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## **WARNING**

**Working with fuel is dangerous. If fuel is handled improperly it can lead to fires and death. It is imperative above anything else that all appropriate safety measures be used to control the fuel and any ignition sources, including static electricity, heat, sparks, and any other sources. Proper high-pressure fuel lines and connections must be used in accordance to the manufacturer's specifications and routed away from any potential sources of heat, ignition, and protected from mechanical damage. If you are unsure about your work or safety, stop work immediately and consult with a qualified automotive technician and/or safety official.**

Thank you for your purchase of the VaporWorx fuel module speed control system. These "Smart" systems are designed to work with the GM 5<sup>th</sup>-generation Camaro LS3/L99 (P/N19208719 and 13585454), ZL1 (P/N 13579899 and 19260557) or the Cadillac CTS-V dual pump (P/N 19207950) fuel modules. They are also compatible with many Ford fuel pumps that utilize a returnless pulse width modulated factory fuel control system (check with VaporWorx for compatibility.) These are stand-alone systems and require minimal ECM commands: Only a 12+ turn on signal is needed. Hence, it will work with any EFI control system. NOTE: FAST XFI uses a negative trigger for fuel pump turn-on. Please contact VaporWorx in this case as we have a solution for this application.

The purpose of the VaporWorx fuel module control system is to allow the fuel module pump(s) to adjust their speed based on the fuel demand. As fuel demand increases, the VaporWorx pulse width modulation control will also increase the fuel pump speed. As fuel demand decreases, so will the pump speed. This allows a large pumping system like the CTS-V to run reliably with significantly reduced heat generation. It effectively makes a very large pump seem much smaller during cruise/low fuel demand conditions.

The PressureWorx system can provide either a constant or a 1:1 rate of fuel pressure change with manifold pressure. For these systems initial fuel pressure can be as low as 32psi. Maximum fuel pressure at wide open throttle should be limited to: ZL1 = 65psi, CTS-V = 63psi. Wiring connections to the engine MAP sensor are required for manifold referenced, and the VaporWorx kits are specific to each MAP sensor, so ordering must be done accordingly (1bar, 2bar, or 3bar.) To use a PressureWorx system in constant fuel pressure mode, just disconnect the MAP wiring to the VaporWorx controller and adjust the fuel pressure accordingly.

Lower fuel pressure settings can be used. The ZL1 fuel modules can be used at an initial fuel pressure of 32-65psi, CTS-V 32-62psi. For the LS3 fuel module it is recommended to use this module at an initial fuel pressure setting of 58-60psi. The LS3 venturi pumps are not strong enough to keep the module full under certain conditions at pressures lower than 50psi.

**Unless otherwise specified the PressureWorx kits are tuned for GM 3-bar MAP sensors. Typical 3-bar sensors such as GM P/N 12592525 used on the LSA and ZR1 crate engines are a good choice. For any other sensors, please contact VaporWorx.**

The VaporWorx CTS-V PressureWorx kit is an excellent choice for the GM LSA engine package. Most all of the OE and aftermarket ECM tuning packages are set up for 60psi constant, so matching the LSA to the VaporWorx CTS-V PressureWorx kit is a natural fit.

The choice between constant or manifold referenced fuel pressure should be decided between you and your engine tuner. The tuner is key to getting the engine running correctly, and his/her input in this matter is critical to making both of your jobs easier.

## Fuel Module Guidelines:

Under 600hp @ 60psi, and naturally aspirated: Gen5 Camaro LS3 fuel module.

Under 775hp @ 60psi, and naturally aspirated: Gen5 Camaro ZL1 fuel module.

Under 1000hp @ 60psi, and naturally aspirated: Cadillac CTS-V fuel module.

Under 650hp @ 60psi, supercharged: Gen5 Camaro ZL1 fuel module.

Under 810hp @ 60psi, supercharged: Cadillac CTS-V fuel module.

Over 810hp @ 60psi, supercharged: Twin fuel modules (custom controller required.)

When using the VaporWorx fuel module control system the idea of having a pump that is too big is no longer a concern. Yes, the LS3 pump is less expensive than the CTS-V, but if there is a chance that additional engine power is in the future, then buying the pump to suit those needs now will be less expensive, in both money and labor, in the long term.

