

## The Loaded HEI by Performance Distributors

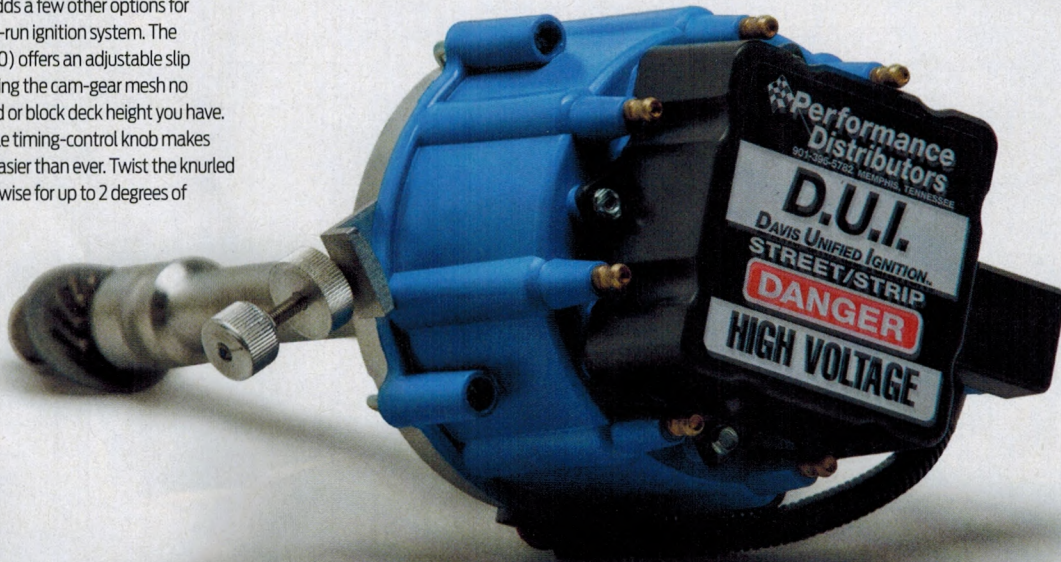
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The beauty of GM's High Energy Ignition is that you don't need a separate ignition box and coil to use it. Everything is built right into the giant distributor cap. Performance Distributors takes all the good of the original HEI design and hand-assembles hot rod versions of this reliable unit suitable for street or track duty. The company adds a better coil, custom tunes each distributor on a machine for a smoother advance curve, and adds a few other options for the ultimate ready-to-run ignition system. The PN ITK13720 (\$369.00) offers an adjustable slip collar to aid in perfecting the cam-gear mesh no matter what manifold or block deck height you have. An external, adjustable timing-control knob makes timing adjustments easier than ever. Twist the knurled aluminum knob clockwise for up to 2 degrees of

ignition advance and counter-clockwise to retard the ignition the same amount. A 50,000-volt coil and high-output ignition module permit huge spark-plug gaps up to 0.055 inch, and the racing version (PN ITK127212, \$449.00) will fire up to 9,000 rpm. The S/S model is good for 7,000-rpm engines. Models are available for

Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac and Oldsmobile small-block and big-block engines. An optional electronic rev limiter and melonized gear for roller cam-equipped crate engines are also available, and each unit is covered by a one-year warranty.

**Price: \$279–\$459, depending on application**



## QUICK TEST: SOME SERIOUS TIRE SHINE

Turtle Wax // 800.887.8539 // TurtleWax.com

This isn't exactly tire shine—it's a sealant designed for the urban environment. It comes in an aerosol can with a mixing ball inside, so it feels like spray paint and goes on like it, too. While it's designed to protect the tire's sidewall finish for two to three weeks before it even begins to fade, some say they have seen the shine last a year. It's tough stuff. The only thing that will remove it is hard contact, like scraping a curb or hard rubbing. The chemical is tacky when first applied, so Turtle Wax recommends an hour of set time before driving to avoid attracting dirt. It is stated that the product will double its durability with a second application 60 to 90 days after the first. It repels water, but regular tire shine can be added on top. If you keep using the product, you only need to reapply it every three to four months; this stuff is serious. One can is enough to handle a full set of tires. If shiny tires are your thing, this appears to be the most hard-core solution yet.

**Price: \$10–\$15 per can, depends on retailer**



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