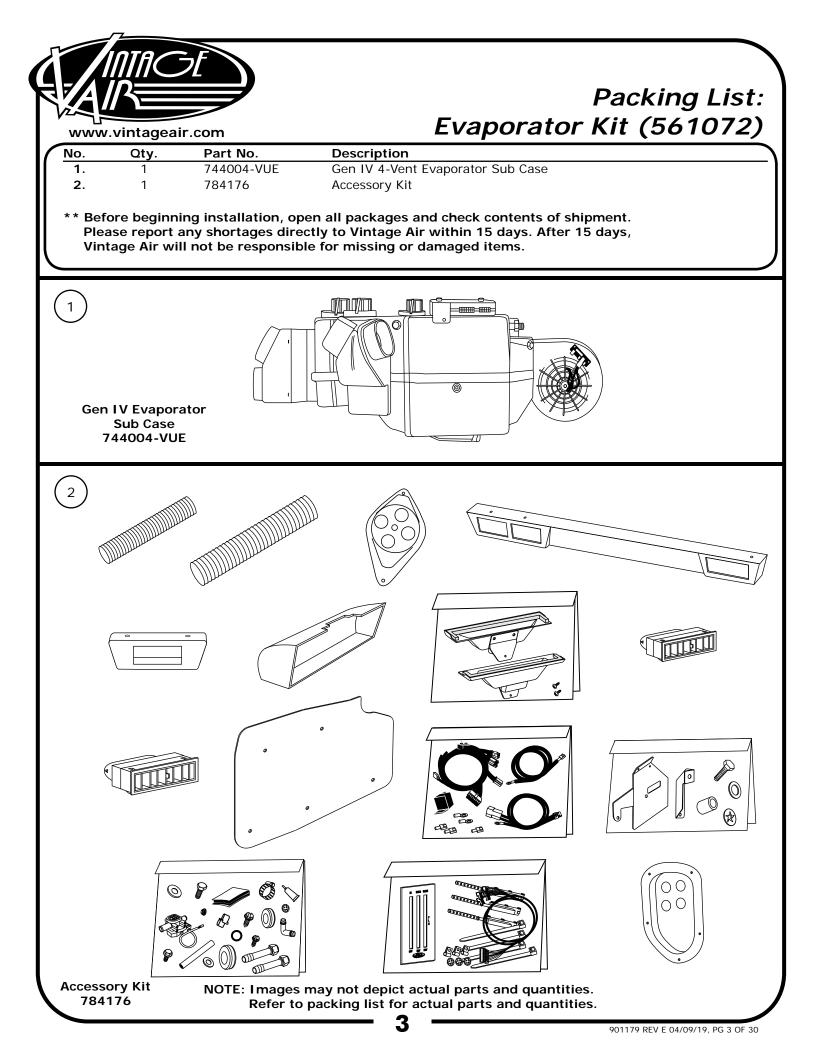




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# Important Notice—Please Read

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 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.

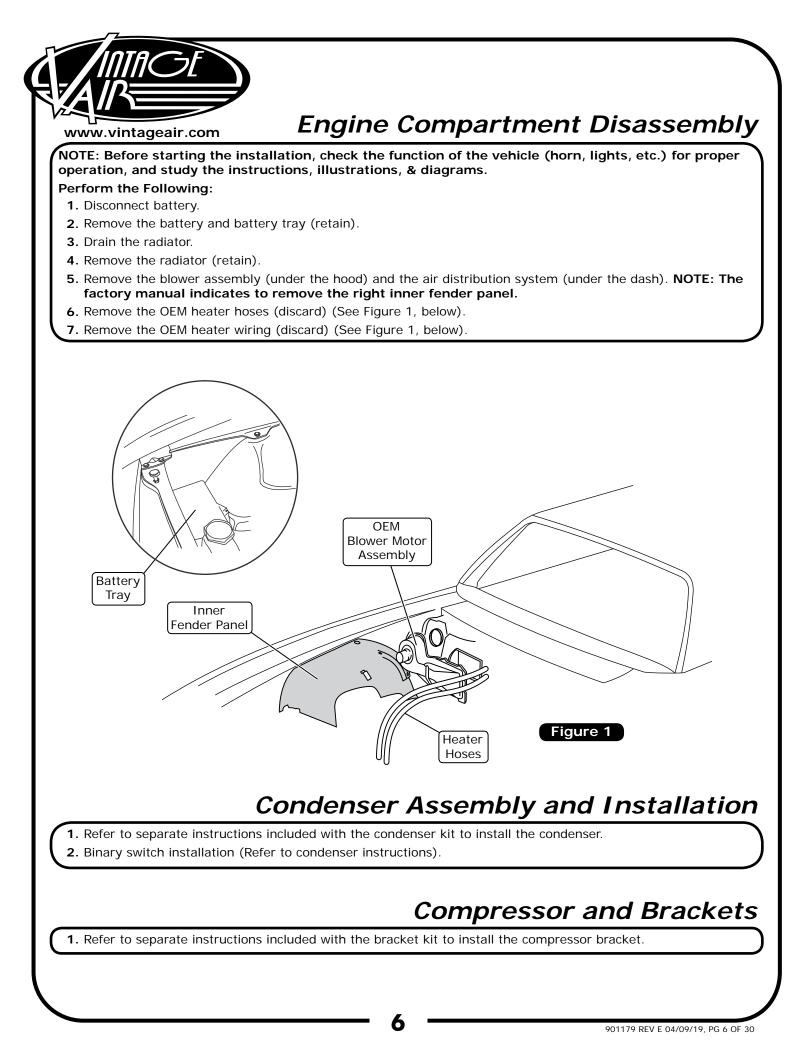
It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

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.





