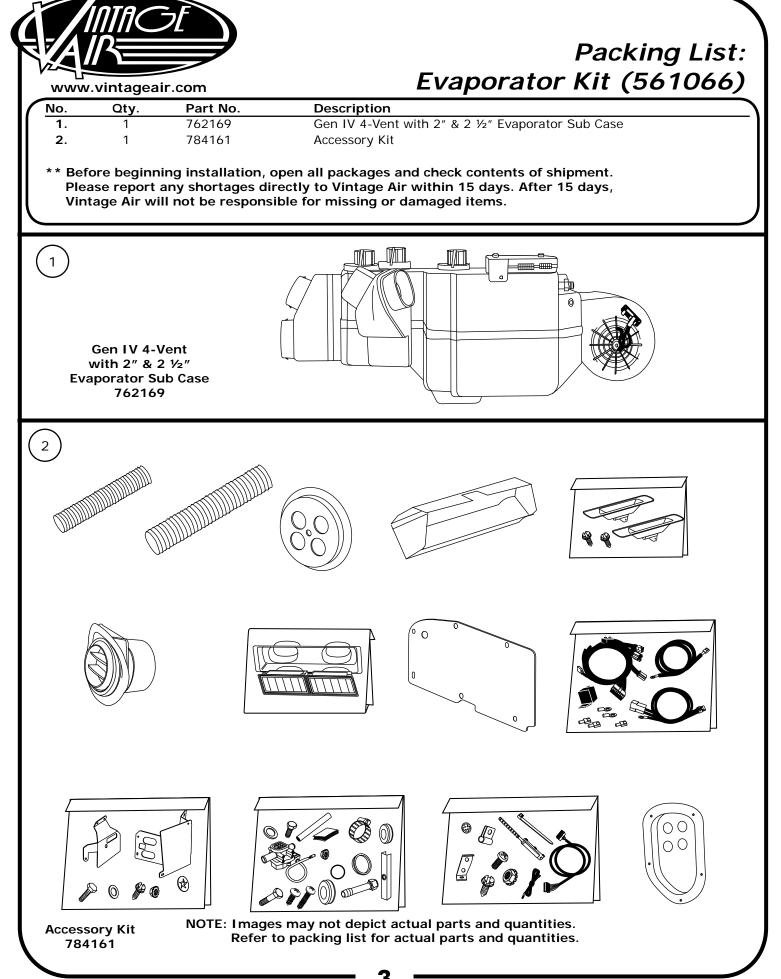


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## Important Notice—Please Read

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.

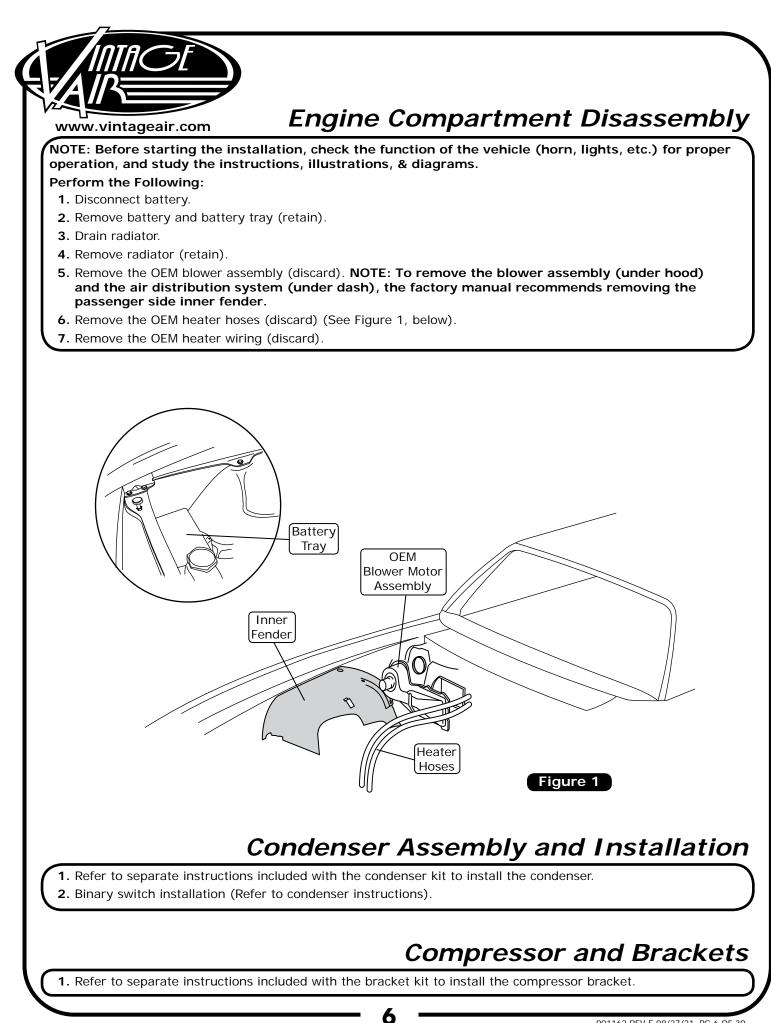
It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

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 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.



