

1967-72 Chevrolet Pickup

without Factory Air Gen 5 Evaporator Kit (751606)



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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 remain 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 and 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 and 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 or the compressor relay, and/or cause a malfunction.
- When installing ground leads on Gen 5 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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Perform the Following:

- 1. Remove the glove box door (retain) and glove box (discard).
- 2. Disconnect all wires and cables from OEM control panel and radio.
- 3. Remove all hoses and ducting from the defrost ducts (See Figure 1, below).
- 4. Remove the OEM heater assembly.



Firewall Modification

NOTE: The firewall requires modification for the drain hose to be installed. Place the firewall cover onto the firewall, lining up the OEM mounting holes. Mark all the other mounting holes, then remove the firewall cover and drill using a 5/16" drill bit.

Using the bead roll on the floor pan for reference, measure 2" to the right and 1" down. Mark and drill a 5/8" hole for the drain hose (See Photos 1 and 2, below). NOTE: To ensure a tight fit for the drain hose, do not enlarge the drain hose more than 5/8".











Evaporator Preparation (Final)

- **8.** Install a $1/4-20 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}''$ full-threaded stud into the evaporator rear bracket weldnut (See Photo 12, below).
- **9**. Place the firewall cover over the full-threaded stud, then line up the lower mounting hole and center the hardlines within the openings (See Photo 13, below).
- **10**. Remove the firewall cover, then tighten the hardlines.
- **11.** Wrap all exposed metal at the block fitting adapter and the #10 suction hardline with press tape (See Photo 14, below).
- **12.** Using (4) spring clips, install the dash plenum onto the evaporator as shown in Photo 15, below.
- **13**. Using (2) spring clips, install the floor plenum onto the back of the evaporator (See Photo 16, below).
- 14. Using (2) spring clips, install the defrost plenum onto the front of the evaporator (See Photo 17, below).



Firewall Cover Preparation

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1. Install (9) 1/4-20 x 3/4" serrated flange black zinc bolts and (9) 3/16" push-on rings onto the firewall cover as shown in Photo 1, below.



Fresh Air Cap, Firewall Cover and Insulation Installation

NOTE: For proper system operations, Vintage Air recommends using heat-blocking insulation in the area around the evaporator module (firewall, kick panel, inner cowl, firewall covers). Due to tight clearance for the evaporator module between the firewall and dash, Vintage Air recommends an insulation thickness of no more than 1/4". To ensure a watertight seal between the passenger compartment and the vehicle exterior, for all bolts passing through the firewall, Vintage Air recommends recommends coating the threads with silicone prior to installation.

- 1. Apply a 1/4" bead of silicone around the back side of the fresh air cap as shown in Figure 1, below.
- **2**. Attach the fresh air cap to the firewall using a $1/4-20 \times 1''$ hex bolt and 1/4'' washer (See Figure 1, below).
- 3. Install grommets onto the firewall cover as shown in Photo 1, below.









Passenger Compartment View

Photo 1

Engine Compartment View

Photo 2





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.

- **1**. Place the evaporator module on the passenger side floorboard.
- 2. Route the orange and white wires through the wiring grommet into the engine compartment (See Photo 1, below).
- **3.** Lift the evaporator module into position using the 1/4-20 x 1" full-threaded stud and 1/4-20 x 3/4" firewall cover bolt to locate the correct mounting location (See Photo 2, below). **NOTE: The ECU may be loosened to ease the installation**.
- 4. Install (2) 1/4-20 well nuts into the evaporator module front mounting locations (See Photo 3, below).
- Install the evaporator front bracket onto the evaporator module using (2) 1/4-20 x 1" serrated flange hex bolts (See Photo 4, below).

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Passenger Compartment View

Photo 1



Engine Compartment View

Photo 2







Drain Hose Installation

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- 1. Cut the drain hose 8" long, then install the drain elbow and remaining portion of drain hose (See Photo 1, below).
- Install the 8" side of the drain hose onto the drain on the bottom of the evaporator module, then through the previously drilled 5/8" hole (See Photo 2, below).