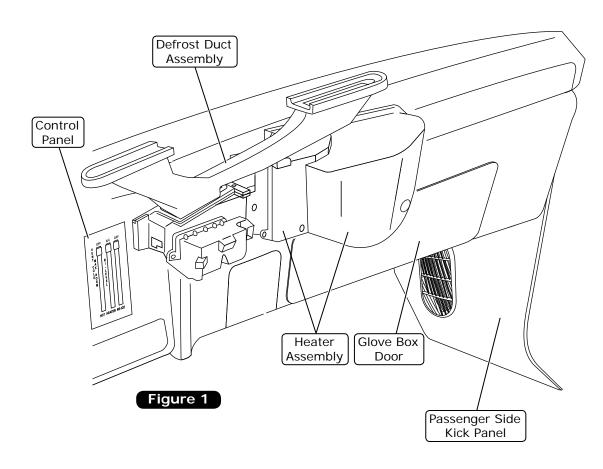
### Passenger Compartment Disassembly

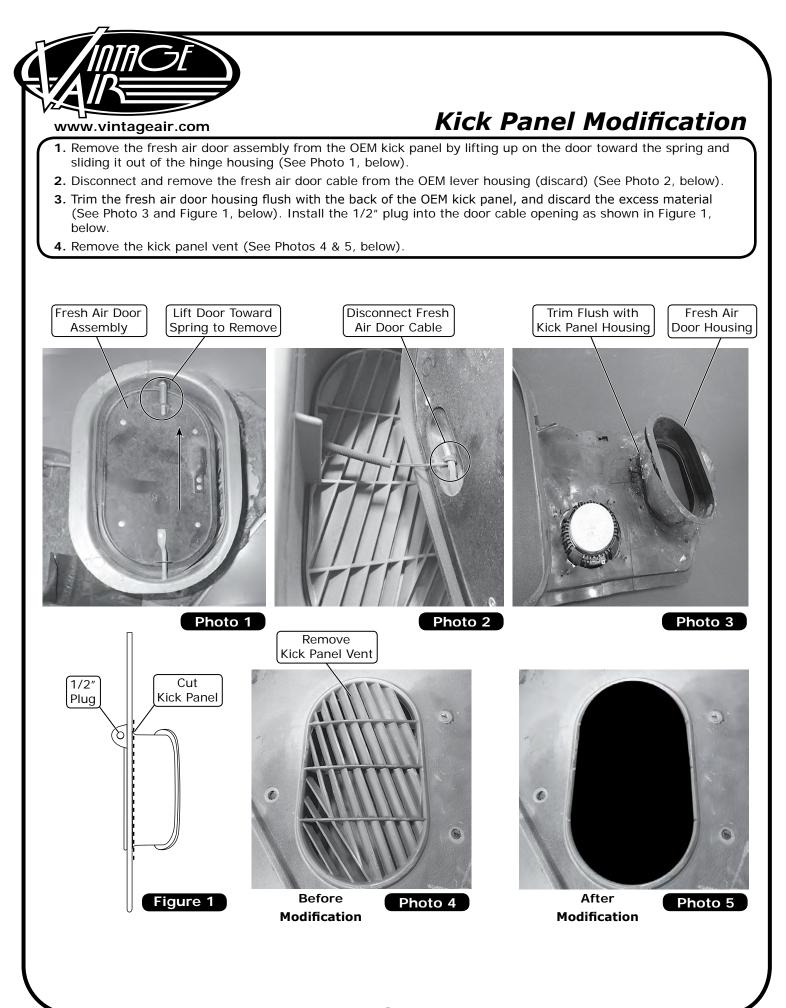
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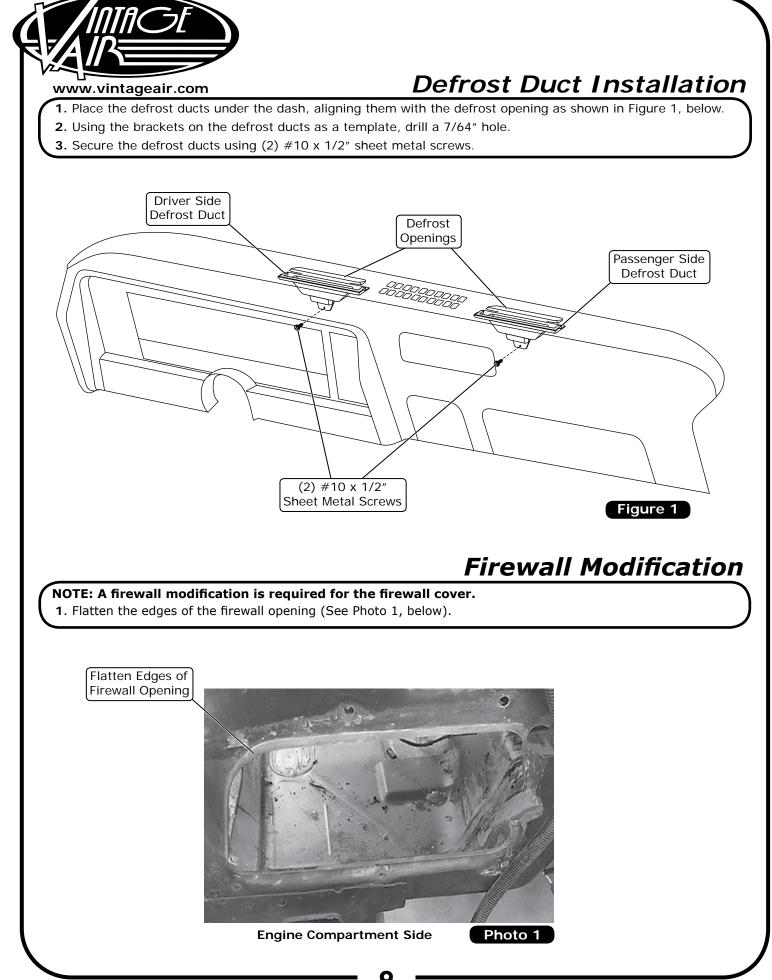
NOTE: The removal of the instrument panel is required for the installation of the evaporator unit. Vintage Air recommends utilizing the factory service manual when diassembling and reassembling the instrument panel. Retain all items removed from vehicle, as some parts and hardware will be reused.

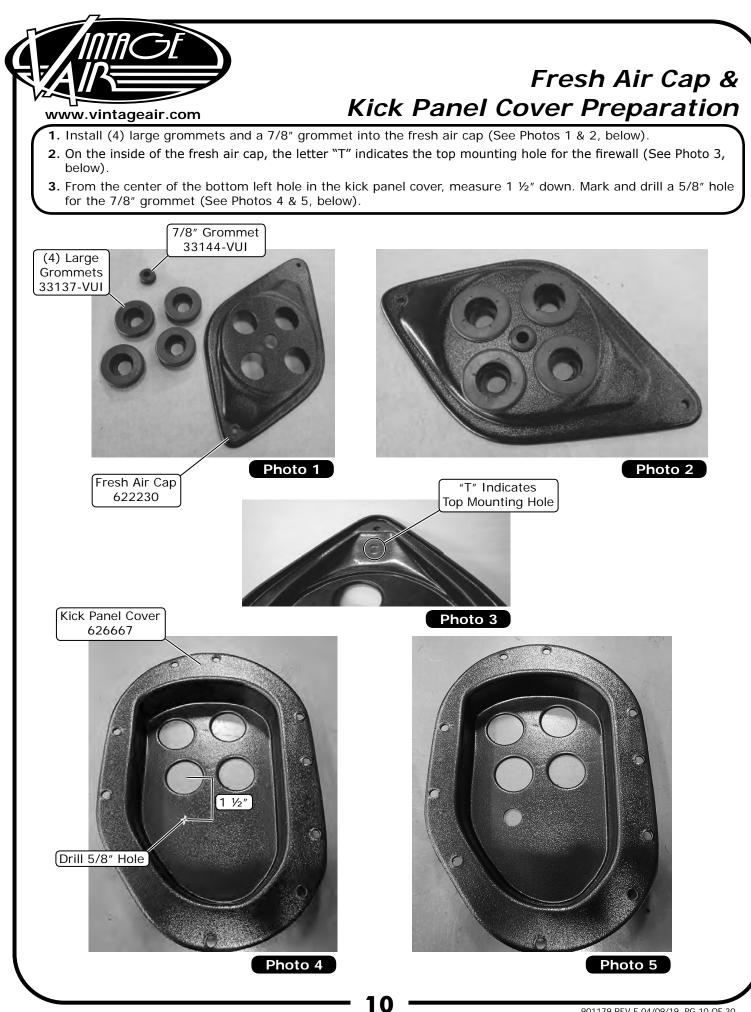
#### Perform the Following:

