

# **MSD** INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## **MSD 2-Step Launch Control for Ford 5.0L Mod Motors 2011 PN 8731**

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### **Parts Included:**

1 - 2-Step Launch Control  
1 - Harness

### **Parts Bag:**

1 - Tap  
3 - Mounting Screws

The 2-Step Launch Control is a low rpm limiter only. The factory speed limiter will not be affected.

This MSD 2-Step Launch Control is designed for Ford Modular 5.0L engines with Coil-on-Plug ignitions. The 2-Step Control switches to a lower rpm limit that will assist in consistent launches and 60-foot times. RPM adjustments are made via two rotary switches located on the harness side of the unit. The adjustment range is from 1,000 - 10,900 rpm, in 100 rpm increments. An LED will illuminate when the launch rev limit is active.

**Note:** It is recommended to have the Service Manual for your vehicle. If you cannot identify an activation wire, a microswitch or relay may be required.

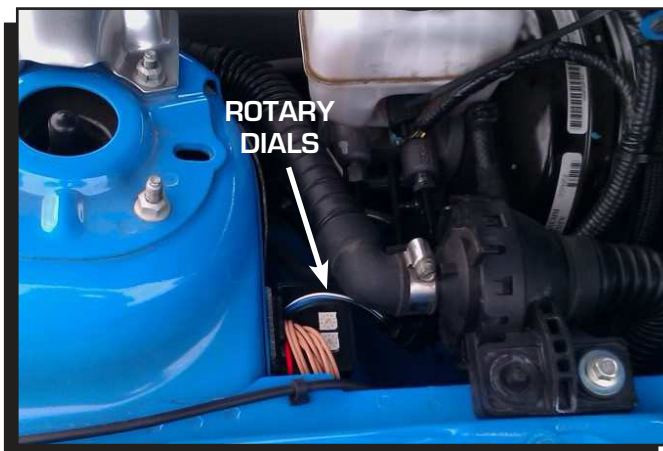
**Note:** The engine rpm must drop more than one third of the set launch limit in order to activate. For example, if the launch limit is set at 3,000 rpm, the engine speed must drop below 2,000 rpm in order for the launch limit to become active (one third of 3,000 rpm is a 1,000 rpm drop).

**Caution:** Keeping the engine on a lower rpm limit may cause the Check Engine light to come on and could potentially damage the catalytic converter.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to wiring variations on different models, MSD cannot identify specific wiring on the clutch switches. Consult your Service Manual for wiring schematics.

### **MOUNTING**

The 2-Step Control can be mounted in any position but keep in mind to mount it so the rotary dials are accessible for adjustments (Figure 1). Hardware is supplied for mounting. Before mounting the unit, confirm that the wiring harnesses reach their connections.



**Figure 1 Accessible Rotary Dials.**



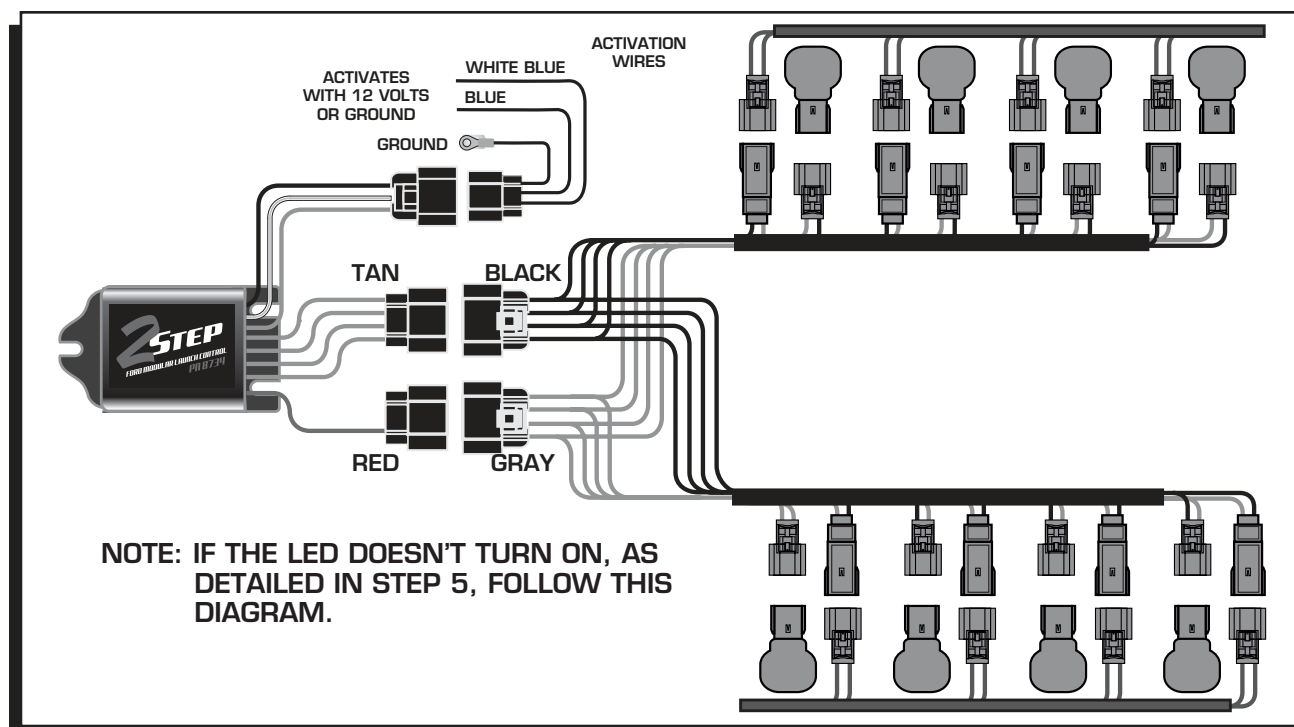


Figure 3 Alternate Wiring.