Photo 2

A/C Hose Installation

Standard Hose Kit:

- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 8) and connect the #8 135° female fitting with service port to the #8 discharge port on the compressor. Then route the straight female fitting to the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Figure 1, Page 19). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, Page 8.
- 2. Locate the #10 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #10 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 8) and connect the #10 135° female fitting with service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor. Then route the 90° female fitting to the #10 evaporator hardline coming through the firewall cover (See Figure 1, Page 18, and Figure 1, Page 19). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, Page 8.
- **3.** Locate the #6 evaporator A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #6 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 8) and connect the straight female fitting to the #6 condenser hardline coming through the core support. Then route the 90° female fitting to the #6 hardline coming through the firewall cover (See Figure 1, Page 18, and Figure 1, Page 19). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, Page 8.

Modified Hose Kit:

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

Photo 1







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Passenger Compartment Wiring

- Route the violet power wire to a switched 12v power source on the fuse panel (See Photo 1, below).
 NOTE: This requires a male fuse extension (not supplied).
- 2. Connect the tan wire to the factory dash lights to enable control panel backlighting (if applicable).
- 3. Connect the BSC wiring to the main harness (See Photo 2, below).
- 4. Connect the main harness to the ECU (See Photo 3, below).



Attach Violet Wire to Switched Power Source

Engine Compartment Wiring

- **1.** Route all wiring towards the battery area.
- 2. Secure the blue lead from the main wiring harness to the #6 A/C hose with the supplied tie wraps.
- 3. Route the blue lead through the core support grommet toward the safety switch on the drier.
- **4.** Strip the blue lead and crimp the supplied 1/4" female terminal onto it. Connect the terminal to the safety switch on the drier (See Photo 1, below).
- 5. Connect the compressor bullet connector to the compressor lead (See Photo 2, below).



Engine Compartment Wiring (Cont.)

6. Route power and ground wires toward the battery.

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- 7. Install the supplied heat shrink over the 12 AWG orange fuse holder assembly wire, and crimp it to the 12 AWG orange wire from the main wiring harness (See Photo 3, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- **8.** Install the supplied heat shrink over the 16 AWG black fuse holder assembly wire, and crimp it to the 16 AWG red wire from the main wiring harness (See Photo 4, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25).
- 9. Install fuses into the holders (See Photo 5, below).
- **10.** Install the supplied heat shrink over the white ground wires, then crimp on the supplied eyelets (See Photos 6 and 7, below and Quality Crimp Guidelines, Page 25)
- **11.** Connect the ground wiring eyelets to the negative battery terminal connector (See Photo 8, below).
- **12.** Connect the positive wiring eyelets to the positive battery terminal connector (See Photo 9, below). **NOTE: Do not connect power until installation is completed.**





ECU, Control Panel & Duct Hose Routing

NOTE: For the system to function optimally, the duct hoses must be routed as directly as possible, taking care to avoid kinks, sharp bends and unnecessary length. Vintage Air supplies duct hoses in continuous lengths that will need to be cut to size depending on application. Before cutting, familiarize yourself with the installation instructions and verify the routing will work with your application. For custom hose routing, additional hose may be needed and can be purchased from Vintage Air.

1. Stretch the duct hose until there is no slack, measure, mark and cut hose to size (See Photo 1, below).





Final Steps: Installation Check

		Installation Check
ITI	ITEM TO CHECK	Procedure
	ECU	If no blinking is observed after 1 minute of turning the ignition on, go to the next check. If repetetive blinking is observed, go to the <u>Advanced Diagnostics</u> Section to diagnose.
	Blower speed control	Set the blower speed control to OFF , <i>confirm that the blower is off</i> . Blower speed control Position the blower speed control to LOW then MEDIUM and then HIGH. <u>At each setting confirm that the blower</u> <u>speed increases</u> , do this by feeling for the amount of air coming from the unit and hearing the blower speed increase.
	Mode control	Set the MODE control to the DASH position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the dash vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the FLOOR position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the floor vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the DEFROST position. <u>Confirm that all air is being blown from the defrost vents</u>
	Temperature control	If heater lines are installed: Set the MODE control to the DASH position. Set the TEMP control to the MAX HEAT position. Confirm that HOT air is coming from the dash vents. If system is charged: Set the TEMP control to the MAX COOL position. Confirm that COLD air is coming from the dash vents.
		Also <i>confirm that the compressor "clicks" on</i> when adjusting the TEMP control from the MAX HEAT position to the MAX COOL position.
	AC Indicator (If applicable)	While the MODE control is set to the DASH position, and the TEMP control is set to the MAX COOL/MIN HEAT position, <i>confirm that the blue AC Indicator light is on</i> .
	Backlight (If applicable)	lf your control panel has backlight capabilities and has been wired, turn the dash lamp on and <u>confirm that the AC</u> panel's legend is lit .
	Fittings	Verify AC and Heater fittings are all tight.



