



# EP-10 Fuel Flow Electronic Sensor Installation Instructions

This instruction manual explains how to install your EP-10 fuel flow sensor and connect it to a NMEA 2000® network using LowranceNET™ network components. You must refer to your digital gauge, sonar or GPS unit's manual for sensor operation instructions.

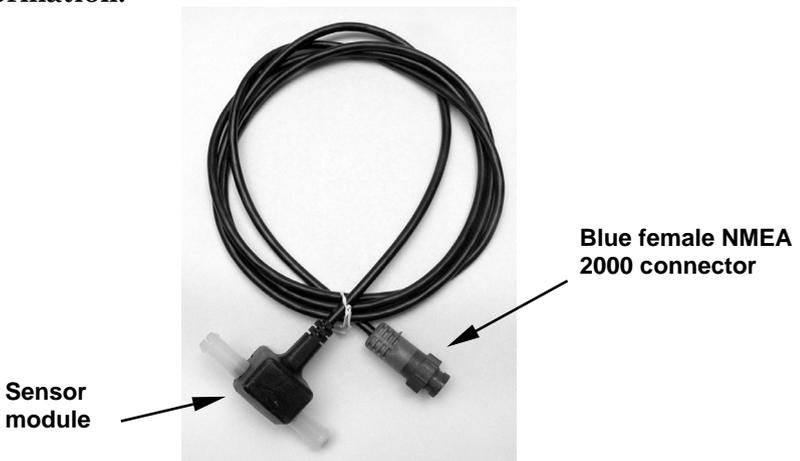
**Caution:**

*Installing LowranceNET NMEA 2000 devices is **significantly different** from installing earlier Lowrance components without NMEA 2000 features. You should read all of the installation instructions before proceeding. You should decide where to install all components before drilling any holes in your vessel.*

Some sonar or GPS units may require a software upgrade to display NMEA 2000 data correctly and a manual addendum describing how to operate the sensor. You can download these free and get additional information on the NMEA 2000® compatible LowranceNET™ system at our web site, [www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com).

**WARNING:**

**Do not use this sensor with diesel engine fuel systems. The EP-10 is designed only for gasoline engines. Please see fuel filter warning on page 4 for additional information.**



The EP-10 Fuel Flow sensor.

All Lowrance NMEA 2000 capable devices are NMEA 2000 certified or certification is pending. See our web site for the latest product status information.

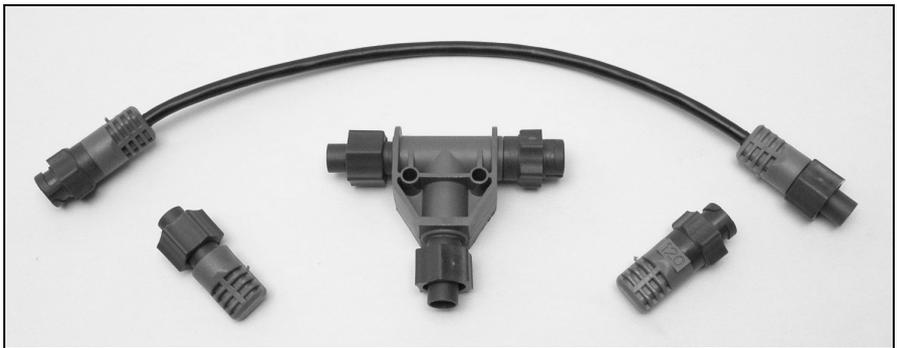
The EP-10 consists of a blue female locking cable connector and the sensor module. The sensor module contains a turbine to measure fuel flow and electronics which convert flow data to the NMEA 2000 data format. The cable length from the connector to the smart module is 10 feet. The EP-10 sensor is designed to work with **gasoline** engines only.

This sensor has been optimized to measure flow rates between 0.6 to 45 gallons (U.S.) per hour, but it will operate at flow rates outside that range. The sensor will add 0.5 PSI of back pressure on the fuel system with a flow rate of 20 gallons per hour. At the rate of 40 gallons per hour the back pressure will be 1 PSI.

The EP-10, like other Lowrance Electronic Probe (EP) sensors, is designed only for use with a NMEA 2000 Network. It **must** be connected to a NMEA 2000 network or it **will not** function.

### **Tools and Supplies**

Your EP-10 sensor comes with a T connector. The T connector is needed to attach the sensor to a LowranceNET NMEA 2000 network. If you are connecting to an existing LowranceNET network, those are all the electronic components you need. If this is the first sensor you are connecting, you also will need a one-time purchase of a LowranceNET Node Kit.



