

NOTE: If the fuse panel on your 510706 1983-87 Chevy Truck kit *HAS* a sticker like the photo at the left, you have the second design harness and your instructions are listed below and follow this page.

Number	Description
500332	Headlight Switch
510716	Fuse, Relay, and Flasher kit
510354	Courtesy Light Connection kit
500919	Practice Terminal Crimping Set
510756	Dash Harness kit
510755	Engine Wiring Kit
510710	Front Light Wiring kit
510757	Instrument Cluster Wiring kit
510711	Rear Body Wiring kit
510476	Alternator and main power Connection kit
510730	VSS Connection kit
92972671	Main Instruction Sheet



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### **WARNING:**

Validate the kit contents with the component list included on page 2 of this sheet before proceeding. This kit is intended to be used in a modified vehicle. Please read this sheet thoroughly and be sure that you understand everything explained on it prior to opening any of the enclosed packages, or before attempting to install any of the components. Once this kit has been opened or a component has been installed, the kit is not returnable.

This American Autowire wiring system is intended for highly **modified** applications only.

### This kit **DOES NOT**:

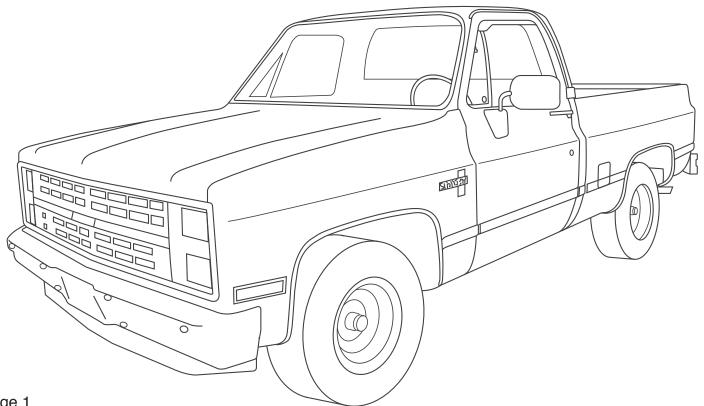
- Include the wiring for a factory original A/C system.
- Support factory-original engine management equipment (ECU's, Computers, etc.) or diesel engines.
- Include support for factory emissions equipment or electronics. These harnesses are not included or addressed by this kit.
- Include an ignition switch as it is wired for a factory column mounted switch.
- Include a floor dimmer switch. The floor dimmer was used in model year 1983 only.
- Include adapters for later model ('86+) alternators. An SI-series alternator connector is included, and adapters for other alternators can be purchased separately.

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This kit contains the following components:

	Part		
<u>Bag</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<b>Quantity</b>
	500332	Headlight Switch	1
	500919	Practice Terminal Crimping Set	1
	510716	Fuse, Relay, and Flasher kit	1
	510354	Courtesy Light Connection kit	1
G	510707	Dash Harness kit	1
Н	510708	Instrument Cluster wiring kit	1
J	510709	Engine Wiring kit	1
L	510710	Front Light Wiring kit	1
M	510711	Rear Body Wiring kit	1
Ζ	510476	Alt. and Main Power Connection Kit	1

Validate the kit contents with this component list. If there are any discrepancies with incorrect or missing parts, stop your installation and notify the supplier you purchased the kit from before proceeding.





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### PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION!

This wiring kit is designed for ease of installation. Please read the guidelines below BEFORE STARTING your installation. Use a crimping tool that folds the wings of the open barrel terminals down into the wire as shown on this page. If you use our crimping tools and correctly crimp the included terminals, soldering is not necessary. If you are unsure about a particular crimp, soldering is recommended. Our factory crimped terminations are installed by GM approved five ton presses and soldering these terminations is not necessary.



AAW offers a great terminal crimping video entitled "Proper Crimping Video". It can be viewed by visiting YouTube.

Type the following address into your web browser, to go directly to the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAqEDoVI-co

Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/WiringHarness





Professional Grade Terminal and Connector Kit p/n 510643

Professional Grade Weather-pack Terminal and Connector Kit p/n 510451

The terminals that we supply in our kits utilize what is known as an F crimp. When done correctly the F crimp cross section will look like the illustration below.



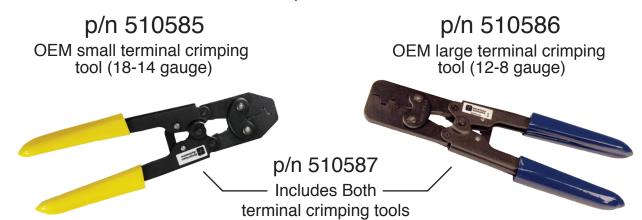




wire core

end view of un-crimped terminal end view of properly crimped terminal

We carry the following crimping hand tools, to help with your terminal crimping. These hand tools are available, for purchase or rental.



We carry many accessories for your 1983-87 Chevrolet Truck.

### **STEP 1: DISCONNECT YOUR BATTERY:**

Disconnect the battery before installing the wiring kit to prevent any accidental shorting caused by bare wire ends. 1983-87 Chevrolet Truck

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### **STEP 2: START INSTALLING KIT:**

This kit is broken into individual sections identified by a letter printed on the enclosed sheets visible through each bag. The order of installation and the pages with their instructions are shown below:

# **Table of Contents:**

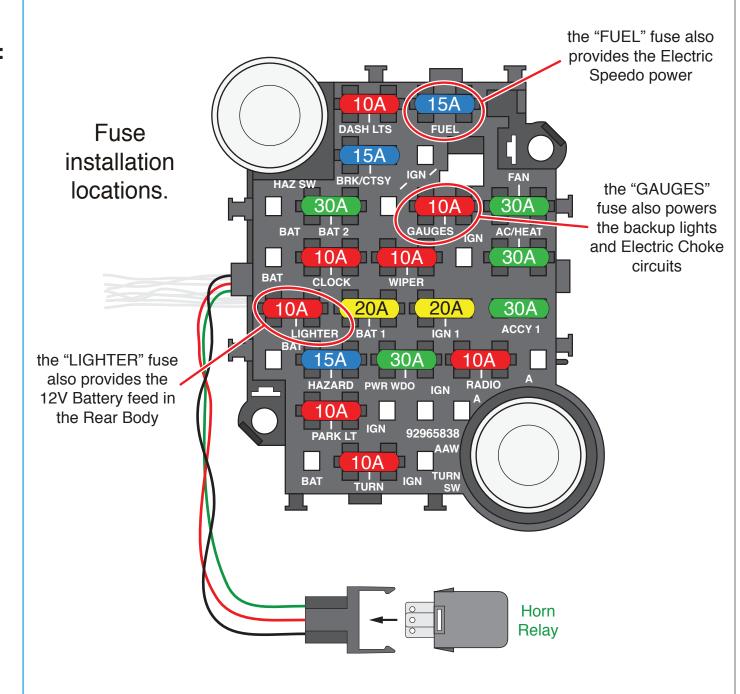
### Bags: Pages: Sections:

- G Dash Harness - This is the main harness in the kit and contains:
  - Wiper switch connections.
  - Neutral safety switch connections.
  - Turn Signal switch connections.
  - Courtesy light connections.
  - Dimmer switch connection.
  - Accessory connections.
- Н 8 - 10 Gauge Cluster Harness - This Harness contains:
  - Gauge connections for aftermarket and factory gauges.
- 11 13 Rear Body Harness This Harness contains: M
  - Tail light, turn signal, reverse light, and running light connections.
  - Third brake light and license plate lights connections.
  - Fuel Gauge Sender connection.
- 14 16 Front Light Harness This Harness contains:
  - Headlight, turn signal, running light connections.
  - Electric fan relay trigger.
  - Brake fluid level wiring.
  - Horn connections.
  - Chassis ground.
- 17 19 **Engine Harness This Harness contains:** 
  - Temperature, oil pressure, tachometer wiring.
  - Ignition system.
  - Alternator connections.
  - Windshield washer connection.
  - Electric Choke connection.
  - Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS) connections.



### PLEASE READ THIS HELPFUL INSTALLATION TIP. **BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER!**

Prior to installing the Dash/Main harness in your dashboard, plug all of the fuses, Hazard Flasher and Turn Flasher into the Fuse Block (see detailed picture below) and the Horn Relay into this harness (see detailed picture below).



