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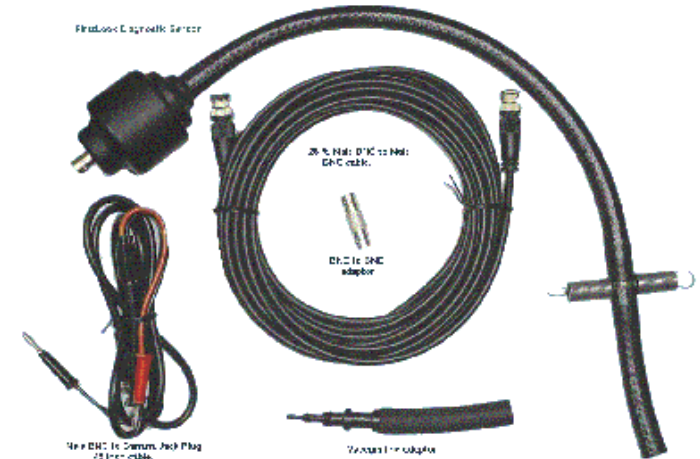
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## DIAGNOSTIC PULSE SENSORS

### Automotive Diagnostic Sensor Model ADS ES 100



### Quick Setup Guide

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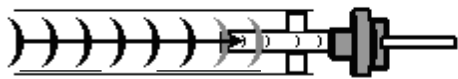
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- FAST AND EASY HOOK UP
- LOCATE PROBLEM CYLINDERS THRU EXHAUST SYSTEM PULSES.
- COLD CRANK ENGINE TEST DETERMINES CORE ENGINE PROBLEMS- VALVE LEAKAGE, CYLINDER COMPRESSION.
- HOOK UP TO FUEL PRESSURE REGULATOR AND CHECK FOR INJECTOR PROBLEMS.

## Theory of Operation

The FirstLook Diagnostic Sensor is unique because it looks at pulses in engine airflow, allowing you to display "the pulse of your engine" on standard scope equipment. While scanners interrupt the information they receive from engine sensors and engine analyzers tell us what the ignition system is doing, it is difficult to see what was *actually* happening in the engine without intrusive tests. With the FirstLook Diagnostic Sensor in your diagnostic arsenal it will now be possible to see what is dynamically occurring in your engine.

Exhaust or Vacuum Side of Engine

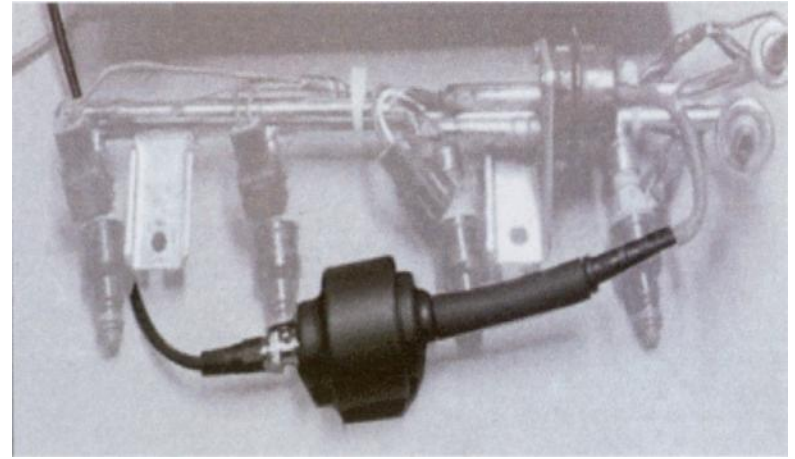


Output to Lab Scope

Pulses vary over time depending upon the stroke cycle of engine

It is important to try out your FirstLook Diagnostic Sensor on a good engine to understand what is normal. Cause a basic problem by disabling a plug or injector and see the effects on the waveform. What you are looking for is a consistent pattern, do not try and diagnose every little bump in the waveform. It is the major deviations from normal that you need to address.

