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START HERE!

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION!

This wiring kit is designed for ease of installation. Please read the guidelines below, BEFORE STARTING your installation to guarantee a successful job. Use an appropriate crimping tool which folds the wings of the open barrell terminals down into the wire as shown below. ALL TERMINALS THAT YOU INSTALL SHOULD BE PROPERLY SOLDERED. Our factory crimped terminations are installed by GM approved five ton presses, and soldering these terminations is not necessary. AAW offers a great terminal crimping video entitled "Proper Crimping Video". It can be viewed by visting YouTube. Type the following address into your web browser to go directly to the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u_EkMsioMy.



AS THIS HARNESS IS DESIGNED FOR USE IN A MODIFIED TRUCK REQUIRING A HIGHER RATE OF CHARGE, IT DOES NOT SUPPORT THE USE OF A STOCK (ORIGINAL) ALTERATOR OR GENERATOR. IT IS DESIGNED FOR USE WITH AN INTERNALLY REGULATED GM "SI" STYLE OR SINGLE WIRE STYLE ALTERNATOR. ADAPTERS (WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS KIT) THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM SEVERAL SOURCES WILL BE NECESSARY TO USE ANY ALTERNATOR OTHER THAN A 1 WIRE UNIT.

STEP 1: DISCONNECT YOUR BATTERY:

Disconnect the battery before installing the wiring kit to prevent any accidental shorting caused by loose bare wire ends.

STEP 2: START INSTALLING KIT:

This kit is broken down into individual steps that are identified by a letter printed on the instruction sheets visible through each bag. These letters are the order of operation for installaing your kit. Start with bag letter G, then M, etc. The order of installation is shown below. Use this main instruction sheet, 92969976, to complete the installation process.

- G 510305 Dash Harness Kit
- H 510307 Gauge Cluster Kit
- M 510263 Rear Body Kit N 510306 Headlight Bucket Kit

STEP 3: RECONNECT YOUR BATTERY:

When you have completed the installation and are ready to reconnect the battery, make sure that the following electrical system grounds are in place:

- Battery is grounded to the ENGINE BLOCK.
- Battery is grounded to the frame.
- Engine block is grounded to the frame.
- D. Body is grounded to the frame.

STEP 4: CHECK ALL ELECTRICAL FUNCTIONS:

Any non-functioning items should be checked for proper installation. Any problems with your wiring and electrical circuit functions should be addressed to American Autowire Systems, Inc. as soon as possible to avoid any warranty problems.

If you have any questions concerning this or any of our products, please feel free to call us at 1-856-933-0801.

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p/n 500649 OEM small terminal crimping tool (18-14 gauge)



p/n 500802 Ford Gen III Alternator Adapter



p/n 500523 OEM large terminal crimping tool (12-8 gauge)



