Wire Harness Installation
Instructions

For Installing:
#20101 Classic Plus Customizable ‘67-'68 Camaro/Firebird Harness - 24 Circuit

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NOTE:

If your vehicle has an existing harness, you will want to retain it for the possible re-use of various Pigtails & Connector housings, particular to your application. Included in this kit is a sheet of pre-printed labels to assist in identifying connections as the harness is removed from the vehicle.

If you do not have an existing harness, there is a package of terminals included with the harness that will enable you to make most of the connections needed. Replacement lighting pigtails & sockets can be readily obtained from your local parts distributor.
NOTE:

Painless Performance has included 20 extra male and female bulkhead terminals in this harness kit. You may use these to add additional circuits, as needed, using the male and female bulkhead connectors on the harness. See below for instructions on how to use these terminals. The terminals we have provided you are designed for wire gauges 18-14. Strip ¼” of the insulation from the wire and then crimp it to the terminal using the correct terminal crimping tool. These terminals are roll crimp style. You can purchase this type of terminal crimper from your local Radio Shack. See below for a picture of the correct terminal crimping tool and how to use them. Take a look at how the terminals we inserted into the bulkhead connector here at the factory. Notice they are orientated a certain direction. Insert the blade (male) terminal into the engine compartment side bulkhead connector. Insert the female terminal into the passenger compartment side of the bulkhead connector.
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

You have purchased what we at Painless Performance Products believe to be the most up-to-date and easiest-to-install automotive wire harness on the market. It is designed for easy installation, even if you have no electrical experience.

All kits have a built-in-anti-theft feature. Removing the fuse labeled "coil" from the fuse block will prevent the vehicle from starting.

The proper fuses have been pre-installed in the fuse block. In addition, all wires are color-coded. This will help you identify the different circuits during installation and later on if additions to the overall system are necessary. For fuse specifications and wire color designations, see Section 20.0 and 21.0.

In addition all of our kits have "accessory" terminals at the front of the fuse block for your convenience. These terminals may be constantly hot or "switched" hot but all are un-fused. If you plug into one of these terminals you must provide your own in-line fuse or circuit breaker.

The Painless wire harness is designed to be used in vehicles with a General Motors - keyed steering column, or other steering columns, depending on the kit purchased. All wire is 600 volt, 125°C, TXL. Standard automotive wire is GPT, 300 volt, 80°C, with PVC insulation.

This complete automobile wiring system has been designed with three major groups incorporated into it:

ENGINE/HEADLIGHT GROUP

Includes high beam, low beam, park, right turn, left turn, electric fan, horn, starter solenoid and battery feed, alternator and alternator exciter wire, distributor, water temperature, oil pressure, and air conditioning.

DASH GROUP

Includes wires to connect gauges, indicator lights, and switches to their proper sources. Trunk accessory, door locks, power windows, and electric fuel pump are included in the 18-circuit kit.

REAR LIGHT GROUP

Includes tail lights, dome lights (see Paragraph 10.4.2), left and right turn signals, brake lights, and fuel sender.

Installation requires four (4) easy steps:

1. Mount the fuse block
2. Route the wires
3. Cut off the excess wire
4. Terminate the wires

2.0 ABOUT THESE INSTRUCTIONS

The contents of these instructions are divided into major Sections, as follows:

1.0 Introduction
2.0 About These Instructions
3.0 Tools Needed
4.0 Contents of Painless Wire Harness Kit
5.0 Pre-Installation and General Harness Routing Guidelines
6.0 General Harness Installation Instructions
7.0 Specific Circuit Connection Details
8.0 Charging Circuit Connection Details
9.0 Ignition (start/run)

Sections are divided into subsections and Paragraphs. Throughout these instructions, the Figure numbers refer to illustrations and the Table numbers refer to information in table form. These are located in Sections or Paragraphs corresponding to the number. Always pay special and careful attention to any Notes, especially those in the Tables, and any text marked Caution.
3.0 CONTENTS OF THE PAINLESS WIRE HARNESS KIT

Refer to Figure 3-1 to take inventory. See that you have everything you’re supposed to have in this kit. If anything is missing, contact the dealer where you obtained the kit or Painless Performance at (800) 423-9696. The Painless Wire Harness Kit should contain the following items:

A The Main Wire Harness, with the Fuse Block wired in and fuses installed.
B The Console gauge pigtail
C Headlamp Connector kit. (Extra Headlamp Cables are available separately under P/N 80300.)
D MIDI Fuse
E 2 Fender Well Grommets (for Headlamps)
F 2 packages of Nylon Tie Wraps
G 2 GM Turn Signal Connectors
H Parts Box, containing a GM Alternator Connector, Terminals, Splices, etc. This booklet, P/N 90551 Painless Wiring Manual.

