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Thank you for purchasing this evaporator kit from Vintage Air. When installing these components as part of a complete SureFit[™] system, Vintage Air recommends working from front to back on the vehicle, installing the condenser kit, hose kit, and compressor first, followed by the wiring, evaporator, and finally the control 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. (1 lb., 12 oz.) 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 remained 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, 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, 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, the compressor relay, and/or cause a malfunction.
- When installing ground leads on Gen IV 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.



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

Perform the Following:

- 1. Remove battery and battery tray (retain) (See Figures 1 and 3, below).
- 2. Drain radiator.
- 3. Evacuate the A/C system if necessary.
- 4. Remove condenser, lines and the (4) OEM rubber well nuts in core support (discard) (See Figure 1, below).
- 5. Remove OEM compressor and bracket (discard) (See Figure 2, below).
- 6. Remove evaporator and blower assembly (discard). To remove the evaporator and blower assembly (under hood) and the air distribution system (under dash), the factory manual indicates doing the following: Remove right lower rocker molding. Remove lower fender attaching bolts. Remove skirt to fender and skirt to reinforcement screws. Pull out on lower portion of fender, moving the skirt away from the fender flange and firewall. Block the skirt with a 2" x 4" block of wood. To avoid damage to paint and sheet metal, and for ease of removal and replacement of components, Vintage Air suggests that the right fender be removed and inner panel be lowered (See Figure 3, below). Remove OEM heater hoses, A/C hoses, hardlines and drier (discard) (See Figure 4, below).
- 7. Remove OEM A/C & heater wiring/vacuum harness molded grommet (See Figure 4, below).
- 8. Install 1 1/2" plug in firewall (See Figure 4a, below).





Passenger Compartment Disassembly

NOTE: Removal of dashboard is required to install the evaporator. Vintage Air recommends using the factory service manual to disassemble and reassemble the dashboard.

Perform the Following:

- 1. Remove glove box door (See Figure 6, below).
- 2. Remove glove box (discard, retain screws) (See Figure 5, below).
- **3.** Remove A/C, heater/evaporator assembly and all related ducting (discard, but retain screws) (See Figure 6, below).
- Remove A/C and heat outlets (retain). Instrument panel must be removed to get to left outlet and control panel (See Figure 6, below).
- 5. Remove control panel assembly (discard control panel) (See Figure 6, below).
- **6.** Remove passenger side kick panel fresh air cover (discard) and kick panel (retain). Remove cable from panel (discard) (See Figure 6, below).
- 7. Remove OEM defrost duct assembly.













Evaporator Installation

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

- On a workbench, install the evaporator rear bracket using (2) 1/4-20 x 1/2" bolts (supplied on the evaporator sub case) (See Figure 13, below).
- 2. Install (2) heater fittings (See Figure 14, Page 13) with properly lubricated O-rings (See Figure 19, Page 16).
- **3.** Place the evaporator unit under the dashboard by the passenger side kick panel, and install the heater hoses and #6 A/C hose (See Figure 14a, Page 13). Use (2) hose clamps on the heater hoses.
- 4. Lift the evaporator sub case up under the dashboard. Using the bottom hole of the bracket, secure loosely to the firewall using a 1/4-20 x 1" bolt and washer (See Figure 15, Page 13). NOTE: When lifting up the evaporator sub case, be careful to prevent damage to the drain outlet located at the bottom of the unit. Feed the hoses into or out of the kick panel fresh air cap as needed while lifting the evaporator sub case into position.
- Install the #10 A/C hose onto the evaporator (See Figure 14a, Page 13) with properly lubricated O-rings (See Figure 19, Page 16).
- **6.** Install press tape all around the #10 A/C hose fitting as shown in Figure 14a, Page 13.
- **7.** Install the front mounting bracket onto the evaporator using (2) $1/4-20 \times 1/2''$ bolts, and tighten (See Figure 15, Page 13).
- 8. Using the front mounting bracket as a template, mark and drill (2) 5/32" holes on the inner cowl (See Figure 15, Page 13). NOTE: To ensure proper drainage, it is very important that the evaporator is level, both left-right and fore-aft. Prior to drilling, check for level on the flat portions of the case around the drain.
- **9.** Loosely attach the front mounting bracket to the inner cowl using (2) #14 x 3/4" sheet metal screws (See Figure 15, Page 13).
- **10.** Verify that the evaporator unit is level and square to the dash. Then, tighten all mounting bolts. **NOTE: Tighten the bolt on the firewall first. Then tighten the front mounting bracket sheet metal screws.**