p/n R0067108 OEM style non-stick harness tape





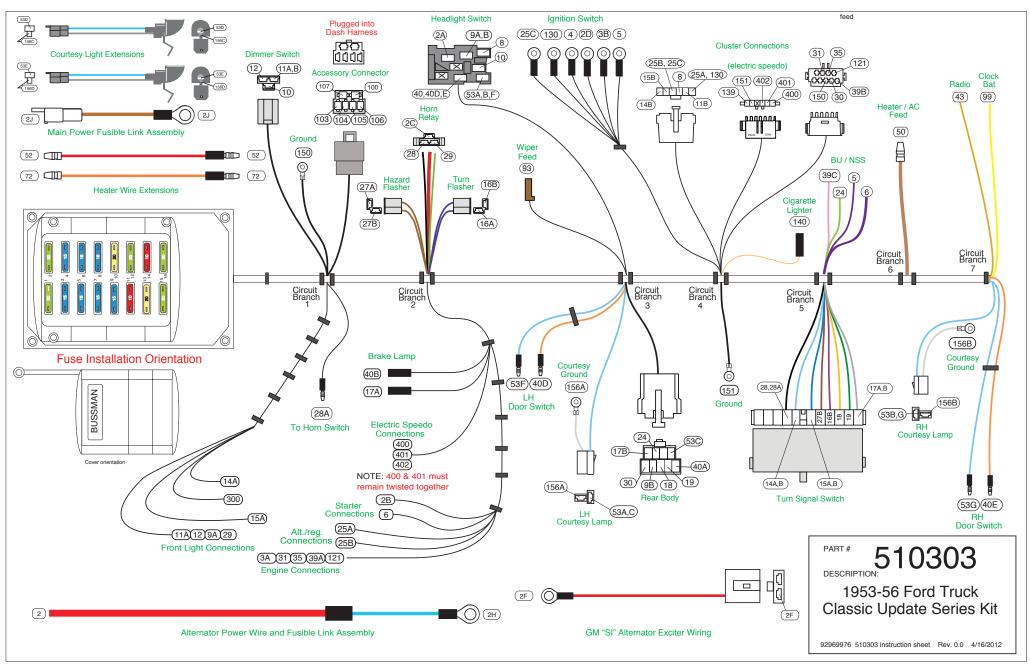
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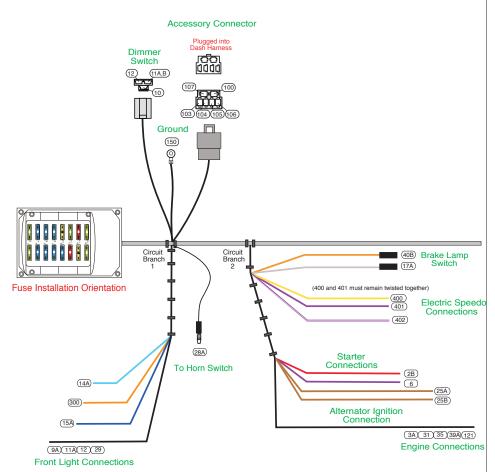


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Main Fuse Panel Installation Instructions

The Main Fuse Panel harness is designed to be mounted under the dash on the firewall in an area close to the steering column. See page 8 for a photo of the fuse panel as installed in our test truck. The enclosed representation of the main dash harness shows each circuit branch and identifies each connection by its color and function. Follow this drawing and detail drawings on pages 7, 8, 9, and 10 for the individual circuit connections.

