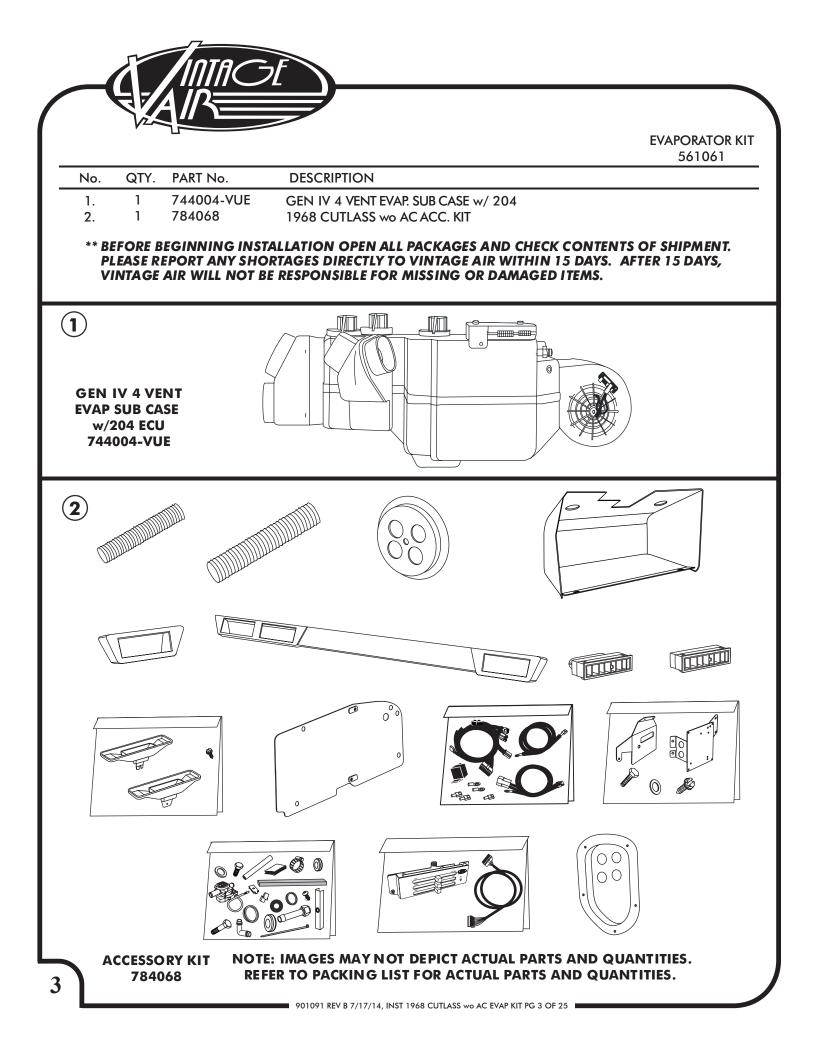




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Important Notice—Please Read

For Maximum System Performance, Vintage Air Recommends the Following:

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.

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.

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:

Attention: The following system components are capped: Compressor, evaporator, condenser & drier. Caps may be <u>under pressure with dry nitrogen</u>. Be careful removing caps. Do not remove caps prior to installation. Removing caps prior to installation will cause components to collect moisture and lead to premature failure and reduced performance.

Evacuate the system for 35-45 minutes with system components (Drier, compressor, evaporator and condenser) at a temperature of at least 85° F. On a cool day, the components can be heated with a heat gun <u>OR</u> by running the engine with the heater on before evacuating. Leak check and charge to specifications.

Vintage Air Systems Are Designed to Operate With R134a Refrigerant Only! Use of Any Other Refrigerants Is a Fire Hazard and Could Damage Either Your Air Conditioning System or Your Vehicle.

Use of Any Other Refrigerants Will Void All Warranties of the Air Conditioning System and Components. Use of the Proper Type and Amount of Refrigerant Is Critical to Proper System Operation. Vintage Air Recommends Our Systems Be Charged By Weight With a Quality Charging Station or Scale.

Refrigerant Capacity for Vintage Air Systems:

(For other systems, consult manufacturer's guidelines)

R134a System

Charge with 1.8 lbs. (1 lb., 12 oz.) of refrigerant.

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).



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.

