

MH Corbin SS-10 Electronic Interface Installation Guide

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OVERVIEW

The SS-10 is designed to work with most vehicles that are equipped with nonmechanical transmission sensors (no speedometer cable). This interface amplifies and conditions the pulses emitted from your vehicle's speed sensor and supplies the signal to your MH Corbin DMI to accurately compute traveled distances.

The SS-10's sensitivity level, division factor, and diagnostics are controlled by six momentary push buttons. Two, seven segment LEDs display the sensitivity and divisor settings. When power is initially applied to the SS-10, the factory default settings are displayed for 5 seconds. When the LEDs are on, the SS-10 is in "Adjust Mode" and the user can change the default settings and execute diagnostics. The SS-10 will stay in Adjust Mode until the user has not pressed a push button for 5 seconds. The LEDs will then be turned off and 2 seconds later, the SS-10 will enter "Run Mode". Run Mode is the normal mode for operation. When you need to make an adjustment or execute diagnostics, press and release any push button (SW1-SW6). The SS-10 will enter Adjust Mode and the LEDs will display the current settings.

NOTE While in Adjust Mode, the SS-10 **will not** produce an output for the DMI. Changes to sensitivity and divisor **do not** take effect until the SS-10 is in Run Mode (2 seconds after LEDs are off).

CAUTION Failure to disconnect the positive battery lead may cause damage to the sensor and related components. This does not apply to the optional Power Adapter Cable.

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Installation

1. Disconnect the positive battery terminal.

NOTE Do not route any cables near the engine, exhaust manifold, or any heat sources.

- 2. Two cable assemblies are required to connect the sensor. One is called a split cable and consists of two separate cables. The split cable assembly contains one 15 ft. cable and one 10 ft. cable. The 10 ft. cable has a black and red wire. Connect the red wire to the positive battery terminal. Connect the black wire to the negative battery terminal. Refer to Figure 1 for more information.
- 3. The 15 ft. cable mentioned in STEP 2 above will be connected to a wire from your transmission, engine control module or differential depending on the vehicle model & year.

NOTE

A "quick crimp" connector is not recommended.

- 4. Route the remaining cable assembly to the DMI. Connect the modular phone jack to the DMI receptacle labeled "POWER". This is a two part cable. The end with the modular phone jack that connects to the DMI must be entirely within the cab of the vehicle. The end that connects to the SS-10 module must be routed through the fire wall.
- 5. The SS-10 has two cables exiting the plastic enclosure. The label affixed to the bottom side of the enclosure depicts the cable signals. Each cable has a connector attached. One connector is an inline four (4) pin style and one is a dual row four (4) pin style. These connectors are keyed such that they cannot be reversed. Attach each connector to the respective mate of each cable assembly.
- 6. Connect the positive battery terminal. Turn on the DMI to verify the battery connections. If the DMI will not power on, check your connections at the battery, speed sensor and DMI.
- 7. The SS-10 speed sensor has adjustable sensitivity. The device is shipped with a setting that is appropriate for most vehicles. Start the engine, power on the DMI and press the "RUN/HOLD" button to enter run mode. The DMI should NOT count while the vehicle is stationary. If you notice counting you will have to reduce

the sensitivity. Refer to Figure 3 and Troubleshooting Guide 2 for more information.

- 8. Start driving, the DMI should start counting. If the DMI does not count or only counts at higher speeds, you will need to increase the sensitivity. When the sensitivity is set properly, the DMI will count at very low speeds (less than 1MPH) and never count erroneously. Some vehicles do not generate a signal at extremely low speeds. This is inherent to the vehicle model and connection (Engine Control Module). Transmission connections generally produce a signal at very low speeds. Refer to Figure 3 and Troubleshooting Guide 1 for more information.
- 9. A small percentage of vehicles may register false counting after driving and coming to a stop. Decrease sensitivity if you notice this symptom. Refer to Figure 3 on page 5 and Troubleshooting Guide 2 on page 3 for more information.
- 10. Follow the calibration procedure outlined in the manual. You should have a calibration number between 400 & 1400. The ideal calibration number should be as close to 1000 as possible. The calibration number will appear in the far right-hand window at the end of the calibration procedure. If the calibration number is less than 400, increase the divisor. If the calibration number is greater than 1400, decrease the divisor. The SS-10 speed sensor is shipped with a divisor equal to one, but is adjustable to suit virtually all vehicle installations. Refer to Figure 3 on page 5 for more information.
- 11. Once the calibration is complete, you may want to seal the SS-10 enclosure with silicon sealant to prevent corrosion or water damage to the components inside.

