole located on the back side of the gauge as shown in figure 1.
3. Turn the key on while the 'SET' button is being held.
4. Release the button. The gauge should show 'LO' and then switch to a reading between 0 and 63.
5. Turn the warning adjustment pot until the desired low pressure limit is showing. The adjustment will then 3/4 rotation from stop to stop. Do not force it past either stop.
6. Press and release the 'SET' button. The gauge should show 'HI' and then switch to a reading between 16 and 143.
7. Turn the warning adjustment pot until the desired high pressure limit is showing.
8. Press and release the 'SET' button. The gauge should show '--'. The new warning limits are now stored.
9. Turn the key off. The gauge will now operate normally when powered up again.



### Using external warning indicators:

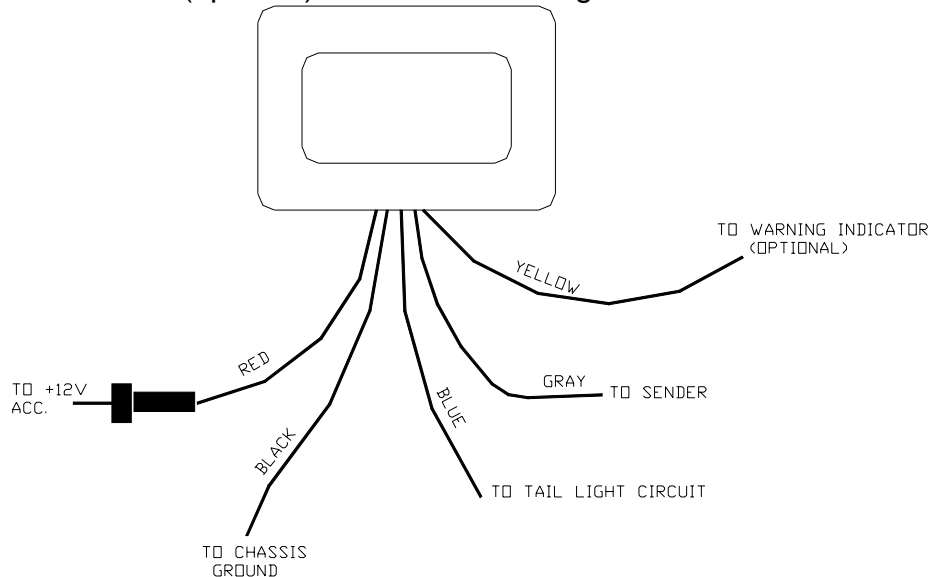
The yellow wire provides a ground trigger whenever the gauge is outside its set limits. Low current indicators (less than 1/4 A) can be activated directly by connecting their power wire to 12 volts and connecting their ground wire to the yellow output wire. Many gauges can share the same indicator by connecting their yellow warning wires together. In this way, when any one or more gauges are outside their limits the warning indicator will be activated.

For higher current buzzers or lights, a relay will need to be used to switch the indicator on. Dakota Digital's RLY-1 30A relay may be used for this. One of the coil wires should be connected to 12 volts and the other coil wire connected to the yellow warning wire. When the gauge is outside its limits, the relay will turn on. The relay contact wires can be used to switch the higher current.

