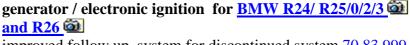




System 73 83 999 00 => €/\$



improved follow up system for discontinued system <u>70 83 999</u> 00

Magnet based generator with integrated solid state ignition. Output at 12V/180W DC. Ignition with own power supply from within the system. Replaces old <u>6 Volts dynamo system ZLZ 45/60</u>, regulator, magnet unit, centrifugal advance unit in above listed BMW. Does not require changes on crankcase. The system is technically capable of running <u>without battery</u>.

# improvements over previous system 70 83 999:

- timing may now be finetuned without taking rotor off by turning body in long holes
- better starting
- more lighting output of 12V/180W
- housing now same height as stock BMW unit
  - all parts are new
  - solid state ignition and advance
  - more light output (with light bulb 40/45W)
  - very stable ignition with solid spark
  - better starting, better fuel burning
  - no wear anymore on collector, govenor and points



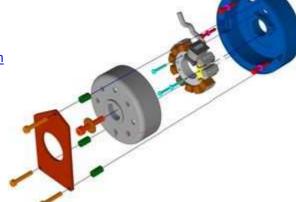
# **Documentation:**

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### **Photos:**

• <u>assembly</u> <u>instruction</u> <u>s</u>

- wiring diagram
- parts in the pack (photo)



- a R25/3 with the system nothing much visible of it
- the new system
- the new stator unit
- fixing of the <u>ignition coil</u>, the <u>advance unit</u> and the <u>regulator</u> (photos R25)
- further proposal for fitting <u>ignition coil</u>, <u>advance unit</u> and <u>regulator</u> (photos R26)
- the simplest solution: <u>regulator and advance unit in an</u> <u>empty battery housing</u>



Assembly instructions for system 73 83 999 00

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If you can install and time a stock ignition and possess basic mechanical skills, you can install a VAPE system!

If you never have worked on your ignition, better have it done by someone who knows.

VAPE can not monitor the compliance to those instructions, nor the conditions and methods of installation, operation, usage and maintenance of the system. Improper installation may result in damage to property and possibly even bodily injury. Therefore we assume no responsibility for loss, damage or cost which result from, or are in any way related to, incorrect installation, improper operation, or incorrect use and maintenance. We reserve the right to make changes to the product, technical data or assembly and operating instructions without prior notice.

# Please read these instructions fully and carefully before starting work on your motorcycle

Please bear in mind that any modification of the material as well as own repair attempts which have not been agreed with VAPE may result in a loss of warranty. Do not cut off wires. This leads to a loss of reverse polarity protection and often results in damage to electronics. Also, please take note of the information provided on the information page for this system. Check that what you have bought really corresponds to the motorcycle you have. Wrong ignition settings may damage your engine and even hurt you during kickstart (violent kickbacks). Be careful during the first test runs. If needed change settings to safer values (less advance). During assembly check carefully that the rotor (flywheel) does not touch the stator coils or anything else, which may happen due to various circumstances and lead to severe damage.



# **IMPORTANT:**

### **Designated use**

This system is designated to replace stock dynamo/alternator & ignition systems in vintage and classic motorcycles whose engine characteristics have not been modified aftermarket. This system is not a tuning system and it will not bring significant increases in engine output. It does however significantly enhance roadworthiness and comfort by offering better lighting, better function of side indicators and horn and, compared with the aging stock systems, increased reliability. As our system does not tamper with engine characteristics it does not increase emission of gaseous pollutants and noise. In most cases emission of pollutants should even be reduced due to better combustion. If used as designated the system therefore will not normally infringe the existing legal status of the motorcycle (this statement is valid for Germany, for other countries, please check locally against your road licensing regulations). This system is not suitable for use in competition events. If used other than the designated way, warranty will be voided and it might well be that you do not obtain the desired results or, worst you loose legal



roadworthiness.

The charging system is only suitable for use with rechargable 12V (6V systems 6V) lead-acid batteries with liquide electrolyte or sealed lead-acid batteries, AGM, Gel. It is not suitable for use with nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal-hydride, lithium-ion or any other types of recharchable or non rechargable batteries.

This is a <u>replacement system and not a copy of the stock</u> <u>material</u>. The parts in this system therefore look different and might fit differently (notably ignition coil and regulator) requiring some adaptation by you.

