

## Operating and Installation Instructions

### **CAUTION!**

This product is to be installed only by persons knowledgeable in the repair and modification of vehicle fuel systems and general vehicle systems modification. Only a qualified technician or mechanic who is aware of applicable safety procedures and fabrication skills should perform the installation of this product.

This fuel pump utilizes an electronic DC motor system that is not typical of conventional fuel pumps, and therefore extra precautions must be adhered to as contained in instructions herein

### **GASOLINE AND OTHER FUELS ARE FLAMMABLE AND CAN BE EXPLOSIVE!**

Perform the installation in a well ventilated location only to minimize the build up of fuel vapors. **NO** open flames, smoking or other sources of ignition are to be present during installation, to prevent fire or explosion that can cause serious injury or death. Grinding, cutting, and drilling must be performed with care to prevent ignition. Draining and removal of all fuel and ventilation of vapors in vehicle and fuel system is recommended when performing such procedures. Proper eye and personal protection is required at all times during installation.

### **WARNING!**

The Vehicle's fuel system may be under pressure! Do not loosen any fuel connections until relieving all fuel system pressure. Consult an applicable service manual for instructions to relieve fuel system pressure safely.

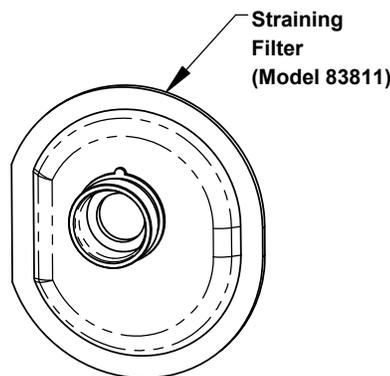
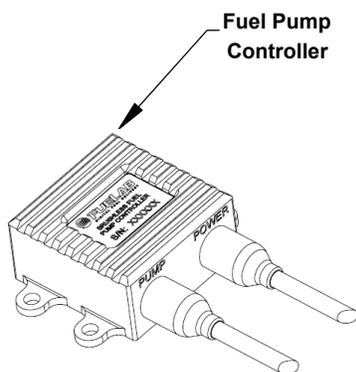
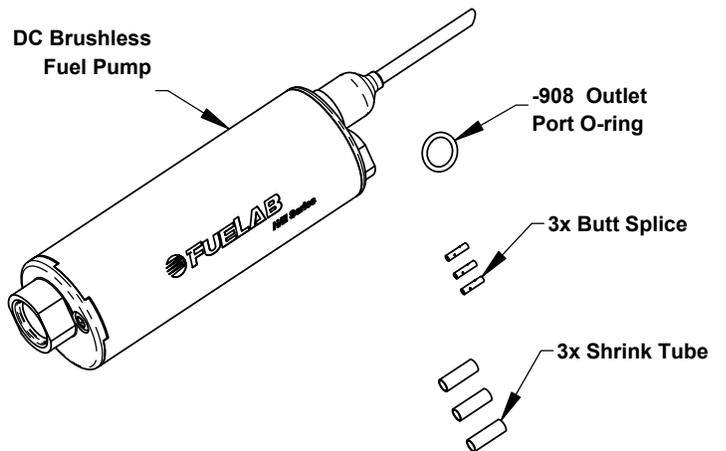
This product is intended for racing, off-road, or marine use only. This fuel system component may not be legal for sale or use on emission controlled motor vehicles; consult local, state and national laws.

#### Product Contents:

Check the diagram and list of components (right and below) to ensure that no components are missing from box. Contact your Fuelab distributor immediately for replacement.

#### 20813 Features and Performance Ratings:

Inlet Port Size	-8AN Military Port
Outlet Port Size	-8AN Military Port
Rated Flow Rate	145 GPH @ 45 PSI, 13.5V (550 LPH @ 3 Bar)
Maximum Pressure	125 PSI (8.5 Bar)
Operating Voltage	9.5-22 Volts
Maximum Current Draw	25 Amperes
Straining Filter	65 Micron Nylon Mesh



**WARNING!** Power Supply Voltage must be constant as specified in above specification. Only install fuel pump on vehicles using 12 Volt (6 cell lead acid battery) with or without a normal operating alternator charging system. Pulse-Width Modulation or other means of reducing input power voltage may result in erratic or non-operational condition.