Center Louver Installation

- **1.** Install foam strip onto center louver assembly as shown in Figure 16, below.
- 2. Install center louver duct hose adapter onto center louver assembly (See Figure 16, below).
- 3. Using the (2) mounting holes on the bottom side of the duct hose adapter as a guide, drill (2) 1/8" holes in the louver assembly. Secure duct hose adapter to louver assembly using (2) #8 x 1/2" pan head screws (See Figure 16a, below).
- 4. Reinstall dash.
- **5.** Pull center louver duct hoses through dash and attach to center louver duct hose adapter as shown in Figure 16, below.
- **6.** Install center louver assembly into dash, using OEM mounting screws to secure louver assembly to dash (See Figure 16, below).







1970-73 Camaro Standard Hose Kit

- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the 90° female fitting with 134a service port to the #8 discharge port on the compressor. Route the 45° female fitting to the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Figure 20, Page 17). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.
- 2. Locate the #10 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #10 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the #10 135° female fitting with 134a service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor. Route the 90° female fitting to the #10 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 14a, Page 13, and Figure 20, Page 17). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.
- **3.** Locate the #6 evaporator A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #6 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the 45° female fitting to the #6 hardline coming through the core support from the drier. Route the 90° female fitting to the #6 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 14a, Page 13, and Figure 20, Page 17). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.

1974-78 Camaro Standard Hose Kit

- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the 90° female fitting with 134a service port to the #8 discharge port on the compressor. Route the 45° female fitting to the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Figure 21, Page 18). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.
- 2. Locate the #10 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #10 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the #10 135° female fitting with 134a service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor. Route the 90° female fitting to the #10 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 14a, Page 13, and Figure 21, Page 18). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.
- **3.** Locate the #6 evaporator A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #6 O-rings (See Figure 19, above) and connect the 90° female fitting to the #6 hardline coming through the core support from the drier. Route the 90° female fitting to the #6 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 14a, Page 13, and Figure 21, Page 18). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 19, above.

Modified A/C Hose Kit

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







Final Steps

- 1. Install duct hoses as shown in Figure 24, Page 20.
- 2. Refer to the control panel instructions and install the control panel assembly.
- **3.** Plug the wiring harnesses into the ECU module on the sub case as shown in Figure 24, Page 20 (Wire according to wiring diagram on Pages 21 and 22).
- **4.** Refer to the instruction below and install the glove box.
- 5. Refer to the instruction below and install the under dash louver assembly.
- 6. Reinstall all previously removed items (battery box & battery).
- **7.** 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.
- 8. Double check all fittings, brackets and belts for tightness.
- **9.** Vintage Air recommends that all A/C systems be serviced by a certified automotive air conditioning technician.
- **10.** Evacuate the system for a minimum of 45 minutes prior to charging, and perform a leak check prior to servicing.
- **11.** Charge the system to the capacities stated on the information page (Page 4) of this instruction manual.
- **12.** See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 23.

Glove Box Installation

Install glove box and secure with #8 screws through OEM holes (See Figure 22, below).
 Install glove box door.

NOTE: If equipped with the glove box light as shown below in Figure 22a, modify plastic glove box using dimensions provided on Page 26.







Wiring Diagram



- Circuit).
- Wide Open Throttle Switch Contacts Close Only at Full Throttle, Which Disables A/C Compressor.

