

Installation and Operating Manual

NGI-1000RC Digital Ignition System

Form NGI-1000RC IOM 12-20



1.0 DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 This manual provides installation and operating instructions for the Altronic NGI-1000RC ignition system. It is recommended that the user read this manual in its entirety before commencing operations. This manual reflects functional enhancements released as a running change to product firmware starting with SN 2001. These changes to firmware address issues concerning repetitive writes to data saved in EEPROM. Changes also enhance product application to engines incorporating automated remote control of spark global and individual spark timing as well as spark type in terms of energy and duration. Changes to MODBUS register mapping and function are not backward compatible to earlier NGI-1000 modules prior to SN 2001, however, a means to upgrade firmware in earlier modules is also available.
- 1.2 The Altronic NGI-1000RC ignition system consists of these basic components:
- NGI-1000RC Unit, P/N 791973-x
 - Magnetic Pickup or Hall Effect Sensor (one per system)
 - Input Harness (one per system)
 - Output Harness (one per system)
 - Ignition coils (one per cylinder)
- 1.3 The system requires a battery or a suitable power supply with a nominal 24Vdc (see Fig. 2). The NGI-1000RC unit steps up the DC supply voltage to charge an energy storage capacitor and contains a microprocessor and solid-state switching devices to release the stored energy to the ignition coils in programmed, timed sequence according to the application. Holes (one per cylinder) in a special timing disc signal the position of the engine crankshaft to the electronic circuitry in the NGI-1000RC unit. One additional hole trails after the last cylinder hole; this is the index signal that another revolution has started. Ignition timing may be varied by means of MODBUS communications, a manual switch, an analog timing signal and/or engine RPM.
- 1.4 The NGI-1000RC system can operate up to sixteen (16) cylinders. These instructions detail 8- and 16-cylinder, single-firing applications using NGI-1000RC units 791973-xxRC.
- 1.5 As shipped from the factory, the NGI-1000RC is in the auto-detect mode and is set up for a trigger disc running at camshaft speed. The setup is programmable by the use of the PC compatible NGI-1000RC terminal program (see section 10) available in the Terminal Programs section of the Downloads page of <http://www.Altronic-llc.com>. The programming of the unit is done via the RS-485 Modbus compatible communications port.

2.0 NGI-1000RC UNIT

- 2.1 Select a location for the NGI-1000RC unit that will be at least 24 inches (600 mm) away from the ignition coils and spark plug leads. In addition, the mounting location must be relatively cool, preferably one benefitting from the engine fan stream (if any); the outside case temperature of the NGI-1000RC unit should not exceed 185°F. (85°C.) in continuous operation.
- 2.2 Secure the NGI-1000RC unit to a suitable mounting bracket. Refer to Fig. 1 for NGI-1000RC unit dimensions.

3.0 PICKUP SENSOR – CAMSHAFT DISC

- 3.1 A disc with the appropriate hole pattern must be prepared for mounting at CAMSHAFT speed. The disc must be of magnetic material and 4.0" (100mm) diameter or larger. Fig. 3 details the hole spacing depending on the number of engine cylinders. Note the direction of rotation of the disc. The angular spacing is extremely important as this establishes the basic timing accuracy of the system.

WARNING: Deviation from these instructions may lead to improper operation of the machine which could cause personal injury to operators or other nearby personnel.

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NOTE: Some MAN engines have a 12mm thread port; use Altronic pickup 791035-2 or 791041-3.

- 3.2 Locate a suitable mounting position for the pickup sensor in order to sense the holes in the rotating disc. Secure the pickup to a rigid bracket or surface. See Fig. 3 for the dimensions of the 3/4"-16 pickup sensors.
- 3.3 Set the engine with no. 1 cylinder in the most advanced timing position. Noting the direction of rotation, set the drilled disc opposite the pickup in the position shown in Fig. 4.
- 3.4 Adjust the tightening nut holding the pickup sensor to maintain an air gap as specified below:
 - For magnetic pickups 791015-1 and 791016-2, the gap shall be set to .020" ± .005" (0.50 mm ± 0.12 mm).
 - For magnetic pickups 791035-2 and 791041-3 (12 mm thread), the gap shall be set to .014" ± .004" (0.35 mm ± 0.10 mm).

The center of the pickup face must line up with the center of each drilled hole as the disc rotates.

- 3.5 Plug the 2-pin pickup connector fully into the mating connector of the NGI-1000RC wiring harness.
- 3.6 It is possible to use optional pickup sensors—a Hall effect or powered magnetic pickup. Each requires three wires and sends a transitional zero or five volt signal. When using either of these options, the Powered Pickup check box must be turned on (blue). With the powered pickup option ONLY, the edge sensed is selectable. For Rising Edge, the box is unchecked and for Falling Edge, the box is checked (blue).

NOTE: Keep the pickup sensor wires at least 2" (50mm) away from the coil primary wires and at least 8" (200mm) away from the spark plug leads.

NOTE: Upon changing from non-powered to powered and vice versa, the unit must be rebooted (Power Cycled).

Check the powered pick up for normal high or normal low operation. Rising edge will be leading on normal low and lagging on normal high. This will affect ignition timing the length of the indicator in the disc if not selected properly.

4.0 IGNITION COILS

- 4.1 Use only the Altronic coils indicated here:
 - UNSHIELDED: 501061, 591010
 - FLANGE: 591012, 591018
- 4.2 Mount the ignition coils as close to the spark plugs as possible keeping the high-tension lead length to a minimum but also keeping temperatures below 200°F. (95°C.) during operation.

5.0 PRIMARY WIRING

- 5.1 The NGI-1000RC system requires a battery or other DC power source providing 24Vdc nominal. Refer to Fig. 2 for details of the connection to the DC power source.
- 5.2 Use the tables below to record the actual firing order and wiring.

791973-8	A	B	C	D	E	F	K	L
ENGINE CYL. NO.								

791973-12RC	A	B	C	D	E	F	K	L	M	N	P	R
ENGINE CYL. NO.												

791973-16RC	A	B	C	D	E	F	K	L	M	N	P	R	S	T	U	V
ENGINE CYL. NO.																

The common coil ground lead on all units is the J harness lead.

WARNING: The hookup shown is for the most common engine firing order. Connect to the ignition coils according to the actual engine firing order.

NOTE: On certain 12- and 16-cylinder engines, a cylinder other than no. 1 (typically the second cylinder in the firing order) must be used when lining up the disc and pickup.

- 5.3 All connections at unshielded coils should be made using ring-type terminals specified for 16 AWG (1.5 sq. mm) wire and #10 (5mm) stud size. Terminals should either be soldered to the wire or attached with an appropriate staking tool. Protect primary wiring from physical damage, vibration and temperatures in excess of 200°F. (95°C.).
- 5.4 For details of the hookup for the analog timing signal, see Fig. 7.
- 5.5 Be sure the multi-pin harness connectors are fully plugged into the mating receptacles connected to the NGI-1000RC unit.

NOTE: Keep the primary wiring at least 2" (50mm) away from the spark plug leads.

6.0 SHUTDOWN WIRING

- 6.1 The NGI-1000RC system is shut-off by interrupting the DC power to the unit; use a switch or relay with contacts rated 24Vdc, 12Amps minimum - refer to Fig. 2.
- 6.2 The NGI-1000RC can also be shutdown by using the G-lead of the output harness. To shutdown the unit, connect the G-lead of the output harness to ground. The NGI-1000RC will draw about 0.1 ampere from the power source when shutdown.

NOTE: Do NOT run the input power line through a series of normally closed switches.

7.0 SECONDARY WIRING

- 7.1 With unshielded coils, spark plug leads should be fabricated from 7 mm, silicone insulated, ignition cable with suitable terminals and silicone spark plug boot.
- 7.2 Keep spark plug leads as short as possible and at least 2 inches (50 mm) away from any grounded engine part. In deep spark plug wells, use rigid, insulated extenders projecting out of the well.
- 7.3 The use of a clear, silicone grease (such as Dow Corning DC-4, G.E. G-623 or GC Electronics Z5) is recommended for all high-tension connections and boots. This material helps seal out moisture and prevent corrosion from atmospheric sources.

NOTE: The NGI-1000RC should not be used to power ignition-powered panel instruments.