## Fuel Injector Pressure Regulator Test



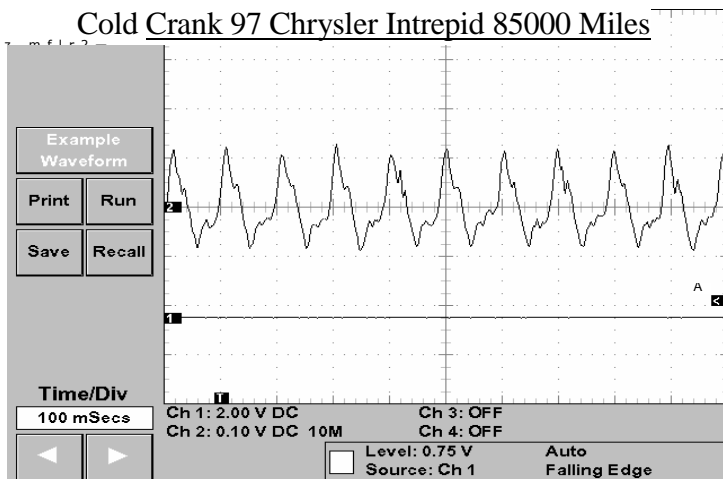
1. This is one of the fastest ways to see if there is a volume difference between any of the injectors.
2. Just remove the vacuum line from the fuel pressure regulator and plug it. Now hook up the impulse sensor to the fuel pressure regulator nipple.
3. Trigger the scope on #1 injector. There is no off set to think about here. They will show up in the correct fire order.
4. Set the trace up with the pulse sensor to either 1v or 2v ac scale, time is consistent with all other tests. Idle 200 ms, 1500 RPM power brake test 100ms.
5. As the injector pintles open and close, the sensor reads the pressure drop that the fuel pressure regulator diaphragm creates.
6. All that is left is to see is which injector amplitude is higher (more fuel) or lower (less fuel).
7. As with all of the tests mentioned it is very important to practice on known good cars and create certain conditions to see how they compare.

## Cold Crank Test

This is the single most important test you can run. Knowing the basic condition of an engine can save you many hours of work and get you to the actual problem much faster.

### Starting Scope settings

1. Depending on cranking RPM time base will be .5 second to 1 second. sweep of scope screen.
2. Set scope to AC signal.
3. Starting voltage range .5 + or -.
4. Disable fuel pump or in the case of carbureted engine disable spark.
5. Insert black end of hose with springs about 5 to 8 inches into tail pipe.
6. Crank Engine to determine best voltage setting.
7. Once you have determined best setting crank engine and freeze the screen to examine the pattern.



This waveform shows a typical high mileage engine. The engine is in good shape with a small amount of valve leakage. Small irregularities can indicate dirty or worn valves. Major problems will show up as major fluctuations in the scope pattern. This is a quick simple test to determine basic engine condition. Once you determine that you have a major problem you can now proceed to concentrate your resources in that area.

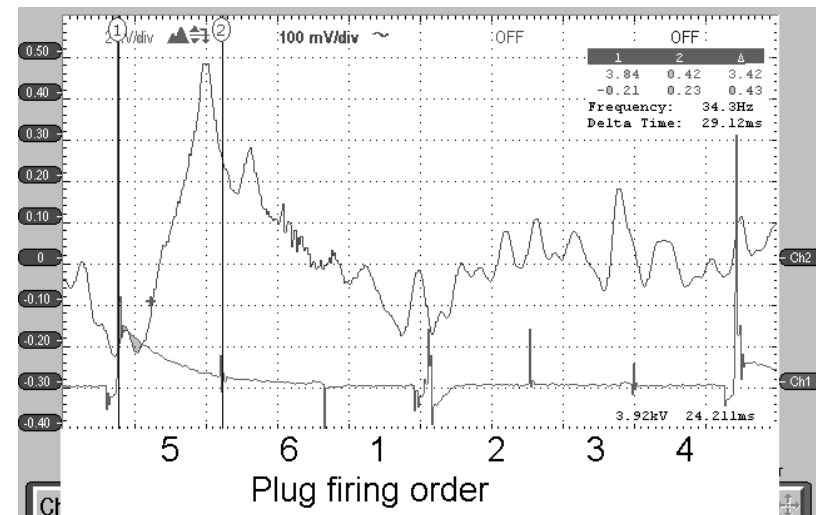
## Idle Test

This test allows a mechanic to identify a problem that is specific to a particular cylinder using a trigger signal. It also allows you to look for intermittent problems more easily because you are actually watching the engine running in real time.

### Starting Scope Settings

1. Idle test... 650 to 700 RPM...Scope settings.
2. Set Scope to AC signal
3. Voltage settings... +1 Volts to - 1 Volts
4. Time base ... 200 ms
5. Insert black end of hose with springs about 5 to 8 inches into tail pipe.
8. Start Engine and adjust voltage for best display of waveform.
9. Start Engine and allow idle to stabilize.
10. Freeze the screen to examine the pattern.
11. This test was run using #1 plug as trigger reference

2001 Chevrolet Impala 6 cylinder Engine  
Firing Order 1-2-3-4-5-6  
Remember cylinder offset  
#5 Cylinder misfire



It is important that if you have multiple problems to solve each problem in order and rerun the test to determine the next problem.

