MICRO-POWER TWINPLUG IGNITION SYSTEM FOR B.M.W. 1979-80 MOTORCYCLES

WITH THE CONTACT BREAKERS MOUNTED IN A SEMI-SEALED HOUSING

ALSO TO REPLACE THE BOSCH SYSTEM ON LATER MODELS WITH SOME MECHANICAL MODIFICATION TO THE HOUSING.

THIS SYSTEM MUST BE USED WITH THE SPECIAL DIGITAL IGNITION COILS TYPE COIL00008.

Tools required:

Standard machine toolkit, Small and medium screwdrivers, Small and large pliers, Allen keys for engine case and contact breaker unit, Strobe light for final timing, Black P.V.C. tape.

Comprising:

a) Blue Micro-Power Electronic Box ( BOX00241) with 5 wires.

b) Stator Plate (round printed circuit with two coils and two connecting wires)

c) Magnetic Rotor (round plated steel unit with two magnets fitted)

d) Plastic straps (3 large, 10 small), 2 piggyback 6.2mm terminals, black link wire.

e) 2 Micro Power coils (COIL00008), 3m HT Lead, 4 rubber boots/terminals, 4 LB05F plugcaps, M5 bolts/washers/nuts.

Fitting instructions:

1) Disconnect the battery or disconnect the thick wire from the negative terminal of the battery from its connection to the rear engine case just below the clutch cable. This is to reduce the chance of shorting the alternator diodes when removing the engine front cover.

2) Remove engine front cover (two Allen headed bolts).

3) Disconnect the single wire from the side of the contact breaker unit which is located at the bottom front of the engine by pulling off the skate connector. This is not used and can be taped up.

4) Remove the complete contact breaker unit by removing the two Allen headed screws on the left and right (These go through slotted adjustment holes). Pull out the plastic vent pipe.

5) Take the contact breaker unit to a clean bench or table with good lighting and a small box to hold all the parts to be removed.

6) Dismantle the contact breaker unit as follows:-

(a) Remove inspection plate from the side by prising out with small screwdriver.

(b) Remove two 4mm screws from the top cover and remove cover.

(c) Remove two 4mm screws under the cover and remove bearing unit.

(d) Using a large pair of pliers, hold the lug on the large circlip. Pull, twist and remove.

(e) Remove the three 4mm screws from the side of the unit. Remove condenser by pulling off connector.

(f) Remove large rubber grommet from the side of the unit.

(g) Turn the contact breaker and mounting plate anti-clockwise approximately 1.5cm until the screw mounting lug is halfway across the big grommet hole, it should pull out of the housing.

(h) Using a small screwdriver prise off the circlip holding the contact breaker cam to the centre shaft.

(i) Remove the bob weight springs with small pliers and slide off the contact breaker cam.

(j) Using a small screwdriver and/or pliers, remove the two small circlips holding the advance bob weights and remove.

The stripping of the contact breaker unit is now complete.

7) Slide the magnetic rotor onto the centre shaft with the magnets and large flange against the bob weight mounting plate. The two bob weight pins must engage in the rotor, and this may mean bending out the outer spring mounting brackets. Any shim washers should be left in place.

8) Replace the circlip onto the centre shaft to hold rotor in place.

9) Remove the two screws and washers from the stator plate and fit into the housing with the coils and mounting brackets towards the top, the output wires feed through the square hole. Push over the three indents in the case until it sits flat. Fit and tighten the two small mounting screws. See Figure 1.

10) Replace the large circlip in the top of the housing along with the large rubber vent grommet. This may require a small flat cut on one side to clear the stator plate.

11) Replace top bearing, tighten the two screws.

12) Replace top cover and tighten the two screws, press side inspection plate back in.

13) Replace the whole unit back into the engine with it set halfway along its adjustment slots. Note that the drive coupling will only go one way around. Lightly tighten the two screws.

14) Route the cable up towards the top left hand side of the casing, and replace the vent pipe.

15) Remove petrol tank.

16) Locate the contact breaker wire coming from the top front of the engine casing just below the front ignition coil. Pull off from the ignition coil and tape up (this is no longer used).

17) Replace the ignition coils with new and fit the ignition unit to the frame tube using the large plastic straps supplied see Fig 3.

18) Connect the electronic box black coil wire to the negative (-) terminal on the left ignition coil with the tachometer input signal wire.

19) Connect the green wire from the electronic box to the +ve on the right ignition coil, piggy back the original green wire to the same.

20) Connect the negative (-) of the R/H ignition coil to the positive (+) of the L/H coil with the link wire and clip terminals.

21) Run the brown earth wire of the ignition unit back to frame earthing point, this may require cutting and remaking the earth wire and rubber timing bung. Installation is now complete.

22) Run the black/yellow small wires from the points container.

23) Tidy and tie up the wiring, reconnect the battery and refill fuel tank.

24) Start engine and warm up (2-3 minutes running).

25) Remove timing rubber bung from engine casing and connect strobe light.

26) Time engine at 3500 R.P.M. on the full advance mark (F dot) by adjusting the contact breaker housing on its slotted holes.

27) With twin plug set timing 3 to 4 degrees retarded for best results.

WARNING

HIGH VOLTAGES DEVELOPED FROM THIS SYSTEM CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS
ALWAYS SWITCH OFF BEFORE WORKING ON THE SYSTEM.

PLEASE TURN OVER

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Fig 1.

BMW points housing fitted with magnetic rotor and stator plate.

Fig 2.

+12 volts from loom (ignition switch)

2 X COIL00008 IGNITION COILS

HT R1 L1
HT R2 L2

Use Copper core wire and 5000 Ohm suppressed plug caps

MICROPOWER (Blue ignition unit)
BMW 79/80 TWINPLUG
BOX00241

FRAME EARTH

BMWP7980TP TWINPLUG MICROPOWER CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

Each ignition coil must fire both cylinders on this twin plug system.

Fig 3.

Use Copper core H.T. wire and 5000 Ohm suppressed plug caps on all HT outputs

Green from loom (ignition switch +12 volts)

BMWP7980TP TWINPLUG MICROPOWER INSTALLATION