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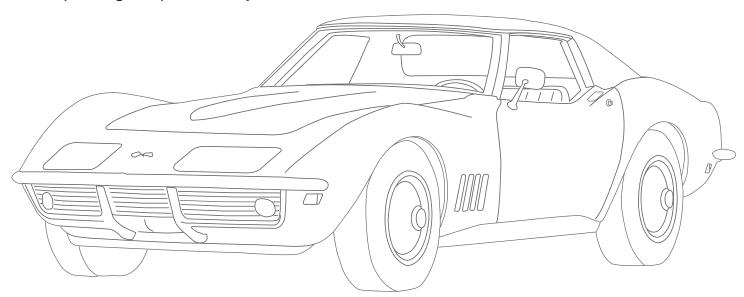
WARNING:

Validate the kit contents with the component list included on this page before proceeding. This kit is intended to be used in a modified vehicle. Please read this page thoroughly and be sure that you understand everything prior to opening any enclosed packages, or before attempting to install any components. Once this kit has been opened or a component installed the kit is not returnable.

This American Autowire wiring system is intended for highly modified applications only.

This kit **DOES NOT** include any of the following:

- Wiring for any factory original A/C system, but will support all 68-76 factory A/C harnesses. A full listing of the factory replacement A/C harnesses can be found on page 9. It does include all the wiring for the 1968-74 factory heater only system. The 1975 (p/n 01680) and 1976 (p/n 27545) heater harnesses were stand alone units and can be purchased separately. It will also support any aftermarket heating or A/C system.
- The rear compartment lamp (roadster) or rear door pillar lamp (coupe) harnesses for the 1968 models. These items may be purchased separately (P/N's 01115 - roadster; 01117 - coupe).
- Front or rear fiber-optic sub-assemblies. These items may be purchased separately (P/N's 16165, 1968-71 front assembly; 37989, 1968-69 rear assembly; 16160, 1970-71 rear assembly).
- New ignition switches. This kit is wired for both the factory dash ('68) and column ('69-'76) mounted switches. Connectors and pigtails are provided to connect to either of the original style switches.
- New headlight switch as they are unique due to the vacuum circuits. You can reuse your original, or purchase a new switch from most Corvette parts vendors.
- Harness connections for factory emissions equipment.
- The factory alarm system or "door ajar" warning system.
- Adapters for later model ('86+) alternators. An SI-series alternator connector is included. Adapters for other alternators can be purchased separately.
- · Front parking lamp assembly wires/extensions.



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This kit contains the following components:

	Part		
Bag	<u>Number</u>	Description	<u>Quantity</u>
	500042	Dimmer Swtich	1
	500919	Practice Terminal Crimping Set	1
	510716	Fuse, Relay, and Flasher kit	1
Ζ	510476	Alternator and Main Connection kit	1
G	510718	Dash Harness kit	1
Н	510719	Instrument Cluster wiring kit	1
J	510720	Engine Wiring kit	1
L	510721	Front Light Wiring kit	1
Μ	510722	Rear Body Wiring kit	1
Ν	510723	Courtesy Light kit	1
V	510730	VSS Connection kit	1

Validate the kit contents with this component list. If there are any discrepancies with incorrect or missing parts, stop your installation and notify the supplier you purchased the kit from before proceeding.



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START HERE!

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION!

This wiring kit is designed for ease of installation. Please read the guidelines below BEFORE STARTING your installation. Use a crimping tool that folds the wings of the open barrel terminals down into the wire as shown on this page. If you use our crimping tools and correctly crimp the included terminals, soldering is not necessary. If you are unsure about a particular crimp, soldering is recommended. Our factory crimped terminations are installed by GM approved five ton presses and soldering these terminations is not necessary.



AAW offers a great terminal crimping video entitled "Proper Crimping Video". It can be viewed by visiting YouTube.

Type the following address into your web browser, to go directly to the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAgEDoVI-co

Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/WiringHarness



The terminals that we supply in our kits utilize what is known as an F crimp. When done correctly the F crimp cross section will look like the illustration below.



end view of un-crimped terminal

These hand tools are available for purchase or rental.

p/n 510585 OEM small terminal crimping tool (18-14 gauge)

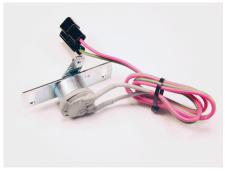


We carry many accessories for your 1968-76 Chevrolet Corvette:

p/n 01993430 (1968-76) Muncie or T-10 4 speed

back-up lamp switch assembly

p/n 01997969 (1968-76) w/o telescopic wheel p/n 01997983 (1968-76) with telescopic wheel Turn signal switch assembly



STEP 1: DISCONNECT YOUR BATTERY: Disconnect the battery before installing the wiring kit to prevent any accidental shorting caused by bare wire ends.



If you have any questions concerning this or any of our products, please feel free to call us at 1-856-933-0801.

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wire core

end view of properly crimped terminal

We carry the following crimping hand tools to help with your installation.

p/n 510586 OEM large terminal crimping tool (12-8 gauge)

p/n 01994169 (1968-76) Winshield wiper/washer switch assembly





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STEP 2: START INSTALLING KIT:

This kit is broken into individual sections identified by a letter printed on the enclosed sheets visible through each bag. The order of installation and the pages with their instructions are shown below:

Table of Contents:

Bags: Pages: Sections:

4-10 Dash Harness - This is the main harness in the kit and contains: G

- Ignition and lighting switch connections.
- Wiper switch connections.
- Neutral safety and back up lamp switch connections.
- Turn Signal switch connections.
- Courtesy light connections.
- Dimmer switch connection.
- Accessory connections.

Gauge Cluster Harness - This Harness contains: Н 11-14

- Gauge connections for aftermarket and factory gauges.

Rear Body Harness - This Harness contains: 15-19 Μ

- Brake, turn signal, reverse, running and side marker light connections.
- Third brake light and license plate lights connections.
- rear compartment and dome courtesy connections.
- Fuel gauge sender and ground connection.
- Chassis grounds.

Front Light Harness - This Harness contains: 20-23

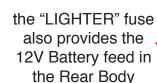
- Headlight, turn signal, running and side marker light connections.
- Headlight door warning lamp connections.
- Brake pressure differential warning connection.
- Wiper door limit switch connections.
- Electric fan relay trigger.
- Horn connections.
- Chassis grounds.

Engine Harness - This Harness contains: 24-26

- Temperature, oil pressure, tachometer wiring.
- Blower motor power and ground connections.
- Windshield wiper and washer connections.
- Ignition and electric tach connections.
- '73-'75 cold air hood door connection.
- Alternator connections.
- Electric Choke connection.
- T-400 kickdown connection.

PLEASE READ THIS HELPFUL INSTALLATION TIP. **BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER!**

Prior to installing the Dash/Main harness in your dashboard, plug all of the fuses, Hazard Flasher and Turn Flasher into the Fuse Block (see detailed picture below) and the Horn Relay into this harness (see detailed picture below).