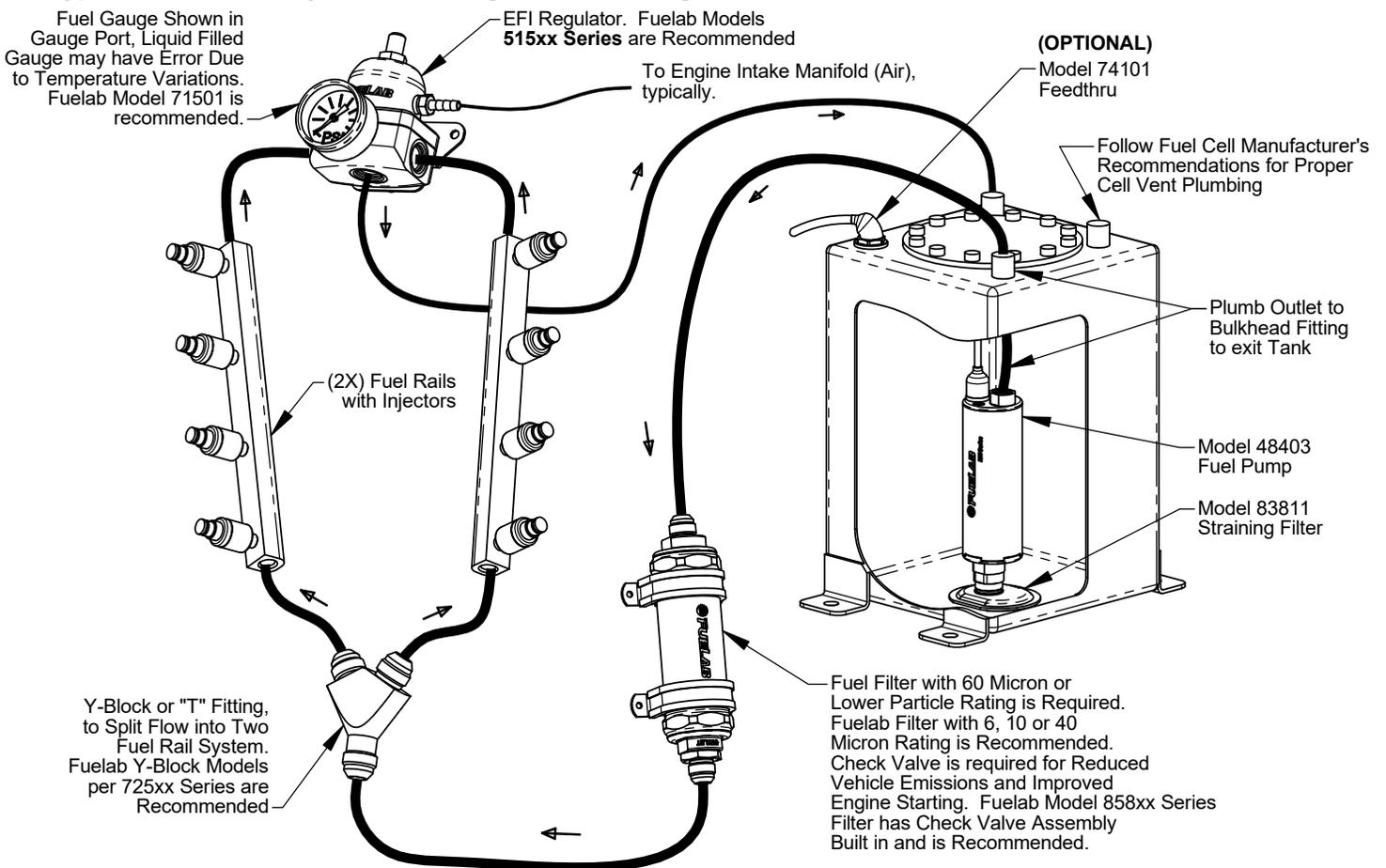
### Before Installation, Plan Entire Fuel System:

A complete design plan of entire fuel system must be created for the specific application. These instructions are a guide to help design this plan with respects to integrating this model of fuel pump only. Consult other sources of information and manufacturer's instructions for the various components of the fuel system. These instructions are limited to general topics of fuel pump kit installation and may not include specific information pertaining to your specific application. These instructions are written assuming the use of Multi-Point Electronic Fuel Injection using a standard return (bypass) style fuel pressure regulator. This fuel pump kit may be integrated in some general carbureted systems using a bypass system. Visit our company website ([www.fuelab.com](http://www.fuelab.com)) for specific details pertaining to example fuel systems and other solution ideas. Additional information including advanced troubleshooting, any special alerts and FAQ's pertaining to this and other products is also available. A good design plan for the fuel system must contain consideration for: pressure and flow rate through various components, quality of components, operating environment (temperature, vibration, shock, general exposure to elements) and local area laws. Begin installation of fuel pump only after a complete plan is established to help avoid fuel system component failure, costly rework, and excessive installation time.

### Plumbing Planning Notes:

Fuel pump is intended to be mounted inside a fuel tank or cell. Adequate structural mounting and support for the fuel pump kit components are the responsibility of the fabricator / installer. Electrical bulkhead connector, outlet flow fittings and tank bulkhead are not provided with the kit. The use of fuel line such as stainless steel braided line and "AN" style fitting connections is recommended. The main outlet fuel port (-8AN) uses "AN" or "military" style fittings. This plumbing standard is commonly used with racing and high performance applications. See step 4 on page 4, for additional information on this port standard. A fuel filter with a 60 micron or finer particle rating is required to be used upstream of regulator and downstream from fuel pump to protect it and the fuel injectors from foreign object damage. Reference the schematic diagram below for filter location. Use of a liquid filled gauge exposed to engine compartment heat is not recommended as the liquid inside the gauge may exert measurement errors. **DO NOT** plumb to any gauge mounted inside the vehicle or in passenger compartment. A line burst can spill fuel inside passenger compartment and on occupants, possibly causing serious injury or death. An electric gauge or pressure transducer system is recommended for readings in a passenger compartment.

### Typical EFI V-8 Fuel System Plumbing Schematic Diagram:



Special Note: Use in carbureted systems require a bypass return or relief valve. Do not "Dead Head" Fuel Pump.

## Electrical Planning Notes:

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The three wires coming from the supplied fuel pump (Red, Yellow and Black 16 gage stranded wires with Teflon insulation) come directly from the motor's stator internal windings. The color and order of these three wires determines the rotational direction of the fuel pump. During initial operation, direction of motor (and therefore direction of flow) requires it to be determined. If pump is determined to be operating in reverse, swap positions of two of the three wires with each other to reverse direction of flow. The color of the wires are not important regarding these three motor phase wires. Reversing the direction of the pump flow direction can be done by changing any two of the three wires. **DO NOT** reverse the polarity of the input DC voltage to the controller operating the fuel pump. This will result in damage to the controller. Supplied butt splices and shrink tubes can be used to facilitate splicing of wiring to the supplied feedthru within the fuel tank. These butt splices and shrink tubes are intended for one time use, not for rework. Be sure to check proper fuel pump delivery direction before committing to permanently attaching the wiring.