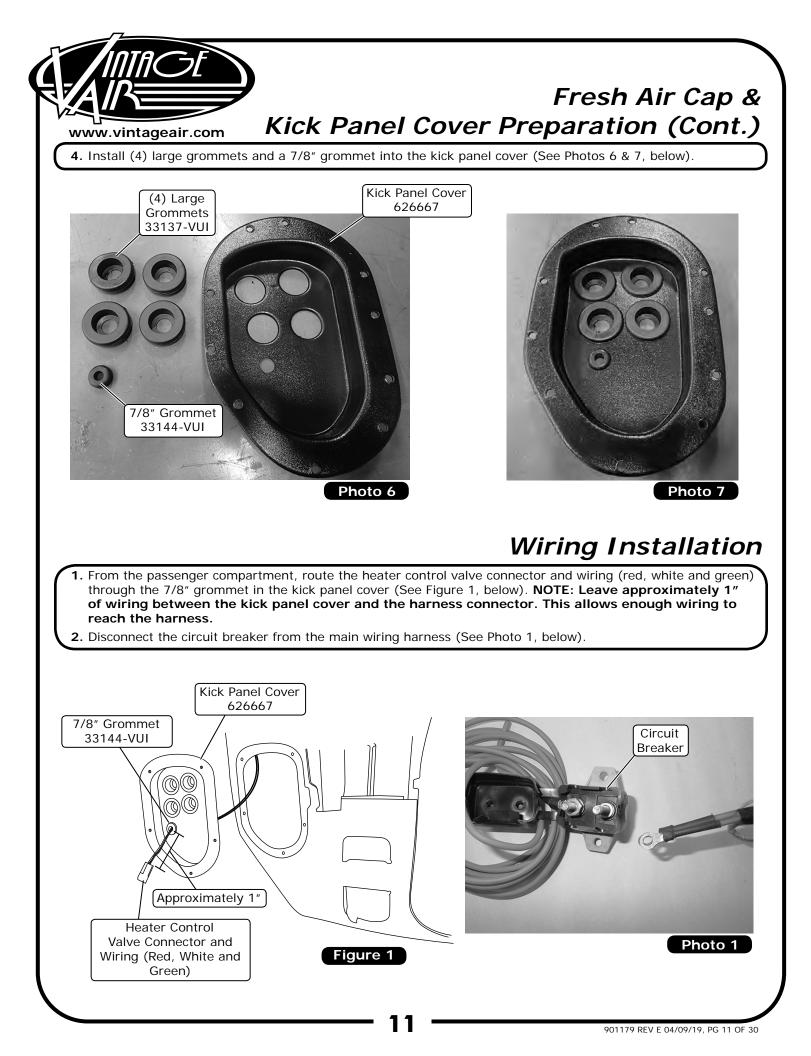
- 1. Remove the glove box door (See Figure 1, below).
- 2. Remove the glove box.
- 3. Remove the OEM heater assembly (See Figure 1, below).
- 4. Remove the OEM defrost duct assembly.
- 5. Remove the lower steering column. NOTE: Protect the steering column with a cloth.
- 6. Disconnect all wires and cables from the instrument panel, speedometer, control panel and radio.
- 7. Remove the control panel assembly.
- 8. Refer to the control panel conversion kit instructions for the installation of the controls.
- 9. Remove passenger side kick panel.