Figure 3-1 The Painless Wire Harness Kit

4.0 TOOLS NEEDED

In addition to your regular tools, you will need, at least, the following tools:

Crimping Tool  Note: Use a quality tool to avoid over-crimping.
Wire Stripper
Test Light or Volt Meter
Small (10 amp or less) Battery Charger

5.0 PRE-INSTALLATION AND GENERAL HARNESS ROUTING GUIDELINES

The installation of your wire harness mainly consists in two parts:

• The physical routing and securing of the wire harness, wires, and groups.
• The proper connection of the individual circuits.

These two major tasks are not separate steps, but are integrated together. That is, you will route some wires and make some connections, route some more wire and make some more connections.

We cannot tell you how to physically route the harness in your automobile. That depends on what extent you want to secure and conceal the harness. We do offer some general guidelines and routing practices starting in Section 5.2, GENERAL installation instructions in Section 6.0, and precise instructions concerning the electrical connections
you will have to make in beginning in Section 7.0. To help you begin thinking through the installation of your wire harness, read the following sections:

5.1 Familiarize yourself with the harness by locating each of the harness sections in the following list. (Whenever a particular harness section is referred to in these instructions it is shown “all caps”: ENGINE SECTION A.) Note that, according to the particular harness you have purchased, some of these sections may not be present, and some are not labeled:

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<td>HEADLIGHT SECTION B</td>
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<tr>
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<td>IGNITION SWITCH SECTION</td>
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<td>INSTRUMENT PANEL SECTION</td>
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<td>ENGINE SECTION (Single, 10 ga. red wire)</td>
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<td>ENGINE SECTION A</td>
<td>TURN SIGNAL SECTION</td>
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Note: For complete information concerning the individual circuits and wires that make up the harness sections, see Section 8.0.

5.2 The Painless Wire Harness is designed for the fuse block to be mounted on the driver’s side, under the dash, in the factory location.

5.3 Decide which of the following circuits you will be using in your system and where the harness groups or wires will be routed:

**ROUTING LOCATION AND PLACEMENT**

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<td>Gauges</td>
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<td>Accessories</td>
<td>Backup Lights*</td>
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<td>Cruise Control*</td>
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*These circuits are included in the 18-circuit kit only.

5.4 Where will the following harness groups be routed?

| Headlights |
5.5 A good exercise is to lay out the wire harness on the floor beside your automobile and identify all the SECTIONS. You will want to route the harness through and around open areas. Inside edges provide protection from hazards and also provide places for tie wraps, clips and other support.

5.6 Route the harness away from sharp edges, exhaust pipes, and hood, trunk and door hinges.

5.7 Plan where harness supports will be located. Allow enough slack at places where movement could occur (body to frame, frame to engine, etc.). Use a support every 12 inches unless the harness routes under the floor carpet.

5.8 At wire ends don't depend on the terminals to support the harness. The weight of the harness could cause terminals to disconnect or copper wire strands to break.

5.9 The wires should be bundled into groups. Use nylon ties, powerbraid, or tape.

6.0 HARNESS GENERAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Rough Installation

**CAUTION:** DISCONNECT THE POWER FROM YOUR VEHICLE BY REMOVING THE NEGATIVE (BLACK) BATTERY CABLE FROM THE BATTERY.

*Note:* Make no wire connections or permanent mounting of any kind at this time!

6.1.1 Position the fuse block in its mounting area.

6.1.2 Route dash group (INSTRUMENT PANEL SECTION, DOOR LOCK SECTION, HEADLIGHT SECTION B, IGNITION SWITCH SECTION, WIPER SWITCH SECTION, HEATER SWITCH SECTION, AND TURN SIGNAL SWITCH SECTION,) upward to rear of dash and temporarily tie in place.

6.1.3 Position the TAIL SECTION on floor pan area decided upon in Sections 5.3 and 5.4.

6.2 Harness Attachment

*Note:* Harness routing and shaping is and should be a time-consuming task. Taking your time will enhance the beauty of your installation. Please be patient and TAKE YOUR TIME!

6.2.1 Permanently mount the fuse block. (Note: The fuse block itself does not have to be grounded.)

6.2.2 Mold harness groups to the contour of floor pan, firewall, fender panels, and any other area where wires or harness groups are routed. Remember to route the harness away from sharp edges, exhaust pipes, hood, trunk and door hinges, etc.

