

# **1964-65 Chevrolet Chevelle**

without Factory Air Gen 5 Evaporator Kit (561272)

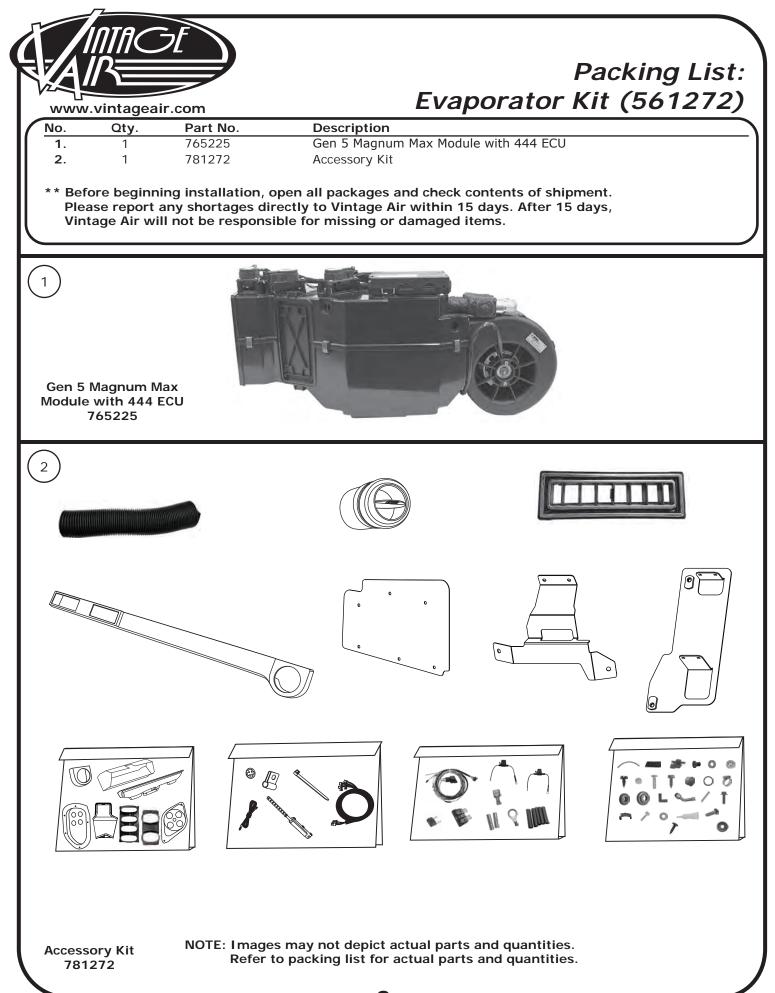


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# Important Notice—Please Read

For Maximum System Performance, Vintage Air Recommends the Following:

NOTE: Vintage Air systems are designed to operate with R134a refrigerant only. Use of any other refrigerant could damage your A/C system and/or vehicle, and possibly cause a fire, in addition to potentially voiding the warranties of the A/C system and its components.

### Refrigerant Capacities:

Vintage Air System: 1.8 lbs. (28.8 oz.) or 816 grams of **R134a**, charged by weight with a quality charging station or scale. **NOTE: Use of the proper type and amount of refrigerant is critical to system operation and performance.** 

Other Systems: Consult manufacturer's guidelines.

### Lubricant Capacities:

**New Vintage Air-Supplied Sanden Compressor:** No additional oil needed (Compressor is shipped with proper oil charge).

**All Other Compressors:** Consult manufacturer (Some compressors are shipped dry and will need oil added).

### Safety Switches

Your Vintage Air system is equipped with a binary pressure safety switch. A binary switch disengages the compressor clutch in cases of extreme low pressure conditions (refrigerant loss) or excessively high head pressure (406 PSI) to prevent compressor damage or hose rupture. A trinary switch combines Hi/Lo pressure protection with an electric fan operation signal at 254 PSI, and should be substituted for use with electric fans. Compressor safety switches are extremely important since an A/C system relies on refrigerant to circulate lubricant.

### Service Info:

**Protect Your Investment:** Prior to assembly, it is critical that the compressor, evaporator, A/C hoses and fittings, hardlines, condenser and receiver/drier remain capped. Removing caps prior to assembly will allow moisture, insects and debris into the components, possibly leading to reduced performance and/or premature failure of your A/C system. This is especially important with the receiver/drier.

Additionally, when caps are removed for assembly, **BE CAREFUL!** Some components are shipped under pressure with dry nitrogen.

**Evacuate the System for 35-45 Minutes:** Ensure that system components (Drier, compressor, evaporator and condenser) are at a temperature of at least 85°F. On a cool day, the components can be heated with a heat gun *or* by running the engine with the heater on before evacuating. Leak check and charge to specifications.

### Bolts Passing Through Cowl and/or Firewall:

To ensure a watertight seal between the passenger compartment and the vehicle exterior, for all bolts passing through the cowl and/or firewall, Vintage Air recommends coating the threads with silicone prior to installation.

### Heater Hose (not included with this kit):

Heater hose may be purchased from Vintage Air (Part#31800-VUD) or your local parts retailer. Routing and required length will vary based on installer preference.



### **Important Wiring Notice—Please Read**

Some vehicles may have had some or all of their radio interference capacitors removed. There should be a capacitor found at each of the following locations:

- 1. On the positive terminal of the ignition coil.
- 2. If there is a generator, on the armature terminal of the generator.
- 3. If there is a generator, on the battery terminal of the voltage regulator.

Most alternators have a capacitor installed internally to eliminate what is called "whining" as the engine is revved. If whining is heard in the radio, or just to be extra cautious, a radio interference capacitor can be added to the battery terminal of the alternator.

It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

If these precautions are not observed, it is possible for voltage spikes to be present on the battery leads. These spikes come from ignition systems and charging systems, and from switching some of the vehicle's other systems on and off. Modern computer-operated equipment can be sensitive to voltage spikes on the power leads, which can cause unexpected resets, strange behavior and/or permanent damage.

Vintage Air strives to harden our products against these types of electrical noise, but there is a point where a vehicle's electrical system can be degraded so much that nothing can help.

Radio interference capacitors should be available at most auto and truck parts suppliers. They typically are cylindrical in shape, a little over an inch long and a little over a half-inch in diameter, and they have a single lead coming from one end of the cylinder with a terminal on the end of the wire, as well as a mounting clip which is screwed into a good ground on the vehicle. The specific value of the capacitance is not too significant in comparison to ignition capacitors that are matched with the coil to reduce pitting of the points.

- Care must be taken, when installing the compressor lead, not to short it to ground. The compressor lead must not be connected to a condenser fan or to any other auxiliary device. Shorting to ground or connecting to a condenser fan or any other auxiliary device may damage wiring or the compressor relay, and/or cause a malfunction.
- When installing ground leads on Gen 5 systems, the blower control ground and ECU ground must be connected directly to the negative battery post.
- For proper system operation, the heater control valve must be connected to the ECU.

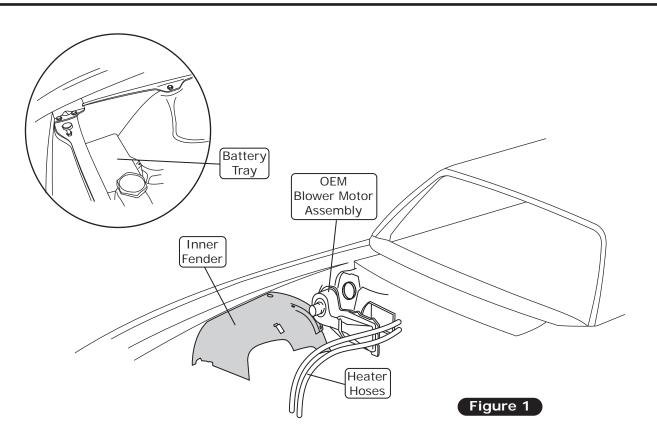


# Engine Compartment Disassembly

NOTE: Before starting the installation, check the function of the vehicle (horn, lights, etc.) for proper operation, and study the instructions, illustrations, photos & diagrams.

### Perform the following:

- 1. Disconnect the battery.
- 2. Remove the battery and the battery tray (retain).
- 3. Drain the radiator.
- 4. Remove the radiator (retain). NOTE: Removal of radiator is only needed if installing a condenser kit.
- 5. Remove the passenger-side front wheel, then remove the inner fender well (See Figure 1, below).
- 6. Remove the OEM blower assembly (discard).
- 7. Remove the OEM heater hoses (discard) (See Figure 1, below).
- 8. Remove the OEM heater wiring.