	Branch 1 - Fror Wire color	nt Lighting connections Printing	See page 9, "Figure A" for typical connections. For loose piece terminals and connectors, see kit # 510312. <u>Procedure</u>		
	Dark Green	Horn	Connect to the horn power terminal. NOTE: If your horn has a separate ground terminal, you must supply the wire for this ground terminal as it is not included in the kit.		
4A	Light Blue	Left Front Turn	Connect to the left front directional lamp socket. If you are using a single front directional light with an 1157 or dual filament bulb, this wire would be connected to the high intensity filament of the LH front parking light.		
	Dark Blue	Right Front Turn	Connect to the right front directional lamp socket. If you are using a single front directional light with an 1157 or dual filament bulb, this wire would be connected to the high intensity filament of the RH front parking light.		
	Orange Brown	Electric Fan Park Lights	This is the 12 volt ignition feed to be connected to the trigger wire on your electric fan relay. Connect to both the front park / running light sockets. If you are using a single front directional light with an 1157 or dual filament bulb, this wire would be connected to the low intensity filament of each of the front running lights. An in-line splice of this wire or a double up of this wire at the left front parking lamp will be necessary to accommodate		
	Light Green Tan	Headlight-Hi Beam Headlight-Low Beam	the wiring of both of the front parking lights. Select the light green Headlight Hi Beam wire (11A) and tan Headlight Low Beam wire (12). Route and connect these wires to the headlights. An in-line splice of these wires or a double up of these wires at the left front headlight then over to the right front headlight will be necessary to accommodate wiring of both of the headlights. Using the supplied terminals and connectors in kit 510265, connect these wires into the headlight ground wire and connector assemblies "A" found on pages 1 and 9. Specific connection and orientation for this process can be found in the diagram on page 9, Figure A.		
8A	Black	Horn Ground	This wire plugs into the stock horn ground wire coming out the bottom of a stock 1953-1956 Ford column. If you are using a later or aftermarket steering column such as Ididit, this wire will not be used, and the terminal should be cut off or insulated and taped back so it does not reach ground. If it were inadverantly grounded, your horn would blow		
	Branch 1 - Und r Switch	erdash Connections	continuously.		
0	yellow	Dimmer Switch Feed	12v Feed from H/L switch		
	Light Green	Headlight Hi Beam	Switched 12v from dimmer to high beam lamps		
	Tan ory Wire Conn	Headlight Low Beam ector	Switched 12v from dimmer to low beam lamps Use the provided connector J and terminals as power leads for the following: Fuse Rating		
	Tan	Fuel Pump	FUEL 20 amp Fused 12 volt IGNITION feed for fuel pump (or another fused ignition circuit)		
	Orange	Power Seats	PWRSEATS 30 amp Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed for power seats (or another fused battery circuit)		
	Red	Power Locks	PWR LOCKS 15 amp Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed for power door locks (or another fused battery circuit)		
	Red	CB Radio	CB 15 amp Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed for cruise control (or another fused battery circuit)		
	Pink Orange	Power Window Spare Battery	PWRWDO 30 amp Fused 12 volt ACCESSORY feed for power windows (or another fused accessory circuit) BAT SPARE 30 amp Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed (for any application)		
iround		Spare Dattery	Attach this wire to a good known chassis ground. (Note: Do not attach this wire with the 151 wire on page 4)		
	Black	Ground	Chassis ground for instrument cluster connections.		
Circuit F	Branch 2 - Eng	ine and Alt. connections	See page 10, "Figures C and D" for typical connections. For loose piece terminals and connectors, see kit # 510312.		
Vire #	Wire color Purple	Printing Starter Solenoid-S	<u>Procedure</u> Connect the end that comes out with the heavy red power wire to the "S" terminal on your starter solenoid. (See		
2	Red	12 V Battery	Figure D) Route this wire to your starter solenoid and connect the ring terminal end with the blue fusible link to the battery terminal on the starter solenoid. Route the other end to the alternator battery stud, install sleeve "C" followed by terminal "D" and attach this completed assembly to the battery terminal of the alternator. (See Figure D)		