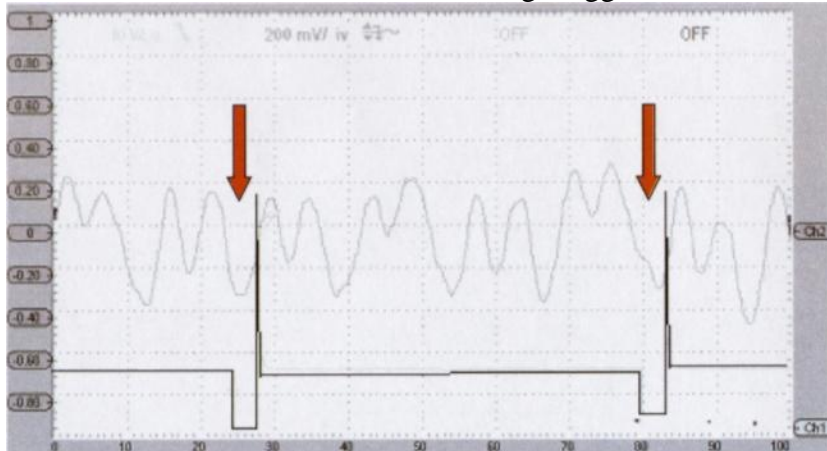
## Power Brake Test.

This test is used to determine problems of engine under a simulated load. It is best to use 2 people to do this test, one person to operate the car and the other person to run the scope.

### Starting Scope Settings

1. Set Scope to AC signal
2. Voltage settings... +1 Volts to — 1 Volts
3. Time base ... 200 ms
4. Start engine and adjust voltage for best display of waveform.
5. Put engine into gear and set brakes.
6. Slowly accelerate engine to 1500 RPM.
7. Freeze the screen to examine the pattern.
8. Return engine to idle and put in Neutral.
9. This test was run using #1 plug as trigger reference. The Cold Crank test can be run with or without a trigger as a quick reference to the basic condition of the engine. Using a hand held scope it is easy to walk out the door and take a quick look at an engine.

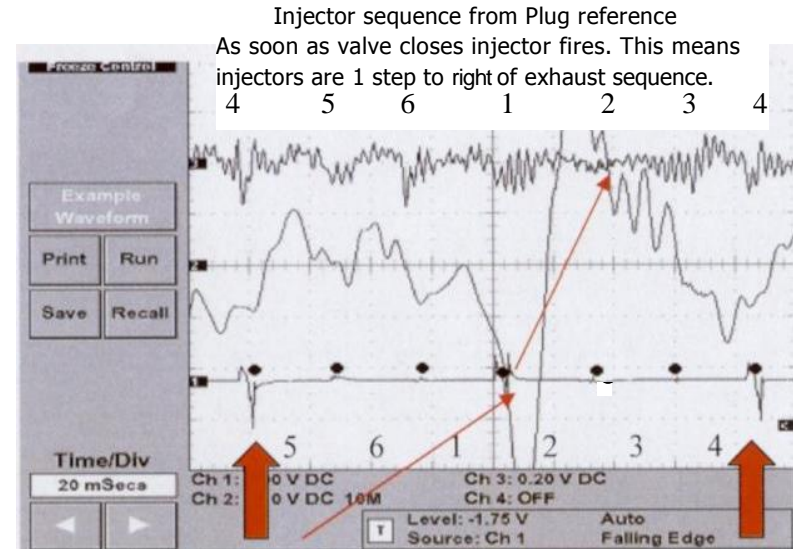
Red Arrows indicate #1 Plug Trigger



97 Honda Accord Power Brake

## How do you find the #1 cylinder?

Tail pipe readings are offset from the trigger reference. This accounts for the time elapsed between from ignition firing and exhaust valve opening. You need to understand offset to properly locate a problem cylinder.



**PONTIAC 3800 #2 INJECTOR DISABLED EXHAUST AT IDLE**  
Vertical arrows indicate inductive trigger using cylinder #1 as reference.

This screen shot shows both the injectors and the exhaust at idle. Firing order 1-2-3-4-5-6...Offset 5-6-1-2-3-4.

1. Tail pipe readings are offset from the trigger reference. This accounts for time from ignition firing to exhaust valve opening.
2. From the start of your trigger point, offset the cylinders like this
3. 4 cylinder engines offset **1** pulse to the right.
4. 6 cylinder engines offset 2 pulses to the right
5. 8 cylinder engines offset 3 pulses to the right
6. This Pontiac fire order is 1-2-3-4-5-6
7. But with the offset it is read on the scope as 5-6-1-2-3-4
8. **To determine timing between exhaust or injector events refer to the timing chart included with your FirstLook Diagnostic Sensor.**