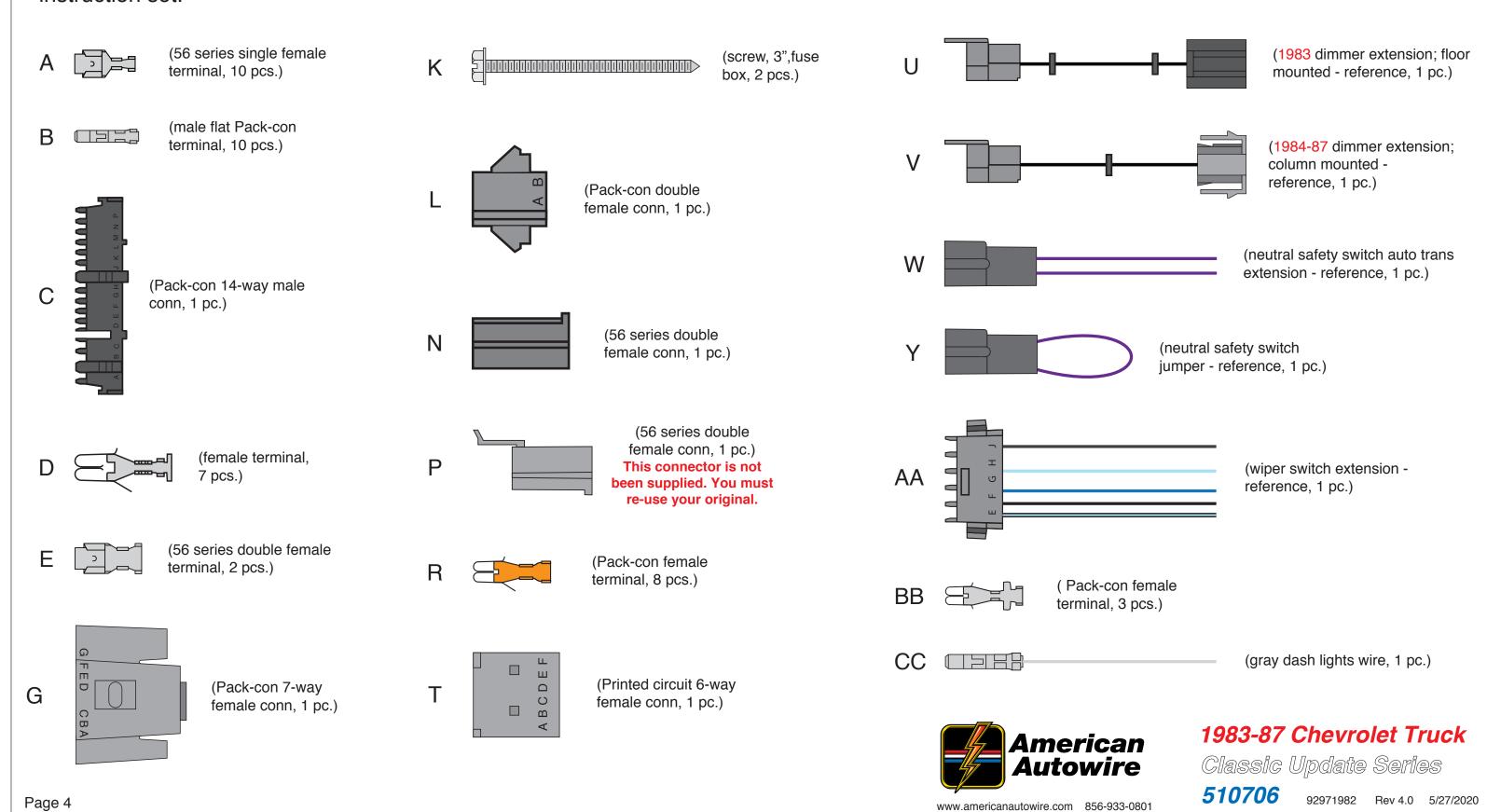
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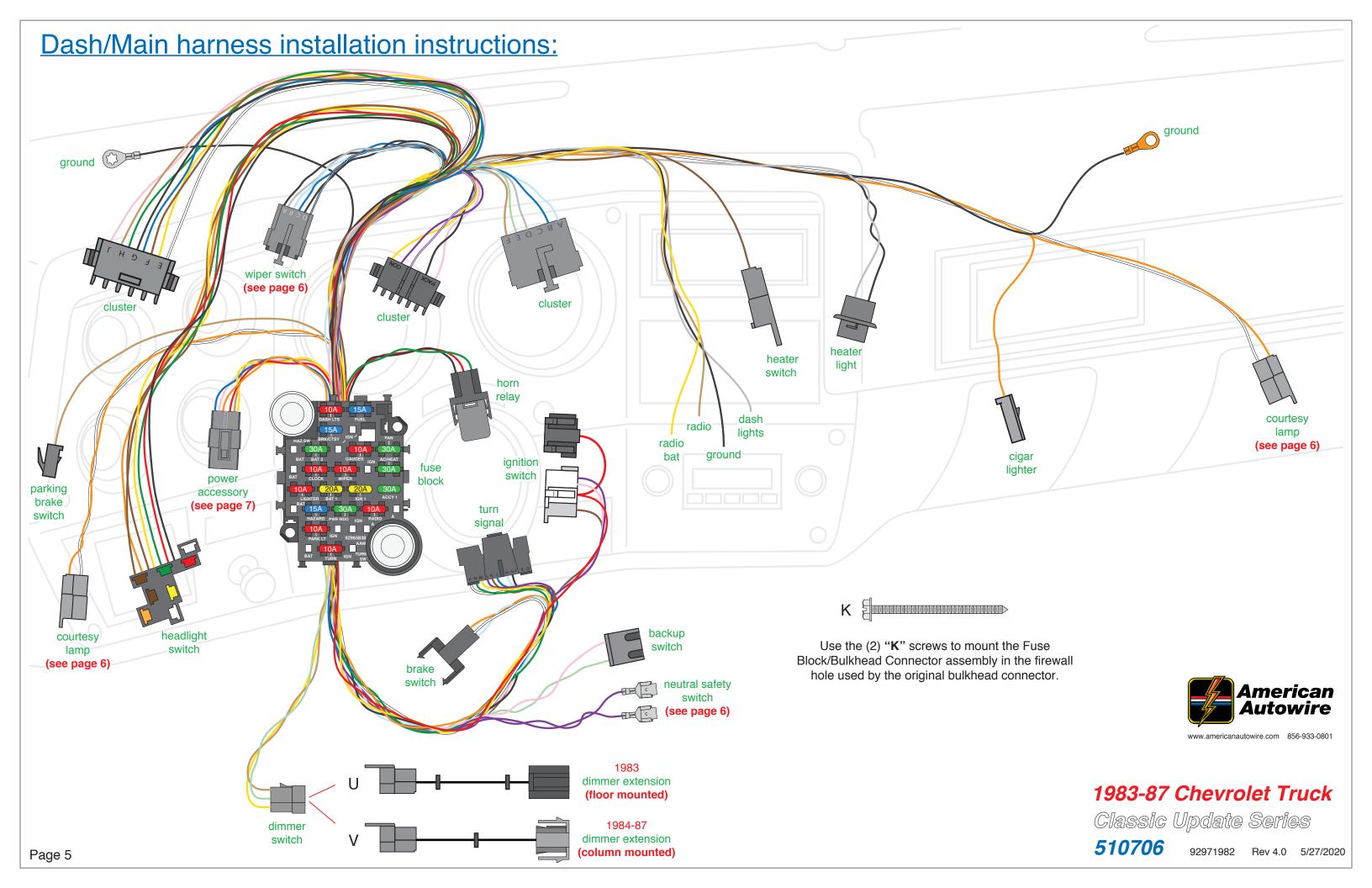
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# Dash/Main harness installation instructions:

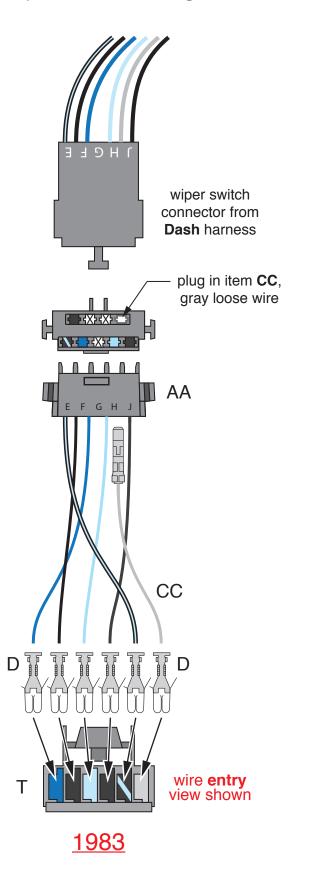
Shown below are the supplied misc. terminals, plastic connector bodies, hardware, jumpers and extensions that will be used to complete your Dash/Main harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this Dash/Main instruction set.

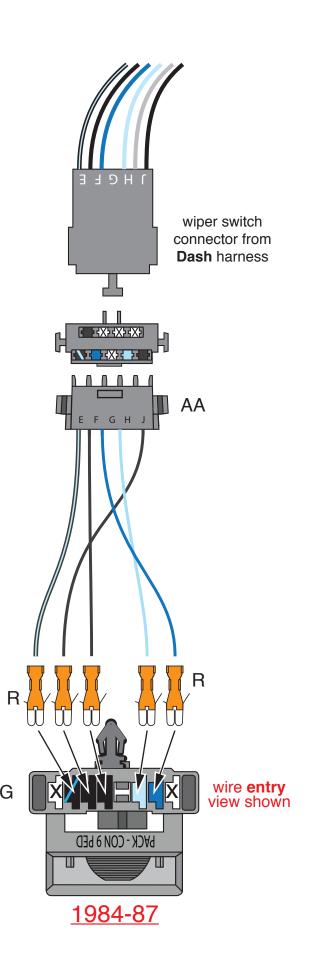




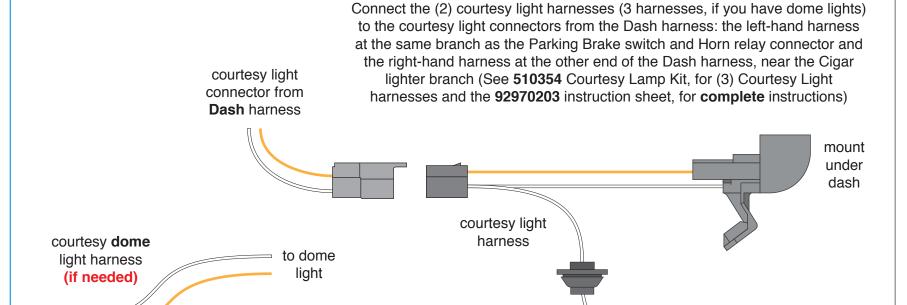
# <u>Dash/Main harness installation instructions:</u>

### Wiper switch wiring:

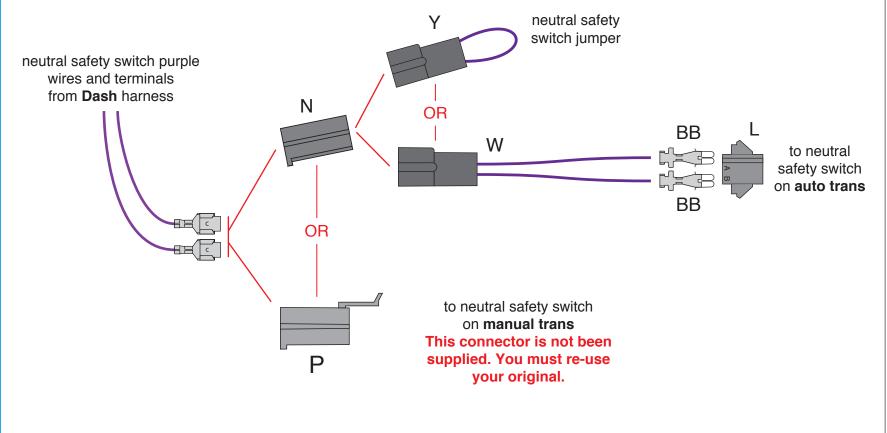




### Courtesy light wiring (all years):



### Neutral Safety switch wiring (all years):





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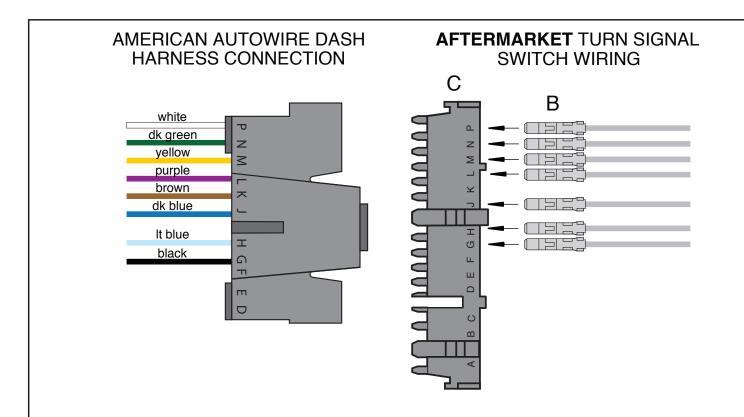
to door

switch

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# Dash/Main harness installation instructions:



This diagram is to connect AAW Turn Signal switch wires to aftermarket steering columns. If you have a stock steering column, the AAW Turn Signal switch connector will plug directly into it, without any modification.

