

1953-55 Ford F-100 Gen 5 Evaporator Kit

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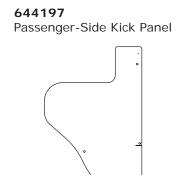


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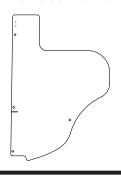
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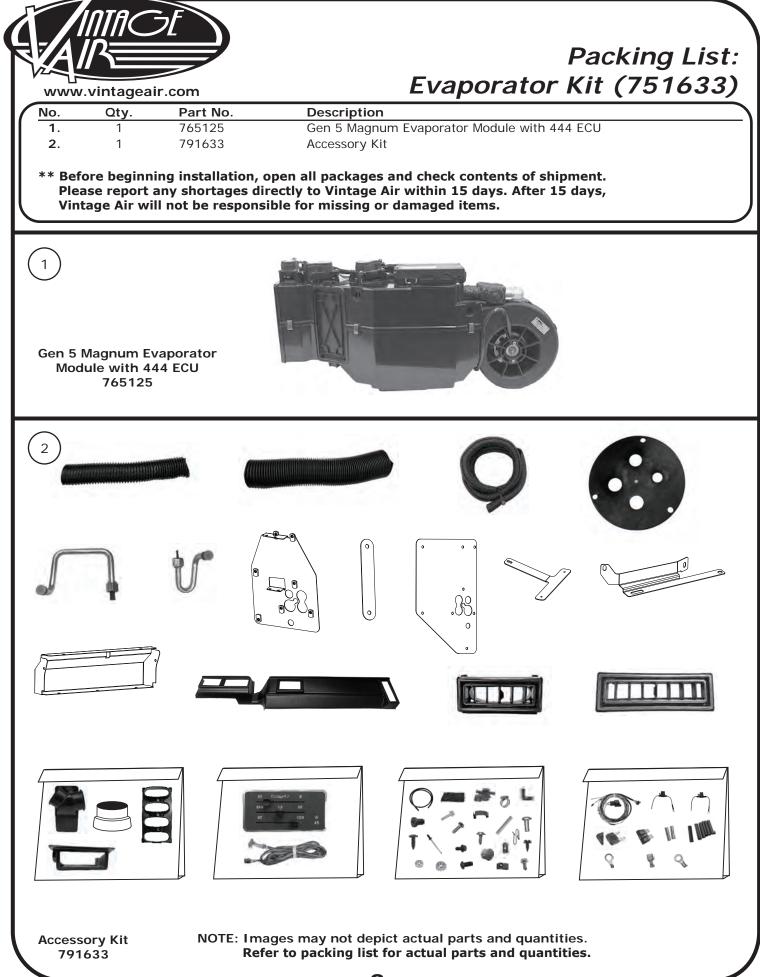
• For proper fit and finish of the under dash louvers, Vintage Air recommends the installation of kick panels. In case of damaged or missing kick panels, Vintage Air offers the SureFit powder-coated replacement panels below.



644198 Driver-Side Kick Panel



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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.

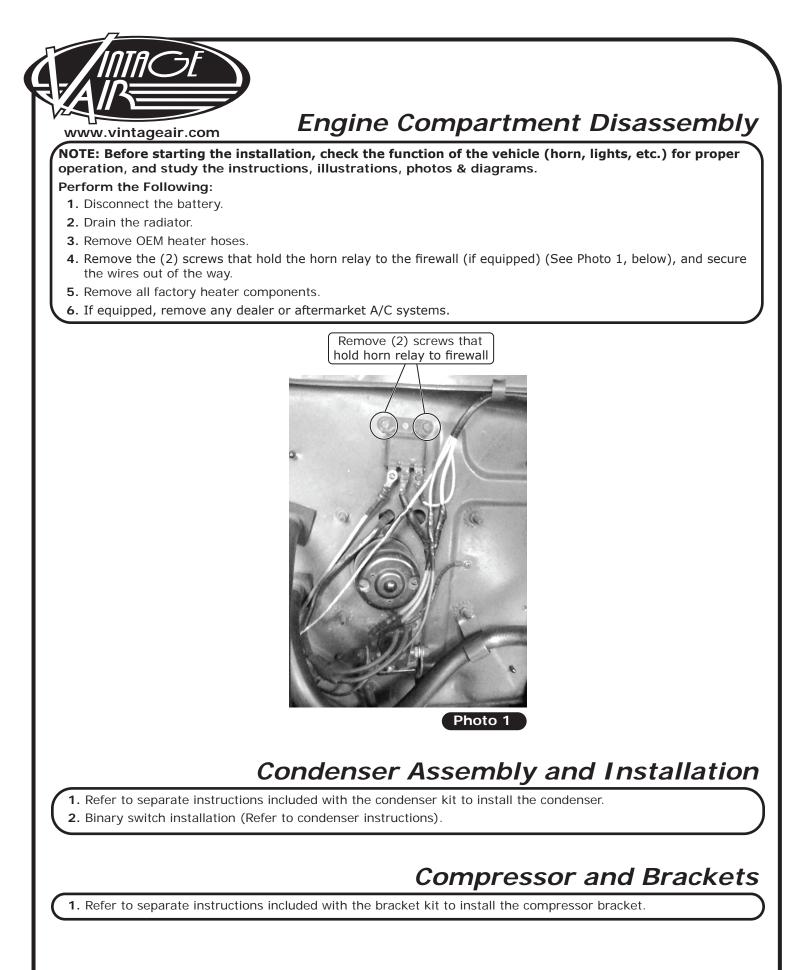
It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

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.