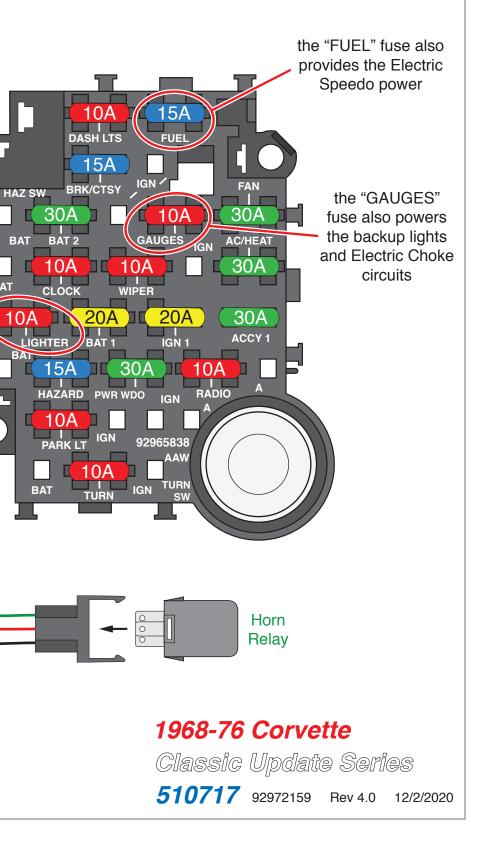
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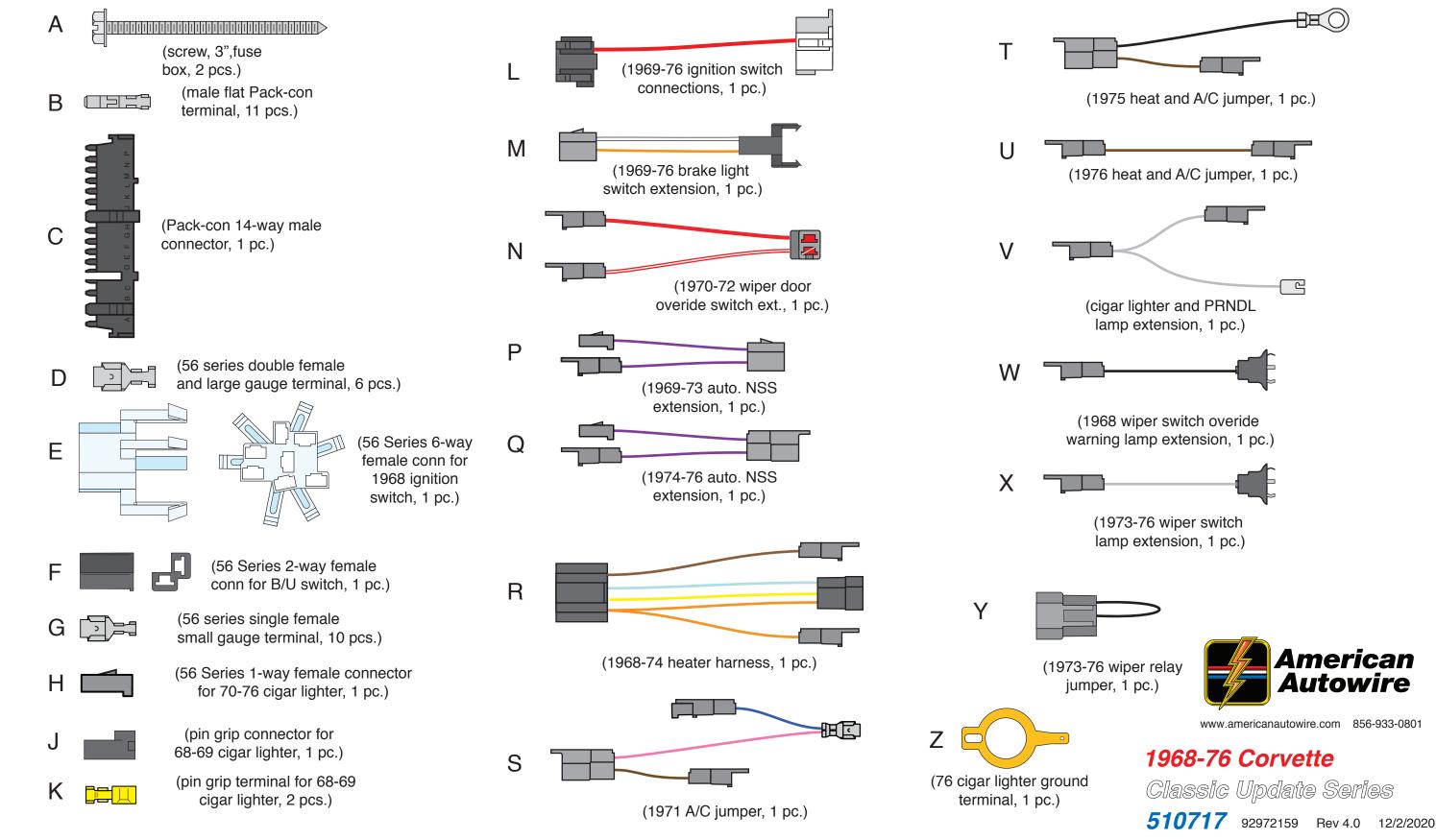
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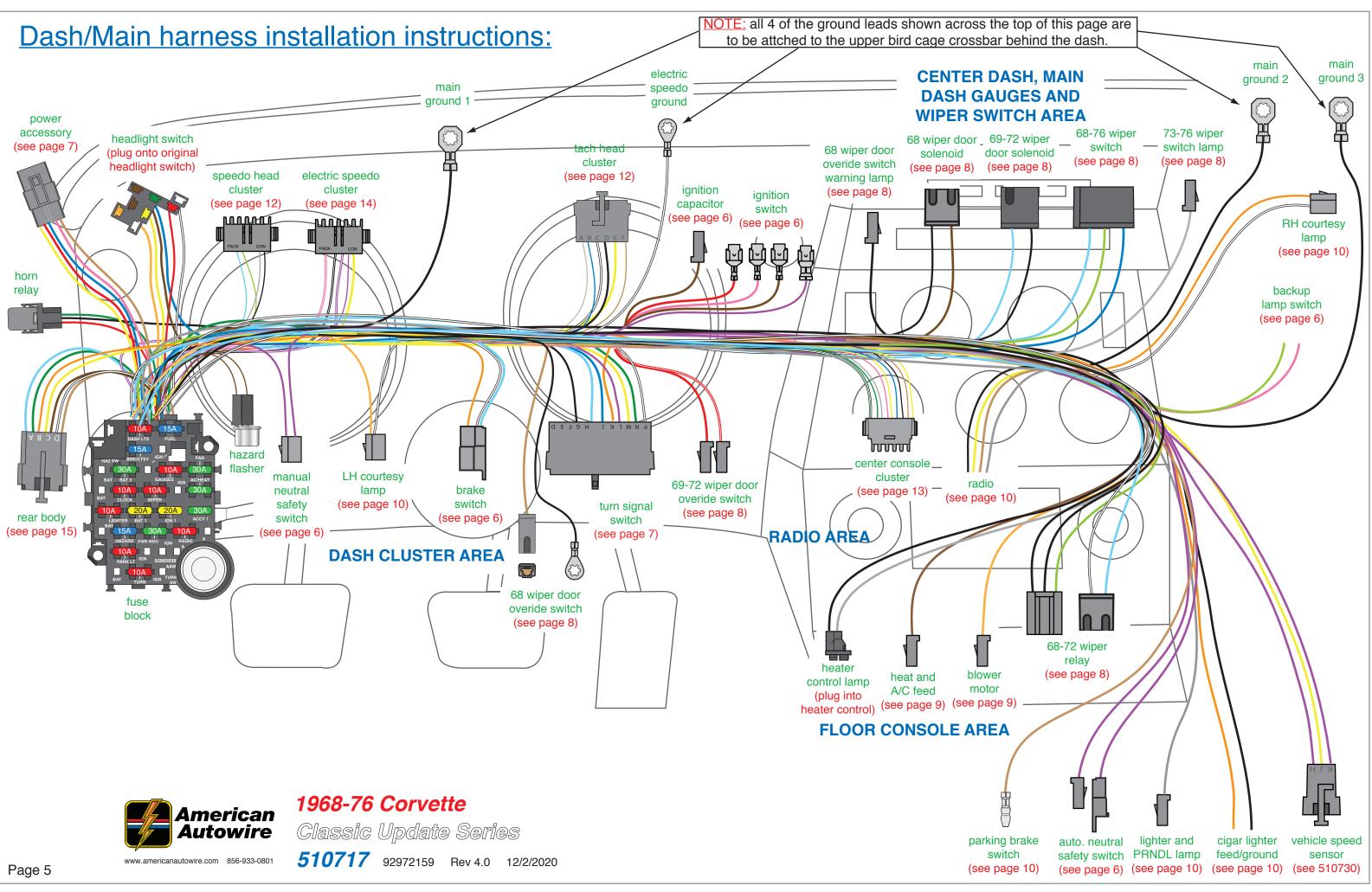


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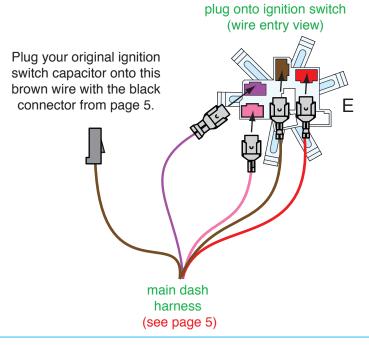
Shown below are the supplied misc. terminals, plastic connector bodies, hardware, jumpers and extensions that will be used to complete your 510718 Dash/Main harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this Main instruction set.





