



Model Number 49501  
In-Tank Electric Fuel Pump

## Operating and Installation Instructions

### **CAUTION!**

This product is to be installed only by persons knowledgeable in the repair and modification of vehicle fuel systems and general vehicle systems modification. Only a qualified technician or mechanic who is aware of applicable safety procedures and fabrication skills should perform the installation of this product.

### **GASOLINE AND OTHER FUELS ARE FLAMMABLE AND CAN BE EXPLOSIVE!**

Perform the installation in a well ventilated location only to minimize the build up of fuel vapors. **NO** open flames, smoking or other sources of ignition are to be present during installation, to prevent fire or explosion that can cause serious injury or death. Grinding, cutting, and drilling must be performed with care to prevent ignition. Draining and removal of all fuel and ventilation of vapors in vehicle and fuel system is recommended when performing such procedures. Proper eye and personal protection is required at all times during installation.

### **WARNING!**

The Vehicle's fuel system may be under pressure! Do not loosen any fuel connections until relieving all fuel system pressure. Consult an applicable service manual for instructions to relieve fuel system pressure safely.

This product is intended for racing, off-road, or marine use only. This fuel system component may not be legal for sale or use on emission controlled motor vehicles; consult local, state and national laws.

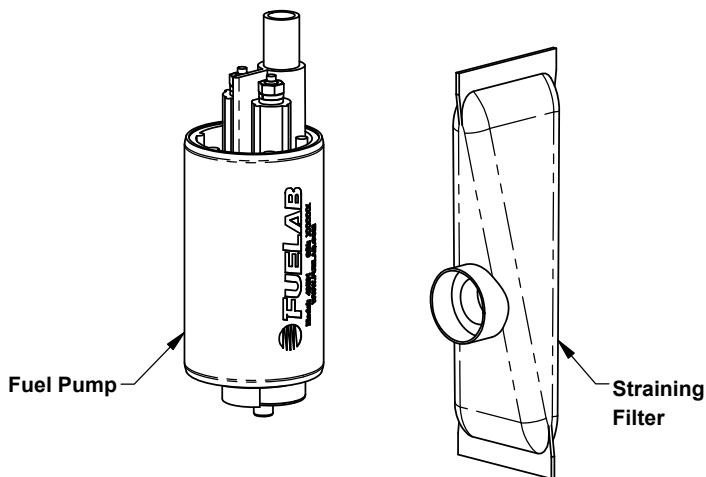
This Fuel Pump is compatible only with Pump or Racing Gasolines, E85 or all Ethanol blends. This Fuel Pump is **NOT** compatible or covered under warranty with use of Diesel or Methanol Fuels

#### **Product Contents:**

Check the diagram and list of components (right) to ensure that no components are missing from box. Contact your Fuelab distributor immediately for replacement.

#### **49501 Features and Performance Ratings:**

Inlet Port Size	19mm
Outlet Port Size	3/8" Nipple
Rated Flow Rate	43 GPH @ 2 PSI, 13.5V (160 LPH @ 0.15 Bar)
Maximum Pressure	5 PSI (0.35 Bar)
Operating Voltage	8-18 Volts



**WARNING!** This fuel pump has the intended purpose of scavenging fuel tanks or fuel cells. Use of pump to transfer fuel from saddle tank (non-main pump side) is not recommended, as pump may operate in dry condition for extended periods of time that can damage fuel pump.

#### **Before Installation, Plan Entire Fuel System:**

A complete design plan of entire fuel system must be created for the specific application. These instructions are a guide to help design this plan with respects to integrating this model of fuel pump only. Consult other sources of information and manufacturers instructions for the various components of the fuel system. These instructions are limited to general topics of fuel pump installation and may not include specific information pertaining to your specific application. These instructions are written assuming the use of direct replacement of vehicle's fuel pump for fuel transfer purposes only, or for use of scavenging fuel inside a fuel cell. Visit our company website ([www.fuelab.com](http://www.fuelab.com)) for specific details pertaining to example fuel systems and other solution ideas. Additional information including advanced troubleshooting, any special alerts and FAQ's pertaining to this and other products is also available. A good design plan for the fuel system must contain consideration for: Pressure and flow rate through various components, quality of components, operating environment (temperature, vibration, shock, general exposure to elements) and local area laws. Begin installation of fuel pump only after a complete plan is established to help avoid fuel system component failure, costly rework, and excessive installation time.

### Mounting Consideration Notes:

For fabricated fuel tanks or cells, mount fuel pump using band clamp around circumference of fuel pump to bracket affixed to the fuel tank. Allow small gap between straining filter and bottom of tank, avoiding compression against the filter that can restrict flow. Multiple 495xx Series fuel pumps may be installed within a fuel tank or cell to allow continuous scavenging of fuel.