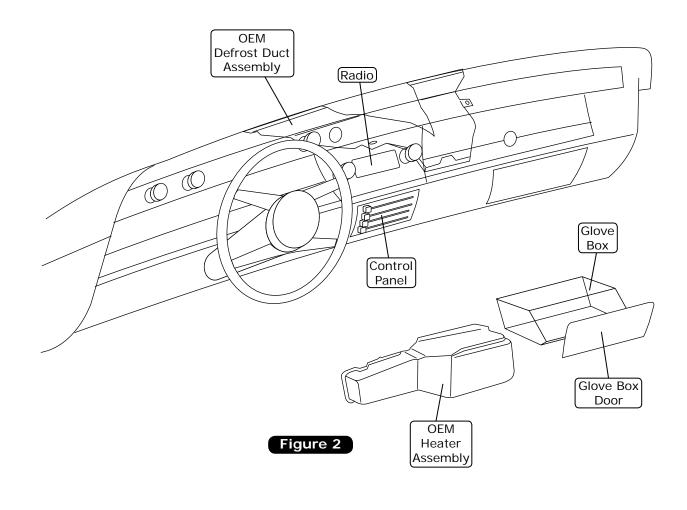


### Passenger Compartment Disassembly

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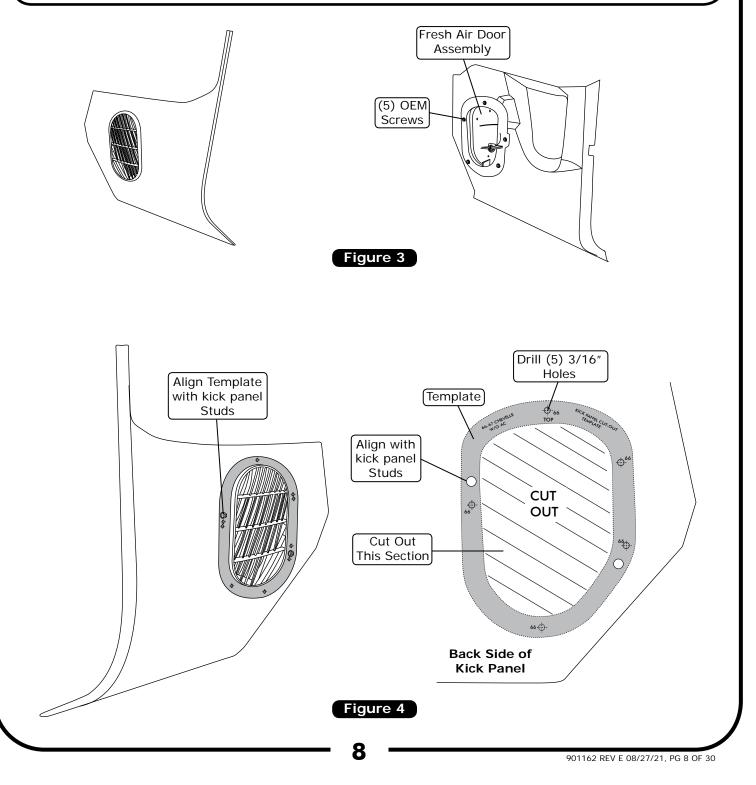
- 1. Remove glove box door (retain) (See Figure 2, below).
- 2. Remove glove box (discard) (See Figure 2, below).
- 3. Disconnect all wires and cables from the OEM heater assembly (discard).
- 4. Disconnect all wires and cables from control panel and radio.
- 5. Remove OEM defrost duct assembly (discard) (See Figure 2, below).
- 6. Remove OEM control panel (retain) (See Figure 2, below).
- 7. Remove Radio (retain) (See Figure 2, below).
- 8. Remove OEM heater assembly (discard) (See Figure 2, below).
- 9. Remove the passenger side kick panel/fresh air door assembly (See Figure 3, Page 8, and Figure 5, Page 9).