## CONNECT THE ACTIVATION WIRE

The launch rpm limit can be activated through a ground or a 12 volt source.

**Ground:** Switch the Blue wire to ground to activate the launch limit.

**12 volts:** Connect the White/Blue wire to 12 volts to activate the launch limit.

If you are planning to use the factory clutch switch to activate the 2-Step, note that there may be variations in factory wiring colors and outputs. It is recommended that you have the factory wiring diagram and schematic. Also, check any wiring for voltage or ground with the key on, during cranking and when the engine is running. A relay may be required with factory wiring systems.

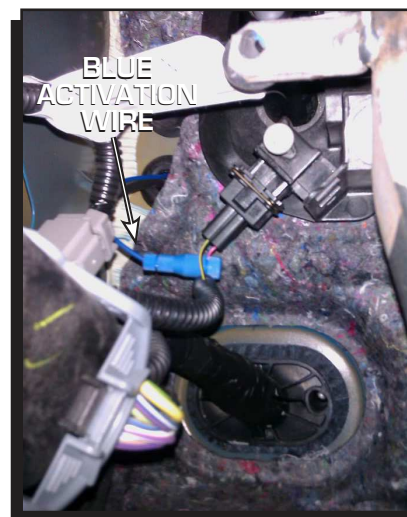


Figure 4 Activation Wire.

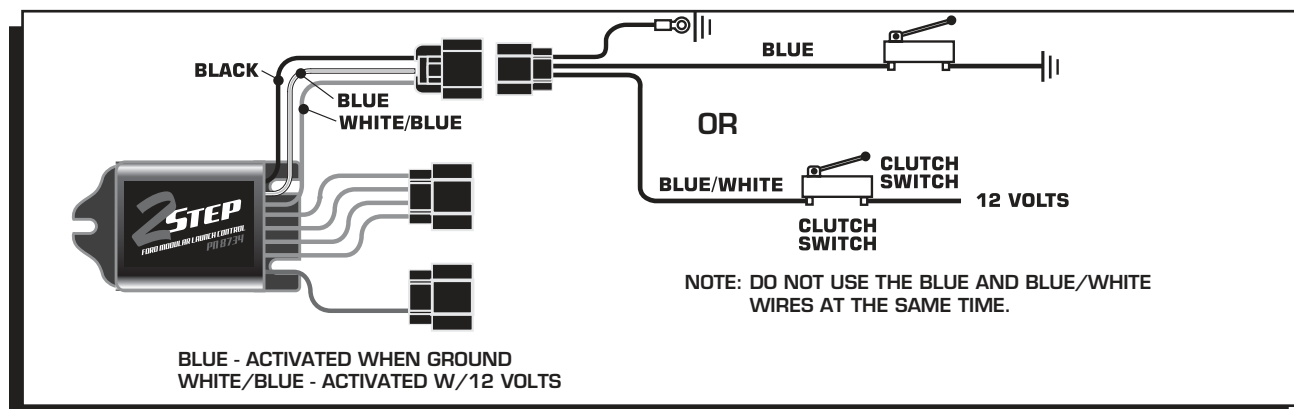


Figure 5 Wiring the Launch Activation Wire.

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **CONFIRM INSTALLATION**

With the power On, engine running, activate the On/Off switch. If connected correct, the LED will illuminate when the clutch is activated. To verify the rpm, set the limit at a lower rpm, such as 2,000, and test the system.

If the engine has trouble starting or running. check the following:

- Ground or switched 12 volts connection
- Coil connections
- The two 8-pin connectors may be in the wrong position and should be swapped and tested again.

### **Service**

In case of malfunction, this MSD component will be repaired free of charge according to the terms of the warranty. When returning MSD components for warranty service, **Proof of Purchase** must be supplied for verification. After the warranty period has expired, repair service is based on a minimum and maximum fee.

**All returns must have a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number** issued to them before being returned. To obtain an RMA number please contact MSD Customer Service at 1 (888) MSD-7859 or visit our website at [www.msdpower.com/rma](http://www.msdpower.com/rma) to automatically obtain a number and shipping information.

When returning the unit for repair, leave all wires at the length in which you have them installed. Be sure to include a detailed account of any problems experienced, and what components and accessories are installed on the vehicle. The repaired unit will be returned as soon as possible using Ground shipping methods (ground shipping is covered by warranty). For more information, call MSD at (915) 855-7123. MSD technicians are available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday (mountain time).

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