



1968 Nova



1969-74 Nova



# 1977-79 Nova

### Important facts about this kit.

- 1. The dash panel used in this picture is used by permission of Covan's Classic.
- 2. This kit requires some modification to your original under dash wiring harness. It is not intended to be a complete plug and play interface. We strive to make the integration of this product as easy as possible. However, in many cases there are no mating connectors due to obsolescence of original factory connectors. This requires substitution of components that will require modifications on the part of the installer.
- As mentioned throughout the documentation included here, it is important to read
  the instructions that come with the gauges. This is important to identify the type of
  gauge used and any special requirements the manufacturer may have for
  installation.
- 4. This harness is designed to be used for Autometer Series I and Series II <u>short sweep</u> gauges. The harness is <u>not</u> compatible with Autometer full sweep gauges as they include their own sender harness assemblies. This harness assembly addresses connection of the water temperature, oil pressure, fuel, voltmeter, speedometer, and tachometer gauges, as well as indicator lights for turn signals, high beam lights, and emergency brake (if originally equipped).
- 5. Vehicle grounding and specifically instrument panel grounding are extremely important to the operation of you gauges. Check your grounds as this is the most common problem concerning proper operation of your gauges.

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Gauge Cluster Kit Installation Instructions (510025)

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#### STEP 1:

Install the blade terminals to the back of each of the 4 small gauges. Secure the terminal with a lock washer and nut. There are specific left, center, and right hand terminals. Install as shown in the photo.

NOTE: Voltmeters use the 'GND' and 'I' terminals only.



#### STEP 2:

Plug the appropriate lamp socket pigtails into the 4 smaller gauges. This picture shows the lamp socket on a Series I gauge. Series II gauges have an integral blade terminal for the lamp power and ground connection.



#### STEP 3:

Insert gauges into housing in locations shown. Install retention brackets on all gauges



#### STEP 4:

Drill 4 mounting holes for LED's, using a 5/32" drill bit, at the desired locations. Insert LED's in the hole from the front of the panel.

NOTE: The LED housings are a taper fit into the hole. Press the LED housing all the way in to tighten against the instrument panel.



1968 Nova headlight and wiper switch grounding.



This photo shows the 1969-74 configuration. Connect as shown by routing the long remaining end to a good chassis ground with the supplied ring terminal.

The headlight and wiper switches must be grounded. The grounding kit supplied with the kit supplies several grounding wires and terminals to accomplish proper

grounding. The grounding for the 1968

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wiper switch differs from the 1969-74. The connection for the 1968 Nova is shown

the supplied ring terminal.



1969-74 Nova headlight and wiper switch grounding.

#### STEP 6:

STEP 5:

Connect the black ground wires from the lamp pigtails to the center ground studs of the smaller gauges as shown.

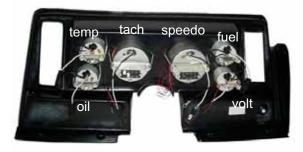
NOTE 1: This picture shows connection of individual light sockets as would appear on Series I gauges. The speedometer and tachometer have separate twist-in light sockets.

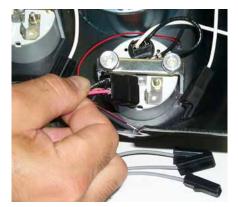


NOTE 2: This picture shows connection of lighting as would appear on Series II gauges. A separate blade terminal for power and ground exists for the internal lighting. The speedometer and tachometer have a specific lamp terminal within the 8 cavity plug.

#### STEP 7:

Install the mounting brackets on all the 6 gauges. The completed assembly is now ready for the connection of the wiring harness. Note that this assembly shows Series I gauges.





#### STEP 8:

Plug in gauge connections using the supplied connectors. Plug in the connectors in the order shown below. A typical plug-in is shown in this picture.

1. FUEL 2. TACH	pink / black / tan pink / black / white
3. TEMP	pink / black / dark green
4. OIL	pink / black / dark blue
5. VOLT	pink / black
<ol><li>SPEEDO</li></ol>	pink / black / purple

pink / black / purple



#### STEP 9:

Plug each lamp power wire (white) into the mating connectors on each gray wire (DASH LIGHTS) on the new harness.

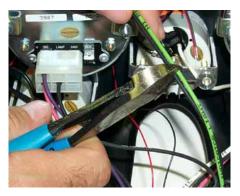
#### NOTE:

The supplied wiring harness comes with plug-in female terminals for the power and ground terminals of the Series II type 2 1/16 inch and 2 5/8 inch gauges. This is a direct plug into the terminals on the gauge. If you are using Series I gauges, you will have to remove these terminals and connectors and install the male and female disconnect terminals supplied in the kit to connect the individual light sockets. This picture shows this connection type. Please refer to the instruction sheet in the 500928 Gauge Side Wiring sub-kit for a more detailed explanation of the differences in the gauges.

