Many vehicles, primarily those that were originally equipped with breaker points, have resistance wiring or a ballast resistor in the coil positive (+) wiring. This reduces the voltage at the coil positive terminal. An MSD Ready-to-Run Distributor requires a solid 12 volts to perform at its full potential. By adding a Relay, PN 8961, you can ensure that the distributor receives a full 12 volts during cranking and while running. The diagram below shows the installation.