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generator/ignition for [Ducati 250 \(wide case engine\)](#)
also fitting swiss army bike Condor A 350

For narrow case engine (100 - 250) see [our system 72 47 999 00](#).

Note:

not suitable for 450 because of violent kickbacks there with this system! and not for 350 (to many 350 with different versions)

Except Condor 350 may not fit all 350cc engines, notably not Mototrans Vento engines (Spanish replica)! Also there are [fitting problems with other 350cc](#) (except Condor)



Magnet based generator with integrated solid state ignition. Output 12V/100W DC. Replaces the old magneto and the complete ignition system. Solid state, maintenance free, electronic ignition.

Ignition is mounted at crankshaft level (part of magneto). The original contact breaker at camshaft level is no longer needed and may be taken out.

There is no need for changes on engine casing.

narrow case engine - wide case engine? How to know what system I need?	so called narrow case engine 100-250cc	so called wide case engine 250 -450cc
	+ stator plate fixed with 3 screws + diameter of stock rotor is 117mm	+ stator plate fixed with 4 screws + diameter of stock rotor is 129mm

Advantage over original system:

- all parts are new
- very good light output
- very stable ignition with solid spark
- better starting, better fuel burning
- no wear anymore on points

Documentation:

- [assembly instructions](#)
- [wiring diagram](#)
- [parts in the pack \(photo\)](#)
- [customer info on assy in Condor \(sorry german only\)](#)

Photos:

- [the new system in an engine](#)
- [the new stator coil](#)
- [the new rotor](#)
- [the original magneto](#)

If you can install and time a stock ignition and possess basic mechanical skills, you can install a VAPE system!

If you never have worked on your ignition, better have it done by someone who knows.

VAPE can not monitor the compliance to those instructions, nor the conditions and methods of installation, operation, usage and maintenance of the system. Improper installation may result in damage to property and possibly even bodily injury. Therefore we assume no responsibility for loss, damage or cost which result from, or are in any way related to, incorrect installation, improper operation, or incorrect use and maintenance. We reserve the right to make changes to the product, technical data or assembly and operating instructions without prior notice.

Please read these instructions fully and carefully before starting work on your motorcycle

Please bear in mind that [any modification of the material as well as own repair attempts which have not been agreed with VAPE may result in a loss of warranty. Do not cut off wires. This leads to a loss of reverse polarity protection and often results in damage to electronics.](#) Also, please take note of the information provided on the information page for this system. Check that what you have bought really corresponds to the motorcycle you have. Wrong ignition settings may damage your engine and even hurt you during kickstart (violent kickbacks). Be careful during the first test runs. If needed change settings to safer values (less advance). During assembly check carefully that the [rotor \(flywheel\) does not touch the stator coils or anything else](#), which may happen due to various circumstances and lead to severe damage.



IMPORTANT:

Designated use

This system is designated to replace stock dynamo/alternator & ignition systems in vintage and classic motorcycles [whose engine characteristics have not been modified aftermarket](#). This system is not a tuning system and it will not bring significant increases in engine output. It does however significantly enhance roadworthiness and comfort by offering better lighting, better function of side indicators and horn and, compared with the aging stock systems, increased reliability. As our system does not tamper with engine characteristics it does not increase emission of gaseous pollutants and noise. In most cases emission of pollutants should even be reduced due to better combustion. If used as designated the system therefore will not normally infringe the existing legal status of the motorcycle (this statement is valid for Germany, for other countries, please check locally against your road licensing regulations). This system is not suitable for use in competition events. If used other than the designated way, warranty will be voided and it might well be that you do not obtain the desired results or, worst you loose legal

roadworthiness.

The charging system is only suitable for use with rechargeable 12V (6V systems 6V) lead-acid batteries with liquid electrolyte or sealed lead-acid batteries, AGM, Gel. [It is not suitable for use with nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal-hydride, lithium-ion or any other types of rechargeable or non rechargeable batteries.](#)

This is a [**replacement system and not a copy of the stock material**](#). The parts in this system therefore look different and might fit differently (notably ignition coil and regulator) requiring some adaptation by you.

