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**NEW VINTAGE INSTRUMENT AND GAUGE KIT
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



TRI-FIVE CHEVY CLUSTERS

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Read these instructions completely.

Plan out your wiring scheme ahead of time. Use the included wiring diagrams to help guide your wire routing

Use 14 ga. wire on all connections to sending units.

Use electrical solder and heat shrink tubing or appropriate solder less connectors to make all wiring connections

Disconnect the vehicle's battery

Do not use thread sealer on the sending units, they have a tapered thread

Have a plan. Mock up parts or layout as needed. It takes a little more time, but will save time and money in the end.

Recommended Tools and Materials Needed for Installation

Silicone sealer/adhesive

14 and 16 ga. stranded wire

Spade or Bullet connectors

Momentary push-button

Pressure sender for hour meter

Electrical solder (optional)

Heat shrink tubing (optional)

Soldering iron (optional)

Measuring tape or ruler

Engine adaptors for senders

Wire cutters

Wire stripper/crimper

Files

Various hand tools:

wrenches, screwdriver, etc

Wiring the gauges:

Run the power wiring from the gauges to an appropriate positive (+) on the fuse block after the battery. This applies to the switched 12V+ and gauge lighting

Connect the ground to a good dedicated ground on the chassis

Run each wire to the appropriate sender and use the proper connector for each item (eyelet, spade, etc.) from the sender to the dash. Leave some extra slack in the wire and label it.

Ensure that wires will not chafe on holes by using grommets and that they will clear any moving objects.

Once wires are run from the appropriate sender location to the gauges location, connect to the corresponding wire on the Packard connector with solder and heat shrink tubing or a solder less connector.

Sender installation

You must use senders with the proper ohm match for your gauge, using mis-matched senders will result in improper readings on your gauge.

Water temperature 29.5-450ohm

The water temperature sender has a 1/8 NPT end. It should be installed close to the thermostat on the intake manifold. There are usually ports for temperature on the block in the water jackets, which can be used as well.

Oil pressure. 240-33ohm

The sender has a 1/8 NPT end on it. Check for your factory location for a pressure port and install.

Fuel level

This kit has several fuel level options, check your application for proper match before installing.

0-30 Original 55-59 Chevy style

240-33: universal with sender

0-90 GM match Early 60s-late 80s

Voltmeter

The voltmeter does not use a sender but picks up the voltage from the wiring harness (see wiring diagram)

PREPEARATION

This cluster kit is designed to replace the original equipment unit and give you years of trouble free service. This is not a direct plug-and play replacement as the new unit has various features that the original vehicle never intended; therefore it is important to take your time and wire according to instructions. There will be 10-14 connections required on your vehicle. Many are simple to find, others may require some additional research or testing. If you have access to a wiring diagram for your vehicle, that will aid greatly. This cluster is fully compatible with all original equipment and aftermarket wiring harnesses.

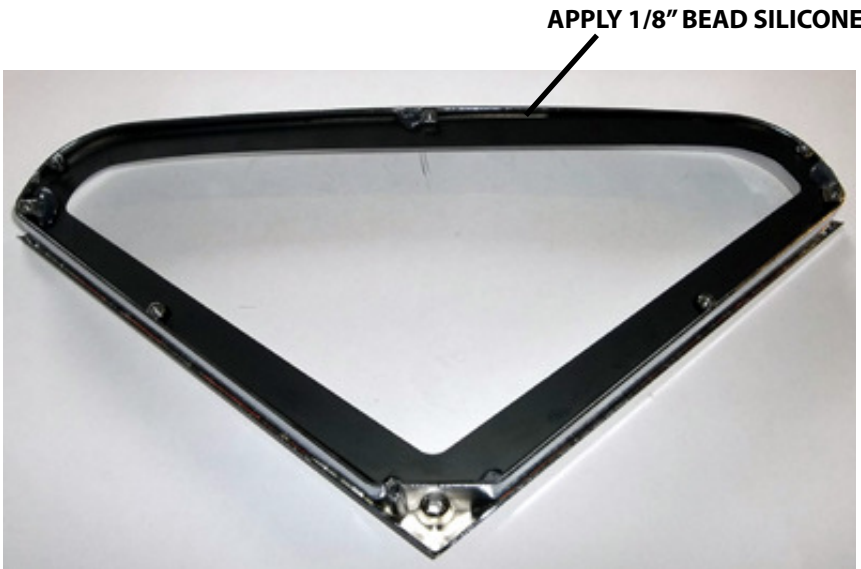
CLUSTER REMOVAL:

ALL YEARS: Disconnect battery ground cable, steering wheel removal is not required but will help. Remove original gauge cluster from dash. Remove all wiring, cables, etc. If re-using original wiring, label wires to aid in assembly later. Remove bezel/cluster assembly and place on a clean work surface. If original bezel is to be re-used, remove all components: Gauges, lenses, gaskets, etc. Clean/finish original parts as needed.