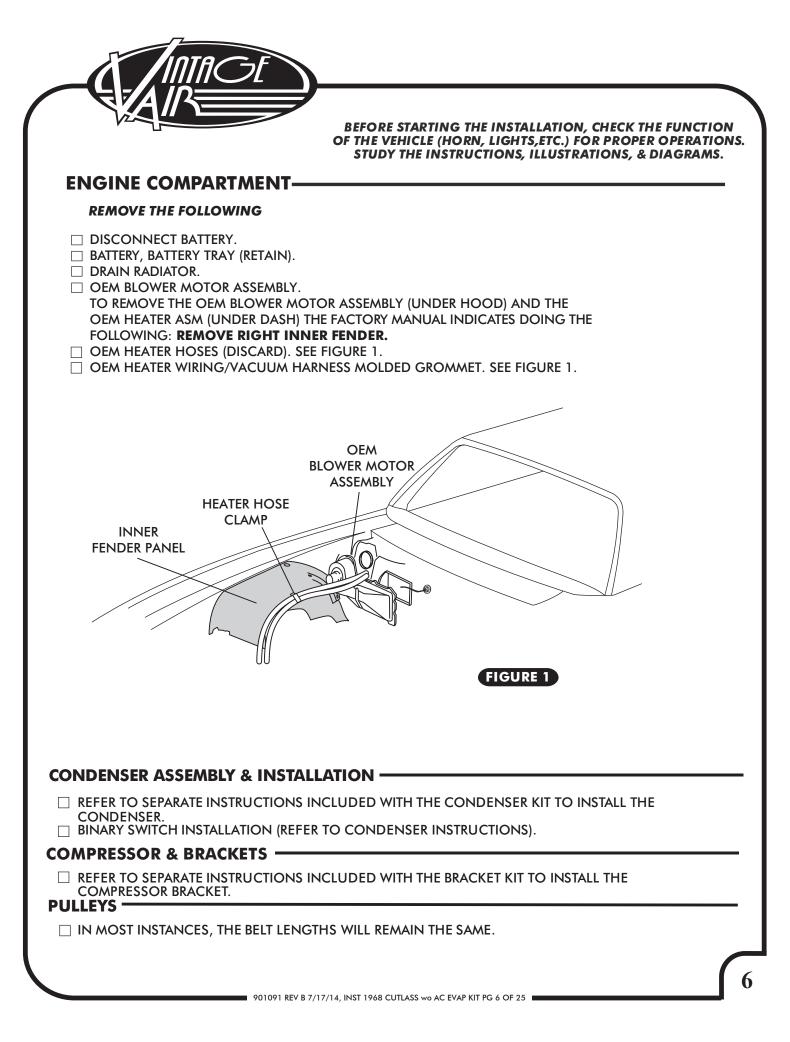
It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

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.

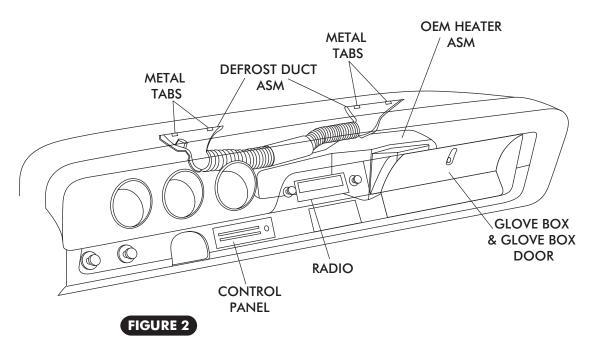




PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

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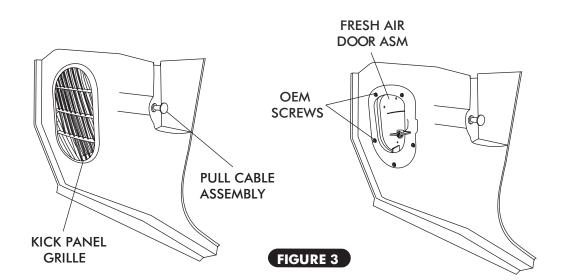
- □ REMOVE GLOVE BOX DOOR (RETAIN) AND GLOVE BOX (DISCARD) (SEE FIGURE 2 BELOW).
- □ DISCONNECT ALL WIRE AND CABLES FROM CONTROL PANEL AND RADIO.
- □ REMOVE RADIO (RETAIN) AND CONTROL PANEL (DISCARD).
- □ OEM DEFROST DUCT ASSEMBLY BY STRAIGHTENING 4 METAL TABS. SEE FIGURE 2 BELOW.
- □ OEM HEATER ASM (DISCARD). SEE FIGURE 2 BELOW.



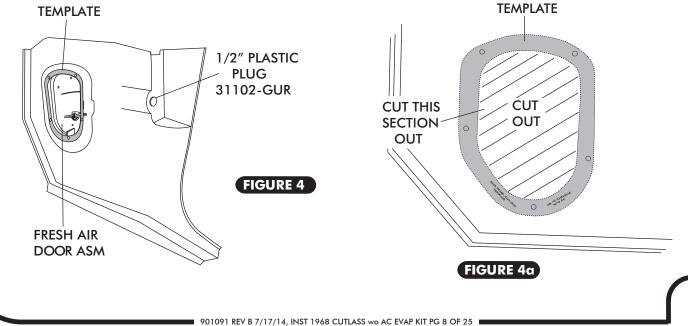


KICK PANEL MODIFICATION

□ REMOVE KICK PANEL GRILLE (DISCARD). REMOVE KICK PANEL BY REMOVING (5) OEM SCREWS FROM THE FRESH AIR DOOR ASM. DISCONNECT AND DISCARD PULL CABLE ASSEMBLIES FROM THE KICK PANEL. SEE FIGURE 3 BELOW.



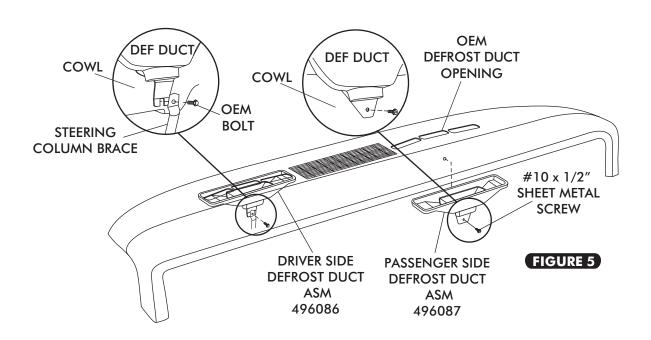
- □ INSTALL 1/2" PLASTIC PLUG TO FILL THE HOLE LEFT FROM THE REMOVAL OF THE PULL CABLE ASM. SEE FIGURE 4 BELOW.
- □ CUT FRESH AIR DOOR ASM AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 4 BELOW.
- □ USE TEMPLATE PROVIDED ON PAGE 23.
- \Box PLACE TEMPLATE ON KICK PANEL AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 4 α .