During assembly imperatively start with assy of engine based parts to see that those really fit before you start fitting the external parts. In many cases customers assemble those first and thereby often [modify them in breach of warranty](#) which renders them unfit for renewed sale. [Replacing old ignition systems is not a matter of taking something from a supermarket shelf as there have been very many types, versions and possibly unknown aftermarket modifications which harbour plenty of room for error.](#)


Our systems are [NOT tested for use with third party electronic devices \(such as GPS, mobile phones, LED lighting etc\)](#) and may [cause damage to such parts](#). Possibly existing [electronic tachometers](#) will not work with the new system. Read our [information for suitable solutions](#). Possibly existing safety switches and electronic valve controls are not supported. It might be that your motorcycle was originally equipped with an ignition that did limit top speed for legal reasons. The new system does not have such a facility, so check your legal situation beforehand.

If you have no expertise for the installation have it done by an expert or at a specialist's workshop. Improper installation may damage the new system and your motorcycle, possibly even lead to bodily harm.

Before you order a system, please check whether a [puller tool](#) for the new rotor is included in the kit. If not, better order it at the same time. You might want to order light [bulbs](#), [fuse](#), horn, [flasher unit](#) etc.

Never use anything other than the recommended puller tool to pull the new rotor again. Damage to the rotor as a result of use of other tools or methods is not covered by warranty.

The rotor is sensible to blows (including during transport). Before assembly, please always check for damage (on rotor without magnet plastification try to push the magnets aside with your

	<p>fingers). After impact the glued in magnets might have broken loose, sticking to the rotor solely by magnetic force, so that one does not notice right away. During engine run the damage would be considerable. Before placing the rotor onto the engine, please make sure that its magnets have not collected any metal objects such as small screws, nuts and washers. That equally would lead to severe damage.</p>
	<p>If you have access to the Internet, best view those instructions online. You get larger and better pictures by clicking onto them and possibly updated information. System list at http://www.powerdynamo.biz</p>

You should have received those parts:



- stator assembly
- rotor
- advance unit (black box)
- ignition coil / high tension wire
- regulator/rectifier
- spacer/shims for primary gear
- wires brown, red and blue
- wire binders
- rotor puller



To disengage your new rotor again, please use only the supplied puller M27x1.25 (part-no.: 71 69 999 99).

Note: Never use a claw puller, a hammer or any other device, that will shake the magnets off.

Make sure your Ducati rests securely on her centre stand, preferably on an elevated work bench and that you have good access to the generator side of the engine.

Disconnect your battery and take it out of the motorcycle. Note that you will install a 12 volts system, so you will either need a 12 volt battery or you use the [option of driving without a battery](#). You will still have to replace all lightbulbs to 12 volt ones. The horn may stay at 6 volts.



Unscrew the generator cover and take it off. Unscrew the stock magneto and take it off.

To pull the stock rotor you will need a puller screw for this. Take the woodruff key from the crank and keep it. You still need it.



Usher the stator cable through the wire openings of the engine - from inside out.

As at this moment the new stator assembly is hanging lossely from the wire, take extra care not to damage the wire insulation.

Push and pull at the same time and avoid sliding it over sharp edges until the stator rests at fixation level.

(Picture shows small engine!)



Put the new stator unit into the place of your old generator and screw it down with the 4 screws M5 supplied.

Make sure the wire is not under pressure under the plate when it exists from under there.

Do not use other screws with higher heads.



Have a look at the stator base. You will find a small red marking on the baseplate.

This is an ignition marking.



There should be no need to take the stator coil from its base. Should you however need to do so, take great care when setting it back. The stator has to snap in rather sharply. If it sets softly there, you have probably squeezed a wire underneath!

Make sure that the inner opening of the stator unit slots evenly over the elevated fixing rim of the base plate - otherwise the coil will sit lopsided and will touch the rotor, damaging it.

(Picture shows small engine!)

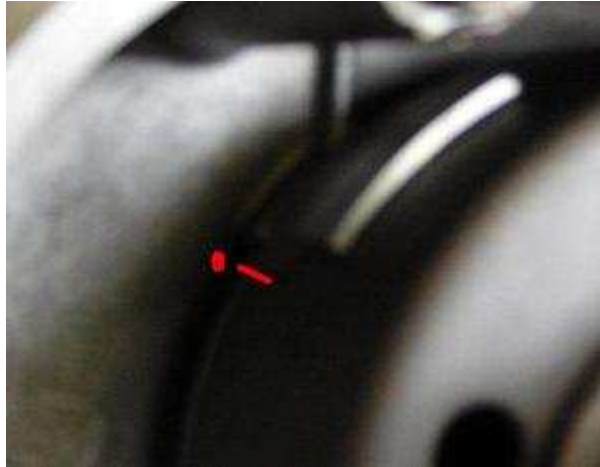


Have a look at the new rotor. On its circumference you will find a small lasered on (older versions pressed in) marking.