#### STEP 10:

Select an LED lamp from the panel, and attach the appropriate signal lead wire from the harness, as noted below. Each signal wire will attach to the red LED lead wire from the panel. Trim the wires from the harness to the desired length before crimping.

LED color	function	power wire color
blue	high beam	light green
green	left hand turn	light blue
green	right hand turn	dark blue
red	brake	pink



#### STEP 11:

Install butt connectors, as shown, matching the wire functions noted above with the proper LED. Trim wires from the harness to the desired length before crimping.

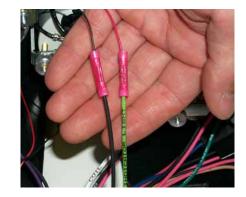
Match the black wire from each LED panel lamp with a black ground wire from the harness for all LED lamps except the red brake warning LED.

If you are using the red brake warning LED lamp, remove the factory lamp socket and attach the black lead wire from this LED lamp to the factory brown wire. As noted above, the red will connect to the factory pink wire.

LED color	function	signal ground wire color
red	brake	tan



This is a completed LED splice.



into our connectors.

Using the enclosed PIN LOCATION chart, apply the appropriate terminal to your existing wires and plug into the supplied connector. There are empty cavities, Note: Empty cavities can be used for remaining wires from the original cluster connectors which are not used in this application. This will protect the wires. STEP 13:
Connect your existing instrument cluster wires to the new wiring kit using the supplied connectors and terminals and pin location chart. Be sure to maintain color continuity with the gauge side wiring when plugging the wires

Route the long purple & yellow wires to the transmission Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS). Be sure to twist the wires as shown! This is necessary to prevent signal interference.

LONG BARE LEADS It green: connect to hi beam LED red lead black: connect to hi beam LED black lead It blue: connect to LH turn LED red lead black: connect to LH turn LED black lead dk blue: connect to RH turn LED red lead black: connect to RH turn LED black lead tan: connect to the brake LED black lead pink: connect to the brake LED red lead

temp gauge (dk green,blk,pink) oil gauge (dk blue,blk,pink) fuel gauge (tan,blk,pink) tachometer volt meter (blk,pink) gauge lamps (grey) 99 99 99 to a good chassis ground dk green dk blue(oil) tan tan(fuel) purple yellow empty black grey pink empty dk blue It blue It green enclosed female terminal enclosed male terminal استسر black to ground purple & yellow to VSS (twisted)

speedometer

DASH SIDE CONNECTIONS

Use the included PIN LOCATION CHART on the following page to identify the wires which will be used for this connection process. Be sure to mathrain color continuity (and wire function) with the mating connectors from the previous page.
Using the information below, connect the necessary wires to the connectors shown. If you are using the wires from your existing instrument cluster connector, remove the existing terminats and terminate using the new terminats supplied in the kit. Plug these wires into the new cluster connector maintaining color continuity with the mating connectors from the previous page.

Extra wires are provided in the kit if it is necessary to complete the cluster connections. Route the long purple & yellow wires to the transmission Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS). Be sure to twist the wires as shown! This is necessary to prevent signal interference. plug into mating cluster connector on page 6 plug into mating cluster connector on page 6 سسسر dk blue (rh turn) lt green purple & yellow to VSS (twisted) It blue green black tan (fuel) gray 승 tan (brake) dk blue (oil) to a chassis ground pink connect to hi beam wire connect to Ih turn wire connect to temp sending unit white purpleconnect to instrument lamp feed connect to fuel sender wire connect to brake wire connect to a fused 12V ignition source connect to oil sending unit purple yellow purple vellow ■ black white white black Typical 3 wire Autometer 5291 VSS connection Note: This VSS requires a lead wire from the red wire to a 12 volt ignition source. This wire is not included in the Kit. VEHICLE SPEED SENSOR (16000 pulse) Typical 2 wire VSS connection VEHICLE SPEED SENSOR (8000 pulse)

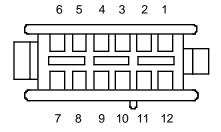
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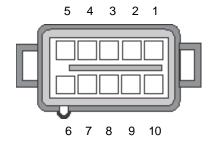
see pin location chart before installing wires

dk blue (oil)

## Printed Circuit Cluster Connector Pin Locations 1968-1976

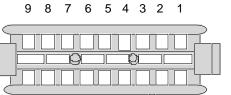


# Console Gauge Cluster Connector Pin Locations 1968-1976



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11	High Beam Indicator	light green	3	9			
14	Left Turn Indicator	light blue	15	8			
15	Right Turn Indicator	dark blue	2	18			
25	Alternator light	brown	see note 2	3			
30	Fuel tank sender	tan	11	14			
31	Oil pressure sender	dark blue	16	4			
33	Brake Warning	tan / white stripe	4	11			
35	Coolant temperature sender	dark green	17	16			
39	12 Volt fused power	pink	5, 12	12			
121	Tachometer	brown	6				
150	Ground	black	1, 7	1, 6, 10, 13			
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