2H	Light Blue	Fusible Link	See the connection instructions under wire 2.		
2B	Red	12 V Battery	Route this wire to your starter solenoid. Cut to length, install terminal "K", plug into connector "E" as shown on this page. As shown on page 10, Figure D, plug connector "E" into the connector on the loose piece fusible link wire 2J, then attach the ring terminal on this assembly to the battery terminal on your starter solenoid. (Parts in 510265 kit)		
	Brown	Fusible Link	See the connection instructions under wire 2B and on page 10, figure D.		
		are using a one wire alternat	tor, neither the 25A nor the 25B wires will be used, so tape these wires back to the trunk of the harness.		
	Brown Brown	Alternator Ign	This wire is the exciter wire for your GM "SI" alternator / voltage regulator and it has a 10 ohm resistance on it. This wire is the exciter wire for your Ford alternator / voltage regulator. It DOES NOT have any resistance on it as many of the Ford regulators already have an internal resistor. If the Ford or other alternator / regulator that you are using needs a resistor in-line on the feed wire, you will have to supply it per the specs of that alternator (AAW		
ВА	Pink	Ignition Feed - coil	recommends a GEN 3 Internally Regulated [AAW p/n 500802 available separately] or 1 wire unit). This is your 12 volt switched power source for the distributor. This can be connected directly to the "bat" terminal on a typical HEI distributor, to a ballast resistor as in a points type distributor, or be used as the ignition power source for an aftermarket ignition module such as an MSD or "Duraspark" module. See the installation instructions for the type of distributor you are using for specific connection requirements (See page 10 for some examples).		
	Dark Blue	Oil Pressure Sender	Connect to the oil pressure sender.		
5	Dark Green	Water Temp Sender	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender.		
5 9A	Dark Green Tan	Water Temp Sender Electric Choke	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender. On carbureted cars, connect to the electric choke terminal.		
85 89A	Dark Green	Water Temp Sender	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender. On carbureted cars, connect to the electric choke terminal. This can be connected directly to the tach terminal on a typical HEI distributor, to the negative side of the coil, or a tach connection in an aftermarket ignition module such as an MSD module. See the installation instructions for the type of ignition system you are using for specific connection requirements.		
35 39A 121	Dark Green Tan	Water Temp Sender Electric Choke	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender. On carbureted cars, connect to the electric choke terminal. This can be connected directly to the tach terminal on a typical HEI distributor, to the negative side of the coil, or a tach connection in an aftermarket ignition module such as an MSD module. See the installation instructions for the type of ignition system you are using for specific connection requirements. (Wires 400 and 401 must remain twisted together)		
35 39A 121 400 401 402	Dark Green Tan White Yellow Purple Purple/White	Water Temp Sender Electric Choke Coil - Tach VSS Ground VSS Signal VSS Power	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender. On carbureted cars, connect to the electric choke terminal. This can be connected directly to the tach terminal on a typical HEI distributor, to the negative side of the coil, or a tach connection in an aftermarket ignition module such as an MSD module. See the installation instructions for the type of ignition system you are using for specific connection requirements.		
35 39A 121 400 401 402 Brake S	Dark Green Tan White Yellow Purple	Water Temp Sender Electric Choke Coil - Tach VSS Ground VSS Signal VSS Power	Connect to the oil pressure sender. Connect to the temperature sender. On carbureted cars, connect to the electric choke terminal. This can be connected directly to the tach terminal on a typical HEI distributor, to the negative side of the coil, or a tach connection in an aftermarket ignition module such as an MSD module. See the installation instructions for the type of ignition system you are using for specific connection requirements. (Wires 400 and 401 must remain twisted together) Connect to the Vehicle Speed Sensor ground lead (see page 5 for typical connection). Connect to the Vehicle Speed Sensor signal lead (see page 5 for typical connection).		