ASSEMBLY:

55-56 CHEVY CAR, 55-59 TRUCK:

Place bezel front side down on work surface. Remove protective film from new lens and place in bezel printed side up (toward cluster). Use a 1/8" bead of silicone in 1/2" segments to hold in place. Allow to dry recommended amount of time.



55 CHEVROLET TRUCK BEZEL SHOWN CAR SIMILAR

Place cluster assembly on back of bezel with lens installed. Secure using included hardware.



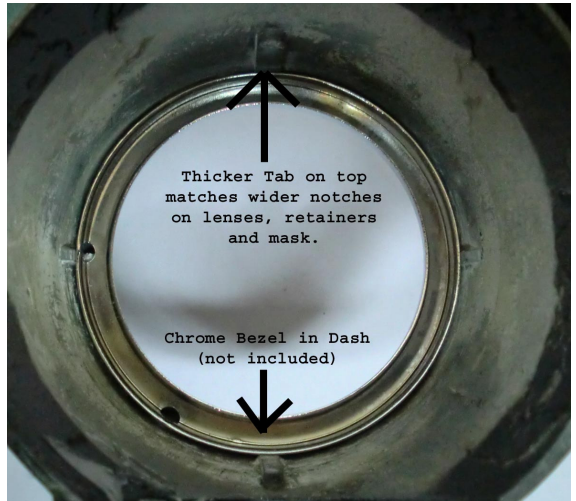
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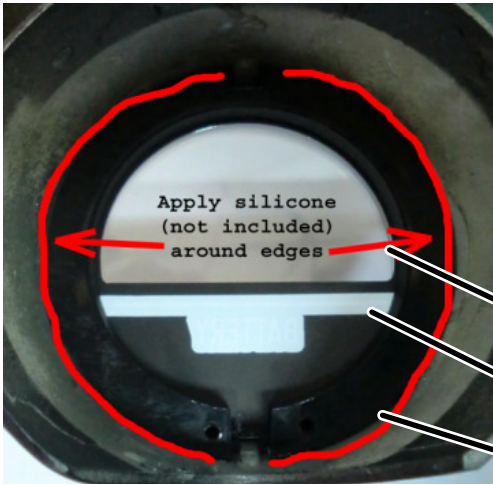
Install lenses/bezels/light masks.



TOP: Parts required for lens installation.

RIGHT: Pre-install lens, retain original trim.





Remove protective film from lenses and mask. Mask is the printed light blocker with function call outs (battery, Gasoline) Install lens, mask and retainer as shown. Retainer is a compression fit. Apply silicone dabs as needed to secure long term. Allow silicone to set up.

LENS

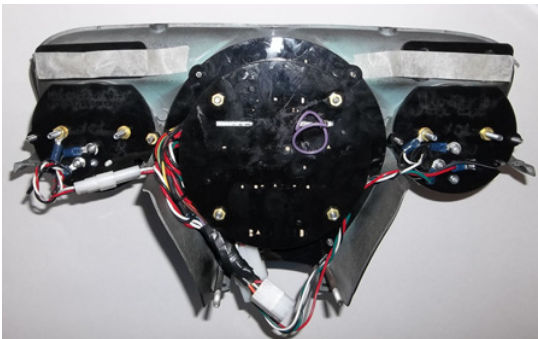
MASK

RETAINER



Center Lens installation

Retain original trim. Remove protective film from lens, place in original housing as shown. Insert retainer/light mask and secure with provided hardware (4 ea #6 screws and washers)



Place cluster assemblies into original housing, make sure to place volt and fuel gauge components into the housings marked for those functions. Plug outer gauges into 4-pin plugs. Match colors for proper installation. Each plug has a red, black and white wire. Only the fuel gauge has a green wire, use the plug from the main cluster for the fuel gauge. Fasten cluster assemblies to housing using original or included hardware.

TACHOMETER OPERATION

Your tachometer is designed using the latest technology for years of trouble free, accurate service. Review the wiring diagram for proper operation and cylinder selection.

CYLINDER SELECTION

Cylinder Selection is accomplished by moving the jumper wire on the back of the cluster. See wiring diagram for cylinder selection jumper location. This cluster is pre-set to 8 cylinder at the factory.

