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## **ODY-20 rev. A AMPLIFIER CURRENT METER**

### **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:

- Quick response bar graph display.
- Peak current hold.
- Night dimming with lens label lighting.
- High Visibility VFD display for sunlight readability.

The amp current meter will read the current through a wire that feeds power for a stereo amplifier or bank of amplifiers. The wire is monitored by passing it through the opening in the sensor. The power wire to be monitored does not need to be cut into or separated so there is no power loss.

The bar display will dynamically show the current being drawn through the wire fed through the sensor opening. When the current decreases, a bar will stay lit indicating where the peak value was. This bar will stay lit for a few seconds and then drop back.

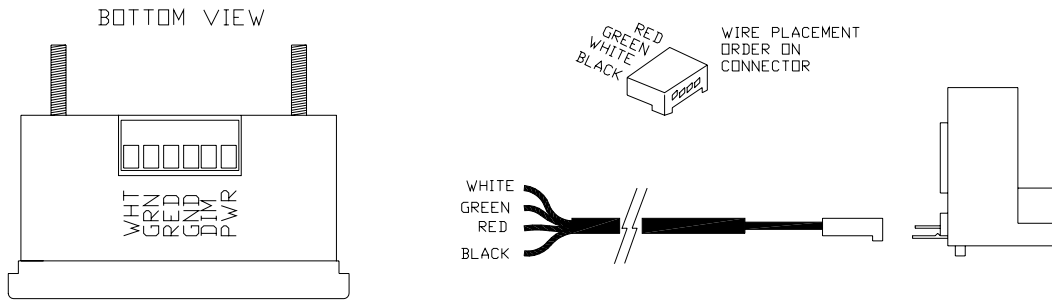
The current ranges go from 50 ampere full scale for the ODY-20-3 to 500 ampere full scale for the ODY-20-6.

### **Operation:**

The gauge needs the PWR and GND terminals connected to 12 volt power and ground respectively to light up. The sensor cable connects to the GND, RED, GRN, and WHT terminals. The brown plug at the other end of the cable plugs into the sensor. When the DIM terminal has 12 volts, it will dim the display for night viewing. The power wire to be monitored will need to be passed through the square opening on the sensor. The arrow should point toward the end of the wire which goes to the stereo amplifier.