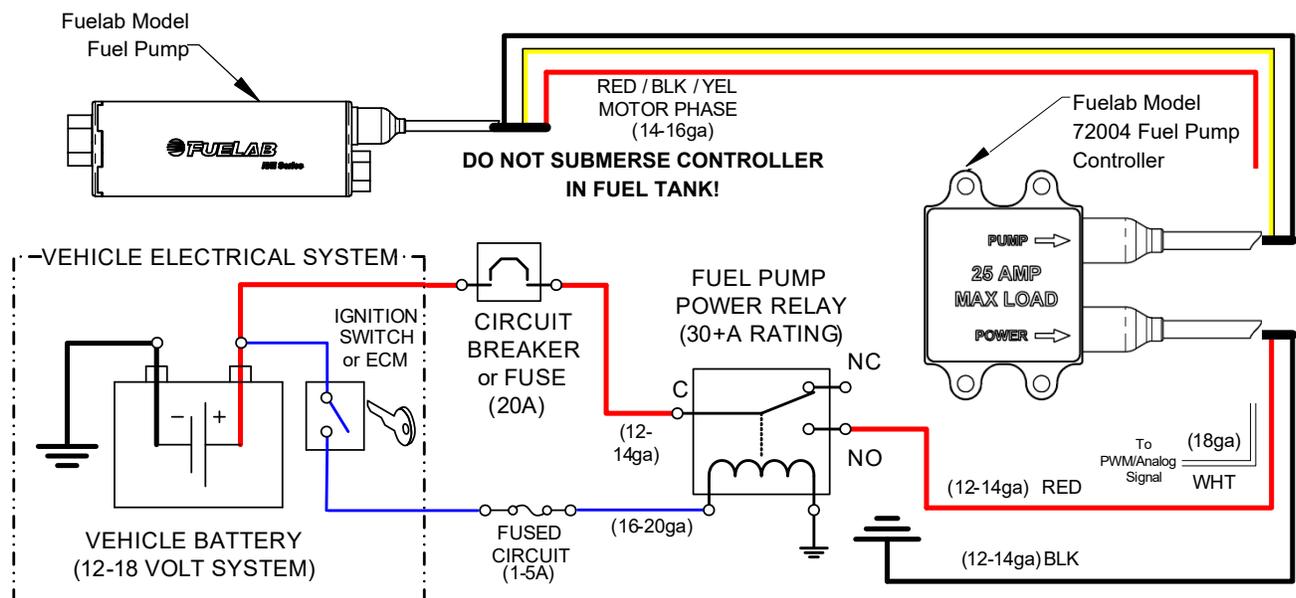
Reference below, for schematic wiring diagram example. Use electrical components as described including electrical connectors that are appropriate for the operating environment of the fuel system, whether its use in street, racing, or marine applications. Electrical connectors for the power leads must be capable of high current draw, note all connections, wire and component rating requirements herein. Solder and use shrink wrap for wire splices for extra reliability. Main wiring schematic diagram below shows the control of relay by ignition switch. This source can be changed as described, or by a toggle switch. Some forms of racing have specific rules regarding electrical switching of fuel system. Consult appropriate racing guidelines, rules and regulations.

**Speed Control:** A "PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Signal" is a signal that alternates between a "High" voltage level that is limited to approximately 5 Volts to near 0 Volts or ground level (relative to the Power Ground Wire). The signal shape is typically a square wave (when viewed on an oscilloscope) at a fixed frequency of 100-5000 Hz. This signal is measured differentially between the PWM Signal (White) Wire and the Power Ground (Black) Wire. The ratio of the signal being "High" vs. "Low" defines the "Dwell Time" in percentage. The Controller interprets a PWM signal's "Dwell Time" range between 20% and 90% to communicate pump flow performance between the minimum speed available and the maximum speed available respectively.

A steady analog voltage signal (0.5-4 Volts DC) can also be used to control the fuel pump speed. The controller measures this signal differentially between Analog Input (White) wire and the Power Ground (Black) wire. The controller interprets the signal between 0.5 volts to 4 volts to communicate pump flow performance between the minimum speed available and the maximum speed available respectively. If the controller fails to interpret or loses the signal (measured either below 0.5 volts or above 4 volts), the controller will default to the maximum speed (or flow) setting.

Electronic devices such as Engine Management Units may have an output that can produce PWM signals and analog signals compatible with the controller. Keep this white signal wire covered and secured, to operate system in Full Speed Mode (not using speed control). Connecting white signal wire to ground will cause controller to work at 40% Duty Cycle. If the Controller fails to interpret or loses the signal, the Controller will default to the maximum speed (or flow) setting.

## MAIN WIRING SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM: (Some electrical components shown are not supplied with kit)