Troubleshooting Guides

Follow these simple steps to resolve a problem with your equipment or your installation. There are basically three types of problems that are encountered by customers during installations and are addressed in the following steps. Please refer to your specific problem by answering the following questions:

- 1. Does your DMI power up and seem to work, but will not count at all? If so, refer to **Guide 1**.
- 2. Does your DMI count all the time or at any time you feel it should not be counting? If so, refer to **Guide 2.**
- Does your DMI display AECs (Automatic Error Correction)? If so, refer to Guide 2.
- 4. Does your DMI seem to be counting just fine but it is not accurate enough? If so, refer to **Guide 3**.
- 5. Does your DMI have a problem involving the MPH displayed? If so, refer to **Guide 3**).

Troubleshooting Guide 1

If your DMI seems to be working correctly, but will not count follow these simple steps to determine what the problem may be. Be sure to retest your DMI after each step or when the cause of the issue is found. Increasing sensitivity beyond that which is required may result in erroneous counting. If for some reason you change the sensitivity and the problem is resolved through other means, you may need to decrease sensitivity to prevent erroneous counting. The factory default setting of "3" will work in most vehicles.

NOTE

Sensitivity adjustments do not take effect until the SS-10 is in Run Mode (2 seconds after the LEDs are off).

- 1. If a splice clip or quick connector clip was used in the installation, re-splice the wire or solder the wire in. You may not be getting a good connection.
- 2. Recheck all the wiring (see Figure 1).
- 3. Check the calibration number in the DMI so that it is not set to zero. To check the calibration number, simply turn the DMI on and press the **1CAL** key. The display should read "**CAR1**" followed by a number. If that number is zero, type 1000 and press **MARK/ENTER**.
- 4. To increase sensitivity, follow these steps:
 - a. Put the SS-10 in Adjust Mode (to enter Adjust Mode, press and release any push button SW1- SW6).
 - b. Once the current settings are displayed, press and release SW1. The LED value for sensitivity will increment.
 - c. 2 seconds after the LEDs are off the SS-10 will enter Run Mode.
 - d. When in Run Mode, start driving to see if the DMI will count. If not, repeat these steps until the DMI starts counting.
 - e. If you increased sensitivity to the maximum setting of "9" and the DMI is still not counting, you may want to set the sensitivity setting back to the factory default of "3". Leaving the sensitivity setting at maximum may result in erroneous counting once the problem is resolved.
- 5. At this point, you will want to do a "tap test" on the Nu-Metrics equipment. To do this, power on the DMI and make sure the DMI is in "RUN" mode. To perform a "TAP" test, the SS-10 must be in Adjust Mode (to enter Adjust Mode, press and release any push button SW1- SW6). When the LEDs are on, press and hold SW6 until the LEDs rotate counterclockwise. The DMI should count for 10 seconds. This test verifies that the connection from the SS-10 to the DMI is correct. Next, you'll need to perform a sensor test. To do this, the SS-10 must be in Adjust Mode.

Press and hold SW3 until the LEDs rotate clockwise. The DMI should count for 10 seconds. This test verifies that the SS-10 electronics are operating properly.

6. If the above steps have not resolved the problem, the possibility exists that your vehicle's speed sensor wires have been swapped, you have not interfaced to the sensor properly, or the sensor is not receiving a signal from the vehicle speed sensor.

Troubleshooting Guide 2

If your DMI is counting at an undesired time or all the time, engine noise or electrical interference may be causing the problem. Depending on vehicle model and connection, adjusting the SS-10 sensitivity may be necessary. Ideally, the sensitivity adjustment is such that the DMI counts at very low speeds and never counts erroneously. Counting at idle, after stopping or erratic counting while driving (which the DMI would display as AEC) are examples of the sensitivity being too high. Rerouting cables and/or lowering sensitivity should resolve the problem.

NOTE Sensitivity adjustments do not take effect until the SS-10 is in Run Mode (2 seconds after the LEDs are off). This problem may be caused by not attaching the positive and negative leads directly to the battery.

Perform the following steps to correct this problem:

- 1. Ensure that all wiring is as far away from the vehicle's electrical components as possible. This could include the coil, plug wires, alternator, etc.
- 2. To decrease sensitivity, follow these steps:
 - a. Put the SS-10 in Adjust Mode (to enter Adjust Mode, press and release any push button SW1- SW6).
 - b. Once the current settings are displayed, press and release SW2. The LED value for sensitivity will decrement.
 - c. Two seconds after the LEDs are off, the SS-10 will enter Run Mode.
 - d. If the DMI still counts erroneously, repeat these steps until the DMI counts accurately.
- 3. If you reach the minimum sensitivity setting of "0" you will need to contact the MH Corbin Technical Support.



Troubleshooting Guide 3

If your NiteStar DMI is exhibiting these types of problems, it may be due to an improper calibration of the DMI. Please refer to the calibration instructions located in the NiteStar Distance Measuring Instruments User's Guide.