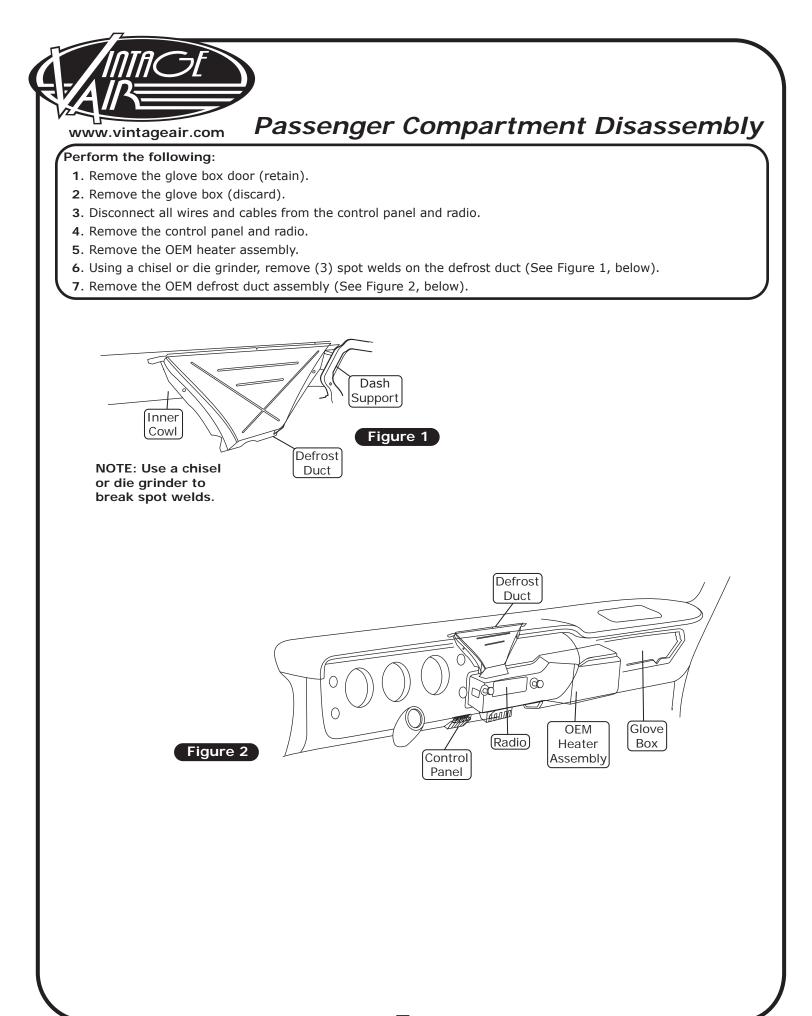


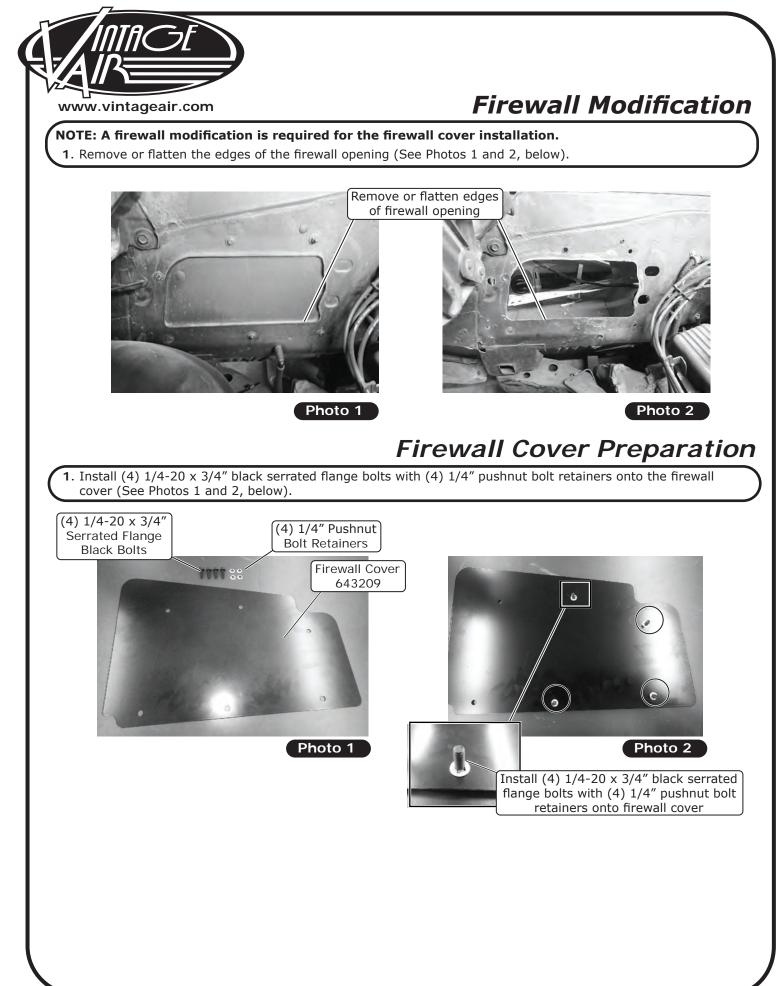
# **Condenser Assembly and Installation**

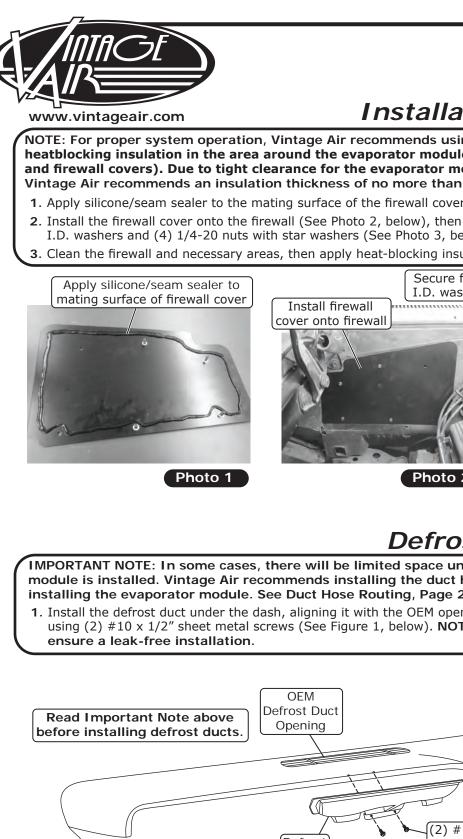
Refer to separate instructions included with the condenser kit to install the condenser.
 Binary switch installation (Refer to condenser instructions).

### **Compressor and Brackets**

1. Refer to separate instructions included with the bracket kit to install the compressor bracket.



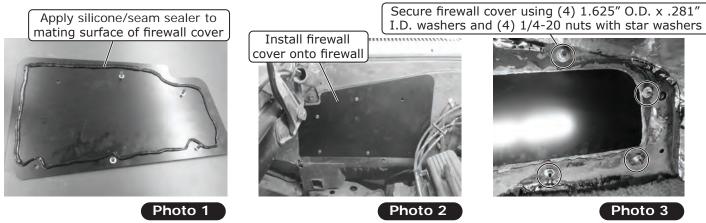




### Firewall Cover Installation and Insulation

NOTE: For proper system operation, Vintage Air recommends using Dynaliner (461500-VIP) heatblocking insulation in the area around the evaporator module (firewall, kick panel, inner cowl and firewall covers). Due to tight clearance for the evaporator module, between the firewall and dash, Vintage Air recommends an insulation thickness of no more than 1/8".

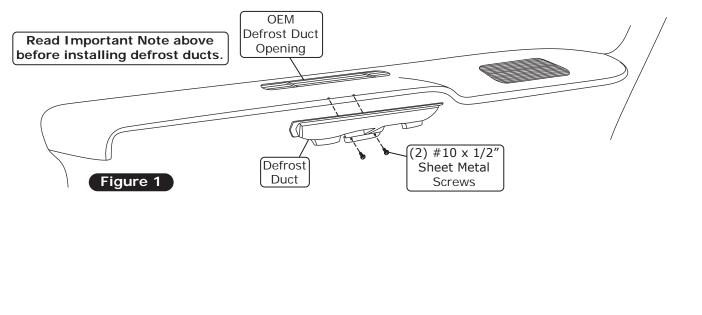
- 1. Apply silicone/seam sealer to the mating surface of the firewall cover (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Install the firewall cover onto the firewall (See Photo 2, below), then secure it using (4) 1.625" O.D. x .281" I.D. washers and (4) 1/4-20 nuts with star washers (See Photo 3, below).
- 3. Clean the firewall and necessary areas, then apply heat-blocking insulation.

