

Part #82064 Add-A-Stage EFI Nitrous System

Thank you for choosing ZEXTM products; we are proud to be your manufacturer of choice. Please read this instruction sheet carefully before beginning installation, and also take a moment to review the included limited warranty information.



Description	Qty	Description	Qty.
Nitrous Solenoid	1	.038 N20/Fuel Jet	1
Fuel Solenoid	1	.043 N20/Fuel Jet	1
24" -4AN Hose, 3 AN nut, 1/8 NPT end	2	.052 N20 Fuel Jet	1
12" Hose -4AN, -4AN Swivel Ends	2	.064 N20/Fuel Jet	1
-4AN Swivel Branch Fitting	2	.074 N20/Fuel Jet	1
Nitrous Nozzle	1	.088 N20/Fuel Jet	1
¹ / ₄ NPT to -4AN Filter Fitting	2	Pushbutton Switch	1
1/8 NPT Bulkhead Fitting W/ Nut	1	Red 18 GA. Wire	15 ft.
Solenoid bracket	2	Red 14 GA. Wire	15 ft.
.019 N20/Fuel Jet	1	30 amp Fuse Holder	1
.021 N20/Fuel Jet	1	30 amp Fuse	1
.026 N20 Fuel Jet	1	Bosch 20 amp Mini Relay	1
.030 N20/Fuel Jet	1	Solenoid Bracket Screws	4
.034 N20/Fuel Jet	1	1/8-27 NPT Tap	1
.036 N20/Fuel Jet	1		



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Why our system is better:

- A complete 2nd stage add-on nitrous system, compatible with any EFI nitrous system. Everything is included in this kit for an easy, professional installation.
- Adjustable from 50-250 horsepower. Maximum horsepower for all-out racing use.
- The ZEX[™] Add-A-Stage Nitrous System is activated by a pushbutton as a second stage of nitrous on top of your base nitrous kit. Adds power progressively to avoid tire spin.
- Unique nozzle design has Active Fuel ControlTM built in. This feature monitors bottle pressure and when the nitrous system is engaged, it adds or subtracts enrichment fuel so the engine never runs too rich or too lean.

Quick Start Reference Guide:

How the ZEXTM Add-A-Stage Nitrous System works: The ZEXTM Part #82064 Add-A-Stage Nitrous System begins with inline T connections to the base kit's nitrous and fuel supply lines. These connections then feed the 2nd stage nitrous kit's fuel and nitrous solenoids. These solenoids are normally closed but are opened when the base nitrous system is armed and the 2nd stage's pushbutton switch is depressed. Once these solenoids open, the nitrous and fuel are delivered to the nitrous nozzle via flexible delivery lines. The amount of nitrous and fuel that is injected through the nozzle is adjustable by means of metering jets installed in the nozzle itself. These metering jets allow for easy changes in horsepower settings.

Work safely. Always wear eye protection and gloves when working with lines or hoses that contain pressurized nitrous oxide or fuel. Never transport nitrous cylinders loose in a trunk or the back of a pick-up truck and especially NOT within a vehicle's interior whether the cylinder is full OR empty. Always disconnect the GROUND side of the battery when working on any electrical components.

Nitrous oxide won't fix problems you already have. Before you install your Add-A-Stage Nitrous System, be sure your engine is in good mechanical condition. Intermittent wiring problems, etc., can lead to erratic system performance and possible engine damage.

All the power comes from the fuel, not the nitrous. Nitrous oxide is simply a tool that allows you to adjust how much and how quickly the engine burns the fuel. If the fuel isn't there, the power won't be either.

Avoid detonation at all times. Nitrous enhanced detonation is much more damaging than detonation that occurs when naturally-aspirated due to the increased amount of fuel available for releasing energy and the fact that more oxygen is present.

When the system is activated, if something doesn't feel or sound right, BACK OFF. If you hear any detonation or feel anything unusual, get off the throttle. It's a lot easier to check everything over than it is to just try to drive through it and damage expensive parts. Don't activate or have the system activated when you hit the rev limiter.

Spark plugs & nitrous performance: Quite often, factory type, wide-gap, projected nose spark plugs will produce a detonation condition after a few seconds of nitrous use. The solution to the problem is to install spark plugs that have a colder heat range and proper ground strap design for nitrous use, we



ZEXTM 3418 Democrat Rd. Memphis, TN 38118 Phone: 1-888-817-1008 Fax: (901) 375-3430 www.zex.com recommend ZEXTM spark plugs. Consult your preferred spark plug manufacturer to ensure you install the correct plugs for the nitrous level you choose to run. Also, due to the cooler and denser inlet air charge that nitrous creates, it may be necessary to close-up your spark plug gaps to eliminate any misfiring. In our experience, .030 to .035 in. spark plug gaps typically will ensure proper ignition. You may be able to run a wider gap, or you may have to close them up, just be aware of this if you start to experience an ignition misfire when using your nitrous system.