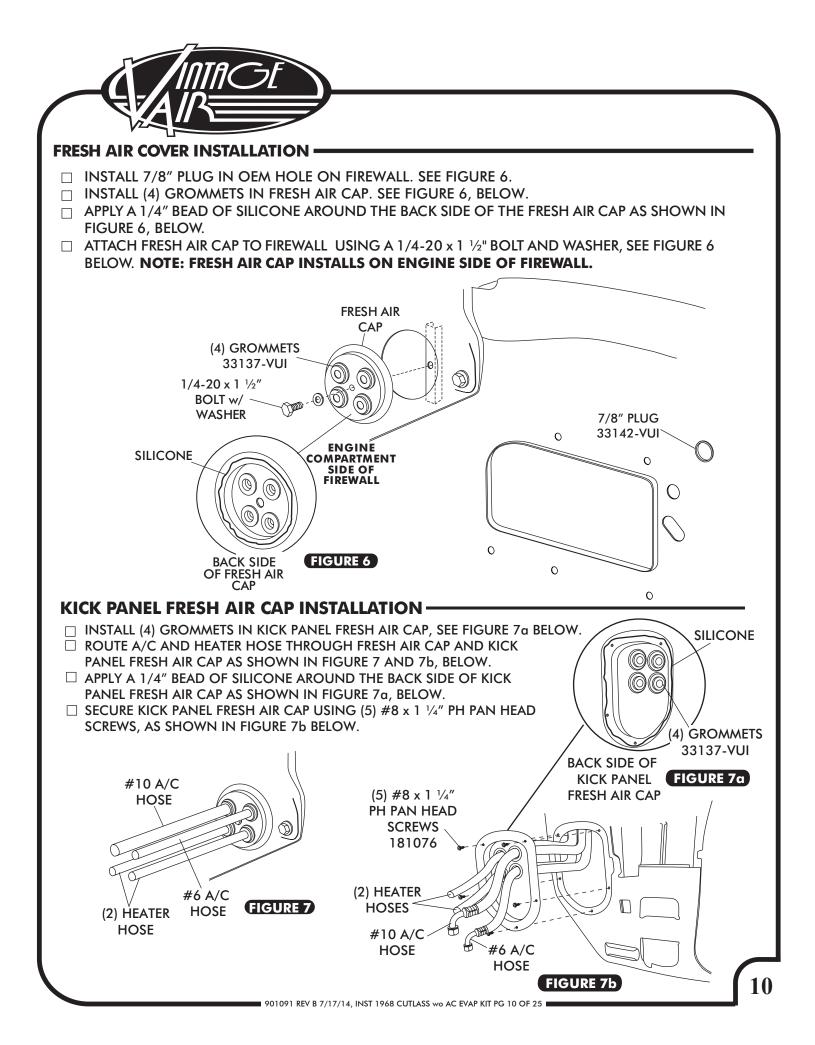




DEFROST DUCT INSTALLATION -

□ INSTALL DEFROST DUCTS UNDER DASH AND ALIGN WITH OEM OPENING. INSTALL THE PASSENGER SIDE DEFROST DUCT TO COWL USING #10 x 1/2" SHEET METAL SCREWS. SEE FIGURE 5, BELOW. NOTE: DRIVER SIDE DEFROST DUCT INSTALLS BEHIND STEERING COLUMN BRACE AND SECURES USING STEERING COLUMN OEM BOLT AS SHOWN BELOW.

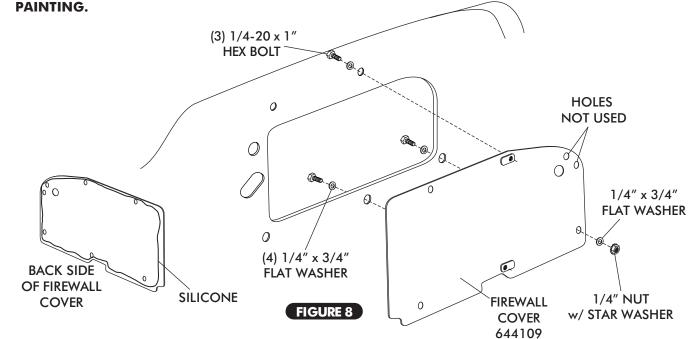






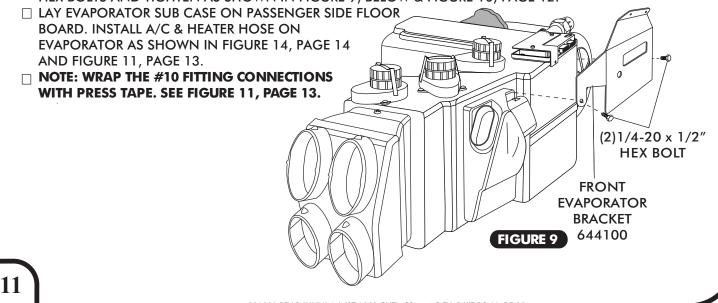
FIREWALL COVER INSTALLATION -

- □ APPLY A 1/4" BEAD OF SILICONE AROUND THE BACK SIDE OF THE FIREWALL COVER AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 8, BELOW.
- FROM INSIDE THE CAR, INSTALL FIREWALL COVER ON FIREWALL USING (3) 1/4-20 x 1" HEX BOLTS, (3) FLAT WASHERS AND (1)1/4-20 NUT WITH STAR WASHER. SEE FIGURE 8, BELOW.
 NOTE: USE SEAM SEALER OR SILICONE TO FILL GAP BETWEEN COVER AND LIP IN FIREWALL BEFORE PAINTING.

