

NOTE: On some 1955 and 1956 Chevy Passenger cars, and on all 1953 thru 1957 Corvettes, it may be necessary to open up the hole slightly in your dashboard for the new, larger diameter headlight switch retaining nut. On all 1955 and 1956 Passenger cars, the switch must be installed into the dashboard in order for the dome and courtesy lamps to operate properly. The Corvette dash/main harness assembly has a dedicated ground wire connection, so the courtesy lamps will work with, or without, the switch mounted into the dashboard. The 1953 thru 1957 Corvette models, and all 1955 and 1956 Passenger car models, used a "D" shaped knob/shaft assembly and a smaller diameter retaining nut, so you will need to use the retaining nut and knob/shaft assembly from this kit as your originals WILL NOT work with this newer, updated style switch. If you own a 1957 Corvette, your car is unique in that it used the older style switch with the "D" shaped shaft, but had the newer 1957 style knob. You can purchase a new reproduction 1957 Chevy Passenger car knob/shaft assembly from any Tri-Five supplier that will work with this newer style switch assembly. On all 1958 thru 1962 Corvette models, you will need to use your original retaining nut and knob/shaft assembly (not included with this kit) so that the switch installs properly and so that the knob matches the rest of the knobs in your car.

- 1. Install the new knob and shaft assembly (or your original knob and shaft assembly if you have a 58-62 Corvette) into the new headlight switch to be sure that all of the internal gates line up inside of the switch. You'll want to be listening for the shaft to "click" into position which will lock the knob and shaft assembly into the switch. Once it locks into place, pull the knob out to the "ON" position, push in on the spring loaded button that is protruding from the metal chassis of the new switch, and you will be able to remove the knob/shaft assembly from the switch. See the AAW installation tech video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWFHWSEPCso
- 2. Next, we suggest installing the switch into your dashboard assembly and checking it for the proper fitment. Next, remove the switch from your dashboard until it is ready to be installed.
- 3. Once you have the dash/main harness installed into the car, plug the new switch into the dash/main harness plug (This is more easily done with the switch not installed into the dashboard assembly), route the harness (with the switch plugged onto to main/dash plug) over to the proper location for the headlight switch, and install the new switch and lead assembly into your dashboard using the new nut or your original nut (depending on what year and model you are working on as discussed in the **NOTE** above).
- 4. Once installed into the dashboard of your car, you can reinstall the new knob/shaft assembly or your original knob/shaft assembly (depending on what year and model you are working on as discussed in the **NOTE** above). This will complete the new headlight switch installation portion of your kit.



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