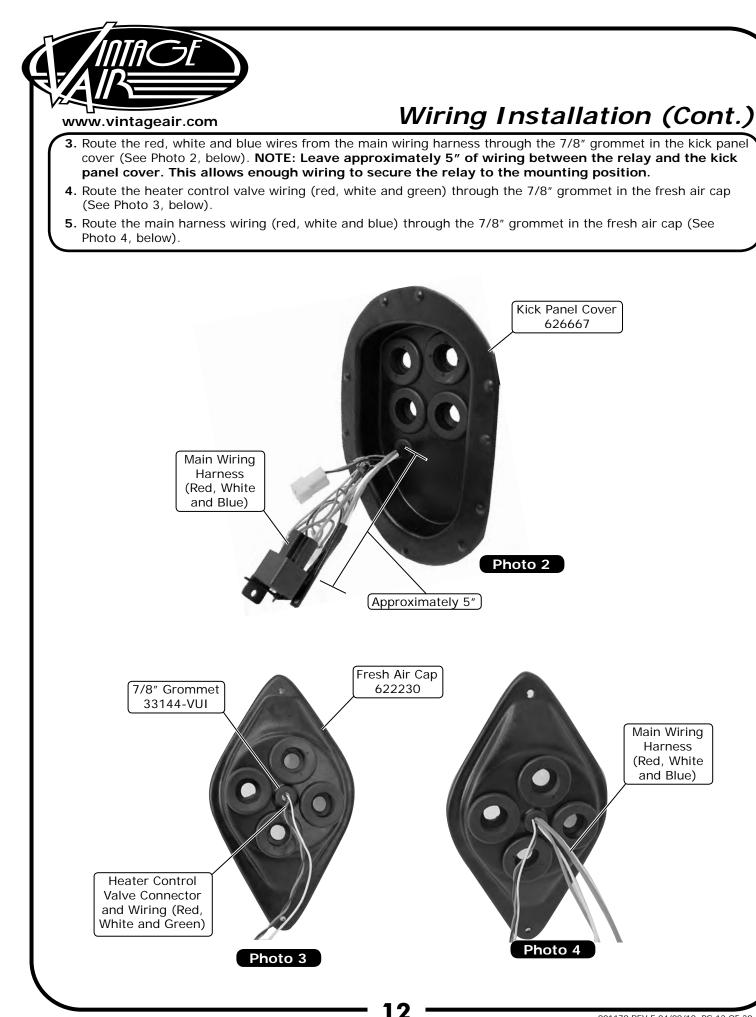


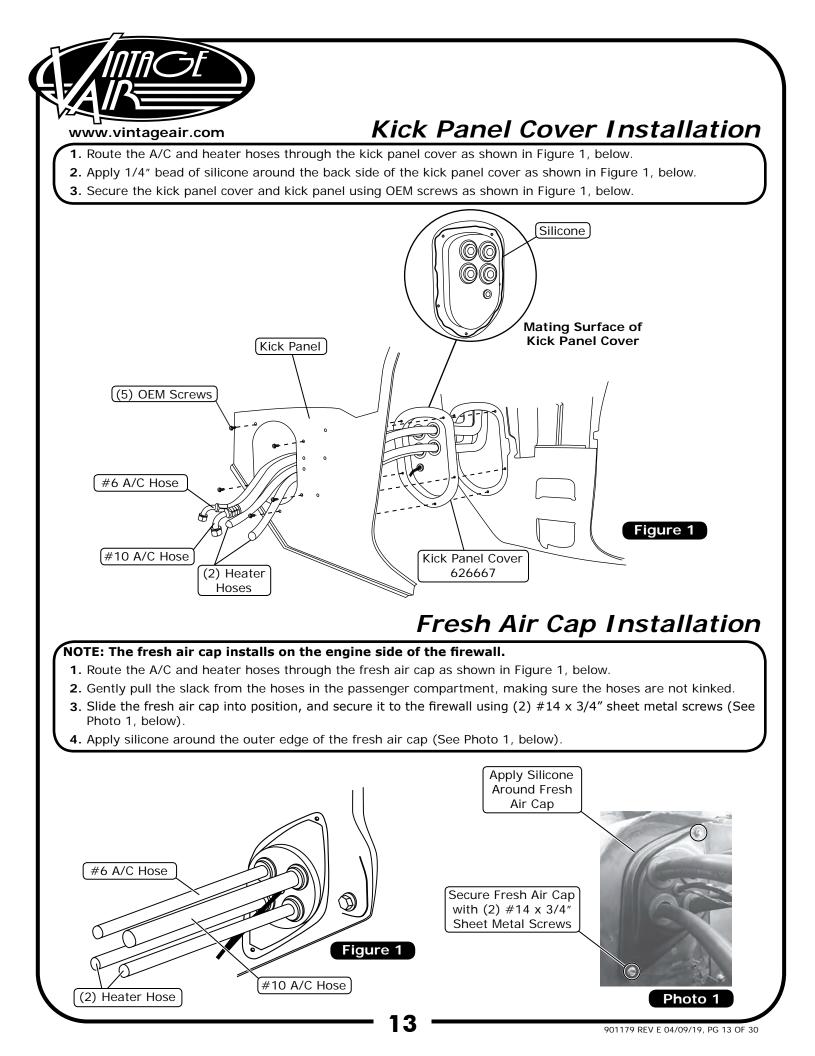










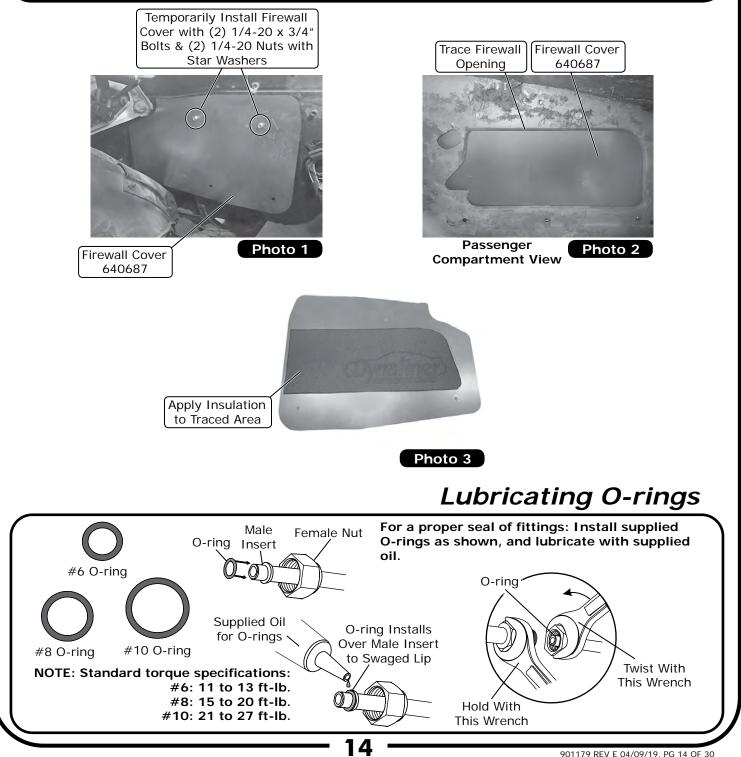


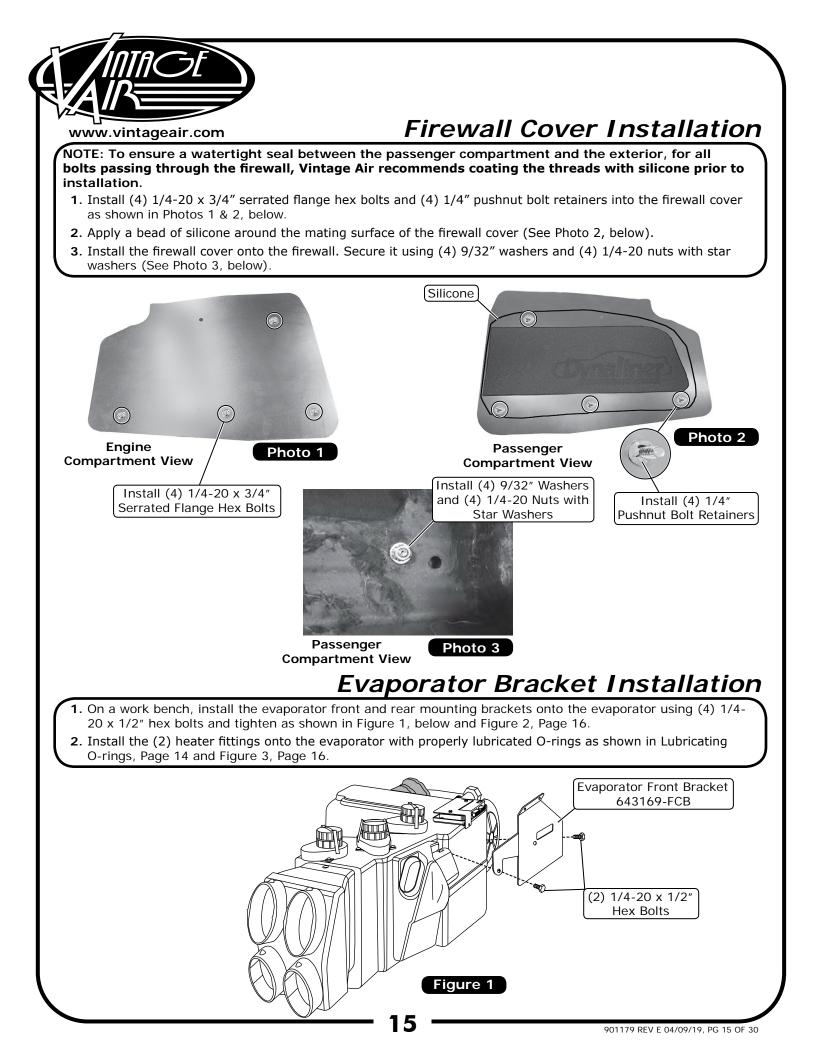


# Firewall Cover Insulation

NOTE: For proper system operation, Vintage Air recommends using heat blocking insulation in the area around the evaporator unit (firewall, kick panel, inner cowl, firewall covers). Due to tight clearance for the evaporator unit between the firewall and dash, Vintage Air recommends an insulation thickness of no more than 1/4".

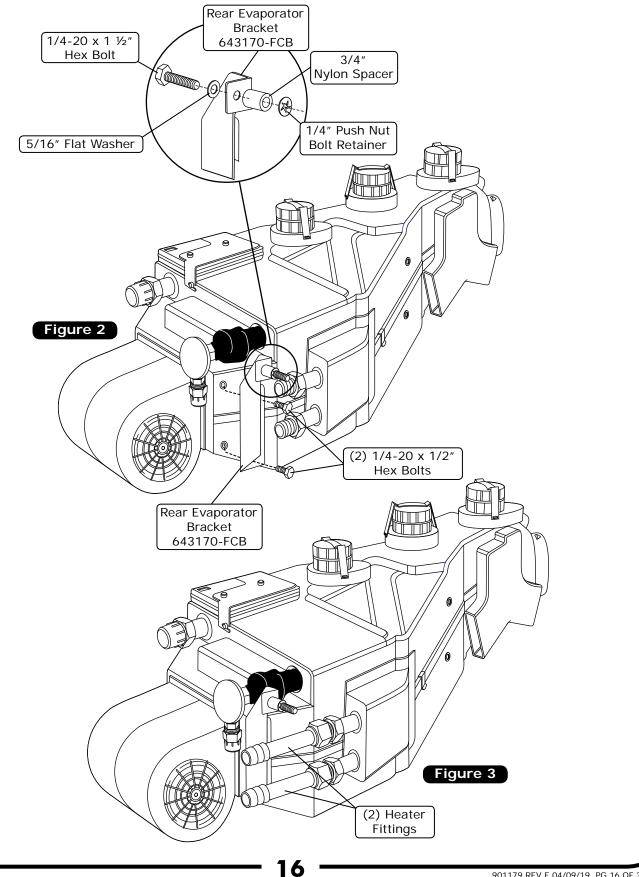
- To apply insulation to the firewall cover, temporarily install the firewall cover onto the firewall using (2) 1/4-20 x 3/4" bolts and (2) 1/4-20 nuts with star washers (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. From the passenger compartment, trace the firewall opening onto the firewall cover (See Photo 2, below).
- 3. Remove the firewall cover, and apply insulation to the traced area (See Photo 3, below).