VaporWorx was founded on Customer Satisfaction and Service. We strive to treat people and our products the way we would want others to treat us and the products we purchase. That is why our electronics products are tested thoroughly before they are packaged and shipped. VaporWorx stands behind our products for one full year after purchase with a well-stocked repair facility and quick turnaround times. VaporWorx does not want to be the reason you cannot enjoy your car. The Terms of Warranty and Service are as follows:

### **Limited Warranty**

VaporWorx warrants its products to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and if properly installed for a period of one year from date of purchase. If found to be defective as mentioned above, it will be replaced or repaired if returned along with proof of date of purchase. This shall constitute the sole remedy of the purchaser and the sole liability of VaporWorx to the extent permitted by law, the foregoing is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties or representations whether expressed or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness. In no event shall VaporWorx be liable for special or consequential damages. This warranty is only valid on products purchased from VaporWorx or their Authorized Dealers.

### **Service**

In case of malfunction, your VaporWorx component will be repaired free of charges according to the terms of the warranty. When returning VaporWorx components for warranty service, Proof of Purchase must be supplied for warranty verification. After the warranty period has expired, repair service is charged based on a minimum and maximum charge rate. (Contact VaporWorx for current rates).

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**The following steps will help to ensure good fuel module operation and long life. Careful attention to wire routing, protection, strain relief, connectors, crimps, etc. will lead to a longer lasting and more reliable installation. Appropriate safety equipment and procedures should also be worn and utilized at all times.**

- 1) Find a suitable flat surface to mount the VaporWorx pulse width modulation controller (black box) near the vehicle battery. It is imperative that the box be mounted as close and **directly to the battery** as practical. If not connected directly to the battery controller malfunction will result. Do not mount the controllers near sources of heat such as exhaust systems, radiators, etc. The cooler the electronics are during operation, the longer their expected life will be. #8 x 3/4" screws are provided for mounting.
- 2) Install the fuel pressure sensor into a 1/8"-NPT female fitting that is tapped into the fuel line near the fuel module outlet like that in Photo 5A. The sensor must be mounted near the fuel module outlet so that pressure fluctuations due to fuel injector operation are minimized. If the sensor is mounted in the engine fuel rail rapid pressure fluctuations may occur. Use a small amount of Teflon paste to seal **just the threads** of the sensor.
- 3) If desired the supplied braided loom can be installed over the fuel pressure sensor wiring. If so, slip a 1" piece of heat shrink tubing on the wiring first, then install the loom. The heat shrink will secure the ends of the loom to the wiring near the plugs. The ECM fuel-enable wiring may also be integrated into this harness if desired. A short piece of blue wire with crimped terminal is also provided if needed. Sealing the ends of the braided loom with a soldering iron will help keep them from fraying.
- 4) Plug the three-cavity fuel pressure sensor plug into the fuel pressure sensor.
- 5) Route and secure the fuel pressure sensor wiring harness to the VaporWorx controller box. Be sure to leave sufficient wire length so that there is no strain on the wiring near the connectors. Secure the harness to the vehicle away from where it may become damaged from road hazards, rotating parts, exhaust, etc. and verify that the cable will not be chafed or cut on sharp edges.
- 6) The VaporWorx GT150 four-pin connector provides fuel pressure sensor, MAP sensor, and fuel enable circuit connections. Using the terminals and seals provided as seen in Photo 1, crimp the terminals to the wires like that shown in Photo 2. Solder the terminals to the wires if needed.

- A: Grey 20ga from the fuel pressure sensor
- B: Black 20ga from the fuel pressure sensor
- C: Brown 20ga from the fuel pressure sensor
- D: Blue 20ga from the ECM fuel pump enable circuit
- E: White 20ga from the engine MAP (-) sensor\*
- F: Violet 20ga from the engine MAP (output) sensor\* \*PressureWorx only

**For constant (non-manifold referenced) fuel pressure, simply leave the white and violet wires disconnected.**

Using the ECM fuel pump enable circuit will allow the safety features of the ECM to remain functional. If only an IGN + signal is used the fuel system may continue running after an accident. If the fuel lines, tank, fuel module, or other components are damaged, fuel may be pumped in an uncontrolled manner. Modern ECM's will shut down the fuel pump enable circuit if engine rotation is not sensed, hence making for a safer condition. It is the imperative that these features remain functional for your safety.