NOTE: The use of resistance spark plug cable or individual 5,000 ohm resistors (mounted either at the spark plug or coil) is recommended.

8.0 OPERATION

- 8.1 **IGNITION DELAY:**
On cranking, there will be a delay of two disc revolutions—after the power is ON and the engine begins rotating—before the NGI-1000RC unit commences outputs to the ignition coils. This delay is to allow identification of the pick-up index hole to insure proper synchronization with the engine. A greater delay of more revolutions to allow for engine purging can be added to the programming. See Section 10.12.
- 8.2 **MANUAL TIMING SWITCH:**
The NGI-1000RC unit has a TIMING switch located under a white plastic cap at the end of the case. Using a timing light, set the timing to the desired position with the engine running at NORMAL OPERATING SPEED. Replace the white cap over the timing switch once the proper timing is set. Switch position 7 gives the most advanced timing. The timing retards approximately one (1) engine degree for each switch position as the switch is moved to position 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. Switch position 0 is full retard. Larger timing changes per switch position can be programmed. See Section 10.
- 8.3 **ANALOG TIMING ADJUSTMENT:**
The NGI-1000RC unit provides for analog timing adjustment in two ways:
 - 0-1000 ohm potentiometer connected between terminals E and F of the input harness.
 - 4-20mA signal applied to leads F and G of the input harness.

NOTE: On the first start-up after system installation, verify correct ignition timing by cranking the engine with the fuel supply shut off.

NOTE: DO NOT switch from position 7 to 0, or 0 to 7 while the engine is running. The large timing change may cause the engine to shutdown or be damaged.

NOTE: The analog timing retard is added to the retard established by the manual timing switch (see Section 8.2 above and Fig. 7).

8.4 RPM BASED TIMING CURVE:

The NGI-1000RC unit is shipped with an RPM-based timing curve (default programming) providing a 6-degree advance as the engine speed increases from 0 to 600 RPM (Fig. 7). This timing change is in addition to changes made with the manual switch (Section 8.2) or the analog timing input (Section 8.3).

NOTE: When checked at different speeds, timing will vary in accordance with the programmed RPM curve indicated.

9.0 CUSTOMIZING THE NGI-1000RC UNIT

9.1 TERMINAL PROGRAM SETUP:

The NGI-1000RC is designed to be programmed by a Personal Computer via the RS-485 Modbus communications link. See FIG. 8 for the proper hookup. The NGI-1000RC unit case must be securely grounded prior to programming.

The Terminal Program is included on the CD-ROM supplied with each NGI-1000RC unit. The first time that the terminal software is used on a PC, the Communications Port settings must be configured in order to establish communications. After loading the Terminal Program from the CD-ROM, click on the Connection icon on the upper tool bar. The Connection Setup window will appear. The port being selected for use with the NGI-1000RC should also be set for 9600 baud, no parity, 200 ms time out (8 data bits and 1 stop bit). The PC will now be set to communicate with the NGI-1000RC. Set the ID# for the NGI-1000RC to 11.

9.2 PROGRAMMING CUSTOM VALUES:

A variety of numeric parameters can be entered by the user for customized applications or the unit can be left at the factory default settings. Changes to numeric values are made by placing the cursor in the appropriate box and typing in the new value. When the new numeric value is first typed, it appears in red text on the PC screen. The values appearing in red have not yet been sent to the NGI-1000RC unit, but are being stored on the PC until being sent. Hitting the Enter key sends the selection to the NGI-1000RC. The entered value turns green on the PC display, indicating that the new value has been successfully communicated to the NGI-1000RC and stored.

NOTE: In order to program the values, the NGI-1000RC must be powered. Care should be taken in changing entries when the engine is operational to avoid unstable or dangerous operating conditions.

9.3 SELECTING OPTIONAL FEATURES:

Other OFF/ON programming selections are made by activating or deactivating a blue status flag on the PC screen. When the mouse pointer is located over the status flag, a double-left click activates the status flag and makes it appear to be "ON" or glowing on the PC screen, a double-right click deactivates the feature and the status flag.

9.4 PICKUP TYPE SELECTION:

OFF/ON programming selection to enable the use of a Hall-effect pickup. Requires proper harness.

NOTE: Pickup type selection is critical and must be properly configured to match the pickup type in use.

9.5 DISC TYPE SETTING:

This numeric entry configures the Disc Type (number of holes or protrusions) on the timing disc, excluding the index. This number is normally equal to the number of cylinders on the engine for a camshaft mounted disc when the engine is even firing, and half the number of cylinders when it is odd-firing and requires the programming of a "slave angle". 4-cycle crankshaft mounted discs or holes in a flywheel can only be used on even firing applications and cannot be used with "slave angles". This value is used to test for the correct disc and scales the rpm measurement and ignition timing angles to the specific disc chosen. Default setting = (O+1).

NOTE: Conversion from some DISN applications will require a new disc with half the number of cylinders if slave angles are required!

Entering a value of Zero (O+1), places the ignition in auto detect mode. In auto detect mode, the ignition will automatically scale rpm measurement and ignition timing angles to the disc pattern observed.

NOTE: The disc test for a specific number of pulses is not performed in auto detection mode (0 entry for Disc Type Setting – section 9.5).

9.6 TEST DISC FLAG:

When this status flag is ON, the NGI-1000RC will test for a match of the incoming signal pattern observed by the NGI-1000RC to the Disc Type specified. When enabled, this test is performed after synchronization to the disc pattern and before initiating firings. When the pattern does not match the setting, the ignition will not fire and the diagnostic LED on the unit will signal the error by turning off until rotation stops. Once the ignition is firing, the disc pattern will be monitored continuously and, if an error is detected, the unit will stop firing and the alarm output switch will open. Firings will be inhibited and the output switch will remain off for 5 seconds after input signals cease.

If the shutdown lead is grounded after the unit is firing, the firings will stop, the output switch will open and remain open for 5 seconds after rotation stops.

The diagnostic LED on the unit will turn off until rotation stops. After rotation stops it will blink the appropriate signal, see section 11.2. Default setting = OFF.

9.7 ON CRANK FLAG:

When this status flag is ON, the ignition scales rpm measurement and timing angles for a signal pattern coming from a crankshaft-mounted disc. When this status flag is OFF, the ignition scales rpm measurement and timing angles for a signal pattern from a camshaft mounted disc. Default setting = OFF.

9.8 LINE UP ANGLE:

This numeric entry has no impact on actual engine timing and is only used as a reference to calculate the spark timing number for display in the Terminal Software. When the pickup is aligned with the first hole or protrusion on the timing disc, the Line Up Angle is the angular position of the crankshaft with respect to TDC of the first cylinder in the firing order. Entry range is 0 to 100 engine degrees BTDC. This value will need to be fine-tuned to provide an accurate display of timing. Default setting = 40.0 degrees BTDC.

9.9 INSERTION RETARD SETTING:

This numeric entry configures the minimum internal electronic input signal delay. Entry range is 2.0 to 25.5 degrees of engine retard. Default setting = 2.0 degrees.

9.10 PURGE DELAY SETTING:

This numeric entry configures the number of disc rotations (engine cycles) following successful synchronization to delay before ignition outputs begin. Entry range is 0 to 255 cycles. Default setting = 0.

9.11 OVERSPEED SETTING:

This numeric entry configures the engine rpm at which the ignition will stop firing outputs due to an overspeed condition. The overspeed condition also turns off the alarm output switch. When rotation has fully stopped, the LED on the NGI-1000RC unit will blink the appropriate code and the alarm output switch is restored to normal (closed). Default setting = 2200 RPM.

9.12 RUN SPEED SETTING:

This numeric entry configures the transition speed from crank to run. This setting also determines the transition of the diagnostic LED on the NGI-1000RC from crank to run modes. Default setting = 500 RPM.