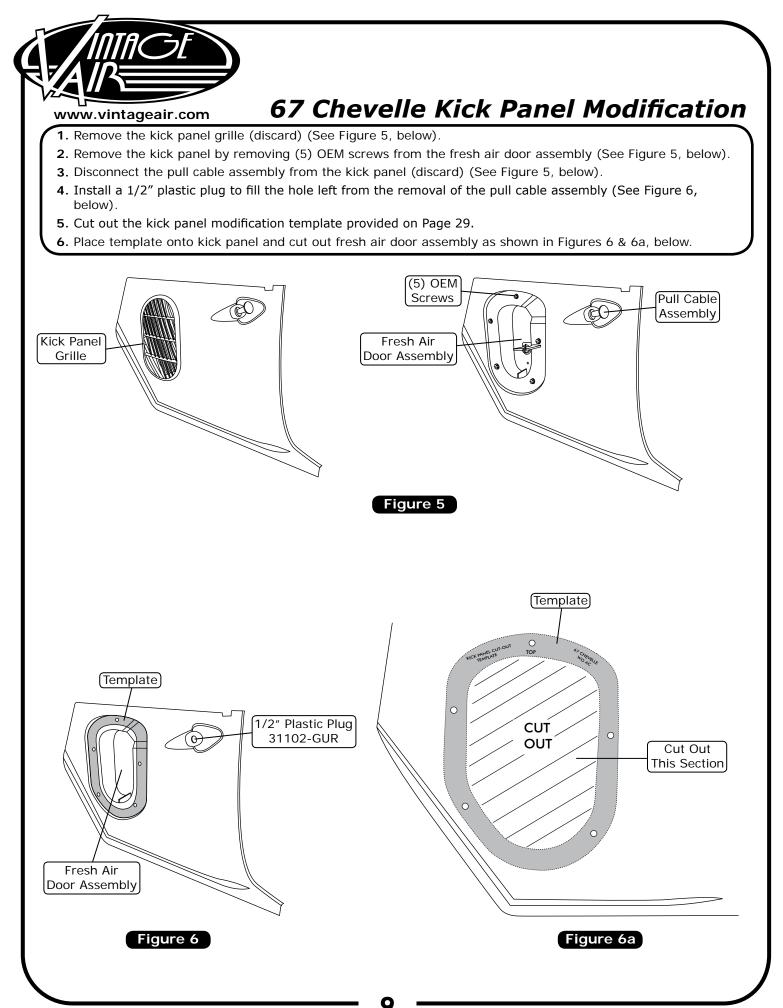


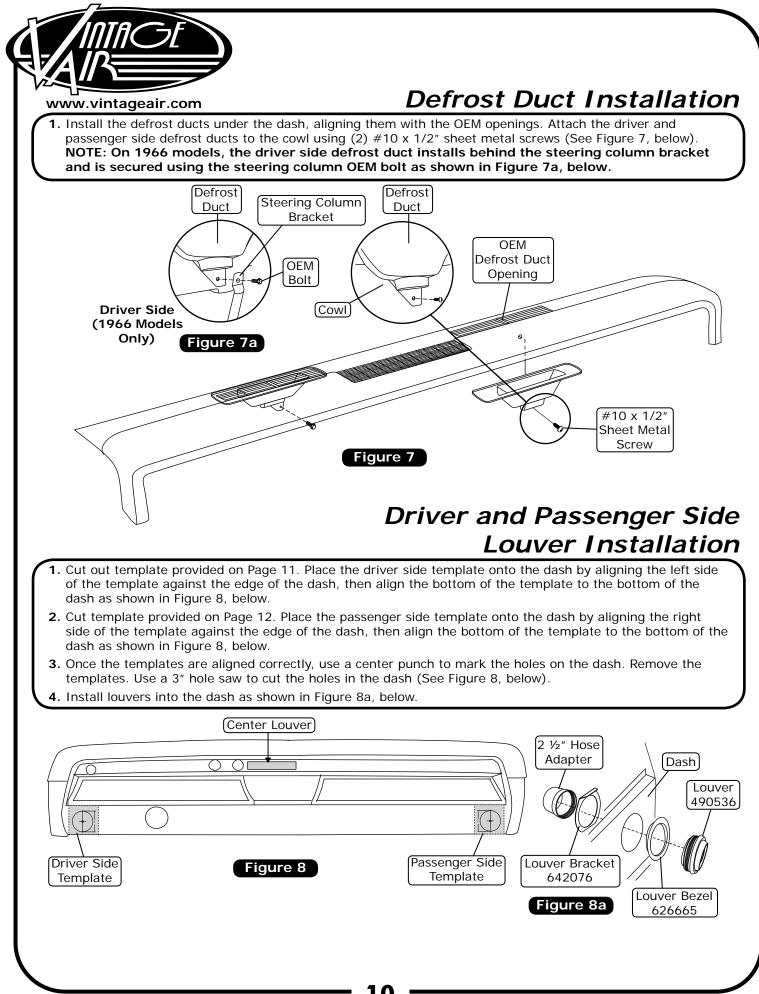


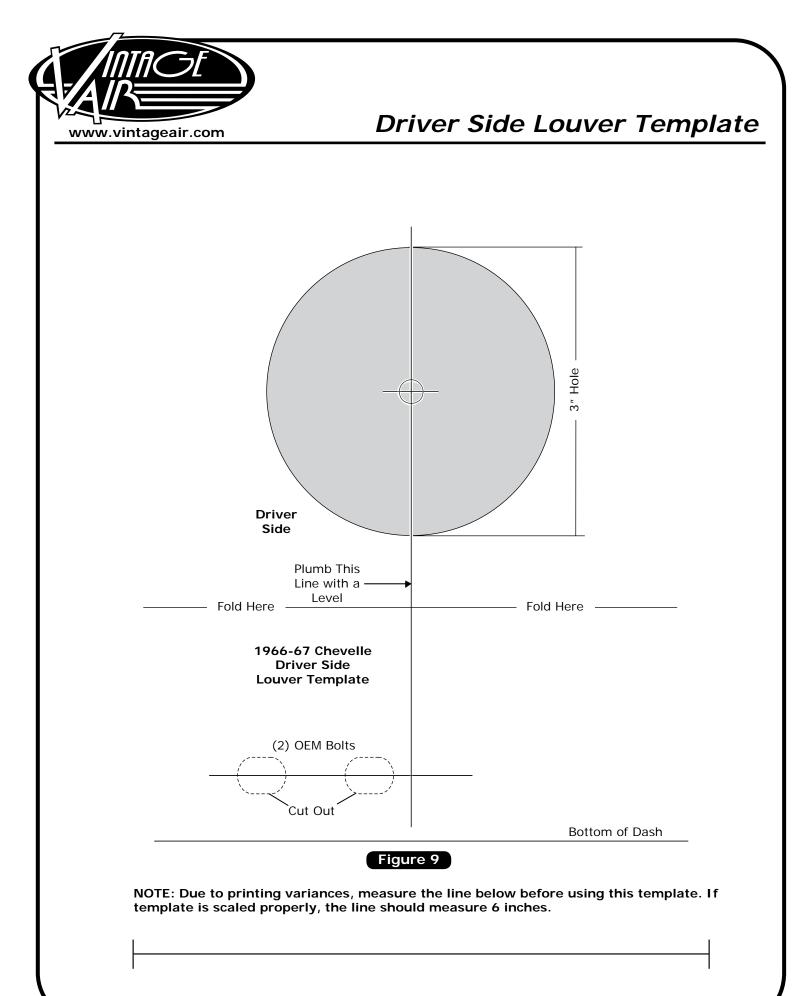
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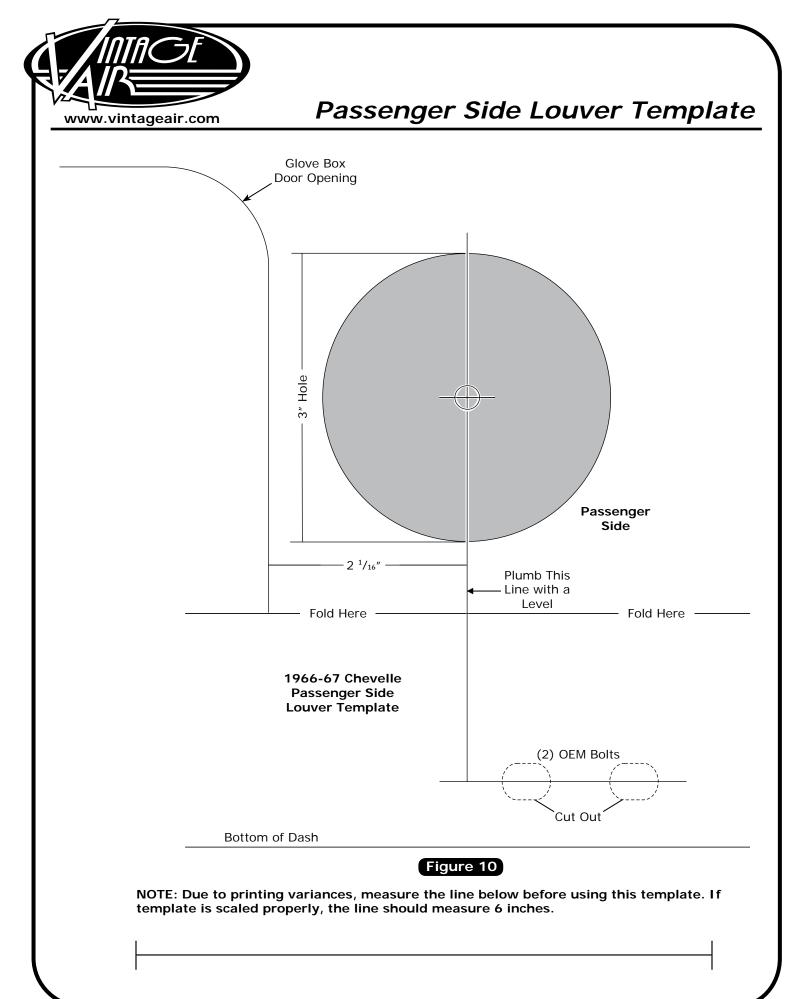
- 1. Remove the kick panel.
- 2. Remove the kick panel fresh air door assembly by removing (5) OEM screws (See Figure 3, below).
- 3. Disconnect the pull cable assembly from under the dash (discard) (See Figure 3, below).
- 4. Cut out the kick panel modification template provided on Page 28.
- 5. Align the template onto the back side of the kick panel as shown in Figure 4, below.
- 6. Cut out the kick panel grille as shown in Figure 4, below.
- 7. Drill (5) 3/16" holes into the Kick Panel (See Figure 4, below).