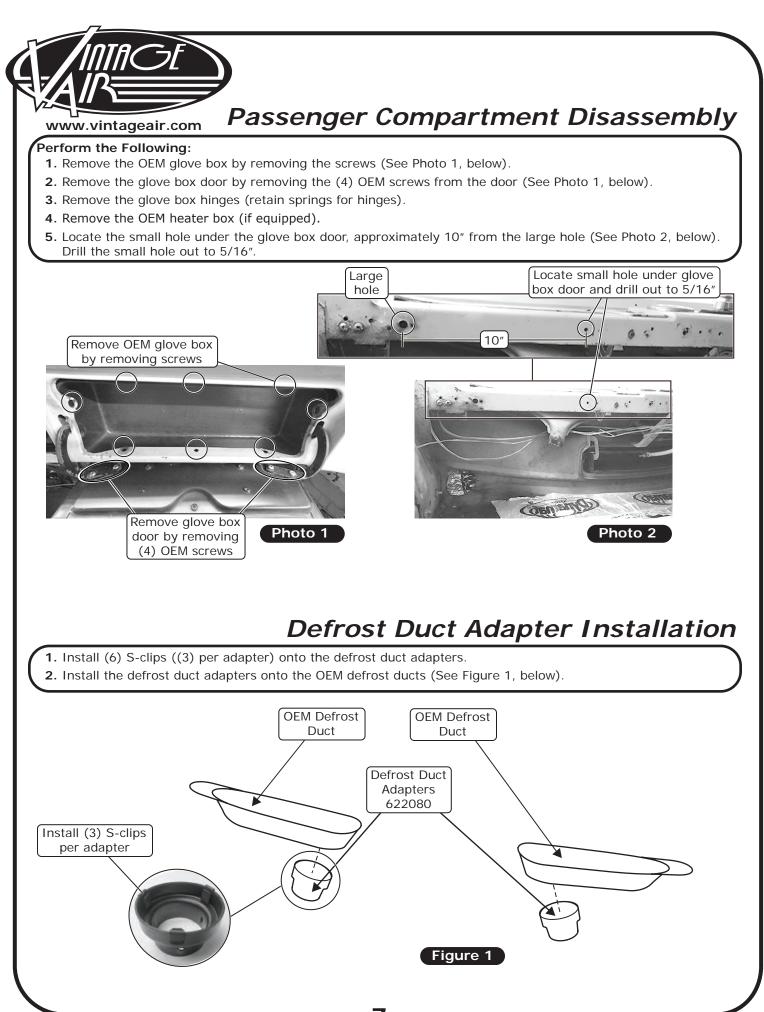
Vintage Air strives to harden our products against these types of electrical noise, but there is a point where a vehicle's electrical system can be degraded so much that nothing can help.

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.



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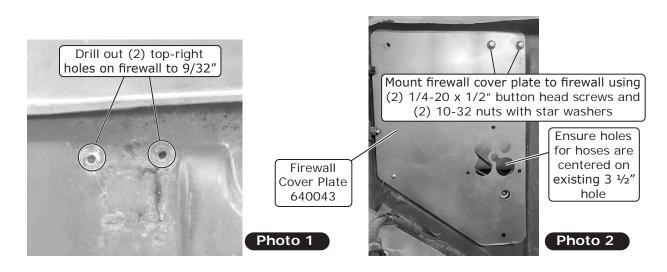


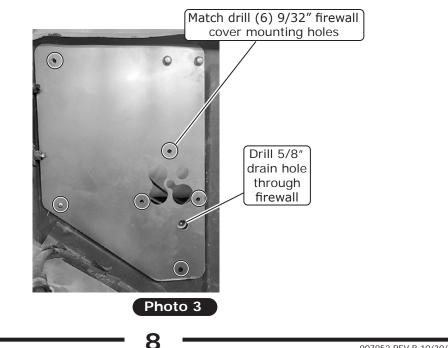
Firewall Modification and Insulation

NOTE: The firewall requires modification for the drain hose to be installed. For proper system operation, Vintage Air recommends using Dynaliner #461500-VIP heat-blocking insulation in the area around the evaporator module (firewall, kick panel, inner cowl, 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".

Perform the following:

- 1. Drill out the (2) top-right holes on firewall to 9/32" (See Photo 1, below).
- Mount the firewall cover plate onto the firewall using (2) 1/4-20 x 1/2" button head screws and (2) 10-32 nuts with star washers into the (2) top-right firewall holes (See Photo 2, below). NOTE: Ensure the holes for the hoses are centered on the existing 3 1/2" hole.
- 3. Match drill (6) 9/32" firewall cover mounting holes (See Photo 3, below).
- 4. Drill the 5/8" drain hole through the firewall (See Photo 3, below). **NOTE: To ensure a tight fit, do not enlarge the hole to more than 5/8".**