The marking is durable, but not well visible, especially when the rotor is fixed. So it is a good idea to highlight the marking with some colour (simplest with a marker-pen).

The metallic protrusion near this marking is of no relevance for this system. It is used in some other installation.

Before you proceed with the assembly you will have to set ignition timing.



(Markings highlighted in picture for better visibility!)

Take the spark plug out and bring the piston into top dead center position (TDC). It does not matter in what cycle the engine is.

As this is difficult to do with the kick lever, place the new rotor onto the crankshaft (do not screw it down) and use it as a handle to turn the crank.

Once TDC has been found, carefully disengage the rotor again without moving the crank shafts position from TDC.

Then place it in such a way back, that the marking on the rotor aligns with the **red marking** on the base, as shown.

It might well be that after some test runs you may wish to modify timing a little. You may change timing by:

- pulling the new rotor again
- and resetting it (without changing the crank position during this operation) at the wanted new angle. Turning the rotor clockwise will bring earlier, turning it anticlockwise later ignition.



Now set the woodruff key back onto the crank shaft and place the primary gear on top of the rotor. Screw the rotor down as per original instructions.

Take care not to shift the position of the rotor relative to the crankshaft. This would change timing.

Better check after tightening that your markings do still align with piston in TDC position.

(Picture shows small engine!)



Replace the factory spacer ring under the primary gear with the thicker version supplied in the kit.

This will push the clutch assembly with the large gear up to the new level reached by the higher new rotor.

Shims are provided to ensure the primary gears match perfectly. The shims may not be required for all applications.

(Picture shows small engine!)



Place the clutch assembly onto the gearshaft.

Make sure you have the spacer bush (and the shim) underneath.

Check that all may run freely.

(Picture shows small engine!)



Check that the large clutch gear does not brush against the collar on the rotor (see picture). Eventually put the provided shim(s) (0.5/1.0mm) underneath the clutch.

The new ignition coil, the regulator and the advance unit may be fitted under the tank on the frame with a small (individually made) support bracket as shown here as an example. (Shows different motorcycle!)



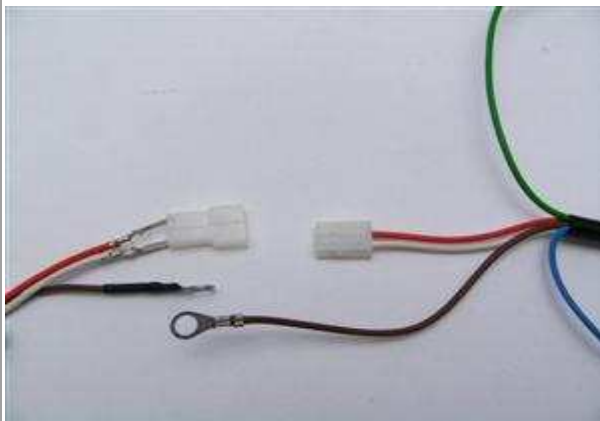
Before installing the advance unit, have a look at the small switches at the advance unit. They activate different characteristics. There are 4 switches.



The setting needed for Ducati, from 9° at start to 38° at 3,000 revs, are activated with all switches to OFF.

Connect the parts as shown in the [wiring diagram 91ik_102!](#)

* To facilitate wire exit through the often small openings in the engine casing, the plastic plug of the generator's wiring that leads to the advance unit has not been put onto the wire terminal. You should place the plug there only once all has been properly installed on the engine side.





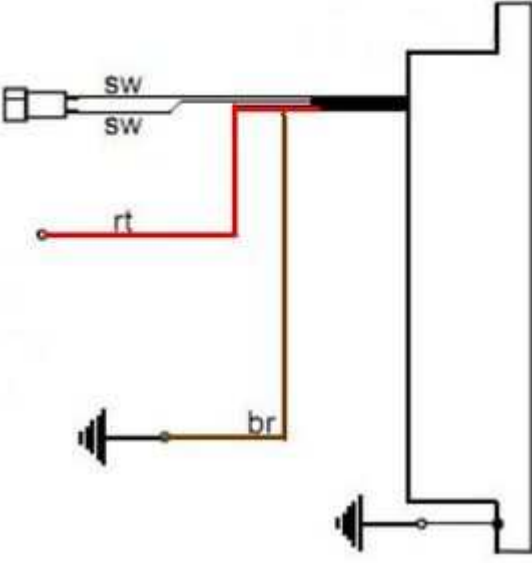
Look for the advance unit with its female plug and the two wires (red and white).