6.2.3 Attach harness groups to your automobile with clips or ties starting at the fuse block and working toward the rubber grommet for the front groups and along the floor pan for the rear group. The dash wires should be routed out of the way of any under-dash obstacles, such as cowl vent, air conditioning, radio, etc.

*Note:* Do not tighten tie wraps and mounting devices at this time. Make all harness attachments LOOSELY.

6.2.4 When used every 1-1/2” or so on the visible areas of the harness, the plastic wire ties make a very attractive assembly. A tie installed in other areas every 6” or so will hold the wires in place nicely. Remember to take your time!

6.3 Grounding the Automobile
A perfectly and beautifully wired automobile will nevertheless have bugs and problems if everything is not properly grounded. Do not go to the careful effort of installing a quality wire harness only to neglect proper grounding.

Note: The Painless Wire Harness Kit includes no ground wire except the black wire from the two headlamp connectors. You must supply ground wire (14-16 gauge) for all circuits.

6.3.1 Connect a Ground Strap or Cable from the Negative Battery terminal to the cylinder block. This needs to be at least a 2ga cable
6.3.2 Connect a Ground Strap from the Engine to the chassis. DO NOT RELY UPON THE MOTOR MOUNTS TO MAKE THIS CONNECTION.
6.3.3 Connect a Ground Strap from the Engine to the Body.

6.4 Terminal Installation and Making Connections

Note: In the following steps you will be making the circuit connections. Before you start, you should carefully read Sections 8.0 through 18.0, as appropriate. DOUBLE CHECK your routing and length calculations before cutting any wires and making connections. Give special attention to Turn Signal and Ignition Switch connections. These can be somewhat confusing.

6.4.1 Have all needed tools and connectors handy.
6.4.2 Select the correct size terminal for the wire and stud application.
6.4.3 Determine the correct wire length and cut the wire. Remember to allow enough slack in the harness and wires at places where movement could possibly occur, such as automobile body to frame, frame to engine, etc. Double-check your calculations.
6.4.4 Strip insulation away from wire. Strip only enough necessary for the type of terminal lug you are using.

Note: In the following step, make sure that the terminal is crimped with the proper die in the crimping tool. An improper crimp will NOT make a good connection.

6.4.5 Crimp the terminal onto the wire.

CAUTION: DO NOT OVER-CRIMP!

6.4.6 Connecting the harness throughout the groups is a redundant process. Make sure that each wire is FIRST properly routed and THEN attach. DO NOT ATTACH FIRST THEN ROUTE AFTERWARD.
6.4.7 When all wires are attached, tighten the mounts and ties to secure harness permanently.

6.5 Testing The System

6.5.1 Use a small (10 amp or less) battery charger to power up the vehicle for circuit testing. If there is a problem anywhere, the battery charger's low amperage and internal circuit breaker will provide circuit protection.

CAUTION: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DISCONNECTED THE BATTERY FROM THE AUTOMOBILE, DO SO NOW! DO NOT CONNECT THE BATTERY CHARGER WITH THE BATTERY CONNECTED.

Connect the battery charger's NEGATIVE output to the automobile chassis or engine block and its POSITIVE output to the automobile's positive battery terminal.

6.5.2 INDIVIDUALLY turn on each light, ignition, wiper circuit, etc. and check for proper operation.

Note: The turn signals will not flash properly if you do not have both the front and rear bulbs installed and connected.

6.5.3 When all circuits check out THEN attach the battery cable to the battery for vehicle operation.

7.0 SPECIFIC CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS
This will take you thru the steps to ensure a quality installation. While this is by no means the only way to
wire you vehicle, it is laid out in a logical manor to make the installation as easy as possible.

8.0 CHARGING CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS

Note: Your alternator may not appear exactly as represented in the Figures. The circuits are wired the same way, though.

8.1 Generator Charging System. See Figure 8-1.

8.1.1 Connect Generator ARMATURE terminal (A) to Voltage Regulator terminal A. Connect Generator FIELD terminal (F) to Voltage Regulator terminal F. Use 14-gauge wire (color optional) for FIELD and 12-gauge wire for Armature.

8.1.2 Be sure both the generator and the voltage regulator are securely grounded. The voltage regulator may have a terminal for this purpose (labeled "G") or you may have to ground the regulator case.

8.1.3 Connect ENGINE SECTION wire #915 (red) to Voltage Regulator terminal B.

8.1.4 Insulate and stow VOLTAGE REGULATOR wire #914 (brn).

![Figure 8-1 Generator Charging System](image)

8.2 Generator to Alternator Conversion

8.2.1 You may be able to convert your generator charging system to use an alternator and external regulator without altering or re-routing existing wires.

