

ON-FIELD IGNITION HI-TENSION EMERGENCY

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There's a better way to do things during that particular on-field emergency. One of the most common failures in ignition systems is in the hi-tension lead. Usually it's at one end or the other of the resistor, especially when it's located near the plug where it sees the most severe vibration. For next time, I'll add a connector, as well as a spare hi-tension lead to my emergency kit. There are some neat little plastic connectors available from auto supply houses such as Kragen or Pep Boys. Usually they are blue. You cut the two wires to length (don't strip 'em) so that they slightly overlap, and the connector is snapped shut clipping them together neatly, while a small guillotine like metal piece inside the connector slices through the insulation to electrically join the two pieces.