## Installation Steps:

1. Disconnect the ground terminal from battery and allow the vehicle's engine and exhaust system to cool. Relieve fuel system pressure per applicable service manual. Follow all Warnings, Cautions and Instructions written on previous pages of these instructions.
2. Modify, remove or replace other fuel system components as required per established build plan (reference notes on previous pages and above).
3. Remove the fuel tank or cell from the vehicle, noting all precautions regarding fuel vapors being **EXPLOSIVE** on the first page herein. The supplied fuel pump does not include mounting brackets. Outside dimension of the fuel pump is approximately 2 inches (50.4mm) for reference. Installer is responsible for all fabrication necessary to mount the fuel pump. If the fuel cell is supplied with a -8AN female bung, then thread Model 74101 feedthru using the supplied o-ring labeled "-8AN Port" (Optional). For mounting through fuel cell wall, drill .75 inches (19mm) hole through a flat portion of tank preferably near or at the top portion of the tank. Remove burrs and do not damage or scratch the mating portion of the tank surface to ensure adequate sealing. Use the supplied o-ring labeled "Panel or Sheet" and install in the o-ring groove portion of the feedthru. The supplied nut can be used to secure feedthru. Splice the wiring using the supplied butt splices and shrink tubes. The order of the three wires can be swapped on other side of feedthru for convenience (Note the "Electrical Planning Notes" paragraph at the top of this sheet).
4. Install the fuel fittings (not supplied). The threads used on these fuel ports are not tapered or pipe threads. Do not use Teflon® thread tape or thread sealant on these threads, as this can cause leakage or introduce debris into the fuel system. Fittings to be used with these style of ports require use of the enclosed -908 (installed on fitting in this case) and -908 (packaged individually) o-rings for proper sealing. Use light oil to lubricate the o-rings just prior to installation. Install the O-rings onto the fuel fitting first. Position the o-ring in the thread relief of the fitting. Thread fitting into fuel pump and tighten between 5 and 15 ft·lbs of torque. Install the fitting with o-ring supplied to the supplied fuel pump and push-on the supplied 83811 straining filter. **ALL** fuel line that is internal to tank **MUST** be fuel compatible both inside and outside of the line. PTFE based fuel line is recommended for a long service life.
5. Upon installation of fuel tank or cell and installation of all other fuel system components, inspect fuel system for any contact of fuel lines or wires with other components that can cause chafing or rubbing. Secure all components and fuel lines. Ensure that moving components of vehicle are clear.
6. Connect the vehicle's battery. Perform initial priming: The fuel pump may require priming during initial operation and for moment after depletion of fuel from fuel tank or cell. This action can be accomplished by removing fuel line from fuel rail (downstream of fuel pump and filters), allowing the fuel line to empty fluid into fuel safe container. Operate fuel pump until fuel exits fuel line. Attach fuel line back to the fuel rail after priming fuel pump. After tightening connection, verify leak-free operation while checking fuel rail pressure. If fuel pressure is not high enough, repeat priming procedure to ensure that fuel pump is receiving fuel from tank. Turn on fuel pump (typically by bypassing fuel pump relay) without engine operating. ECU or engine management computer may be controlling the relay. The ECU may only operate pump for a few seconds each time ignition switch is set to on. The pump will have to operate several seconds (30+) to prime and drive air out of the fuel system. Reattach fuel rail line. Start fuel system and inspect for leaks. Inspect vehicle for any leaks. Turn off fuel system and repair any leaks that may be present before continuing.
7. When adjusting pressure, be sure that fuel pump is operating to monitor pressure. Fuelab recommends to use a "baseline" pressure reference when adjusting the pressure (adjusting the pressure with engine off or pressure reference line or vacuum line unhooked). The vehicle's engine may not produce consistent vacuum during idle to have repeatable readings.
8. After final adjustment of fuel pressure, tighten jam nut. Road test vehicle, and retest pressure upon return to ensure accurate adjustment. After installation of this fuel pump, verify flow capacity to ensure safe levels of flow, particularly with reduced levels of pump speed. Having insufficient flow capacity can result in an engine lean-out condition that can cause severe engine damage. Collecting a given amount of fuel (as measured by weight or volume) over a measured amount of time can be used to determine capacity. Collect fuel flow from the return line to measure the amount of fuel capacity at a given operating pressure. A 20+ ampere capacity battery charger may be used to simulate the charging system of the vehicle while engine is off. If using an adjustable fuel pressure regulator, for boosted applications, simulate boost by raising the fuel pressure by the amount of expected maximum boost pressure. Performing these tests will give greater accuracy for capacity tests.

**Fuel System Maintenance Notes:**

Periodic inspection and general maintenance is required for longevity and reliability of the fuel system. This action directly affects the fuel pump's performance and reliability. Included with that are periodic inspection and/or filter element replacement. The straining filter (upstream of pump) should be checked and cleaned at least every 30,000 miles (more often for off-road operating conditions). Replace or clean downstream filters (after pump) every year or 15,000 miles (more often for off-road operating conditions). Dirty fuel filters can block flow and adversely effect fuel system performance as well as can directly damage the fuel pump.