During assembly imperatively start with assy of engine based parts to see that those really fit before you start fitting the external parts. In many cases customers assemble those first and thereby often modify them in breach of warranty which renders them unfit for renewed sale. Replacing old ignition systems is not a matter of taking something from a supermarket shelf as there have been very many types, versions and possibly unknown aftermarket modifications which harbour plenty of room for error.

Our systems are NOT tested for use with third party electronic devices (such as GPS, mobile phones, LED lighting etc) and may cause damage to such parts. Possibly existing electronic tachometers will not work with the new system. Read our information for suitable solutions. Possibly existing safety switches and electronic valve controls are not supported. It might be that your motorcycle was originally equipped with an ignition that did limit top speed for legal reasons. The new system does not have such a facility, so check your legal situation beforehand.

If you have no expertise for the installation have it done by an expert or at a specialist's workshop. Improper installation may damage the new system and your motorcycle, possibly even lead to bodily harm.

Before you order a system, please check whether a <u>puller tool</u> for the new rotor is included in the kit. If not, better order it at the same time. You might want to order light <u>bulbs</u>, <u>fuse</u>, horn, <u>flasher unit</u> etc.

Never use anything other than the recommended puller tool to pull the new rotor again. Damage to the rotor as a result of use of other tools or methods is not covered by warranty.

The rotor is sensible to blows (including during transport). Before assembly, please always check for damage (on rotor without magnet plastification try to push the magnets aside with your



fingers). After impact the glued in magnets might have broken loose, sticking to the rotor solely by magnetic force, so that one does not notice right away. During engine run the damage would be considerable. Before placing the rotor onto the engine, please make sure that its magnets have not collected any metal objects such as small screws, nuts and washers. That equally would lead to severe damage.



If you have access to the Internet, best view those instructions online. You get larger and better pictures by clicking onto them and possibly updated information. System list at <a href="http://www.powerdynamo.biz">http://www.powerdynamo.biz</a>

### You should have received those parts:



- main generator body with pre-asembled stator coils and cover holder plate
- flywheel (rotor)
- regulator/rectifier
- electronic advance unit
- ignition coil
- HT cable, fastening screws
- switch off relay (only for use in R25, see further down in text)

Do not take the stator coil from the base. You only risk to damage it.

For assembly take the cover holder plate off (3 screws and 3 bushes underneath)



To pull the old rotor, you will need a puller tool M8x90 (part-number: 70 80 899 90 **-Not provided-**).



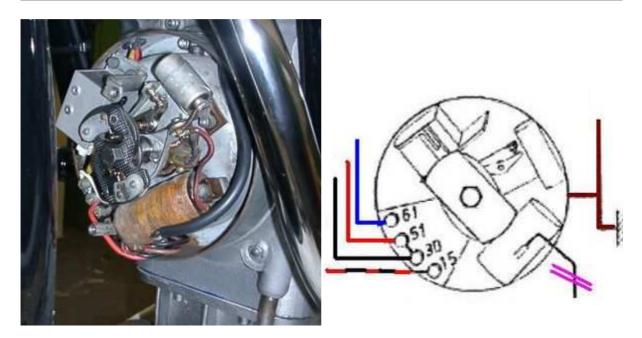
To pull the new rotor again, you will need a puller tool M27x1,25 (part 99 99 799 00 -Not provided-).

<u>Note:</u> Never use a claw puller, a hammer or any other device, except a M27x1.25 puller. You risk rotor damage.

Make sure your bike rests securely on her stand, preferably on an elevated work bench and that you have good access to the generator side of the engine. You will have to move the front fork for better access to the generator.



Disconnect your battery and take it out of the motorcycle. Note, that you will be installing a 12 volt system, so you will either need a 12 volt battery or you use the option of driving without. You will still have to replace all lightbulbs to 12 volt ones. The horn may stay at 6 volts. For driving without battery, please note our <u>information on driving without battery</u>.



Take the generator cover off and disconnect all wires running to the dynamo. Normally that should be:

- a blue cable on pin 61 (to the ignition control lamp)
- a thick black cable on pin 30 (to the positive pole of the battery)
- a thick red cable on pin 51 (to the ignition lock)
- a black (R25/2 black/red) cable on pin 15 (to the ignition lock)
- the high tension cable to the spark plug.

Pull all the cables out of the motor case, but do not cut them off yet.