Photo 1: The GT150 connector body, terminals, seals, and terminal positional assurance clip. Six cavity PressureWorx plug similar. Photo 2. The terminal is crimped to the wire and seal. The part number for the Delphi terminal is 12191818. The seal is 15366060.

- 7) Insert the wires into the Delphi GT150 female connector body as shown in Photo 3. The pinout schedule is listed below for the connector body. Capital letters can be found on the connector body on one side only near the wire insertion hole. Just align the colors to the VaporWorx connector.

Pin A: Grey Pin B: Black Pin C: Brown Pin D: Blue Pin E: White\* Pin F: Violet\*

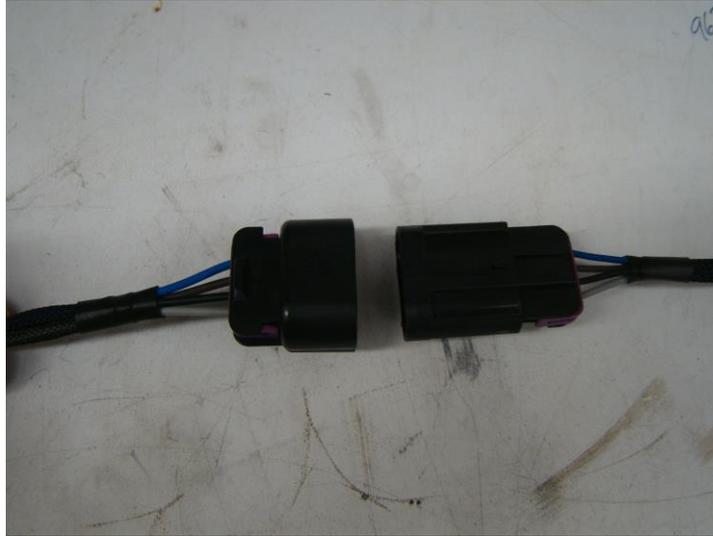


Photo 3: Delphi GT150 female connector (LH). Note that the colors align to each other on both plugs. Delphi designates the gender of the connector assembly by the terminal used, not the gender of the plug body. Hence the plug that appears male uses a female terminal, and is designated female by Delphi.

- 8) Re-verify that the wires have been properly placed in the connector and that the colors align. This is the single most common assembly error, so please verify your work. If the wiring is incorrect, or the crimp not satisfactory, then the terminals will need to be removed and placed in the proper cavity. This can be done by removing the purple cap on the inside of the connector body face using a small screwdriver to pry up on the sides. The terminal can then be released by very gently prying back on the locking tab that secures the terminal to the body. Once corrected re-install the purple connector body cap. **NOTE:** The purple cap acts as a terminal locking device. Once the cap is fully seated removal and installation of the terminals is very difficult. The cap has a pre-terminal installation position where it is located in the body but not fully seated. Fully seat the cap once terminal installation is completed.
- 9) Once the correct wiring has been confirmed, install the terminal position assurance clip as shown in Photo 4.



Photo 4: The purple terminal position assurance clip is installed. Six cavity plug similar.

- 10) Connect the blue wire to the ECM fuel pump enable circuit. The VaporWorx controller requires a 12v positive signal to operate. If a negative signal is used the system will not function. For GM engine harnesses and power centers a 14ga power wire for the fuel pump is often used. This wire can also be used to tie into the blue 20ga wire on the VaporWorx controller. **DO NOT USE THIS WIRE TO PROVIDE BAT + POWER TO THE VAPORWORX CONTROLLER. BAT + MUST BE CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE BATTERY.**
- 11) See Diagram 1 for Steps 12-18