### **Center Louver Installation**

### NOTE: If face panel is not equipped with plastic stands and brackets you must use the alternate mounting procedure.

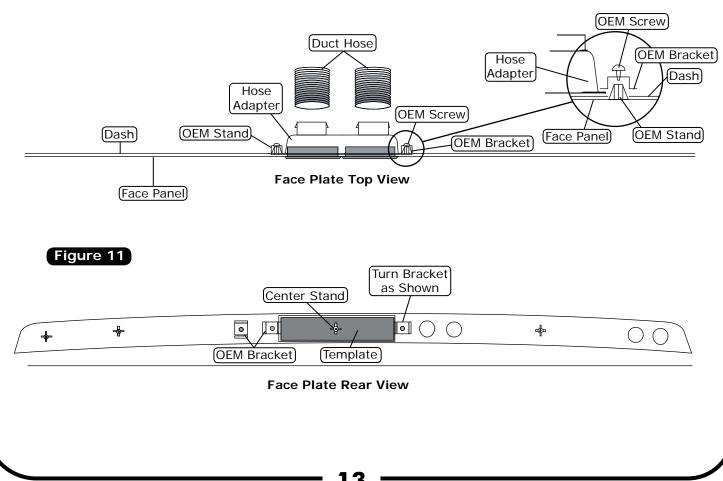
- Remove the face panel from the dash. Drill a 9/64" hole through the center stand from back of the face panel. Using template provided on Page 14, turn panel over (face up) and align the 9/64" hole drilled on the template with the 9/64" hole drilled on the face panel. NOTE: Do not exceed the dimensions shown on template when cutting.
- 2. After checking to make sure both vents fit into the face panel correctly, remove them and reinstall the face panel onto the dash. Center the ignition switch hole and mark the dash using the inside of the face panel vent opening as a template.
- 3. Remove the face panel and cut out the dash hole. Cut outside of the line about 1/32 of an inch.

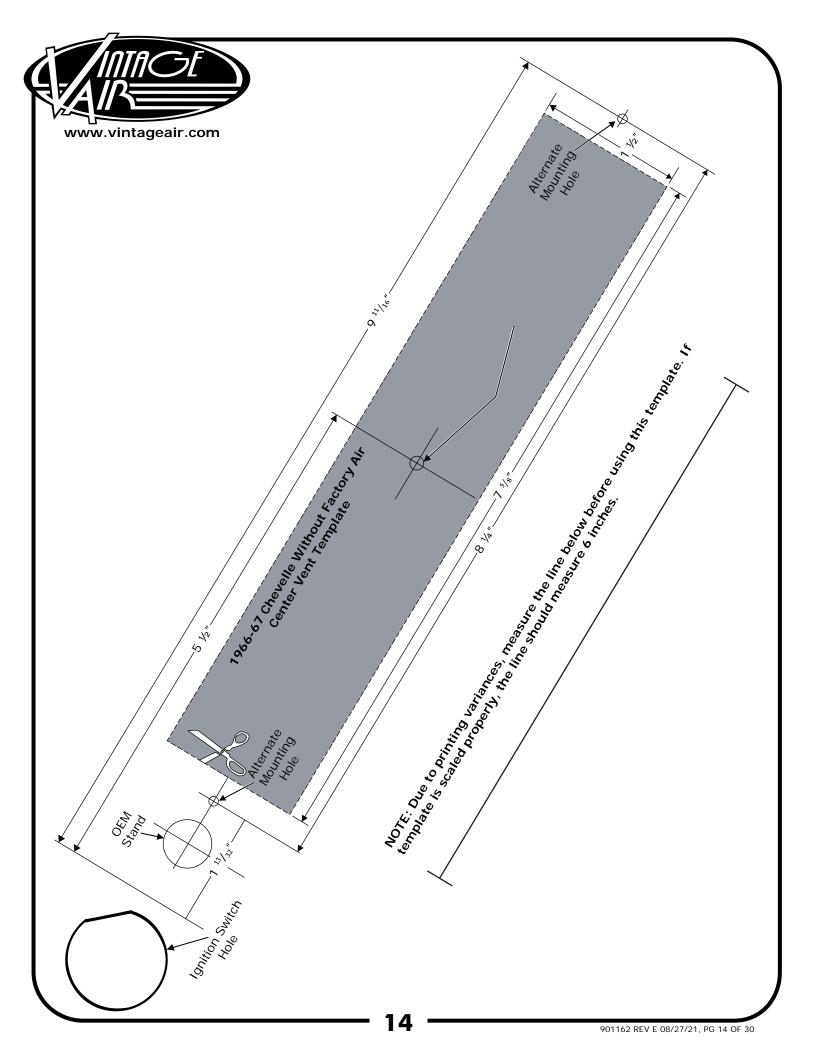
### Alternate Mounting Procedure

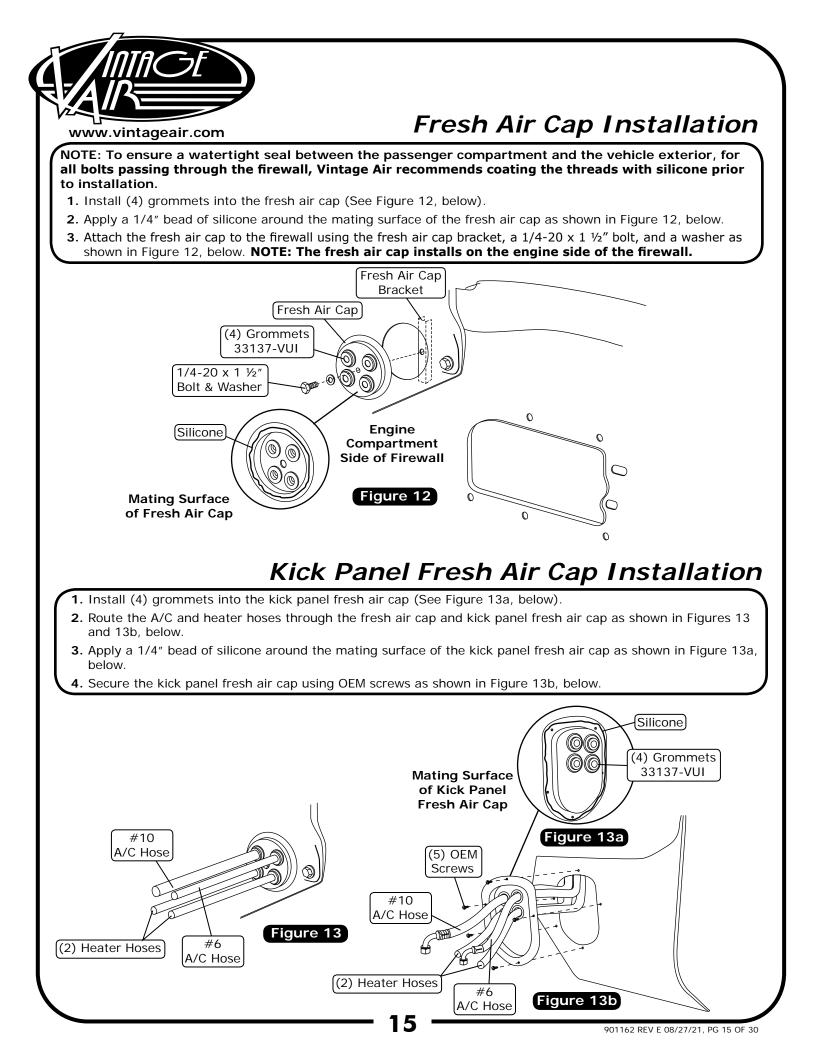
#### NOTE: Remove OEM speaker (if equipped), and reinstall after hose adapter is Attached.