# After fitment of the new ignition parts rewire as follows:

Note that:

Rewiring depends a little on your specific situation, that is

- the model of BMW you have
- if you drive with battery
- if you have a pin 2 on your main switch
- if your stock wiring is still in ok condition



- the blue wire at generator terminal 61 gets connected to the green/red of the new regulator (so you drive with battery). Please see the enclosed a 6.3 mm pin connectors . This is for the charge control light. For use without battery insulate that wire and keep it idle.
- the heavy red wire at generator terminal 51 (which runs to the headlights main switch) is either
  - # bridged to the heavy black running formerly to terminal 30 # led directly to the battery (plus terminal!)
- the heavy black wire at generator terminal 30 (which runs to the battery plus) is either
  - # bridged to the heavy red (see above) or # deleted
- the red/black wire from pin 15 is either
  - # deleted if you do not need to install the relay (because you have a pin 2 at your main switch or you drive without battery or
  - # led and connected to the black of the new relay (so it is used)
- the heavy brown wire (ground) which is attached to the ground terminal next to the negative (-) brush secure to some good ground connection (best directly battery minus)

<u>Integration</u> between the original general electric system (lighting, horn etc.) and the new system is at the battery (or should you drive without at the wires normally running to the battery).

Take the central screw off, that holds the stock rotor and the centrifugal governor on the crank shaft. Remove the centrifugal governor. Put the vehicle into first gear to get some resistance to the movement.

Remove the 3 mounting screws off which fix the dynamo body to the engine and take it off. You might need a few gentle strokes with a rubber-headed mallet to get it off. To pull the rotor, you will need the puller tool M8x90. Alternatively you may, as it was advised in the older original instructions manual: "... introduce a steel pin (40mm x 5.5mm) into the central fastening hole and than follow it by a screw M8."



Take the woodruff key from the crank.

You will not need it any more. Please do not forget to do so, otherwise you will have trouble later on the assembly. (Remark: this woodruff key does not actually hold your rotor on the shaft, this is done by the taper. It simply guides to the correct setting which will now be otherwise achieved.)





Have a look at the new stator body. You will find there on the top of the side wall a little red marking. In Picture here encircled red.

This is an ignition marking.



Take a look at the new rotor. You will find on its circumference a lasered on line.

Also an ignition marking.



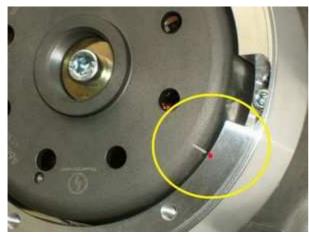
Place the pre-assembled new generator unit onto the engine.

Place the screws (3xM5x30) into the middle of the long holes to get freedom of adjustment for fine tuning.

The wire exit will show to top left as in stock system.



Remove the spark plug. Place the rotor loosely onto the crank and check that it may move freely above the stator. Bring the piston in top dead centre position (TDC), the highest position of the piston. To help this, place the new rotor handtight onto the crank for turning the shaft.



Once TDC is found, take the rotor carefully off again without changing the crank's position.

Than, reset it onto the crank in such a way that the marking on the rotor aligns with the marking on the base. If there is any change in the crank's position, you have to start again.

For fine tuning you may later turn the complete body within the scope of the long holes.

Fasten the rotor carefully with the hex screw M8x40 (Please do not forget to use the washer). Screw the spark plug back in the cylinder.

Do not place the cover holder plate yet.

Now you have adjusted the ignition on standard value. You may adjust/correct this setting by

a) for smaller changes (fine tuning)

turning the complete body in the long holes (with screws loosened)

 turning of the body in clockwise direction brings later ignition, turning anticlockwise earlier ignition (more advance)

#### b) for larger changes

take the rotor off (use puller) and reset in the wanted different angle

- turning the rotor clockwise brings an earlier ignition
- turning the rotor anticlockwise brings a later ignition

If you experiment with settings, please check what you are doing by help of a stroboscope. Please know that wrong settings may damage the engine and produce violent kickbacks of the starter which might hurt you.





Once all is done and engine runs to your satisfaction, place the cover holder plate back. Under the plate come again the 3 spacer tubes. 3 screws M6xc30 fasten all.

The longer sloped part of the plate shows top left as in picture here.

Stock cover is fasten by 2 screws M4 in the holder plate.