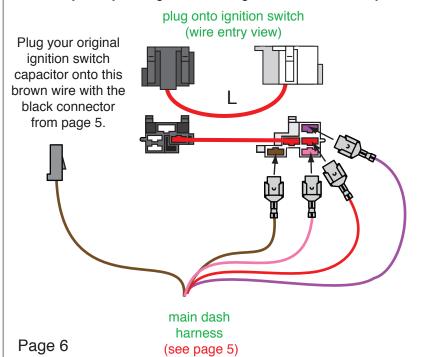
1968 Ignition switch connection:

Choose the 1968 ignition switch connector E from page 4. Looking into the back of the connector, install the purple, red, pink and brown ignition switch wires from page 5 of the dash harness into the the selected cavities as shown in the detail drawing below. The completed connector assembly will plug directly onto your original, or new, ignition switch assembly.



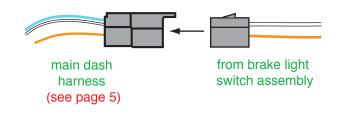
1969-76 Ignition switch connection:

Choose the 1969-76 ignition switch connectors L from page 4. Looking into the back of the connectors, install the purple, red, pink and brown ignition switch wires from page 5 of the dash harness into the the selected cavities as shown in the detail drawing below. The completed connection assembly will plug directly onto your original, or new, ignition switch assembly.



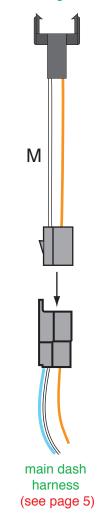
Brake light switch connections:

1968 application: The 1968 Corvette brake light switch had an extension hard-wired into the switch assembly that will plug directly into the brake switch connector on your dash harness.



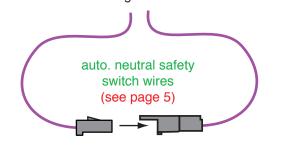
1969-76 applications: Choose the 1969-76 brake light switch extension M from page 4, and plug it into the brake switch connector on your dash harness. Plug the other end onto your 1969-76 brake light switch.

to brake light switch

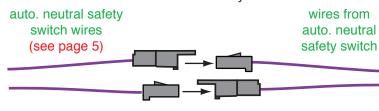


Neutral safety switch (NSS) instructions:

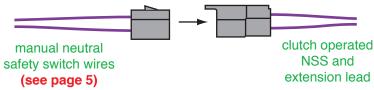
1968 w/ manual trans.: There was no NSS on a 1968 Corvette with a manual transmission. If your car has a manual transmission and you are not using an NSS, simply plug the 2 purple wires on page 5 down at the floor console area together as shown below.



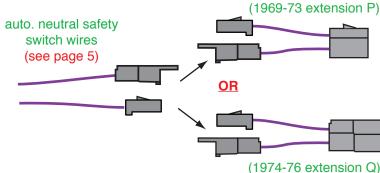
1968 w/ auto. trans.: Simply plug the 2 purple wires on page 5 down at the floor console area into your original 1968 NSS assembly.



1969-76 w/ manual trans.: There was clutch operated NSS and extension lead on all 1969-76 Corvettes with a manual trans. Plug that extension lead onto the connector with the 2 purple wires in the dash cluster area on page 5. If your car has a manual transmission and you are not using an NSS, simply plug the 2 purple wires on page 5 down at the floor console area together as shown above (1968 app.).



1969-76 w/ auto. trans.: Plug the 2 purple wires on page 5 down at the floor console area into the proper P or Q extension (from page 4) for your application, then plug that extension onto your 1969-73 or 1974-76 NSS assembly.



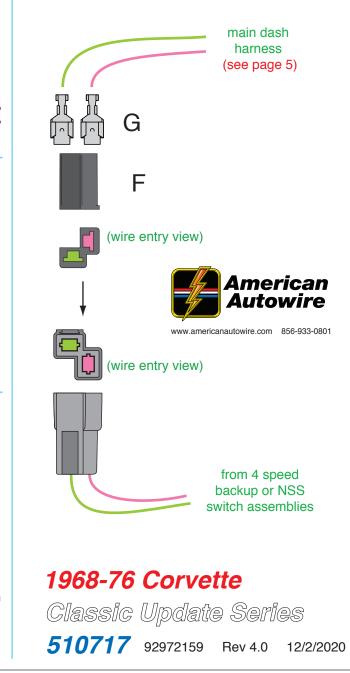




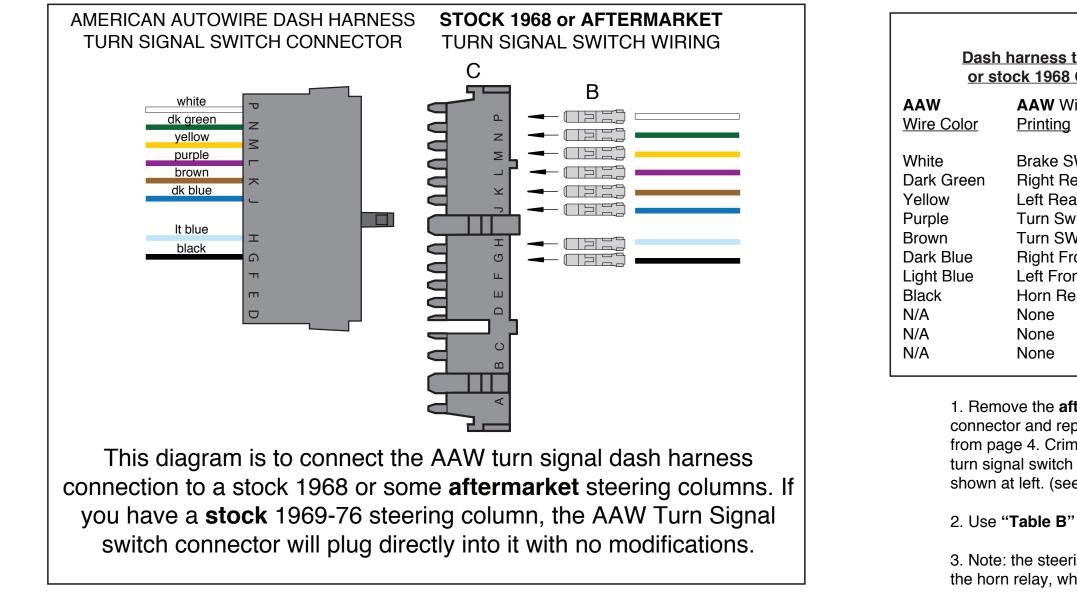
Back-up lamp switch instructions:

Choose the backup lamp switch connector F and terminals G from page 4, crimp terminal G onto each of the pink and light green backup lamp switch wires from page 5 of the dash harness. Looking into the back of the connector, install the two wires into the the selected cavities as shown in the detail drawing below.