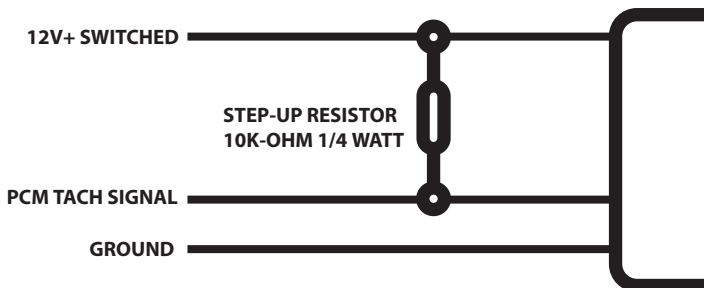
TACHOMETER SIGNAL

This tachometer will function from any pulsed input from any signal source. General connections are as follows:

Standard ignition systems: Connect input to negative (-) side of the coil

CDI or ignition boxes: Connect to the tach output on box or follow manufacturer's instructions.

PCM/ECU/Computer: Connect to tach signal output on box. On some outputs a very low output is used, a step-up resistor may be required see diagram below.



LIGHTING AND INDICATOR LAMPS

All Tri-Five clusters utilize LED lights for maximum brightness in the smallest package size. The lighting system is designed to operate on 12 V and no modifications are required. The LEDs are not dimmable using a standard rheostat. Use of an LED dimmer may be used or inline resistors.

All turn signals, high beam and warning lamps are LEDs triggered and designed to operate on 12V + signal. In the event that any of them require a ground signal a relay may be used.

SPEEDOMETER OPERATION

Your new speedometer features the latest in technology and advanced features for reliable operation, long service life and ease of installation. Read the entire operations manual before starting.

SPEEDOMETER SIGNAL:

This speedometer will function from any pulsed signal or waveform signal. This includes aftermarket speed senders, pulse generators, VSS, or any original equipment speed sender installed in the OE transmission. GPS speed senders will also operate the speedometer properly.

SPEEDOMETER SUPPLEMENTAL

Please review advanced speedometer functions in the back of this manual for further information on the speedometer.

SETTING THE SPEEDOMETER


Typically the speedometer is set using a drive a mile to calibrate function. Setting via drive a mile is as follows:

Calibrate (Drive A Mile)

Use the Drive A Mile function to calibrate the Speedometer. With the vehicle stopped and engine off, press the remote button while starting the engine. The display will show the SETUP menu after the self test is performed.

A rectangular digital display showing the word "SETUP" in a seven-segment font.

A short press of the remote button will cycle display. Press again until the display shows the Drive a Mile calibration screen.

A rectangular digital display showing the text "CALdAnn" in a seven-segment font.

A long push of the remote button will make the Speedometer go into the calibration mode. The screen will change and a group of numbers will be displayed and will flash. These numbers represent the current pulses per mile and will change after calibration.

A rectangular digital display showing the number "10000" in a seven-segment font.

Press the remote button and the screen will change to the starting position.

A rectangular digital display showing the number "00" in a seven-segment font.

Drive a mile. Stop the vehicle. Press the remote button again. Restart engine. The Speedometer is calibrated.

The Speedometer has two modes “NORMAL” and “SETUP”. “NORMAL” operation has two functions, “Trip” and “Odometer”. The “trIP” mode is initially set. To switch between them, momentarily press the external button.

Trip “trIP”



Odometer “OdO”



In the Odometer mode the displayed mileage is in miles.



In Trip mode the displayed mileage is in tenths.



Reset the Trip Odometer

Hold the button down while the display is in “TRIP” mode,



the display will show “rESEt”



and will then show the trip mileage flashing.

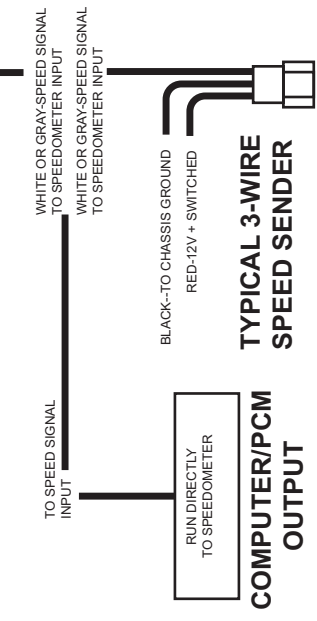
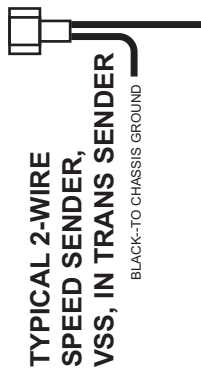
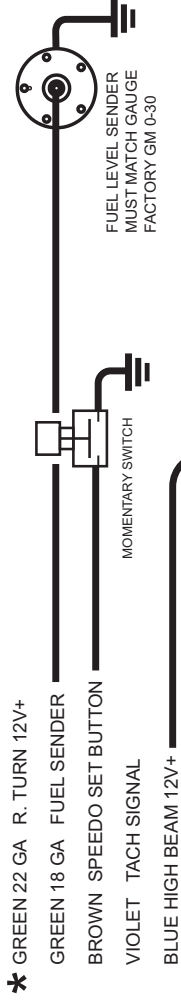
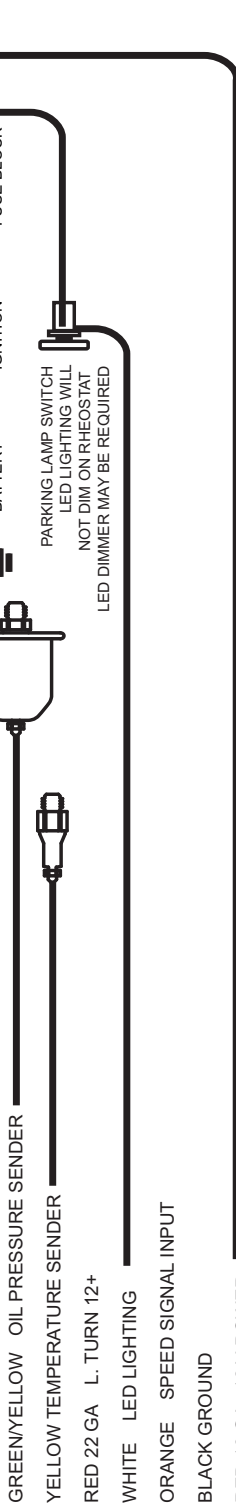


