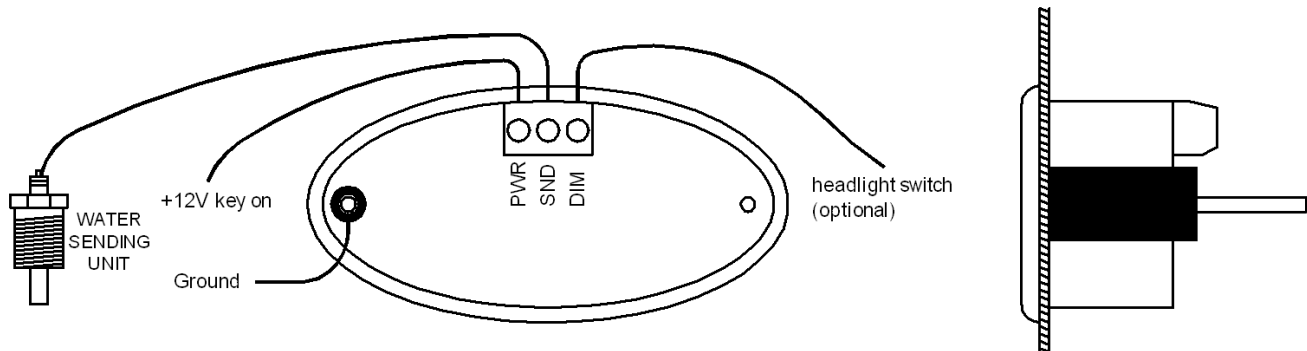




## ION-04 WATER TEMPERATURE GAUGE

### Wiring:

- PWR - connect to fused switched 12 volt power. (An accessory terminal will work for this.)
- DIM - Night Dimming: connect to the head light switch.
- SND - connect to the temperature sender.
- Gauge case - connect to a main ground location



### Mounting:

The gauge requires an oval hole 1-7/16" high x 3-1/16" wide. It should be inserted into the opening from the front and the 2 L-clamps will be installed from the back. Tighten a nut on each of the L-clamps so that the gauge is secure. Gauge depth to the back of the case is 1". Gauge depth including the mounting studs is 1-7/8".

### Factory settings:

- Sender type: 300 °F.
- Hi warning point: 202 °F.

- The water temperature gauge will operate and read correctly between the temperature range of 0 - 300° F (0 - 150°C).
- The gauge has a user adjustable high warning level. This can be set to indicate when the engine is beginning to overheat.

### Sender choices:

	Standard thread		metric thread
1/8" NPT	SEN-04-1	M10X1	SEN-04-5
3/8" NPT	SEN-04-2	M12X1.5	SEN-04-6
1/2" NPT	SEN-04-4	M14X1.5	SEN-04-7
		M16X1.5	SEN-04-8

These senders have a tapered self-sealing thread. The engine and sender threads should be cleaned before installation and no tape or sealant should be used on the threads. The sender should be mounted in the engine block or in the intake manifold. Installing in the cylinder head may cause high readings due to the exhaust manifold heat. Make sure that the sender tip can get into the coolant flow. **The sender must be a Dakota Digital 300F temp unit.** Sending units from other manufacturers will cause incorrect readings. If a sender is not connected properly, the display will show "EEE". If the SND terminal is shorted to ground, the display will show "---".

### Setting the warning limits and sender setup:

The SND terminal is used to enter and change the warning settings. You will need a wire connected to the SND terminal that can be momentarily grounded while you watch the gauge. The headlights should be off or the DIM terminal unhooked so that it does not interfere with the setup.

1. To enter the set mode, turn the key on with the SND wire not grounded. The gauge will display "SEt".
2. Ground the SND wire. The gauge will display "Snd". (If you wait too long the gauge will exit the setup routine and you will need to repeat step #1).
3. Release the SND wire. The gauge will display the current setup. "30F" is for °F and "15C" is for °C. "40F" and "20C" are for higher temp. rated senders.
4. Each time you momentarily ground the SND wire the setup will change.
5. When the desired setup value is displayed, keep the SND wire grounded for about 2 seconds. The gauge will display "HI".
6. Release the SND wire. The gauge will display a number between 131 - 260 (55 – 126 °C).
7. Each time you momentarily ground the SND wire the number will change.
8. When the desired high warning value is displayed, keep the SND wire grounded for about 2 seconds. The gauge will display "--".
9. Turn the key off.

### Troubleshooting guide.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Gauge will not light up	PWR terminal does not have power. The gauge case is not getting a good ground. <b>Gauge is damaged.</b>	Connect to a location that has power. Connect the ground to a different location. <b>Return gauge for service. (see instructions)</b>
Gauge lights up, but does not read correctly.	Loose connection on SND terminal. Poor ground connection. Gauge sender setup is incorrect. Voltage or wiring problem in the vehicle wiring harness.	Reconnect wire. Move ground to different location See "Setting sender setup" in the manual. Check wiring harness for loose or damaged wires.
Gauge lights up, but displays "Er0".	Gauge is damaged.	Gauge must be returned for service. (see instructions)
Gauge lights up, but displays "--".	SND terminal is shorted to ground. <b>Sender is damaged.</b>	Check wire for damaged insulation. Replace if necessary. <b>Replace sender.</b>
Gauge lights up, but displays "EEE".	Sender is not connected to gauge. Wire between gauge and sender is broken. Sender is not grounding properly.  Sender is damaged. <b>Gauge is damaged.</b>	Connect SND terminal on gauge to sender terminal. Test and replace wire.  Sender grounds through it's mounting threads. Make sure the threads are clean. <b>Do Not Use Tape or Sealant on Sender Threads.</b> Replace sender. <b>Return gauge for service. (see instructions)</b>
Gauge lights up, but displays "Er4".	Gauge is sender setup needs to be reset.	See "Setting sender setup" in the manual.
Gauge lights up, but displays "Er5".	Gauge warning points need to be reset.	See "Setting the warning limits" in the manual.
Gauge flashes constantly.	Warning limits are not set properly. <b>Vehicle is overheating.</b>	Reset warning limits. <b>Check coolant system.</b>
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. <b>Gauge is damaged.</b>	Connect DIM wire to location that only has power when the headlights are on. Recharge or replace vehicle battery. <b>Return gauge for service. (see instructions)</b>

### Technical specifications

Minimum operating voltage	-	7 volts
Maximum operating voltage	-	17 volts
(operating at or near maximum voltage for an extended time can damage unit)		
Maximum temperature reading	-	305°F (150°C)
Gauge Resolution	-	1°F (1°C) for 75°F - 260°F
High Warning Range	-	131 – 260 °F (55 – 126 °C)
Gauge accuracy	-	±5°F (±3°C) for 75°F - 260°F
Typical current draw (@ 13.8V)	-	0.1 A

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