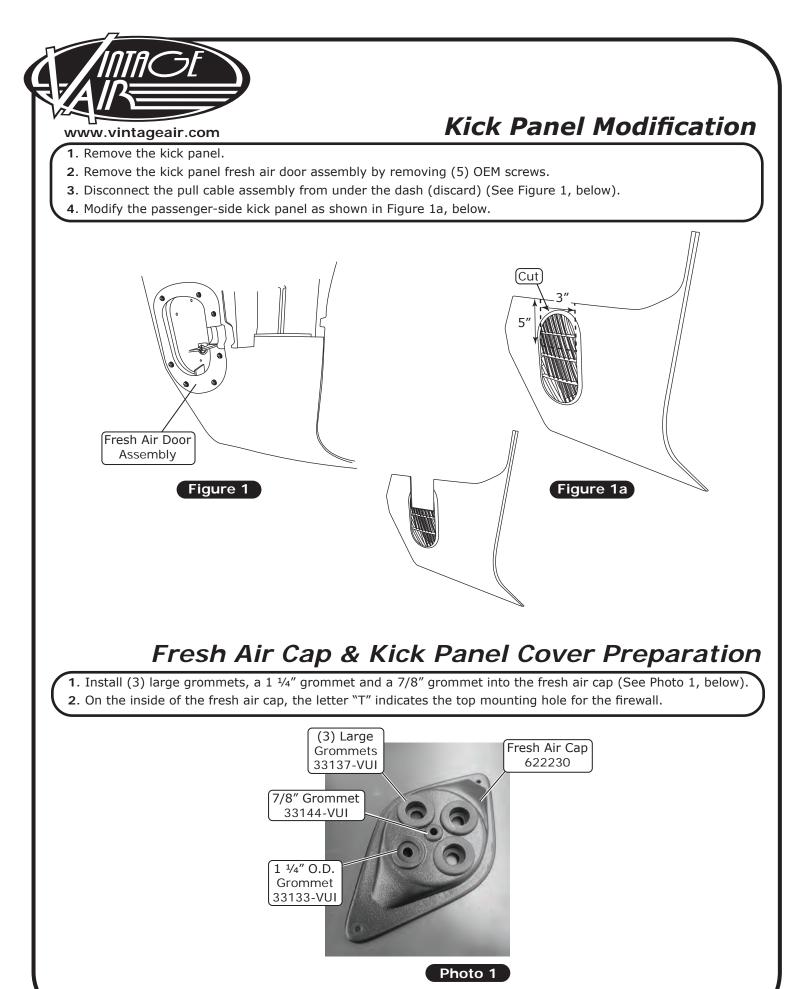


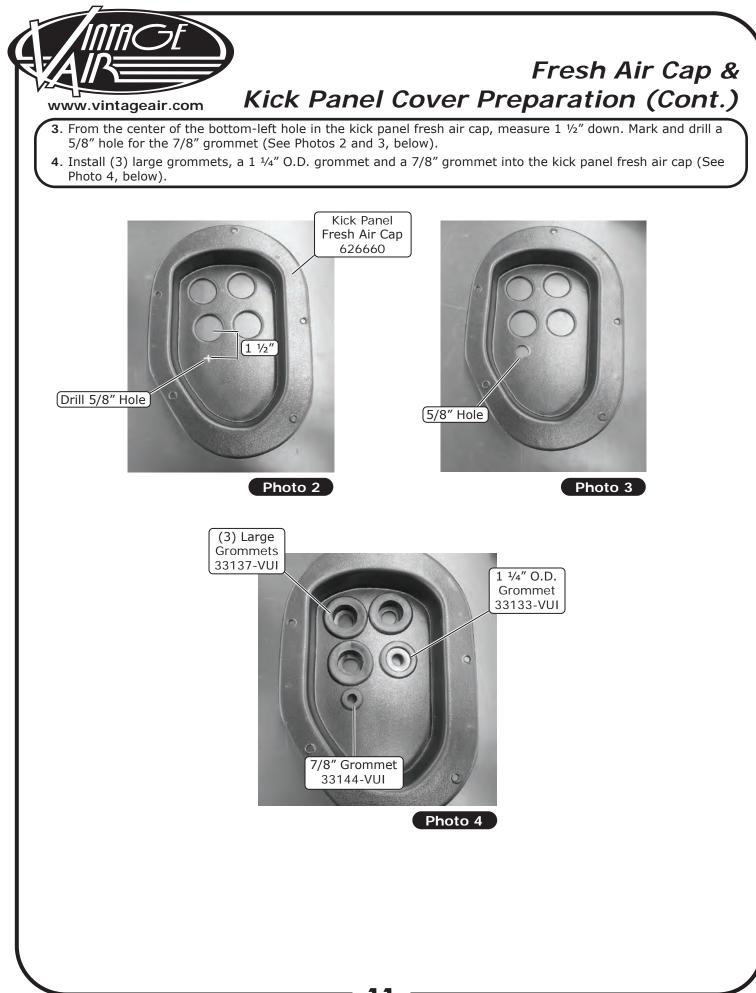
### **Defrost Duct Installation**

IMPORTANT NOTE: In some cases, there will be limited space under the dash after the evaporator module is installed. Vintage Air recommends installing the duct hose onto the defrost ducts before installing the evaporator module. See Duct Hose Routing, Page 25.

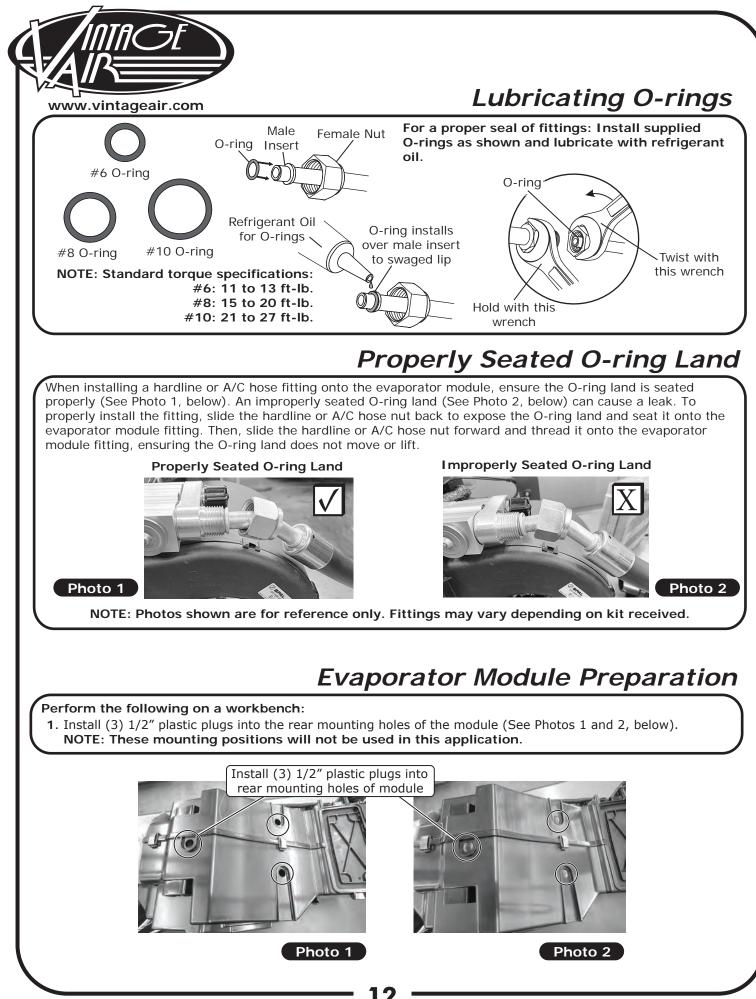
1. Install the defrost duct under the dash, aligning it with the OEM opening. Secure the defrost duct to the cowl using (2) #10 x 1/2" sheet metal screws (See Figure 1, below). NOTE: Apply silicone to the screws to

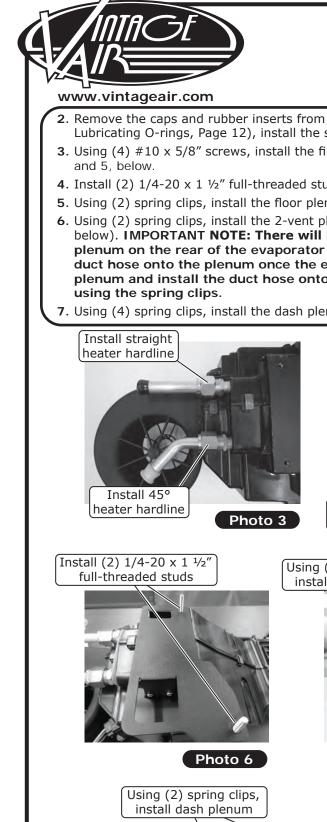






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### **Evaporator Module** Preparation (Cont.)