9.13 LOW VOLTAGE SETTING:

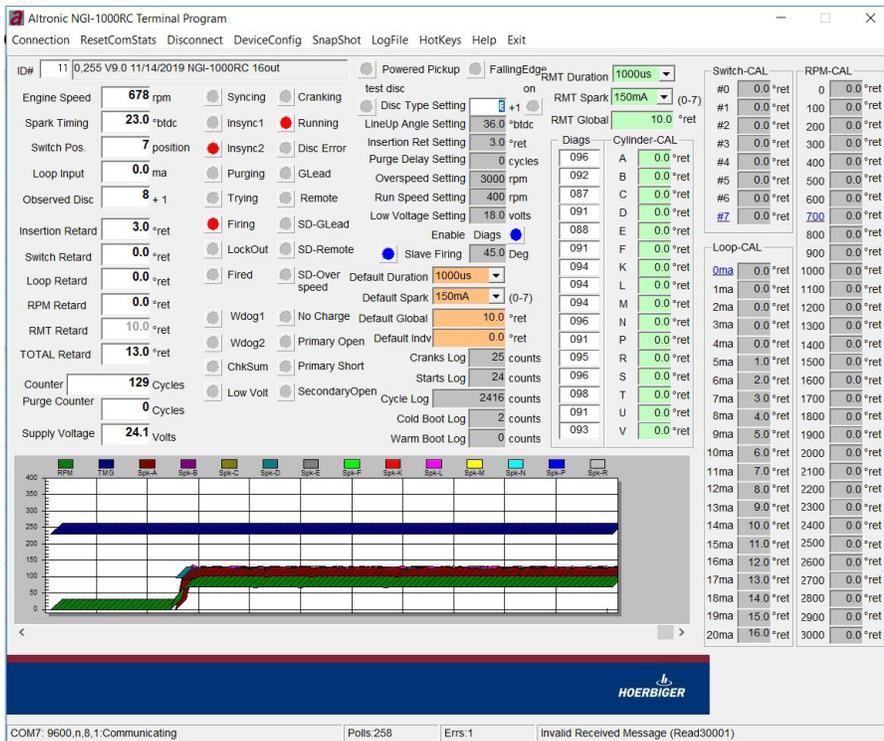
This numeric entry configures the threshold for the low voltage diagnostic of the DC input voltage to the NGI-1000RC. If the DC voltage decreases to this setting, the diagnostic LED on the NGI-1000RC will blink the appropriate code. The NGI-1000RC will continue to try to fire outputs regardless of the voltage. Default setting = 6 volts.

9.14 ENABLE LED DIAGNOSTICS FLAG:

When this LED status flag is activated, the blink code diagnostics for primary and secondary outputs are enabled. Default setting is ON.

- 9.15 **SWITCH CAL:**
These numeric entries configure the timing retard for each position of the manual timing switch on the NGI-1000RC case. Entry range is 0 to 25.5 degrees of engine retard. The active entry is indicated in blue. Default setting is 7-6-5-4-3-2-1. If two degrees change per switch position is desired, enter 14-12-10-8-6-4-2.
- 9.16 **LOOP CAL:**
These numeric entries configure the interpolated lookup table for the ignition retard versus the analog current loop input signal. This allows the operator to create custom spark timing maps versus the current loop input signal. Entry range is 0 to 25.5 degrees of engine retard. The active entries are indicated in blue. Default sequence is 0 degrees retard at 4mA, 16 degrees retard at 20mA.
- 9.17 **RPM CAL:**
These numeric entries configure the interpolated lookup table for retard versus the engine speed. This allows the operator to create custom spark timing maps versus engine rpm. Entry range is 0 to 25.5 degrees of engine retard. The active entries are indicated in blue. Default sequence is 6 degrees retard at 0 RPM, decreasing to 0 degrees retard at 600 RPM.
- 9.18 **CYLINDER CAL:**
These numeric entries configure the amount of individual offset timing retard added to the global timing for each individual output. This feature can be used to map an evenly spaced timing disc to an odd firing angle engine pattern. Entry range is 0 to 50 degrees of engine retard. Default settings are 0. Contact the factory for further details of this feature.
- 9.19 **ENABLE SLAVE FIRING FLAG:**
When this LED status flag is activated, the ignition will generate a second slave firing for each (x+1) reference pulse. For a (6+1) disc pattern, the ignition will fire 12 outputs when this flag is activated, and 6 outputs when this flag is not activated. Modification of this flag through the Terminal Program requires that the engine be stopped and the G-lead be grounded.
- 9.20 **VARISPARK:**
NGI-1000RC takes advantage of the patented Varispark technology as well as maintains the ability to have a traditional CD spark. Once in the terminal display the secondary energy can be modified to optimize engine performance. The process is intuitive and straight forward as the units are displayed as mA (current in the spark) and uS (length of the spark in microseconds).
- 9.21 **SPARK CURRENT:**
When setting the spark current this can either be a traditional CD spark, or a Varispark both operating at 185V DC. Using the dropdown window a list of currents is available. As displayed, each mA value describes the current in the spark. Any value with a "+" sign provides the mA value initially and rises at a linear rate over the length of time selected in the next step.
- 9.22 **SPARK DURATION:**
To set the spark duration a second drop down menu is available. Each spark length is depicted in uS and is matched with the spark current. The NGI-1000RC will hold the selected spark current for the duration, or length, for up to a maximum of 250W.
- 9.23 **ENGINE PERFORMANCE:**
It is important to tailor the spark current and duration to the engine demands. By applying the best spark profile, it will help to ensure that the spark plug wear and engine performance meet expectations. Things to take into consideration are spark plug interval changes, spark plug kV at end of life, and the demand of the spark plug over the entire engine load. It is recommended to monitor for engine misfire at all load conditions and tune the spark as necessary, using the current and duration menus. Higher current short duration profiles will generate a lot of initial energy to ignite a poor gas mixture. While a longer duration spark will help to keep a mixture lit longer into the rotation cycle.

10.0 PC TERMINAL DISPLAY FUNCTIONS



PLEASE NOTE: The terminal program has been revised to NGI-1000RC for communication to NGI-1000RC Ignition modules after SN 2001. The screen shot provided here reflects the significant changes. Note that Node ID has been changed from 1 to 11 to differentiate between FW versions. Also, Green background parameters are RAM based and can be freely written. Orange background parameters are used to specify preload values which are copied to the green RAM-based values at power up and upon re-start.

10.1 ENGINE SPEED:

Indicates current speed of the engine in RPM based on disc signal.

10.2 SPARK TIMING:

Indicates the global spark timing of the engine in degrees before TDC. This number is the LINE UP ANGLE setting less the TOTAL RETARD. Slight differences between this number and the timing reading obtained with a timing light may occur since the LINE UP ANGLE entered may differ slightly from the actual angular position of the engine when the input pulse event is received by the NGI-1000RC. In this event, the Spark Timing number should be made to agree with the timing light by changing the LINE UP ANGLE entry.

10.3 SWITCH POSITION:

Indicates the current position of the manual timing switch on the NGI-1000RC case.

10.4 LOOP INPUT:

Indicates the value of the external input current loop.

10.5 OBSERVED DISC:

Indicates the number of input events (timing holes or protrusions) being recognized by the NGI-1000RC unit on the timing disc input signal at this time.

NOTE: Blinking Red Text in the SPARK TIMING field indicates that total requested retard may be limited by the configuration used for this engine. Always verify spark timing with a timing light during Configuration and Installation of this ignition module.

- 10.6 **INSERTION RETARD:**
Indicates the amount of electronic insertion retard at this time.
- 10.7 **SWITCH RETARD:**
Indicates the amount of timing retard being added by the current timing switch position at this time.
- 10.8 **LOOP RETARD:**
Indicates the actual amount of timing retard added from the current loop versus retard lookup table curve at this time.
- 10.9 **RPM RETARD:**
Indicates the actual amount of timing retard being added by the RPM versus retard lookup table curve at this time.
- 10.10 **TOTAL RETARD:**
Indicates the total global timing retard at this time. This number is the sum of the Insertion Retard, Switch Retard, Loop Retard, RPM Retard and RMT Global.
- 10.11 **COUNTER:**
Indicates the number of disc rotations (engine cycles) registered since the engine was last started.
- 10.12 **PURGE COUNTER:**
During a startup, indicates the number of purge cycles remaining before the outputs are activated.
- 10.13 **SUPPLY VOLTAGE:**
Indicates the measured DC voltage supply level to the NGI-1000RC.
- 10.14 **SPARK REF. (A, B, C, ETC.):**
Indicates the current spark reference number for each cylinder.
- 10.15 **SYNCING:**
When red, indicates that engine rotation has been sensed and the synchronization process is taking place.
- 10.16 **INSYNC1:**
When red, indicates that the index input has been recognized once.
- 10.17 **INSYNC2:**
When red, indicates that the index has been recognized a second time and the ignition is ready to proceed.
- 10.18 **PURGING:**
When red, indicates that synchronization has been completed and the purge cycle countdown is taking place.
- 10.19 **TRYING:**
When red, indicates that the NGI-1000RC is trying to fire outputs, but a proper primary discharge event has not yet occurred.
- 10.20 **FIRING:**
When red, indicates that NGI-1000RC is successfully firing primary outputs.
- 10.21 **FIRE:**
When red, indicates that ignition fired when engine was last rotated. This can be a good indication that engine stalled. Also that ignition has not been powered down since last engine rotation observed. Indicator will turn off when rotation is sensed again.
- 10.22 **LOCKOUT:**
When red, indicates that firings are locked out until engine rotation has ceased for a minimum of 5 seconds.
- 10.23 **CRANKING:**
When red, indicates engine rotation below the Run Speed setting.
- 10.24 **RUNNING:**
When red, indicates engine rotation above the Run Speed setting.