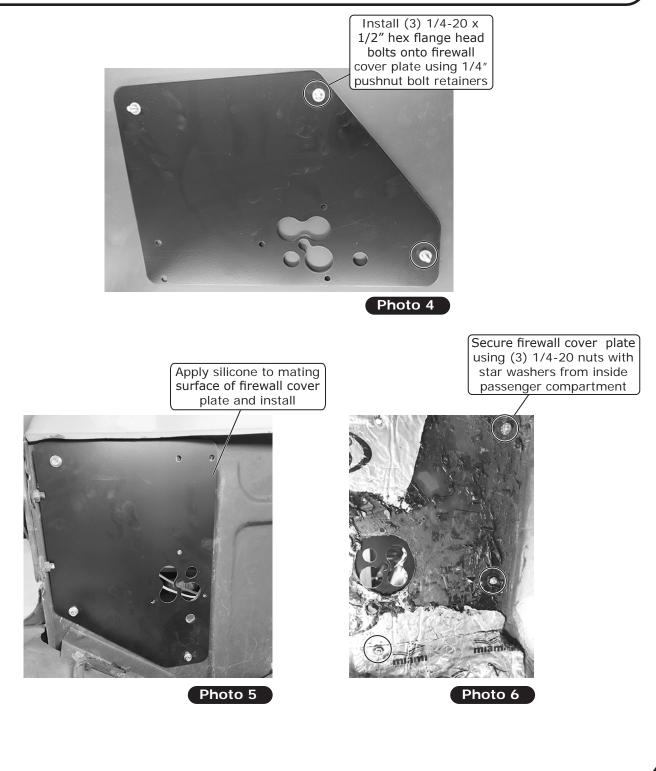


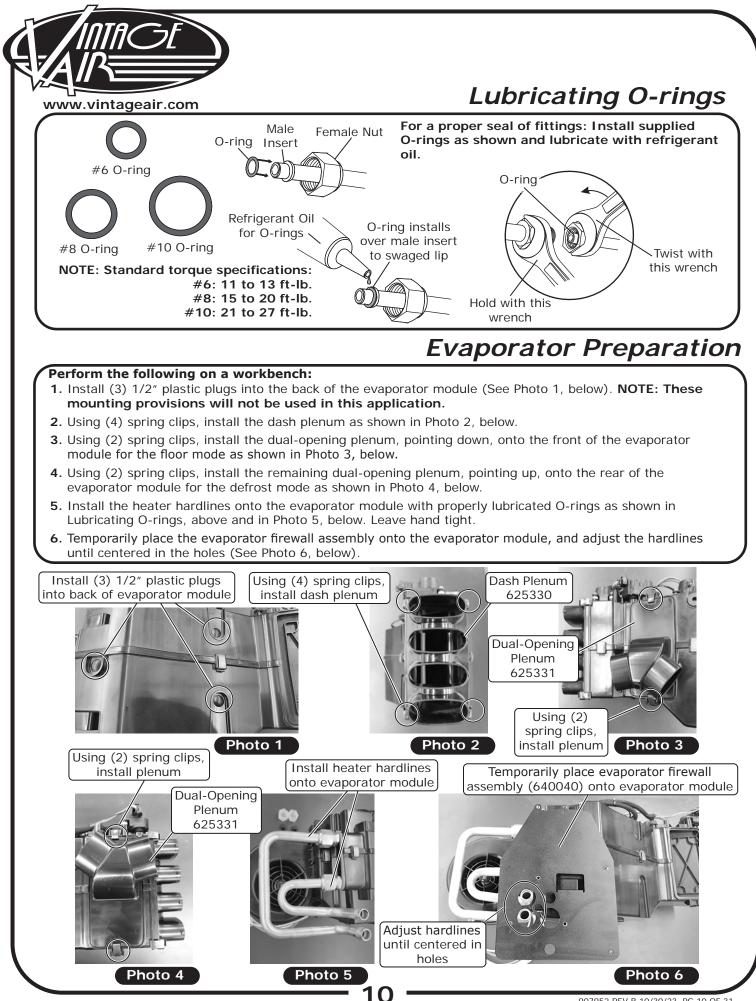




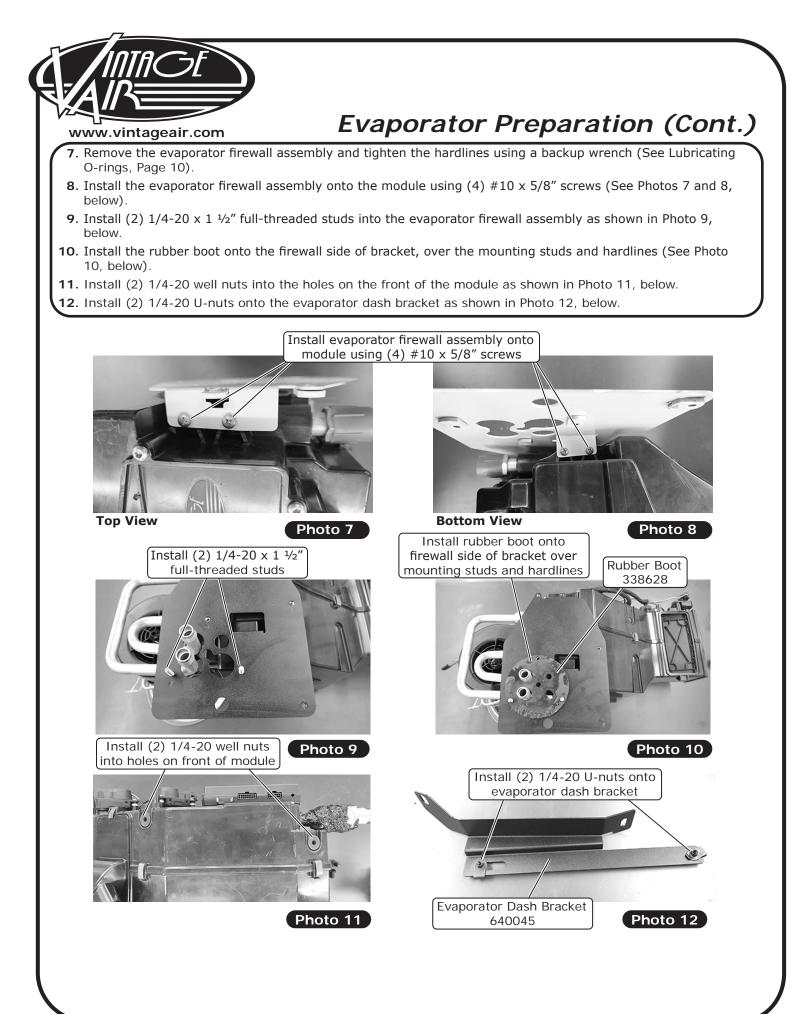
Firewall Modification and Insulation (Cont.)

- Remove the firewall cover plate, and install (3) 1/4-20 x 1/2" hex flange head bolts onto it using 1/4" pushnut bolt retainers as shown in Photo 4, below.
- 6. Apply silicone to the mating surface of the firewall cover plate, and install (See Photo 5, below).
- **7.** Secure the firewall cover plate using (3) 1/4-20 nuts with star washers from inside the passenger compartment as shown in Photo 6, below.





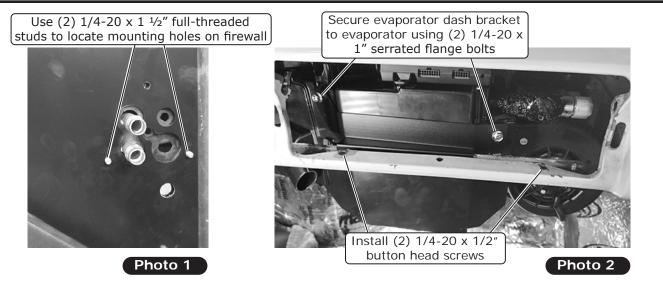
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Evaporator Installation (Passenger Compartment)

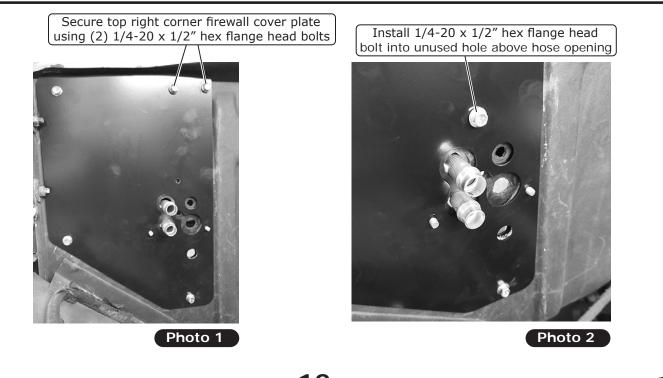


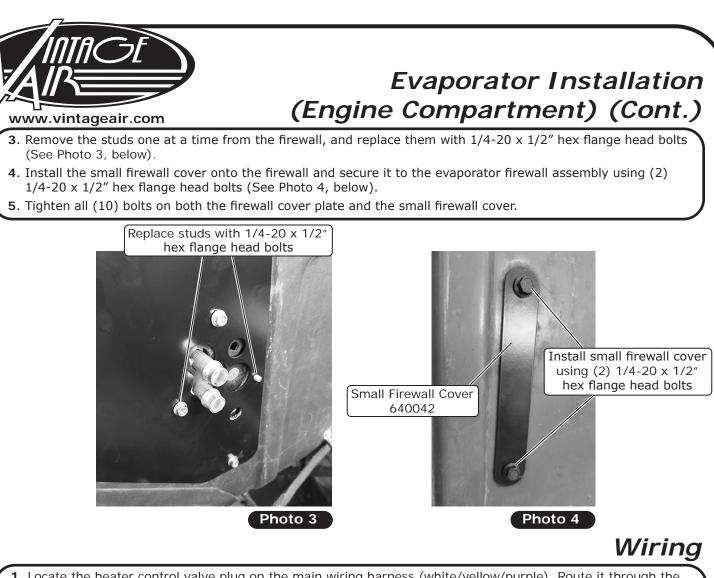
- **1**. Raise the evaporator module into position, then using the (2) $1/4-20 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}''$ full-threaded studs, locate the mounting holes on the firewall (See Photo 1, below).
- Place the evaporator dash bracket into the channel of the glove box rail, and secure it to the evaporator using
 (2) 1/4-20 x 1" serrated flange bolts as shown in Photo 2, below. Loosely install (2) 1/4-20 x 1/2" button
 head screws through the dash and into the evaporator dash bracket (See Photo 2, below).