8.2.2 Install the new alternator and replace the existing generator voltage regulator with the new, alternator compatible one.

8.2.3 Connect the existing wiring according to either Section 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, or 8.6 as appropriate.

8.3 GM Alternator - External Regulator. See Figure 8.3.
8.3.1 With a short 16-gauge jumper wire, connect Voltage Regulator terminals 3 & 4 together. Connect VOLTAGE REGULATOR wire #914 (brn) to Voltage Regulator terminal 3 or 4.

8.3.2 Connect ENGINE SECTION wire #915 (red) to the Alternator Output lug (Bat).

8.3.3 Connect a 14-gauge wire from Voltage Regulator terminal 2 to Alternator terminal R. Connect a 14-gauge wire from Voltage Regulator terminal F to Alternator terminal F.

8.3.5 Connect a 16-gauge ground wire from the Alternator Ground lug (G) to chassis ground.

![Figure 8.3 Early GM Alternator - External Regulator](image)

8.4 Late GM Alternator - Internal Regulator. See Figure 8.4.

8.4.1 Connect VOLTAGE REGULATOR wire #914 (brn) to Alternator terminal 1. Connect ENGINE SECTION wire #915 (red) to the Alternator Output lug (Bat).

8.4.2 Connect a short 14-gauge jumper wire from Alternator terminal 2 to the Alternator Output lug (Bat).

8.4.2 A connector and terminal spades for the 10SI regulator are included in the parts box.

![Figure 8.4 GM Alternator - Internal Regulator](image)

* Under some circumstances the connection of the alternator will not allow the engine to be shut off. If this occurs a diode will need to be installed inline on wire #914. This will prevent the alternator from back feeding into the ignition system and thus causing the engine to run with the ignition switch turned off. The Radio Shack part number for the diode is 276-1661. **It is to be installed with the stripe towards the alternator.**

8.5 GM One-Wire Alternator. See Figure 8.5

![Figure 8.5 GM One-Wire Alternator](image)
8.5.1 Connect ENGINE SECTION wire #915 (red) to the Alternator Output lug (Bat). Insulate and stow VOLTAGE REGULATOR wire #914 (brn) Do not install jumper wire. No wires are connected to Alternator terminals 1 & 2. If alternator output is greater than 65 amps refer to Figure 8-5 and the caution on pg 8.

8.5.2 When using a 1-wire alternator you must use a voltmeter. A WARNING LIGHT CANNOT BE WIRED IN.

CAUTION: IF USING AN ALTERNATOR WITH AN OUTPUT LARGER THAN 65 AMPS, YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO USE THE RED 10 GAUGE WIRE #960 AND THE RED 8 GAUGE WIRE INCLUDED IN THE BOX. THE WIRE END WITH THE RING TERMINAL AND RUBBER BOOT WILL CONNECT TO THE ALTERNATOR OUTPUT LUG WITH #915. ROUTE THE OTHER END TO THE MIDI FUSE TERMINAL WITH WIRE #916. CUT THE WIRE AND CRIMP ON A RING TERMINAL. NOW INSTALL A RING TERMINAL ON THE REMAINING RED 8 GAUGE WIRE AND ATTACH IT TO THE STARTER SIDE TERMINAL OF THE MIDI FUSE. CUT THE 8 GAUGE RED WIRE TO LENGTH, CRIMP ON A RING TERMINAL AND ATTACH IT TO THE MAIN SOLENOID LUG WITH THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE. SEE FIGURE 8.5.

* These terminals will not be used on One Wire alternators. They will normally have a black plastic plug which blocks off the terminals.

** If you do not have a One Wire alternator refer to Figure 8.4

Figure 8.5 High Output Wire
Alternator Pigtail

NOTE: If not using a charge light, an 82 ohm, 5 watt resistor must be used to prevent premature Regulator failure.

Figure 8-6 A CS-130 External Fan Alternator

Figure 8-6 B CS-130 Connector and Pin Out

P/N 30705 GM "CS 130D" (Internal Fan) Alternator Pigtail

NOTE: If not using a charge light, an 82 ohm 5 watt resistor must be used to prevent premature Regulator failure.

Figure 8-6 C CS-130D Internal Fan Alternator

Figure 8-6 D CS-130D Connector and Pin Out

9.0 Ignition (Start/Run) System. See Figure 9-2.

NOTE!! If you are going to install an ammeter, see Section 12.0 first.

9.0.1 With crimping tool, attach MIDI Fuse (Figure 9-1) onto end of ENGINE SECTION (single) 10 ga. wire #916 (red) AFTER having routed wire from the Fuse Panel to the Starter Solenoid. This serves as a fuse to protect the entire harness. DO NOT OMIT IT!

