Instructions For Installing Rochester 9300 Series Fuel Level Senders

CAUTION: Read Completely Before Attempting Installation

Installation

Top Mounted
Install using a nitrile rubber gasket. Use #10-24 screws (or equivalent) to secure sender head to tank. Torque screws to 18 in.-lbs. [2 N-m] torque.

Side or Bottom Mounted
See MS-514

Sender Electrical Connections
Usually the mounting screws ground sender head to tank. However, in some cases, it may be necessary to connect head to a suitable grounding point. System voltage should not be applied to sender terminal. The voltage from fuel level indicator must be current and voltage limited, and therefore incapable of causing ignition of fuel vapor when sender lead wire is shorted to ground. Care must be taken to ensure that the bottom nut on terminal stud is not disturbed when electrical connection is made. The bottom terminal stud nut torque is factory set to provide the correct terminal stud seal preload.

Wiring
1. Turn ignition switch off.
2. Using insulated 16-gauge wire, connect the ignition terminal on the indicator to a battery positive source, usually parallel with the ignition circuit.
3. Using insulated 16-gauge wire connect center terminal on the sender to sender terminal on a matched indicator.
4. Using insulated 16-gauge wire establish a ground connection from the other terminal on sender to ground terminal on the indicator.
5. Establish ground connection between indicator ground terminal and ground.

*NOTE: Do not connect the indicator directly to the battery; connect through a fuse box.

Maintenance & Quality Assurance Considerations
Since this is not a metal to metal joint, the torque and screw clamp load will naturally relax as the gasket flows to a normal condition.

CAUTION: Do not over-torque. Do not re-torque. Excessive torque/or re-torquing will warp or distort sender head. The gaskets underneath sender heads that are warped during installation or re-torquing may be over-compressed and thus, overstressed. Pinching or over-compression of gaskets can dramatically reduce their service-life and may result in premature failure (leakage) in service.

Sender Removal Warning
Should it appear necessary, for any reason, to remove a sender from the tank, do not attempt removal unless under competent supervision with all due precautions taken against the hazards of escaping flammable liquid or vapor.

NOTE: For Twinsite® installation see DS-923.
**Step 1.** *(This usually solves the problem)*
Before you do anything else, check for defective wiring or grounds as this is the most common cause of indicator system failures. Inspect all wiring and terminals. Also look for corrosion on fuel tank ground connection.

**Step 2.**
If pointer in indicator does not move when ignition switch is turned on, check to see that voltage is actually being carried from the ignition switch to the IGN terminal on the indicator. The voltage measured between the IGN terminal of level indicator and ground should be 12 to 24 Volts, depending upon the indicator.

The voltage measured between the SEND terminal of level indicator and ground should always be less than 12 Volts. Also check to assure that paint or corrosion does not prevent proper indicator ground.

**Step 3.**
If the indicator reading is not accurate with tank level, use a resistance substitution device to verify that the indicator resistance input requirements are the same as the sender output resistance. The sender and receiver must be matched to get an accurate reading. For example, 240 OHMS at “E” and 30 OHMS at “F”.

### Safety Test Circuit For Fuel Level Indicators

![Safety Test Circuit Diagram](image)

**CAUTION:** Rochester fuel level senders may be damaged and indicators may be damaged if 12 volt wire touches the sender terminal. Voltage to energize the sender must come through the indicator from the terminal marked SEND, SNDR, or S.

Not suitable for use with E85.

**WARNING:** Improper sender or indicator selection or application may result in inaccurate readings. Release of tank contents as well as damage to equipment and safety hazard may result if tank is overfilled. Fuel exhaustion may occur if tank contents are less than indicated.

**WARNING:** These instructions were prepared to assist tradesmen and others generally familiar with this type of equipment. Consumers are not qualified to perform installations. If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact Rochester Gauges for assistance.

There are several different styles of sending units. The differences are both external and internal. Be sure you have the correct replacement part number before installation.

**NOTE:** Materials and specifications are subject to change without notice. Specifications subject to change due to temperature and other environmental considerations.