Put the provided 2-position plug housing onto this plug and insert the two wires (red and white) from the generator. Make sure that the terminals engage securely in the housing and that you connect:

- white to white
- red to red

Should you need (or want) to get the terminals out of the plug housing again, enter a paper clip from front next to the terminals and push the little barb aside. Than pull the wire out.

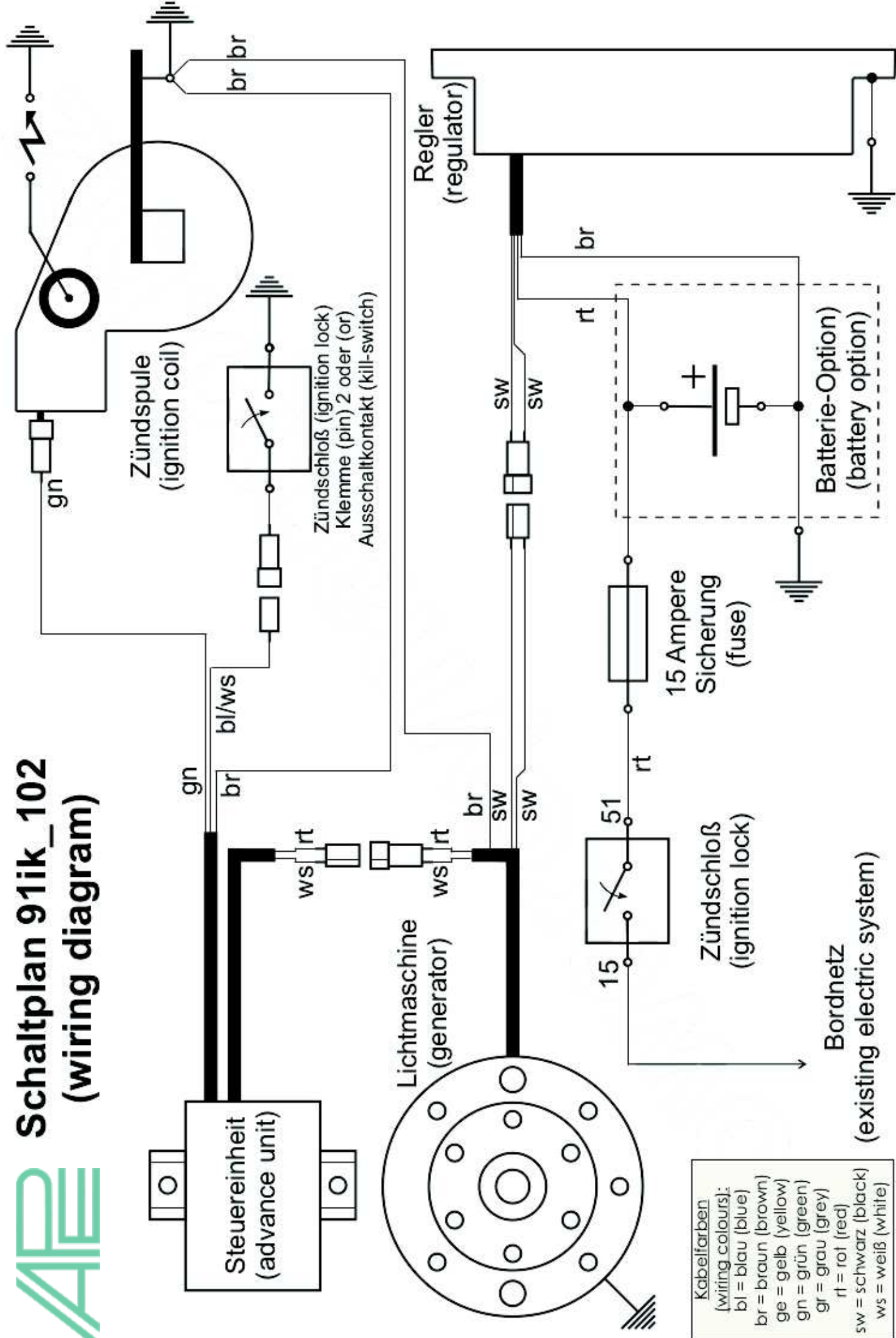
<p>* The brown wires from the new generator and the advance unit with the round eye terminals ...</p>	<p>... have to be screwed to the holder frame of the ignition coil (ground). This connection is very important. Please do not rely on the frame as <i>the</i> earth-connection. Paint, oil and dirt prevent often a good contact!</p>
<p>* The green (older systems grey) cable of the advance unit ...</p>	<p>... is the output of the to the ignition coil and gets connected to the single male terminal there.</p>
<p>Important! Avoid prolongation of the green wire between advance unit and ignition coil. This may lead to ignition trouble.</p> <p>* Never run the high tension cable and the cables from the generator to the advance and/or the grey wire from the advance to the ignition coil closely in parallel (say in one shielding). This will trigger back coupling that disturbs ignition and might even damage the advance unit.</p>	
<p>The blue/white wire at the advance unit. This is the kill (cut-off) wire.</p> <p>* Note: Should you experience ignition failures, disconnect as a first measure this blue wire. In many cases that will permit you to get mobile again (particulars see: technical help)!</p>	<p>Connected to ground - it will stop ignition!</p> <p>This type of wiring is used in motorcycles which originally already had magneto ignition and therefore switch off by shortcircuiting against ground.</p> <p>Those vehicles have by design a main lock (or some kill switch) that connects a pin to ground when in OFF position (German bikes: pin 2). The blue/white wire of the ignition coil will be connected here. In that way the cut-off works as before.</p>
<p>* Connecting VAPE alternator to lighting circuit (via regulator):</p>	
	<p>The 2 black wires running from the stator coil carry the voltage for lights, horn, flashers etc. They have nothing to do with ignition.</p> <p>This voltage (something between 10 and 50 volts AC depending on engine speed) has however to be stabilized (regulated) and rectified into direct current (DC).</p>
<p> Attention: Any confusion between plus and minus leads to immediate destruction of the regulator. This will not constitute a warranty case as it is negligence! One can recognize a burnt regulator in most cases by its sharp burnt smell.</p>	