**WARNING!**  
CONNECTING A HIGH CURRENT  
INDICATOR DIRECTLY TO THE  
WARNING OUTPUT WILL DAMAGE  
THE UNIT.

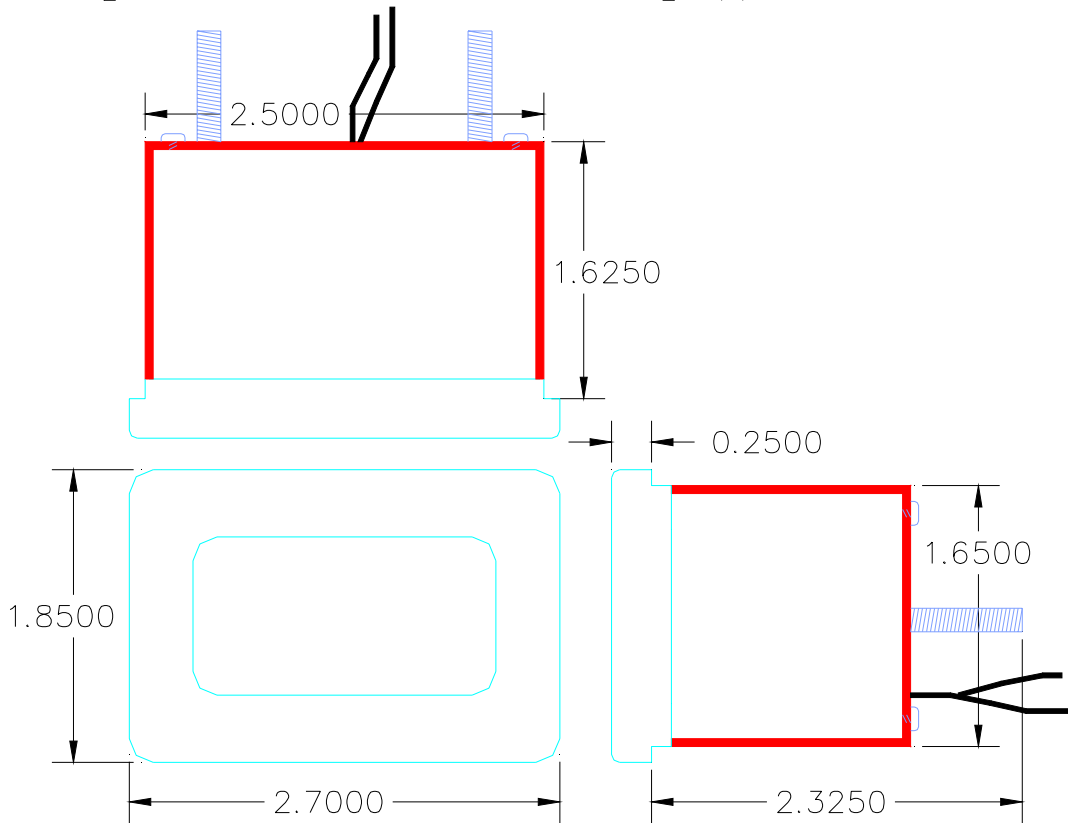
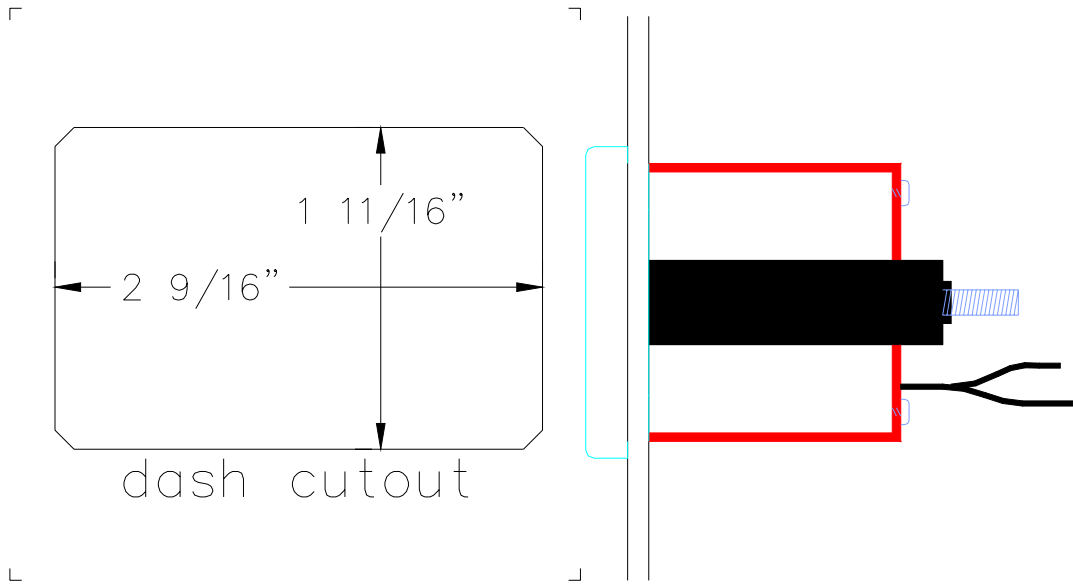
### Wiring:

- BLACK - connect to a good ground point in the vehicle.
- RED - connect to an accessory terminal from your fuse block.
- GRAY - connect to the oil pressure sender.
- BLUE - connect to the tail light circuit.
- YELLOW - (optional) connect to warning indicator.