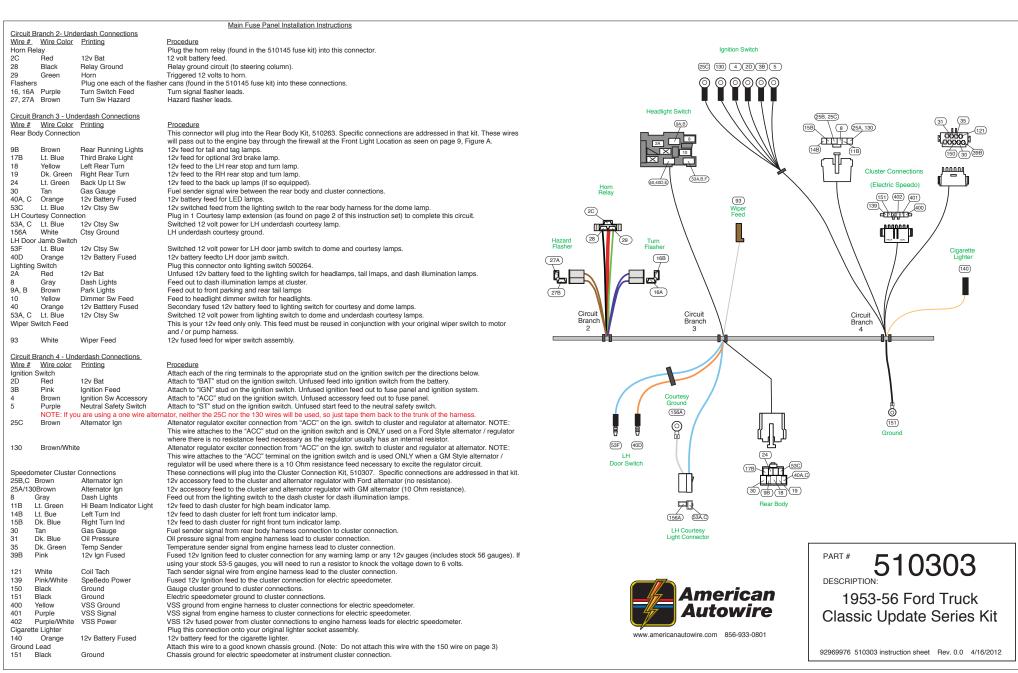


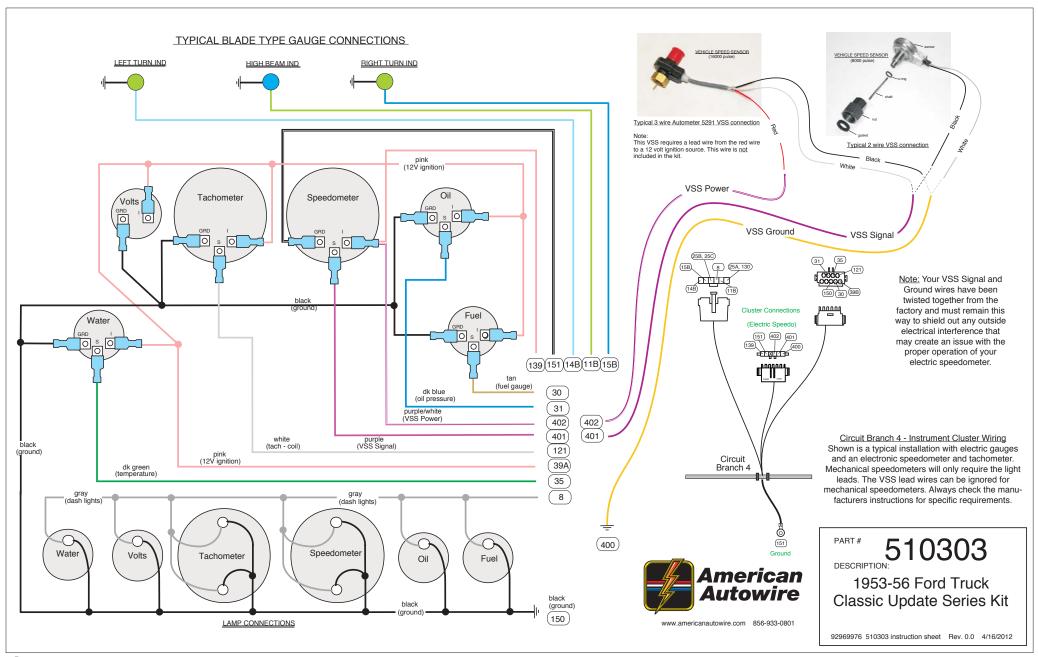


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Main Fuse Panel Installation Instructions

Circuit Branch 5 - Underdash Connections Wire # Wire Color Printing

Back Up and Neutral Safety Switch Connections Back Up Lt Sw Lt. Green 39C Pink 12v Ian Fused Neutral Safety Sw Purple

Starter Solenoid

Left Front Turn

Third Brake Lt.

Left Rear Turn

Right Rear Turn

Turn Sw Hazard

Heater AC Feed

Horn Relay Ground

Brake Sw

Right Front Turn

Turn Switch Feed

Procedure

A typical connection for your neutral safety and back up switch can be found on page 10, "Figure E".

Switched feed from back up lamp switch to rear body connection.

12v ignition feed to back up lamp switch.

12v feed from solenoid post on the ignition switch to neutral safety switch.

12v starter solenoid feed out to engine connections from neutral safety switch.

Purple Turn Signal Switch Connection

14A, B Lt. Blue

Dk. Blue

Purple

White

Lt. Blue

Yellow

Brown

28, 28A Black

Heat and A/C Feed

Brown

Dk. Green

15A, B

16B

17A

17B

19

27B

Plug into steering column turn signal connection. If you are using a stock '56 Ford steering column on your vehicle, refer to "Table A - AAW turn signal wires to stock turn signal switch wires" on page 8 for proper mating directions. We have also addressed the the use of the aftermarket clamp on style turn signal switch assemblies on page 8 as well. This kit is designed to function with a GM style turn signal switch. Our connector mates to a 3 7/8 inch long plug used on 1969-1974 GM, IDIDIT, many other aftermarket steering columns. Starting from 1975 on up, the GM switch changed and began using a 4 1/4 inch connector. That connector is from the same family and uses the same terminals. By using the supplied mating connector and terminals located in the loose piece kit bag of this dash harness (510305), it is easy to adapt any steering column to the kit. The function of the wires are as follows:

LH front turn signal feed out to front light and dash cluster connections. RH front turn signal feed out to front light and dash cluster connections. Turn signal 12v feed into column from flasher.

12v input from brake switch to turn switch for rear brake lights.

12v feed for third brake light to rear body connector. LH rear turn signal feed out to rear body connection. RH rear turn signal feed out to rear body connection. Hazard switch 12v feed into column from flasher.

