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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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	ne of the wires from the potentiometer. Take an ohm mete ange possible) :	er
To +2 volts	Disconnect one or both wires to the pot entiomet er Vires Signal wire to gauge Ground To Ground To Ground To Ground The pot entiomet er and the out side termina that was connected to ground	na
Write the value d Reconnect the wires Or "high" (for a pres	to the potentiometer and rotate the pot until gauge read	s "full" (for a fuel gauge)
To + 12 volt s	Turn this shaft unti reads "full" (fuel gi or high psi (pressure	auge)

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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 Ohms 0 Ohms 16 Ohms 73 Ohms 73 Ohms 240 Ohms	to 180 Ohms to 30 Ohms to 90 Ohms to 158 Ohms to 10 Ohms to 10 Ohms to 33 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
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