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Operation of Controls

On Gen IV 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.



		Troublesho	Troubleshooting Guide
Symptom Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
1a.	Check for damaged pins or wires in control head plug.	Verify that all pins are inserted into plug. Ensure that no plus are bent or damaged in ECU.	
Blower stays on high speed when	Check for damaged ground wire (white) in control head harness.	Verify continuity to chassis ground with white control head wire at various points.	Loss of ground on this wire renders control head inoperable.
Ignition is on.	Check for damaged blower switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		See blower switch check procedure.
1b.	Unplug 3-wire BSC control connector from ECU. If blower shure off ECU is either	Be sure the small, 20 GA white ground wire is connected to the battery ground post. If it is, replace the ECU.	
Blower stays on high speed when	improperly wired or damaged.	Check to ensure that no BSC wiring is damaged or shorted to vehicle ground. The BSC operates the blower by ground side pulse width modulation switching. The positive wire to the blower will always be hot. If the	
ignition is on or off.	Unplug 3-wire BSC control	"ground" side of the blower is shorted to chassis ground, the blower will run on HI.	
	stays running, BSC is either improperly wired or damaged.	→ Replace BSC (This will require removal of evaporator from vehicle).	 No other part replacements should be necessary.
2. [★] System is not charged.	System must be charged for compressor to engage.	→ Charge system or bypass pressure switch.	Danger: Never bypass safety switch with engine running. Serious injury can result.
Compressor will not turn on (All other functions	Check for faulty A/C	Chack continuity to acound on white control head wire	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at
work).	wring (Not applicable to 3-pot controls).	Check for 5V on red control head wire.	 White/blue wire. Voltage should be between 0V and 5V, and will vary with pot lever position.
	A Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	→ Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	→ Disconnected or faulty thermistor will cause compressor to be disabled.
.e	Check for faulty A/C	Danair ar ranlaca nat/control wiring	Red wire at A/C pot should have approximately 5V
Compressor will not turn off (All other functions work).		Nepali di replace por control willing.	
	Check for faulty A/C relay.	→ Replace relay.	between UV and 5V when lever is moved up or down.

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Symptom Co	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
Works w running (Typicali	Works when engine is not running; shuts off when engine is started (Typically early den IV,	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.	Ignition noise (radiated or conducted) will cause the system to shut down due to high voltage spikes. If this is suspected, check with a duality oscilloscope. Spikes
System will not versions). turn on, or runs intermittently.		Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both white ground wires.	Check for positive power at heater valve green wire and blower red wire. Check for ground on control head white wire.	greater than 160 will shut down the ECU. Install a radio capacitor at the positive post of the ignition
Will not turn or any conditions.	Will not turn on under any conditions.	Verify battery voltage is greater than 10 volts and less than 16.	Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	installation bulletin). A faulty alternator or worn out battery can also result in this condition.
5. Loss of mode door function.	No mode change at all. Partial function of mode	Check for damaged mode Switch or potentiometer and associated wiring. Check for obstructed or		Typically caused by evaporator housing installed in a bind in the vehicle. Be sure all
doors.		Check for damaged stepper motor or wiring.		and don't have to be forced into position.
5. Blower turns on 12V.	Battery voltage is at least 12V.	Check for at least 12V at circuit breaker.	Ensure all system grounds and power connections are clean and tight.	System shuts off blower at 10V. Poor connections or
	oltage is less	Check for faulty battery or alternator.	◆Charge battery.	weak battery can cause Ashutdown at up to 11V.
7. Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.		 Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring. 	▲ Repair or replace.	
3. When ignition is turned on, blower momentarily comes on, then shuts off. This occurs with the blower switch in the OFF position.		This is an indicator that the system has been reset. Be sure the red power wire is on the battery post, and not on a switched source. Also, if the system is pulled below 7V for even a split second, the system will reset.	Run red power wire directly to battery.	





Packing List Evaporator Kit (565073)