# **Evaporator Bracket** Installation (Cont.)



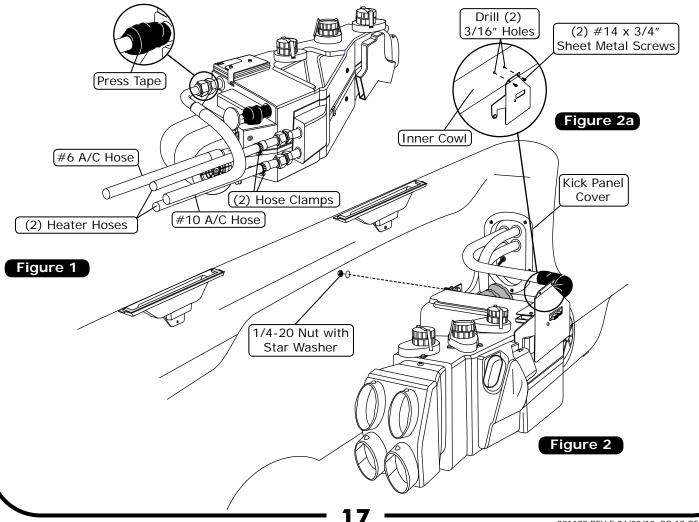


NOTE: To ensure a watertight seal between the passenger compartment and the vehicle exterior, for all bolts passing through the firewall, Vintage Air recommends coating the threads with silicone prior to installation [call out in diagram].

**1.** Place the evaporator unit under the dash.

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- 2. Install the 90° fitting from the #6 drier/evaporator A/C hose onto the expansion valve on the evaporator unit using a properly lubricated #6 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 14 and Figure 1, below).
- **3.** Install the heater hose and a hose clamp onto the upper heater hardline on the evaporator unit (See Figure 1, below).
- **4.** Install the lower heater hose and a hose clamp onto the lower heater hardline on the evaporator unit (See Figure 1, below).
- 5. Lift the evaporator unit up under the dashboard, and secure it loosely to the firewall from the engine compartment side using a 1/4-20 nut with star washer (See Figure 2, below). NOTE: To ensure proper drainage, it is very important that the evaporator level, both left-right and fore-aft. Check leveling on the flat portions of the sub case around the drain.
- **6.** Using (2) #14 x 3/4 sheet metal screws, secure the front evaporator mounting bracket to the inner cowl (See Figure 2a, below).
- 7. Verify that the evaporator unit is leveled and square to the dash, then tighten all mounting bolts. NOTE: Tighten the bolt on the firewall first, then the front mounting bracket screws.
- 8. Install the 90° female fitting from the #10 compressor/evaporator A/C hose onto the evaporator unit using a properly lubricated #10 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 14 and Figure 1, below). NOTE: After installing the #10 compressor/evaporator A/C hose, wrap all exposed metal with the supplied press tape (See Figure 1, below).



# **Drain Hose Installation**

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- 1. Locate the evaporator drain on the bottom of the evaporator sub case.
- Inline with the drain, lightly scribe a mark on the firewall. Measure down 1" and drill a 5/8" hole through the firewall (See Figure 1, below).
- **3.** Install the drain hose onto the bottom of the evaporator sub case and route it through the firewall. Install the 1/2" 90° drain elbow onto the drain hose as shown in Figure 1, below.

1" Drain Hose Drain

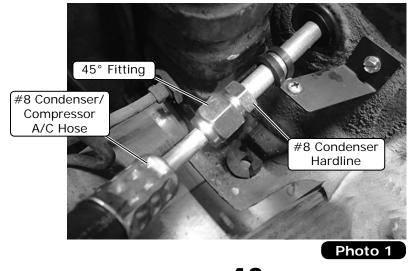
### A/C Hose Installation (1969-72 Vehicles Only)

#### Standard Hose Kit:

- Locate the #8 condenser/compressor A/C hose and install (2) properly lubricated #8 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 14). Connect the 90° fitting with service port to the #8 discharge port on the compressor (See Figure 1, Page 20). Install the 45° fitting onto the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Photo 1, below). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, Page 14.
- Locate the #10 evaporator/compressor A/C hose and install a properly lubricated #10 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 14). Connect the #10 135° fitting with service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor (See Figure 1, Page 20).
- Locate the #6 evaporator/drier A/C hose and install a properly lubricated #6 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 14). Connect the 90° fitting to the drier and tighten the fitting (See Figure 1, Page 20 and Lubricating O-rings, Page 14).
- **4.** Install a #10 Adel clamp onto the #10 A/C hose. Secure the Adel clamp to the alternator bracket using a 10-32 x 1/2" pan head screw and 10-32 nut with star washer (See Figure 1, Page 20).