### "Table B"

AAW Turn Signal switch wires to aftermarket 1983-87 Chevrolet Truck Turn Signal switch

AAW Wire Color	AAW Wire Printing	Connector Cavity <b>AAW</b>
White Dark Green	Brake SW	P
Yellow	Right Rear Turn Left Rear Turn	N M
Purple	Turn Switch Feed	L
Brown	Turn SW – Hazard	K
Dark Blue Light Blue	Right Front Turn Left Front Turn	J H
Black	Horn Relay Ground	G
None	None	F
None	None	E
None	None	ט

Remove the aftermarket Turn Signal switch Connector and replace it with the AAW 14-way connector "C". Crimp on terminal "B" to each of the original Turn Signal switch wires and plug them into connector "C" (see Parts Kit 92971987).

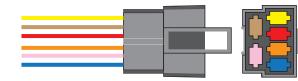
Use "Table B" above to align the wires. Also, for all of the vehicles, the Steering Column Horn Button switches ground for the Horn Relay, which then switches power to the Horns, similar to the AAW design.

### **Accessory Connector**

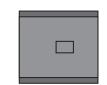
Use the provided 6-way empty connector, which is attached to the 6-way Accessory connector on the Dash Harness, and terminals "A" and "E" to add power wires (not included in kit) for the following optional systems:

Wire Color	Fuse Block Marking	Fuse rating	<u>Description</u>
Tan	ACCY 1	30A	Fused 12 volt ACCESSORY feed.
Dk Blue	FUEL	15A	Fused 12 volt IGNITION feed can be used for fuel pump.
Orange	BAT 1	20A	Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed.
Pink	IGN 1	20A	Fused 12 volt IGNITION feed.
Red	BAT 2	30A	Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed.
Yellow	PWR WDO	30A	Fused 12 volt ACCESSORY feed can be used for power windows.

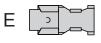
Accessory connector from Dash harness



6-way empty connector (removed from Dash harness connector) and terminals, used to connect your power wires (not included in kit) to the dash harness







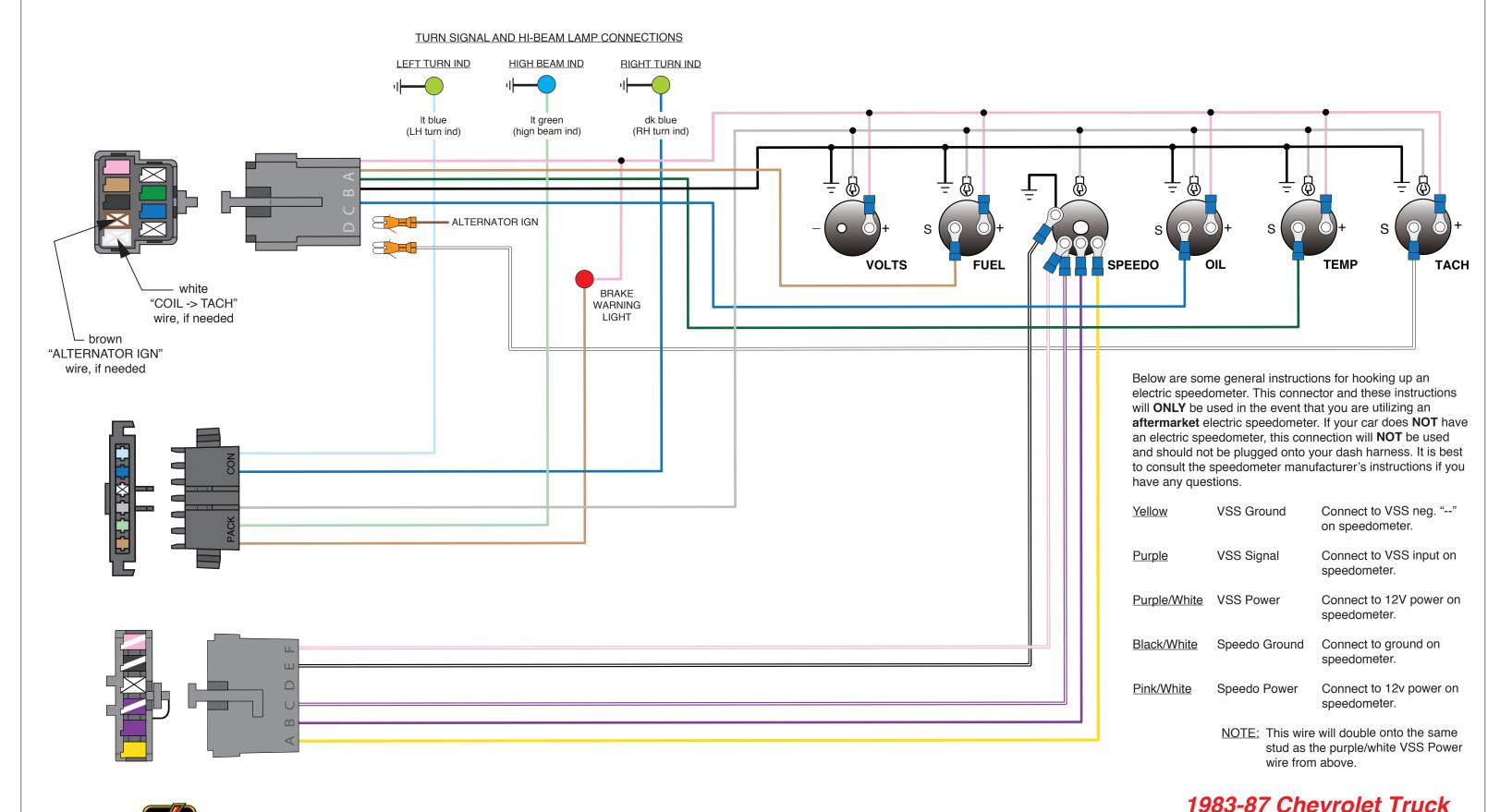


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# <u>Instrument Cluster harness (aftermarket gauges) installation instructions:</u>