A short button push will reset the trip mileage to zero, and a long push will return to the “ODO” mode with no change. After the trip is cleared, a long push will return to “ODO” mode.



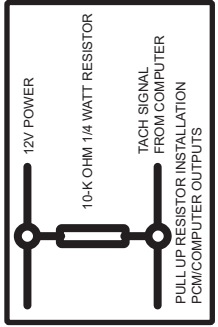
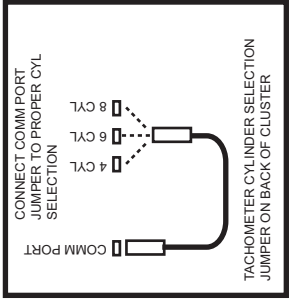
WIRING DIAGRAM -ALL TRI-FIVE KITS

12-PIN CONNECTOR



* SEPARATE WIRE:
GRAY RED WARNING LAMP (OPTIONAL) 12V+

COIL SIGNAL (-) SIDE OF COIL OR SIMILAR ECU OUTPUT 5V SQUARE WAVE SIGNAL
 CDI BOX TACH OUTPUT
 COMPUTER/PCM OUTPUT:
 USE A PULL UP RESISTOR TO AMPLIFY SIGNAL SEE BELOW:



* NOT USED ON 57 CLUSTER

GENERAL GAUGE TROUBLESHOOTING

Before you call, please check these items, they are sometimes obvious, but in the large scope of a build, sometimes can be missed.

Double check grounds! Instruments operate on resistance to grounds. The connections should be secure, soldered if possible. Remember, no Teflon or sealant on senders. Senders have a tapered pipe thread and do not require sealant.

Double check with the wiring diagrams. There are a lot of wires to hook up to a gauge set.

GENERAL

Gauge "sticks"

Loosen nuts that attach the back clamps. This can sometimes pull on the housing enough to distort the dial and contact the pointer.

Gauge inoperative/reading incorrectly

Check for 12V at the gauge on the + and ground. Check for the correct resistance on the sender

With power on, temporarily ground the sender lead, this will peg the gauge to its highest reading.

TACHOMETER TROUBLESHOOTING

Erratic reading:

This is caused 99% of the time by a loose connection. Check spade or ring connectors. Sometimes these are connected well enough to work for a while, but do not hold up.

Dead tach

Caused by no power, or no signal. Check for power. Turn on ignition and watch the pointer, it should "jump"

Reads too high/low:

Usually this is caused by the incorrect # of cylinders on the back of the gauge. When using a magneto or alternator to drive the tach, an adjustment pot. Is behind the label at the 8:00 position on the rear of the gauge.

SPEEDOMETER TROUBLESHOOTING

Speedometer problems are very similar to tachometer issues. Check the obvious first, grounds, power, correct connections. What type of sender are you using? Check for pointer "jump" These refer to all speedometer problems from dead to will not calibrate. Most speedometer problems can be traced to a problem with the signal to the gauge.

OE/Integrated sender test: Connect a multimeter on voltmeter function leads to ground and signal. Drive the vehicle. You should be getting an AC current of 10-15 V. If it is below 3 volts the sender is defective or there is a weak connection.

Another avenue to try is changing the signal input from L to N or H. This procedure is described under the SETUP section of this booklet. This is also a good way to remedy a "floating" pointer. When a pointer kind of roams but is not steady. This is usually from a weak signal to the speedometer.

Another option is to directly ground the sender and apply a switched 12V+ source to the positive input side of the sender.