Switched 12 volt power for RH underdash courtesy lamp.

Steering column horn ground to horn relay.

Circuit Branch 6 - Underdash Connections

Wire # Wire Color Printing

Procedure

Note: We have provided you with loose piece wire assemblies as seen on page 2 that will connect from your stock heater switch to your stock blower motor. Detailed installation directions for these connections (wires 52 and 72)

can be found on page 9, "Figure B".

RH underdash courtesy ground.

This wire will plug onto your stock heater switch or can be used as the "on/off" power source for aftermarket A/C

Plug in 1 Courtesy lamp extension (as found on page 2 of this instruction set) to complete this circuit.

12v switched feed for "on/off" power to your stock heater switch or aftermarket heat and A/C..

Circuit Branch 7 - Underdash Connections Wire # Wire Color Printing RH Courtesy Connection

Lt. Blue 12v Ctsy Sw 156B White Ctsy Ground RH Door Jamb Switch

53G Lt. Blue 12v Ctsy Sw

Orange 12v Battery Fused

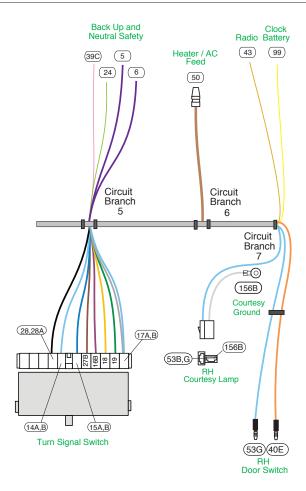
Badio/ Clock Connections

Radio Tan 99 Yellow Clock Battery 12v fused accessory feed for radio "on/off" power.

12v battery feedto RH door jamb switch.

12v fused battery feed for radio clock and memory or dash clock assembly.

Switched 12 volt power for RH door jamb switch to dome and courtesy lamps.





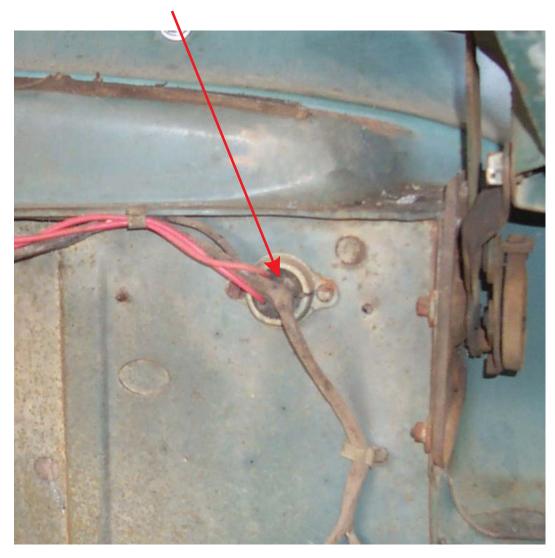
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Stock Firewall Harness Pass Thru Grommet

As Viewed From Under the Hood



NOTE: On this page, you will find a photograph of the stock firewall of our test vehicle. We have provided you with a new reproduction firewall pass thru grommet, but not the retainer. There are many different styles (raw stamped, plated, billet, etc.) of the retainer, so we have left that option to the builder's taste. The grommet has 1 large pierced hole and 2 smaller holes that are not pierced. Your new harness has been designed so that the forward lamp and engine wiring will pass thru this area. If you opt to route all your wires thru this grommet, you will need to open these holes up more as there are many new wires in your new harness system. There is also sufficient length on the new harness for custom routing if you have closed this stock hole up and wish to route the wires out into the engine compartment in a different manner. See pages 9 and 10 for the specific connection and routing instructions of all your forward lamp, heater, and engine wiring.