9.0.2 Connect wire #916 - with MIDI Fuse installed – to the Starter Solenoid Battery terminal. This is the same lug that the large red cable from the battery is normally connected to.

9.0.3 Connect ENGINE SECTION A wire #919 (pur) to the Starter Solenoid Start (S) terminal. (See illustration on page 10)

Figure 9-1 MIDI Fuse
9.1.0 If you are using the Ballast Resistor, mount it away from other wiring or hoses. The Ballast Resistor gets very hot during operation. Connect ENGINE SECTION A wire #920 (pnk) to one end of the Ballast Resistor. Connect the other end of the Ballast Resistor to the Ignition Coil B+ terminal with 14-gauge wire (you may have enough pink wire left over to accomplish this). If you are not using a Ballast Resistor, connect wire #920 directly to the Ignition Coil B+ terminal.

*Note:* The ballast resistor has been deleted from this kit due to lack of consumer usage. If one is needed in your application, please call Painless Performance at 800-423-9696 for assistance.

*Important Note! For HEI systems route wire #920 (pnk) to the Distributor and attach it to the terminal labeled BAT. No Ballast Resistor is required.*

9.1.1 The Ignition Coil NEGATIVE (-) terminal is connected to the Distributor. Also Connect ENGINE SECTION A wire #923 (pur/wht) to the Ignition Coil NEGATIVE (-) terminal. This is the tachometer source. If you are not using a tachometer, insulate and stow wire #923.

9.1.2 A 14-gauge wire connected from the Starter Solenoid Ignition (l) terminal to the ignition coil side of the Ballast Resistor is optional. This wire (the dashed line in *Figure 9-2*) serves as a ballast resistor BYPASS during engine starting. However, if the starter solenoid shorts out, which is not unusual, the engine will stop running and will not restart as long as this wire is connected. You may therefore choose to omit it. If you are not using a Ballast Resistor, leave the Starter Solenoid Ignition (l) terminal unconnected and do not install the bypass wire.

10.0 **TURN SIGNAL (EARLY) SWITCH CONNECTION**

To remove the old terminals from your plastic housing, inset a paper clip or small jewelers screwdriver in the small slot in the top of the opening where the wire is inserted. This will release the tang holding the wire in place. Pull the wire & it should release from the housing. Reinstall the new wires into the housing, using the same color code configuration as the old wires were removed. (*Figure 10-1*)

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*Figure 9-2 GM Ignition (Start-Run) System*

*Figure 10.1 Early (67-68 ) turn signal connector*
10.0.1 There are two different plugs on most tilt columns. The difference is in the length of the male plug that is mounted ON THE COLUMN. One plug is 3-7/8" (3.875") long and the other is 4-1/4" (4.250"). This is only a difference of 3/8" (0.375"), so measure the plug carefully. The Wire Harness Kit has included two different female connectors to mate with the column-mounted plug. See Figure 7-5 to determine which female connector is correct for your automobile.

The TURN SIGNAL SECTION wires may have already been terminated for you. If not, cut wires to length and install the terminals provided. Choose the proper plug and install the terminals according to Table 11-1, as shown in Figure 10-2. The GM wire color codes have been included for reference. **Note:** The terminals will only insert into the connector ONE WAY, as shown in Figure 10-2. Make certain you are inserting the wire into the CORRECT LOCATION as the terminals are difficult if not impossible to remove once inserted.

![Figure 10-2 GM (column mounted) Turn Signal / Ignition Switch Connection](image)

11.0 IGNITION SWITCH

![Figure 11-1 (67-68 ) Ignition switch](image)

11.0.2 IGNITION SWITCH SECTION wire #919 (pur) has been cut and routed with the reverse light wires. These wires are to be connected to the Neutral Safety Switch at the base of the steering column. If using a neutral safety switch on a
floor shifter or in the transmission, the two purple wires must be connected together and the (pur) #919 needs to be routed to the neutral safety switch, cut and connected to it, then continued on to the starter solenoid.

**11.0.3** The harness does not support seat belt buzzers or key alarms.

**11.0.4** To supply power to a fuel injection system, use ENGINE SECTION A wire #920 (pnk) as the fused ignition power source.