#### **Modified Hose Kit:**

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





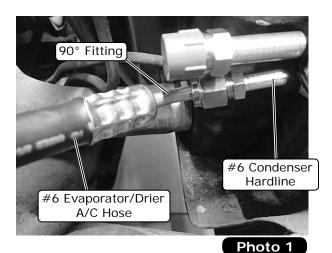
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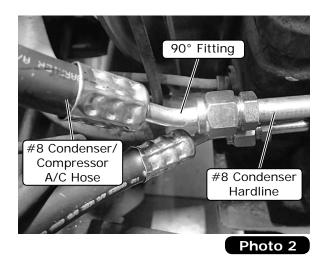
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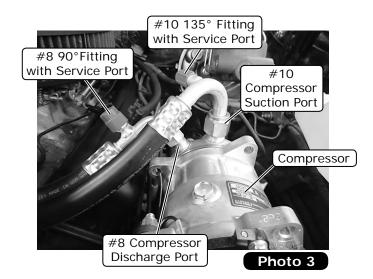
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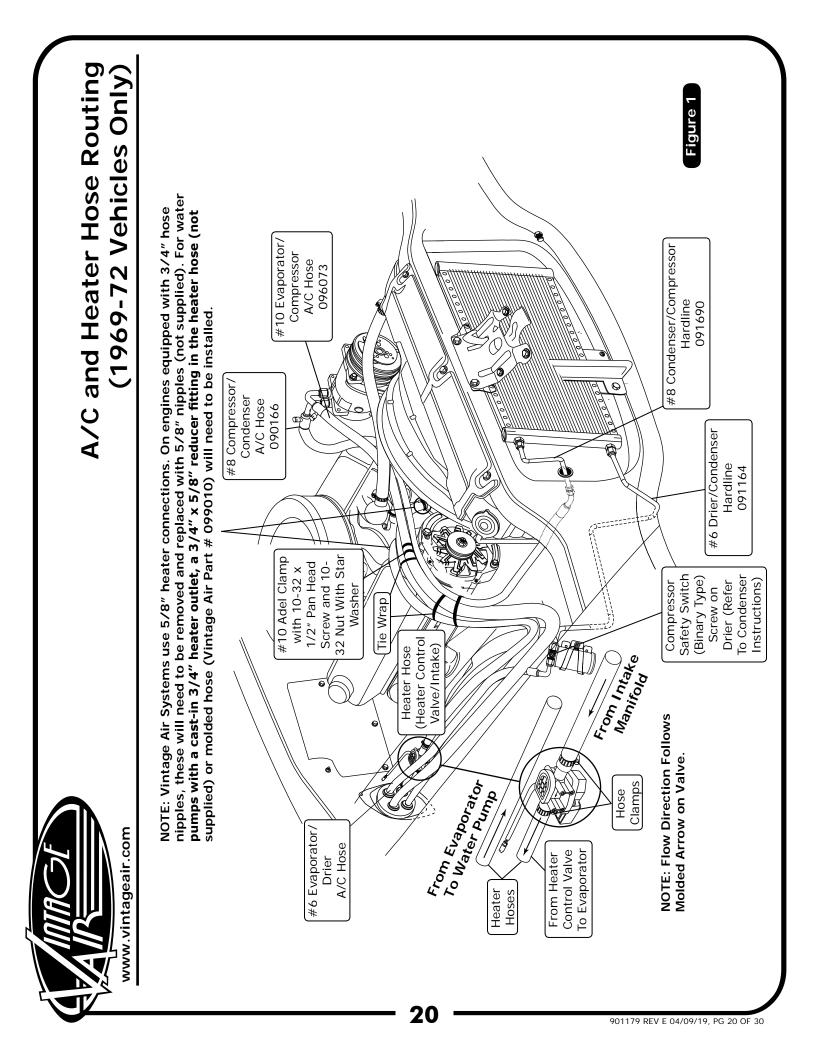
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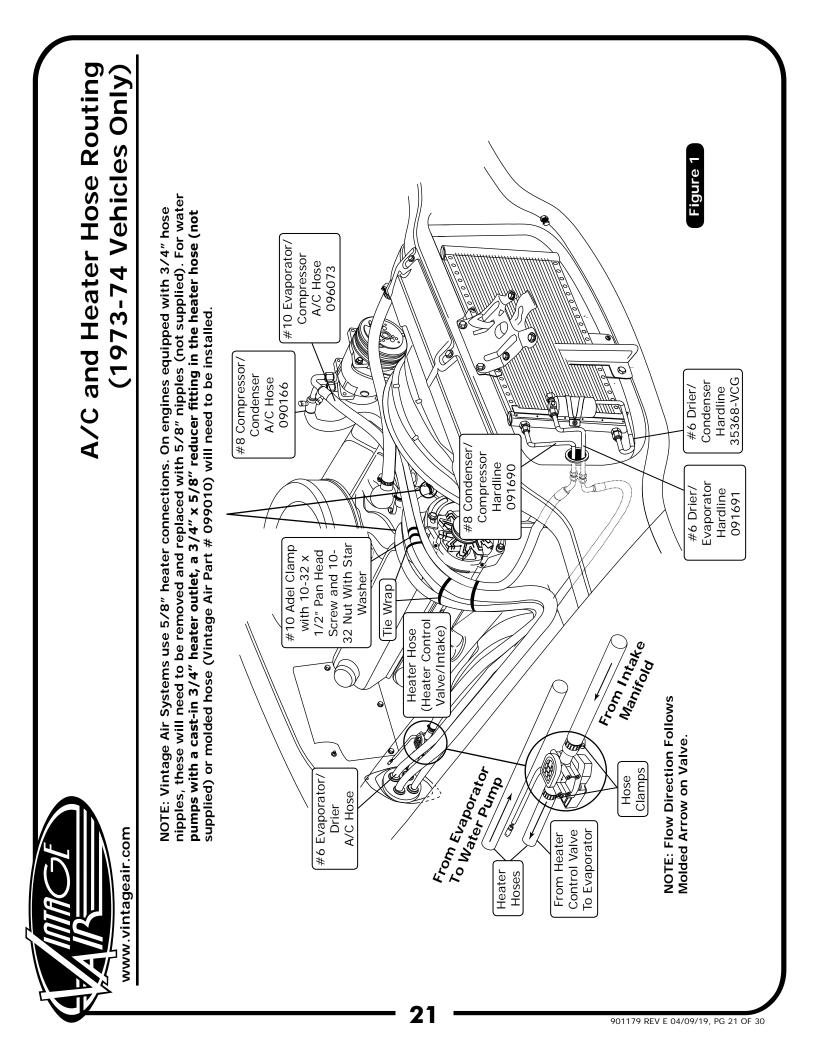
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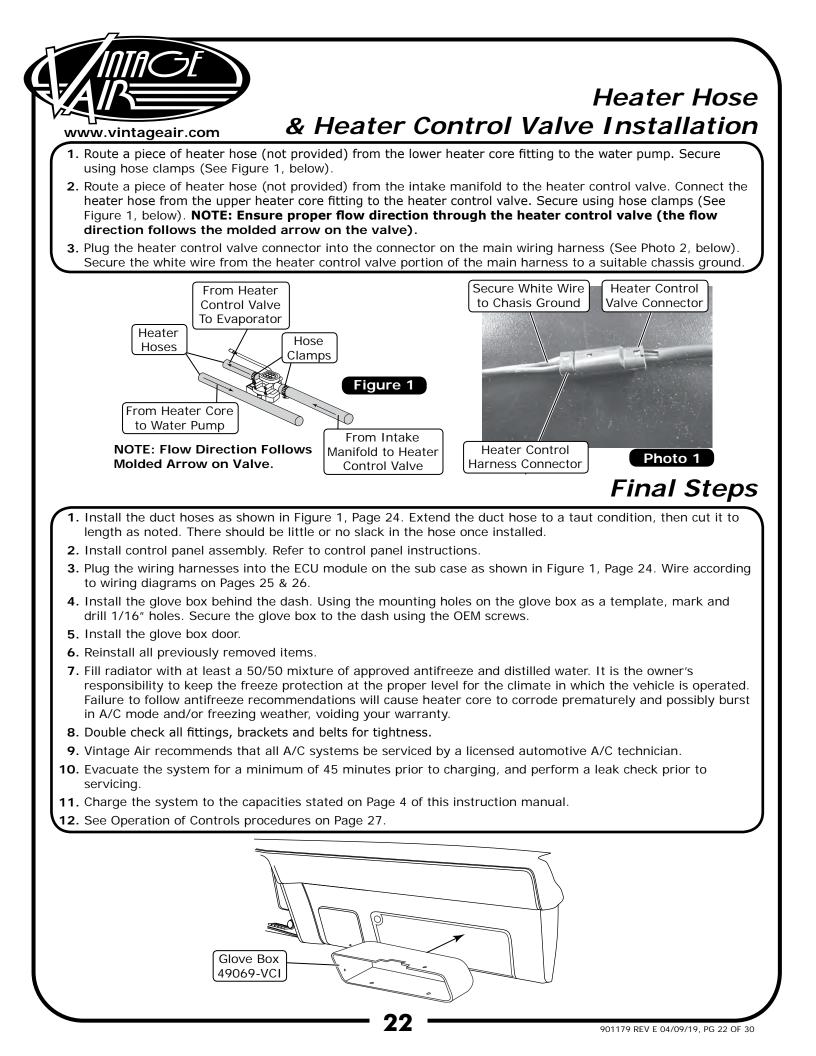