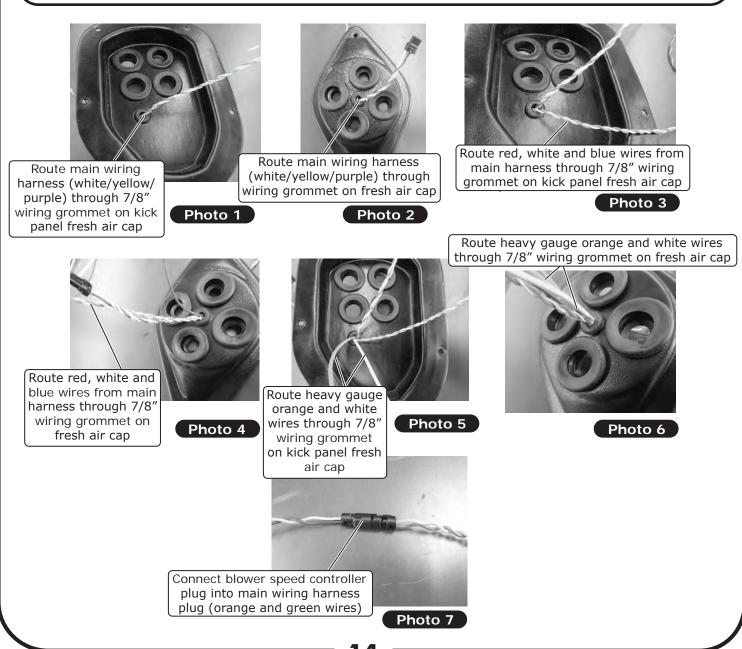
- 2. Remove the caps and rubber inserts from the heater fittings. With (2) properly lubricated #10 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 12), install the straight and 45° heater hardlines (See Photo 3, below).
- 3. Using (4) #10 x 5/8" screws, install the firewall assembly bracket onto the evaporator module (See Photos 4
- 4. Install (2)  $1/4-20 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " full-threaded studs into the evaporator bracket (See Photo 6, below).
- 5. Using (2) spring clips, install the floor plenum onto the front of the evaporator module (See Photo 7, below).
- 6. Using (2) spring clips, install the 2-vent plenum onto the rear of the evaporator module (See Photo 8, below). IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be a tight clearance between the firewall and the 2-vent plenum on the rear of the evaporator module. If the installer is having trouble installing the duct hose onto the plenum once the evaporator module is mounted under the dash, remove the plenum and install the duct hose onto it. Then, reinstall the plenum onto the evaporator module
- 7. Using (4) spring clips, install the dash plenum onto the evaporator module (See Photos 9 and 10, below).

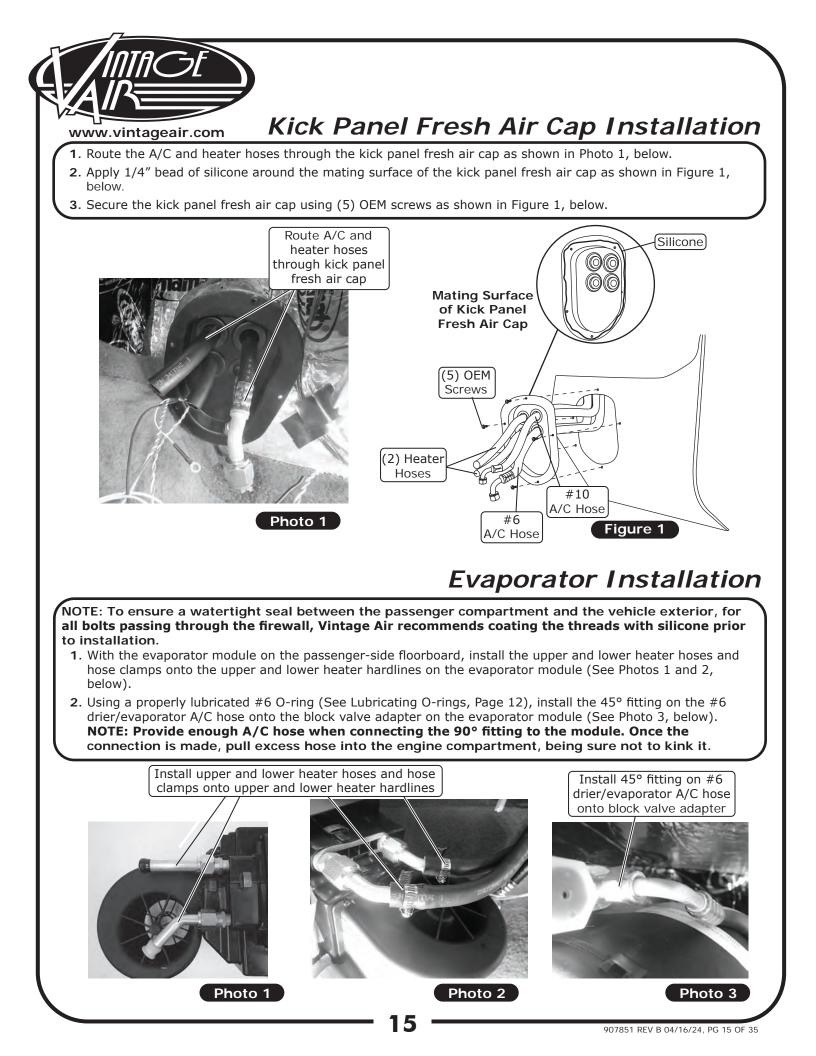


# www.vintageair.com 1. Locate the heater control valve the 7/8" wiring grommet on th opening. Then, through the wir

# Wiring Installation

- 1. Locate the heater control valve plug on the main wiring harness (white/yellow/purple). Route it through the 7/8" wiring grommet on the kick panel fresh air cap (See Photo 1, below) and into the kick panel opening. Then, through the wiring grommet on the fresh air cap (See Photo 2, below) and into the engine compartment.
- 2. Route the red, white and blue wires from the main harness through the 7/8" wiring grommet on the kick panel fresh air cap (See Photo 3, below) and into the kick panel opening. Then, route the wires through the wiring grommet on the fresh air cap and into the engine compartment (See Photo 4, below).
- 3. Leave approximately 12" of wiring between the kick panel fresh air cap and relay.
- 4. Place the evaporator module on the passenger-side floorboard.
- 5. Route the heavy gauge orange and white wires through the wiring grommet on the kick panel fresh air cap (See Photo 5, below) and into the kick panel opening. Then, through the wiring grommet on the fresh air cap and into the engine compartment (See Photo 6, below).
- 6. Connect the blower speed controller plug into the main wiring harness plug (orange and green wires) (See Photo 7, below).







## Evaporator Installation (Cont.)

- 3. Using a properly lubricated #10 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 12), install the 45° fitting on the #10 compressor/evaporator A/C hose onto the #10 fitting on the block valve adapter on the evaporator module (See Photo 4, below). NOTE: After installing the #10 compressor/evaporator A/C hose, wrap all exposed metal with the supplied press tape (See Photo 5, below).
- **4.** Roll the evaporator module into its mounting position and insert the (2)  $1/4-20 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " full-threaded studs into the upper and lower OEM mounting holes on the firewall.
- 5. Install (2) 1/4-20 well nuts into the front mounting holes on the evaporator module (See Photo 6, below).
- 6. Using (2) 1/4-20 x 1" serrated flange bolts install the evaporator cowl bracket onto the evaporator module (See Photo 7, below). NOTE: To ensure proper drainage, it is very important that the evaporator module is level, both left-right and fore-aft. Check for level on the flat portions of the case around the drain.