### TURN SIGNAL SECTION

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<td>953</td>
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* See note 8 on page 20

Table 11-1 Ignition & Turn Signal Wiring

![Figure 12-1 Ammeter & MIDI Fuse](image)

### 12.0 Connecting an Ammeter and the MIDI Fuse. See Figure 10-2.

**12.0.1** Most, but not all Ammeters must be inserted IN SERIES onto the ENGINE SECTION (single) 10-gauge wire #916 (red) that routes from the Fuse Panel to the Starter Solenoid on GM (Section 9.2)

**12.0.2** The overall physical length of this circuit should be as short as possible (allow some slack, however). You may have to cut wire #916 and you may have to add some additional length of 10-gauge wire. USE ONLY 10-GAUGE WIRE OR LARGER.

**12.0.3** Route wire #916 (from the Fuse Panel) and connect to the Ammeter NEGATIVE terminal. To complete the installation, follow ONE of the next three (3) paragraphs, as appropriate.
12.0.4 If you are using a GM starter, route the remainder of wire #916 from the Ammeter POSITIVE terminal to the MIDI Fuse terminal. Connect the other side of the MIDI Fuse (Figure 9-1) to the Starter Solenoid Battery (B+) terminal.

**CAUTION:** BOTH AMMETER TERMINALS MUST ABSOLUTELY BE ISOLATED FROM GROUND. IF EITHER AMMETER TERMINAL COMES IN CONTACT WITH GROUND A HARNESS FIRE IS INEVITABLE. USE EXTREME CARE AND DILIGENCE IN CONNECTING AMMETERS.

**CAUTION:** BE SURE YOUR AMMETER’S CURRENT (AMPS) RATING EXCEEDS THE CURRENT OUTPUT OF YOUR ALTERNATOR. PERFECT PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS, LLC DOES NOT RECOMMEND USING ANY AMMETER RATED AT LESS THAN 65 AMPS. DO NOT USE AN AMMETER WITH ANY HIGH OUTPUT ALTERNATOR (MORE THAN 65 AMPS).

![Figure 13-1 HEADLIGHT SECTION A Wiring](image)

13.0 HEADLIGHT SECTION A. See Figure 10-4B.

13.0.1 Connect HEADLIGHT SECTION A wire #924 (grn) to the Horn's hot terminal. TURN SIGNAL SECTION wire #953 (blk) was connected in the Turn Signal Connector section of these instructions. The Horn Relay is pre-wired into the Fuse Panel.

13.0.2 Route the HEADLIGHT SECTION A wires #908 (lt. grn) and #909 (tan) to BOTH Headlamps. Headlamp connectors, ground wires and terminals for the headlamps are provided in the parts kit. Ring terminals and self-tapping screws have also been provided for the ground connection.

13.0.3 Use the connector photo to the right for proper wire pinout. The connector is shown from the wire insertion side.

13.0.3 Connect HEADLIGHT SECTION A wire #927 (brn) to ALL front Park Lights. Connect HEADLIGHT SECTION A wire #925 (blu) to the RIGHT FRONT Turn Signal. Connect wire #926 (lt.blu) to the LEFT FRONT Turn Signal. **Note:** Don't confuse Park Lights with Turn Signals.

![Figure 13-2 Typical Fan Relay Installation (Painless Part #30101)](image)
13.0.4 Connect HEADLIGHT SECTION A wire #901 (gry/wht) to the Electric Fan Relay. This wire is an activation wire for the relay, **NOT A POWER FEED**. The other end of wire #901 is in the ACCESSORY SECTION SWITCHES and should be connected to the electric fan switch in the dash. Connect 906 (gry/wht) from ACCESSORY SECTION B+ to the other side of the fan switch. **Figure 14-2** shows a typical fan relay installation.  **Note:** The wire going to the fan in Figure 13-2 will be coming from the fan relay output terminal. Wire #901 (gry/wht) from the ACCESSORY SECTION SWITCHES is an activation wire for the fan relay.

**NOTE:** If you are using a thermostatic switch in the engine to control the ground for the fan relay, you will then connect the 901 (gry/wht) from ACCESSORY SECTION SWITCHES directly to the 906 (gry/wht) from ACCESSORY SECTION B+.

13.0.5 Connect the DIMMER SWITCH SECTION Extension Cable (**Figure 3-1**) to its mating connector in the harness (if applicable) and your floor-mounted Dimmer Switch or column-mounted Dimmer Switch.

**Figure 13-3** Dimmer Switches (**Push Button Style – Painless Part #80150**)

14.0 Instrument Panel Wiring

14.0.1 Connect the wires of the INSTRUMENT PANEL SECTION as indicated on Pg 22. Insulate and stow any wires you do not use.

14.0.2 Connect a jumper from wire #935 (red/wht) to all Gauges’ power or "I" terminals. Connect a jumper from wire #930 (brn) to all Gauges’ Instrument Lighting terminals. Connect a jumper to all Gauges’ Ground terminals and connect to Chassis Ground.