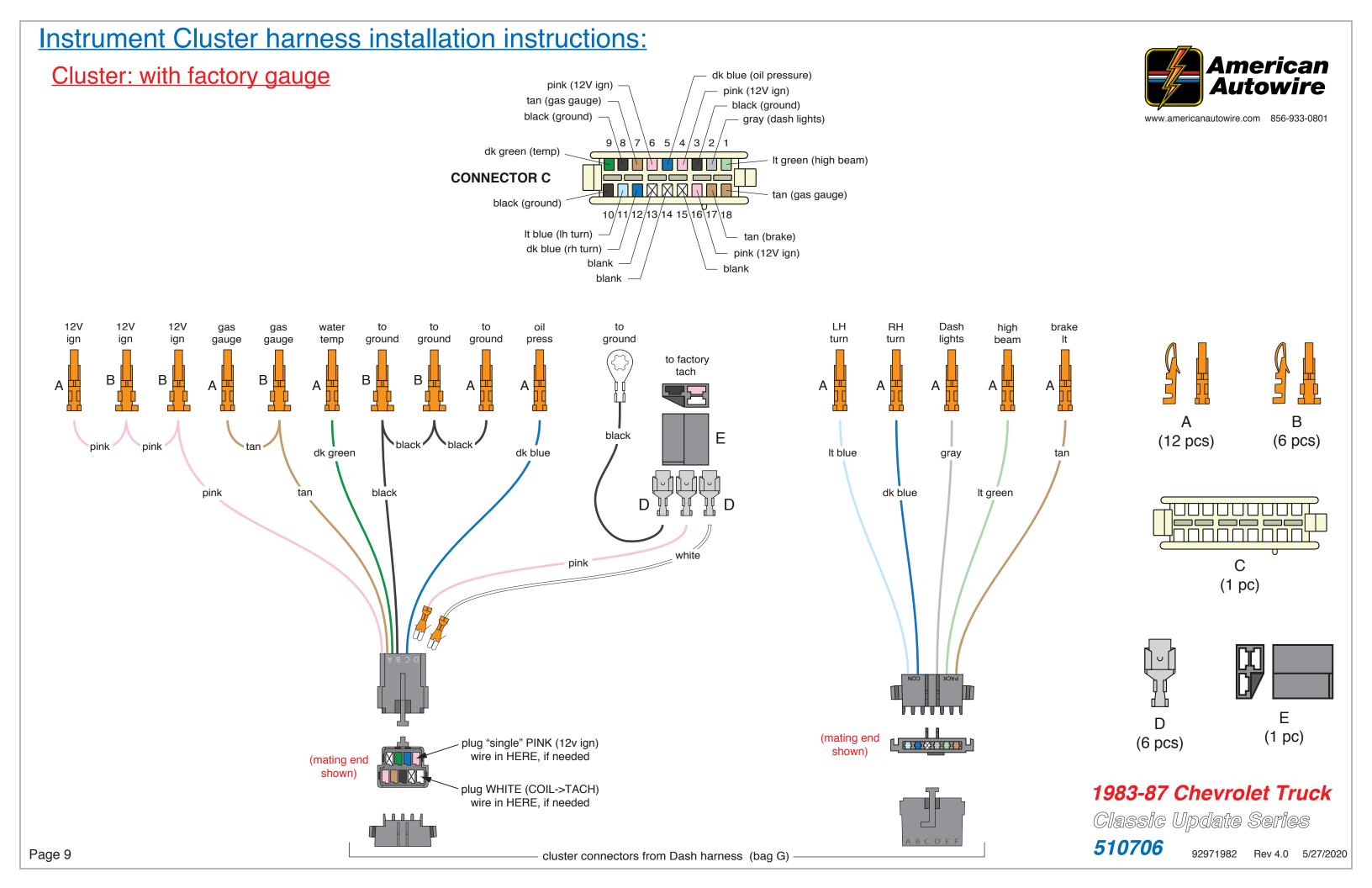


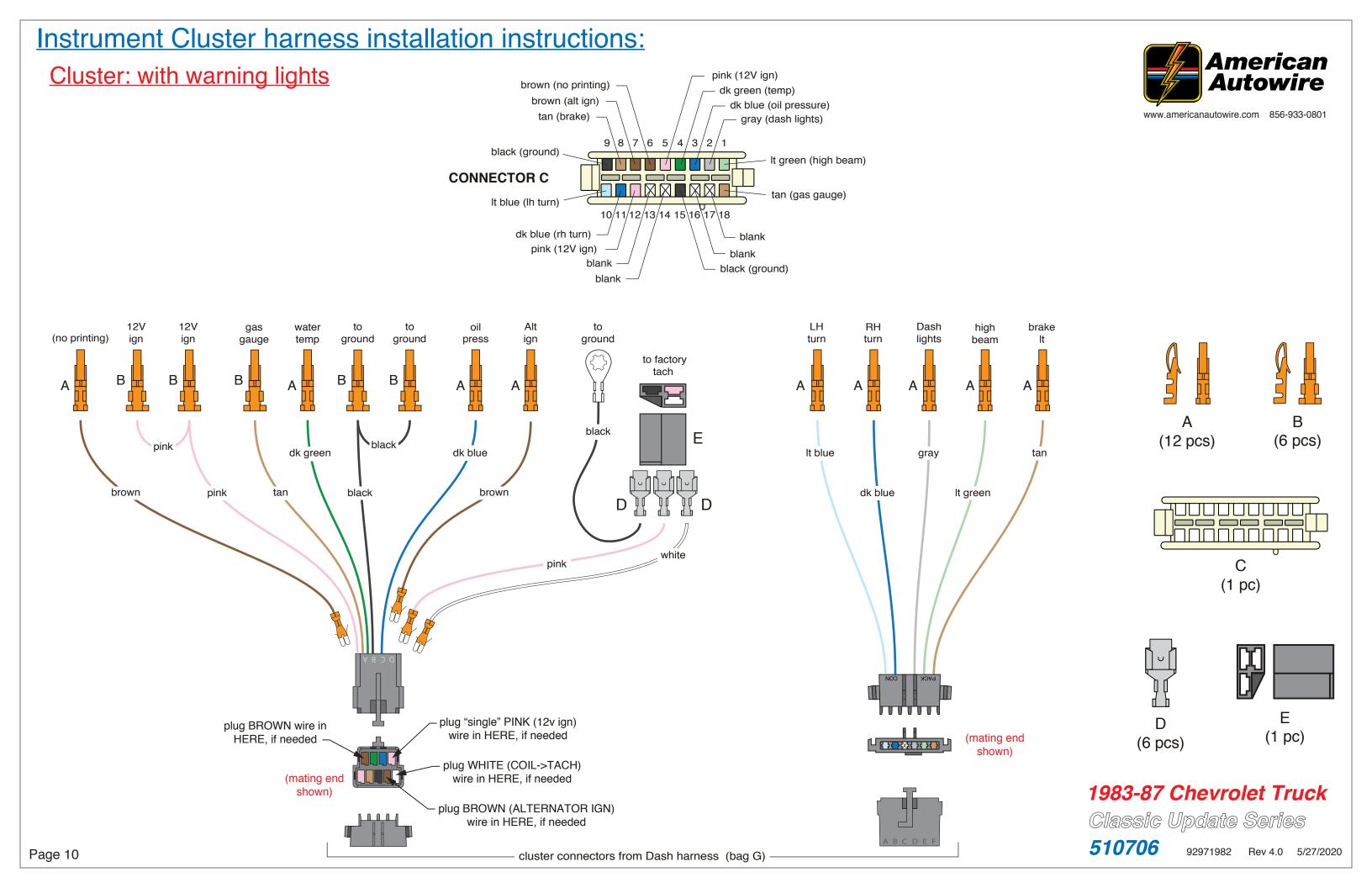
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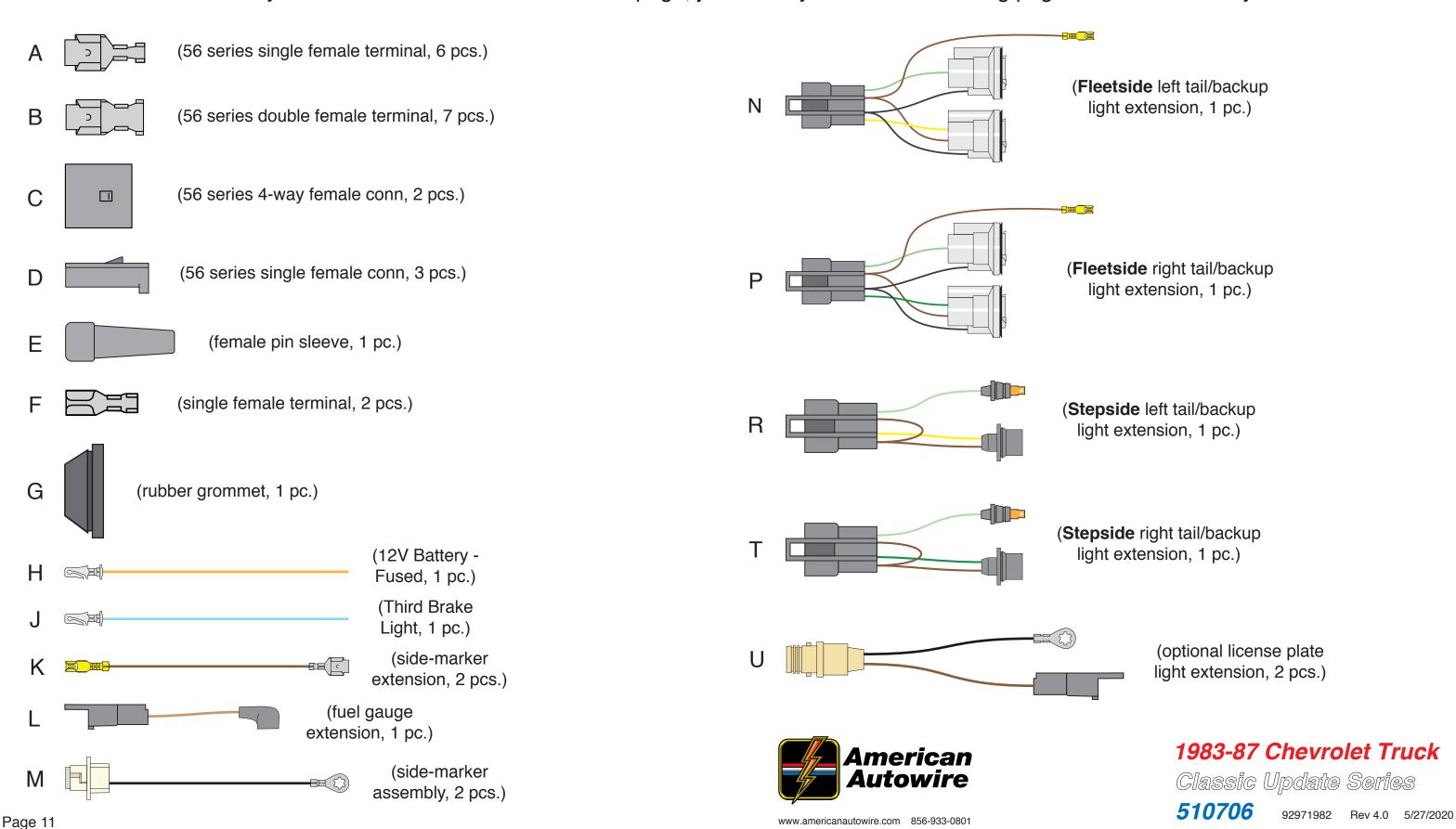
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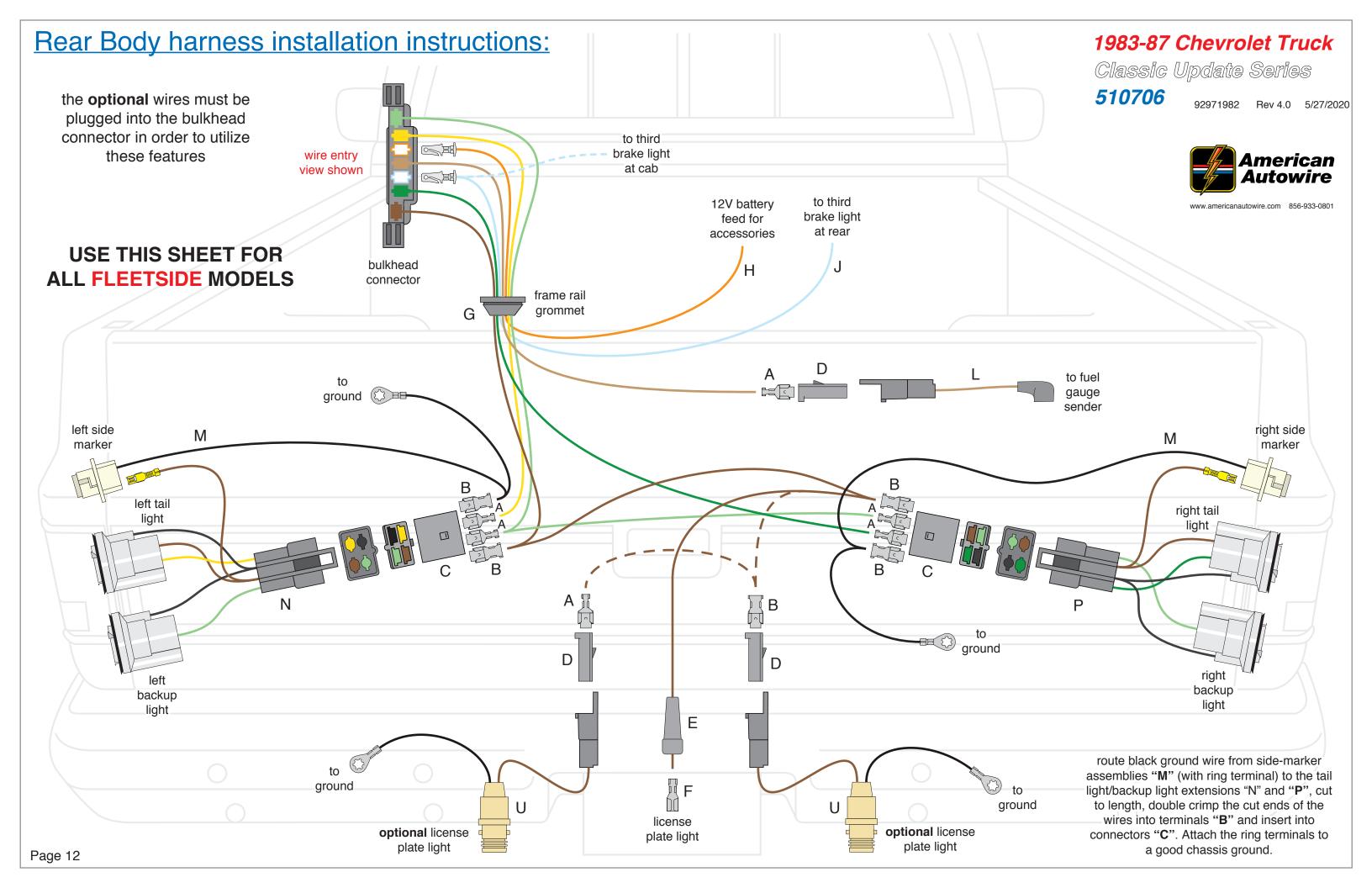