Evaporator Installation (Engine Compartment)

- 1. From the engine bay, secure the top-right corner of the firewall cover plate to the evaporator firewall assembly using (2) 1/4-20 x 1/2" hex flange head bolts (See Photo 1, below). NOTE: Reinstall the horn relay at this time using new bolts (if equipped).
- Install the 1/4-20 x 1/2" hex flange head bolt into the unused hole above the hose opening (See Photo 2, below).





- 1. Locate the heater control valve plug on the main wiring harness (white/yellow/purple). Route it through the wiring opening on the rubber boot and into the engine compartment (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Route the red, white and blue wires from the main wiring harness through the wiring opening on the rubber boot and into the engine compartment (See Photo 2, below).
- Route the blower power and ground wires (orange/white) through the wiring opening on the rubber boot and into the engine compartment (See Photo 3, below). NOTE: Leave enough wiring between the firewall to mount the main relay in a desired location.

Route heater control valve plug on main wiring harness (white/yellow/purple) through wiring opening on rubber boot and into engine compartment



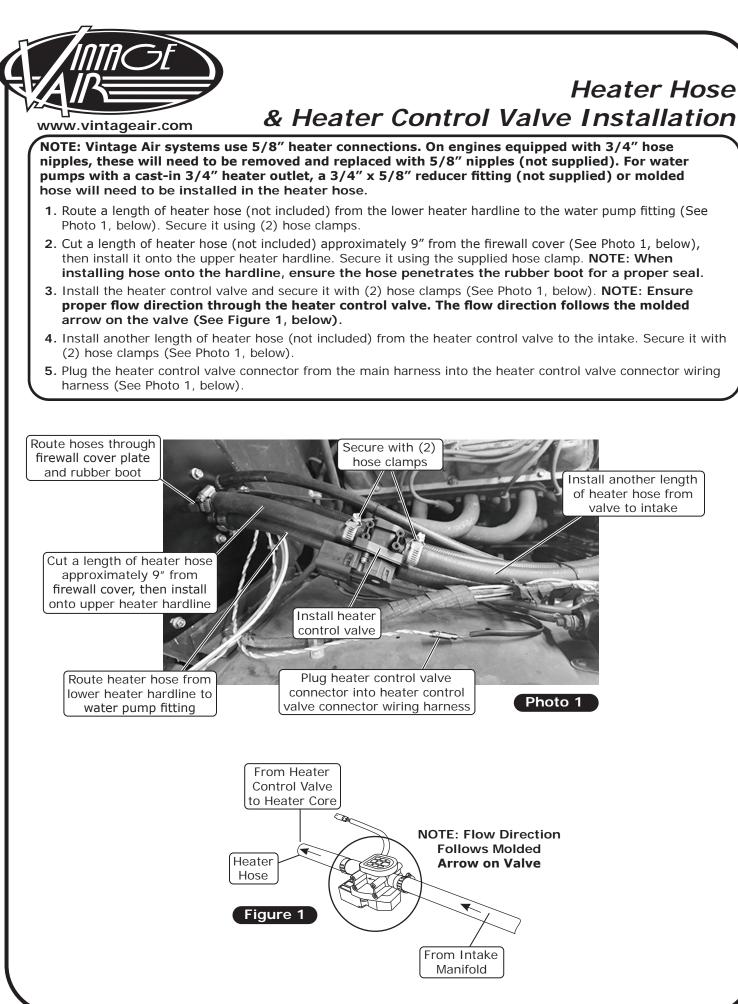
Photo 1

Route red, white and blue wires from main wiring harness through wiring opening on rubber boot and into engine compartment



Route blower power and ground wires (orange/white) through wiring opening on rubber boot and into engine compartment



