



ODY-05-2 VOLTMETER FOR REMOTE MONITORING

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 voltage gauge for remote monitoring will read the voltage at an extra battery, amplifier power connection, or other system that needs to be monitored. The gauge will be powered from a standard accessory terminal and not from the point it is monitoring.

The voltage gauge will operate and read correct between the voltage range of 0.0 - 17.0 volts. While the accessory power for the gauge must be at least 8 volts, it can monitor voltages down to 0 volts. It has a user adjustable upper and lower warning level. This can be set to indicate low voltage and over voltage conditions

Operation:

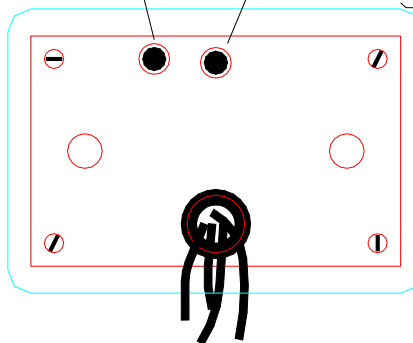
The gauge needs only the red and black wires connected to operate. When the blue wire has 12 volts, it will dim the display for night viewing. The gray wire is for the voltage monitor connection. The yellow wire will provide a ground output when the gauge reading is outside the high or low warning limit.

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 8.0 and 11.0.
5. Turn the warning adjustment pot until the desired low voltage 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 14.0 and 17.0.
7. Turn the warning adjustment pot until the desired high voltage 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.

'SET' button warning adj. pot



Using external warning indicators:

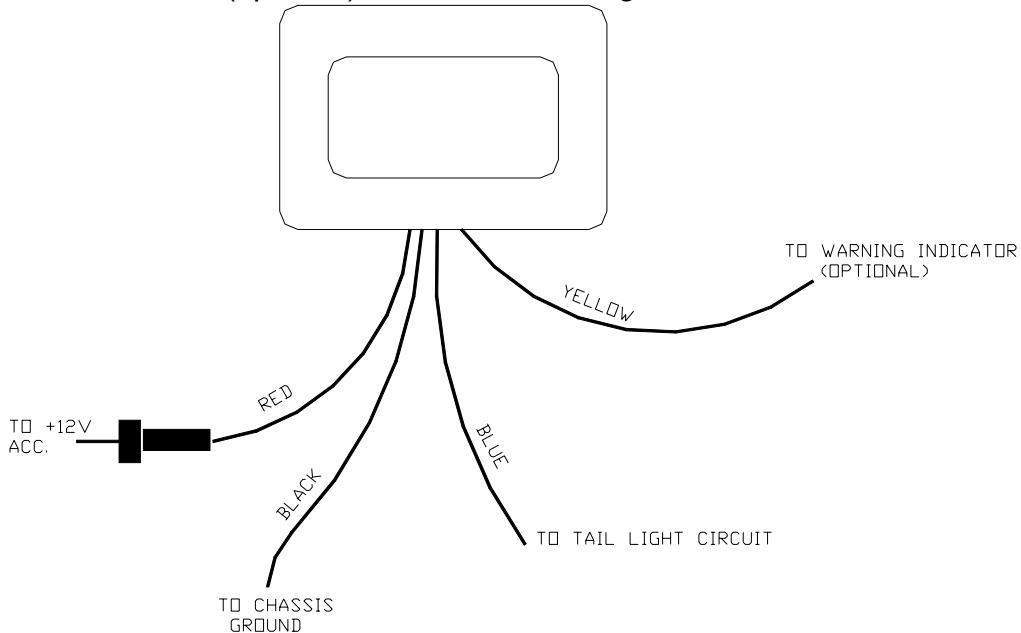
The yellow wire provides a ground trigger whenever the gauge is outside its set limits. Low current indicators (less than 0.25 A) can be activated directly by connecting their power wire to 12 volts and connecting their ground wire to the yellow output wire. Many gauges can share the same indicator by 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.