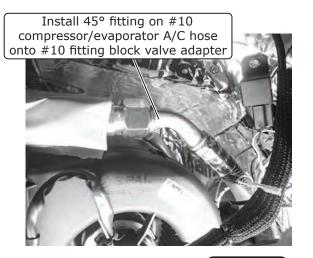


Photo 4



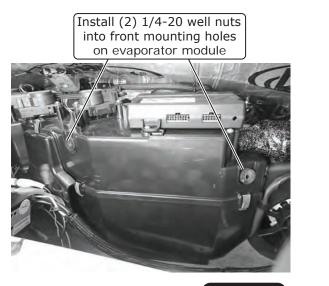
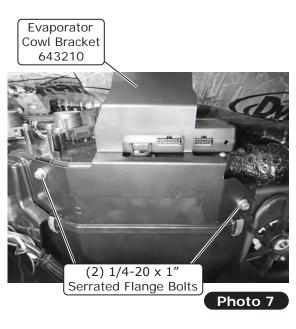
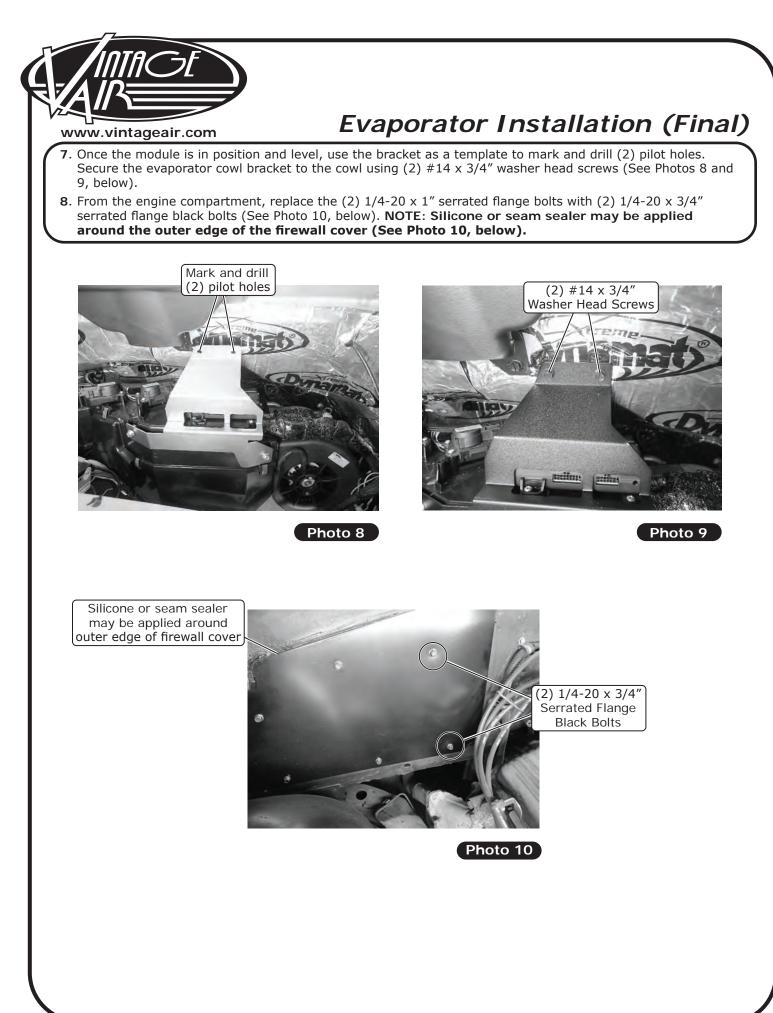


Photo 6





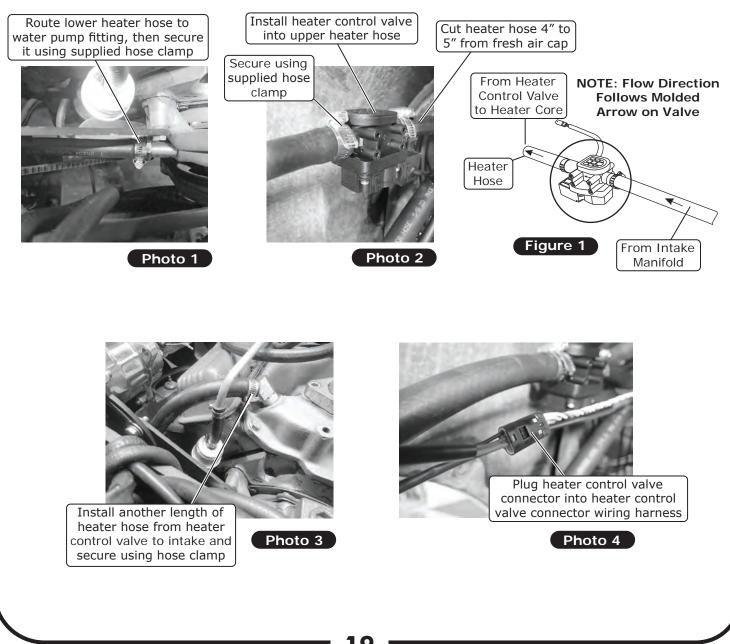




# Heater Hose & Heater Control Valve Installation

NOTE: Vintage Air systems use 5/8" heater connections. On engines equipped with 3/4" hose nipples, these will need to be removed and replaced with 5/8" nipples (not supplied). For water **pumps with a cast-in 3/4" heater outlet, a 3/4" \times 5/8" reducer fitting (not supplied) or molded hose** will need to be installed in the heater hose.

- 1. Route the lower heater hose to the water pump fitting, then secure it using the supplied hose clamp (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Cut the upper heater hose 4 to 5 inches from the fresh air cap and install the heater control valve into the upper heater hose. Secure the heater control valve using the supplied hose clamp (See Photo 2, below). NOTE: Ensure proper flow direction through the heater control valve. The flow direction follows the molded arrow on the valve (See Figure 1, below).
- **3.** Install another length of heater hose from the heater control valve to the intake, then secure it using the supplied hose clamp (See Photo 3, below).
- Plug the heater control valve connector into the heater control valve connector wiring harness (See Photo 4, below).





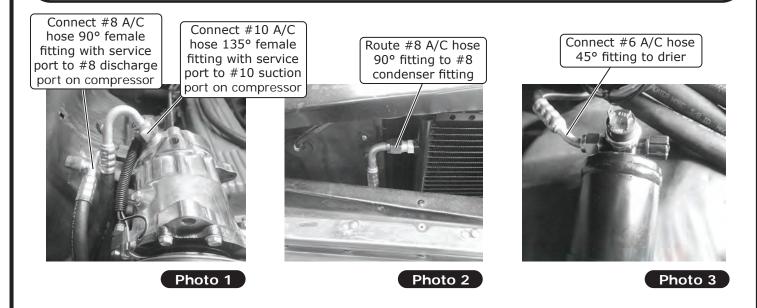
### Standard Hose Kit:

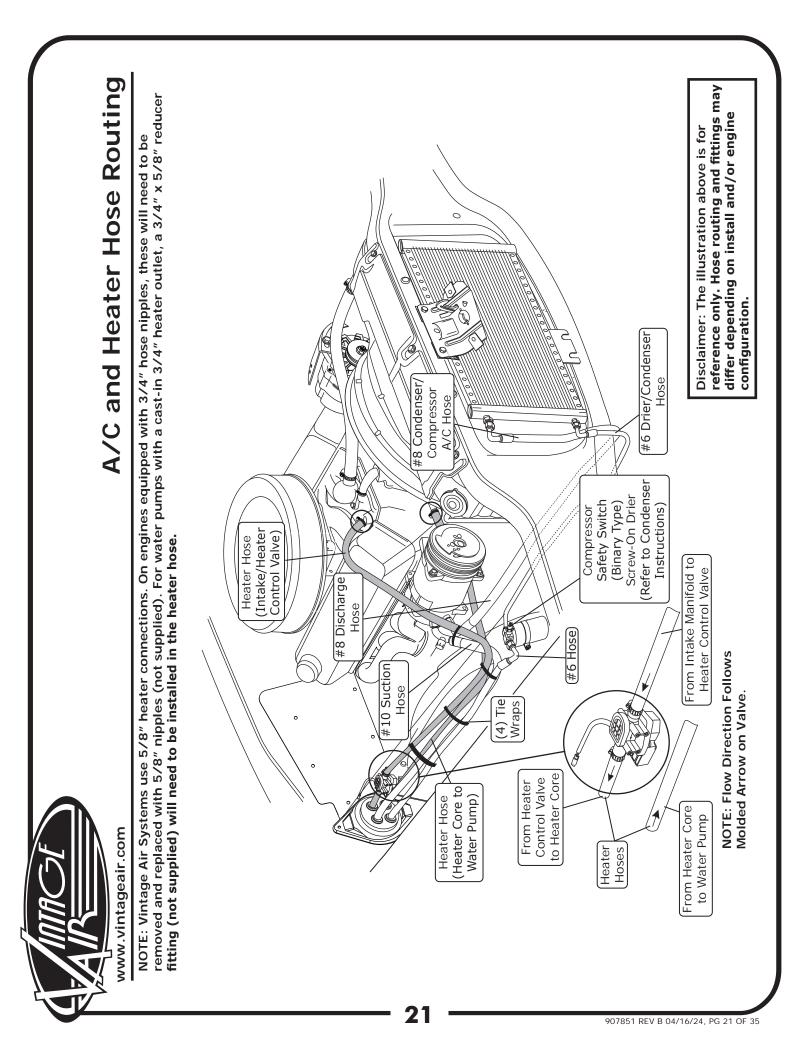
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- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 12), and connect the 90° female fitting with service port to the #8 discharge port on the compressor (See Photo 1, below). Then, route the 90° fitting to the #8 condenser fitting (See Photo 2, below). Tighten each fitting connection.
- 2. With a properly lubricated #10 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 12), connect the #10 135° female fitting with service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor (See Photo 1, below).
- **3.** With a properly lubricated #6 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 12), connect the #6 45° fitting to the drier (See Photo 3, below).