- 1. Using the Template provided on Page 14, Locate the holes for the alternate mounting location.
- 2. Align the template over the opening cut in the dash. Mark mounting hole location and remove template.
- 3. Drill 1/8" holes into dash.

- 4. Countersink the 1/8" holes by drilling part way into the metal with a 1/4" drill bit.
- 5. Locate the (2) center vent duct hoses and connect them to the center vent hose adapter.
- 6. Install face panel and vents. Install hose adapter onto vents from behind the dash. NOTE: Hoses must be attached to the hose adapter before installing it onto the vents.
- Loosen the OEM screws and rotate the OEM brackets 90°. Tighten the screws with the hose adapter flange between the bracket and the dash (See Figure 11, below).





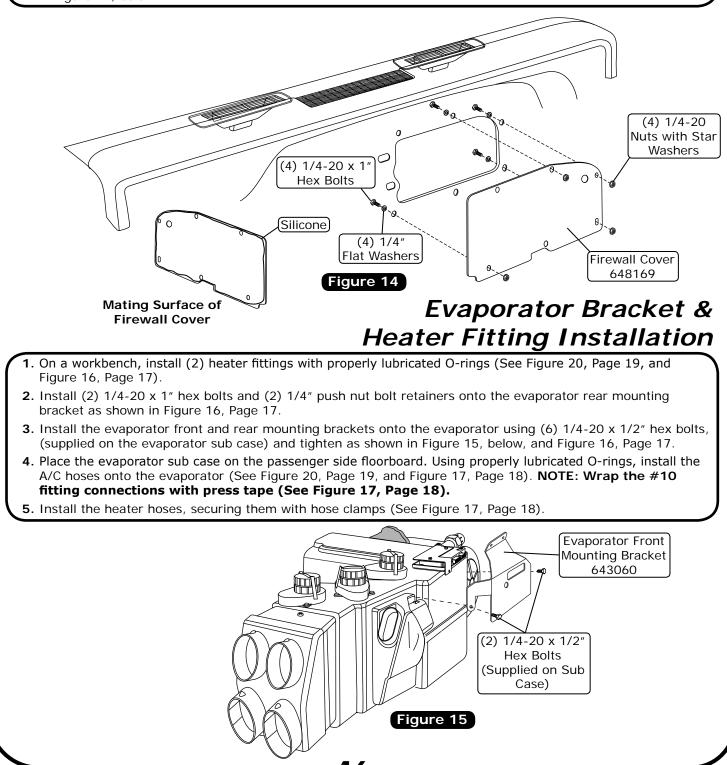


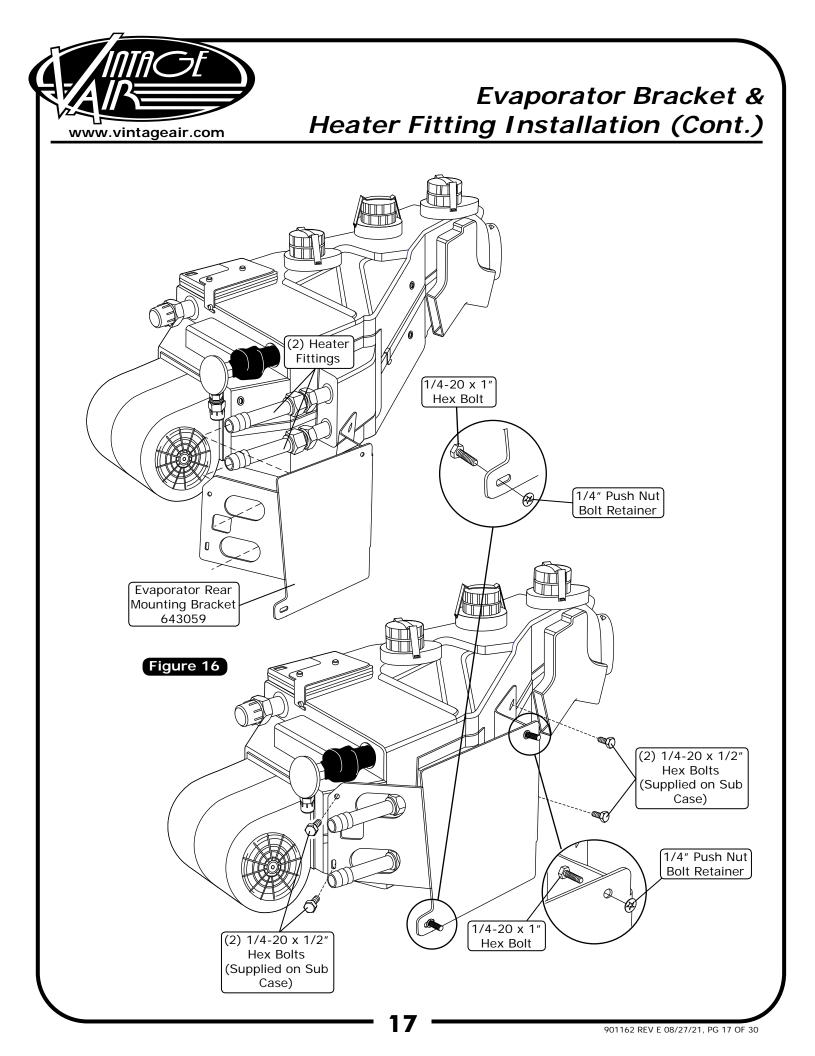
### Firewall Cover Installation

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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**. Apply a 1/4" bead of silicone around the mating surface of the firewall cover as shown in Figure 14, below.
- From the passenger compartment, install the firewall cover onto the firewall. Secure the firewall cover to the firewall using (4) 1/4-20 x 1" hex bolts, (4) 1/4" flat washers and (4) 1/4-20 nuts with star washers as shown in Figure 14, below.