**LowranceNET Node Kit for a NMEA 2000 network. Includes a 2 foot extension cable, T connector, 120-ohm male terminator and 120-ohm female terminator.**

For complete instructions on setting up a new NMEA 2000 network or expanding an existing one refer to the "*Setup and Installation of NMEA 2000 Networks, General Information*" document (part number 988-

0154-172) included with your EP-10 sensor. If that document is missing it can be downloaded free from the Lowrance web site.

Other supplies are not included unless otherwise indicated. Required supplies include cable ties or other fasteners to secure the hose and cable; an **in-line fuel filter** and any items needed to install the filter. Two 1" hose clamps are included with the sensor.

We assume you already have a fuel line installed. The EP-10 was designed to fit a typical 3/8" (9.5 mm) SAE USCG Type A1 fuel hose. If your engine has different diameter hoses or metal fuel lines a section of 3/8" fuel line must be installed between the sensor and the existing lines.

Recommended tools are a flathead screwdriver to tighten the clamps and a knife to cut the fuel hose. If you need to route the sensor connector through a bulkhead you will need a drill and a 3/4" drill bit.

### **Installation**

Install one EP-10 sensor per engine. If you have multiple tanks, place the sensor after any Y or T in the line feeding the engine.

The sensor should be installed vertically and as close as possible to the fuel tank in an area where vibration is minimized. The housing has a molded-in fuel flow direction arrow which should be pointing up. (See the figures on the following page.)

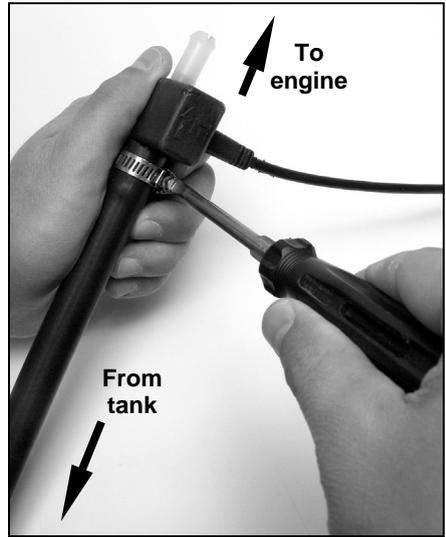
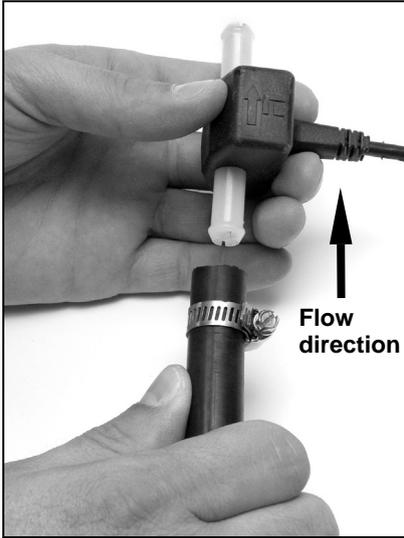
Mount the sensor above the tank's maximum fuel level to avoid accidental fuel leakage in case the sensor becomes disconnected.

### **Caution:**

*Gasoline is extremely flammable. If possible, drain the fuel line before you start or shut any flow valves located at the tank. Keep sparks and flame away from the work area. After installation remember to clean up any spilled fuel.*

Cut the fuel hose where you intend to install the EP-10 sensor. Slide a clamp over the hose coming *from* the tank and push the hose onto the bottom (*inlet*) hose barb.

Seat the hose flush against the sensor housing and tighten the hose clamp. Attach the hose leading *to* the engine on the top (*outlet*) barb in the same way.



Push the fuel line onto the hose barb, then tighten the hose clamp. Orient the sensor vertically with the flow arrow pointing up.

**WARNING:**

You *must* install an in-line fuel filter or fuel water separator between the tank and the EP-10 sensor. This will prevent a malfunction caused by contaminated fuel. Debris in unfiltered fuel can clog the sensor's turbine and result in rough performance or engine shut down.

**Caution:**

*As with any fuel system, we recommend you always carry onboard a spare fuel filter and an in-line 3/8" splice barb. This allows you to remove a clogged EP-10 fuel sensor or fuel filter and restore engine operation if the fuel filter fails. It is strongly recommend that you inspect your entire fuel system at regular intervals.*

Secure the sensor/hose assembly so the sensor remains in a vertical position with the flow direction up. Clamp the hose on either side of the sensor to the hull or bulkhead to minimize vibration.

Route the sensor's cable connector to the T on the network backbone where you intend to attach it, and plug it in. The sensor is ready to use.

**Connecting to a NMEA 2000 Network**

A network bus is an installed and operational network cable (backbone) running the length of your boat, already connected to a power supply

and properly terminated. Such a bus provides network connection nodes at various locations around your boat.