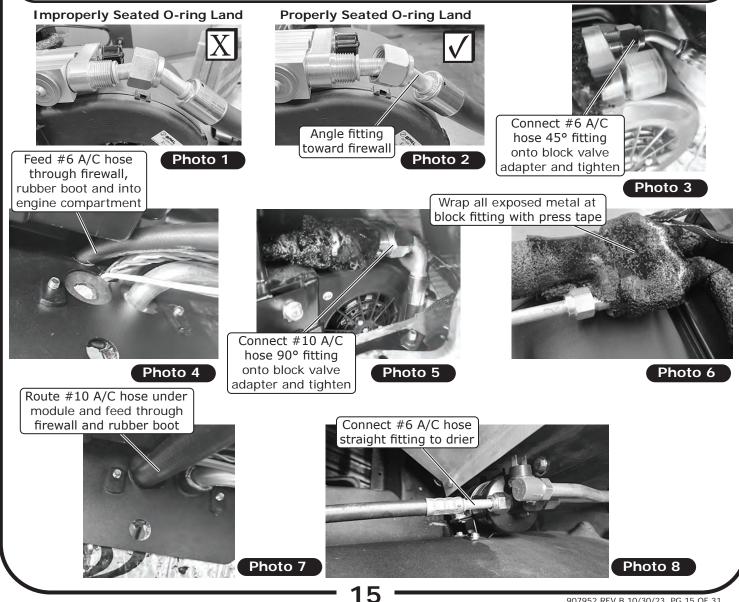




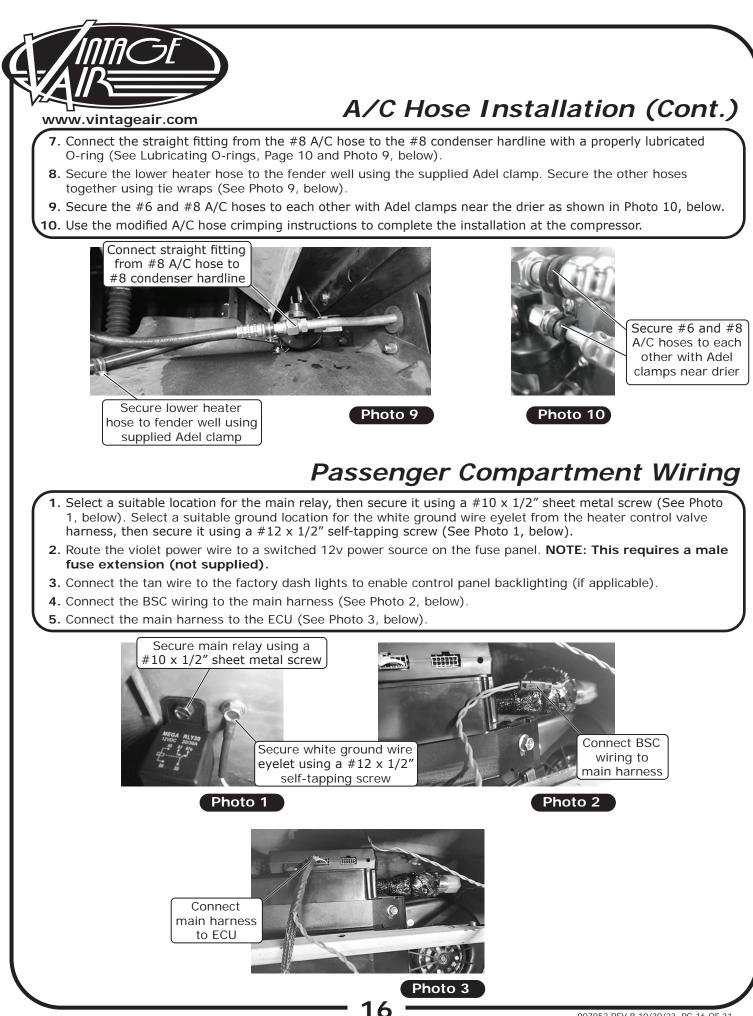
A/C Hose Installation

NOTE: Use a backup wrench when tightening the A/C hose fittings. Be sure to apply oil to O-rings and threads (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10). Reference Modified Hose Kit Installation Information for crimping instructions. When installing the A/C hose fittings to the expansion valve, do not install the fitting pointing straight down towards the blower motor, as this may cause the O-ring land of the hose to seat improperly (See Photo 1, below) and leak. To properly install the fittings, slide the A/C hose nut back to expose the O-ring land, then angle the fitting toward the firewall to fully seat it inside the expansion valve fitting (See Photo 2, below).

- 1. Connect the #6 A/C hose 45° fitting onto the block valve adapter with a properly lubricated O-ring, and tighten (See Photo 3, below).
- 2. Route the straight fitting of the #6 A/C hose around the unit, and feed the hose through the firewall, rubber boot and into the engine compartment as shown in Photo 4, below.
- 3. Connect the #10 A/C hose 90° fitting onto the block valve adapter with a properly lubricated O-ring and tighten (See Photo 5, below).
- 4. Wrap all exposed metal at block fitting with press tape (See Photo 6, below).
- 5. Route the #10 A/C hose under the module as shown in Photo 7 below, and feed it through the firewall and rubber boot.
- 6. From the firewall, continue routing the #6 A/C hose along the heater hoses and toward the drier. Connect the straight fitting with a properly lubricated O-ring to the drier (See Photo 8, below).



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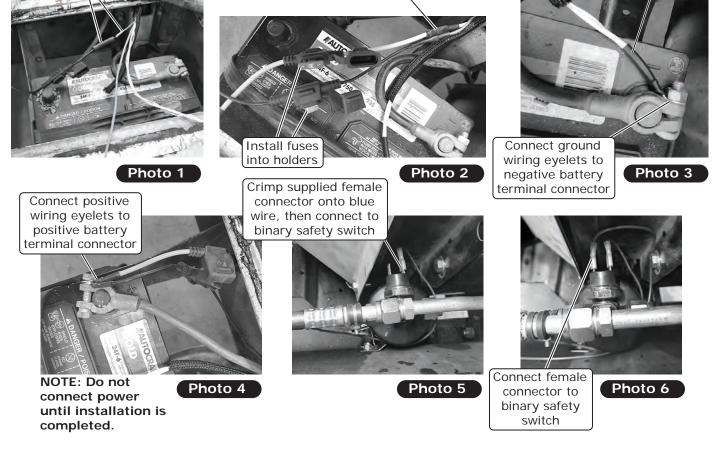
Engine Compartment Wiring

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- 1. Route the power and ground wires toward the battery.
- 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 1, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- 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 2, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- 4. Install fuses into the holders (See Photo 2, below).
- Install the supplied heat shrink over the white ground wires, then crimp on the supplied eyelets (See Photo 3, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- 6. Connect the ground wiring eyelets to the negative battery terminal connector (See Photo 3, below).
- 7. Connect the positive wiring eyelets to the positive battery terminal connector (See Photo 4, below). NOTE: Do not connect power until installation is completed.
- **8.** Route the blue safety switch wire along the #6 A/C hose to the drier. Crimp the supplied female connector onto the blue wire and connect it to the binary safety switch (See Photo 5, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- 9. Connect the bullet connector of the compressor to the compressor lead.
- **10.** Route the compressor lead along the #8 A/C hose toward the drier, then connect the female connector to the binary safety switch (See Photo 6, below).
- **11.** Wrap all wiring with supplied split sleeve.

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 wire, and crimp to 12 AWG orange wire from main wiring harness

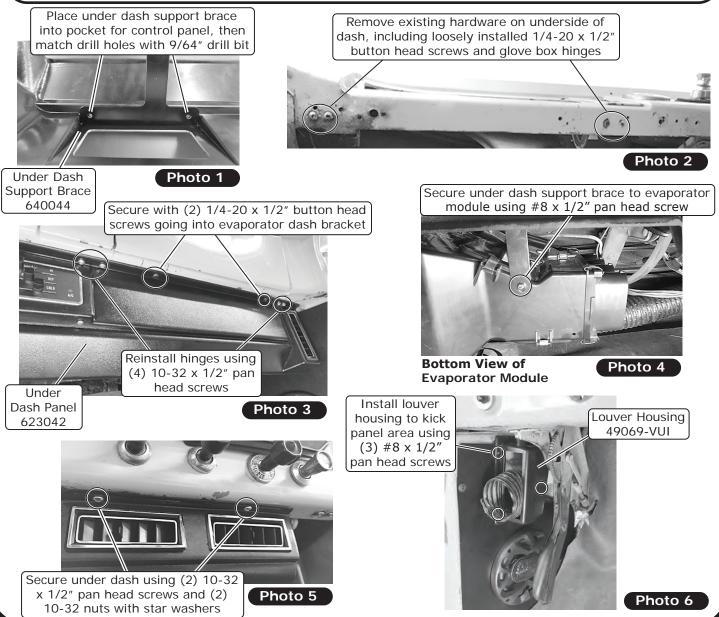
Install supplied heat shrink over white ground wires