4 speed application: Route this connector out through the firewall and plug it directly into the lead on the 4 speed backup lamp switch assembly. auto. trans. application: Route this connector down to the console area and plug it directly into the lead on the neutral safety/backup lamp switch assembly.



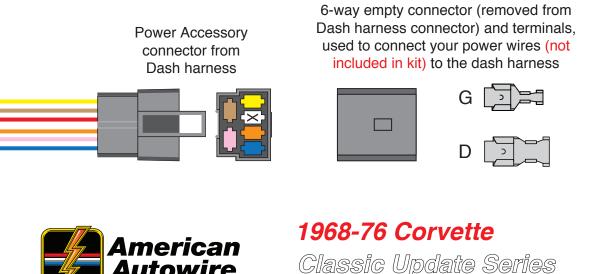
Required steering column connector modification for OEM and some aftermarket steering columns



Power Accessory Connector

Use the provided 6-way empty connector, which is attached to the 6-way Accessory connector on the Dash Harness, and terminals "G" and "D" to add power wires (not included in kit) for the following optional systems:

Wire Color	<u>Fuse Block Marking</u>	Fuse rating	<u>Description</u>
Tan	ACCY 1	30A	Fused 12 volt ACCESSORY feed.
Dk Blue	FUEL	15A	Fused 12 volt IGNITION feed can be used for fuel pump.
Orange	BAT 1	20A	Fused 12 volt BATTERY feed.
Pink	IGN 1	20A	Fused 12 volt IGNITION feed.
Yellow	PWR WDO	30A	Fused 12 volt ACCESSORY feed can be used for power windows.





<u>"Table B"</u>

Dash harness turn signal switch wires to aftermarket or stock 1968 Chevrolet Corvette turn signal switch

lire	Connector Cavity	Original <u>Wire Color</u>
W ear Turn vitch Feed V – Hazard ont Turn nt Turn elay Ground	P N L K J H G F E D	White Dark Green Yellow Purple Brown Dark Blue Light Blue Black Pink/Black Stripe None None

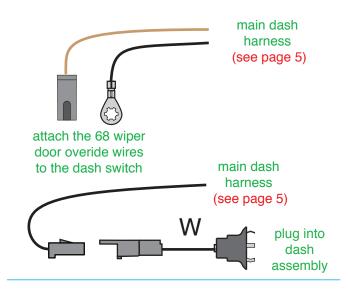
1. Remove the aftermarket or stock 1968 turn signal switch connector and replace it with the AAW 14-way connector "C" from page 4. Crimp terminal "B" onto each of the original turn signal switch wires, and plug them into connector "C" as shown at left. (see parts kit 92972164).

2. Use "Table B" above to align the wires.

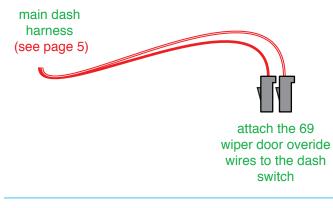
3. Note: the steering column horn button switches ground for the horn relay, which then switches power to the horns.

<u>68-72 wiper door overide switch instructions:</u>

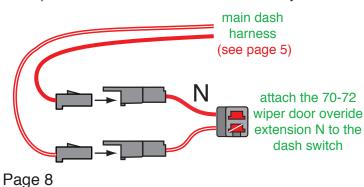
<u>1968 application</u>: Plug the tan 1968 wiper door overide wire from page 5 onto the wiper door overide switch at the bottom of your dash. Attach the black ground wire under one of the mounting screws at the same location. Plug the warning lamp extension W onto the dash harness, then plug the lamp socket into your dash assembly.



<u>1969 application:</u> Plug the red and red/white 1969 wiper door overide wires from page 5 onto the wiper door overide switch under the dash of your car.

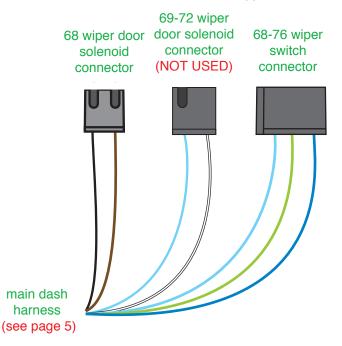


<u>1970-72 applications</u>: Plug the 1970-72 wiper door overide switch extension N from page 4 onto the red and red/white 69 wiper door overide switch wires on the dash harness, then plug the extension onto the wiper door overide switch under the dash of your car.

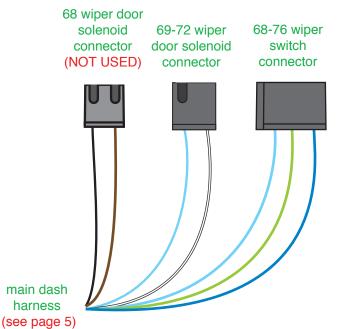


Wiper/washer switch instructions:

<u>1968 application:</u> Plug the 2-position connector with the black and brown wires onto the wiper door solenoid switch that is mounted behind the tach. Plug the 3-position connector with the light blue, light green and dark blue wires onto your wiper and washer switch.
<u>NOTE:</u> the 2-position connector with the light blue and white wires is not used in the 1968 application.

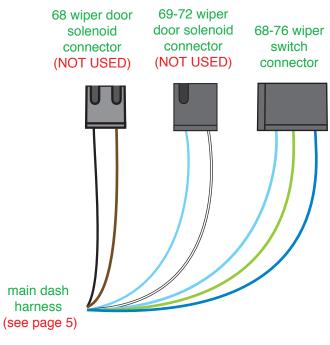


<u>69-72 applications:</u> Plug the 2-position connector with the light blue and white wires onto the wiper door solenoid switch that is mounted behind the tach. Plug the 3-position connector with the light blue, light green and dark blue wires onto your wiper and washer switch.
<u>NOTE:</u> the 2-position connector with the brown and black wires is not used in the 69-72 applications.



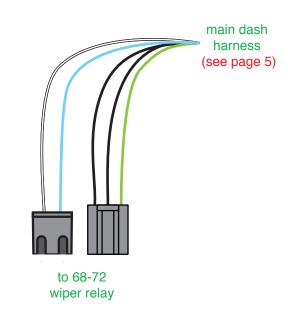
Wiper/washer switch instructions cont'd:

<u>73-76 applications</u>: Plug the 3-position connector with the light blue, light green and dark blue wires onto your wiper and washer switch.
 <u>NOTE</u>: The 2-position connectors with the brown and black wires, and the light blue and white wires are not be used in the 73-76 applications.



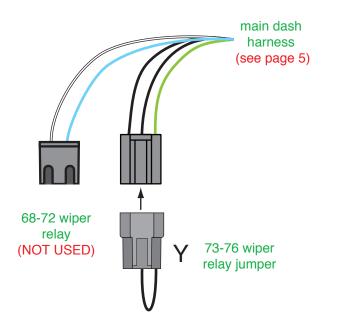
Wiper/washer relay instructions:

68-72 applications: Plug the 3-position connector with the light green and 2 black wires, and the 2-position connector with the light blue and white wires onto your wiper and washer relay down in the console area.