### **Modified Hose Kit:**

**1**. Refer to separate instructions included with modified hose kit.







### Wiring Final

- **1.** Select a suitable ground location for the white ground wire eyelet from the heater control valve harness and secure it using a  $#10 \times 1/2^{"}$  sheet metal screw.
- 2. Route the violet power wire to a switched 12v power source on the fuse panel (See Photo 1, below). NOTE: This requires a male fuse extension (not supplied).
- 3. Connect the tan wire to the factory dash lights to enable control panel backlighting (if applicable).
- 4. Connect the main harness to the ECU (See Photo 2, below).
- 5. Select a suitable mounting location for the main relay.

Attach violet wire to switched power source

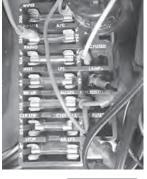
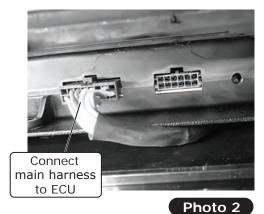


Photo 1



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# **Engine Compartment Wiring**

- **1**. Route the power and ground wires toward the battery.
- Install the supplied heat shrink over the 12 AWG orange fuse holder assembly wire, and crimp it to the 12 AWG orange wire from the main wiring harness (See Photo 1, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 29).
- Install the supplied heat shrink over the 16 AWG black fuse holder assembly wire, and crimp it to the 16 AWG red wire from the main wiring harness (See Photo 2, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 29).
- 4. Install fuses into the holders (See Photo 3, below).
- Install the supplied heat shrink over the white ground wires, then crimp on the supplied eyelets (See Photos 4 and 5, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 29).
- 6. Connect the ground wiring eyelets to the negative battery terminal connector (See Photo 6, below).
- 7. Connect the positive wiring eyelets to the positive battery terminal connector (See Photo 7, below). NOTE: Do not connect power until installation is completed.

Install supplied heat shrink over 16 AWG black fuse holder assembly wire and crimp to 16 AWG red wire from main wiring harness Install supplied heat shrink over 12 AWG orange fuse holder assembly and crimp to 12 AWG orange wire from main wiring harness Photo 1 Photo 2 Install fuses Install supplied heat into holders shrink over white ground wires and crimp on supplied eyelets Photo 5 Photo 3 Photo 4 NOTE: Do not connect power until installation is completed. Connect positive wiring eyelets to Connect ground positive battery wiring eyelets to terminal connector negative battery terminal connector Photo 6 Photo 7



# **Final Steps: Installation Check**

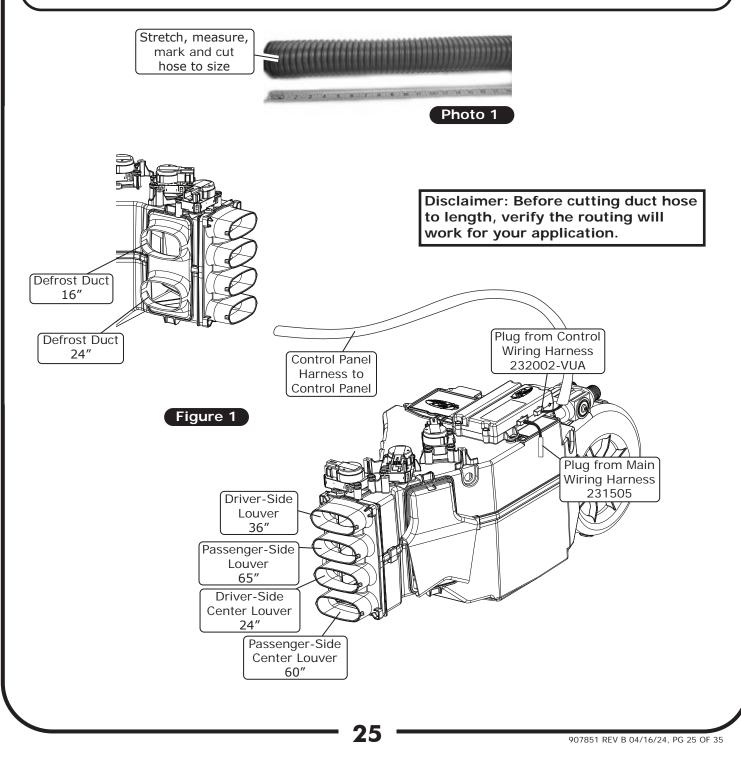
		Installation Check
ITE	ITEM TO CHECK	Procedure
	ECU	If no blinking is observed after 1 minute of turning the ignition on, go to the next check. If repetetive blinking is observed, go to the <u>Advanced Diagnostics</u> Section to diagnose.
	Blower speed control	Set the blower speed control to <b>OFF</b> , <i>confirm that the blower is off</i> . Blower speed control Position the blower speed control to LOW then MEDIUM and then HIGH. <i>At each setting confirm that the blower speed increases</i> , do this by feeling for the amount of air coming from the unit and hearing the blower speed increase.
	Mode control	Set the MODE control to the DASH position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the dash vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the FLOOR position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the floor vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the DEFROST position. <u>Confirm that all air is being blown from the defrost vents</u>
	Temperature control	
		set the IEMP control to the MAX COUL position. <u>Confirm that CULD</u> air is coming from the dash vents. Also <u>confirm that the compressor "clicks" on</u> when adjusting the TEMP control from the MAX HEAT position to the MAX COOL position.
	AC Indicator (If applicable)	While the <b>MODE</b> control is set to the <b>DASH</b> position, and the <b>TEMP</b> control is set to the <b>MAX COOL/MIN HEAT</b> position, <i>confirm that the blue AC Indicator light is on</i> .
	Backlight (If applicable)	lf your control panel has backlight capabilities and has been wired, turn the dash lamp on and <u>confirm that the AC</u> panel's legend is lit .
	Fittings	Verify AC and Heater fittings are all tight.