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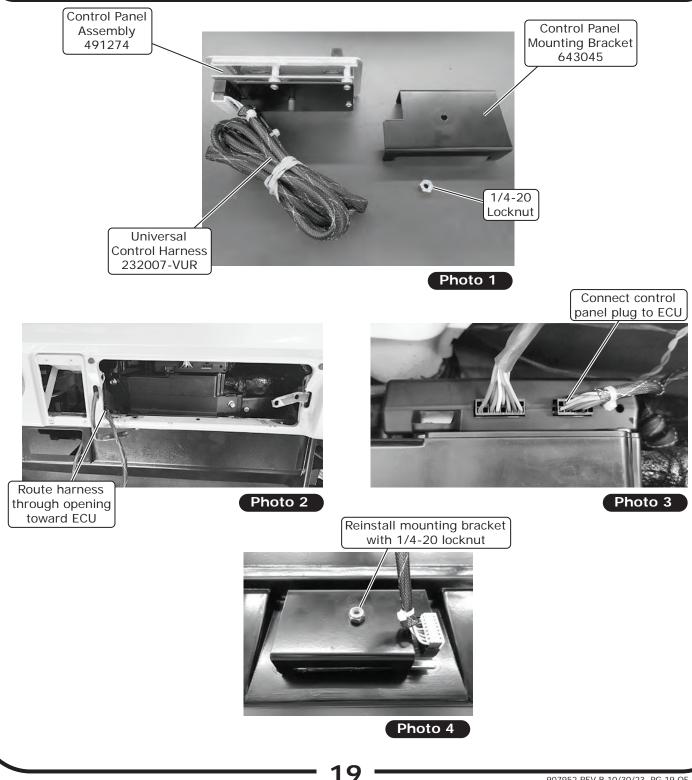
- 1. Place the under dash support brace into the pocket for the control panel as shown in Photo 1, below. Match drill holes with 9/64" drill bit.
- 2. Secure the under dash support brace to the under dash panel with (2) black pop rivets.
- Remove the existing hardware on the underside of the dash, including the loosely installed 1/4-20 x 1/2" button head screws and glove box hinges (See Photo 2, below). NOTE: The fresh air lever does not need to be removed.
- **4.** Place assembly under the dash, and secure it with (2) 1/4-20 x 1/2" button head screws going into the evaporator dash bracket (See Photo 3, below).
- 5. Reinstall the glove box hinges using (4) 10-32 x 1/2" pan head screws (See Photo 3, below).
- 6. Secure the under dash support brace to the evaporator module using a $#8 \times 1/2''$ pan head screw going into the hole on the bottom of the evaporator as shown in Photo 4, below.
- **7.** Secure the under dash using the (2) remaining 10-32 x 1/2" pan head screws and (2) 10-32 nuts with star washers as shown in Photo 5, below.
- Install the louver housing to the kick panel area using (3) #8 x 1/2" pan head screws as shown in Photo 6, below. NOTE: Image shows duct hose pre-installed.

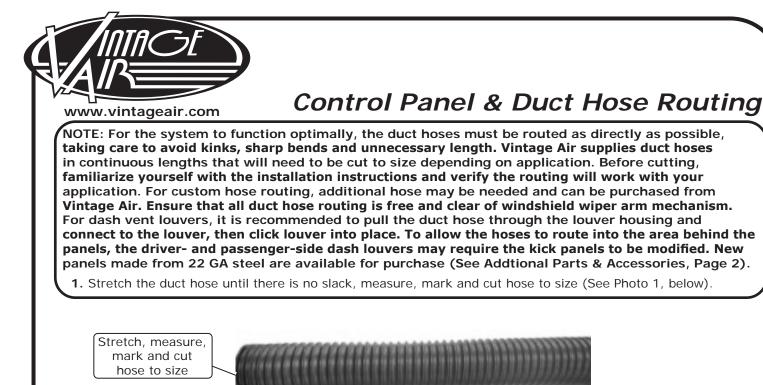


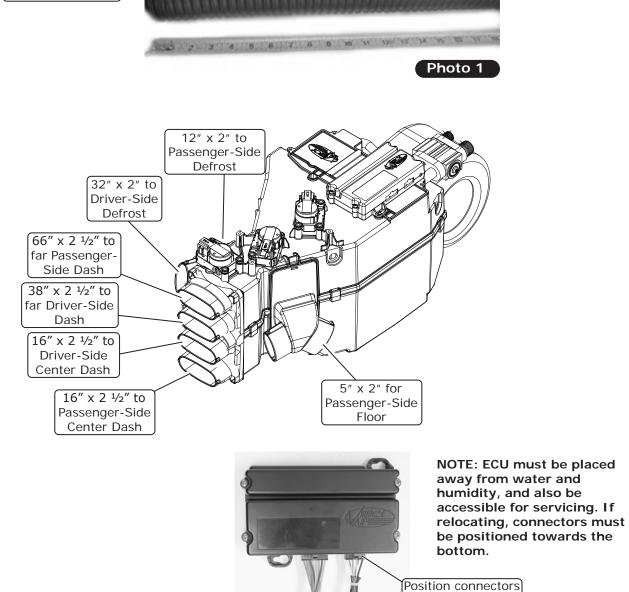


Control Panel Installation

- 1. Locate the control panel assembly and wiring harness. Remove the 1/4-20 locknut and the control panel mounting bracket from the control panel (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Route the harness through the opening towards the ECU (See Photo 2, below).
- 3. Connect the control panel plug to the ECU as shown in Photo 3, below.
- 4. Place the control panel into the opening and reinstall the mounting bracket with the 1/4-20 locknut (See Photo 4, below).







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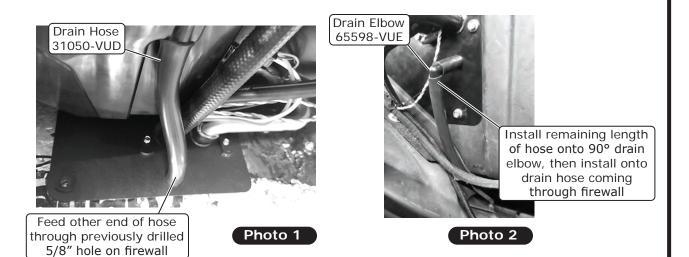
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Drain Hose Installation

