

# **1964-66 Chevrolet Pickup**

without Factory Air Gen 5 Evaporator Kit (751595) (751594)



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# Additional Information

- This kit was developed using 1960 and 1966 Chevy C-10 trucks.
- Some photos may show slight differences in firewalls, firewall cover plates, or specific bracket mounting holes due to the options or years shown.
- These vehicles were equipped with either Deluxe or Standard heaters.
- These vehicles may not be equipped with an "ACC" position on the ignition switch and may require the "keyed on power" to be connected to a "run" position source. Refer to factory wiring diagrams for your vehicle.





# 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.



# Engine Compartment Disassembly

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

### Perform the following:

- 1. Disconnect the battery.
- 2. Drain the radiator.
- 3. Remove radiator (retain).
- 4. Remove the OEM heater blower assembly and OEM heater hoses (discard) (See Figure 1, below).



## **Condenser Assembly and Installation**

- 1. Refer to separate instructions included with the condenser kit to install the condenser.
- 2. Binary switch installation (Refer to condenser instructions).

### **Compressor and Brackets**

1. Refer to separate instructions included with the bracket kit to install the compressor bracket.



### Passenger Compartment Disassembly

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### Perform the following:

- 1. Remove the glove box door (retain).
- 2. Remove the glove box (discard).
- 3. Disconnect all the wires and cables from the OEM control panel (retain).
- 4. Remove the OEM control panel assembly (retain).
- 5. Remove the OEM duct hoses from defrost ducts (See Figure 1, below).
- 6. Remove the OEM heater assembly (discard).
- 7. Remove the passenger-side fresh air door assembly (discard) (retain screws) (See Figure 1a, below).





# Firewall Modification

**NOTE: For proper system operation, Vintage Air recommends replacing factory firewall insulation with** Dynaliner (461500-VIP) or equivalent 1/8"-1/4" insulation.

- 1. Install a 1/4-20 full-threaded stud into the weld nut of the rear evaporator bracket as shown in Photo 1, below.
- 2. Inside the vehicle, place the rear evaporator bracket into the upper OEM firewall hole (See Photo 2, below).
- 3. Temporarily install the firewall cover screws to align the bracket.
- 4. Mark the firewall using the weld nut shown in Photo 2, below.
- 5. Remove the bracket and drill to 5/16" (See Photo 2, below).
- **6.** Measure 12" from the kick panel and 3" up from the floor pan to the firewall transition, then drill a 5/8" hole for the drain hose (See Photo 3, below).
- Drill out any unused holes to 1/2" or 1" and use the provided plastic plugs to cover them as shown in Photo 4, below.







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# **Evaporator Preparation (Cont.)**

(2) #10 x

- 3. With a properly lubricated #10 O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), install the longer heater hardline onto the evaporator module upper fitting (See Photo 3 below). Leave loose.
- 4. Ensure that the hardlines are flat against the module and the ends are parallel with each other.
- 5. Install (3) 1/2" plastic plugs into the back of the evaporator module (See Photo 4, below). NOTE: These mounting provisions will not be used in this application.
- 6. Using (4) #10 x 5/8" screws, secure the rear evaporator bracket onto the evaporator (See Photos 5 and 6,
- 7. Using (2) 1/4-20 well-nuts and (2)  $1/4-20 \times 1''$  serrated flange bolts, secure the front evaporator bracket to the front of the evaporator module as shown in Photos 7 and 8, below.
- 8. Using (4) spring clips, install the dash plenum as shown in Photos 9 below.
- 9. Using (2) spring clips, install the floor plenum onto the front of the evaporator as shown in Photo 10, below.
- 10. Using (2) spring clips, install the defrost plenum onto the rear of the evaporator as shown in Photo 11, below.





### **Evaporator Installation & Passenger** Compartment Wiring (Cont.)

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- **9.** Select a suitable location for the main relay, then secure it using a #12 x 1/2 self-tapping screw (See Photo 7, below).
- 10. Select a suitable ground location for the white ground wire eyelet from the heater control valve harness, then secure it using a #12 x 1/2" self-tapping screw (See Photo 7, below).
- **11.** Route the violet and tan wires towards the driver side of the cab along the back of the dash.
- **12.** Route the violet wire to the OEM fuse panel and connect it to a fused, key-on ignition source.
- **13.** Route the tan wire towards the gauges and connect to a lights-on source for the control panel backlight.
- 14. Connect the green and red wire connectors together (See Photo 8, below).
- 15. Plug in the main wiring harness into the ECU (See Photo 9, below).
- Plug the control panel harness into the ECU and route it towards the control panel opening (See Photo 9, below).
- 17. Route the remaining wires out through the opening of the firewall (See Photo 10, below).
- **18**. Install the rubber boot and the firewall cover, pulling the wires through the small holes in the center of the rubber boot and firewall cover (See Photo 11, below).
- **19.** Secure the firewall cover using (3)  $\#14 \times 3/4''$  washer head screws (See Photo 12, below).



