

HOT ROD SPEED PARTS HALL OF FAME

MSD 6A IGNITION

Autotronic Controls Corp. was founded by Jack Priegel in El Paso, Texas, in 1970. The principle plan was to develop an electronic fuel-induction system to improve fuel mileage and economy. The engineering team, including Lee Chapin and Walt Merrick, was able to get the fuel mixture so lean with its electrosonic system that the conventional breaker-points ignitions of the time failed to ignite the mix. Merrick utilized capacitive discharge (CD) technology and developed a way to produce a series of sparks, or multiple spark discharge, and MSD Ignition was born.

The first system was the MSD 2 Ignition followed by the MSD 404B. In 1976, the first MSD 6 Ignition Control was used. Professional racers learned of the new MSD quickly and word spread. Since then, MSD Ignition controls provide the spark for top professionals in NHRA, IHRA, NASCAR, World of Outlaws, DIRT, SCORE, IDBA, and pretty much every other sanctioning body you can think of (plus many you can't). MSD sells nearly 10,000 6A Ignition Controls a year, and that's not counting the thousands of 6ALs, 6BTMs, and other models.

SOURCE

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> While Pure Vision's Peter Harksell III was hidden from sight making sparks, Genevieve stepped in with an original MSD 6 Ignition.