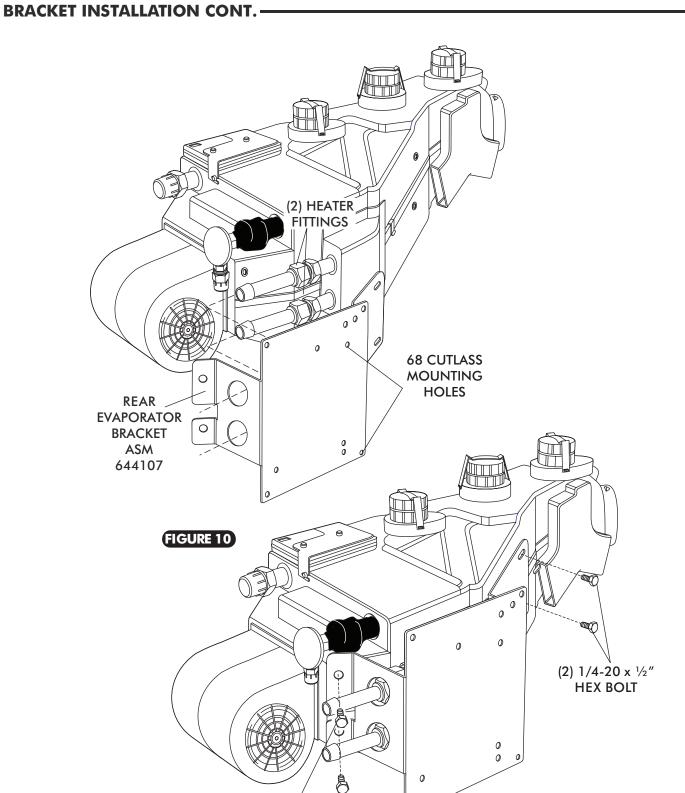


EVAPORATOR INSTALLATION -

- ON A WORK BENCH INSTALL (2) HEATER FITTINGS WITH PROPERLY LUBRICATED O-RINGS (SEE FIGURE 14, PAGE 14, AND FIGURE 10, PAGE 12).
- □ INSTALL EVAPORATOR FRONT & REAR MOUNTING BRACKETS ON EVAPORATOR USING (6)1/4-20 x 1/2" HEX BOLTS AND TIGHTEN AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 9, BELOW & FIGURE 10, PAGE 12.







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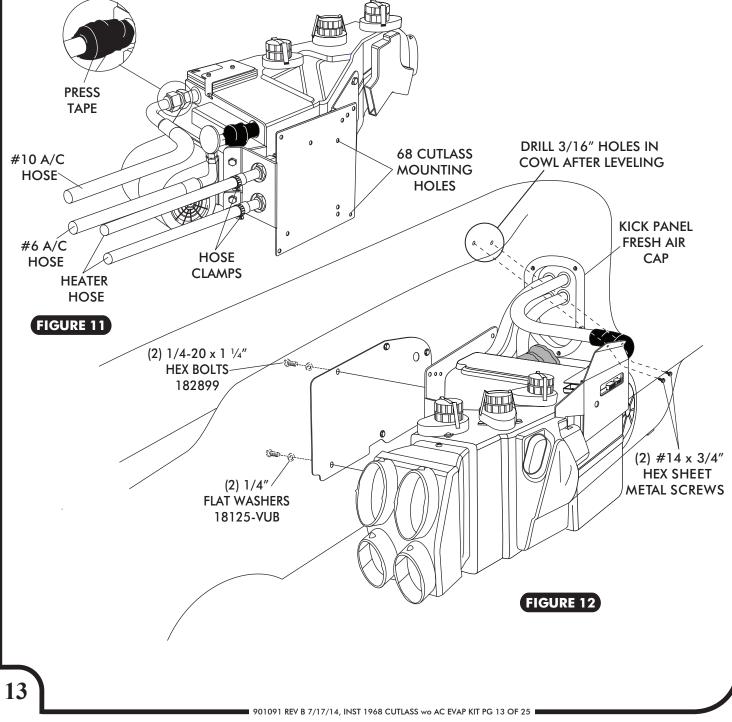
HEX BOLT

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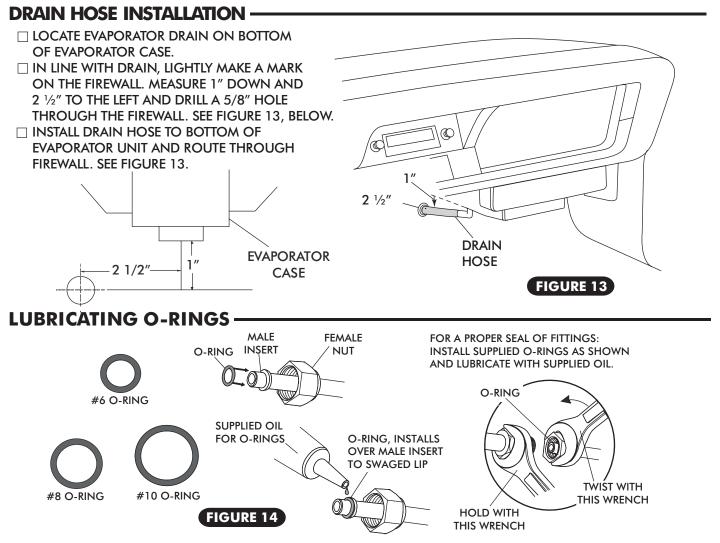