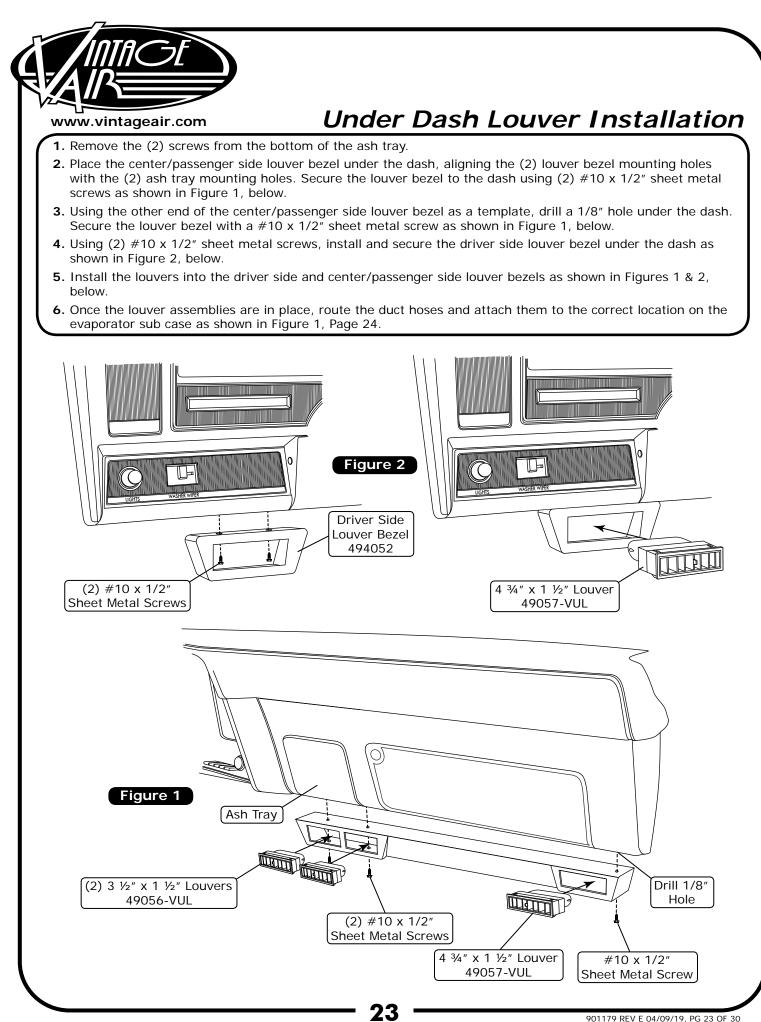


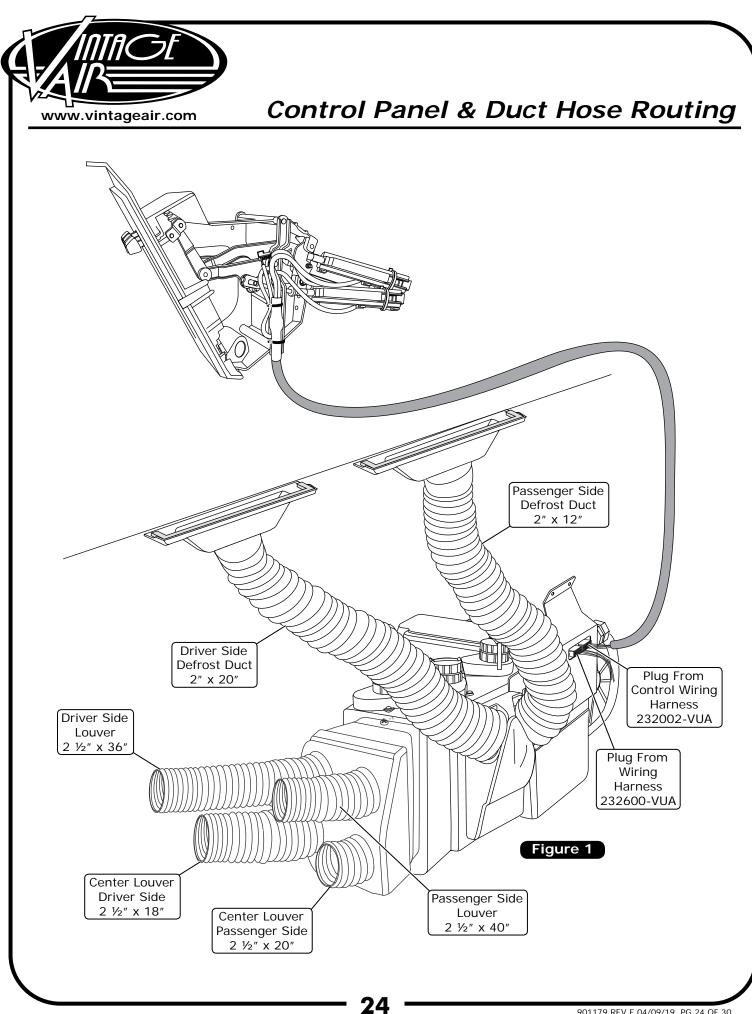


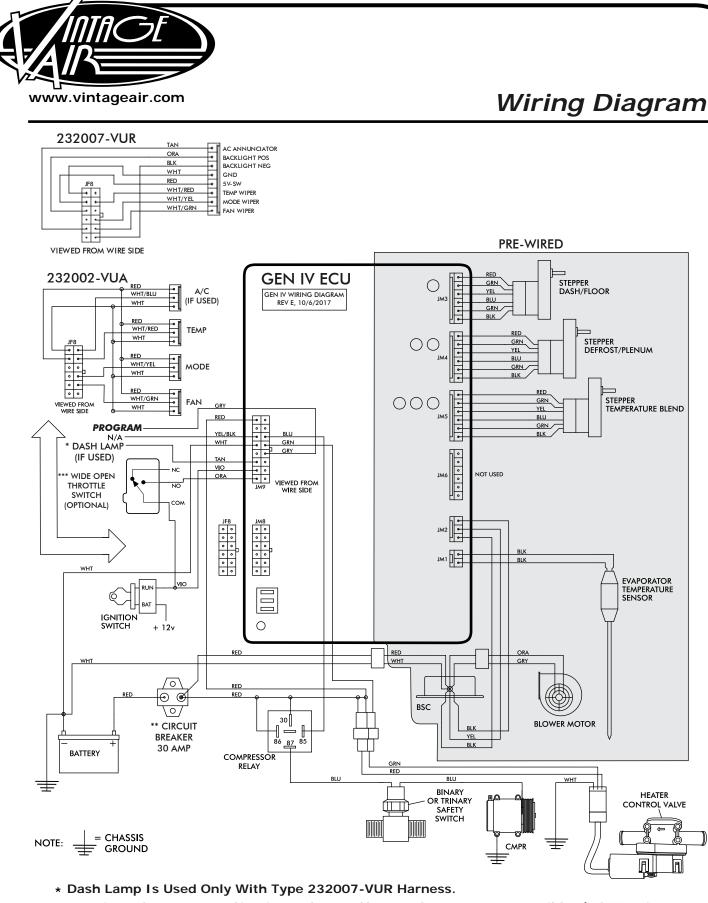






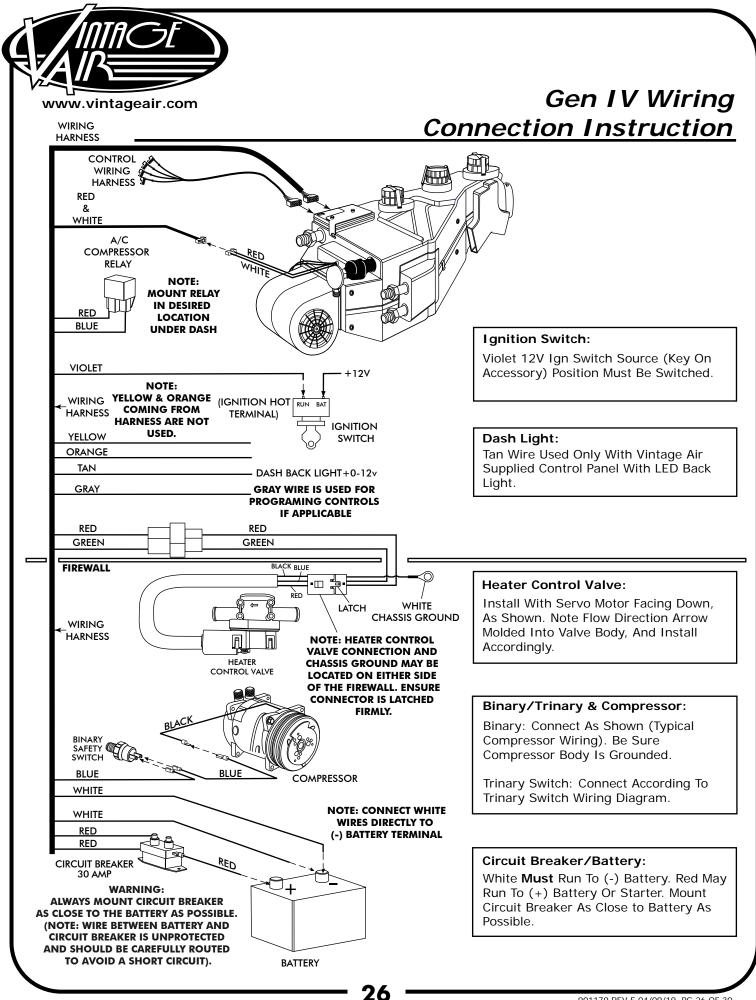






- \*\* Warning: Always Mount Circuit Breaker As Close to the Battery As Possible. (NOTE: Wire Between Battery and Circuit Breaker Is Unprotected and Should Be Carefully Routed to Avoid a Short Circuit).
- \*\*\* Wide Open Throttle Switch Contacts Close Only at Full Throttle, Which Disables A/C Compressor.

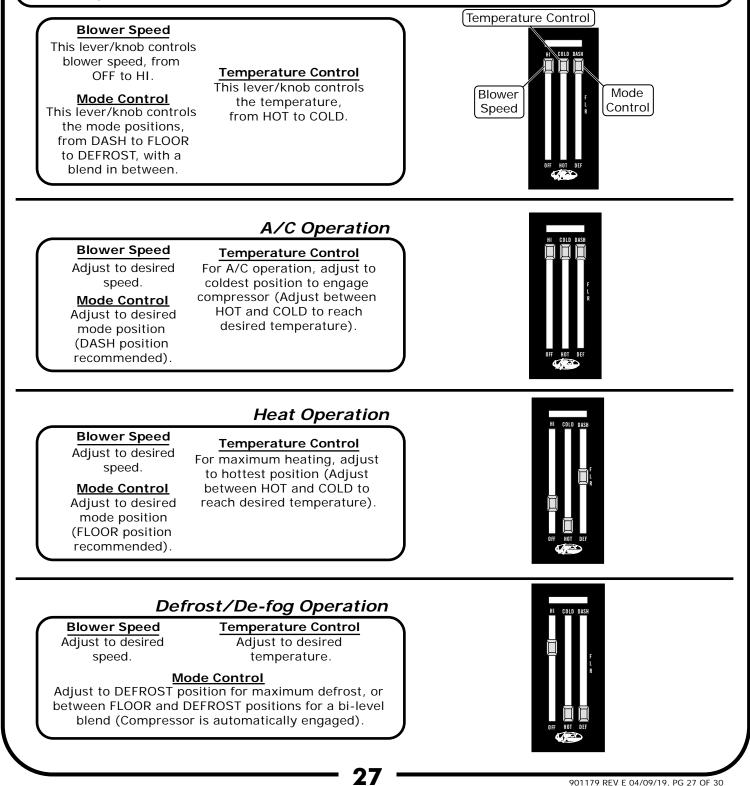
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# **Operation of Controls**

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. **NOTE: For proper control panel function, refer to the control panel instructions for calibration procedure.** 



Troubleshooting Guide	Notes	Ensure that no hite control inoperable. See blower switch check procedure.	ire is connected e the ECU. maged or tes the blower vitching. The hot. If the chassis ground,	evaporator No other part replacements should be necessary.	Danger: Never bypass safety switch with engine running. Serious injury can result.	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at white/blue wire. Voltage should be between OV and 5V, and will vary with pot lever position.	Red wire at A/C pot should have approximately 5V with ignition on. White wire will have continuity to chassis ground. White/ Blue wire should vary	between 0V and 5V when
Trou	Actions	Verify that all pins are inserted into plug. Ensure that no pins are bent or damaged in ECU. Verify continuity to chassis ground with white control head wire at various points.	Be sure the small, 20 GA white ground wire is connected to the battery ground post. If it is, replace the ECU. 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 "ground" side of the blower is shorted to chassis ground, the blower will run on HI.	→ Replace BSC (This will require removal of evaporator from vehicle).	→ Charge system or bypass pressure switch.	Check continuity to ground on white control head wire. Check for 5V on red control head wire. Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	→ Repair or replace pot/control wiring.	Renlace relay
	Checks	Check for damaged pins or wires in control head plug. Check for damaged ground wire (white) in control head harness. Check for damaged blower switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.	Unplug 3-wire BSC control connector from ECU. If blower shuts off, ECU is either improperly wired or damaged. Unplug 3-wire BSC control		System must be charged for compressor to engage.	Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring (Not applicable to 3-pot controls). Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring.	Chock for faulty A/C rolay
