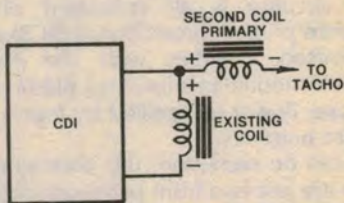


Tachometers and CD ignition systems



Many readers have fitted capacitor discharge ignition (CDI) to their cars, only to find that the tachometer no longer functions. This simple circuit works well with the impulse tachometer fitted to a Fiat 125, and may also solve the problem for other readers.

As shown in the circuit, it involves using a second coil which is connected in series between the tachometer and the positive terminal of the existing coil. No other components or connections are necessary. Used coils can be obtained cheaply from a wrecker's yard. In addition to driving the tachometer, this second coil could also serve as a spare if the main unit fails.

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Note: While this circuit was successful in the author's car, it may not work with tachometers in other cars.