Special alert for E85 Users: **DO NOT** use cellulose (paper) based filter elements! Water can contaminate the fuel and break down the element, creating debris that can damage injectors and fuel pump. E85 and other oxygenated fuels can absorb water. Long term storage of this fuel within the fuel tank of vehicle is not recommended and can contribute to rusting of the fuel pump's tool steel components. Draining the fuel tank and replacement with small amount of Gasoline or Kerosene (along with operating the fuel system for a small period of time) is recommended for long term storage of the vehicle.

**Troubleshooting Notes:**

Problem (Symptom)	Possible Causes	Possible Solutions
Fuel pump operating in reverse flow direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improper motor phase wiring order.</li> </ul>	Swap two of the three motor phase wires with each other (leave the third wire connected). Any two of the three wires can be swapped, color does not matter.
Not operating or slight "clicking" sound when turned on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faulty fuel pump relay.</li> <li>• Faulty, dirty or corroded terminals or improperly sized wire.</li> <li>• Debris from tank or plumbing lodged inside pump.</li> </ul>	Check voltage to controller, at power terminals. If voltage is steady and consistent (within 1/2 Volt of battery) then contact Fuelab for assistance or repair. If voltage is inconsistent as described, repair or replace electrical components as required. Minimum of 9.5V is required for start up and function of the controller.
Not building up fuel pressure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect fuel system initial priming procedure.</li> <li>• Pump operating in reverse direction (see above).</li> </ul>	Repeat procedure for proper priming. If condition continues, check all plumbing upstream (on inlet side) of fuel pump.
Leakage of fuel at inlet or outlet fuel ports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improper type of fitting used.</li> </ul>	If leakage is occurring between the end caps and sleeve, contact Fuelab immediately for repair or replacement. If leakage occurs at fitting, be sure that the proper fitting style is used (AN o-ring seal type ONLY!). Pipe threaded style fittings are NOT to be used. If proper style of fittings are being used, be sure that o-ring is being used on fitting or replace o-ring.
Loss of fuel pressure or erratic pressure pulsation after several minutes of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cavitation (vapor lock) due to overheating or restricted inlet.</li> </ul>	Check temperature of fuel line exiting or entering tank right after failure. If line is hot to touch (hot, or above 120°F), then look for sources of heat such as exhaust or fuel rail mountings that could be conducting too much heat. If line or fittings are not hot to the touch, check for inlet restrictions such as improperly vented tank, or debris blocking inlet straining filter. Contact Fuelab, as pump may be damaged due to improper operating condition for repair or consultation.

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### 2. Other Limits

THE FOREGOING IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. This Limited Lifetime Warranty does not cover any damage due to: (a) transportation; (b) storage; (c) improper use; (d) failure to follow instructions for the Products or to perform any preventive maintenance; (e) modification; (f) unauthorized repair; (g) normal wear and tear; or (h) external causes such as accidents, abuse, or other actions beyond Manufacturer's reasonable control. This Limited Lifetime Warranty also does not apply to Products upon which repairs have been effected or attempted by persons other than pursuant to written authorization by Manufacturer. This Limited Lifetime Warranty is not extended if we repair or replace the Products.

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This Limited Lifetime Warranty states the entire obligation of Manufacturer with respect to the Products. If any part of this Limited Lifetime Warranty is determined to be void or illegal, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

### 6. Warranty Service

#### **How Do You Get Service?**

If something goes wrong with your Product, contact FUELAB at 618-344-3300, or send an e-mail with proof of purchase to: [info@fuelab.com](mailto:info@fuelab.com) for a Return Authorization Number (RMA). After receiving your RMA send the product postage paid, fully insured, with a brief written description of the problem to:

FUELAB Warranty Department, 1605 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 125, Collinsville, IL 62234

We will inspect your Product and contact you within three business days of receipt to give the results of our inspection and an estimate of the labor and/or parts charges required to fix the Product, if applicable. If covered under this Limited Lifetime Warranty, Manufacturer will repair or replace the Product and return it to you at no cost or refund the purchase price. If the Product is NOT covered under this warranty and if you authorize repairs, we will return the repaired Product to you COD, or prepaid via credit card, within three business days. If we find no issues with the returned product and it meets all performance specifications, there will be a \$25 charge to cover technician labor and inspection time. Additional return shipping charges will apply. We will return the repaired Product to you COD, or prepaid via credit card, within three business days.

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