<p>*</p>	<p>The regulator of this system: has a inbuilt smooting condenser which enables full function of flashers and horn with or without a battery present:</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 2 black (sw) wires are the AC input from the alternator (as it is AC it does not matter which black to which black) • the red (rt) wire is the positive (plus) 12V DC output • the brown (br) wire is the negative (minus) ground, internally connected to the regulator housing
<p>*</p>	<p>Screw the high tension (ignition) cable ...</p> <p>Please do not use any spark amplifying cables, such as "Nology supercables" or "hot wire". This will disturb the system and possibly damage it.</p>	<p>... into the ignition coil and pull over the rubber seal before mounting the coil (it will be easier).</p> <p>Please do use the cable arriving with the pack and not any old cable.</p>
	<p>You will do yourself a favour to treat your bike to a new spark plug and spark plug socket (preferably some between 0-2kOhm). Plenty of problems are to be traced back to "apparently good" (even completely "brand-new") sparks plugs, terminals and cables. Do not use resistor containing caps AND spark plugs with an internal suppression resistor. NGK (e.g.) offered such spark plugs coded with an "R" (for resistor).</p>	
<p>*</p>	<p>Finally - and before installing the battery and before the first kickstart - please re-check carefully all connections and fitments against the wiring diagram. Do check battery and light bulbs for correct voltage (12V).</p> <p>Should something not work, please consult our trouble-shooting guide on our homepage. As a first step disconnect the blue wire from the coil and re-test.</p>	
<p>*</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: During crank shaft repair the dynamo shaft is often machined and gets shorter. The result is a rotor sitting lower, possibly touching now the stator coil. The result is a destroyed stator and ignition failure.</p> <p>For more detail and how to check see (online) here.</p>	
<p>Important safety and operating information</p>		
<p>#</p>	<p>Safety first! Please observe the general health and safety regulations motor vehicle repair (MVR) as well as the safety information and obligations indicated by the manufacturer of your motorcycle.</p> <p>The timing marks on the material are for general guidance only during first installation.</p>	