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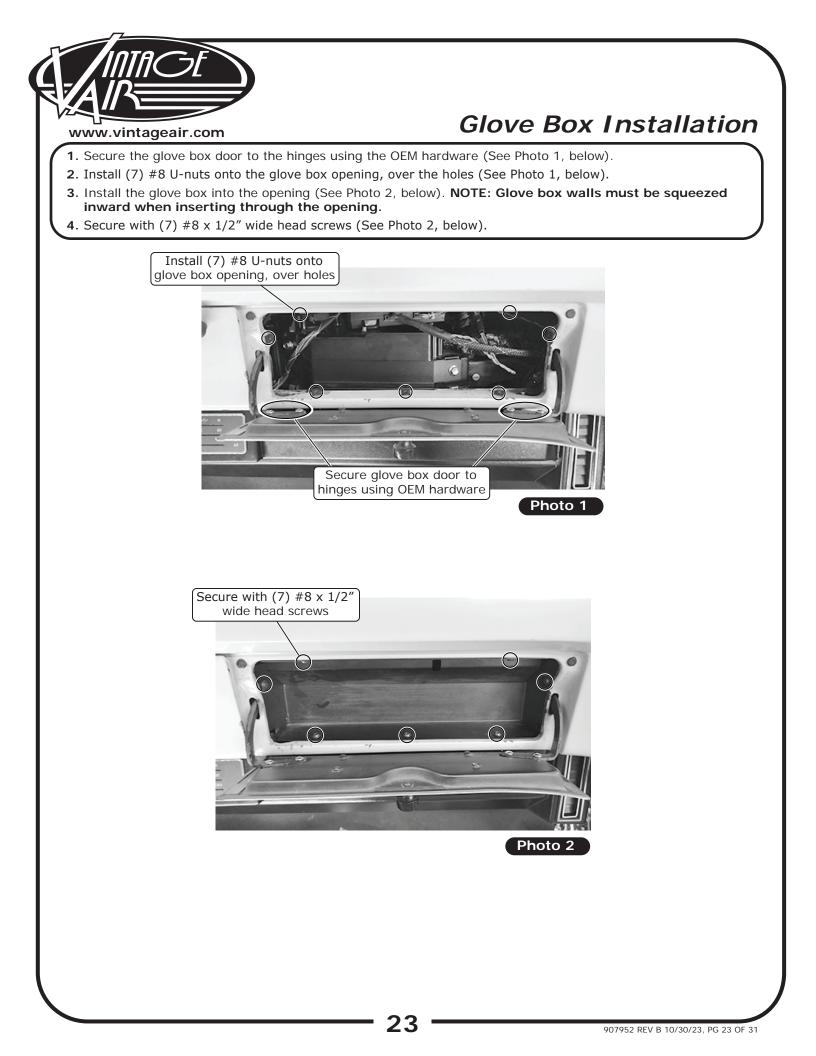
- 1. Install 9" piece of drain hose onto the drain nipple of the evaporator. Feed the other end of the hose through the previously drilled 5/8" hole on the firewall (See Photo 1, below).
- Install the remaining length of hose onto the 90° drain elbow, then install it onto the drain hose coming through the firewall (See Photo 2, below).





Final Steps: Installation Check

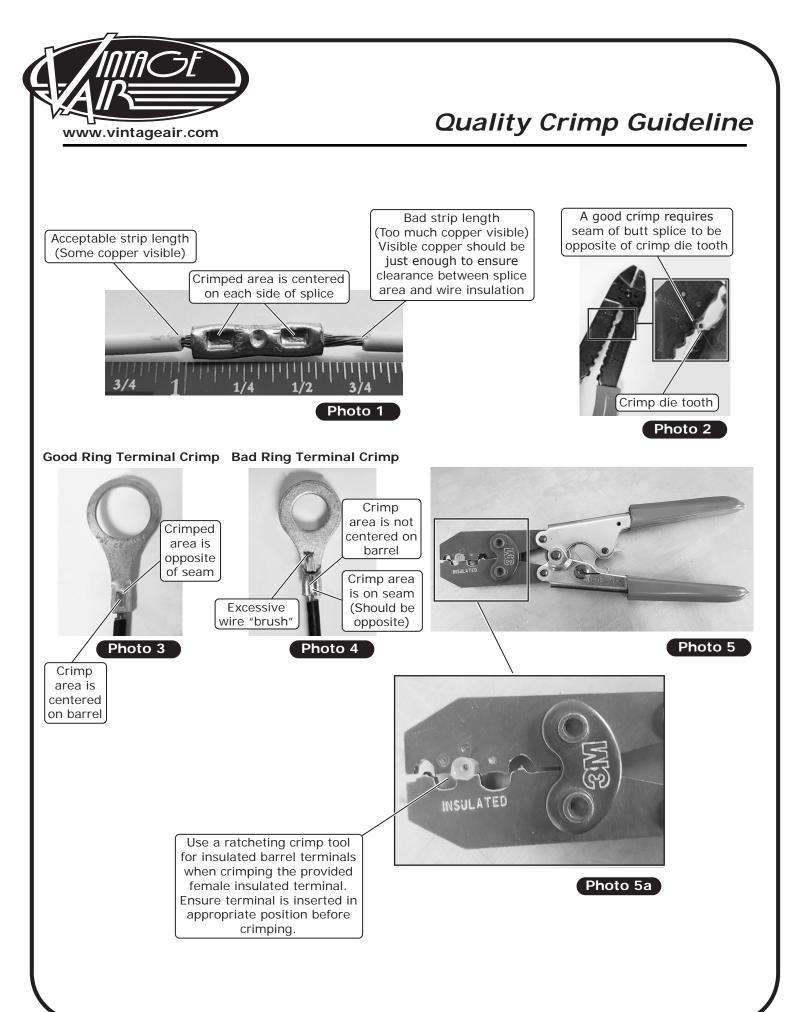
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ITI	ITEM TO CHECK	Procedure
	ECU	If no blinking is observed after 1 minute of turning the ignition on, go to the next check. If repetetive blinking is observed, go to the <u>Advanced Diagnostics</u> Section to diagnose.
	Blower speed control	Set the blower speed control to OFF , <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</i> 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	If heater lines are installed: Set the MODE control to the DASH position. Set the TEMP control to the MAX HEAT position. Confirm that HOT air is coming from the dash vents. If system is charged: Set the TEMP control to the MAX COOL position. Confirm that COLD air is coming from the dash vents.
		Also <i>confirm that the compressor "clicks" on</i> when adjusting the TEMP control from the MAX HEAT position to the MAX COOL position.
	AC Indicator (If applicable)	While the MODE control is set to the DASH position, and the TEMP control is set to the MAX COOL/MIN HEAT position, <i>confirm that the blue AC Indicator light is on</i> .
	Backlight (If applicable)	If your control panel has backlight capabilities and has been wired, turn the dash lamp on and <u>confirm that the AC</u> <u>panel's legend is lit</u> .
	Fittings	Verify AC and Heater fittings are all tight.