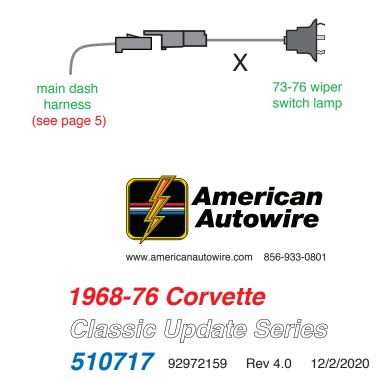
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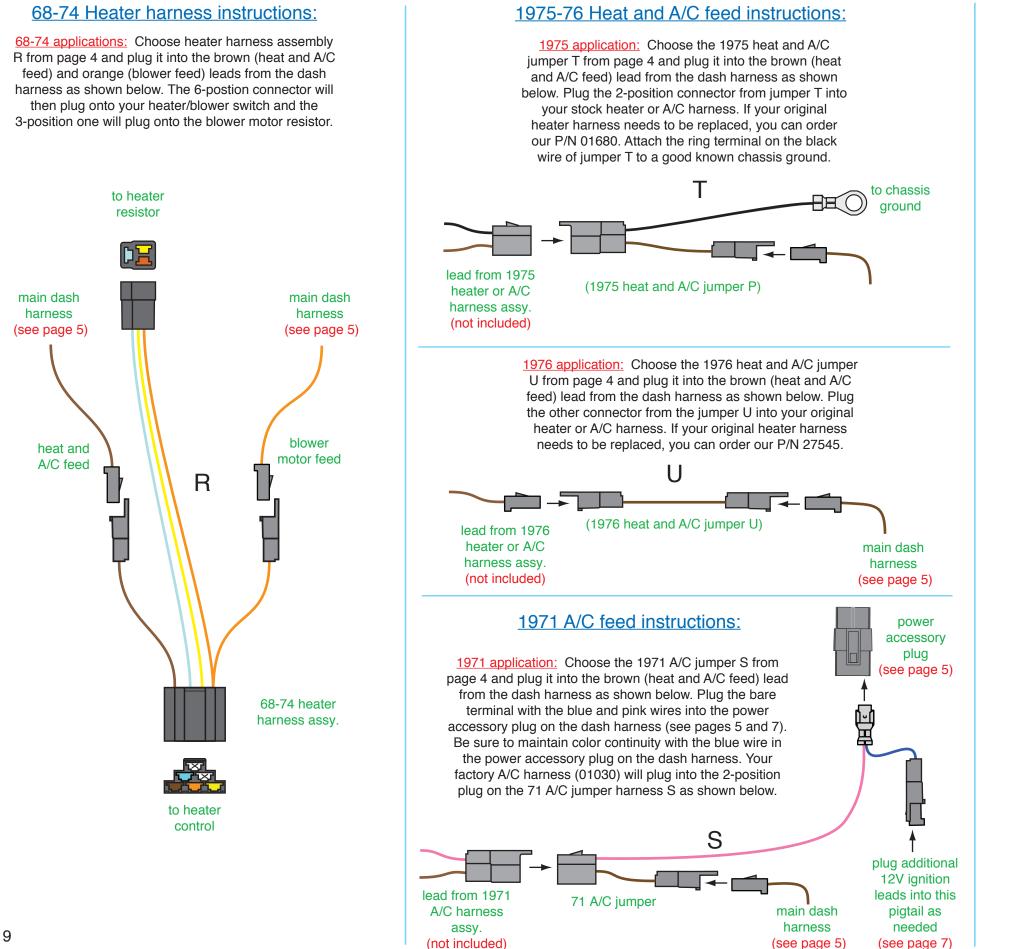
73-76 applications: There was no wiper/washer relay used in these applications. The 2-position connector with the light blue and white wires down in the console area will not be used. Choose the wiper relay jumper Y from page 4 and plug it onto the the 3-position connector with the light green and 2 black wires as shown below. This will jump out the wiper switch connector to work with the stock wiper motor.



73-76 Wiper switch lamp instructions:

<u>73-76 applications</u>: Find the gray wire with the single black connector that comes out with the wiper switch connector and wires. Choose the 73-76 wiper switch lamp extension X from page 4 and plug it onto that gray wire to complete the 73-76 wiper switch lamp circuit.





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68-76 factory A/C instructions:

While this kit DOES NOT include the wiring for any 1968-76 factory A/C systems, it will support their use. All of the factory 1968-76 A/C harnesses were stand alone units, and can be re-used with your new AAW Classic Update Kit if desired. In addition, AAW offers new factory A/C harnesses at an additional cost for each of the individual years covered by this kit (please see the list below). You would simply plug the brown heat and A/C feed wire from page 5 of this instruction set (for the 68, 69, 70, 72, 73 and 74 models) into your factory A/C harness to power it up. For the 71, 75 and 76 models, please refer to the detailed connections to the left on this page. The only additional connection that must be made is to connect the fused red lead on the factory A/C harness to a battery source under the hood of the car.

AAW Factory A/C harnesses:

1968	AAW P/N 01015
1969-70	AAW P/N 01020
1971	AAW P/N 01030
1972-73	AAW P/N 01035
1974	AAW P/N 01045
1975	AAW P/N 01050
1976	AAW P/N 27540

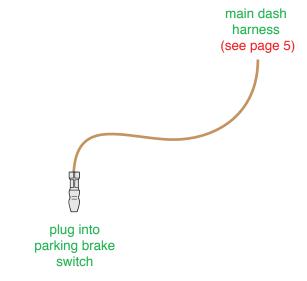


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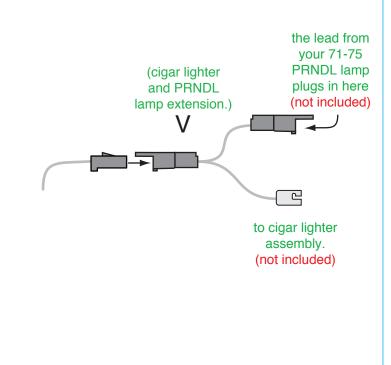
Parking brake instructions:

68-76 applications: Route the tan wire from page 5 down to the console area, then over to the parking brake assembly and plug the bullet terminal into the parking brake switch assembly.



PRNDL and cigar lighter lamp instructions:

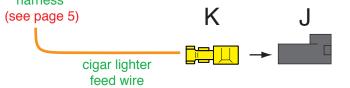
<u>1968-76 applications:</u> Route the gray PRNDL and cigar lighter lamp wire with the black connector from page 5 down to the console area and plug the cigar lighter and PRNDL lamp extension V onto it. Plug the light socket on extension V into the cigar lighter assembly. Plug the lead from your PRNDL lamp (not Included) into the black connector on extension V



Cigar lighter instructions:

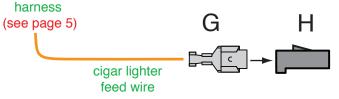
1968-69 applications: Route the orange cigar lighter power feed wire over to the lighter assembly in the console, trim it to length, apply terminal K and connector J to the wire, then plug connector J onto the stud of your cigar lighter assembly. main dash

harness



1970-76 applications: Route the orange cigar lighter power feed wire over to the lighter assembly in the console, trim it to length, apply terminal G and connector H to the wire, then plug connector H onto the male blade of your cigar lighter assembly.

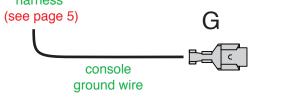
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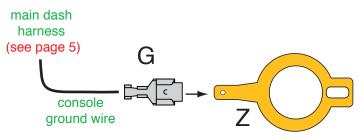
Console or lighter ground instructions:

1968-75 applications: Route the black console/cigar lighter around wire over to the male blade terminal in the console, trim it to length, apply terminal G and plug it onto that male blade assembly.