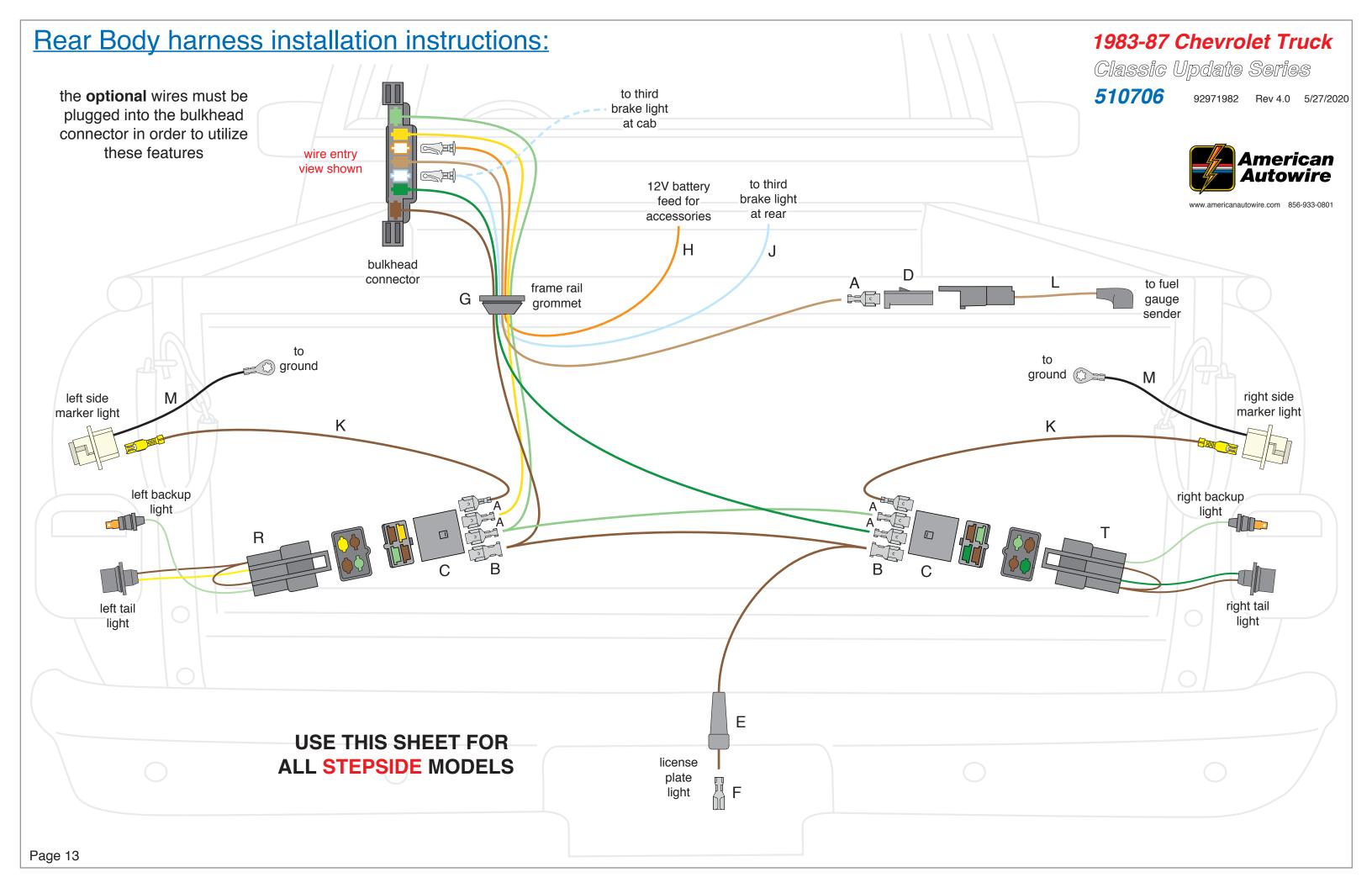


# Rear Body harness installation instructions:

Shown below, are the supplied misc. terminals, plastic connector bodies, boots and wire extensions that will be used to complete your Rear Body harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this Rear Body instruction set.







# Front Light harness installation instructions:

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(light socket, 2 pcs.)

(56 series double В female connector, 2 pcs.)

(56 series single female grommet, 1 pc.)

(56 series single female terminal, 6 pcs.)

(56 series double female terminal, 4 pcs.)

(59 series double female terminal, 9 pcs.)

(59 series single female terminal, 5 pcs.) (56 series single female connector, 2 pcs.)

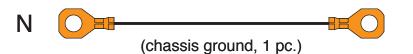
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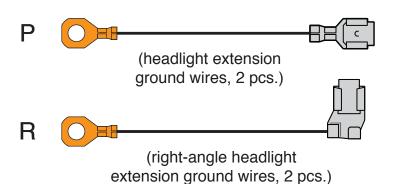
(59 series double female connector, 2 pcs.)

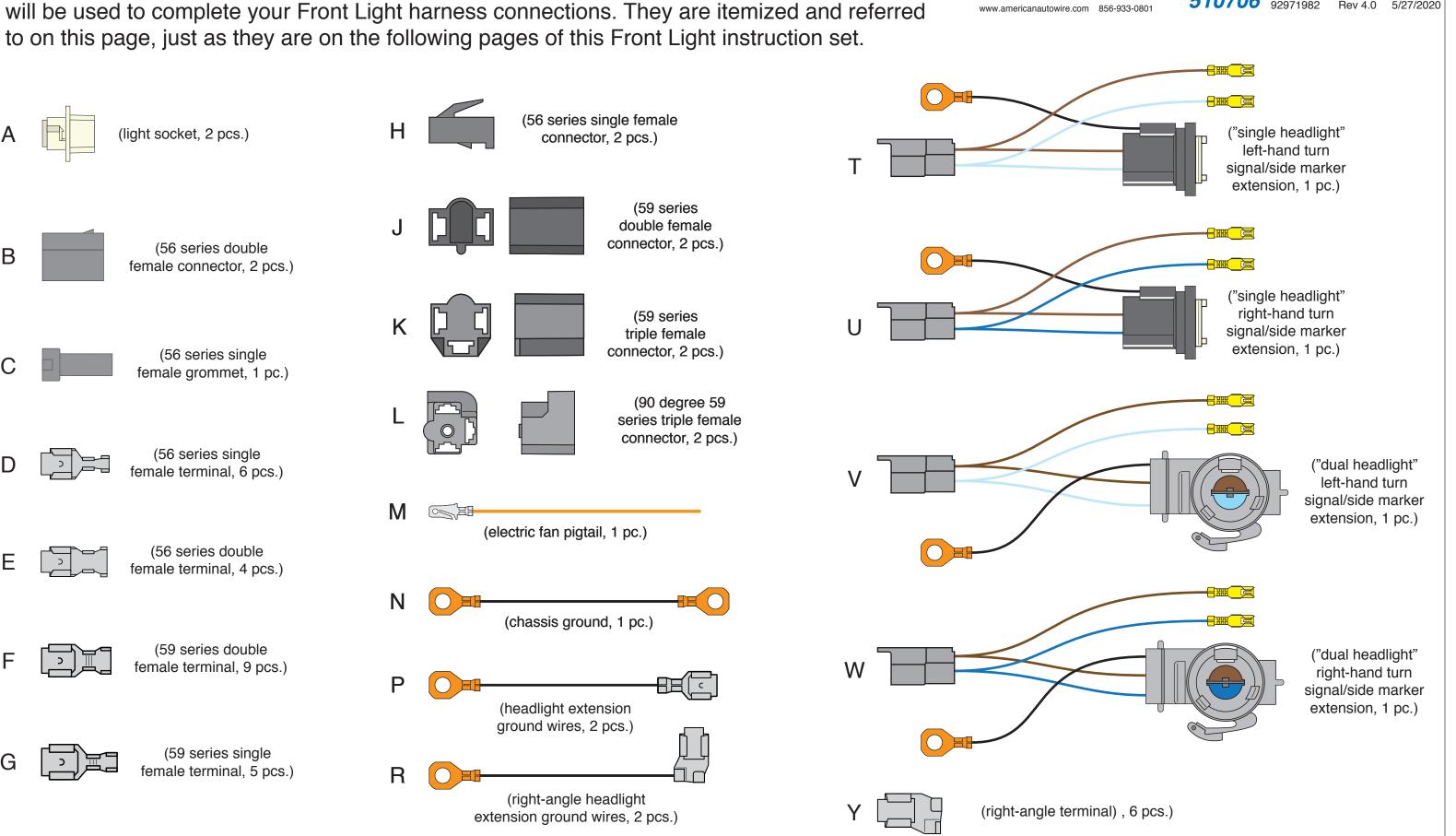
(59 series triple female connector, 2 pcs.)