air.com	Condition	No other functions work.			System is not charged.	<ul> <li>System is charged.</li> </ul>		
www.vintageair.com	Symptom	<b>1a.</b> Blower stays on high speed when ignition is on.	1b. Blower stays on high speed when ignition is on or off.		8	Compressor will not turn on (All other functions work).	3. Compressor will not turn off (All other functions work).	

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Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
<del>4</del>	Works when engine is not running; shuts off when → engine is started	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
	(Typically early Gen IV, but possible on all versions).		Chack for mositive movier at heater valve dreen wire and	is suspected, check with a quality oscilloscope. Spikes greater than 16V will shut
System will not turn on, or runs intermittently.		Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both	blower red wire. Check for ground on control head white wire.	down the ECU. Install a radio capacitor at the positive post of the ignition
	Will not turn on under any conditions.	voltage is 10 volts and less	Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	coil (See radio capacitor installation bulletin). A faulty alternator or worn out battery can also result in this condition.
5. Loss of mode door	No mode change at all. →	Check for damaged mode Switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		Typically caused by evaporator housing installed in a bind in the
function.	Partial function of mode Adoors.	Check for obstructed or binding mode doors. Check for damaged stepper		wehicle. Be sure all mounting locations line up and don't have to be forced into position.
6.	Batterv voltage is at least	Check for at least 12V at	Ensure all system grounds and power connections are	System shuts off blower at
Blower turns on and off rapidly.	A12V. Battery voltage is less	circuit breaker. Check for faulty battery or alternator.		10V. Poor connections or weak battery can cause shutdown at up to 11V.
7. Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.		damaged switch or ssociated wiring.	→ Repair or replace.	
8. 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.	

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