- 10.25 **DISC ERROR:**
When red, indicates that the Test Disc status flag is activated and the timing disc pattern being sensed did not match the DISC TYPE selected.
- 10.26 **G-LEAD:**
When red, indicates that the G-lead is grounded.
- 10.27 **REMOTE:**
When red, indicates a remote serial shutdown command is active.
- 10.28 **SD-LEAD:**
When red, indicates that a shutdown has occurred which was the result of a grounded G-lead condition.
- 10.29 **SD-REMOTE:**
When red, indicates that a shutdown has occurred as a result of a remote serial shutdown command. Note: No remote command is available to activate this remote shutdown provision.
- 10.30 **SD-OVERSPEED:**
When red, indicates that a shutdown has occurred as a result of the engine reaching the Overspeed setting.
- 10.31 **WDOG1:**
When red, indicates that the microprocessor has re-booted since the ignition has been powered-up.
- 10.32 **WDOG2:**
When red, indicates that the microprocessor is currently re-booting. Disregard the first blink when first connecting.
- 10.33 **CHKSUM:**
When red, indicates a software checksum failure of the unit's firmware.
- 10.34 **LOW VOLT:**
When red, indicates that the input DC voltage is at or below the Low Voltage setting input.
- 10.35 **NO CHARGE:**
When red, indicates that the primary storage capacitor has failed to charge properly within the last ~2 seconds.
- 10.36 **PRIMARY OPEN:**
When red, indicates that an open primary condition has been detected within the last ~2 seconds.
- 10.37 **PRIMARY SHORT:**
When red, indicates that a shorted primary condition has been detected within the last ~2 seconds.
- 10.38 **SECONDARY OPEN:**
When red, indicates that an open secondary condition has been detected within the last ~2 seconds.
- 10.39 **CRANKS LOG:**
Indicates the total number of crank attempts seen by the NGI-1000RC.
- 10.40 **STARTS LOG:**
Indicates the total number of successful starts seen by the NGI-1000RC as defined by the Run Speed setting input.
- 10.41 **CYCLE LOG:**
Total number of engine cycles seen by the NGI-1000RC.
- 10.42 **COLD BOOT LOG:**
Indicates the number of times the input DC voltage has been cycled to zero.
- 10.43 **WARM BOOT LOG:**
Indicates the number of times the microprocessor has restarted without a complete loss of power.

- 10.44 **GRAPHIC DISPLAY:**
The NGI-1000RC Terminal Software provides a real time graphic display of the secondary diagnostic numbers, global engine timing (y-axis/10) and engine speed (y-axis x 10).
- 10.45 **POWERED PICKUP:**
Selectable for Hall effect or Powered Magnetic Pickup option. Turns blue when activated.
- 10.46 **FALLING EDGE:**
Selectable when using Powered Pickup. Turns blue when using Falling Edge.

NOTE: Check the polarity of powered pickup for normal high or normal low operation. Ignition timing can be affected. Select "Falling Edge" when using Hall Effect Pickup Part Number 791050.

11.0 NGI-1000RC UNIT LED DIAGNOSTIC BLINK CODES

- 11.1 **NGI-1000RC IGNITION BLINK CODES:**
Whenever the LED Diags status flag is enabled (blue) by using the NGI-1000RC Terminal Software, the blinking pattern of the LED on the side of the NGI-1000RC case can be used to interpret the general status of the NGI-1000RC diagnostics without the use of the Terminal Software. Within each group of conditions described below, the possible diagnostic states are listed according to their number of blinks. The LED is ON for about 2 seconds between each blink sequence and the blinks occur evenly spaced at a faster rate.
- 11.2 **LED SIGNALS WITH THE ENGINE STOPPED:**
 - ON – STEADY = READY** (new power up or last start attempt aborted)
 - ON – 1 BLINK – ON = FIRED LAST TIME ROTATING** (stopped due to stall)
 - ON – 2 BLINK – ON = SHUTDOWN** (by grounding G-LEAD when running)
 - ON – 3 BLINK – ON = SHUTDOWN** (by remote serial request when running)
 - ON – 4 BLINK – ON = SHUTDOWN** (by overspeed when running)
 - ON – 5 BLINK – ON = WRONG DISK PATTERN**
 - ON – 6 BLINK – ON = LOW SUPPLY VOLTAGE** (below threshold when running)
- 11.3 **LED SIGNALS WITH ENGINE CRANKING** (rotating, and still below running RPM):
 - ON/OFF/ON/OFF = PURGING** (off first input pulse, toggles each revolution of purge)
 - ON – STEADY = FIRING NORMALLY** (RPM below running set point value)
 - OFF = WRONG DISC PATTERN DETECTED**
- 11.4 **LED SIGNALS WITH ENGINE RUNNING** (when firing, and above run speed):
 - ON – STEADY = FIRING NORMALLY** (no diagnostics to report)
 - ON – 1 BLINK – ON = OPEN SECONDARY ALARM**
 - ON – 2 BLINK – ON = PRIMARY SHORT ALARM**
 - ON – 3 BLINK – ON = PRIMARY OPEN ALARM**
 - ON – 4 BLINK – ON = NO CHARGE ALARM**
 - ON – 6 BLINK – ON = LOW SUPPLY VOLTAGE**

12.0 RS-485 COMMUNICATIONS, MODBUS RTU

12.1 The NGI-1000RC is compliant to the Modbus RTU standard. Maximum number of registers that can be read at one time is limited to 32. Maximum number of booleans that can be read at one time is limited to 256. All communications are 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. The baud rate is 9600. The MODBUS address list follows:

12.2 **24 read-only status bits, readable in multiples of 8 bits starting at 8-bit boundaries**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	
10001	Syncing	
10002	InSync1	
10003	InSync2	
10004	Purging	
10005	Trying	
10006	Firing	
10007	LockOut	
10008	FIRED	
10009	Cranking	
10010	Running	
10011	Wrong Disk	
10012	GLead	Shutdown Grounded
10013	Remote	Shutdown Present
10014	GLead	Shutdown Logged
10015	Remote	Shutdown Logged
10016	Overspeed	Shutdown Logged
10017	WDOG1	Reset Latched
10018	WDOG2	Reset Event
10019	Checksum Error	
10020	LOW Supply Voltage	
10021	No Charge	
10022	Open Primary	
10023	Shorted Primary	
10024	Open Secondary	

12.3 **Read-only status registers**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION		
30001	Input Bit Mirror	10016–10001	
30002	Input Bit Mirror	10032–10017	
30003	Input Bit Mirror	10048–10033	
30004	Input Bit Mirror	10064–10049	
30005	RPM		
30006	Timing	xxx.xDEG	signed
30007	Switch	Position	1–8
30008	Current Loop Input	xx.xmA	
30009	Disk	Observed X+1	

WARNING: Writable Modbus registers such as '0XXXX' and '4XXXX' directly reference the NGI-1000RC non-volatile memory. Non-volatile memory has a useful life of ~100,000 Write/Erase cycles. Any device writing to these registers must take care to not exceed the maximum number of Write/Erase cycles.