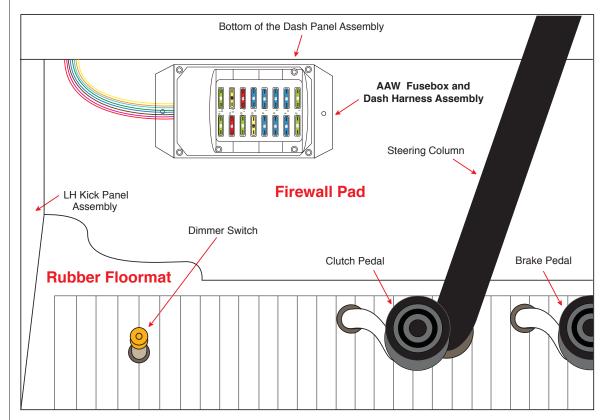
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FUSEBOX MOUNTING LOCATION UNDER DASH TO LEFT OF STEERING COLUMN



NOTE: The installation and placement of the new fusebox is not extremely critical for this application. On this page, you will find a drawing of the completed fusebox and dash harness assembly as it would install in your vehicle. The harness is long enough that you just need to mount the fusebox as the drawing depicts. As long as the fusebox assembly is installed in the general area as shown, the harness will install fine. Once the fusebox has been attached to the firewall of the truck, the harness routes up into the upper LH corner of the underdash area, then continues on over top and behind the dash cluster assembly. Please take time to keep it away from any moving items such as the wiper motor linkage and the pedals if you're are using a hanging pedal set. We have provided 2 attaching screws for you to affix the fusebox to the firewall. They can be found in the 510312 loose piece dash kit.

"Table A" AAW Turn Signal Switch wires to stock "in-column" 1956 Ford Truck turn signal switch.

AAW Wire #	AAW Wire color	AAW Wire Printing	Ford Wire Color
14A,B 15A,B 16B 17A,B 18 19 27B 28, 28A	Light Blue Dark Blue Purple White & Blue Yellow Dark Green Brown Black	Left Front Turn Right Front Turn Turn Switch Feed Brake Switch Left Rear Turn Right Rear Turn Turn Sw - Hazard Horn Relay Ground	Green with White Stripe White with Blue Stripe Blue Red Yellow Dark Green Not applicable Not applicable

NOTE: The stock 1953-55 Ford turn signal switch only switched 2 wires, not 4 as a modern system does. These switches are not available in reproduction, so in this instance, we will not address the stock 1953-55 turn signal switch. There are also many "over the counter" add on turn signal kits available from manufacturers such as Yankee and Foxton. If you are using one of those kits, simply use "Table A" above as a guide as to what wire serves which function on the AAW kit and then mate each wire from the AAW kit to the cooresponding wire on your turn signal switch based on the function of each of those wires. For example, on the Foxton unit, the RH rear wire is a black wire which would get mated to our dark green RH rear turn wire. The LH rear turn on the Foxton unit is a dark blue wire which would get mated to our yelow LH rear turn wire, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: Our system is designed to use the stock individual LH and RH turn signal indicators in your dash cluster. It is suggested that you mate the "flasher input" signal wire on your add on unit to our purple wire. DO NOT use the flasher and pilot light unit along with the 3 pronged flasher that several of these units include. If you feel that you must use the flasher and pilot assembly assembly on your turn signal unit, you will have to mate that source wire to a separate ignition source such as the 100 wire found on page 3, branch 1, of this instruction set, 92969796. In that instance, our brown and purple wires from "Table A" above will not be used.

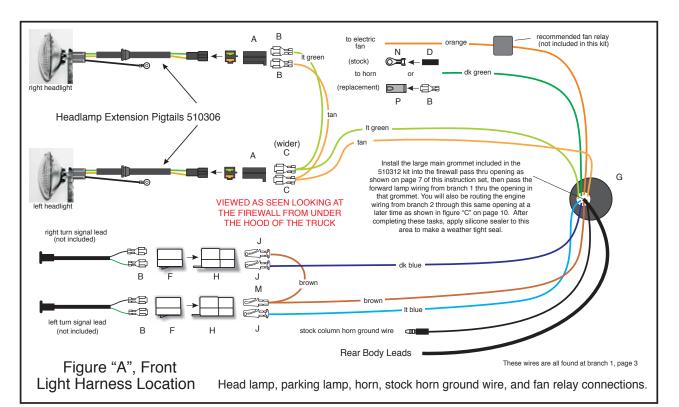


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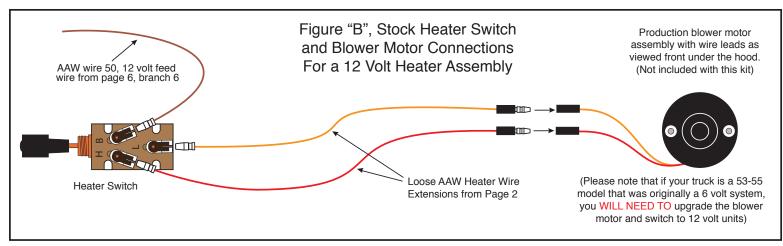
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NOTE: The terminals and connectors listed on this page and denoted with **UPPER CASE LETTERS** to help you complete the various connections to your lamps, horns, switches, etc. can be found in your loose piece clamp, grommet, and parts kit, P/N 510312.