### Plumbing Planning Notes:

This fuel pump is for internal use (In-Tank) or mounting only! This fuel pump may be used for custom or modified tank or reservoir uses. This fuel pump is sized and configured for OEM replacement of certain vehicles (go to fuelab.com for details). When used with E85 or high percentage Ethanol content fuel, consider replacement of OEM fuel lines with PTFE based fuel line for compatibility. Typical OEM fuel filters may not be compatible with Ethanol. Use provided fuel straining filter to provide adequate filtration for fuel pump. Do not use filter downstream of fuel pump, as pressure drop can cause loss of performance. Route fuel compatible hose from outlet of pump to feed into reservoir for the vehicle's main fuel pump. Excess fuel must be routed in return back to the fuel tank or cell via unrestricted return line, do not use relief valves or filters.

### Electrical Planning Notes:

Use #6 Ring Terminals to attach power leads to fuel pump. Use of wires using Teflon based insulation is highly recommended. Power wires that pass through fuel tank or fuel cell walls **MUST** be sealed to prevent leakage of liquid or gaseous fuel. Hermetically sealed bulkhead connectors, such as Fuelab Model 74101, are highly recommend to safely pass electrical power within a fuel tank or cell. Use of 14ga or 16ga wiring with an independent ground lead is also recommended. Use of an external fuse assembly rated for 3 Amperes is required. Fuel Pump may be powered through a switched system or powering from the vehicle's main fuel pump. This source may be activated by a toggle switch or main relay control line powered by original OEM fuel pump output circuit. Some forms of racing have specific rules regarding electrical switching of fuel pumps, including protective measures such as oil pressure switches that turn off pump in case engine stops running, as a safety feature. Consult appropriate racing guidelines, rules and regulations.

### Installation Steps:

1. Disconnect the ground terminal from battery and allow the vehicle's engine and exhaust system to cool. Relieve fuel system pressure per applicable service manual. Follow all Warnings, Cautions and Instructions written on previous pages of these instructions.
2. Drain or remove fuel from the fuel tank. If fuel tank requires removal for fuel tank replacement, be sure to drain or remove as much fuel as possible, to minimize weight and reduce possible spillage. Use for the fuel pump include removal of OEM fuel pump through removal a fuel pump hanger or mounting assembly from fuel tank. Remove pump mounting assembly from fuel tank, and inspect for damage, including the main tank seal or module. Typically, replacement parts for the mounting assembly are available through OEM dealers and auto parts stores or distributors. Inspect for cracking or broken components.
3. Typical fuel pump usage involves fabrication of the fuel tank or cell. Install fuel pump according to warnings and cautions contained herein, plumbing the fuel pump to fill designated reservoir for main vehicle fuel pump(s).
4. Use #6 Ring Terminals on fabricated wiring harness. Ensure proper polarity, and use crimp style butt connectors to splice wiring. Use of Solder is recommended as well for better connection if crimp is not proper. **WARNING:** This Fuelab Fuel Pump is rated for a 3A fused power. **USE ONLY** a fuse mounted externally to fuel tank. **DO NOT** use a fuse or breaker system inside the fuel tank or reservoir!
5. Inspect fuel system for any contact of fuel lines or wires with other components that can cause chafing or rubbing. Secure all components and fuel lines. Ensure that moving components of vehicle are clear.
6. Connect the vehicle's battery. Perform initial priming: The Fuel Pump may require priming during initial operation and for moment after depletion of fuel from fuel tank or cell. This action can be accomplished by removing fuel line from fuel rail (downstream of fuel pumps and filters), allowing the fuel line to empty fluid into fuel safe container. Operate fuel pump until fuel exits fuel line. Attach fuel line back to the fuel rail after priming fuel pump. After tightening connection, verify leak-free operation while checking fuel rail pressure. If fuel pressure is not high enough, repeat priming procedure to ensure that fuel pump is receiving fuel from tank. Turn on fuel pump (typically by bypassing fuel pump relay) without engine operating. ECU or engine management computer may be controlling the relay. The ECU may only operate pump for a few seconds each time ignition switch is set to on. The pump will have to operate several seconds (30+) to prime and drive air out of the fuel system. Reattach fuel rail line. Start fuel system and inspect for leaks. Inspect vehicle for any leaks. Turn off fuel system and repair any leaks that may be present before continuing.

### Fuel System Maintenance Notes:

Periodic inspection and general maintenance is required for longevity and reliability of the fuel system. This action directly affects the fuel pump's performance and reliability. Included with that are periodic inspection and/or filter element replacement. Straining Filters (upstream of pump) should be checked and cleaned at least every 50,000 miles (more often for off-road operating conditions). Replace or clean downstream filters (after pump) every year or 15,000 miles (more often for off-road operating conditions). Dirty fuel filters can block flow and adversely affect fuel system performance as well as can directly damage the fuel pump.

Special alert for E85 Users: **DO NOT** use cellulose (paper) based filter elements! Water can contaminate the fuel and break down the element, creating debris that can damage injectors and fuel pump.