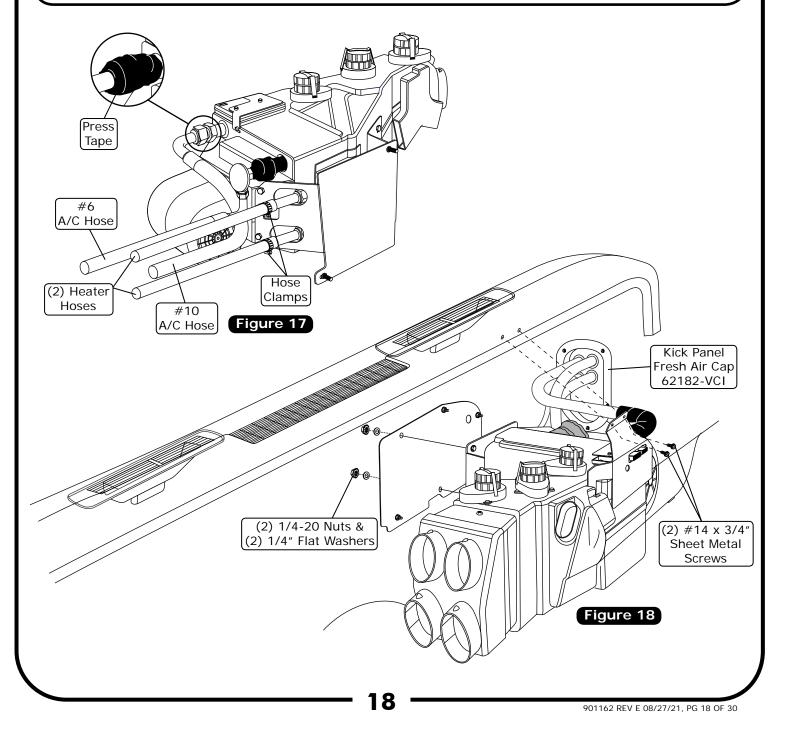


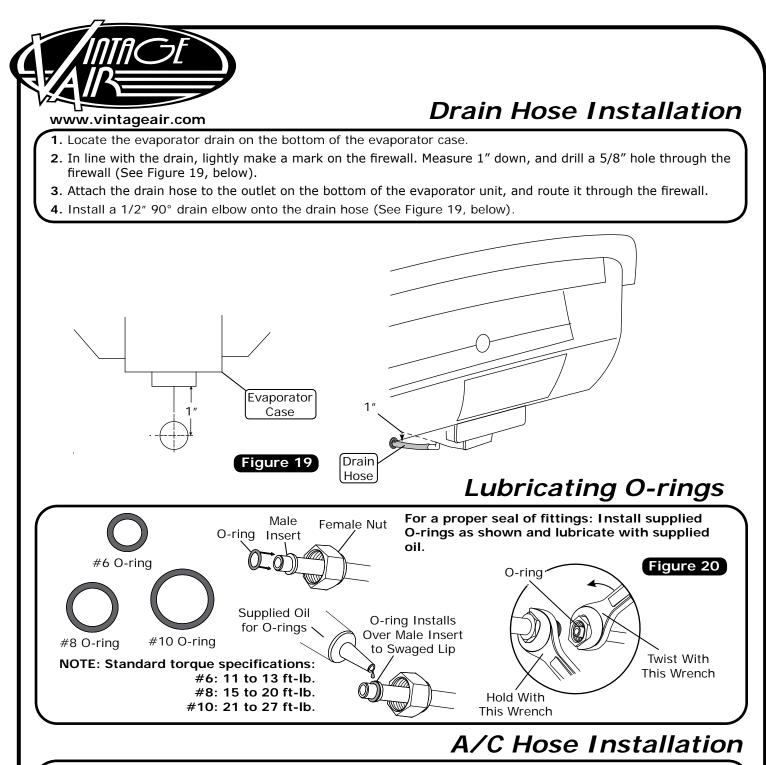


### **Evaporator Installation**

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. Lift the evaporator unit up under the dashboard. Secure loosely to the firewall using (2) 1/4-20 nuts and (2) flat washers (See Figure 18, below). NOTE: To ensure proper drainage, it is very important that the evaporator is level, both left-right and fore-aft. Check for level on the flat portions of the case around the drain.
- 2. Using (2) #14 x 3/4" sheet metal screws, secure the front evaporator mounting bracket to the cowl (See Figure 18, below).
- **3.** 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.**



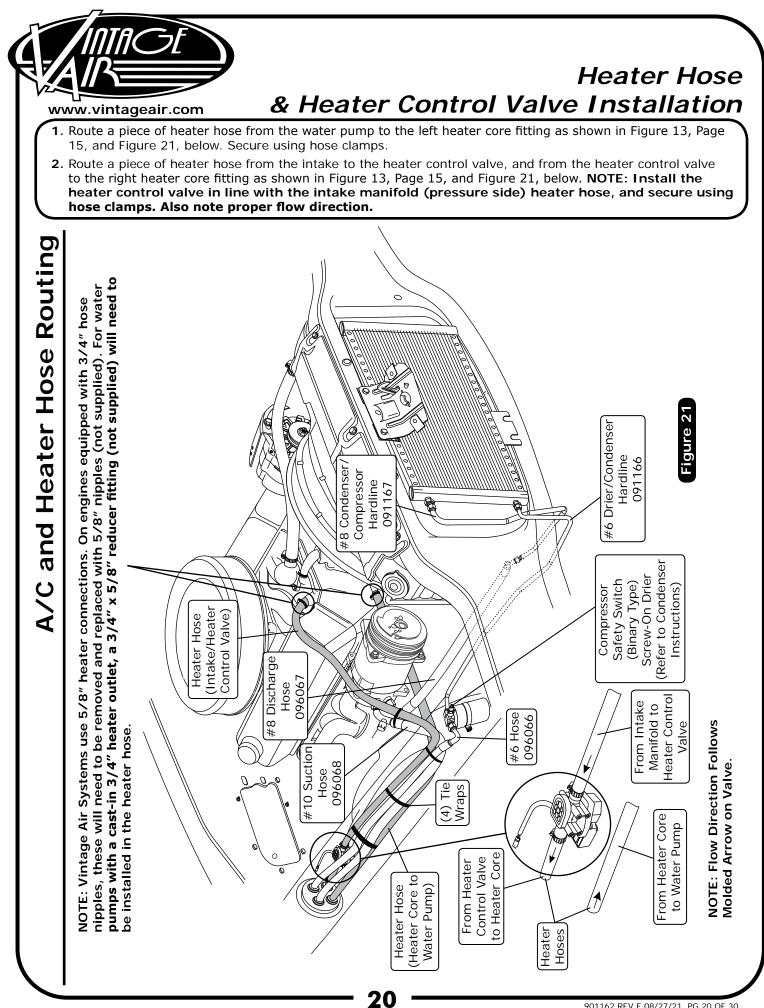


#### Standard Hose Kit:

- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Figure 20, above) and connect the 90° fitting to the #8 discharge port on the compressor. Then route the 45° fitting with service port to the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Figure 21, Page 20). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 20, above.
- 2. Locate the #10 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #10 O-rings (See Figure 20, above) and connect the 45° fitting with service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor. Then route the 90° fitting to the #10 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 17, Page 18, and Figure 21, Page 20). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 20, above.
- **3.** Locate the #6 evaporator A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #6 O-rings (See Figure 20, above) and connect the 90° fitting to the drier. Then route the 90° fitting to the #6 fitting on the evaporator (See Figure 17, Page 18, and Figure 21, Page 20). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Figure 20, above.