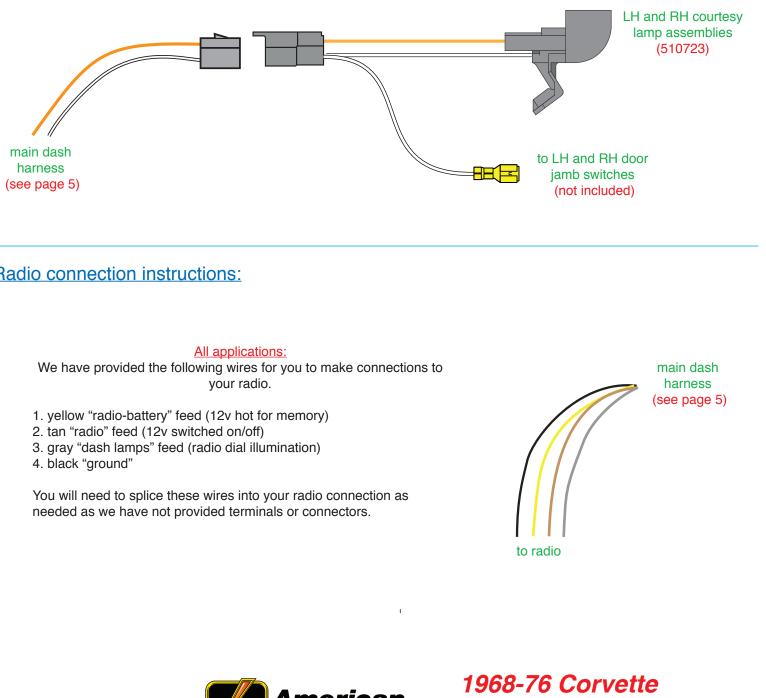


1976 applications: Route the black console/cigar lighter ground wire over to the lighter assembly in the console, trim it to length and apply terminal G to the black wire. Disassemble the lighter socket from the retainer assembly and install lighter ground ring terminal Z and reassemble the socket and retainer. Plug the black wire and terminal G onto terminal Z.



Underdash courtesv lamp instructions:

<u>1968-76 applications:</u> Plug the LH and RH courtesy lamp connections from the dash harness into the two courtesy lamp assemblies from the 510723 kit. Install the completed courtesv lamps up under the dash and route the white wires from the assemblies over to the original door jamb switches (not included) and plug the leads onto the switch assemblies. NOTE: The courtesy lamp connections on this new harness are set up to mate to the later style (74-76) door jamb switch assemblies. If your car is a 68-73, you will need to purchase 2 new door jamb switches from you favorite Corvette supplier.



Radio connection instructions:



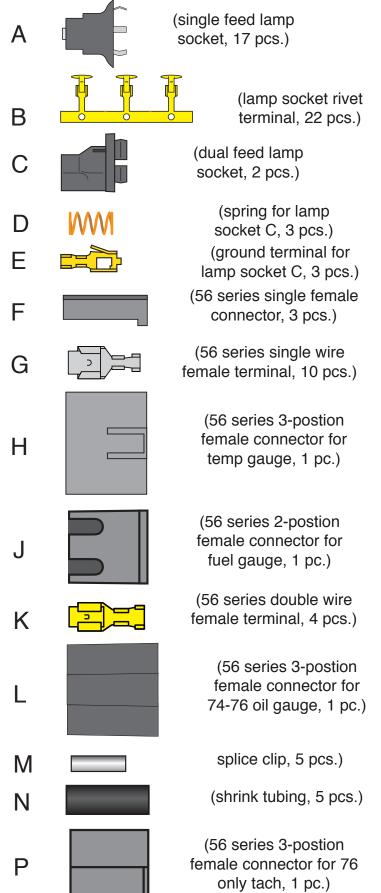
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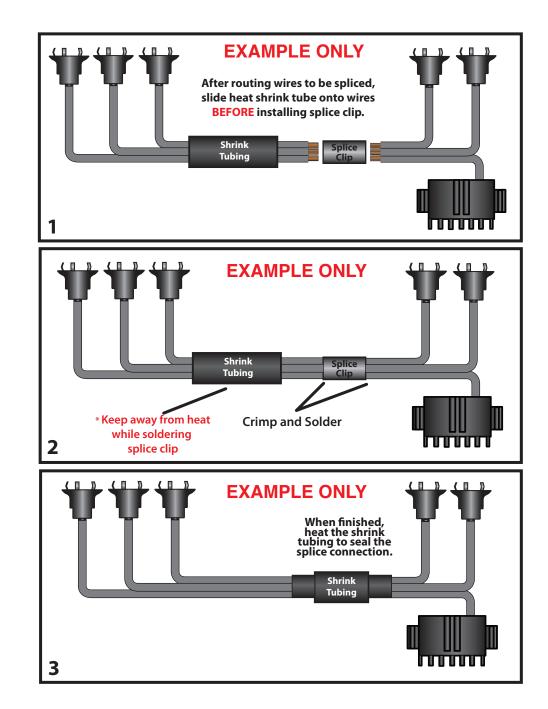
Dash Cluster harness installation instructions:

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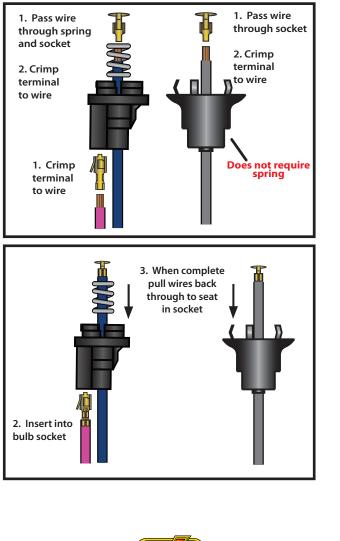


How to use the splice clip to join multiple wires.

Below is just an **EXAMPLE** of how to use the splice clip and shrink tubing, see your specific application on the following pages for actual splice information.



How to install lamp sockets and lamp socket terminals.