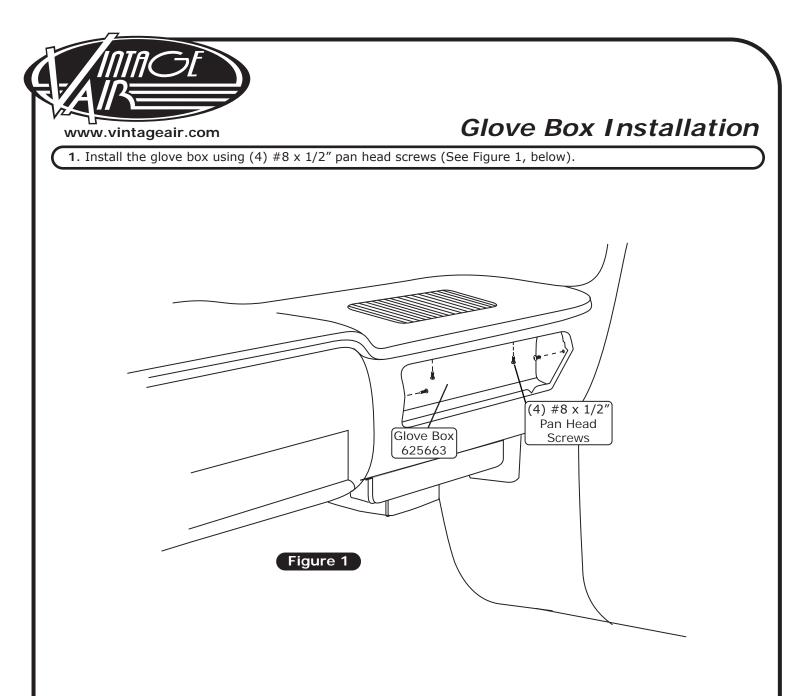


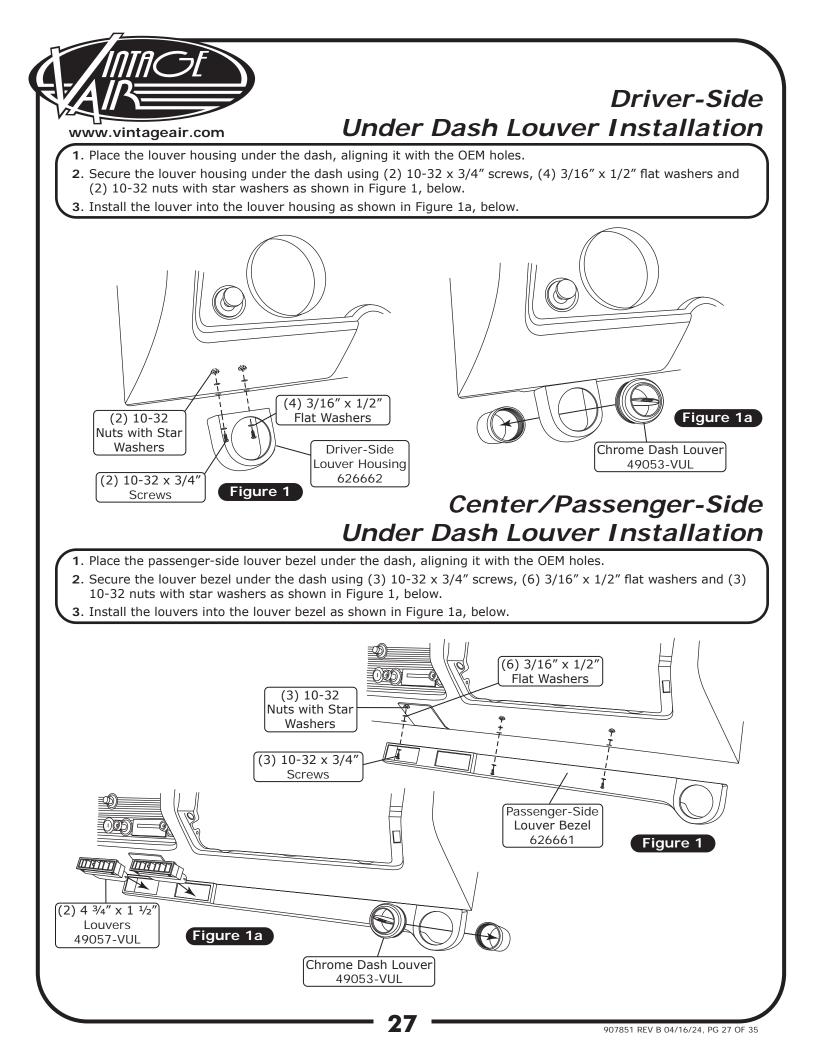
### Duct Hose Routing

NOTE: For the system to function optimally, the duct hoses must be routed as directly as possible, taking care to avoid kinks, sharp bends and unnecessary length. Vintage Air supplies duct hoses in continuous lengths that will need to be cut to size depending on application. Before cutting, familiarize yourself with the installation instructions and verify the routing will work with your application. For custom hose routing, additional hose may be needed and can be purchased from Vintage Air.

- 1. Stretch the duct hose until there is no slack, measure, mark and cut hose to size (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Refer to Figure 1, below, for duct hose routing.
- **3.** Attach 2 1/2" duct hose to each hose adapter and connect to the evaporator as shown in Figure 1, below.







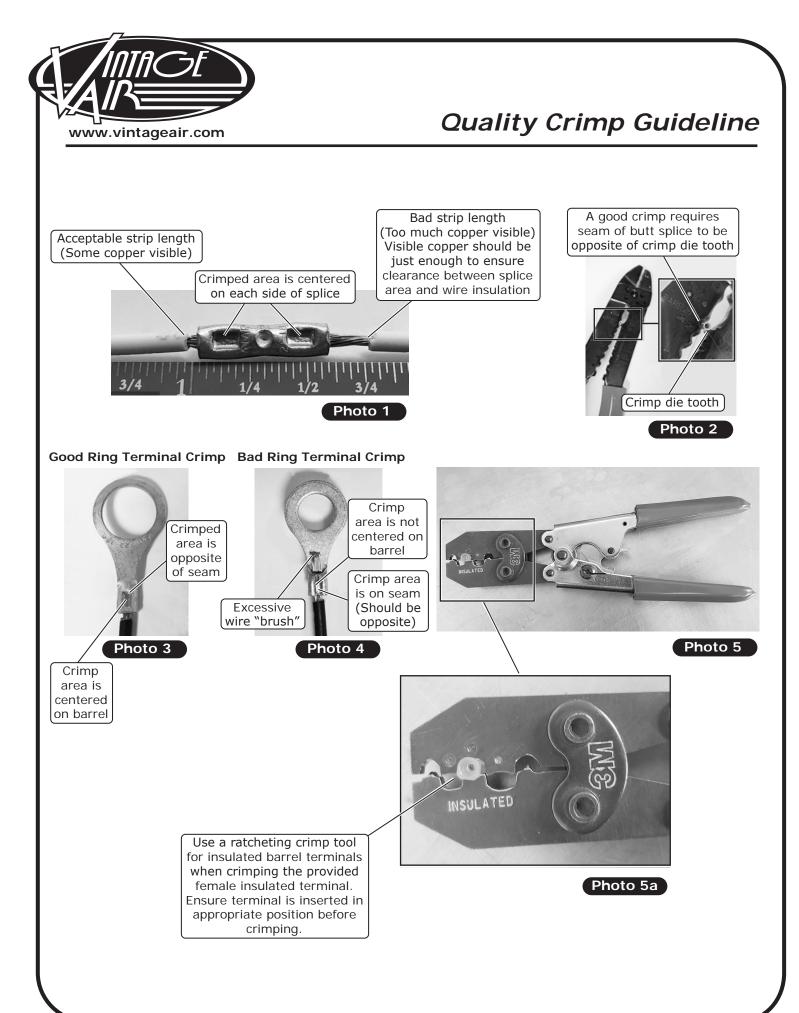


### Final Steps: Completing the Install

- **1**. Install the control panel assembly. Refer to the control panel instructions.
- 2. Reinstall all previously removed items (battery tray, battery, and inner fender).
- **3.** Fill radiator with at least a 50/50 mixture of approved antifreeze and distilled water. It is the owner's
- 4. responsibility to keep the freeze protection at the proper level for the climate in which the vehicle is operated. Failure to follow antifreeze recommendations will cause heater core to corrode prematurely and possibly burst in A/C mode and/or freezing weather, voiding your warranty.

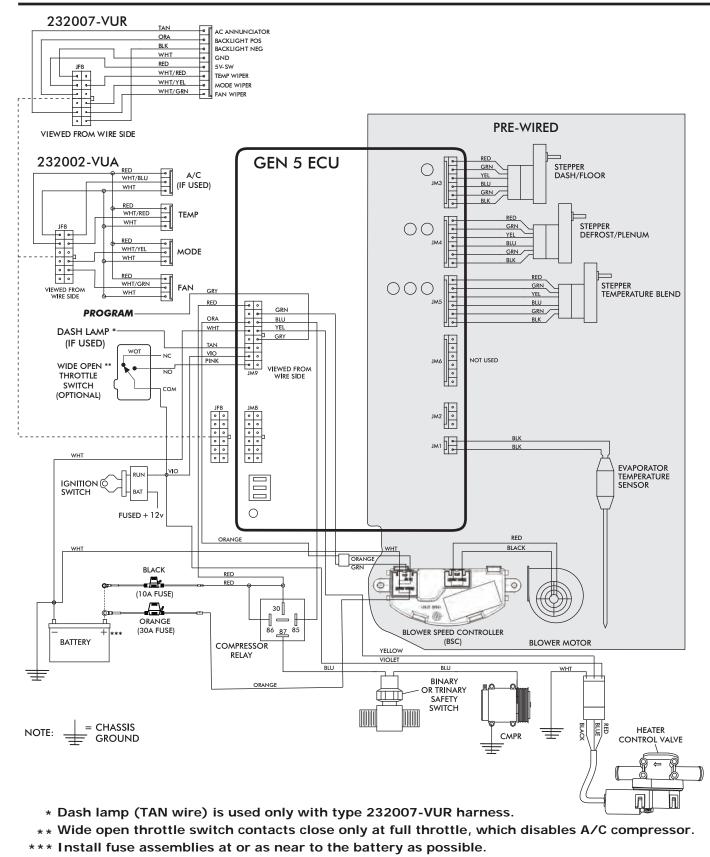
Double check all fittings, brackets and belts for tightness.