Do not use Teflon sealing tape on any fittings in a ZEXTM Add-A-Stage Nitrous System. It is easy for Teflon tape to get pulled into the system, causing blockages that can ultimately lead to incorrect nitrous system performance and potentially, engine damage. Only use liquid thread sealer for all NPT type fittings. Do not use any thread sealing compound on AN style threads.

Do not attempt to start your engine if nitrous has been accidentally injected into the engine while it was not running. Disable the ignition, and with the throttle wide open, turn over the engine for several seconds to clear the nitrous from the engine. Failure to do this before restarting the engine can lead to a dangerous intake system backfire.

Do not engage your nitrous system below 2500 rpm. This ensures that you will not have excessive cylinder pressures that could cause engine damage.

When finished using your nitrous system, close the nitrous bottle valve and relieve the line pressure. This eliminates the possibility that nitrous could inadvertently accumulate in the intake manifold while the nitrous system is not being used.

Do not run excessive bottle pressures. Excessive bottle pressures, over 1100psi, are dangerous to your engine. Your ZEXTM Add-A-Stage Nitrous System is calibrated and optimized to operate from 900-1000psi. Exceeding this will not improve performance. Over 1100psi also runs the danger of locking the nitrous solenoid closed due to excessive pressure working against the valve's plunger. If this happens, you must cool the nitrous bottle down to lower the pressure. This will allow the valve to operate properly again.

Start with the lowest horsepower setting and work your way up This ensures if you have any tuning issues to work out on your vehicle, they will get sorted out with a smaller shot of nitrous that will be less likely to damage your engine. Once you have the car working well on the smaller shot, you can then safely start to step up your add-a-stage horsepower.

Make sure your vehicle has an adequate fuel supply. Nitrous systems put a large demand on your vehicle's fuel system. Make sure you have a large enough fuel pump to handle the demands of your engine, as well as the nitrous system.

How to adjust power levels: The ZEXTM Add-A-Stage Nitrous System is designed for multiple power levels. Metering jets installed in the nitrous nozzle control these power levels. To change the power output, all you need to do is install the appropriate set of jets. The correct combination of jets is listed on the tune-up sheet on the back of this instruction manual.

Activate only at wide open throttle. Do not activate the second stage of nitrous at anything other than wide open throttle. If possible, wire the activation pushbutton in so that the second stage cannot be



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Installation Instructions:

1. Decide where to put everything. Before you start to install the various components of this kit, you'll have to find the best locations of each component by trial fitment and careful measurement. First, decide where you want to mount the nitrous and fuel solenoids. Remember, the stainless steel braided lines that connect the solenoids to the nitrous nozzle are 12 inches long. Observe and mark the location on the air inlet tube where you would like to put the additional nitrous nozzle. The activation pushbutton should be installed in a position convenient to the driver but not in an area where it could be accidentally engaged.

2. Install inline tee's for fuel and nitrous.

A. Disconnect both the fuel and nitrous delivery lines where they attach to the solenoid inlets.

- **B.** Attach the -4AN swivel branch fittings to base kit's fuel & nitrous solenoid inlets (see Fig. A).
- C. Attach the 12in. -4AN hose assemblies to the -4AN swivel branch fittings.



3. Mount nitrous and fuel solenoids. Assemble the –4AN filter fittings into the inlet side of both the nitrous and fuel solenoids. Install the 2 ft. long, –4AN hoses into the solenoid outlets. Make sure you use a liquid thread sealant on all NPT pipe threads. Attach the solenoid brackets to the solenoids using the pan head Allen screws and find a suitable mounting location for them. Finally, attach the 12 in. nitrous and fuel feed lines, from the -4AN swivel branch fittings, to the inlets of the 2nd stage nitrous and fuel solenoids.



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4. Install nitrous nozzle. Optimum nozzle placement is 6" to 18" from the throttle body. This range of distance gives the nitrous, fuel, and air, the proper time to mix before it enters the intake manifold plenum. After you have determined where to mount the nitrous nozzle in the intake, make sure this location won't interfere with other components. Mark the spot and remove the air inlet duct from your engine. Drill a 9/16 inch mounting hole and install the bulk head fitting through it. Be sure to remove any drill shavings since they can severely damage your engine if ingested. Install the nitrous nozzle so that the spray is in the direction of airflow. We've enclosed a tap should you need to mount the nozzle in a metal duct (see Fig. B). Just drill an 11/32 inch hole where you want to mount the nozzle, tap the hole, and install the nozzle. Once the nozzle is installed, place the appropriate tuning jets in the nozzle and attach the 2-foot long, -4AN hoses that come from the solenoids (see Fig. C).



