## **IGNITION SYSTEMS**





### **Sierra's Ignition Product Offering**

- 66 Ignition Coils
- 28 Condensors
- 32 Contact Sets
- 32 Distributors
- 32 Distributor Caps
- 14 Distributor Accessories
- 24 Ignition Conversion Kits
- 32 Ignition Sensors and Pickups
- 77 Ignition Wire Sets
- 24 Stators
- 25 Rotors
- 53 Power Packs/ Switchboxes



Sierra pioneered the marine aftermarket and set the standards for quality, reliability, and performance with our ignition parts – the highest quality on the market. Most have exceeded the quality and performance of the OEM parts they were designed to replace and have become the technician's product of choice



Sierra parts compare to competitors because Sierra parts are OEM quality and fit. This means no extra steps or effort needs to be taken to make our parts fit.

Sierra parts are backed by our Best in the Business Limited Lifetime Warranty!



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#### Outboard

- Magneto
- Capacitor Discharge Ignition (CDI)
- Alternator Driven Ignition (ADI)





#### **CDI** System



- Introduced by OMC in 1971.
- CDI-stands for capacitor discharge ignition system.
- simply stores electricity in a capacitor (power pack, switch box) until discharged to the coil.
- Results in higher voltage-40,000V and up.
- Faster spark-6 micro seconds compared to 50 micro seconds for magneto ignition.
- Uses timer base and sensor to tell power pack when to fire.





Used by Mercury on most larger horsepower applications ADI-stands for alternator driven ignition Has both low and high speed windings in the stator Low speed windings for up to 2,000 rpm High speed windings for over 2,000 rpm



#### **Battery** Ignition

- $\circ~$  Used in I/O and Inboard applications
- $\circ$  Consists of the following:
  - Coil (either oil filled or epoxy)
  - Distributor
    - Points and Condenser (conventional)
    - Electronic
    - HEI-High Energy Ignition
      - Delco EST & HVS



#### **Ignition Coils**



Traditional - oil filled Current flows from the battery through the primary winding of the coil The primary coil's current can be suddenly disrupted by the breaker points, or by a solid-state device in an electronic ignition which induces a high voltage into the secondary windings that is sent through the coil cable.



Inboard/Inboard Outdrive (I/O)

- Conventional (Points)





#### Add a Distributor



#### **Conventional Ignition Systems**

# Common Problems with a conventional ignition system are:

- Points wear and erode (poor current flow and sloppy timing)
- Points limit power input to coil (limiting coil output)
- Point dwell limits and "point float" or "bounce" limit high power at high RPM
- Mechanical Advance wears
- Points get wet and stop working altogether







#### **Electronic Ignition System**



- Maintenance Free
- No moving Parts
- Accurate Timing
- Improved Starting
- Hotter Spark
- Durable Long Lasting



#### **Distributorless Ignition**

#### PCM Inputs Outputs Modern Ignition Knock Sensor Cam Sensor **Coil Pack Dual Crank** Sensors - - -Spark Plugs SEASTAR SOLUTIONS





#### **Mallory Marine Products**

- Most products carried over into Sierra Product line
- Mallory name will only be branded on select ignition products such as distributors