ADDRESS	FUNCTION		
30010	Insertion	Retard	xxx.xDeg
30011	Switch	Retard	xxx.xDeg
30012	Loop	Retard	xxx.xDeg
30013	RPM	Retard	xxx.xDeg
30014	Total	Retard	xxx.xDeg
30015	Cycle Counter HI		
30016	Cycle Counter LO		
30017	Supply Voltage		xx.xVolts
30018	Spark Ref. Num. Output A		
30019	Spark Ref. Num. Output B		
30020	Spark Ref. Num. Output C		
30021	Spark Ref. Num. Output D		
30022	Spark Ref. Num. Output E		
30023	Spark Ref. Num. Output F		
30024	Spark Ref. Num. Output K		
30025	Spark Ref. Num. Output L		
30026	Spark Ref. Num. Output M		
30027	Spark Ref. Num. Output N		
30028	Spark Ref. Num. Output P		
30029	Spark Ref. Num. Output R		
30030	Spark Ref. Num. Output S		
30031	Spark Ref. Num. Output T		
30032	Spark Ref. Num. Output U		
30033	Spark Ref. Num. Output V		
30034	Purge Delay Index Down Counter		
30035	Control Global Retard Now xx.x		
30036	KEYCOMMAND		
30037	Period Predivider		
30038	Period MS16BITS		
30039	Period LS16BITS		
30040	FireStat:DelayStat		

12.4 **8 read/write configuration bits, supports write single only, readable in multiples of 8 bits starting at 8 bit boundaries (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
00001	DISK ON CAM=0 CRANK=1	EEPROM
00002	TEST FOR PROPER DISK YES=1	EEPROM
00003	ENABLE SECONDARY DIAGS YES=1	EEPROM
00004	RESERVED	EEPROM
00005	RESERVED	EEPROM
00006	SLAVE	EEPROM
00007	Trigger Edge RISING=0 FALLING=1	EEPROM
00008	Pickup Type PASSIVE=0 POWERED=1	EEPROM

12.5 **4 read/write registers mirror coil bits (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40001	REG40001=CoilBits 00016-00001 (see above 1-8)	EEPROM
40002	REG40002=CoilBits 00032-00017 (not defined)	EEPROM
40003	REG40003=CoilBits 00048-00033 (not defined)	EEPROM
40004	REG40004=CoilBits 00064-00049 (not defined)	EEPROM

12.6 **8 read/write registers regarding application (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40005	Disk+1 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12	EEPROM
40006	Disk Lineup to TDC xx.x DEG	EEPROM
40007	Insertion Ret MIN=2.0 DEG xx.x	EEPROM
40008	Purge Delay Cycles 0-255	EEPROM
40009	RPM Over Speed Setpoint	EEPROM
40010	RPM Crank to Run Threshold	EEPROM
40011	Low Supply Voltage Limit xx.xV	EEPROM
40012	SLAVE ANGLE xx.x DEG	EEPROM

12.7 **4 read/write registers for spark control (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40013	Default Spark Duration 200uS=0, 250uS=1 ... 1000uS=16	EEPROM
40014	Default Spark Current C.D.=0 50mA=1 50mA+=2 ... 200mA=7	EEPROM
40015	Default Global Retard xx.xdeg	EEPROM
40016	Default Individual Retard xx.xdeg	EEPROM

12.8 **8 read/write registers for timing switch ret. table (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40036	TIMING SWITCH POS 0 DEG	EEPROM
40037	TIMING SWITCH POS 1 DEG	EEPROM
40038	TIMING SWITCH POS 2 DEG	EEPROM
40039	TIMING SWITCH POS 3 DEG	EEPROM
40040	TIMING SWITCH POS 4 DEG	EEPROM
40041	TIMING SWITCH POS 5 DEG	EEPROM
40042	TIMING SWITCH POS 6 DEG	EEPROM
40043	TIMING SWITCH POS 7 DEG	EEPROM

NOTE: Default Registers used to initialize RAM based registers are presented with Orange background in terminal program.

12.9 **21 read/write registers for loop ret. table (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40044	LOOP RET MAP 0mA 0.00V DEG	EEPROM
40045	LOOP RET MAP 1mA 0.25V DEG	EEPROM
40046	LOOP RET MAP 2mA 0.50V DEG	EEPROM
40047	LOOP RET MAP 3mA 0.75V DEG	EEPROM
40048	LOOP RET MAP 4mA 1.00V DEG	EEPROM
40049	LOOP RET MAP 5mA 1.25V DEG	EEPROM
40050	LOOP RET MAP 6mA 1.50V DEG	EEPROM
40051	LOOP RET MAP 7mA 1.75V DEG	EEPROM

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40052	LOOP RET MAP 8mA 2.00V DEG	EEPROM
40053	LOOP RET MAP 9mA 2.25V DEG	EEPROM
40054	LOOP RET MAP 10mA 2.50V DEG	EEPROM
40055	LOOP RET MAP 11mA 2.75V DEG	EEPROM
40056	LOOP RET MAP 12mA 3.00V DEG	EEPROM
40057	LOOP RET MAP 13mA 3.25V DEG	EEPROM
40058	LOOP RET MAP 14mA 3.50V DEG	EEPROM
40059	LOOP RET MAP 15mA 3.75V DEG	EEPROM
40060	LOOP RET MAP 16mA 4.00V DEG	EEPROM
40061	LOOP RET MAP 17mA 4.25V DEG	EEPROM
40062	LOOP RET MAP 18mA 4.50V DEG	EEPROM
40063	LOOP RET MAP 19mA 4.75V DEG	EEPROM
40064	LOOP RET MAP 20mA 5.00V DEG	EEPROM

12.10 **31 read/write registers for rpm ret. table (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40065	RPM RET MAP 0000 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40066	RPM RET MAP 0100 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40067	RPM RET MAP 0200 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40068	RPM RET MAP 0300 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40069	RPM RET MAP 0400 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40070	RPM RET MAP 0500 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40071	RPM RET MAP 0600 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40072	RPM RET MAP 0700 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40073	RPM RET MAP 0800 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40074	RPM RET MAP 0900 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40075	RPM RET MAP 1000 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40076	RPM RET MAP 1100 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40077	RPM RET MAP 1200 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40078	RPM RET MAP 1300 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40079	RPM RET MAP 1400 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40080	RPM RET MAP 1500 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40081	RPM RET MAP 1600 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40082	RPM RET MAP 1700 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40083	RPM RET MAP 1800 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40084	RPM RET MAP 1900 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40085	RPM RET MAP 2000 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40086	RPM RET MAP 2100 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40087	RPM RET MAP 2200 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40088	RPM RET MAP 2300 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40089	RPM RET MAP 2400 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40090	RPM RET MAP 2500 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40091	RPM RET MAP 2600 RPM DEG	EEPROM

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40092	RPM RET MAP 2700 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40093	RPM RET MAP 2800 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40094	RPM RET MAP 2900 RPM DEG	EEPROM
40095	RPM RET MAP 3000 RPM DEG	EEPROM

NOTE: RAM Based Registers provided for remote control are presented with Green background in terminal program.

12.11 **19 read/write REMOTE CONTROL registers (RAM ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40100	Remote Control Spark Duration 0=200uS to 16=1000uS=16	RAM
40101	Remote Control Energy 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7	RAM
40102	Remote Control Global Retard xx.xDEG	RAM
40103	OUTPUT A EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40104	OUTPUT B EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40105	OUTPUT C EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40106	OUTPUT D EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40107	OUTPUT E EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40108	OUTPUT F EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40109	OUTPUT K EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40110	OUTPUT L EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40111	OUTPUT M EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40112	OUTPUT N EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40113	OUTPUT P EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40114	OUTPUT R EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40115	OUTPUT S EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40116	OUTPUT T EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40117	OUTPUT U EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM
40118	OUTPUT V EXTRA RETARD DEG	RAM