FIGURE 1 SPEED SENSOR WIRING WITH THE STANDARD POWER CABLE



FIGURE 2 SPEED SNESOR WIRING WITH THE OPTIONAL POWER ADAPTER CABLE



NOTES	Ensure there is separation between these cables along the entire length. Coil the excess from each cable separately and secure to prevent the cables from touching. Applies to the 70004085 and 7004086 cables.
	The cable assembly to the DMI is a two part cable. The end with the modular phone jack that connects to the DMI must be entirely within the cab of the vehicle. The end that connects to the SS-10 module must be routed through the fire wall.
	Cables must not be routed near the engine, exhaust manifold, or any heat sources.



FIGURE 3 ADJUSTMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC SWITCHES



Single/Differential Jumper

The default setting is Single mode (SNGL) and should work for most installations. The red wire from the 15 ft. cable will connect to the vehicle speed sensor. The black wire from the 15 ft. cable is not used when in Single mode and should be insulated with electrical tape around the bare portion of the wire.

If you connected to the ABS and the DMI displays "AEC" when you activate a turn signal, follow these instructions to resolve the problem:

- 1. Move the single/differential jumper to "DIFF" to enable Differential mode.
- 2. Connect the single red wire supplied with your sensor to the positive battery terminal.
- 3. Solder the other end of the red wire to the black wire from the 15 ft. cable and secure with electrical tape.

Adjust and Run Mode

Adjust Mode = LEDs ON Run Mode = LEDs OFF

- 1. Before you can make adjustments or execute diagnostics, the SS-10 must be in Adjust mode. The SS-10 will not produce an output to the DMI when in Adjust mode.
- 2. To enter Adjust mode, press and release any push button (SW1-SW6). The LEDs will display the current settings. You can now change Sensitivity, Divisor, or Execute Diagnostics.
- 3. After you are finished making adjustments or executing diagnostics, the LEDs will turn off after 5 seconds and the SS-10 will enter Run mode.

NOTE The SS-10 will not produce an output until 2 seconds after the LEDs have turned off.

Calibration Values

- The ideal calibration number should be as close to 1000 as possible.
- If the calibration number display on the DMI is less than 400, increase the divisor value.
- If the calibration number is greater than 1400, decrease the divisor value.



Connections for Specified Vehicles

	Year	Make	Model	Location	Wire Color
1	2000-09	GM/GMC	Truck	В	PPL/WHT
2	2000-09	GM/GMC	Truck	D	YEL/BLK
3	2007	GM	Colorado	В	YELLOW
4	2004-06	GM	Colorado	В	YELLOW
5	2004-06	GM	Colorado	А	YEL/BLK
6	2006-07	GM	Cars	В	YELLOW or ORANGE
7	2000-05	GM	Cars	В	YELLOW
8	2000-05	GM	Cars	А	DARK GREEN
9	2008	Ford	Truck	В	YEL / ORG
10	2008	Ford	Truck	А	YEL/ BLU
11	2000-07	Ford	Truck	В	DRK BLU / YEL
12	2000-07	Ford	Truck	А	GRY / BLK
13	2000-06	Ford	Truck	С	RED / PNK OR GRN /RED
14	2003-06	Ford	Crown Vic	В	DRK BLU / YEL
15	2003-06	Ford	Crown Vic	А	GRY / BLK
16	2004-06	Dodge	Truck	В	GRN / BRN
17	2004-06	Dodge	Truck	А	GRN / YEL
18	2000-03	Dodge	Truck	В	BLU / BLK

Table 1 Wiri

Wiring Connections

	Year	Make	Model	Location	Wire Color
19	2000-03	Dodge	Truck	А	WHT / ORG
20	2004-08	Dodge	Durango	В	DK GRN / BRN
21	2000-03	Dodge	Durango	А	WHITE / ORG
22	2005-06	Dodge	Stratus	В	LT GRN / WHITE
23	2007	Toyota	Tacoma	В	RED / YEL
24	2005-06	Toyota	Tacoma	В	GRN
25	2005-06	Toyota	Tacoma	А	VIOLET / WHT
26	2009-10	Ford	F150/350	Е	VIOLET
27	2008	Ford	F250	D	VIOLET / WHITE
28	2008	Ford	Explorer	D	YELLOW
29	2008	Ford	Escape	В	BRN / GRN
30	2008	Ford	Ranger	D	VIOLET / WHITE



Technical Support and Product Returns

For technical questions or product returns, contact MH Corbin at 1-877-257-7755. Provide the following supporting information and request either service or product return:

- Name and model of the product in question
- Serial number of the product
- Name and location of the installation site
- Name and contact information of a technically competent person who can provide further information on the problem.
- Make, model, and year of vehicle