Fasten the new ignition coil beneath the petrol tank or on the frame.

This may vary from type to type.

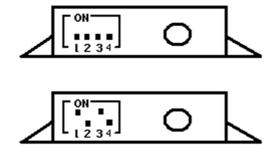


You will also have to fasten the new regulator/rectifier and the advance unit (the black box) on your bike.

If you opt to drive without an battery, you can place the parts into an <u>empty battery case</u>.

Have a look at the little blue dip-switch block on the upper narrow side of the advance unit. There are 4 little switches selecting individual ignition advance curves.





The curve for the R25/26 is activated as shown here.

That brings full ad vance of 38° at 3000 revs/min.

Should you want to have full 38° advance only at 3.500 revs onwards use this setting. In our experience full advance from 3000 onwards as indicated above is the better solution.

# Switch-off relay ??



With the pack comes a relay. For its wiring see further below.

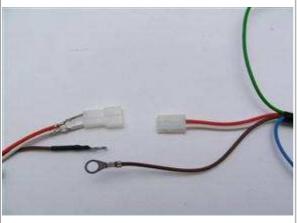
As later R25 and (normally) all R26 have a main switch that sports an (unused) pin 2, the blue kill wire from the advance may be directly connected to this pin 2 with the relay completely left out.

For a wire diagram without relay <u>see diagram</u> <u>91ik12.</u>

Connect the parts as shown in the respective wiring diagram!

For our <u>standard DC regulator (95 22 699 06)</u>, use the <u>wiring diagram 91ir12</u>: For our <u>DC regulator with built in smooting condenser (73 00 799 50)</u>, use additional the <u>wiring diagram reg\_102</u>:

To facilitate wire exit through the often small openings in the engine casing, the plastic plug of the generator's wiring that leads to the advance unit have not been put onto the wire terminal. You should place the plug there only once all has been properly installed on the engine side.



Look for the advance unit with its female plug and the two wires (red and white).

Put the provided 2-position plug housing onto this plug and insert the two wires (red and white) from the generator. Make sure that the terminals engage securely in the housing and that you connect:

- white to white
- red to red

Should you need (or want) to get the terminals out of the plug housing again, enter a paper clip from front next to the terminals and push the little barb aside. Than pull the wire out.



The brown wires from the new generator and the advance unit with the round eye terminals ...

... have to be screwed to the holder frame of the ignition coil (ground). This connection is very important. Please don't depend on the frame as the earth-connection. Varnish, oil and dirt prevent often a good contact!

The grey resp. green cable of the advance unit

... is the output of the to the ignition coil and gets connected to the single male terminal there.

**Important!** Avoid prolongation of the green wire between advance unit and ignition coil. This may lead to ignition trouble.

Never run the high tension cable and the cables from the generator to the advance and/or the grey wire from the advance to the ignition coil closely in parallel (say in one shielding). This will trigger back coupling that disturbes ignition and might even damage the advance unit.

# **Connecting VAPE alternator to lighting circuit (via regulator):**



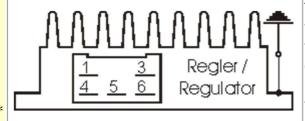
The 2 black wires running from the stator coil carry the voltage for lights, horn, flashers etc. They have nothing to do with ignition.

This voltage (something between 10 and 50 volts AC) has however to be stabilized (regulated) and for most uses rectified into direct current (DC) as it primarily is alternating current (AC).

# For this we offer 2 different regulators:

Attention: Any confusion between plus and minus (with the DC versions) leads to immediate destruction of the regulator. This will not constitute a warranty case as it is negligence! One can recognize a burnt regulator mostly by its sharp smell.

Regulator type 1: with standard DC regulator (95 22 699 06), use the wiring diagram 91ir12:



The new regulator/rectifier has a compact plug with 6 positions, of which one is not used. A female plug cover fitting to this plug is delivered. Into this female plug you have to insert the following wires (which have terminals that snap into the plug):

... connect to pins 1/4 of the new regulator The two black cables leading from the generator |(from there equally black wires lead inside the unit). It does not matter which wire connects to which of the both terminals (1/4) as they carry alternating current.



The new brown cable with the round eye terminal ...

... connects pin 3 of the regulator unit (from there equally a brown wire goes inside the unit) with the negative pole of the battery or (in case you drive without battery) to ground (chassis).