EVAPORATOR INSTALLATION CONT. -

- □ LIFT EVAPORATOR UNIT UP UNDER THE DASHBOARD. SECURE LOOSELY TO THE FIREWALL FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT SIDE USING (2) 1/4-20 x 1 ¼" HEX BOLT AND FLAT WASHER. SEE FIGURE 12.
 □ VERIFY THAT EVAPORATOR UNIT IS LEVEL AND SQUARE TO THE DASH.
- SECURE THE FRONT EVAPORATOR MOUNTING BRACKET TO COWL. USING BRACKET AS TEMPLATE DRILL
 (2) 3/16" HOLES IN COWL. SECURE WITH (2) #14 x 3/4" HEX SHEET METAL SCREWS. SEE FIGURE 12 BELOW.
 THEN TIGHTEN ALL MOUNTING BOLTS. NOTE: TIGHTEN THE BOLT ON FIREWALL FIRST, THEN THE
- FRONT MOUNTING BRACKET.







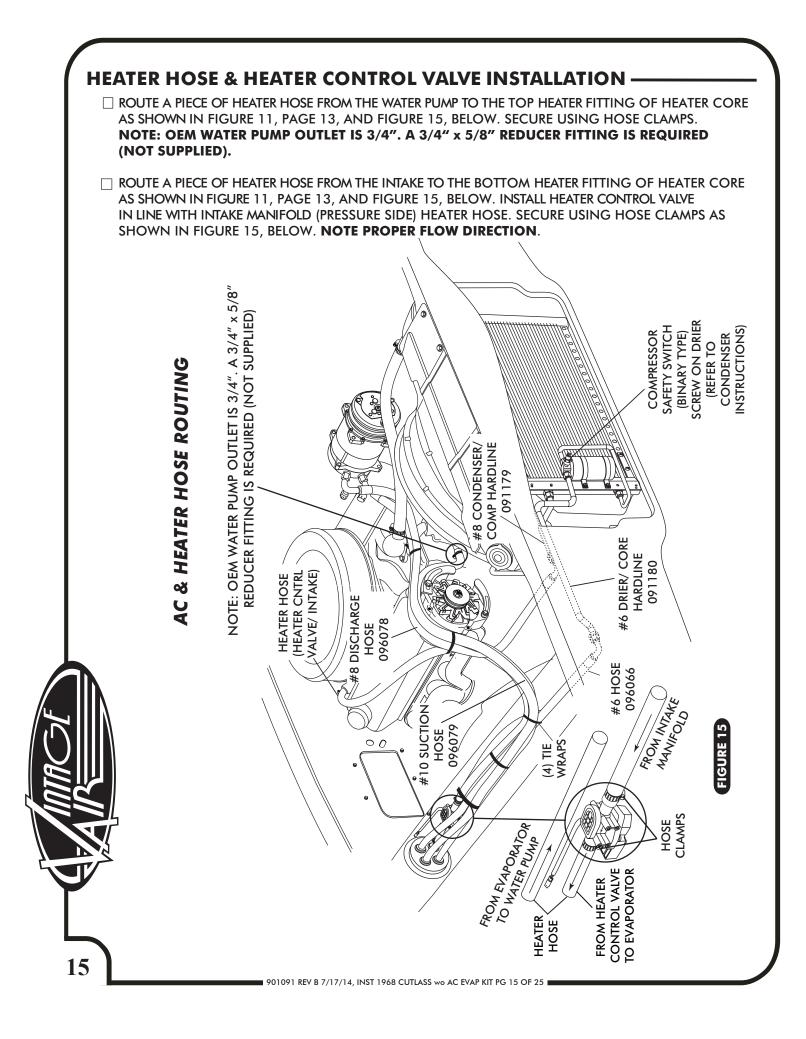
A/C HOSE INSTALLATION -

STANDARD HOSE KIT

- □ LOCATE THE #8 COMPRESSOR A/C HOSE. LUBRICATE (2) #8 O-RINGS (SEE FIGURE 14, ABOVE) AND CONNECT THE 45° FEMALE FITTING w/ 134a SERVICE PORT TO THE #8 DISCHARGE PORT ON THE COMPRESSOR. ROUTE THE 90° FEMALE FITTING TO THE #8 CONDENSER HARDLINE COMING THROUGH CORE SUPPORT. SEE FIGURE 15, PAGE 15. TIGHTEN EACH FITTING CONNECTION AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 14 ABOVE.
- □ LOCATE THE #10 COMPRESSOR A/C HOSE. LUBRICATE (2) #10 O-RINGS (SEE FIGURE 14, ABOVE) AND CONNECT THE #10 135° FEMALE FITTING w/134a SERVICE PORT TO THE #10 SUCTION PORT ON THE COMPRESSOR. ROUTE THE 90° FEMALE FITTING TO THE #10 EVAPORATOR. SEE FIGURE 11 PAGE 13 AND FIGURE 15, PAGE 15. TIGHTEN EACH FITTING CONNECTION AS SHOWN IN 14 ABOVE.
- □ LOCATE THE #6 EVAPORATOR A/C HOSE. LUBRICATE (2) #6 O-RINGS (SEE FIGURE 14, ABOVE) AND CONNECT THE 90° FEMALE FITTING TO THE #6 HARDLINE COMING THROUGH THE CORE SUPPORT FROM DRIER. ROUTE THE 90° FEMALE FITTING TO THE #6 EVAPORATOR. SEE FIGURE 11, PAGE 13 AND FIGURE 15 PAGE 15. TIGHTEN EACH FITTING CONNECTION AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 14, ABOVE.

