

Installation Instructions Outboard Motor Tachometer & Tach/Hourmeter



CAUTION: Disconnect the battery during installation. Tighten nuts on the backclamp only slightly more than you can tighten with your fingers. Six inch-pounds of torque is sufficient. Overtightening may result in damage to the instrument and may void your warranty.

1. Location: The tachometer should be located at least 18" from a magnetic compass. Some interference (erratic operation) may be noticed on the tachometer during radio transmissions. This will neither damage a Faria® tachometer nor affect accuracy when not transmitting.

2. Be certain to use stranded, insulated wire not lighter than 18AWG that is approved for marine use. It is recommended that insulated wire terminals, preferably ring type, be used on all connections to the tach, except the light, which requires a 1/4" insulated female blade terminal.

3. Using a small screwdriver, SLIGHTLY depress and turn the selector switch on the back of the tachometer to the correct position to match the number of poles in the alternator (see label on the side of the tachometer). Depressing the switch too hard may cause damage to the tachometer! Be sure the selector switch has locked into the detent at the correct position by slightly rotating the switch back and forth with the screwdriver. If the number of poles is not known, consult the "Outboard Tachometer Application" chart or call Faria® Marine Instruments at (860) 848-9271 with make, model, HP, and year of the motor.

4. Cut a 3-3/8" dia hole in the dash and mount the

tachometer with the backclamp supplied.

5. Connect a wire to the tach stud marked "BAT" (battery) and secure with a nut and lockwasher. Connect the opposite end to a 12VDC circuit that is activated by the ignition switch.

6. Connect a wire to the tach stud marked "SIG" (signal) and secure with a nut and lockwasher. Connect the opposite end to a terminal or wire originating from the unrectified side of the alternator. On most late model outboards, a tach hook-up wire can be found at the control box. Tach plug-in harnesses are sometimes available from the engine manufacturer to simplify the hook-up.

7. Connect a wire to the tach stud marked "GND" (ground) and secure with a nut and lockwasher. Connect opposite end to the boat's electrical ground, generally available in several locations at or near the instrument panel.

8. Connect the blade terminal adjacent to the twist-out light assembly to the positive "+" side of the boat's instrument lighting circuit. No separate ground is required for lighting. Reconnect the battery.

NOTE:

A.) To change light bulb, twist black socket assembly oneeighth turn counterclockwise until it pops out. Bulb pulls straight out of assembly. It is a GE No. 194 instrument lamp.

B.) If your Tachometer is equipped with an hourmeter, the hourmeter will be energized when the the engine is running.