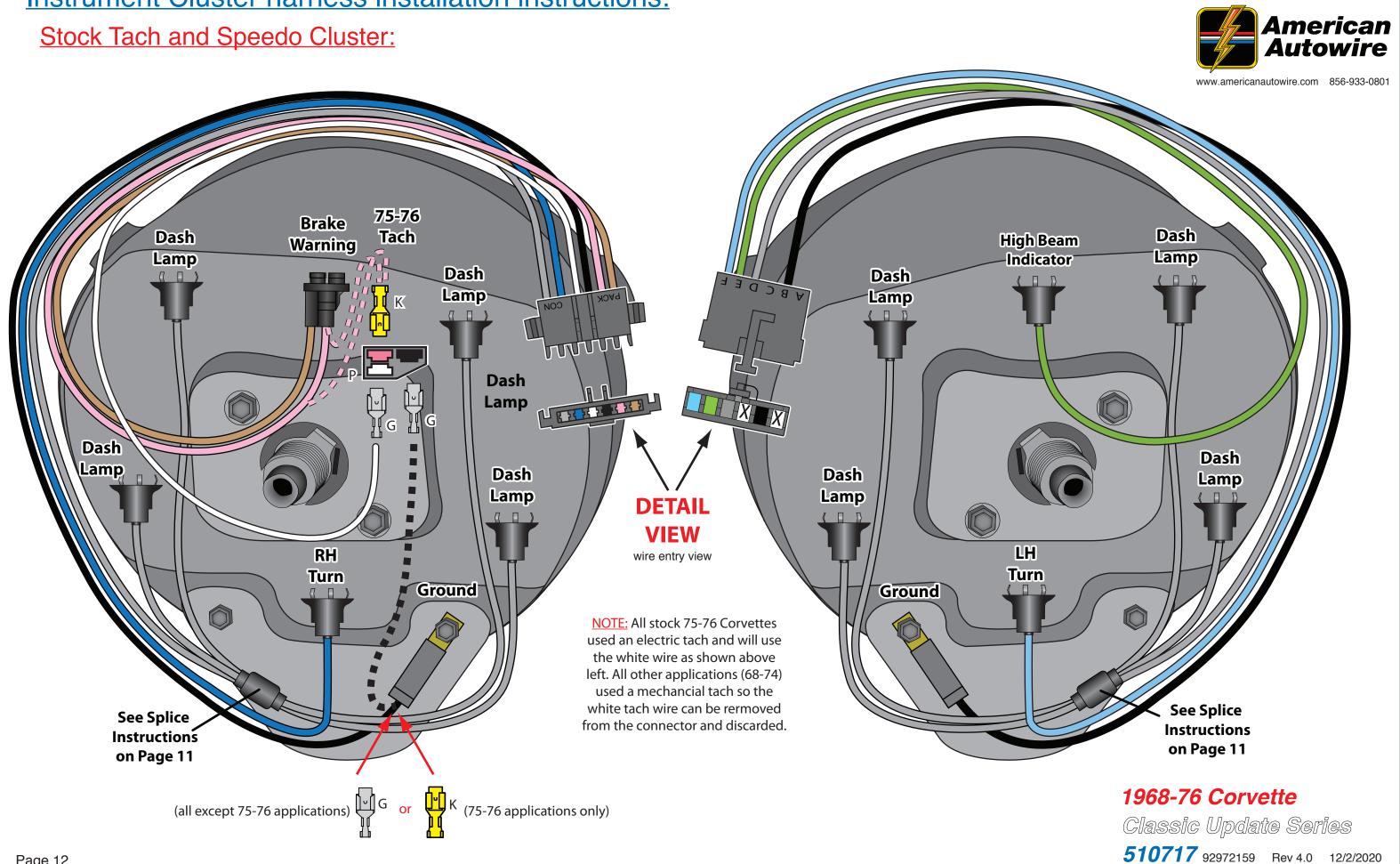




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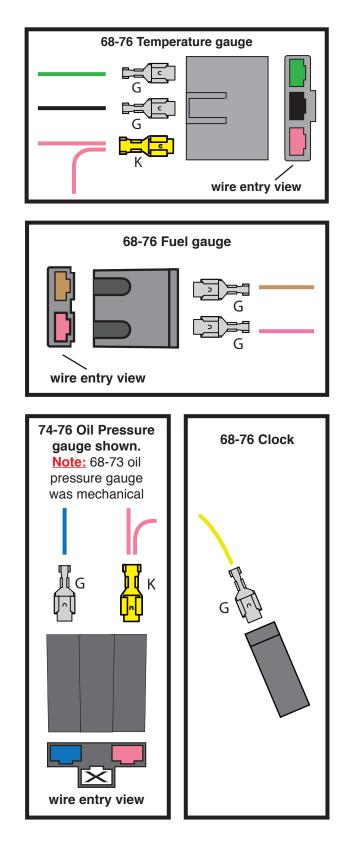
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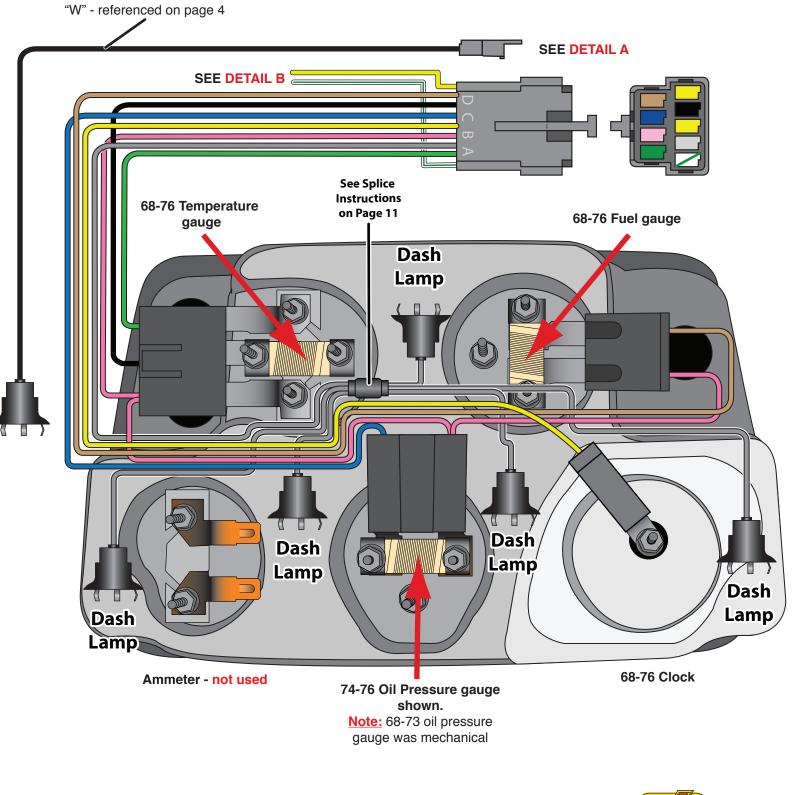
Instrument Cluster harness installation instructions:



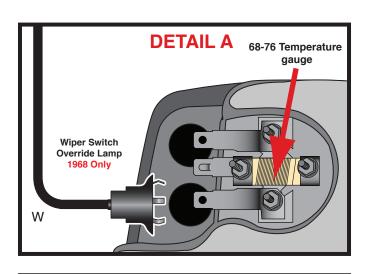
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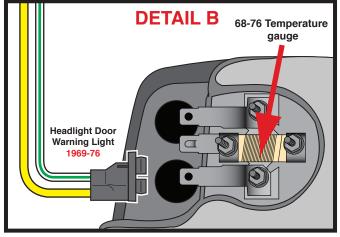
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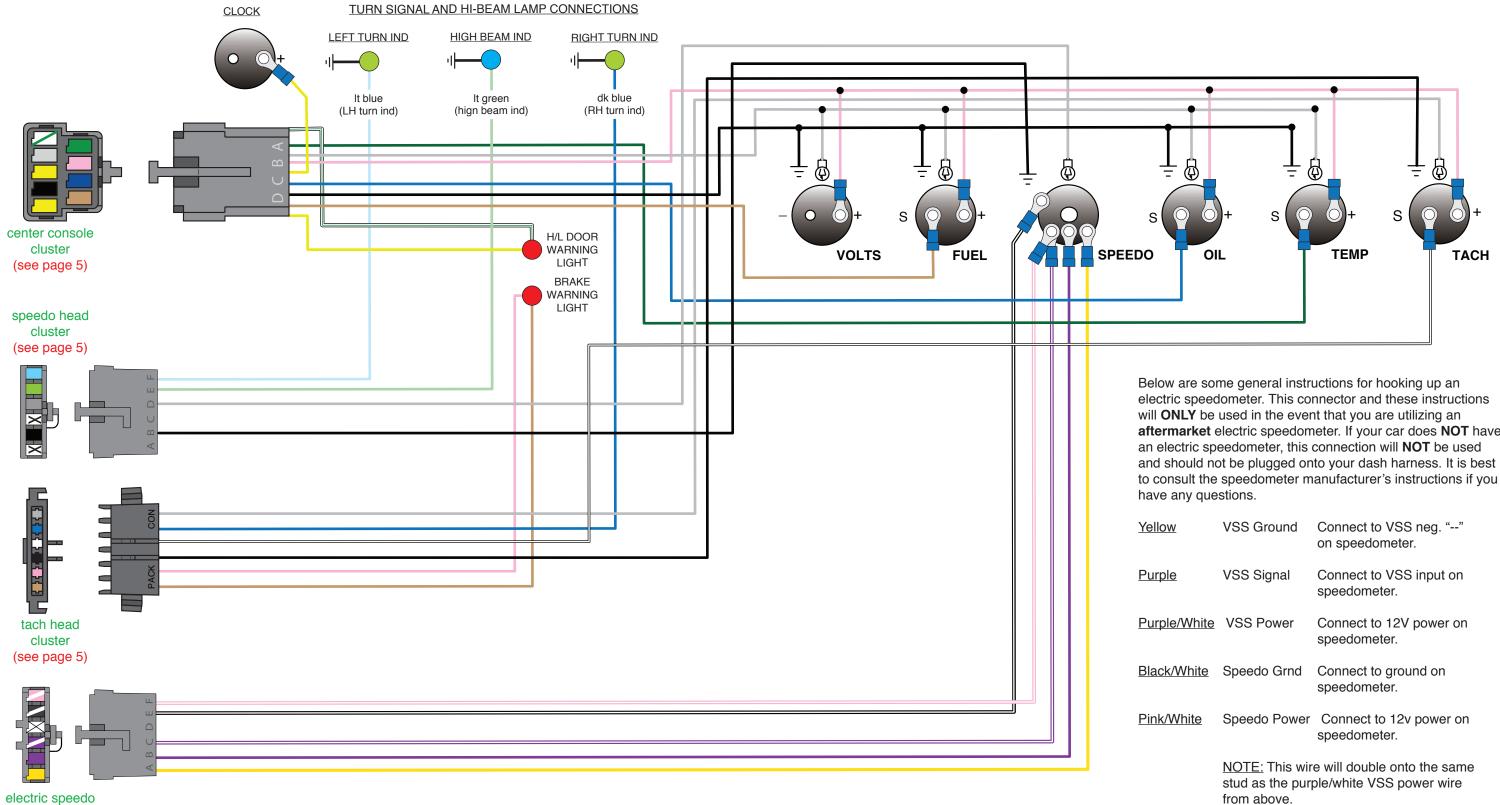