MODIFIED A/C HOSE KIT

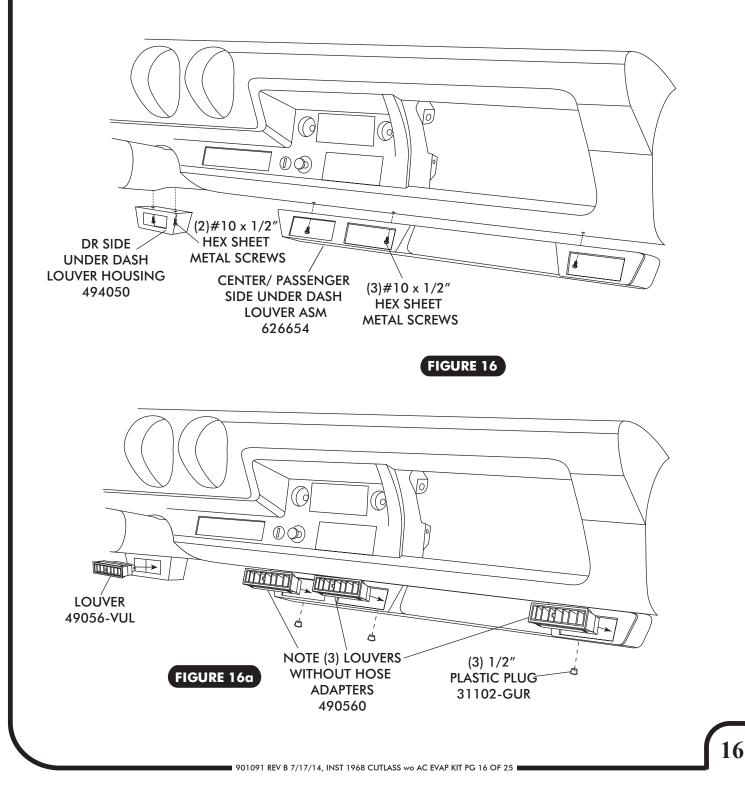
□ REFER TO SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH MODIFIED HOSE KIT.





UNDER DASH LOUVER INSTALLATION-

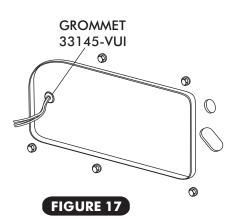
- □ INSTALL LOUVER HOUSINGS UNDER DASH AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 16, BELOW.
- □ INSTALL LOUVERS IN HOUSING, SEE FIGURE 16α, BELOW.