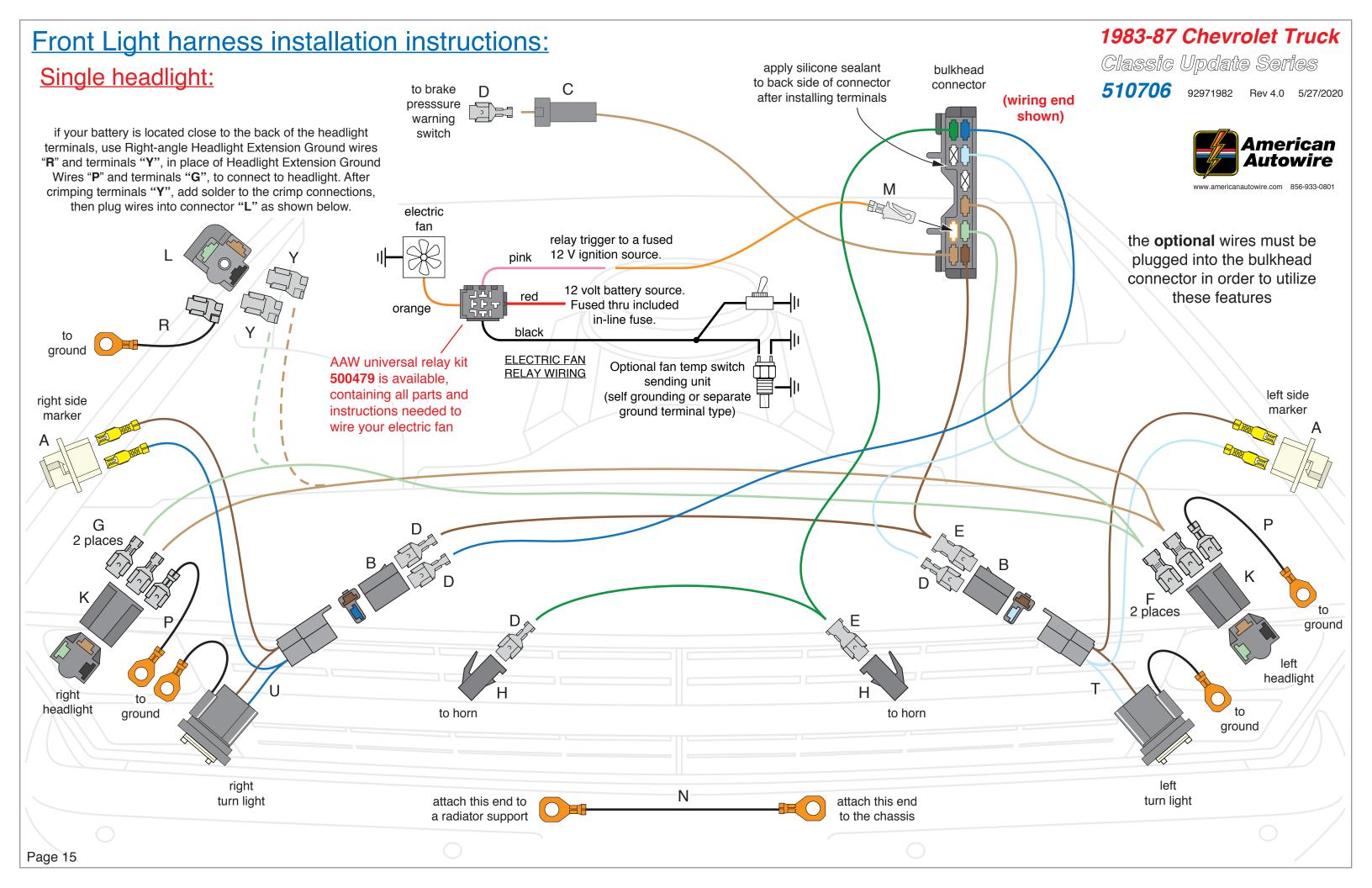
(90 degree 59 series triple female connector, 2 pcs.)

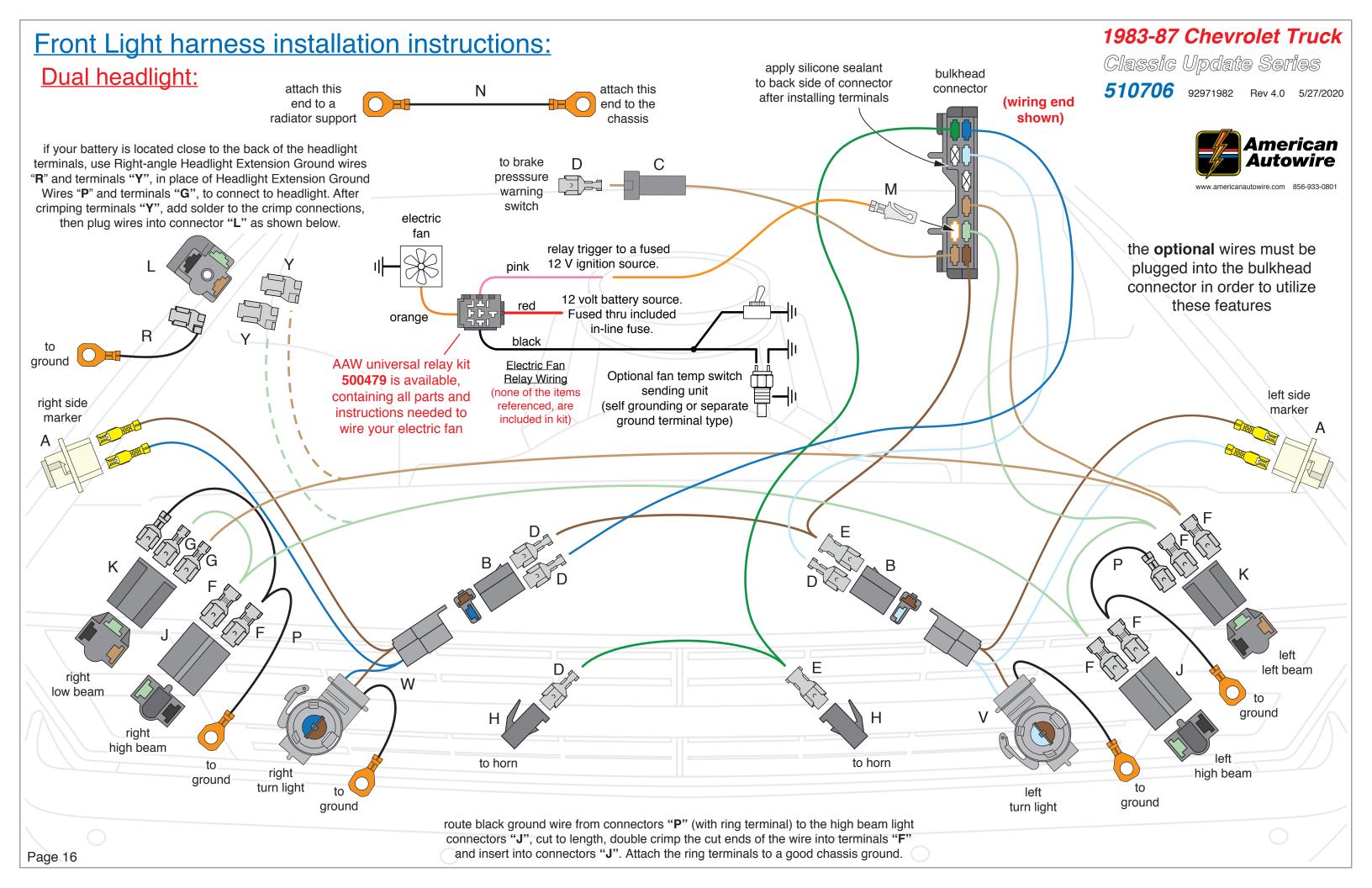
M (electric fan pigtail, 1 pc.)