14.0.3 If the vehicle has the optional console mounted gauge package, you will need to use the "Console gauge pigtail" provided with this kit. Simply plug this pigtail into the main instrument cluster harness in the dash section & run the wires down to the console.
15.0 HEADLIGHT SECTION B (Headlight Switch). See Figure 15-1.

14.1.1 Connect the 6 wires of HEADLIGHT SECTION B, the Dome and Interior Light return circuit, and the Headlamp Switch Ground as shown.

*Note: On late-style GM headlight switches, the park lights terminal to which wire #927 (brn) is connected (shown in Figure 15-1) has been omitted. In this case, wire #927 must be connected as indicated by the dashed line in Figure 15-1.*

16.0 Brake Light Switch

16.0.1 Connect wires #917 (orn) and #918 (wht) to the Brake Light Switch wherever it may be mounted. These wires are bundled in the underdash section.

16.0.2 The Third Brake Light wire is pre-connected on the Switch end. Connect TAIL SECTION wire #950 (orn) to the Third Brake Light if applicable.

*NOTE: If you are using Halogen Brake/Turn lamps, you MUST use a relay (Painless #30105) to protect the brake light & turn signal switch from possible overload.*
17.0 Interior Lighting. See Figure 17-1

17.0.1 Interior Lights are switched through the door the dash-mounted headlight switch, which is usually rotated counter-clockwise to turn on. Additionally, jamb switches can be added to turn the lighting on when a door is opened. These switches apply ground to the circuit. YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY THESE GROUND WIRE FROM THE JAMB SWITCHES AND SPLICE THEM TO THE BLACK WIRES OF THE LIGHTING CIRCUIT. 12V is continually present at the light bulbs. See Figure 17-1.

17.0.2 If possible leave your existing interior light wiring intact. The Painless harness supplies the 12V feed (B+) to the circuit via TAIL SECTION wire #945 (wht) and a ground via TAIL SECTION wire #961 (blk). There are also 2 wires #978 (wht) and #979 (blk) located in a section labeled Courtesy light section. These wires will make it easy to install a Painless Courtesy Light kit, part number 30702.

18.0 Tail Section Wiring

18.0.1 Connect the wires of the TAIL and TURN SIGNAL SECTIONS as indicated in Table 18-1 / 18-2 with the exception of #918 (wht), #948 (grn), #949 (ylw) and #950 (orn).

18.0.2 These 4 wires will be connected according to one of the diagrams shown in BELOW. Which diagram you will use depends on whether or not you have one bulb on each side of the vehicle that is for the brake/tail and Turn Signal Lights (this is referred to as integrated lights) or you have more than one bulb on each side and the Brake and Turn Signal Lights are hooked to different bulbs (referred to as separate Brake/Turn Lights).

Note A: If you have Integrated Brake Lights you must use bulbs that have two (2) filaments in them such as in an 1157 bulb.

Note B: The three wires shown in these diagrams are connected to the “brighter” of the two filaments when using a two-filament bulb (the Tail Lights are usually connected to the “Dimmer” filament). The Tail Lights, License Plate Lights, Reverse Lights, etc. are not shown on the diagrams for clarity.

Note C: In the separate Brake Light diagram the arrangement shown is only one of several ways to wire a vehicle. The important thing is that the Brake and Turn Signal Lights use completely separate bulbs.
**INTEGRATED BRAKE LIGHTS**

![Integrated Brake Lights Diagram](image)

**SEPARATE TURN/ BRAKE LIGHTS**

![Separate Turn/Brake Lights Diagram](image)

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Figure 18-1 Integrated Brake Lights

Figure 18-2 Separate Turn/Brake Lights
19.0 Helpful Hints for Tail Section Wiring
190.1 When you have Integrated Brake Lights on your vehicle the Turn Signal switch acts as a brain to control when the Lights in the rear are on constantly (braking) or flashing (turning) or a combination of both. The Turn Signal switch you use must be built to do this! If you are using a steering column out of a salvage yard that was originally in a vehicle that had separate Brake Lights then the switch will not work for Integrated Brake Lights.

190.2 Almost all light bulbs get the ground they need through the socket housing. If you mount your socket housing into anything other than a grounded metal part then you will need to provide a separate ground wire.