Make / Year	Model	# of Poles
Chrysler	35 HP, 70 HP & up	12
1968 - 1983	55 & 60 HP	20
Force	50 HP through early 1987 (A,B models)	8
1984 - 1999	35 HP (1986 & later)	
1984 - 1999	40 HP (1991 & later)	
	50 HP (1992 B models & later)	
Some older Force	70 HP (1991 & later)	12
engines are 20 pole	90 - 120 HP L-Drive (1991 B & later)	12
(see note f.)	145 HP L-Drive (1991 & later)	
Honda Through 2005	BF-75/100A, BF 8A, BF 9.9/15A HP	
Through 2005 Older tiller models	BF-25/30, BF 75/90 HP	
	BF-115 /130 HP, BF 200/225 HP	4
require Honda jumper	BF-135/150	
wire 32197-ZH8-003,		
BF 40/50 HP require	BF-35/45, BF 40/50 HP	6
06383-ZV5-316	BF-8D/9.9D BF 15D/ 20D	12
Tach Kit	(Includes Power Thrust Models)	12
Mercury/Mariner	18,25,48,60HP Mariner through 1983	
1977 - 2005	8, 9.9, 15 and 25 HP (4 stroke)(after 1998-2004)	
(See note "e")	Less than 40 HP - All Before 1999	4
*Use Tach adapter	40 HP(serial # 582399 and before)	
#17461A9	8, 9.9(Before 1999 and after 2005) & 50HP (4 stroke)	6
Service #17461T9	6 to 25 HP 1999 & up, *2002 & up	10
**Use Tach adapter	25 HP & 30 HP (4 stroke)	10
MM #17461A8 or A10	40 HP (after serial # 582399)	
Service #56-883040A1	40 HF (area Scial# 382399) 45 HP (1987), 50-60 HP (4 stroke EFI)	
	50 HP & above, ** 75, 90,115 HP (4 stroke EFI)	12
		12
	135, 150, 200, 225 HP, DI	
	3.0L EFI 225 & 250 HP	
	Pro Max 3.0L 300 HP EFI	
Evinrude/Johnson	9.9 HP -15 HP 4 stroke after 2001	6
1977 - 2005	All 2 cylinders less than 70 HP	10
for 88 HP {90} &	9.9 HP & 15 HP (2 cylinder) (4 stroke)	
112 HP {115} a	25-35 HP 3 CYL	12
voltage reg. kit	40-50 HP, 2 cylinder (1993 & later)	
is recommended.	60 HP, 3 cylinder (1985 & later)	
A System Check Tach	70 HP & greater, including sea drives	
or 2" gauge is required	All FICHT models	
Suzuki	Less than 55 HP - All	
through 2005	60 HP, 65 HP thru 1985	4
A System Monitor Tach		-
or 2" gauge is required	DF 4 through 30 (4 stroke)	
	25 HP & 30 HP (1993 & later)	6
	55 HP & 65 HP (1985 & later)	0
	75 HP & up (1985 & later)	
	75 HP and up (Cabrea)	10
	115 HP and up (1988 & later) DE 40 through DE 250, DEV6 (4 strake)	12
	DF 40 through DF 250, DFV6 (4 stroke)	
Tohatsu / Niss an	(2 strokes) 8 HP, 9.8, 9.9, 15, 18, 25, 30, 40C (all 2 cylinder)	4
through 2005	(2 strokes) M40D,40D2, 50D, 50D2, 70D and C, 90A (all 3 cylinder)	6
(See note "e").	(2 strokes) 115 HP, 120 HP, 140 HP (all 4 cyl.)	12
·	(4 strokes) 8, 9.8, 9.9, 15, 18, 25 & 30 HP	
Yamaha	6 HP - 25 HP (2 cyl '84-'87), F/T 9.9 ('85-'91)	
1984 - 2005	C25 - C55 (2 cyl) Except C30 (2cyl '93-'97)	4
	F/T 9.9 (MID '92 on), C30-C70 (3 cyl)	· · ·
	C30 (2 cyl '93-'97), 25 HP (3 cyl),	
		6
	25 HP (2 cyl '88-'01)	0
	30HP-70HP, 50EJ, 50-70, F15	
	F/T 25-F225, HPDI 150-300, 80-SX250	
	F/T 9.9 (early '92), C75-C150, P75, F30-250	12
	V/VX150-250, VZ 225-300, 90-300	

Outboard Tachometer Applications

Notes:

a. 6000 RPM tachs are for Inboard & I/O gas engine applications only

b. 7000 RPM & 8000 RPM tachs are for all outboard motor applications only. 20 Pole Tachs are no longer available.

c. Electrical pulses per revolution are equal to 1/2 the number of alternator poles.

d. Older model outboards (prior to 1977) may have the tach signal wire originating at the ignition system though they are alternator equipped. All alternator tachometers may be used on these systems by disconnecting the tach signal wire at the engine and connecting that wire to the unrectified alternator signal at the rectifier. Be certain the number of alternator poles match the tachometer pole setting of the tach.

e. TOHATSU recommends, when using aftermarket tachs on TLDI engines, using indictor light kit part number 3Y9762510 and Harness 3T5710420. Strong alternator interference on some TOHATSU / NISSAN outboards and some pre 2001 Mercury 90HP outboards may require wiring a .1mf, 100 volt non-polarized capacitor between the signal and ground stud terminals.

f. Faria no longer makes a 20 pole tach.