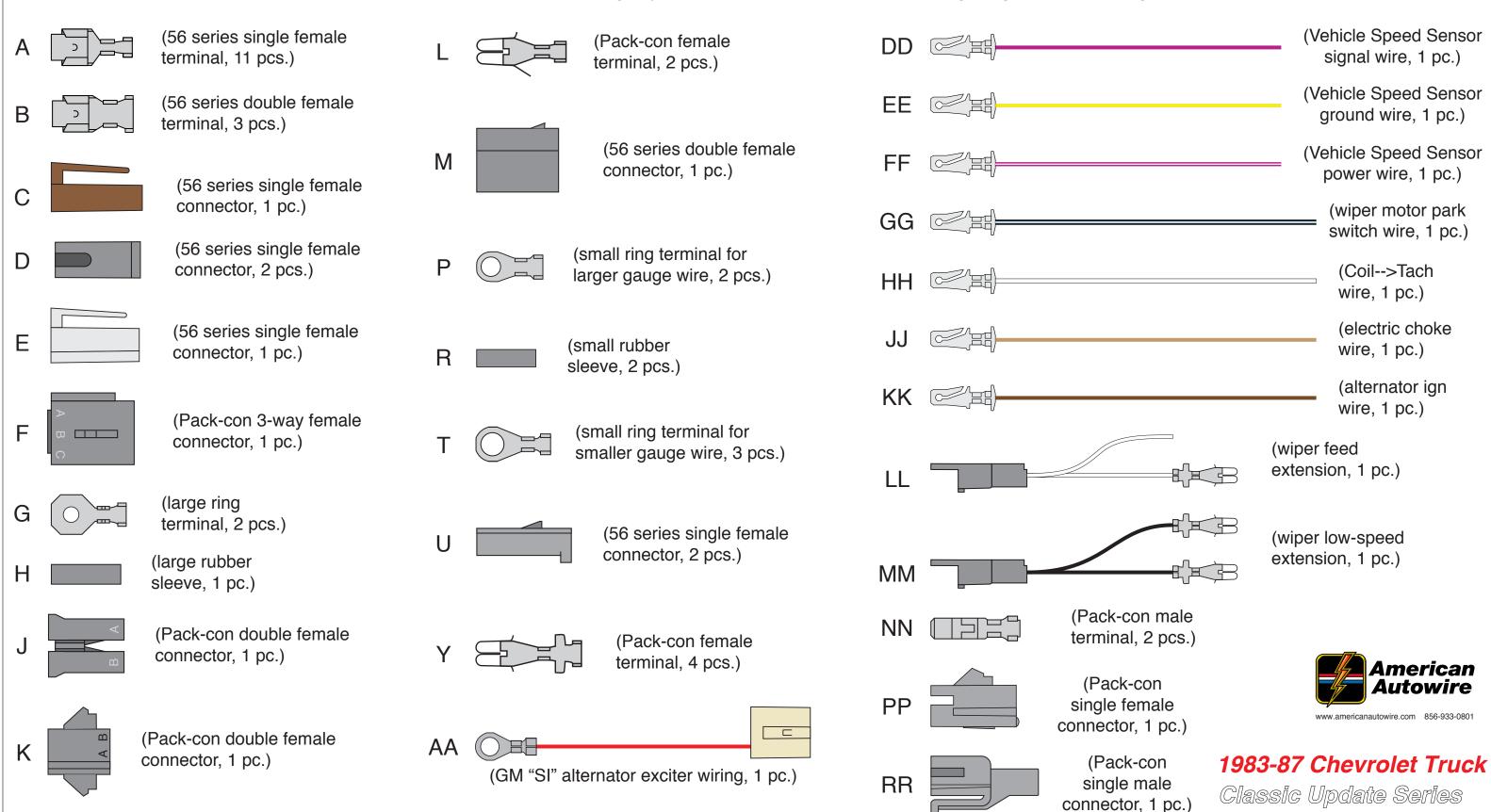






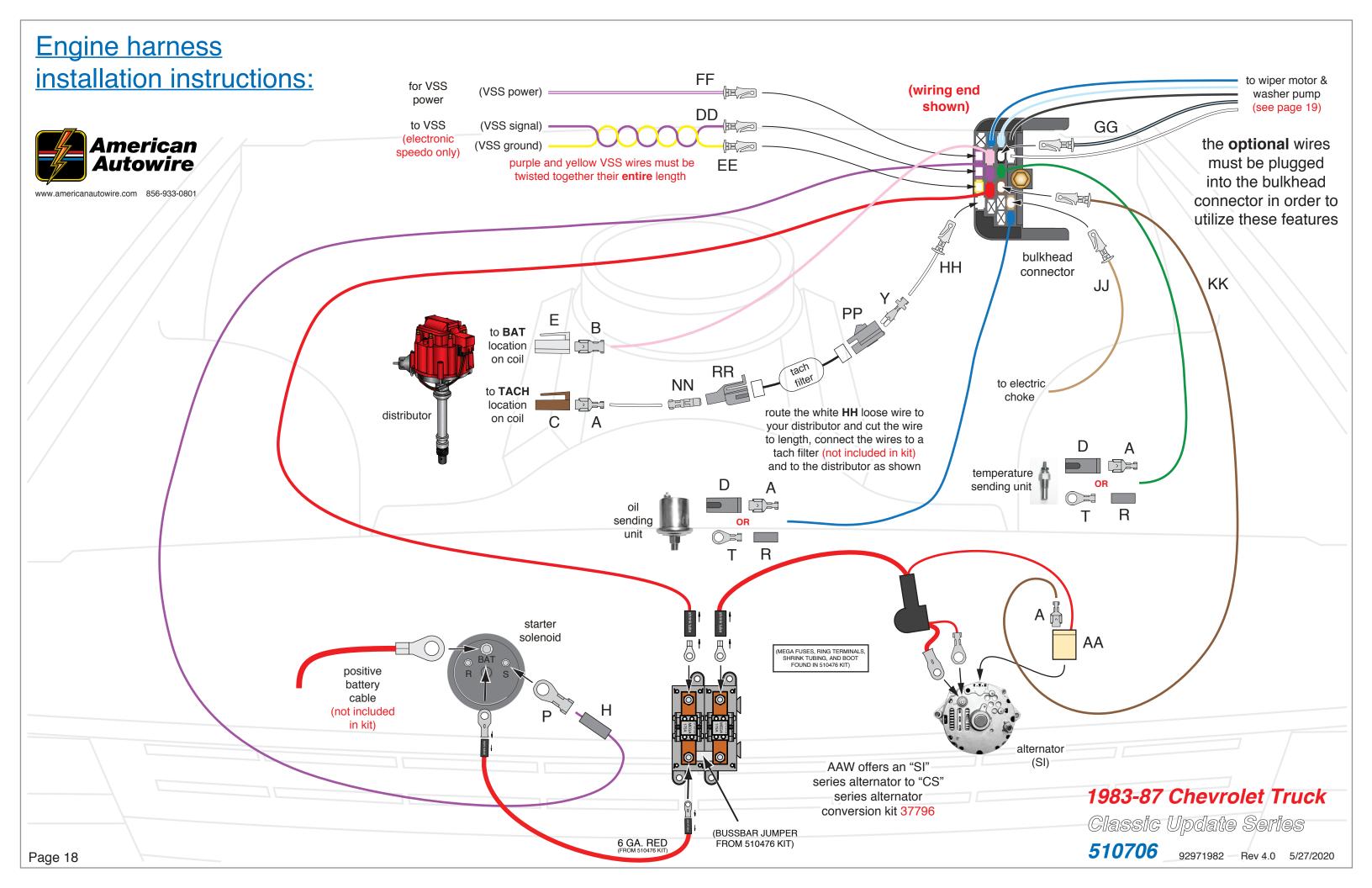
# **Engine harness installation instructions:**

Shown below, are the supplied misc. terminals, sleeves, plastic connector bodies and wires, that will be used to complete your Engine harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this Engine instruction set.



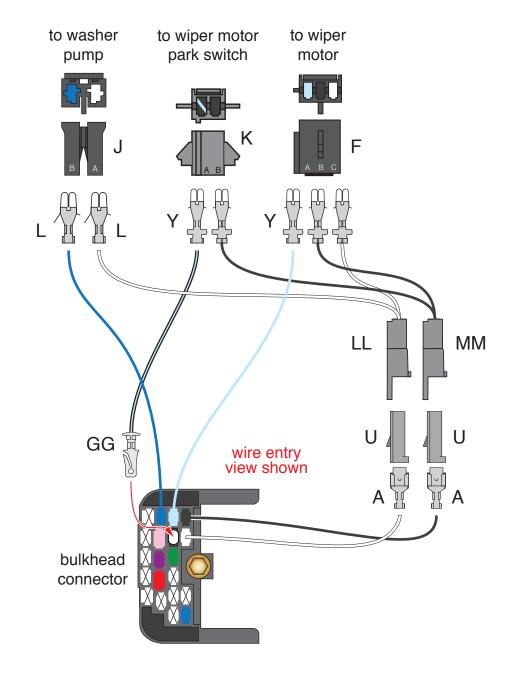
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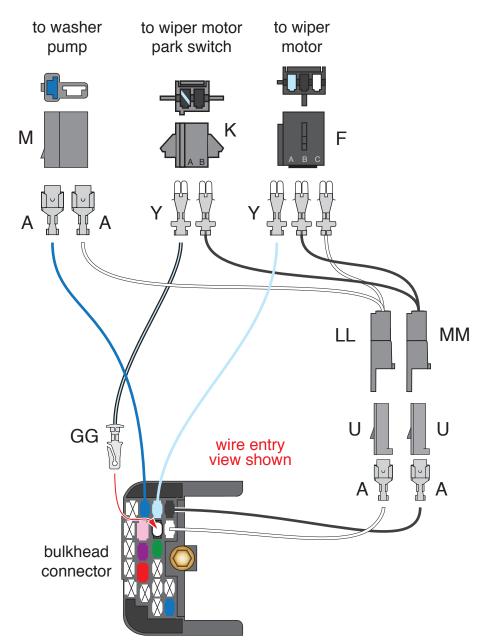
# Engine harness installation instructions:

Wiper motor & washer pump wiring:



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the optional wires must be plugged into the bulkhead connector in order to utilize these features



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### **STEP 3: RECONNECT YOUR BATTERY:**

When you have completed the installation and are ready to reconnect the battery, make sure that the following electrical system grounds are in place:

- A. Battery is grounded to the ENGINE BLOCK.
- B. Battery is grounded to the frame.
- C. Engine block is grounded to the frame.
- D. Body is grounded to the frame.

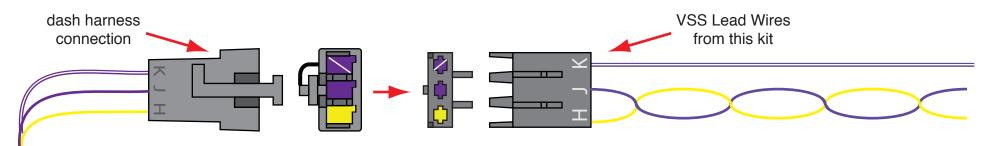
### STEP 4: CHECK ALL ELECTRICAL FUNCTIONS:

Any non-functioning items should be checked for proper installation. Any problems with your wiring and electrical circuit functions, should be addressed to American Autowire Systems, Inc. as soon as possible, to avoid any warranty problems.

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### Electric Speedo VSS extension connection:



If you are using an aftermarket electric speedometer in your vehicle, you will need to connect the vehicle speed sensor (VSS) Lead Wires from this kit to the dash side connection of your dash harness. The yellow and solid purple wires must remain twisted together as shown above. These three wires will need to pass through the firewall or floor of your vehicle down to the vehicle speed sensor unit in the transmission. Generally, the solid purple wire connects to the "signal" lead, the yellow wire connects to the "ground" lead, and the purple/white stripe wire connects to the "12 volt power" lead on the vehicle speed sensor assembly. However, you should consult the directions that came with your gauges, and connect your vehicle speed sensor per the manufacturer's instructions.



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**VSS LEAD WIRES** 

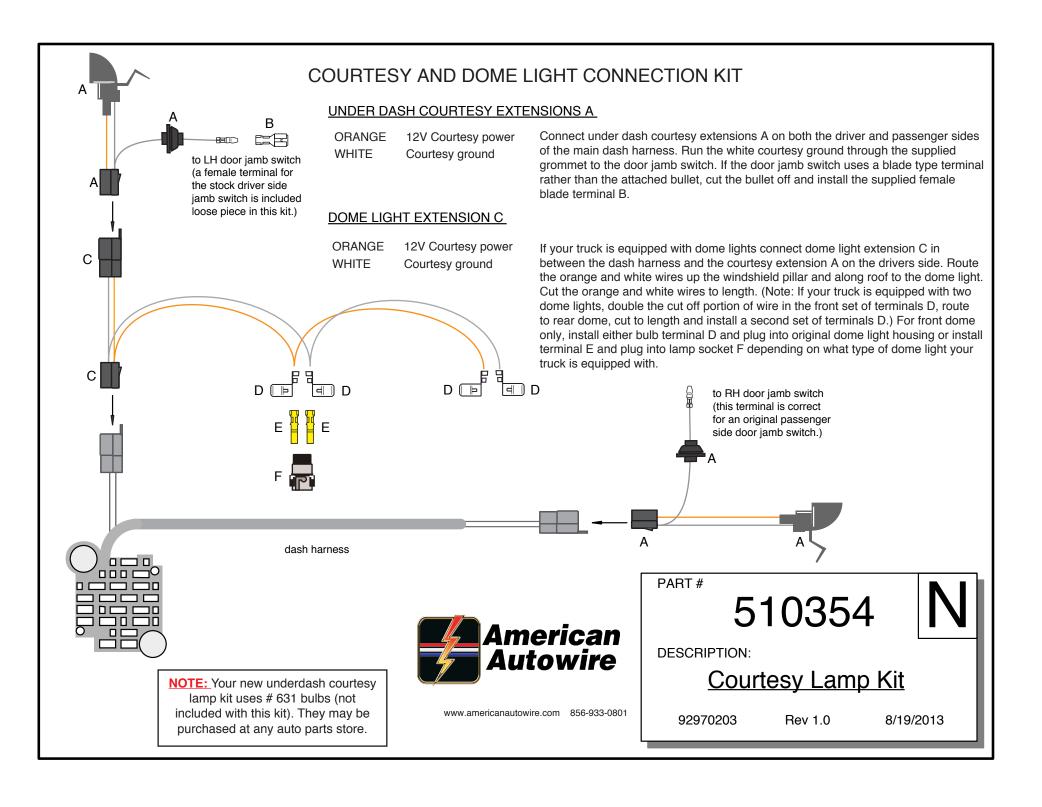
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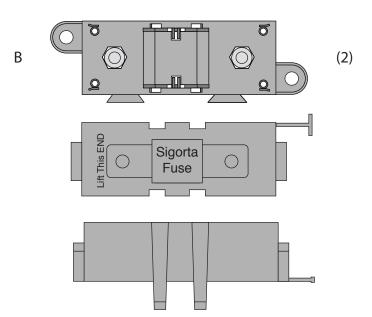
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(144.0" 6 Gauge charge wire)

Α



(Megafuse body, cover and two M8 x 1.25 nuts / lock washers)

C (175 amp Megafuse) G

D (1) (Megafuse jumper) H

E (Alternator boot)

F (cut into six 1.0" pieces)

- 1. One this page, you will find the wire, fuse bodies, fuses, boot, ring terminals, and shrink tubing (items A through K) that are necessary to connect your alternator and main power feed for your new AAW wiring kit. Please be sure that all of the necessary components are present before starting this portion of your installation. If anything is missing, stop what you are doing and contact AAW at the number listed below right away.
- 2. On page 2, you will find directions for building the 2 Megafuse assemblies (items B,C and D) into one unit.
- 3. On page 3, you will find an overall concept of how to connect the Megafuse assemblies to your starter solenoid, alternator and main power feed of your new wiring system.
- 4. On page 4, you will find tips on building your charging circuit wires and assembling them and the main panel power feed wire to the Megafuse assembles.