The new red cable with the round eye terminal ...

# Take care:

Wrong polarity will damage the electronics!

... connects to pin 5 of the new regulator (from there equally a red wire goes inside the unit). Here your regulated positive voltage comes out to connect to battery plus, or (in case you drive without battery) to the voltage input terminal of the main switch (ignition lock, German bikes: pin 51/30).

Make sure that you have a **8A-fuse** between battery and vehicle circuitry.

The green/red wire at pin 6 of the new regulator ...

### Remark:

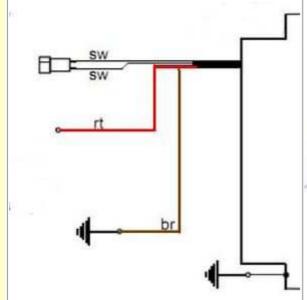
Until November 2007 this wire has been a single wire outside the compact plug.

... is for the charge control light. You connect there the wire that formerly did run from the control light to the original regulator.

Sure that this control only functions with a battery present. Should you drive without battery but still connect the wire, you will see that the light glows even as the generator generates voltage. So without battery, do not connect it.

The charge light control function is based on a transistor switch and is an additional function. Even if that should fail, the regulator might still be in ok working condition. Simple check: have the engine running, turn lights on, disconnect the battery. If you have bright lights the unit is ok.

Regulator type 2: with DC regulator with built in smooting condenser (73 00 799 50), use additional the wiring diagram reg 102:





- the 2 black (sw) wires are the AC input from the alternator (as it is AC it does not matter which black to which black)
- the red (rt) wire is the 12V DC output plus



• the brown (br) wire is gound, internally connected to housing

#### Switch off via separate kill switch

(when driving without battery):

The relay will not be fitted. The blue/white cable of the advance unit will be connected to a kill switch, closing against ground (a button at the handlebars). Or you mount an ignition lock that has a facility to connect against ground when in OFF position.

# Remains the blue/white wire at the advance unit. This is the kill (cut-off) wire.

# Connected to ground - it will stop ignition!

#### Note:

Should you experience ignition failures, disconnect as a first measure this blue wire. In many cases that will permit you to get mobile again (particulars see: technical help)!

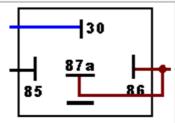
# **Battery method:**

Connect the brown relay wire to good ground. Lead the longer black wire from the relay to the wire that did run previously to a pin carrying voltage when the switch is on (in German bikes: pin 15) and connect it there.

Connect the blue wire from pin 30 of the relay to the blue(/white) wire at the new advance unit.

Should your battery fail on the road, just disconnect that blue wire and your bike will run again (it will now only not stop by switching off).

# Relay wiring (if used):



The brown wire with the ring terminal from pins 87a und 86 goes to ground.

The black wire from pin 85 goes to a main switch terminal carrying voltage if switched on.

Screw the high tension (ignition) cable ...

Please do not use any spark amplifying cables, such as "Nology supercables" or "hot wire". This will disturb the system and possibly damage it.

... into the ignition coil and pull over the rubber seal before mounting the coil (it will be easier).

Please do use the cable arriving with the pack and not any old cable.

You will do yourself a favour to treat your bike to new spark plugs and spark plug sockets (preferably some between 0-2kOhm). Plenty of problems are to be traced back to "apparently good" (even completely "brand-new") sparks plugs, terminals and cables.

<u>Do not use</u> spark plugs with an intern suppression resistor. NGK (e.g.) offered such spark plugs coded with an "R" (for resistor).



Finally - and before installing the battery and before the first kickstart - please recheck carefully all connections and fitments against the wiring diagram. Do check battery and light bulbs for correct voltage (12V).

Should something not work, please consult our <u>trouble-shooting guide</u> on our homepage. As a first step disconnect the blue wire from the coil and re-test.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> During **crank shaft repair** the dynamo shaft is often machined and gets shorter. The result is a rotor sitting lower, possibly touching now with its rivets the stator coil. The result is a destroyed stator and ignition failure.

For more detail and how to check see (online) here.

# Important safety and operating information

Safety first! Please observe the general health and safety regulations motor vehicle repair (MVR) as well as the safety information and obligations indicated by the manufacturer of your motorcycle.