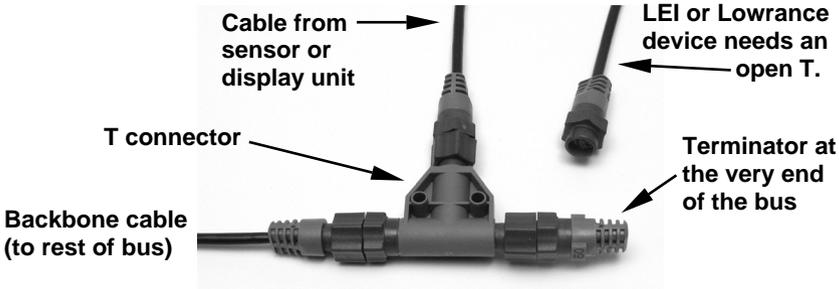
This is similar to the telephone wiring in a house. If you pick up a phone in your living room, you can hear someone talking into the phone in the bedroom.

### Network Nodes

A network bus is built of network nodes spread along a backbone. Network nodes are made by fitting T-shaped connectors into the backbone (using the sockets on the sides), and attaching a display unit or sensor at the bottom of the T.

Using our telephone example, the T connectors are similar to telephone jacks. The backbone is like the phone wiring running through a house. Phones in a house must be connected to each other to communicate, and in the same way only sensors and display units plugged into the NMEA network can share information.

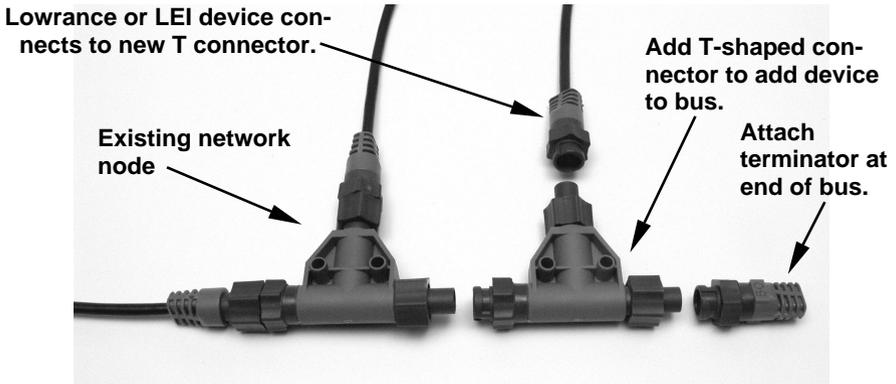
Connections found in the middle of the bus will have one or more of these T-shaped connectors with the backbone cables plugged into both sides. Connections at the end of a network will have the backbone plugged into one side, and a terminator plugged into the other, as shown in the following figure.



**NMEA 2000 network node located at the end of a NMEA 2000 bus.**

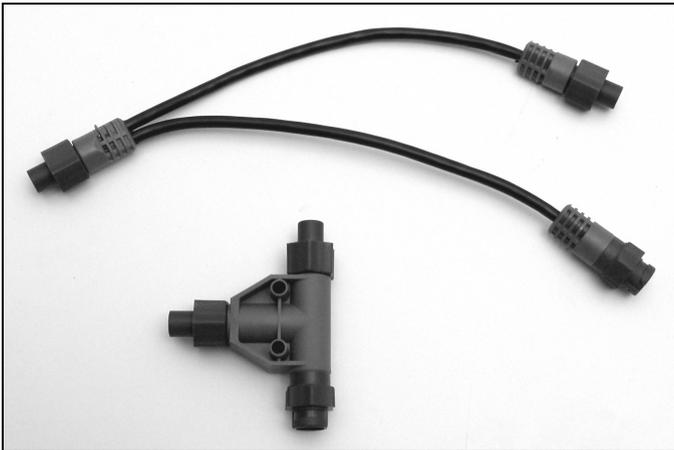
### Adding a Network Node

You can add a node anywhere along the network backbone where a connection already exists. This connection could be at the end of the network (between a T connector and a terminator), between two T connectors, between a T connector and a backbone extension cable, or between two extension cables. Wherever you want to add the new node, simply separate the sockets of the old connection and attach your new T connector between them.



**Add a new device to a NMEA 2000 bus by attaching a T connector between two T connectors, between a T connector and the end terminator, or between two backbone extension cables.**

If you want to add a node at the end of the line (as shown in the previous figure), remove the terminator from the very last connector, securely attach the new T connector, and then attach the terminator on the new connector. Either method will allow you to add a device.



The "soft" T connector, shown above with a "hard" T connector, is another option for connecting devices in a NMEA 2000 network. The soft T works the same as a hard T. The soft T is used to install a network node in areas where a hard T will not fit.

### **Additional Network Information**

Further instructions on creating or expanding a network are illustrated in the NMEA 2000 network setup booklet (part number 988-0154-172) which came packed with this instruction manual.

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