(6Ga. starter ring terminal)



(6Ga. megafuse terminal)



(6Ga. alternator terminal)



(10Ga. megafuse terminal)



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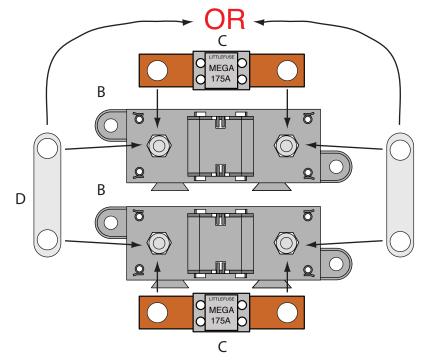
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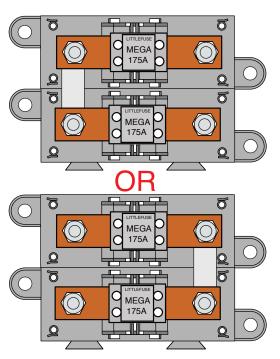
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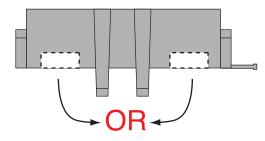
### Assembling the (2) Megafuse assemblies

NOTE: Find a suitable place, as close to the battery power source as possible, under the hood of the your vehicle to mount the completed Megafuse assemblies. Keep in mind that you have 12 feet of 6Ga. charging wire, and that the main power feed coming from your panel or bulkhead connection must also be able to reach the assembly.

- 1. Take the two Megafuse bodies and covers (items B) and snap them together. Remove the 4 nuts and lock washers from the studs on the fuse body assemblies.
- 2. Install the Megafuse jumper (item D above) over two of the studs on the Megafuse bodies. It is very important that the jumper MUST BE assembled on the side that is going to connect to your main power connection (starter solenoid or battery feed).
- 3. Notch top cover to clear jumper D as shown at right.
- 4. Snap one 175amp fuse (items C) onto the studs of each of the two Megafuse bodies (items B), over the jumper, then loosely re-attach the 4 nuts and lock washers back onto the assembled Megafuses. The fuse assemblies are ready to install into your vehicle. Page 2



### **Assembled Megafuses**



**Notched Cover** 

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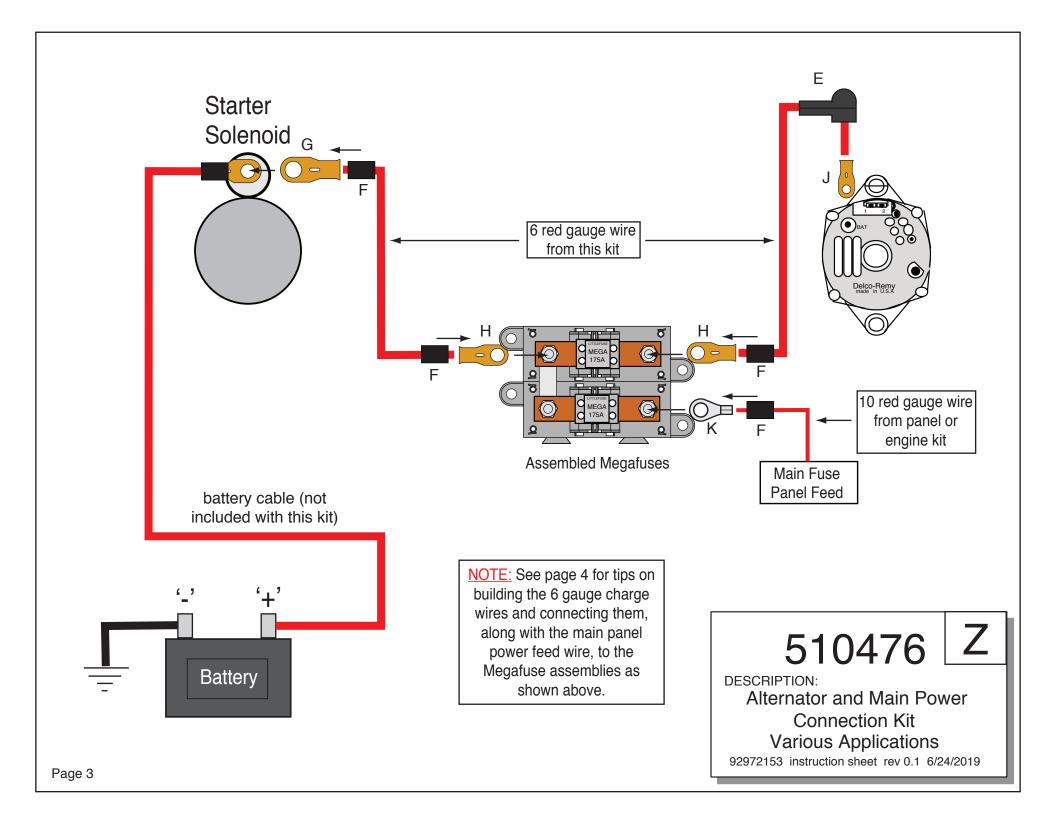
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### Building the 6Ga. charge wires and connecting them and the main panel power feed wire to the Megafuse assemblies:

NOTE: Make sure that your battery is disconnected! You will need to install the preassembled Megafuses from page 2 in your vehicle to start this part of the installation.

- 1. Pre-cut item F shrink tubing into (6) 1.00" 1.25" pieces.
- 2. Take the 12-foot piece of 6Ga. red wire from this kit and route it from your starter (or other battery feed) over to the area where you have mounted your Megafuse and cut it to length. Strip the insulation on each end back 1/2". Install 2 pieces of shrink tubing F onto the wire. At the starter end, crimp and solder (1) of terminal G onto the wire. At the Megafuse end, crimp and solder (1) of terminal H onto the wire. Slide the shrink tubing over the terminals and heat it up to shrink it down.
- 3. Take the remaining portion of the 12-foot piece of 6Ga. red wire from this kit and route it from your alternator over to the area where you have mounted your Megafuse and cut it to length. Strip the insulation on each end back 1/2". Install 1 piece of shrink tubing F onto the wire. At the alternator end, slip on boot E as shown on page 3, then crimp and solder (1) of terminal J onto the wire. At the Megafuse end, crimp and solder (1) of terminal H onto the wire. Slide the shrink tubing over terminal H and heat it up to shrink it down.
- 4. Take the 10Ga. red main power feed wire from your engine or panel sub-kit and route it over to the area where you have mounted your Megafuse and cut it to length. Strip the insulation back 3/8". Install 1 piece of shrink tubing F onto the wire, then crimp and solder (1) of terminal K onto the wire.
- 5. Remove the 4 loosely tightened nuts and lock washers from the assembled Megafuses, then using the drawing on page 3 as a guide, install your pre-assembled wires from steps 2-4 above. Re-install the 4 nuts and lock washers onto the assembled Megafuses and tighten them down. This part of your installation is now complete.

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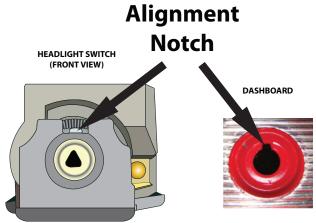
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Most switches supplied with Classic Update and Universal Kits ship with the shaft pre-installed. In many instances, the switch can be installed without removing the shaft, but in some cases the switch shaft may need to be trimmed to fit your specific dash. In this situation, reference Trim to Fit instructions on the back of this page for details.

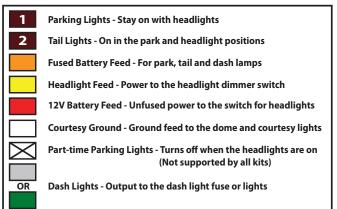
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### To install your new headlight switch:

1. Install the switch from behind the dash, and align the switch body with the mounting hole. The switch body has an alignment tab that must line up with the notch in the dashboard mounting hole.



- **2.** Install the switch mounting nut and tighten.
- **3.** Gently press shaft into switch until it stops, then press firmly until it "clicks." Pull shaft back out to confirm it is seated correctly. The shaft should be locked into place inside switch.
- **4.** If the shaft does not lock, reinsert applying moderate pressure and slowly move shaft side to side for lock to engage. Make sure switch body is still supported to prevent flexing. Press shaft firmly until it clicks into place.
- **5.** Ensure the shaft is fully seated and in the off position.





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DESCRIPTION:

Headlight Switch

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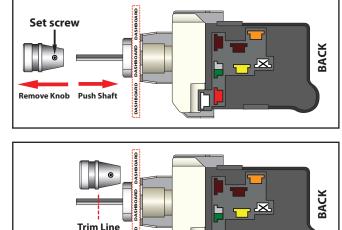
### To Trim Shaft to Fit or Remove Shaft:

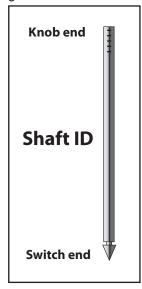
The headlight shaft knob should extend from the face of the mounting nut, and must allow enough clearance for the switch to turn off. If the shaft is longer than necessary for your specific dash it can be trimmed to fit. Always trim the knob end of the shaft only and follow the guidelines below for best results.

1. With the headlight switch installed, loosen the set screw and remove the knob. Make sure the switch is in the "off" position by pushing the shaft toward the back of the switch.

Switch in OFF position (shaft pushed all the way in)

**2.** Set knob alongside shaft and mark the desired location for cutting on the shaft.





3. Remove the shaft and trim at mark. The shaft can be released from the switch by pulling it outward (toward the rear of the vehicle). Once fully in the "On" position, press and hold the release button on the base of the switch body. Once button is pressed, continue to pull the shaft outward. New switches may be tight, and it might be necessary to move the shaft side to side slightly while pulling to release.

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