Final Steps: Completing the Install

- **1.** Install duct hoses as shown in Figure 1, Page 22.
- 2. Install control panel assembly. Refer to control panel instructions.
- **3.** Install the new glove box using the OEM hardware.
- 4. Install the glove box door.
- 5. Reinstall all previously removed items.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Double check all fittings, brackets and belts for tightness.
- 8. Vintage Air recommends that all A/C systems be serviced by a licensed automotive A/C technician.
- **9.** Evacuate the system for a minimum of 45 minutes prior to charging, and perform a leak check prior to servicing.

10. Charge the system to the capacities stated on Page 4 of this instruction manual.

11. See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 28.





Gen 5 Wiring Diagram



*** Install fuse assemblies at or as near to the battery as possible.





Operation of Controls

On Gen IV or Gen 5 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 in and out of heat and A/C operations, to indicate the change. NOTE: For proper control panel function, refer to the control panel instructions for calibration procedure.



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Troubleshooting Guide

This printed troubleshooting guide is our basic guide that covers common installation problems. To see our advanced diagnostics and troubleshooting guide, please refer to the following page for instructions on how to download the complete guide.

Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
1. Blower stays on	No other functions work.	Check for damaged pins or wires in the control panel wire assembly and mating header at ECU.	If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	
high speed with ignition on.	All other functions work.		→ If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	
		at ECU. Check if Blower power fuse is blown.	→ Replace fuse.	If fuse continues to blow, there is a serious problem in the wiring. Check all wiring and ensure the wire is not
		Check for a bad ECU GND.	Repair connection.	▲ along its route.
2	▲System is not charged.	System must be charged for compressor to engage.	→ Charge system.	Danger: Never bypass safety switch with engine running. Serious injury can result.
Compressor will not turn on (All other functions work).		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring (not applicable to 3-pot controls).	Check continuity to ground on white control head wire. Check for 5V on red control head wire.	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at white/red wire. Voltage should be between OV and 5V, and will vary with pot
	Astern is charged.	Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	→ Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	Disconnected or faulty thermistor will cause compressor to be disabled.
3. Compressor will not turn off (All other functions		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring.	 Repair or replace pot/control wiring. 	Red wire at A/C pot should have approximately 5V with ignition on. White wire will have continuity to Red wire should varv
· Colom		Check for faulty A/C relay.	→ Replace relay.	between OV and 5V when

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4.	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 viring 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
System will not turn on, or runs intermittently.		Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both white ground wires.	Check for power at ECU, and confirm ignition is being applied to ECU properly.	quality oscilloscope. Spikes greater than 16V will shut down the ECU. Install a radio capacitor at the positive post of the ignition
	Will not turn on under any conditions.	Verify battery voltage is greater than 10 volts and less than 16 while engine is running.	Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	coll (see radio capacitor 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.	Check for damaged mode switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		
6. Blower turns on and off rapidly.	Battery voltage is at least 12V. Battery voltage is less than 12V.	Check for at least 12V at circuit breaker. Check for faulty battery or alternator.	Ensure all system grounds and power connections are clean and tight.	System shuts off blower at 10V. Poor connections or weak battery can cause shutdown at up to 11V.
7. Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.	s of	Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring.	Repair or replace.	
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Driver-/Passenger-Side Louver Template





Center Louver Dimensions