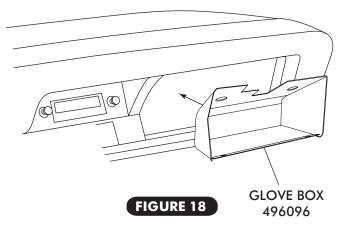


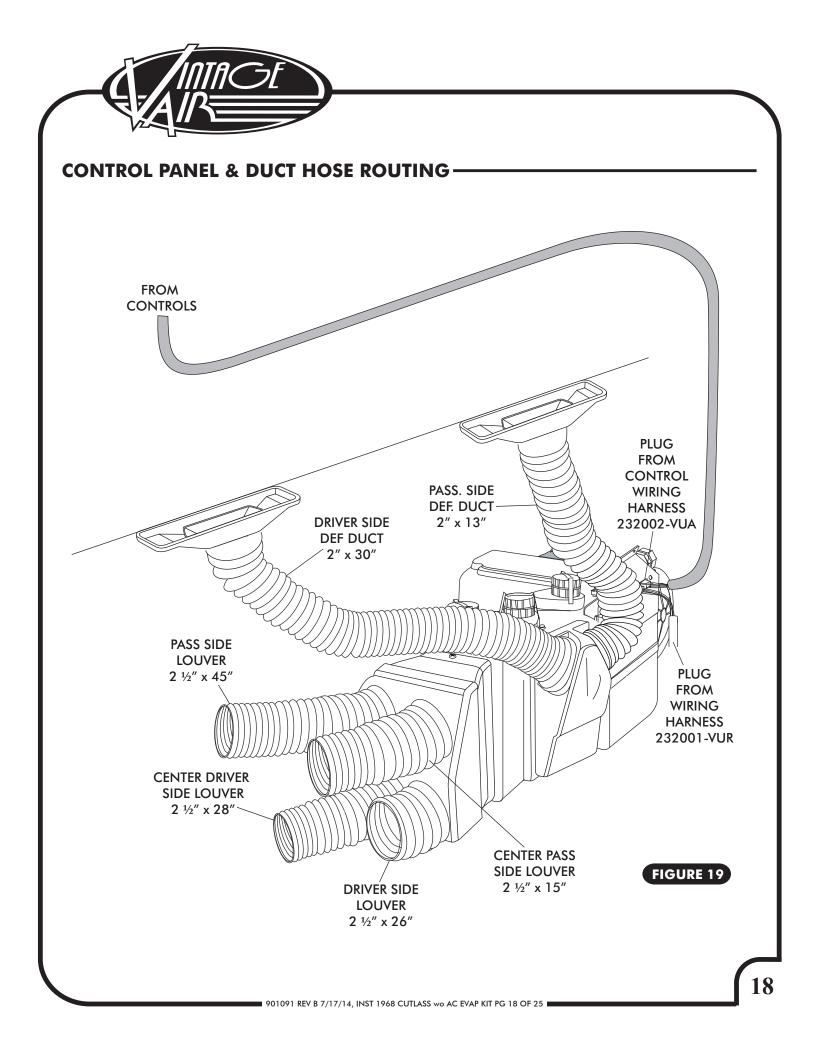


FINAL STEPS

- □ INSTALL DUCT HOSES AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 19, PAGE 18.
- □ INSTALL 3/8" GROMMET.
- □ ROUTE A/C WIRES THROUGH 3/8" GROMMET AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 17
- (12 VOLT/ GROUND/ BINARY SWITCH/ HEATER VALVE).
- □ INSTALL CONTROL PANEL ASM.
- PLUG THE WIRING HARNESS IN THE ECU MODULE ON SUB CASE AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 19, PAGE 18. (WIRE ACCORDING TO WIRING DIAGRAM ON PAGE 19 AND 20.)
- REINSTALL ALL PREVIOUSLY REMOVED ITEMS (BATTERY TRAY, BATTERY, INNER FENDER AND RADIATOR).
- □ INSTALL GLOVE BOX IN GLOVE BOX COMPARTMENT USING OEM SCREWS. SEE FIGURE 18 BELOW.
- □ 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 AC MODE AND/OR FREEZING WEATHER, VOIDING YOUR WARRANTY.
- □ DOUBLE CHECK ALL FITTINGS, BRACKETS AND BELTS FOR TIGHTNESS.
- □ VINTAGE AIR RECOMMENDS THAT ALL AC SYSTEMS BE SERVICED BY A CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN.
- EVACUATE THE SYSTEM FOR A MINIMUM OF 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO CHARGING AND LEAK CHECK PRIOR TO SERVICING.
- □ CHARGE THE SYSTEM TO THE CAPACITIES STATED ON THE INFORMATION PAGE (PAGE 4) OF THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL.
- □ SEE OPERATION OF CONTROLS PROCEDURES PAGE 21.