The identifications, colors, and functions for all of the wires listed in "Figures A and B" on this page can be found on pages 2, 3, and 6, branch 1 or branch 6 of this main instruction set (92969976). AAW suggests and recommends using pages 2, 3, 6, and 9 to complete the installation of the foward lamp and heater connections.

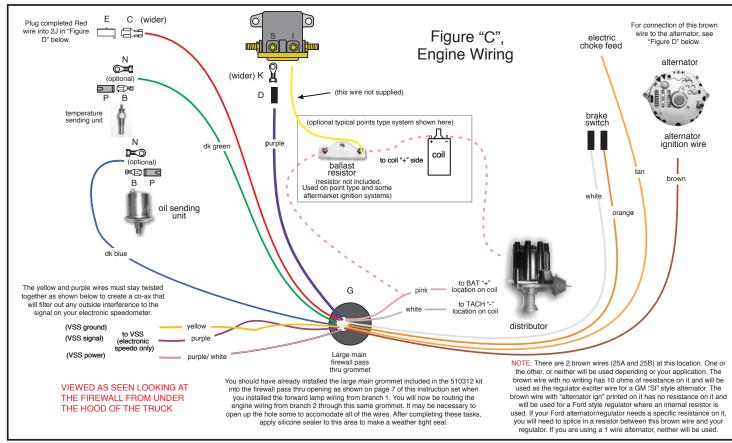
This AAW kit is engineered to work with most aftermarket manufacturer's heating and air conditioning systems. As such, we have provided a keyed 12-volt feed to use as the "OFF / ON" (AAW brown 50 wire) power source for whatever system you choose to purchase. The manufacturer will supply you with a harness for their system and instructions on how to connect it. In the event you are utilizing a stock heater system in your truck, we have also provided wires that will run from your heater switch to your heater motor. See "Figure B" below for complete installation instructions.





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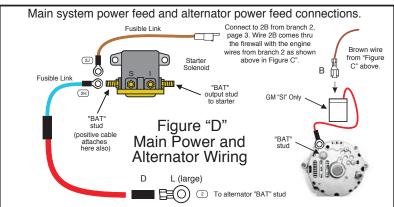
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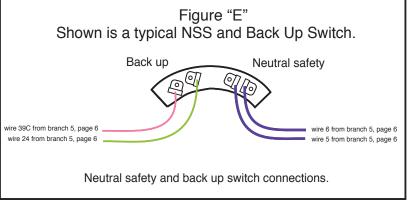


NOTE: The terminals and connectors listed on this page and denoted with **UPPER CASE LETTERS** to help you complete the various connections to your ignition, temp and oil senders, electric choke, starter solenoid, alternator regulator, etc. can be found in your loose piece clamp, grommet, and parts kit, P/N 510312. No terminals have been provided for the neutral safety or back up connections.

The identifications, colors, and functions for all of the wires listed in "Figures C, D, and E" on this page can be found on page 3, branch 2 and page 6, branch 5 of this main instruction set (92969976). AAW suggests and recommends using pages 3,6, and 10 to complete the installation of the engine, main power feed, NSS/back up, brake switch, and alternator connections.

AAW kits are all engineered to be used in conjunction with a high output, later model internally regulated, or one wire alternator. We do not suggest or support the use of a stock low amperage generator or alternator as they do not supply sufficient current to recharge the battery in a highly modified truck such as this kit was designed for. AAW suggests Ford Gen III (AAW p/n 500802), GM "SI", or 1 wire type alternators as good choices to use. Adpaters to complete the connection to these style alternators may be purchased separately if needed. Contact AAW for your needs.







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