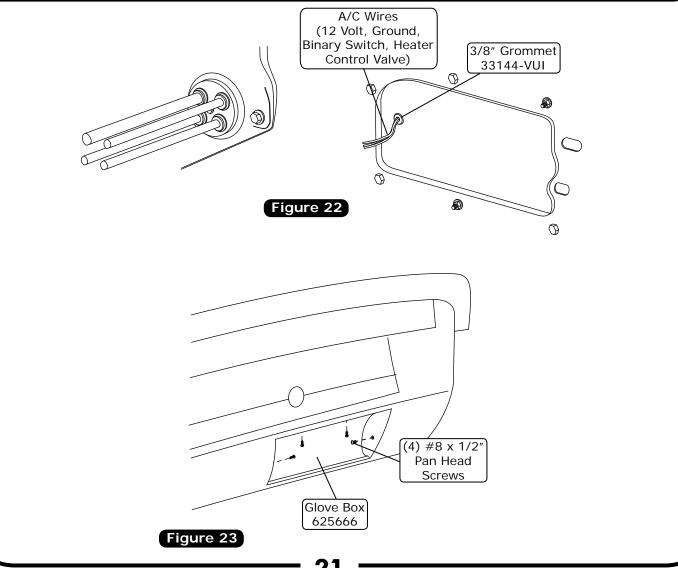
#### Modified Hose Kit:

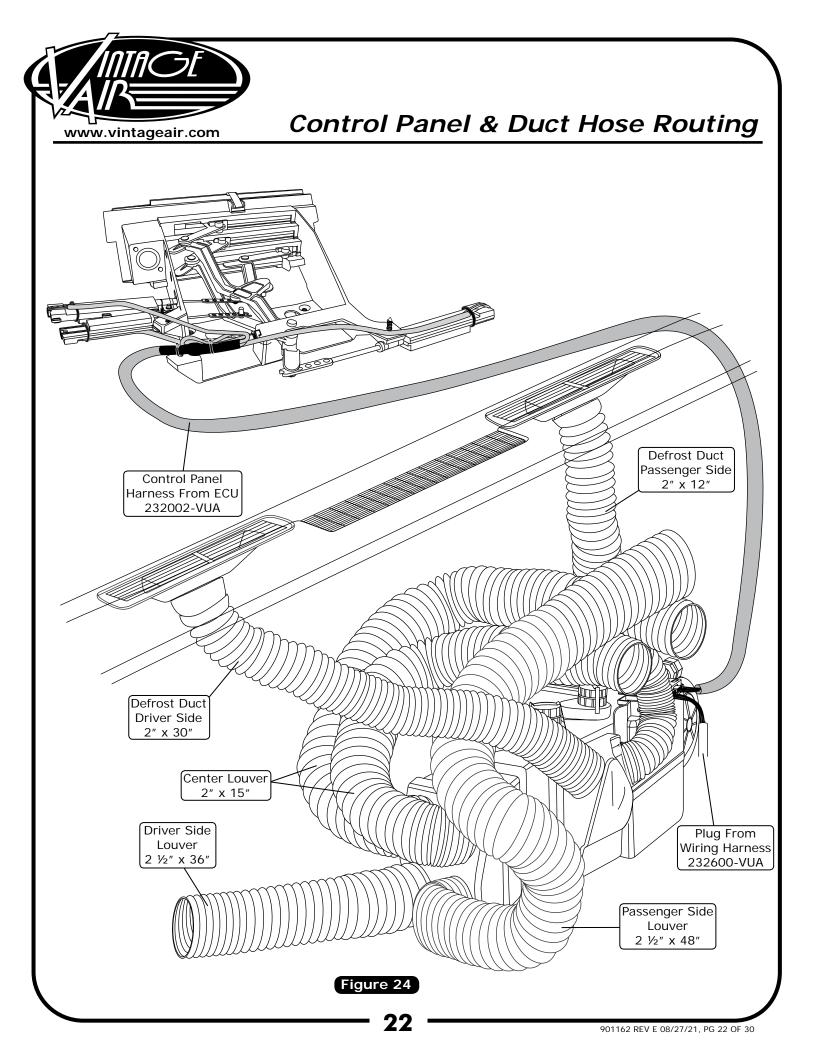
1. Refer to separate instructions included with modified hose kit.



### Final Steps

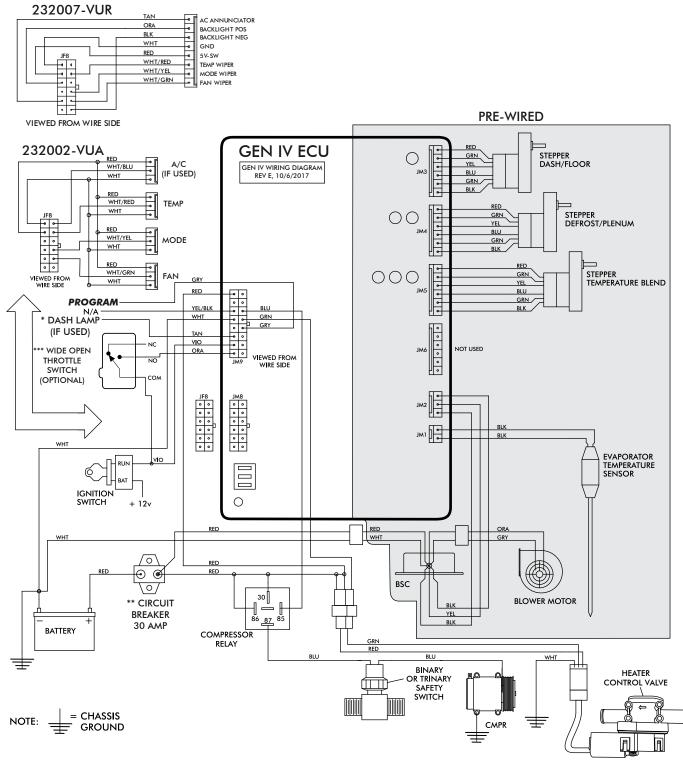
- 1. Install the duct hoses as shown in Figure 24, Page 22.
- Route the A/C wires (12 volt/ground/binary switch/heater control valve) through the 3/8" grommet as shown in Figure 22, below.
- 3. Install the control panel assembly. Refer to the control panel instructions.
- **4.** Plug the wiring harnesses into the ECU module on the sub case as shown in Figure 24, Page 22. Wire according to the wiring diagrams on Pages 23 and 24.
- 5. Install the supplied glove box using (4) #8 x 1/2" pan head screws (See Figure 23, below).
- 6. Reinstall all previously removed items.
- 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 licensed automotive A/C 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 Page 4 of this instruction manual.
- 12. See Operation of Controls procedures on Page 25.