- 5. Vintage Air recommends that all A/C systems be serviced by a licensed automotive A/C technician.
- **6.** Evacuate the system for a minimum of 45 minutes prior to charging, and perform a leak check prior to **7.** servicing.
  - Charge the system to the capacities stated on Page 4 of this instruction manual.
- 8. See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 32.

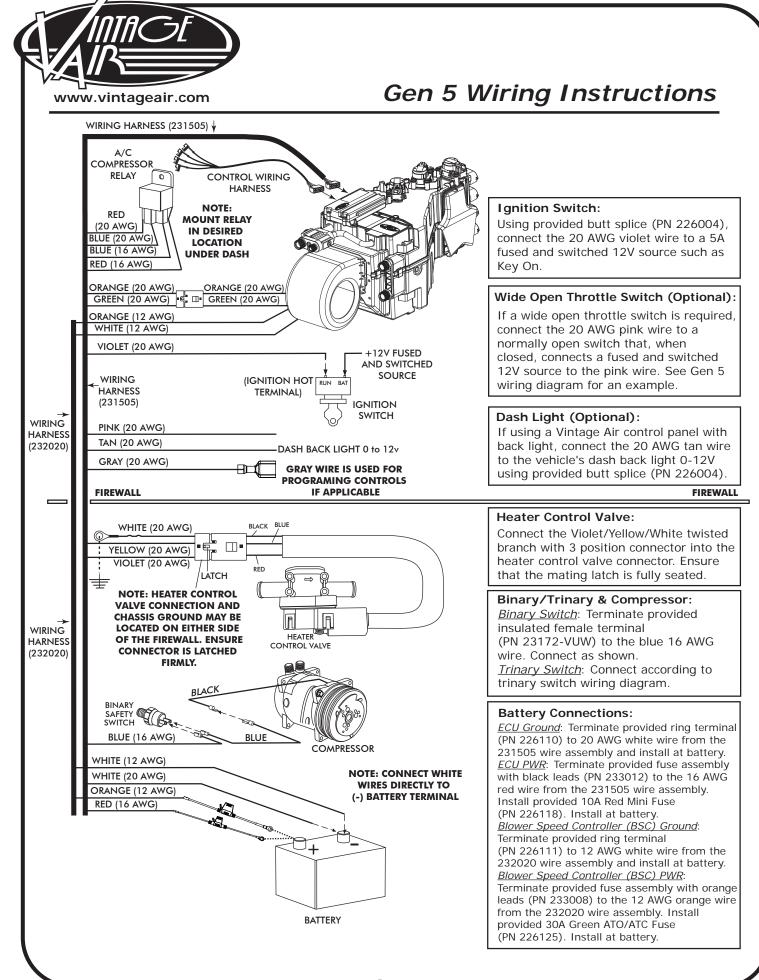




### Gen 5 Wiring Diagram



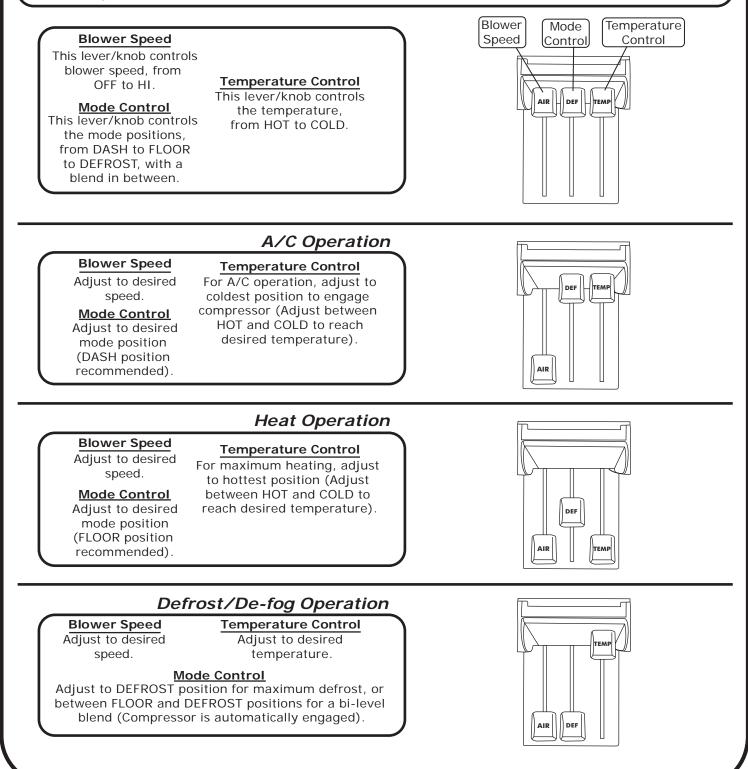
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# **Operation of Controls**

On Gen 5 systems with three lever/knob controls, the temperature control toggles between heat and A/C operations. To activate A/C, move the temperature lever/knob all the way to cold and then back it off to the desired vent temperature. For heat operation, move the temperature lever/knob all the way to hot and then adjust to the desired vent temperature. The blower will momentarily change speed, each time you toggle between operations, to indicate the change. **NOTE: For proper control panel function, refer to control panel instructions for calibration procedure.** 



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**Troubleshooting Guide** 

This printed troubleshooting guide is our basic guide that covers common installation problems. To see our advanced diagnostics and troubleshooting guide, please refer to the following page for instructions on how to download the complete guide.

Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
	No other functions work.	Check for damaged pins or wires in the control panel wire assembly and mating header	If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	
Blower stays on high speed with idnition on				
5	All other functions work.		If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	If fuse continues to blow,
		at ECU. Check if Blower power fuse is blown.	→ Replace fuse.	there is a serious problem in the wiring. Check all wiring and ensure the wire is not
	~	Check for a bad ECU GND.	► Repair connection.	▲ damaged and shorting out ■ along its route.
6	◆System is not charged.	System must be charged for compressor to engage.	→ Charge system.	Danger: Never bypass safety switch with engine running. Serious injury can result.
Compressor will not turn on (All other functions work).		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring (not applicable to 3-pot controls).	Check continuity to ground on white control head wire.	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at white/red wire. Voltage should be between 0V and 5V and will varv with por
	System is charged.	Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	→ Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	Disconnected or faulty     thermistor will cause     compressor to be     disabled.
3. Compressor will not turn off (All other functions		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring.	◆ Repair or replace pot/control wiring.	Red wire at A/C pot should have approximately 5V with ignition on. White wire will have continuity to chassis ground. White/
work).		Check for faulty A/C relay.	▶ Replace relay.	Red wire should vary between OV and 5V when lever is moved up or down.

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Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
4	Works when engine is not running; shuts off when engine is started	Noise interference from either ignition or alternator.	Install capacitors on ignition coil and alternator. Ensure good ground at all points. Relocate coil and associated wiring away from ECU and ECU wiring. Check for burned or loose plug wires.	
System will not turn on, or runs intermittently.		Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both white ground wires.	Check for power at ECU, and confirm ignition is being applied to ECU properly.	quality oscilloscope. Spikes greater than 16V will shut down the ECU. Install a radio capacitor at the positive post of the ignition
	Will not turn on under any conditions.	Verify battery voltage is greater than 10 volts and less than 16 while engine is running.	✓ Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	coil (see radio capacitor installation bulletin). A faulty alternator or worn out battery can also result in this condition.
<b>5.</b> Loss of mode door function.	<ul> <li>No mode change at all.</li> </ul>	Check for damaged mode switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		
<b>6.</b> Blower turns on and off rapidly.	Battery voltage is at least 12V. Battery voltage is less than 12V.	Check for at least 12V at circuit breaker. Check for faulty battery or alternator.	Ensure all system grounds and power connections are clean and tight.	System shuts off blower at 10V. Poor connections or weak battery can cause shutdown at up to 11V.
7. Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.	Is of	Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring.	rr → Repair or replace.	
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