12.12 **7 read/write misc. registers (EEPROM NOT ALLOWED for Repetitive Write)**

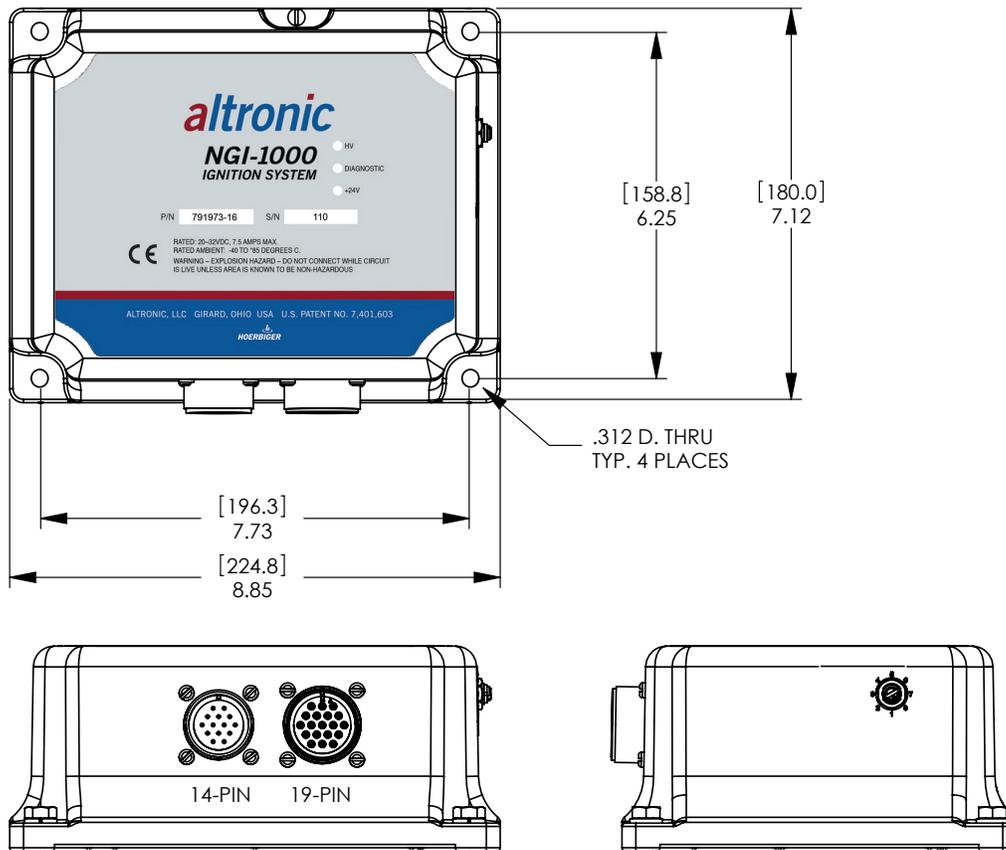
ADDRESS	FUNCTION	MEMORY TYPE
40122	Crank Counter	EEPROM
40123	Start Counter	EEPROM
40124	Cycle Counter HIGH	EEPROM
40125	Cycle Counter LOW	EEPROM
40126	“Spare”	EEPROM
40127	Cold Boot (powerup) Count	EEPROM
40128	Warm Boot (reset) Count	EEPROM

12.14 NGI-1000RC Spark Control Table

NGI-1000RC MODBUS / SPARK CONTROL DETAILS										
REG40014 & REG40101		Modbus	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Spark mA	CD	50 mA	50 mA+	100 mA	100 mA+	150 mA	150 mA+	200 mA
REG40013 & REG40100		Modbus								
		Duration								
0	200 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	250 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	300 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	350 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	400 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	450 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	500 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	550 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	600 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
9	650 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	700 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	750 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
12	800 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	850 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
14	900 uS	CD Only	✓	✓	✓					
15	950 uS	CD Only	✓	✓						
16	1000 uS	CD Only	✓	✓						

Selections in this region are beyond the safe operating range of the device.
 Duration is automatically limited with increasing spark current.

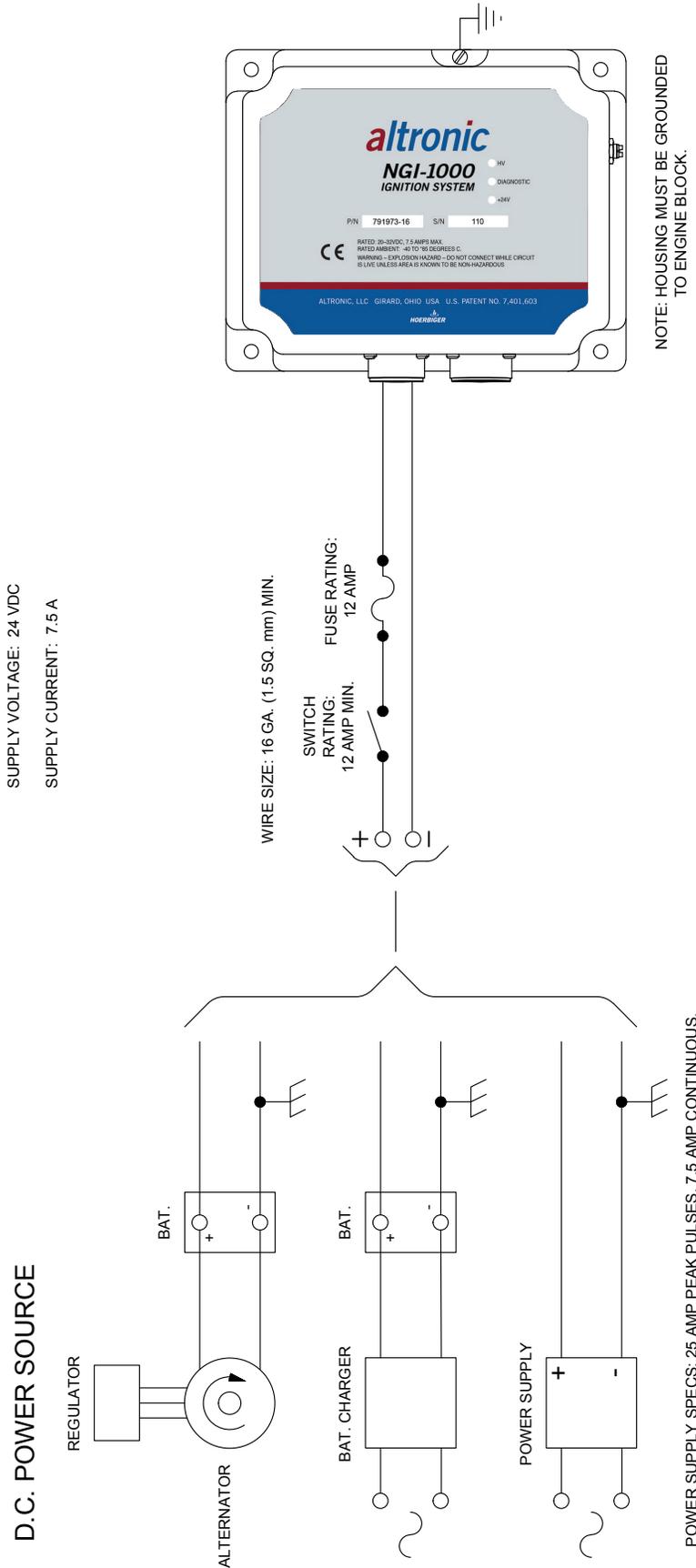
FIG. 1 NGI-1000RC DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, 791973-X



14-PIN CONNECTOR	
CONN. PIN	PCB HOLE
A	MPA
B	MPB
C	485 +
D	FLT
E	+5V
F	4-20 IN
G	4-20 -
H	485 -
I	N/C
J	N/C
K	+24 POWER SUPPLY
L	INPUT SIGNAL FROM POWERED PICKUP
M	+5V SUPPLY TO POWERED PICKUP
N	GROUND SIGNAL TO/FROM POWERED PICKUP

OPERATING TEMPERATURE: -40 °C TO +85°C
 STORAGE TEMPERATURE: -40 °C TO +105°C
 INPUT VOLTAGE: 24 VDC NOM.
 MIN/MAX VOLTAGE: 20 VDC – 32 VDC
 OUTPUT VOLTAGE: 185 VDC NOM.

FIG. 2 NGI-1000RC OPERATING VOLTAGE REQUIREMENT



NOTE:

1. INFORMATION IS PER ONE (1) NGI-1000 SYSTEM. FOR MULTIPLE SYSTEMS, MULTIPLY REQUIREMENTS BY NUMBER OF SYSTEMS.
2. POWER SUPPLY NEGATIVE MUST BE GROUNDED TO ENGINE BLOCK.