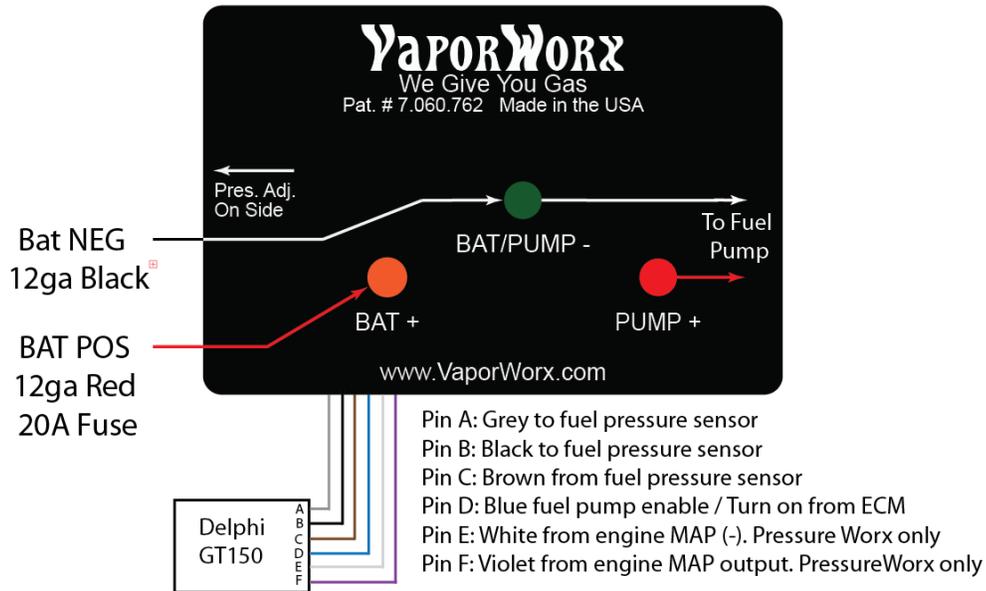


Diagram 1. Basic wiring layout for the VaporWorx controller. The wiring may enter/exit the controller area as needed provided that there is no chance of shorting between connections.

- 12) The labels on the top of the VaporWorx controller lid shows the input and output of the positive side of the controller. Using the supplied WeatherPack fused link, connect one end of the fused link directly to the battery positive and the other to the controller BAT+ input terminal. Ring terminals are provided in the kit. *Do not over-tighten the brass terminal screws on the controller.* If additional wire is needed use a section of the 12ga red from the long wiring harness.
- 13) Wiring is provided to route from the VaporWorx controller to the fuel module. Using a short piece of this wire, connect a piece of black wire directly to the battery and route it to the controller BAT/PUMP - terminal. A suitable 12ga GXL, SXL, or TXL insulated wire can also be used if there is concern that the wiring to the fuel module may become too short.
- 14) Install the short harness that plugs into the fuel module on the fuel tank (if applicable). If the VaporWorx controller is mounted in the engine compartment, connect the longer section of harness to the shorter and route accordingly. Route and secure the wiring away from sources of heat, sharp edges, and any other potential damage points. It is highly recommended that the wiring be installed into some kind of protective sheath, such as split-loom or woven tubing. If the controller is to be mounted in the trunk near a trunk mounted battery, route the wiring such that the disconnect plug is easily accessible. For example, on some applications the harness length is such that the plug is located near the tail panel just under the trunk floor near where the original fuel level sensor wiring is routed. See Photo 5.

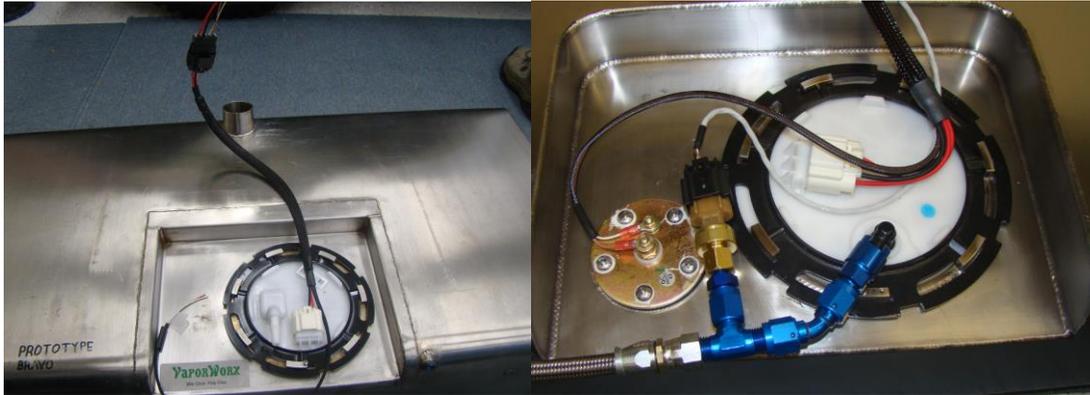


Photo 5 and 5A. Note the black GT280 four-pin connector. Route the harness along the top of the tank to a convenient location, such as behind the license plate. The fuel pressure sensor can often be placed in the recess of the tank, providing protection and making for a clean installation.