5. Wiring

- A. Mount the activation pushbutton switch in an easily accessible area for the driver.
- **B.** Using the supplied electrical connectors and wire, refer to the wiring diagram for proper routing and electrical connections for the nitrous system (see Fig. D). Always use the supplied fuse for electrical system protection in the event of a short in the system. The best positive (+) power source for the nitrous system's solenoids is a direct connection from relay post #5 to the battery's positive (+) post. Do not splice into the factory wire harness, it will not have the ability to supply the current required by the nitrous and fuel solenoids.

6. Check fuel and nitrous pressure lines.

- **A.** Perform a final inspection of all plumbing and electrical connections to ensure that they are correct.
- **B.** Ensure that the nitrous bottle is turned off, and the line pressure is relieved.
- **C.** Start the engine, and observe all fuel connections for any leaks. Fix any fuel leaks before proceeding.
- **D.** Turn off the engine.
- **E.** Open the nitrous bottle valve. Listen carefully for any leaks as your valve is opened. Leaks in the nitrous supply line will be obvious because they will be covered in frost.
- **F.** If everything checks out, close the nitrous bottle and relieve the line pressure.
- 7. Check fuel quality & ignition timing. The last thing to do before enjoying your new nitrous system is to ensure that the correct fuel for the horsepower you are making is in the tank and the engine's ignition timing is set correctly. All recommended ignition timing retard amounts on the tune-up sheet are ABOVE AND BEYOND the timing settings you are using for your



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base nitrous tune-up. It is important to verify this with a diagnostic device or a timing gun before you use your nitrous system for the first time. Do not assume that it is set properly. If the ignition timing is not set correctly, severe engine damage may occur.





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#82064, Add-A-Stage EFI Nitrous System Tune-Up Sheet

A word on why we have two different jet charts: When nitrous is sprayed into an engine, the nitrous gas itself displaces a percentage of the air that is normally drawn into the engine. Since engines that do not use a mass-air meter (i.e. speed-density) do not look at airflow, this displaced air does not affect the amount of fuel the engine computer feeds to the engine. But, on an engine that uses a mass-air meter, the air that is displaced by injecting the nitrous, lowers the airflow seen by the mass-air meter. This causes the engine's computer to reduce the engine's fuel injector flow rate. To compensate for this, the nitrous tune-up on a mass-air meter equipped engine is set-up to flow more fuel than an equivalent tune-up for a non mass-air meter equipped engine.

Jet chart for engines using a mass-air meter:					
	50 hp	100 hp	150 hp	200 hp	250 hp
Nitrous (950psi)	36	52	64	74	88
Fuel (40psi)	21	30	36	43	52
Additional Ignition Retard (deg.)	2	4	6	8	10

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Jet chart fo	or engines	using a	mass-air	meter:

Jet chart for engines NOT using a mass-air meter (i.e. speed-density):					
	50 hp	100 hp	150 hp	200 hp	250 hp
Nitrous (950psi)	36	52	64	74	88
Fuel (40psi)	19	26	30	34	38
Additional Ignition Retard (deg.)	2	4	6	8	10

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Normally aspirated tuning requirements: For engines less than 10.25-1 compression ratio, using combined nitrous system settings of 100 hp or less, pump premium fuel is required for safe operation. For engines with 10.25-1 compression ratio or greater, using combined nitrous system settings higher than 100 hp, high octane racing fuel is required for safe operation. Nitrous system fuel pressure must be at least 40psi at the inlet of the fuel solenoid. Base fuel pressures higher than 45psi may require a slight fuel jet adjustment to achieve optimum nitrous to fuel ratios. Track or dyno tuning will dictate this.

Forced induction tuning requirements: For engines under 8psi of boost, using combine nitrous system settings of 100hp or less, pump premium fuel is required for safe operation. For engines using greater than 8psi of boost, using combined nitrous system settings higher than 100 hp, high-octane racing fuel is required for safe operation. Nitrous system fuel pressure must be at least 40psi at the inlet of the fuel solenoid. Base fuel pressures higher than 45psi may require a slight fuel jet adjustment to achieve optimum nitrous to fuel ratios. Track or dyno tuning will dictate this.



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ZEX's obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of its product. To make a warranty claim, the part must be returned within (1) one year of purchase to the address listed below, freight prepaid. Items covered under warranty will be returned to you freight collect.

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- A) Any parts used in racing applications;
- B) Any product that has been physically altered, improperly installed or maintained;
- C) Any product used in improper applications, abused, or not used in conjunction with the proper parts.

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