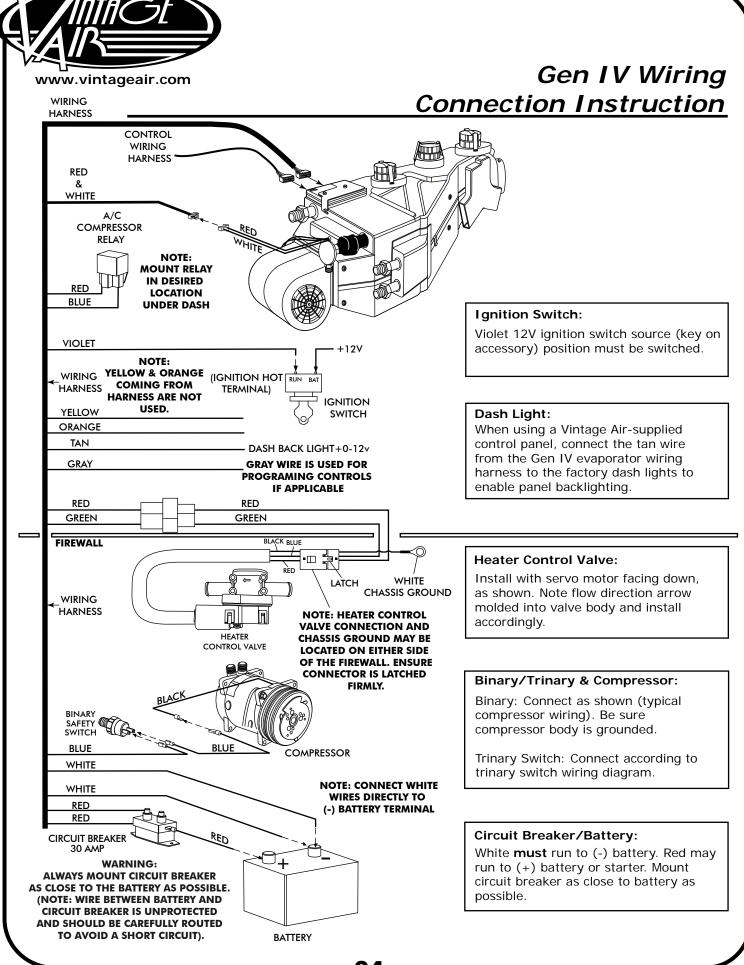




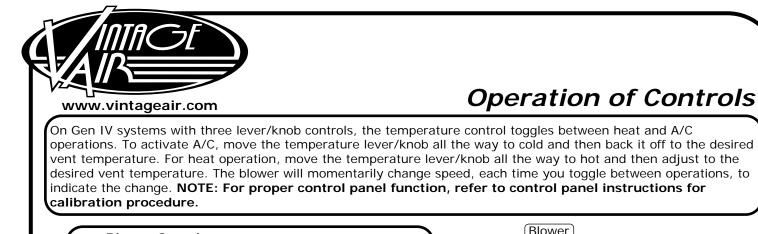
### Wiring Diagram



- \* Dash lamp is used only with type 232007-VUR harness.
- \*\* 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.



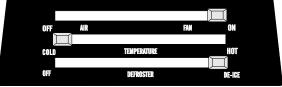
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#### Blower **Blower Speed** Speed Temperature This lever/knob controls Control blower speed, from **Temperature Control** OFF to HI. This lever/knob controls Mode Control the temperature, This lever/knob controls from HOT to COLD. the mode positions, from DASH to FLOOR Mode to DEFROST, with a Control blend in between. A/C Operation **Blower Speed Temperature Control** Adjust to desired For A/C operation, adjust to speed. coldest position to engage compressor (Adjust between Mode Control HOT and COLD to reach Adjust to desired desired temperature). mode position (DASH position recommended). Heat Operation **Blower Speed Temperature Control** Adjust to desired For maximum heating, adjust speed. to hottest position (Adjust between HOT and COLD to Mode Control reach desired temperature). Adjust to desired mode position (FLOOR position recommended). Defrost/De-fog Operation **Temperature Control Blower Speed** Adjust to desired Adjust to desired speed. temperature.

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Mode Control Adjust to DEFROST position for maximum defrost, or between FLOOR and DEFROST positions for a bi-level blend (Compressor is automatically engaged).



**Operation of Controls** 

		Troubleshc	<b>Troubleshooting Guide</b>
	Checks	Actions	Notes
No other functions work.	Check for damaged pins or wires in control head plug. Check for damaged ground	Verify that all pins are inserted into plug. Ensure that no pins are bent or damaged in ECU. Verify continuity to chassis oround with white control	
	wire (white) in control head harness. Check for damaged blower switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.	head wire at various points.	Frenders control head inoperable. See blower switch check procedure.
$\left \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right $	Unplug 3-wire BSC control connector from ECU. If blower shuts off, ECU is either improperly wired or damaged.	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	
	Unplug 3-wire BSC control connector from ECU. If blower stays running, BSC is either improperly wired or damaged.	<ul> <li>Positive will be used over will anyays be not in the "ground" side of the blower is shorted to chassis ground, the blower will run on HI.</li> <li>Replace BSC (This will require removal of evaporator from vehicle).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No other part replacements</li> <li>◆ should be necessary.</li> </ul>
	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.
	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 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.
	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
- L	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 (typically early Gen IV, but nessible on all	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 quality oscilloscope. Spikes
System will not turn on, or runs intermittently.	put possible on all versions).	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 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.	coil (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		Typically caused by evaporator housing installed in a bind in the vehicle. Be sure all
	Partial function of mode doors.	Check for damaged stepper motor or wiring.		A mounting locations line up and don't have to be forced into position.
<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.	<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.	u	Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring.	<ul> <li>Repair or replace.</li> </ul>	
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.	

