

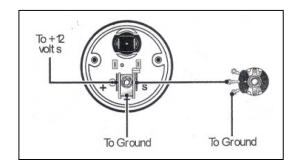
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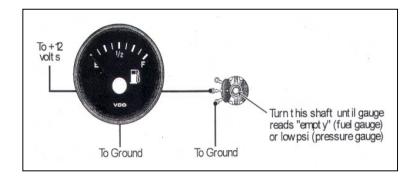
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To determine the resistance of a gauge, follow the steps below:

- 1. A potentiometer (variable resistor) is required. You purchase an inexpensive one at Radio Shack (500 ohm or 1000 ohm) [1 Kohm].
- 2. Remove the sender wire from the sender and attached to the middle terminal on the potentiometer. Make sure the other end of this wire is connected to the "sender" terminal on the back of gauge. Run another wire from one of the outer terminals on the potentiometer (either one) to ground.



- 3. Make sure the +12 volts and a ground wire are also connected to the gauge on which sender Resistance (ohms) you're trying to determine.
- 4. With the key on (power turned on to the gauge), rotate the potentiometer until the gauge reads "empty" (for a fuel gauge) or "low" (for a pressure gauge)

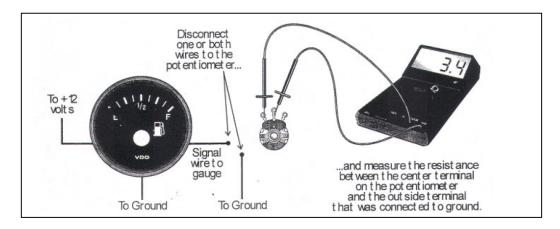




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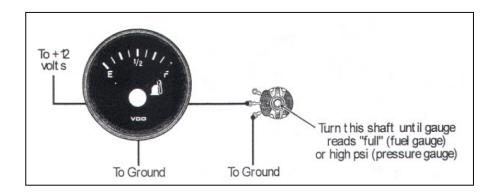
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5. Disconnect either one of the wires from the potentiometer. Take an ohm meter (Set to the lowest range possible):



Write the value down.

6. Reconnect the wires to the potentiometer and rotate the pot until gauge reads "full" (for a fuel gauge) Or "high" (for a pressure gauge).



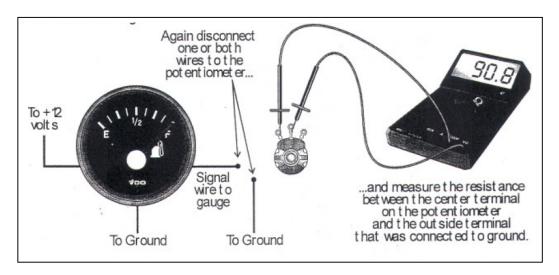


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7. Do the following:



Again, write that value down

You now have determined the resistance range of the sender you need for the gauge in question. For example, if the value for "Empty" read 3.4 ohms and the value for "Full" read 90.8 ohms, you would need a 0-90 ohm sender. If the value you wrote down for "Empty" was 17 ohms and the value you wrote down for "Full" was 188 ohms, you would need a 10-180 ohm sender. The values listed for each sender are nominal, and vary plus or minus 20 ohms or so at either end. If you perform this test as described, it is a fail-safe method for determine the value of the sender you need.

Here is a table of the most common sender values:

10 Ohm 0 Ohm 0 Ohm 16 Ohm 73 Ohm 73 Ohm 240 Ohm	to 30 to 30 to 90 to 158 to 158 to 10 to 1	O Ohms	VDO Ohm Range GM Range (before 1965) GM Range (after 1965) Ford Range (after 1987) Ford Range (before 1987) VW Beetle Range U. S. Ohm Range
10 Ohn 240 Ohn		0 Ohms 3 Ohms	VDO Ohm Range U.S. Ohm Range