**Mounting:**

The gauge requires a rectangular cut out that is about 2 9/16" x 1 11/16". 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. Figure 2 shows the required cut out for the gauge. Figure 3 shows how the gauge mounts.



## Troubleshooting guide.

| Problem                                       | Possible cause   | Solution  |
|---|--|---|
| Gauge will not light up                       | Red wire does not have power.<br>Black wire is not getting a good ground.<br>Fuse is blown.<br>Gauge is damaged.   | Connect to a location that has power.<br>Connect ground to a different location.<br>Replace in line fuse. (2 amp only.)<br>Return gauge for repair. (see instructions)  |
| Gauge lights up, but displays “EE”.           | Sender is not connected to gauge.<br>Wire between gauge and sender is broken.<br>Sender is not grounding properly. | Connect gray wire from gauge to sender terminal.<br>Test and replace wire.<br>Sender grounds through it’s mounting threads. Make sure the threads are clean. <b>Do Not Use Tape or Sealant on Sender Threads.</b>               |
| Gauge lights up, but displays “--”.           | Gauge is damaged.<br>Sender is damaged.<br>Sender wire is shorted to ground.                                       | Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)<br>Return for replacement. (see instructions)<br>Check wire for damaged insulation, replace if necessary.  |
| Gauge lights up, but does not read correctly. | Gauge is damaged.<br>Loose connection on red power wire.<br>Poor ground connection.<br>Incorrect sender type.      | Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)<br>Reconnect red wire.<br>Move ground to different location<br>Make sure sender has been replaced with the correct type (SEN-03-1).<br>Gauge must be recalibrated. (contact factory) |
| Gauge flashes constantly.                     | Gauge is not calibrated correctly.<br>Warning limits are not set properly.<br>Vehicle has improper oil pressure.   | Reset warning limits.<br>Check oil level and oil pump.  |
| External warning indicator does not work.     | Indicator not connected properly.<br>Indicator does not work.<br>Gauge output has been damaged.                    | Check indicator wiring connections.<br>Repair or replace indicator.<br>Return gauge for repair. (see instructions)  |
| Gauge will not dim.                           | Blue wire is not connected correctly.  | Check wiring connections.   |
| Gauge remains dim at all times.               | Gauge is damaged.<br>Blue wire is getting power all of the time.<br>Battery is very low.<br>Gauge is damaged.      | Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)<br>Connect blue wire to location that only has power when the headlights are on.<br>Recharge or replace vehicle battery.<br>Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)               |

## Technical specifications

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| Minimum operating voltage  | - | 7 volts                           |
| Maximum operating voltage  | - | 18 volts                          |
| (operating at or near maximum rating for an extended time can damage unit) |   |                                   |
| Maximum pressure reading   | - | 145 psi                           |
| Gauge Resolution   | - | 1 psi                             |
| Accuracy (0-100 psi)   | - | 4 psi (gauge and sender combined) |
| Accuracy (100-145 psi)   | - | 8 psi (gauge and sender combined) |
| Typical current draw (@ 13.8V)   | - | 0.13 A                            |
| Warning indicator max current  | - | 0.3 A                             |

## SERVICE AND REPAIR

DAKOTA DIGITAL offers complete service and repair of its product line. In addition, technical consultation is available to help you work through any questions or problems you may be having installing one of our units.

Should you ever need to send the unit back for repairs, please package the product in a good quality box along with plenty of packing material. Ship the product by UPS or insured Parcel Post. Be sure to include a complete description of the problem, your full name and address (street address preferred), and a telephone number where you can be reached during the day. An authorization number for products being returned for repair is not needed. Do not send any money. We will bill you for the repair charges. Any returns for warranty work must include a copy of the dated invoice or bill of sale.

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