- 15) Fuel level sensor wiring is included in most kits. The white or black wire is for gauge ground, the other routes to the gauge. Route the wire(s) to tie into the vehicle fuel gauge wiring.
- 16) Attach the red wire from the fuel module wiring harness to the positive output on the VaporWorx controller. Ring terminals are provided. *Do not over-tighten the brass terminal screws on the controller.*
- 17) Attach the black wire from the fuel module wiring harness to the negative terminal on the VaporWorx controller. *Do not over-tighten the brass terminal screws on the controller.*

### **Preparation Required Prior to Engine Startup**

- 1) The VaporWorx controller will be tuned to run using no MAP sensor input, hence constant pressure operation. The approximate pre-set fuel pressure should be 58psi. **If the controller is to be used in a manifold referenced application, turn the fuel pressure adjustment screw four turns CCW using the tool provided.**
- 2) Fill the fuel tank to 3/4-full minimum. Check for any leaks.
- 3) Disconnect the fuel line from the engine fuel rail. Route or extend this line to a fuel-rated and approved container. Secure the line to the container so that it will remain in place when fuel is pumped through the line. High-pressure fuel flow will cause a flexible line to whip if not secured.
- 4) Insert the 20A fuse into the WeatherPack fuse link.
- 5) Turn on the ignition switch. Fuel should begin to flow in several seconds. If the ECM controls the fuel turn-on circuit (blue wire) then it may take several cycles to flush the system. Most ECM's have a safety feature that turns off the fuel pump after 2-3 seconds if it does not sense that the engine is running. Do not run the pump for more than five seconds with the fuel line removed from the rail. After five seconds, allow at least one minute before repeating the turn-on cycle so that the fuel module reservoir can refill. **NOTE: The fuel module venturi pumps do not work unless there is high fuel pressure. With the fuel line disconnected, no fuel pressure is available to power the venturi pumps. The pause between flushing cycles is to allow the module reservoir to refill with fuel.**

In some cases, after several cycles the ECM may not turn the fuel circuit on until it senses engine rotation. In this case, if needed, 12v+ can be applied to the VaporWorx controller blue wire for a few seconds. The pump should begin to run. The fuel pressure sensor wiring must remain in place and not be disconnected.

- 6) Reconnect the fuel line to the engine fuel rail and attach a fuel pressure gauge to the engine fuel rail.
- 7) Turn on the ignition switch but do not start the engine. The fuel pressure gauge should rise and settle near its pre-set value. Turn off the ignition key and inspect the fuel system and engine fuel rails for leaks. It is normal that the fuel pressure will spike after fuel system shutdown. Fuel pressure should return to normal after engine start-up. Like before, it may take several cycles to fill the fuel rails and create pressure.

- 8) If no leaks are found, start the engine. Fuel pressure may increase 2-3psi higher than what was observed during engine-off. Again, check for leaks.
- 9) On the side of the controller there is a small hole where the fuel pressure adjustment screw is located. Note the arrow on the lid of the controller. Inside the hole is a brass potentiometer screw that is used to adjust the fuel pressure. Using the smaller exposed blade on the supplied blue trimmer tool, adjust the fuel pressure for the FlowWorx systems to 58psi/4bar, and 42psi for PressureWorx systems. If access is tight, cut the plastic tool shorter to fit. CW = Pressure Increase. ½-turn = approximately 2psi pressure change.
- 10) Shut down the engine as soon as practical and check the fuel system for leaks. Repair any leaks before continuing.
- 11) Restart the engine. Quickly depress and release the throttle pedal. For the FlowWorx system the pressure should remain constant, with perhaps a small pressure drop-off. For PressureWorx systems, the fuel pressure should rise and fall with manifold pressure.