### Troubleshooting Notes:

Problem (Symptom)	Possible Causes	Possible Solutions
Not operating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Faulty fuel pump relay.</li><li>Faulty, dirty or corroded electrical connections or improperly sized wire.</li><li>Debris from tank or plumbing lodged inside pump.</li></ul>	Check voltage to Fuel Pump, at power terminals. If voltage is steady and consistent (within 1/2 Volt of battery) then contact Fuelab for assistance or repair. If voltage is inconsistent as described, repair or replace electrical components as required.
Not building up fuel pressure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Incorrect fuel system initial priming procedure.</li><li>Improperly mounted fuel pump or low fuel level.</li></ul>	Repeat procedure for proper priming, check fuel level as well as fuel pump voltage. If condition continues, remove fuel module and check fuel pump mounting and fuel pump wiring.
Loss of fuel pressure or erratic pressure pulsation after several minutes of operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cavitation (vapor lock) due to overheating or restricted inlet.</li></ul>	Check temperature of return line right after failure. If return line is hot to touch (cannot leave hand on pump due to it being too hot, or above 120°F), then look for sources of heat such as exhaust or fuel rail mountings that could be conducting too much heat. If return line is not hot to the touch, check for inlet restrictions such as improperly vented tank or inspect module and straining filter. Contact Fuelab, as pump may be damaged due to improper operating condition for repair or consultation.

Please do not return this product to your retailer. If you experience any performance, reliability or problems during installation or use of this product, please contact Fuelab immediately!

For more tips, advice or troubleshooting please visit our website at [www.fuelab.com](http://www.fuelab.com), e-mail message to [info@fuelab.com](mailto:info@fuelab.com) or call our tech department at 800-541-2345 or 618-344-3300 between 8am and 5pm Central Standard Time.

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### 1. Limited Warranty.

Manufacturer warrants that the Products sold hereunder will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 2 Years from the date of purchase to the original purchaser. If the Products do not conform to this Limited Warranty during the warranty period (as herein above specified), Buyer shall notify Manufacturer in writing, or by phone, of the claimed defects and demonstrate to Manufacturer satisfaction that said defects are covered by this Limited Warranty. If the defects are properly reported to Manufacturer within the warranty period, and the defects are of such type and nature as to be covered by this warranty, Manufacturer shall, at its own expense, furnish replacement Products or, at Manufacturer's option, replacement parts for the defective Products. Removal of Products from vehicle (*Vehicle means any automotive, bike or marine transportation powered by an internal combustion engine. This product is **NOT** intended or designed for use on aircraft, experimental or otherwise.*), shipping to Manufacturer and installation of the replacement Products or replacement parts shall be at Buyer's expense.

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### 3. Exclusive Obligation.

THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE. The sole and exclusive obligation of Manufacturer shall be to repair or replace the defective Products in the manner and for the period provided above. Manufacturer shall not have any other obligation with respect to the Products or any part thereof, whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise. Under no circumstances, whether based on this Limited Warranty or otherwise, shall Manufacturer be liable for incidental, special, or consequential damages.

### 4. Other Statements.

Manufacturer's employees, representatives' and/or resellers ORAL OR OTHER WRITTEN STATEMENTS DO NOT CONSTITUTE WARRANTY, shall not be relied upon by Buyer, and are not a part of the contract for sale or this limited warranty.

### 5. Entire Obligation.

This Limited Warranty states the entire obligation of Manufacturer with respect to the Products. If any part of this Limited Warranty is determined to be void or illegal, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

### 6. Warranty Service

**What Does This Warranty Not Cover?** Any problem that is caused by abuse, misuse, or an act of God (such as a flood) is not covered. Also, consequential and incidental damages are not recoverable under this warranty. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

**How Do You Get Service?** In order to be eligible for service under this warranty you **MUST** return the Warranty Registration card, or register on-line at [www.fuelab.com/warranty-registration](http://www.fuelab.com/warranty-registration) within 30 days of purchasing the Product.

If something goes wrong with your product contact FUELAB at 618-344-3300, or send an e-mail to: [info@fuelab.com](mailto:info@fuelab.com) for a Return Authorization Number (RMA). After receiving your RMA send it postage paid, fully insured, with a brief written description of the problem to:

FUELAB Warranty Department, 1605 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 125, Collinsville, IL 62234

We will inspect your Product and contact you within 72 hours of receipt to give the results of our inspection and an estimate of the labor and/or parts charges required to fix the Product, if applicable. If covered under this limited warranty Manufacturer will repair Product and return it to you at no cost. If the Product is NOT covered under this warranty and if you authorize repairs, we will return the repaired Product to you COD, or prepaid via credit card, within 72 hours. There is no charge for inspection. If return product is found to be free of defects a \$25.00 shipping and handling charge will be applied. We will return the repaired Product to you COD, or prepaid via credit card, within 72 hours.