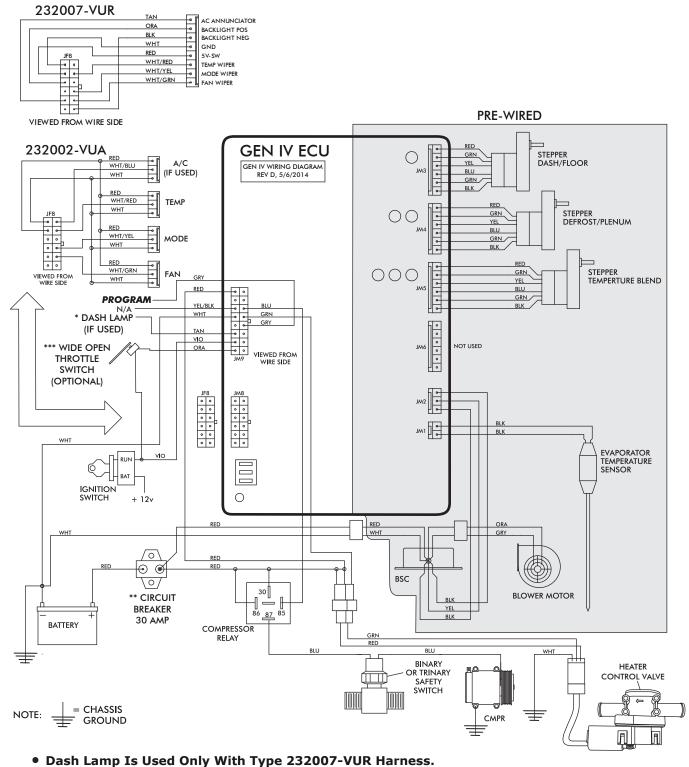




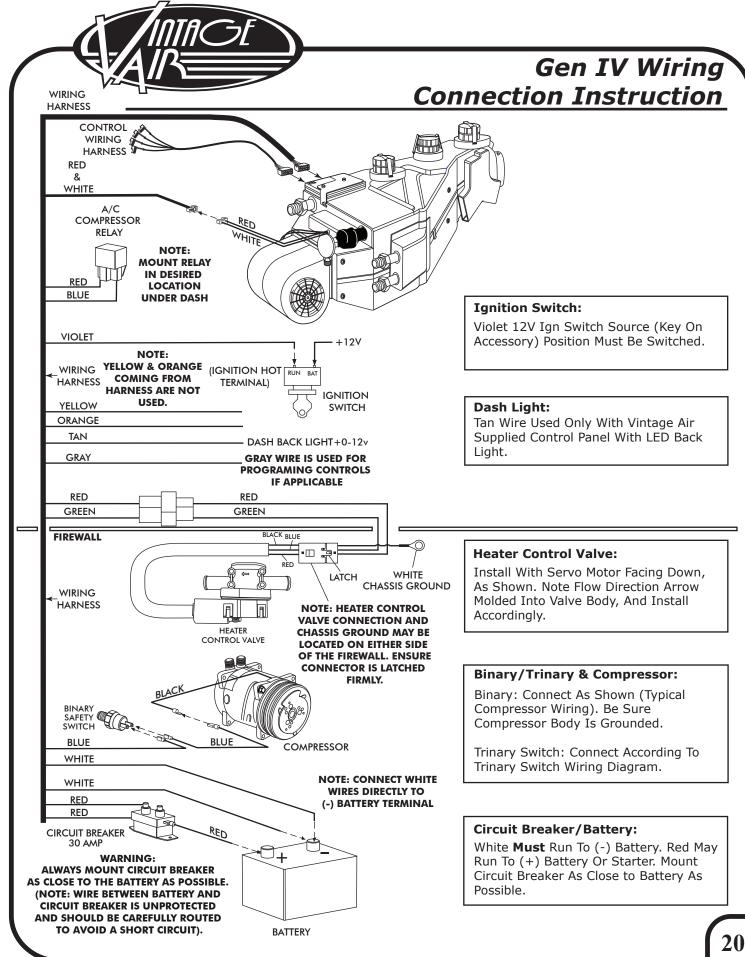


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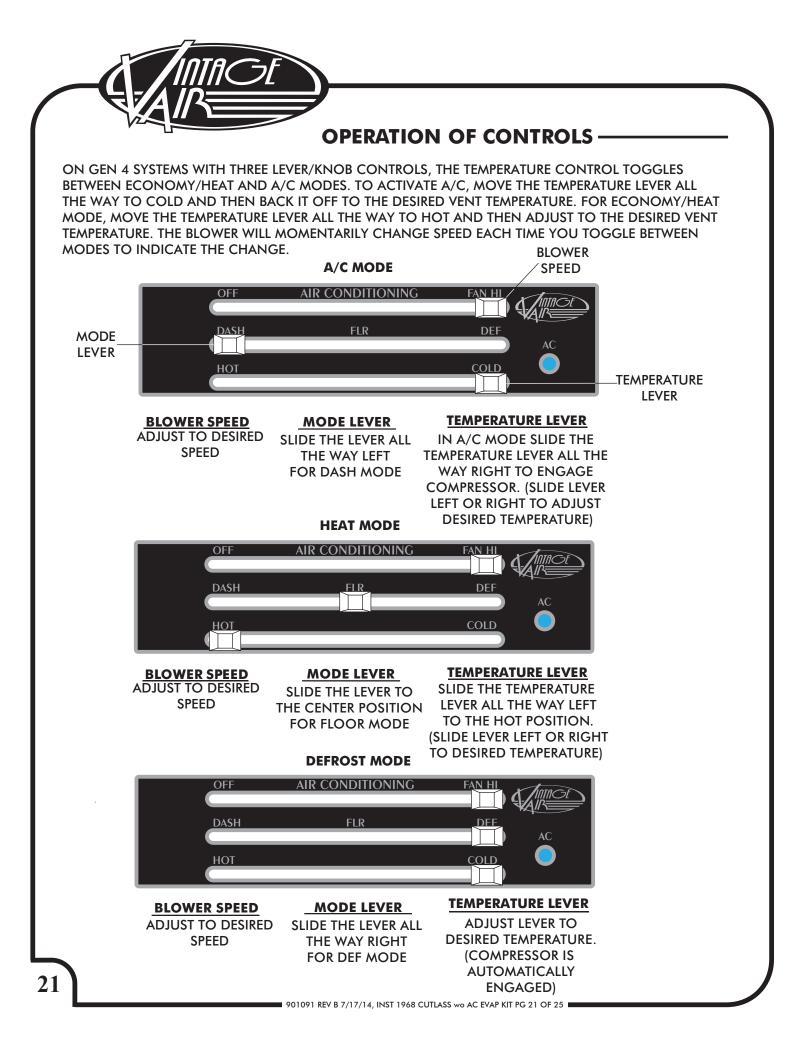
Wiring Diagram



- 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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		Troublesho	Troubleshooting Guide
Symptom Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
la. Blower stays on bich souther functions work.	r damaged pins or control head plug. r damaged ground ite) in control head	 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. 	Loss of ground on this wire renders control head
ignition is on.	Check for damaged blower switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		See blower switch check procedure.
lb. Blower stays on	Unplug 3-wire BSC control connector from ECU. If blower shuts off, ECU is either improperly wired or damaged.	 ▶ to the battery ground post. If it is, replace the ECU. ▶ 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 by ground side pulse width modulation switching. The botter blower bl	
ignition is on or off.	 → Unplug 3-wire BSC control → connector from ECU. If blower stays running, BSC is either improperly wired or damaged. 	 positive write to the blower will always be not. 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). 	No other part replacements should be necessary.
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 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/blue wire. Voltage should be between 0V 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.
S. 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/ Blue wire should vary
	Check for faulty A/C relay.	★ Replace relay.	between 0V and 5V when lever is moved up or down.

Troubleshooting Guide (Cont.)	Actions Notes	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.	Check for positive power at heater valve green wire and blower red wire. Check for ground on control head white wire. Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	Typically caused by evaporator housing installed in a bind in the vehicle. Be sure all mounting locations line up and don't have to be forced into position.	 Ensure all system grounds and power connections are System shuts off blower at clean and tight. Charge battery. 	→ Repair or replace.	Run red power wire directly to battery.
	Checks	Noise interference from either ignition or alternator.	Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both white ground wires. Verify battery voltage is greater than 10 volts and less than 16.	Check for damaged mode switch or potentiometer and associated wiring. Check for obstructed or binding mode doors. Check for damaged stepper motor or wiring.	Check for at least 12V at circuit breaker. Check for faulty battery or alternator.	Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring.	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.
	Condition	Works when engine is not running; shuts off when engine is started (Typically early Gen IV, but possible on all	Versions).	No mode change at all.	Battery voltage is at least		
23	Symptom	4	System will not turn on, or runs intermittently. 601061 KEA B 2/12	Loope door function. 144 INST 1968 CUTLASS wo A	6. Blower turns on and off rapidly.	Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.	8. When ignition is turned on, blower momentarily comes on, then shuts off. This occurs with the blower switch in the OFF position.