FIG. 3 NGI-1000RC MAGNETIC PICKUP AND DISC HOLE DETAIL

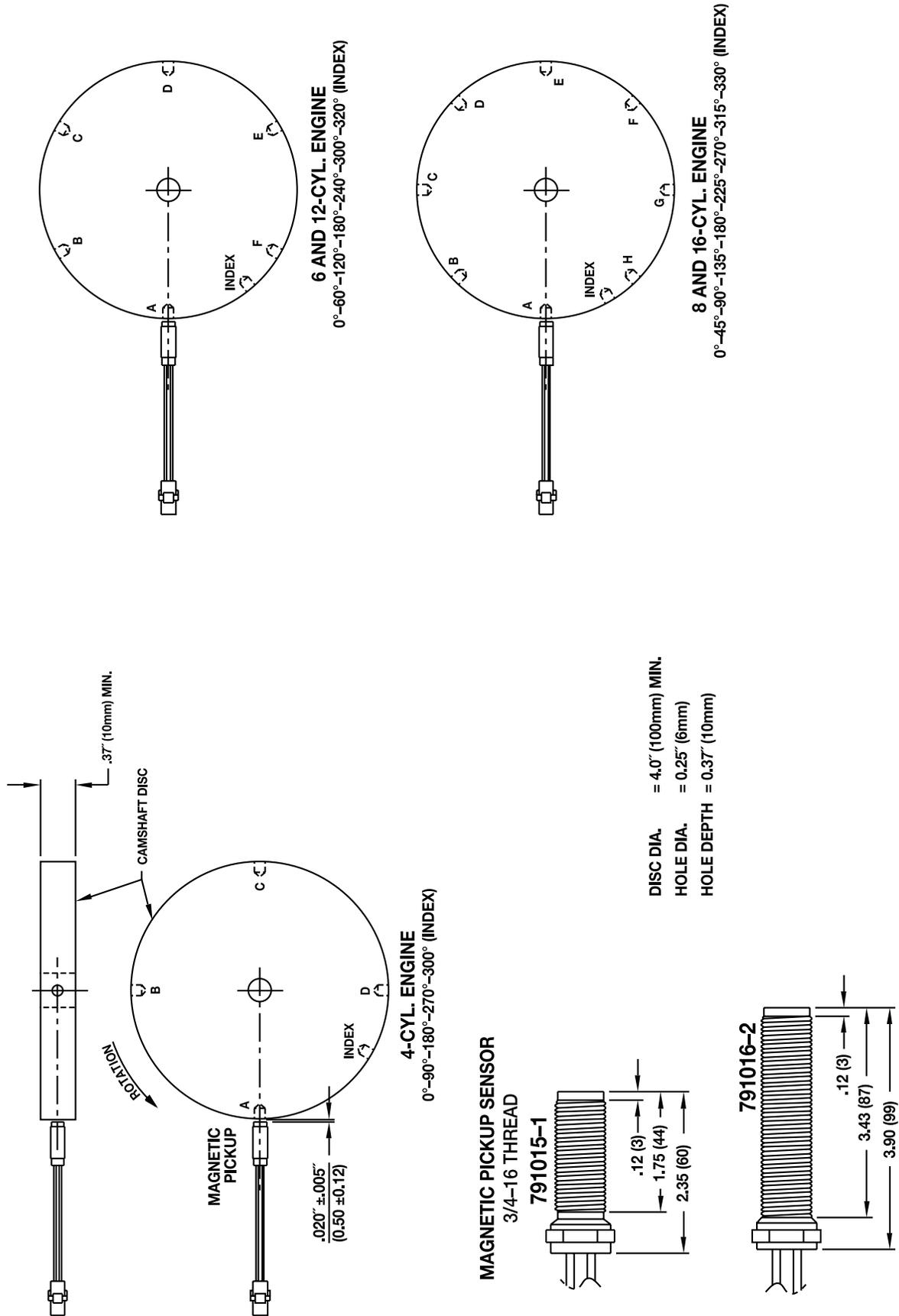
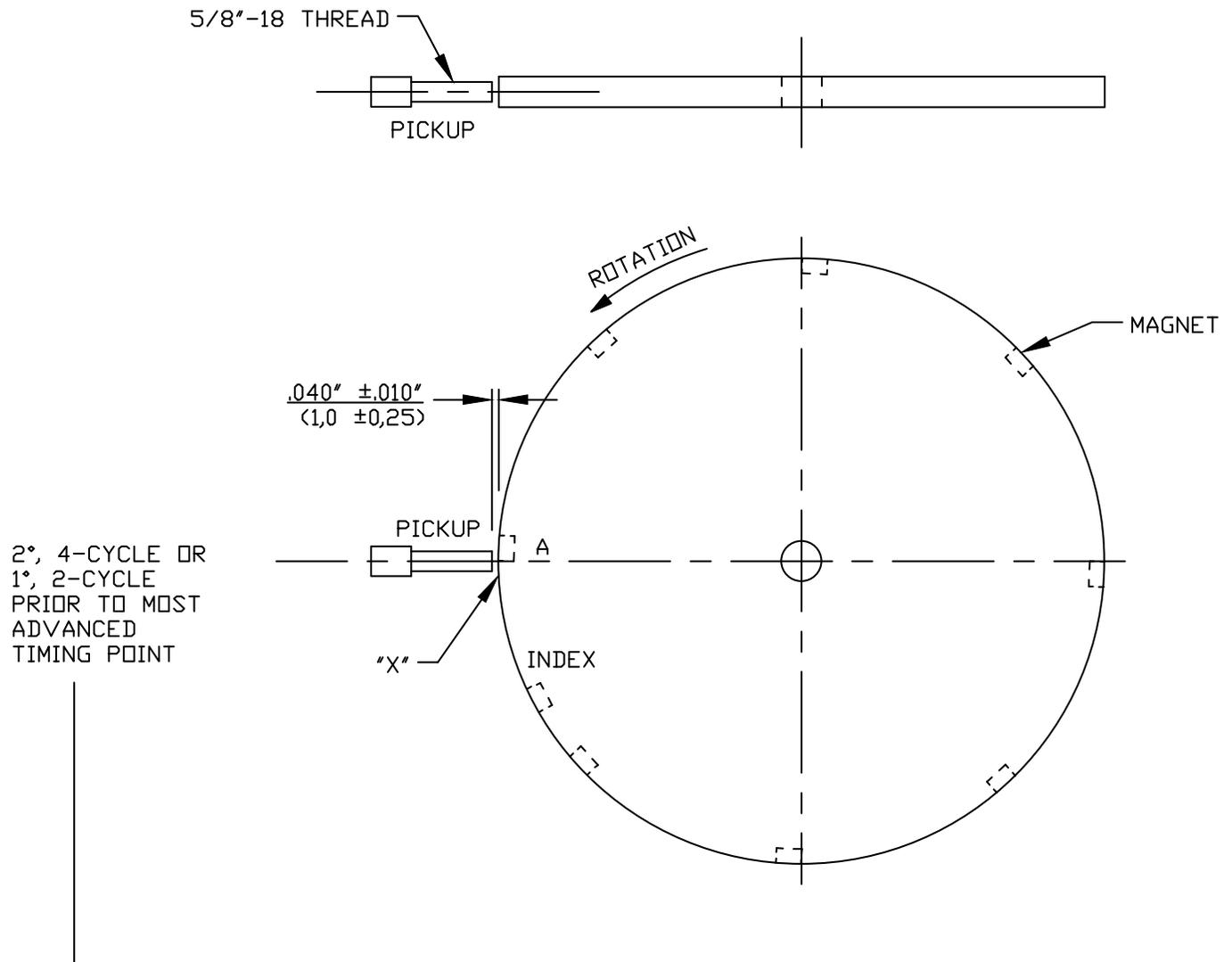


FIG. 4 NGI-1000RC PICKUP AND DISC INSTALLATION



EXAMPLE: (4-CYCLE ENGINE)

MOST ADVANCED TIMING SETTING = 24° BTDC
 ENGINE SETTING FOR ABOVE LINE-UP = 26° BTDC
 ADJUSTABLE TIMING RANGE = 9°-24° BTDC

NOTE: (8 + 1) MAGNET DISC SHOWN.