### **Drain Hose Installation**

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- 1. Cut the drain hose into 10" and 5" lengths (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Attach the 10" length of drain hose to the evaporator module drain nipple (See Photo 2, below).
- 3. Install the hose through the previously drilled hole in the firewall (See Photo 2, below).
- 4. Install the drain elbow onto the 5" length of hose.
- Inside the wheel well, attach the drain elbow and short piece of hose to the drain hose exiting the firewall (See Photo 3, below).



### A/C Hose Installation

- **1.** Feed the 45° fitting of the #10 compressor/evaporator A/C hose from the engine compartment to the passenger compartment, through the rubber boot (See Photo 1, below).
- 2. Feed the 90° fitting of the #6 drier/evaporator A/C hose from the engine compartment to the passenger compartment, through the rubber boot (See Photo 2, below).
- **3.** Route both hoses behind the evaporator and up toward the top of the module, toward the block fitting (See Photo 3, below).
- 4. Remove the caps from the block fittings.





# A/C Hose Installation (Cont.)

- **5.** With a properly lubricated O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), connect the #6 A/C hose to the evaporator block fitting (See Photo 4, below).
- **6.** With a properly lubricated O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), connect the #10 A/C hose to the evaporator block fitting (See Photo 4, below).
- **7.** With a properly lubricated O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), connect the #6 A/C hose to the condenser hardline (See Photo 5, below).
- **8.** With properly lubricated O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), connect the #8 A/C hose from the compressor to the #8 condenser hardline (See Photos 5 and 6, below).
- **9.** With a properly lubricated O-ring (See Lubricating O-rings, Page 10), connect the #10 A/C hose to the compressor (See Photo 6, below).
- **10.** Secure the #6 and #10 A/C hoses to the fender well using a 3/4" ID Adel clamp, 10-32 x 1/2" pan head screw and a 10-32 nut with star washer (See Photo 7, below).
- **11.** Secure the #8 A/C hose to the #10 A/C hose using tie wraps.
- **12**. At the evaporator, wrap the #10 45° fitting with press tape (See Photo 8, below).











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# **Final Steps: Installation Check**

		Installation Check
ITE	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 <b>OFF</b> , <i>confirm that the blower is off</i> . Blower speed control Position the blower speed control to LOW then MEDIUM and then HIGH. <i>At each setting confirm that the blower speed increases</i> , 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	
		set the IEMP control to the MAX COUL position. <u>Confirm that CULD</u> air is coming from the dash vents. Also <u>confirm that the compressor "clicks" on</u> when adjusting the TEMP control from the MAX HEAT position to the MAX COOL position.
	AC Indicator (If applicable)	While the <b>MODE</b> control is set to the <b>DASH</b> position, and the <b>TEMP</b> control is set to the <b>MAX COOL/MIN HEAT</b> 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.



- 6. Charge the system to the capacities stated on Page 4 of this instruction manual.
- 7. See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 26 (Standard Control Panel) or Page 27 (Deluxe Control Panel).







# Gen 5 Wiring Diagram



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

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## **Operation of Controls** (Standard Control Panel)

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 control panel instructions for calibration procedure.





# *Operation of Controls (Deluxe Control Panel)*

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 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.

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Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
1. Blower stays on high speed with	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.	
ignition on.	All 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.	If fuse continues to blow, there is a serious problem in the wiriting Chock all wiriting
		Check if Blower power fuse is blown. Check for a bad ECU GND.	Replace fuse.     Repair connection.	and ensure the wire is not damaged and shorting out 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).	S System is charged.	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 lever position.
		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 chassis ground. White/ Red wire should varv
		Check for faulty A/C relay.	→ Replace relay.	between 0V and 5V when lever is moved up or down.

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symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
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 wiring away from ECU and ECU wiring. Check for burned or loose plug wires.	Ignition noise (radia conducted) will caus system to shut dowr high voltage spikes. is suspected, check
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.		
<b>6.</b> 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.	<ul> <li>Ensure all system grounds and power connections are clean and tight.</li> <li>Charge battery.</li> </ul>	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.	r → Repair or replace.	
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