20.0 WIRE CONNECTION INDEX
20.1 Wire Connection Index
In each section, connect the wire, as identified by its wire color, to the appropriate item in the CONNECT TO column. Pay close attention to the Notes in this section, as identified by a small, raised number such as the one at the end of this sentence.1

Many (but not all) of the wire numbers occur TWICE in this index. That is because you will be connecting BOTH ENDS of many of the particular wire segments. However, some wire segments are pre-connected at one end. For instance, all wires originating from the fuse panel and certain other wires such as those originating from the fuse panel and certain other wires such as those originating from the horn relay, the dimmer switch, and the instrument panel section. These pre-connected wires are identified by an asterisk (*) in the ORIGIN column.

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**TABLE – 21** Fuse Requirements
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**NOTES:**

1. Depending upon the wire harness you purchased, you may not have some of these wires.

2. 2-color wires: 2nd color (stripe) may not be intense color. Observe two-color wires closely.

3. This section consists of only one large (10 gauge) wire.

4. From fuse panel to brake switch.

5. This wire is cut and spade lugs have been installed (GM-keyed kits only) so that your existing neutral safety switch circuit can be wired into your harness. The neutral safety switch is located at the base of General Motors and Ford steering columns and in Mopar transmissions. Do not attempt to defeat your automobile's neutral safety switch. If your automobile does not have a neutral safety switch, please install one.

6. This wire needs to go from the headlight switch to the instrument panel lights.

7. There are two (2) Red 934 wires that MUST both be connected to the "Batt" terminal of the ignition switch. These wires supply all of the ignition switched power that goes to the fuse panel and both are needed because of the amount of power required to power all of the accessories.

8. This wire is power for the portion of the headlight switch that goes out to the headlights and front parking lights.

9. This wire is power for the portion of the headlight switch that goes out to the instrument panel lights and the tail lights. **NOTE: This wire is only used if your headlight switch has two power input terminals.**

10. Non-GM keyed column harnesses have 48” of extra length to accommodate a floor shifter. If a floor shifter is being used, utilize this extra length to route the 919 Purple to the neutral safety switch on the shifter or transmission and then to the starter solenoid. If not using a floor shifter, cut 919 Purple to length needed for starter solenoid and discard extra length.

11. Kit 20104 has these wires located near the turn signal and ignition switch section wires.
WIRING CHANGES FROM ORIGINAL THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED

A. The horn relay is now mounted to the fuse block, to help clean up the wiring at the radiator support area.

B. The main power wire, a 10 gauge red wire, now attaches at the starter solenoid (battery cable post) rather than the pigtail at the battery. We provide in each kit a MIDI fuse wire to be used between the starter solenoid and the 10 gauge wire. This must be installed to protect the overall system from an accidental short.

C. We have included 2 plastic housings in the parts kit for your alternator. The gray one is for the early externally regulated and the black one is for the late style internally regulated. The terminals are also included (the same terminal fits either housing). We have found that many people have upgraded their system with late style higher output alternator which also helps to clean up the wiring in the engine compartment.

Note: See schematic for proper wire hookup. The brown wire in the group tagged "engine section" is the wire that "turns on" the alternator regulator.

On original external regulators this wire plugs into #4 terminal of the regulator and on internal regulators it plugs into #1 at the alternator.

D. The coil wire (pink) is fused for an electronic fuel injection system, if used, but also provides for theft protection (by removal of the fuse it disables the ignition system).

E. We have provided wires (black/white) for air conditioning in each system and also a wire (purple/white) for the tachometer.

F. A length of black wire is included to provide a ground wire for the dome light to jamb switches when needed.

G. We have incorporated an electric fan relay circuit (gray/white) into the system. The main lead wires go to the dash for installing a manual switch if desired. An electric fuel pump circuit (yellow/white) has also been incorporated with the same manual switch option.

The original steering column 9 port half moon female plastic housing for the turn signals is no longer available from GM. We have terminated the wires for the turn signals with the correct terminals and color codes so your original plastic housing, of the main harness, may be reused.
Wiper Switch Connection

The wiper switch connector is no longer available. We have terminated the wiper switch wires with the correct terminals so that your original connector can be re-used.

Remove the old terminals by using a small screwdriver or paperclip in the slot at the top of the terminal closest to the center of the connector. Push the release tang (pin) in and pull the wire out from the opposite side.

Re-install the wires in the same order by color code configuration that was removed.

Bulkhead Template

The dimension photo on the next page shows how you can cut the bulkhead hole clean and precise using a 1 ¼” hole saw to cut 4 holes, using a jigsaw or cut off wheel to connect the outsides of the 1 ¼” holes, and using a ¼” drill bit for the fuse block mounting holes. Mark the centers of all 6 holes (the 1 ¼” holes as well as the ¼”) holes before any cutting is done.
NOTE: This drawing MAY NOT be to scale, please double check your measurements with those on the drawing before any cutting or drilling.

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