FIG. 6 WIRING DIAGRAM TEMPLATE FOR SINGLE-FIRING SYSTEM WITH POWERED PICKUP

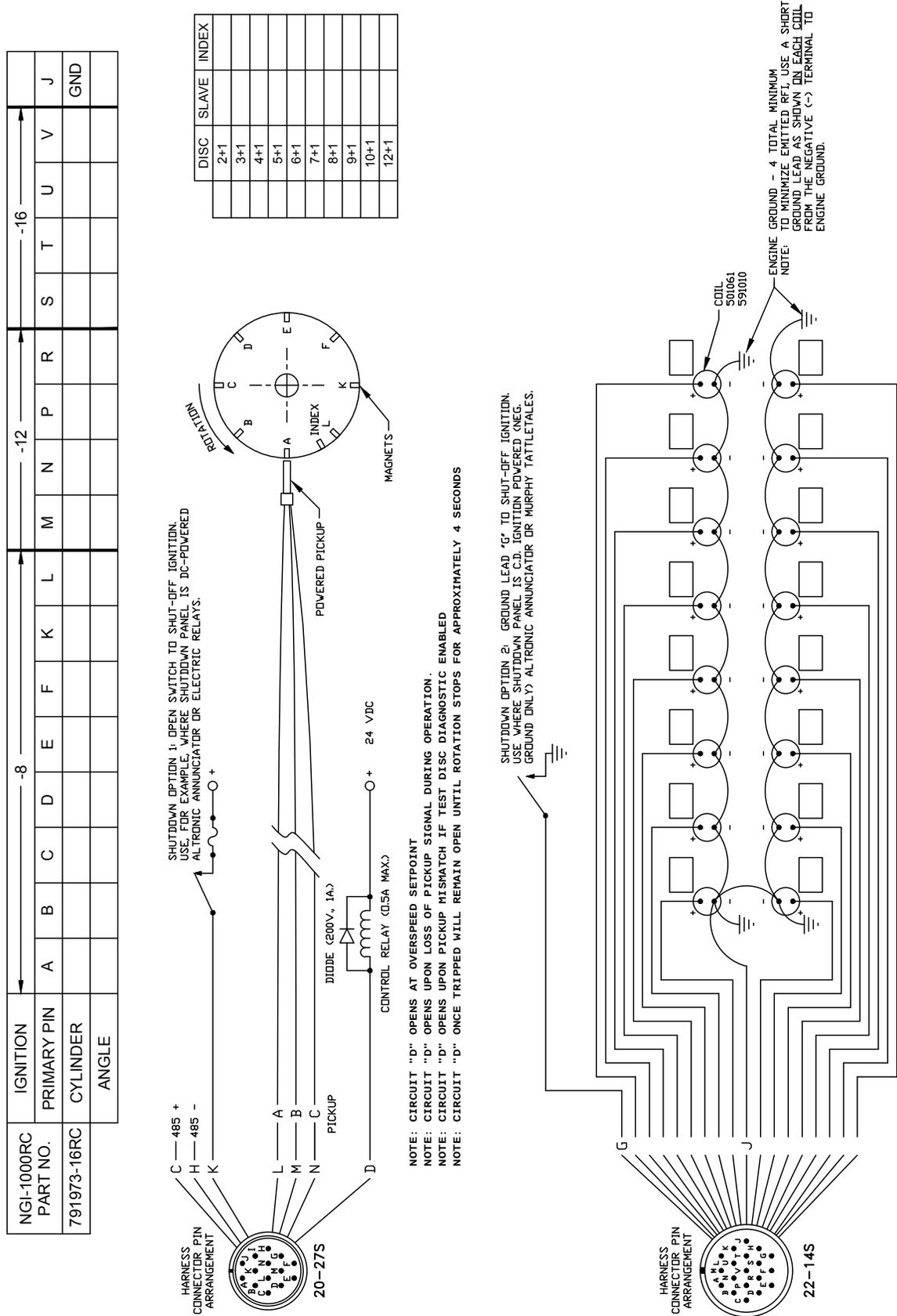
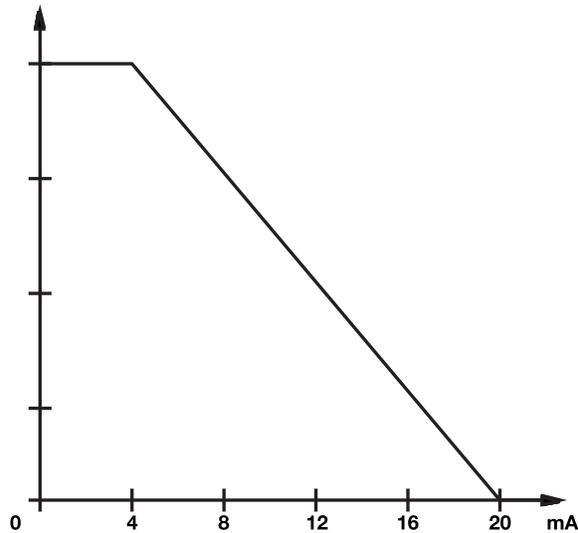
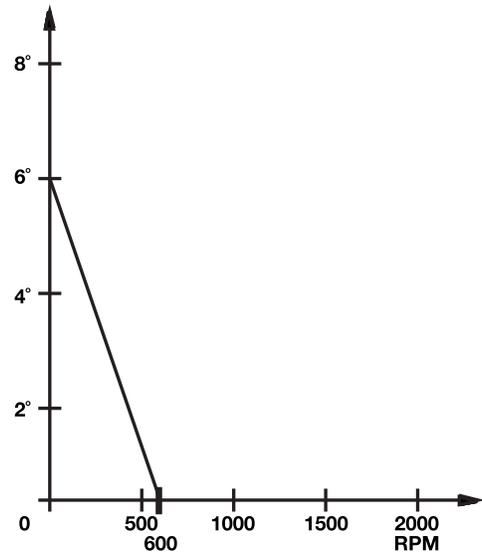


FIG. 7 NGI-1000RC HOOK-UP FOR ANALOG TIMING SIGNAL

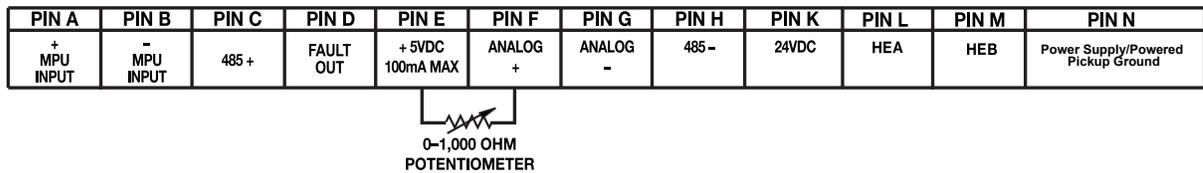
EXAMPLE ANALOG TIMING CURVE – ENGINE DEGREES DEGS. RETARD



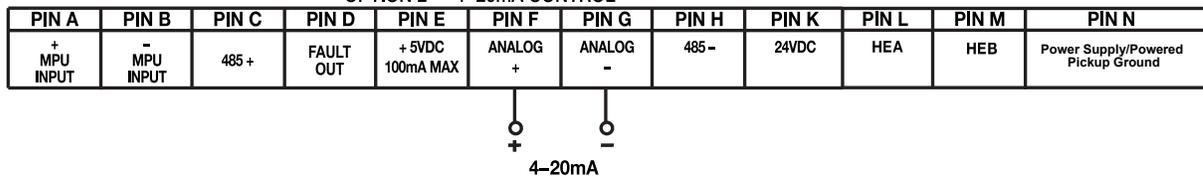
EXAMPLE SPEED TIMING CURVE – ENGINE DEGREES DEGS. RETARD



**14-PIN INPUT/CONTROL CONNECTOR WIRING
OPTION 1 — POTENTIOMETER CONTROL**

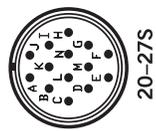


OPTION 2 — 4-20mA CONTROL



- NOTE: CIRCUIT "D" OPENS AT OVERSPEED SETPOINT
- NOTE: CIRCUIT "D" OPENS UPON LOSS OF PICKUP SIGNAL DURING OPERATION.
- NOTE: CIRCUIT "D" OPENS UPON PICKUP MISMATCH IF TEST DISC DIAGNOSTIC ENABLED
- NOTE: CIRCUIT "D" ONCE TRIPPED WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL ROTATION STOPS FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 SECONDS

FIG. 8 PC TO NGI-1000RC



TERMINAL STRIP
RS-485 (-) – PIN H
RS485 (+) – PIN C