## Troubleshooting

- 1) Fuel pump runs at full speed when the engine is on:
  - a. Adjust the fuel pressure via the small screw on the side of the box.
  - b. Check fuel pressure sensor wiring connections. On the fuel pressure sensor plug Pin 1 = Brown, Pin 2 = Black, Pin 3 = Grey. Confirm that these wires align with the same wires on the controller GT150 plug. It is possible to crimp across the insulation of the wire and not obtain a good circuit pathway, hence, causing a controller malfunction.
  - c. Confirm that the input and output main power wires from the battery and to the fuel module are correct/not reversed.
  - d. Confirm the controller is connected directly to battery power. No chassis grounds.
- 2) Fuel pump does not run:
  - a. Check the input fuse. A 20A fuse has shown to be adequate in most situations for single module with no voltage increasing devices (Boost a Pump).
  - b. Check fuel pressure sensor wiring connections. On the fuel pressure sensor plug Pin 1 = Brown, Pin 2 = Black, Pin 3 = Grey. Confirm that these wires align with the same wires on the controller GT150 plug. It is possible to crimp across the insulation of the wire and not obtain a good circuit pathway, hence causing a controller malfunction.
  - c. Confirm that a minimum of 10v is available to the VaporWorx blue wire Pin D. 12v + can be applied directly to the GT150 Pin D blue wire for testing only.
  - d. Check that the brass nuts for the battery and fuel module power wiring terminals are properly tightened and free of contamination and corrosion.
  - e. Check the brass nuts that are under the 12ga battery and fuel module ring terminals. These may loosen over time. Retighten them and test the system.
  - f. Excessive fuel pressure due to engine shutoff. After ignition shutoff the injectors shut but the pump still spins, causing a pressure spike. This is normal, but until the pressure drops below the set pressure, the controller will not send power to the fuel module.
  - g. Check the temperature of the VaporWorx controller black aluminum lid. If the lid is over 225°F the controller will shut down.
  - h. Confirm that the battery and butt-joint connections are good. Use a volt-ohm meter to check connections.
  - i. Confirm that the input and output main power wires from the battery and to the fuel module are correct/not reversed.
  - j. Confirm the controller is connected directly to battery power. No chassis grounds.

- 3) The fuel pressure rapidly fluctuates, especially at idle:
  - a. The fuel pressure sensor is too close to the fuel rail. The VaporWorx system can react fast enough to chase individual injector pulses at idle, hence causing rapid fuel pressure gauge readings. Once engine speeds increase this tendency reduces. Move the fuel pressure to as close to the fuel module as practical. In some case where a very short primary fuel line is used, a longer line from a "T" may be needed to install the fuel pressure sensor into. This extra head length acts a damping system for the injector pulses.
  
- 4) Fuel pump does not have adequate pressure:
  - a. Turn the fuel pressure adjustment screw inside the hole on the side of the controller. A small eyeglass screwdriver can be used, as well as the tool supplied in the kit.
  - b. Remove the power wiring from the brass terminals on the top of the controller. Confirm that the lower brass nuts are tight.
  - c. Check that the connections from the VaporWorx controller to the fuel module are good.
  - d. For the CTS-V fuel module, there are four wires entering the plug (Pontiac G8 disregard.) The two outboard wires should be red, the two middle black. If these are incorrect, remove the terminals/wires from the plug body and re-orient. Gen 5 LS3 and ZL1 have BAT + on the far left of the plug body, BAT – is next to BAT +. See Photo 5 for LS3/ZL1, Photo 5A for CTS-V.
  - e. Using a heavy gauge jumper wire, connect the BAT+ to the PUMP+ on the VaporWorx controller. If the fuse is good the pump should run. If the pump is running but little or no fuel pressure exists, then either the fuel module is internally damage (broken plastics), the fuel pump(s) have been damaged, or there is a massive leak. The most common cause of fuel pump damage is running the pumps dry. Fuel is the life blood for pumps. If the pump does not run then there is a problem with the electrical wiring at the module connection.

## Fuel Module Output Testing

One question that often arises is how to monitor pump output. This is good to know in order to determine if the pump is adequate for the power produced. To test this, connect a digital voltmeter to the BAT (+) and Pump (+) terminals. These connections must be made on the controller terminals. In a safe and legal way, have an assistant watch the meters as the car is driven at wide open throttle/maximum fuel demand. Once the voltage is less than 0.2volts, the controller is effectively sending maximum power to the pump(s). After this point is reached fuel pressure will begin to fall due to a pump over-capacity condition.

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