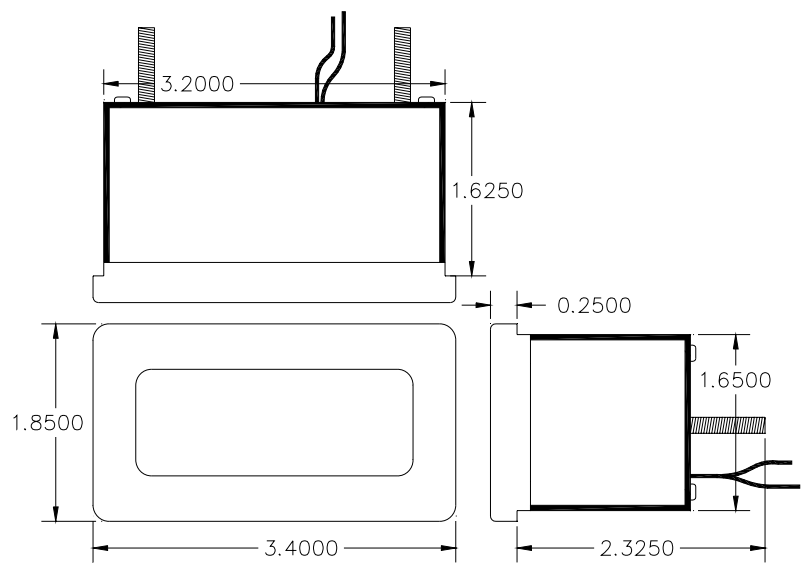
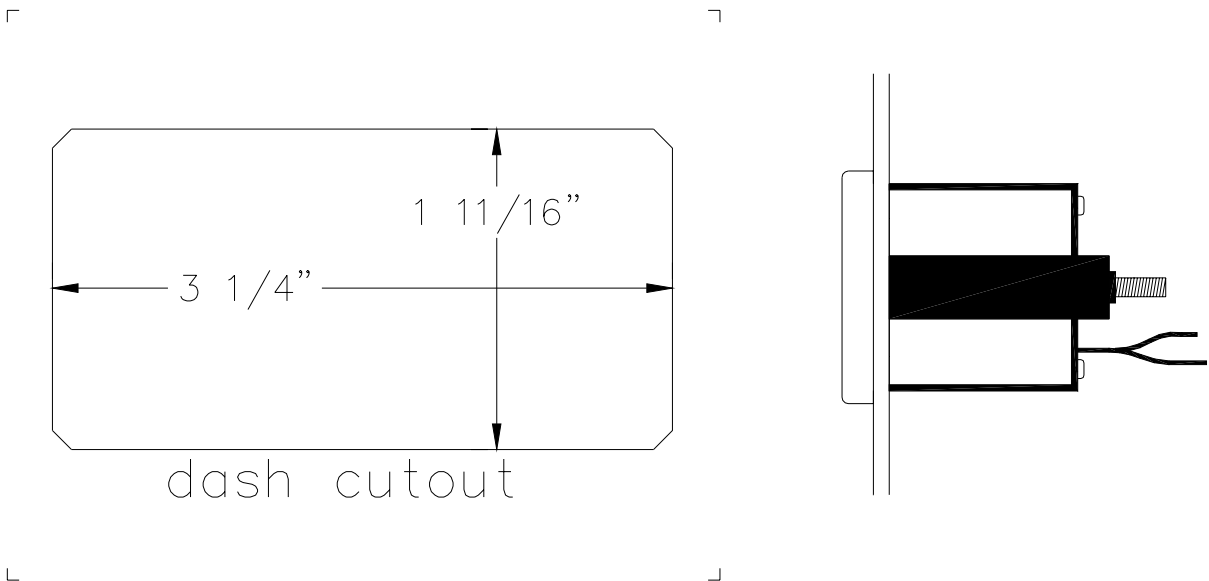
### **Wiring:**

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| PWR | - | connect to accessory, 12 volt power.  |
| DIM | - | connect to the tail light circuit.  |
| GND | - | connect to a good ground point in the vehicle and also to the black wire from the sensor cable. |
| RED | - | connect to the red wire from the sensor cable.  |
| GRN | - | connect to the green wire from the sensor cable.  |
| WHT | - | connect to the white wire from the sensor cable   |



**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	PWR terminal does not have power. GND terminal is not getting a good ground.	Connect to a location that has power. Connect ground to a different location.
Gauge lights up, but does not read correctly.	Gauge is damaged. Loose connection on PWR terminal. Poor ground connection. Sensor is not connected.  Sensor is not connected properly.  Wire to be monitored is passing through the sensor backwards. Sensor is incorrect type.  Voltage or wiring problem in vehicle wiring harness. Gauge is not calibrated correctly.	Return gauge for repair. (see instructions) Inspect connections and splices on power wire. Move ground to different location Make sure sensor connector is plugged in securely. Make sure sensor cable wires are connected properly. Check sensor cable connections. Perform voltage check listed below: BLACK: 0V RED: +15V GREEN: -15V  The arrow on the sensor indicates the direction of positive current flow from the battery to the load. Check connections. Make sure correct sensor is connected to the gauge. (SEN-20-2) Check wiring harness for loose or damaged wires. Gauge must be recalibrated. (contact factory)
Gauge will not dim.	DIM terminal is not connected correctly.	Check wiring connections.
Gauge remains dim at all times.	DIM terminal is getting power all of the time. Battery is very low. Gauge is damaged.	Connect DIM terminal to location that only has power when the headlights are on. Recharge or replace vehicle battery. Return gauge for repair. (contact factory)

## 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.

## 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)		
Typical current draw (@ 13.8V)	-	0.13 A

		ODY-20-3	ODY-20-4	ODY-20-5	ODY-20-6
Gauge Resolution	-	1.0A	2.0A	5.0A	10.0A
Gauge Range	-	50A	100A	250A	500A

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