The timing marks on the material are for general guidance only during first installation. Please check after assembly by suitable means (stroboscope) that settings are correct to prevent damage to the engine or possibly even your health. You alone are responsible for the installation and the correctness of settings.

Ignition systems generate high tension! With our material right up to 40,000 Volts! This may, if handled carelessly, not only be painful, but outrightly <u>dangerous</u>. Please do keep a safe distance to the electrode of your spark plug and open high tension cables. Should you need to test spark firing, hold the spark plug socket securely with some well insulating material and push it firmly to solid ground of the engine block.

Never pull sparkplug caps when engine is running. Wash your vehicle only with engine at standstill and ignition off.

Should you have received in the kit HT cables with a fixed rubber boot(which does not contain a resistor) you might have to use spark plugs with an inbuilt resistor (or replace the cap with one containing a resistor) to comply with your local laws.

After installation, please check tightness of all screws, even those preinstalled. If parts get loose during run, there will be inevitably damage to the material. We pre-assemble screws only loosely.

Give the newly installed system a chance to work, <u>before you start to check and test values</u>, or what is worse apply changes to it.

Our parts have been checked before delivery to you. You will not be able to check much anyway. At any rate do refrain from measuring the electronic components (such as ignition coil, regulator and advance unit). You risk severe damage to the inner electronics there. You will not get any tangible results from the operation anyway. Bear in mind that also your carburetor, your spark plugs and spark plug sockets (even if completely new) might be the reason for malfunction. The general experience with our systems is that the carburetor will have to be re-adjusted to lower settings. Should the system not start after assembly, first disconnect the blue (or blue/white) cut-off wire directly at the ignition coil (or in some cases advance unit) to eliminate any malfunction in the cut-off circuitry. Check ground connections carefully, make sure there is a good electrical connection between frame and



engine block.

In case of troubles, please consult our <u>Knowledge Base</u> first before you send off the material to us for checking

The spark of classic, points based ignition systems has with about 10,000 Volts comparatively little energy and looks therefore yellow and fat (which however makes it highly visible). The spark from our system is a high energy spark with up to 40,000 Volts and therefore is needle thin focused in form, and blue in colour, which makes it not so visible. Furthermore you get spark only at kick-start operated speeds and not by pushing the kick-lever down slowly with your hand (as you might get with battery based ignitions).

Systems using a twin outlet ignition coils have a few peculiarities. Please observe that during tests on one side, the other has either to be connected to an fitted spark plug or securely earthed/grounded. Otherwise there will be no spark on either side. Also with such open exits long and dangerous sparks may fly all over the coil.

Never do electric arc welding on the bike without completely disconnecting all parts containing semiconductors (ignition coil, regulator, advance) stator and rotor need not be taken off. The same is true for soldering. Before touching electronics disconnect the soldering iron from mains! Never use copper putty on spark plugs.

Electronics are very sensitive to wrong polarity. After work on the system, do check correct polarity of the battery and the regulator. Wrong polarity creates short circuits and will destroy the regulator, the ignition coil and the advance unit. As a rule, wiring will always be colour to colour. Instances, where colour jumps between wires are expressly mentioned in our instructions.

When you handle the new rotor, take care not to damage its magnets. Refrain from direct blows to the circumference of the rotor. When transporting never put the rotor over the stator. Observe our information relative to transport of the material.

Do not use spark plug sockets with a resistance of more than 5kOhm. Better use 1 or 2kOhm ones. Bear in mind that spark plug sockets do age and thereby increase their internal resistance. Should an engine start up only when cold, a defective spark plug socket and/or spark plug is very probably the cause. In case of problems check high tension cables too. Never use carbon fibre HT-cables, never use so called "hot wires" which promise to increase spark.

- It is a good idea to cover the rotor in a thin layer of oil to reduce the risk of corrosion.
- Never use a claw puller or a hammer to disengage the rotor. Its magnets might become loose in the event. We offer a special puller for disengaging the new rotor again (see assembly instruction)!

Should the motorcycle not be in use for some longer period, please disconnect the battery (so existing) to prevent current bleeding through the diodes of the regulator. Though, even a disconnected battery will empty itself after a while.



Please do observe these remarks, but at the same time, don't be afraid of the installation process. Remember, that before you, thousands of other customers have successfully installed the system.

Enjoy driving your bike with its new electric heart!