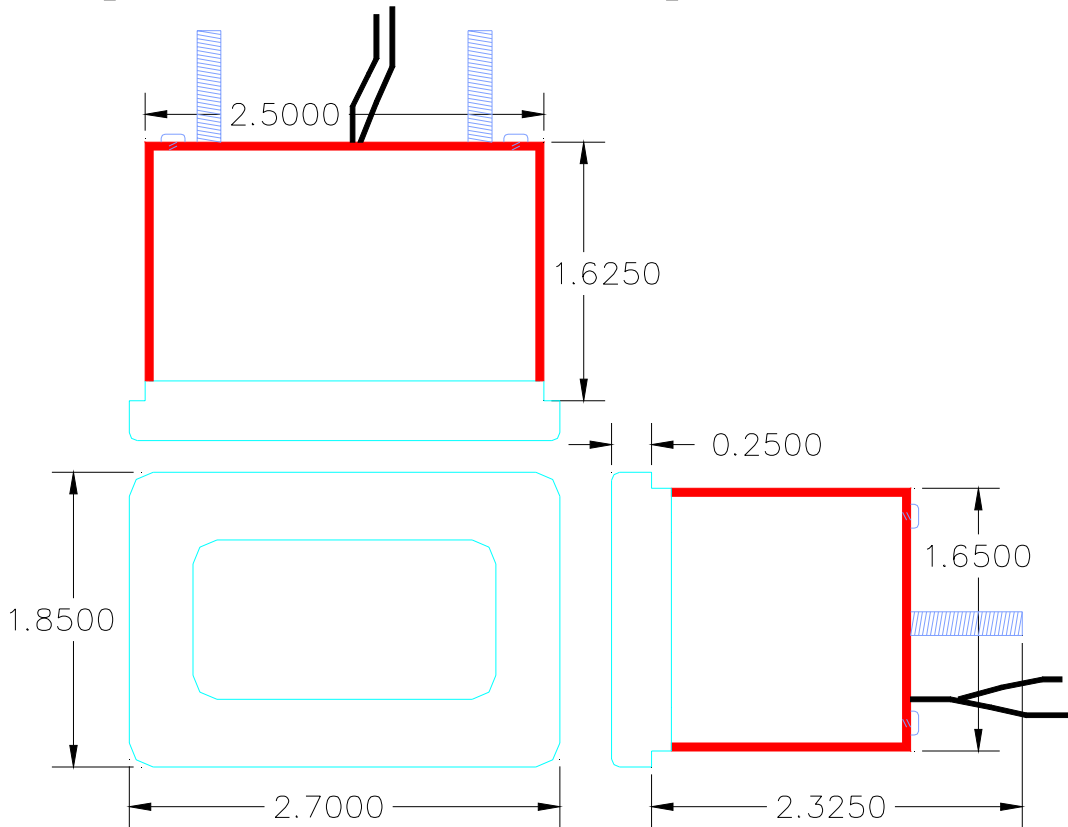
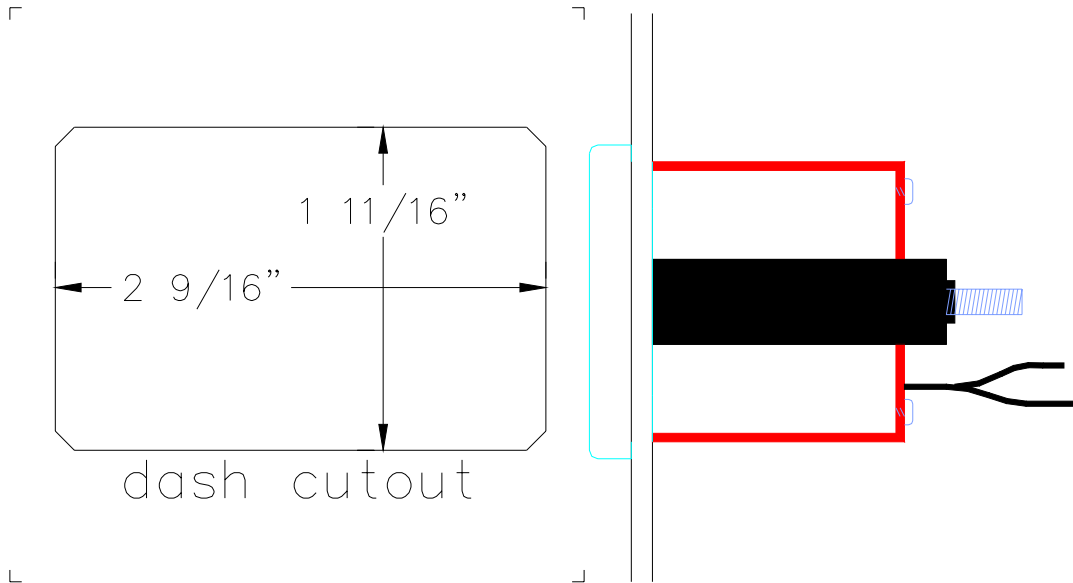
Wiring:

- BLACK - connect to a good ground point in the vehicle.
- RED - connect to an accessory terminal from your fuse block.
- GRAY - connect to where you want to monitor the voltage.
- 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.	Connect to a location that has power.
	Black wire is not getting a good ground.	Connect ground to a different location.
Gauge lights up, but does not read correctly.	Fuse is blown.	Replace in line fuse. (2 amp only.)
	Gauge is damaged.	Return gauge for repair. (see instructions)
	Loose connection on red power wire.	Reconnect red wire.
	Poor ground connection.	Move ground to different location
	Loose connection on sensing wire.	Reconnect or replace wire between gauge and monitoring location.
	Voltage or wiring problem in vehicle wiring harness.	Check wiring harness for loose or damaged wires.
Gauge flashes constantly.	Gauge is not calibrated correctly.	Gauge must be recalibrated. (contact factory)
	Warning limits are not set properly.	Reset warning limits.
	Monitoring voltage is over or under warning limits.	Check voltage monitoring location.
External warning indicator does not work.	Indicator not connected properly.	Check indicator wiring connections.
	Indicator does not work.	Repair or replace indicator.
	Gauge output has been damaged.	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.	Blue wire is getting power all of the time.	Connect blue wire to location that only has power when the headlights are on.
	Battery is very low.	Recharge or replace vehicle battery.
	Gauge is damaged.	Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)

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Technical specifications

Minimum operating voltage	-	7 volts
Maximum operating voltage	-	18 volts
(operating at or near maximum rating for an extended time can damage unit)		
Gauge Range	-	0.0 - 17.0 volts
Gauge Resolution	-	0.1 V
Gauge accuracy	-	±0.1 V
Typical current draw (@ 13.8V)	-	0.13 A
Warning indicator max current	-	0.3 A

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