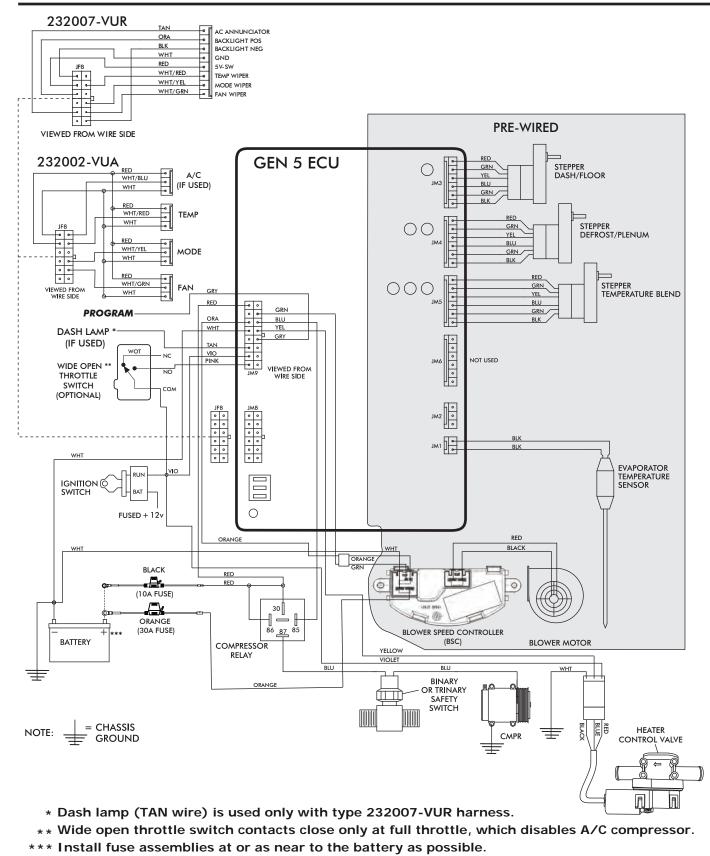
Final Steps: Completing the Install

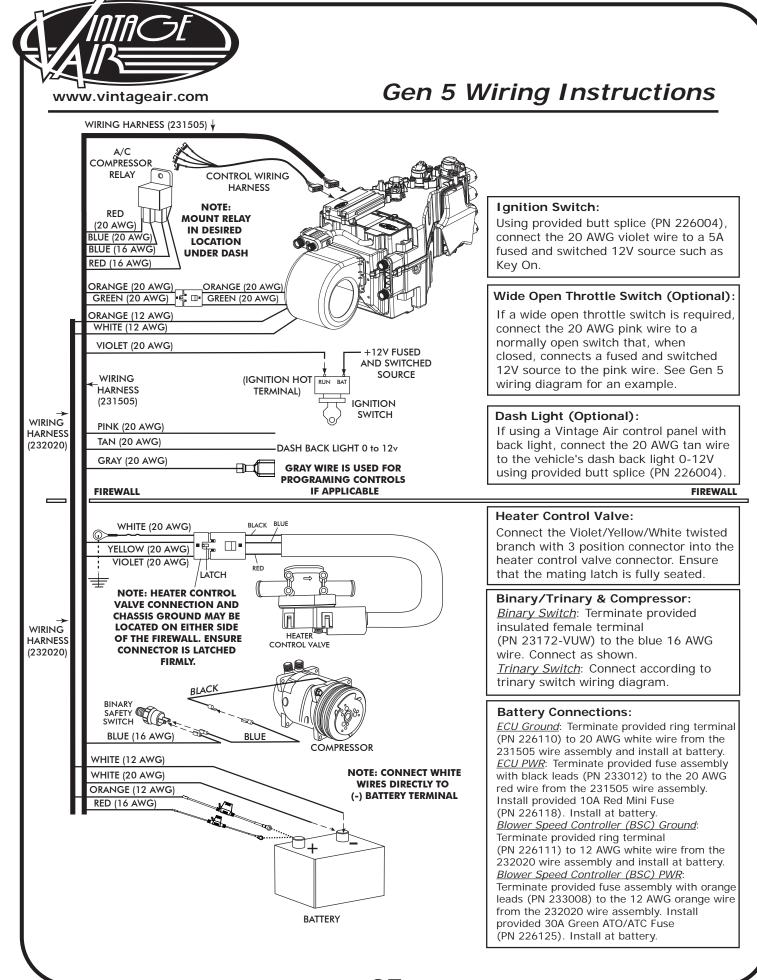
- 1. Reinstall all previously removed items.
- 2. Fill radiator with at least a 50/50 mixture of approved antifreeze and distilled water. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the freeze protection at the proper level for the climate in which the vehicle is operated. Failure to follow antifreeze recommendations will cause heater core to corrode prematurely and possibly burst in A/C mode and/or freezing weather, voiding your warranty.
- 3. Double check all fittings, brackets and belts for tightness. NOTE: Vintage Air recommends that all A/C systems be serviced by a licensed automotive A/C technician.
- **4.** Evacuate the system for a minimum of 45 minutes prior to charging, and perform a leak check prior to servicing.
- 5. Charge the system to the capacities stated on Page 4 of this instruction manual.
- 6. See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 28.





Gen 5 Wiring Diagram

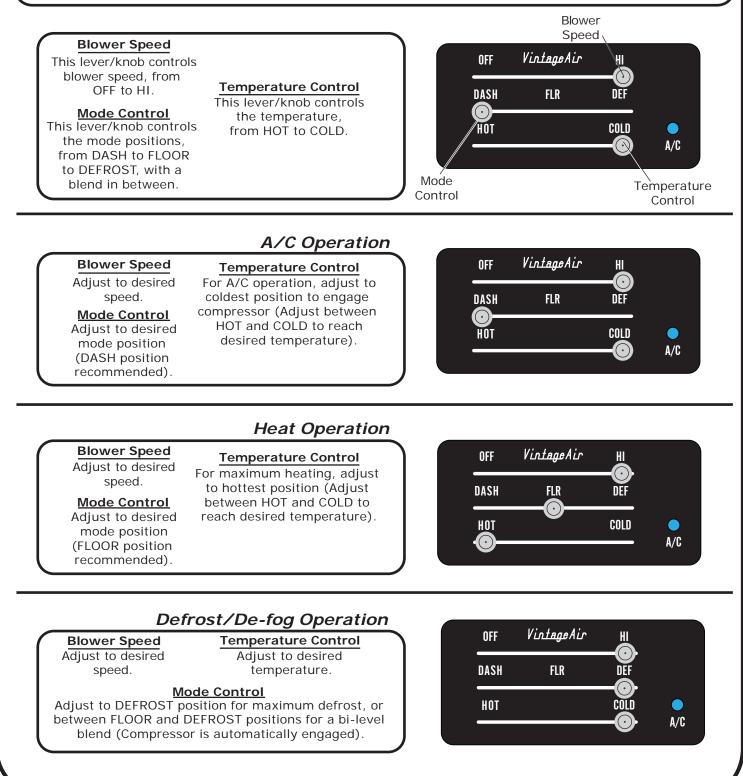






Operation of Controls

On Gen IV and 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 in and out of heat and A/C operations, to indicate the change.



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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 ignition on.				
	All other functions work.	Check for damaged pins or wires in the control panel wire assembly and mating header at ECU.	→ If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	If fuse continues to blow, there is a serious problem in
		Check if Blower power fuse is blown.	▶ Replace fuse.	the wiring. Check all wiring and ensure the wire is not
	¥'	Check for a bad ECU GND.	→ Repair connection.	along its route.
5	▶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. Check for 5V on red control head wire.	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at white/red wire. Voltage should be between OV and 5V, and will vary with pot
	System is charged.	Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	→ Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	 lever position. ▶ 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.	between OV and 5V when

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