

IGNITION SYSTEM

CAUTION: Before starting to work, be sure to turn ignition switch "OFF" and then disconnect battery ground cable.

DESCRIPTION

The ignition circuit consists of the ignition switch, coil, distributor, wiring, spark plugs and battery.

The circuit is equipped with a resistor. During cranking, electrical current bypasses the resistor, thereby connecting the ignition coil directly to battery. This provides full battery voltage at coil and keeps ignition voltage as high as possible.

Low voltage current is supplied by the battery or alternator and flows through the primary circuit. It consists of the ignition switch, resistor, primary winding of the ignition coil, distrib-

utor contact points, condenser and all connecting low tension wiring.

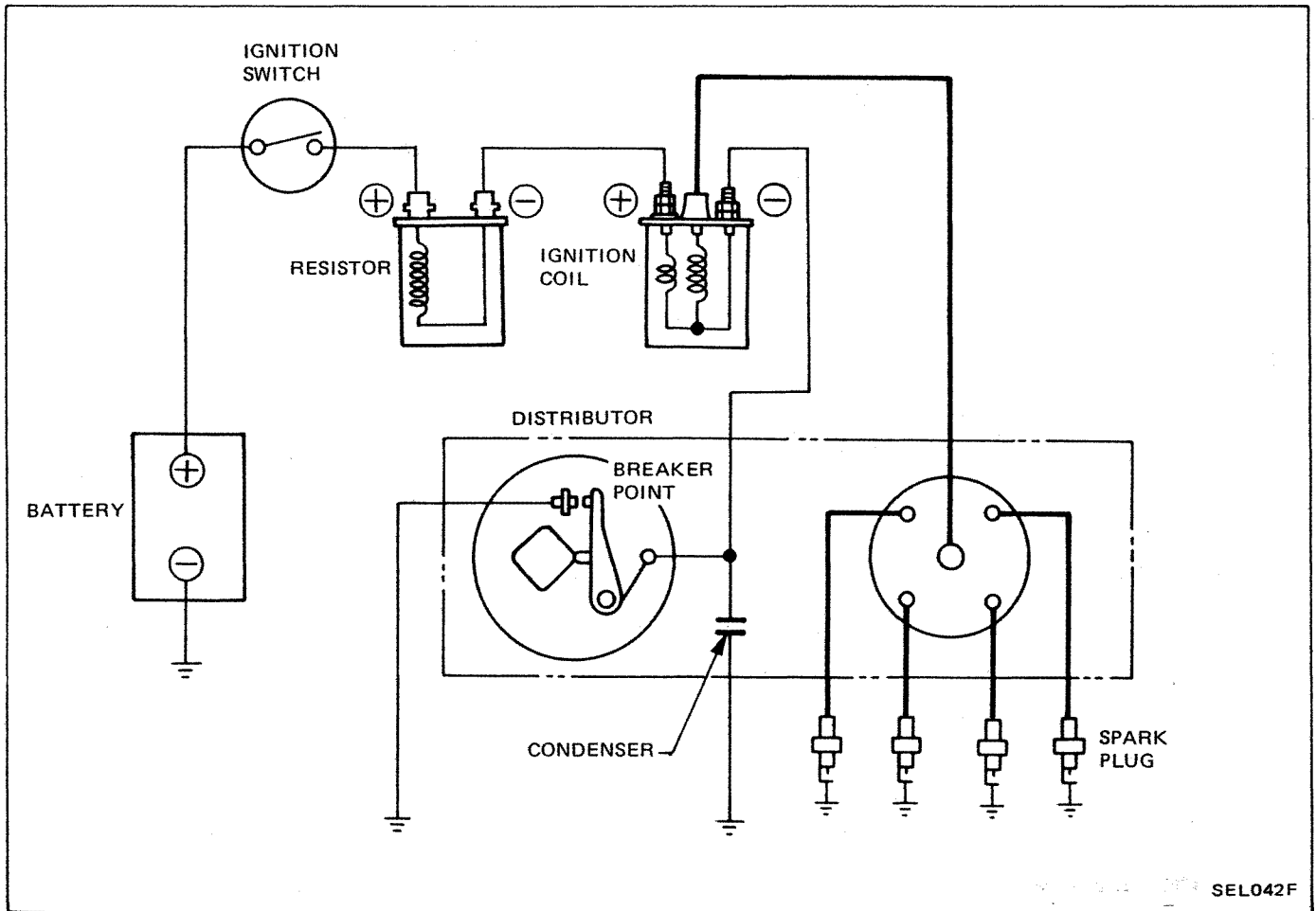
High voltage current is produced by the ignition coil and flows through the secondary circuit, resulting in high voltage spark between the electrodes of the spark plugs in engine cylinders. This circuit contains the secondary winding of the ignition coil, high tension wiring, distributor rotor and cap.

When the ignition switch is turned on and the distributor contact points are closed, the primary current flows through the primary winding of the coil and through the contact points to ground.

When the contact points are opened

by the revolving distributor cam, the magnetic field built up in the primary winding of the coil moves through the secondary winding of the coil inducing high voltage. The high voltage is produced every time the contact points open. The high voltage current flows through the high tension wire to the distributor cap. Then the rotor distributes the current to one of the spark plug terminals in the distributor cap.

The spark is obtained when the high voltage current jumps the gap between the insulated electrode and the ground side electrode of the spark plug. This process is repeated for each power stroke of the engine.



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