	<p>Please check after assembly by suitable means (stroboscope) that settings are correct to prevent damage to the engine or possibly even your health. You alone are responsible for the installation and the correctness of settings.</p>
#	<p><u>Ignition systems generate high tension!</u> With our material right up to 40,000 Volts! This may, if handled carelessly, not only be painful, but outrightly <u>dangerous</u>. Please do keep a safe distance to the electrode of your spark plug and open high tension cables. Should you need to test spark firing, hold the spark plug socket securely with some well insulating material and push it firmly to solid ground of the engine block.</p> <p>Never pull sparkplug caps when engine is running. Wash your vehicle only with engine at standstill and ignition off.</p>
#	<p>Should you have received in the kit HT cables with a fixed rubber boot(which does not contain a resistor) you might have to use spark plugs with an inbuilt resistor (or replace the cap with one containing a resistor) to comply with your local laws.</p>
#	<p>After installation, please <u>check tightness of all screws, even those preinstalled</u>. If parts get loose during run, there will be inevitably damage to the material. We pre-assemble screws only loosely.</p>
#	<p>Give the newly installed system a chance to work, before you start to check and test values, or what is worse apply changes to it.</p> <p>Our parts have been checked before delivery to you. You will not be able to check much anyway. At any rate do refrain from measuring the electronic components (such as ignition coil, regulator and advance unit). You risk severe damage to the inner electronics there. You will not get any tangible results from the operation anyway. Bear in mind that also your carburetor, your spark plugs and spark plug sockets (even if completely new) might be the reason for malfunction. The general experience with our systems is that the carburetor will have to be re-adjusted to lower settings. Should the system not start after assembly, first disconnect the blue (or blue/white) cut-off wire directly at the ignition coil (or in some cases advance unit) to eliminate any malfunction in the cut-off circuitry. Check ground connections carefully, make sure there is a good electrical connection between frame and engine block.</p> <p>In case of troubles, please consult our Knowledge Base first before you send off the material to us for checking</p>
#	<p>The spark of classic, points based ignition systems has with about 10,000 Volts comparatively little energy and looks therefore yellow and fat (which however makes it highly visible). The spark from our system is a high energy spark with up to 40,000 Volts and therefore is needle thin focused in form, and blue in colour, which makes it not so visible. Furthermore you get spark only at kick-start operated speeds and not by pushing the kick-lever down slowly with your hand (as you might get with battery based ignitions).</p>
#	<p>Systems using a twin outlet ignition coils have a few peculiarities. Please observe that during tests on one side, the other has either to be connected to an fitted spark plug or securely earthed/grounded. Otherwise there will be no spark on either side. Also with such open exits long and dangerous sparks may fly all over the coil.</p>

#	Never do electric arc welding on the bike without completely disconnecting all parts containing semiconductors (ignition coil, regulator, advance) stator and rotor need not be taken off. The same is true for soldering. Before touching electronics disconnect the soldering iron from mains! Never use copper putty on spark plugs.
#	Electronics are very sensitive to wrong polarity. After work on the system, do check correct polarity of the battery and the regulator. Wrong polarity creates short circuits and will destroy the regulator, the ignition coil and the advance unit. As a rule, wiring will always be colour to colour. Instances, where colour jumps between wires are expressly mentioned in our instructions.
#	When you handle the new rotor, take care not to damage its magnets. Refrain from direct blows to the circumference of the rotor. When transporting never put the rotor over the stator. Observe our information relative to transport of the material.
#	Do not use spark plug sockets with a resistance of more than 5kOhm. Better use 1 or 2kOhm ones. Bear in mind that spark plug sockets do age and thereby increase their internal resistance. Should an engine start up only when cold, a defective spark plug socket and/or spark plug is very probably the cause. In case of problems check high tension cables too. Never use carbon fibre HT-cables, never use so called "hot wires" which promise to increase spark.
#	It is a good idea to cover the rotor in a thin layer of oil to reduce the risk of corrosion.
#	Never use a claw puller or a hammer to disengage the rotor. Its magnets might become loose in the event. We offer a special puller for disengaging the new rotor again (see assembly instruction)!
#	Should the motorcycle not be in use for some longer period, please disconnect the battery (so existing) to prevent current bleeding through the diodes of the regulator. Though, even a disconnected battery will empty itself after a while.
#	Please do observe these remarks, but at the same time, don't be afraid of the installation process. Remember, that before you, thousands of other customers have successfully installed the system. <i>Enjoy driving your bike with its new electric heart!</i>

Schaltplan 91ik_102 (wiring diagram)



Kabelfarben
(wiring colours):

- bl = blau (blue)
- br = braun (brown)
- ge = gelb (yellow)
- gn = grün (green)
- gr = grau (grey)
- rt = rot (red)
- sw = schwarz (black)
- ws = weiß (white)