Instrument Cluster harness (aftermarket gauges) installation instructions:



cluster (see page 5)



aftermarket electric speedometer. If your car does NOT have

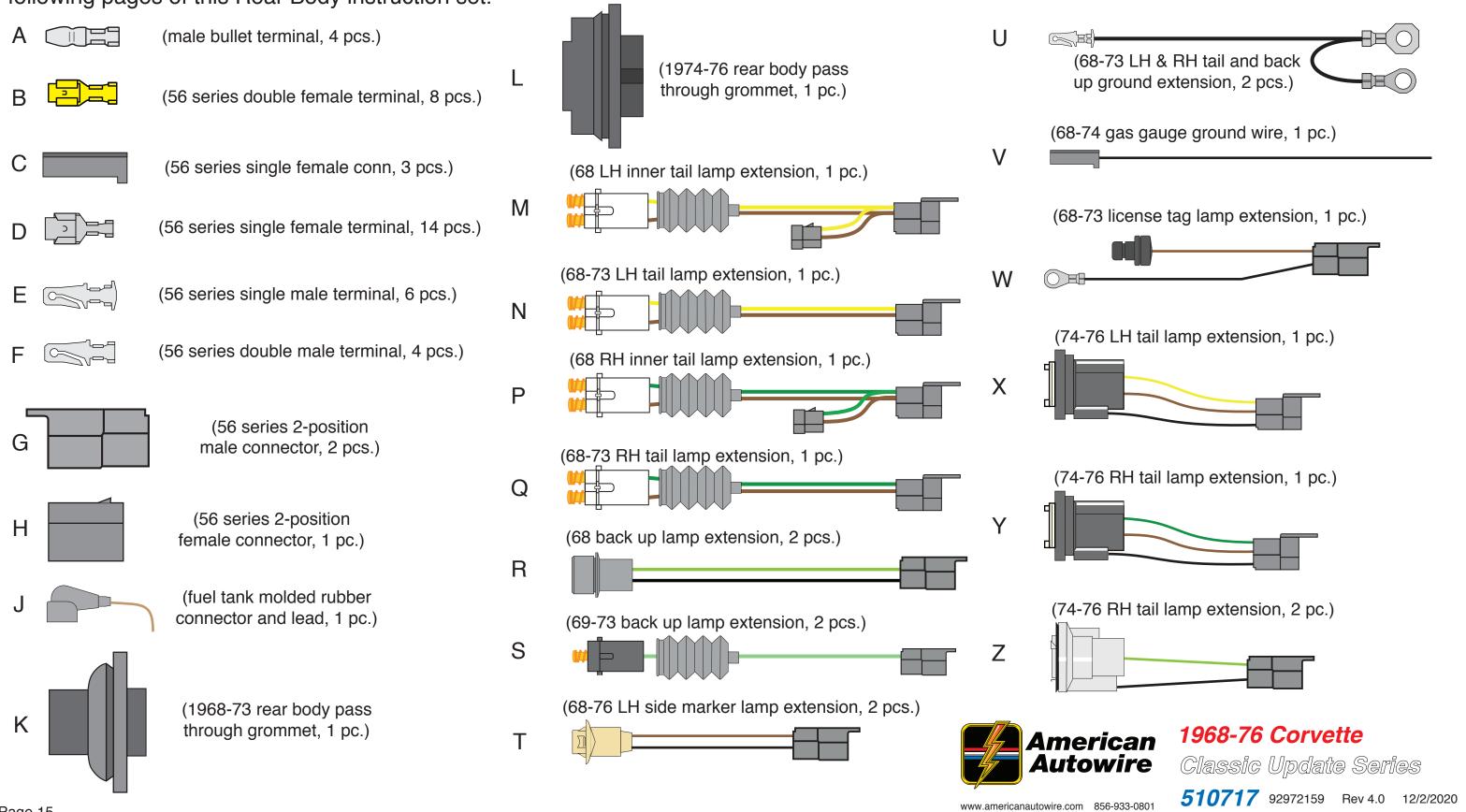
<u>Yellow</u>	VSS Ground	Connect to VSS neg. "" on speedometer.
Purple	VSS Signal	Connect to VSS input on speedometer.
Purple/White	VSS Power	Connect to 12V power on speedometer.
Black/White	Speedo Grnd	Connect to ground on speedometer.
Pink/White	Speedo Power	Connect to 12v power on speedometer.
NOTE: This v		e will double onto the same

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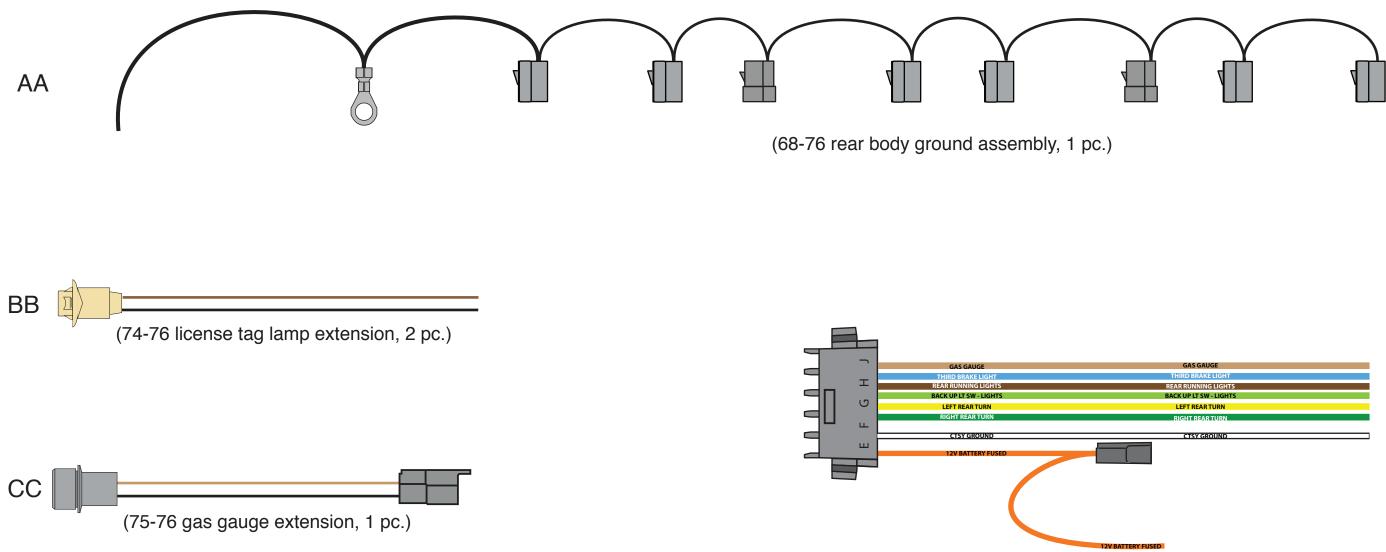
Rear Body harness installation instructions:

Shown below, are the supplied misc. terminals, plastic connector bodies, ground assembly, pigtail extensions and boot and wire extensions that will be used to complete your 510722 Rear Body harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this Rear Body instruction set.



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Rear Body harness installation instructions cont'd:

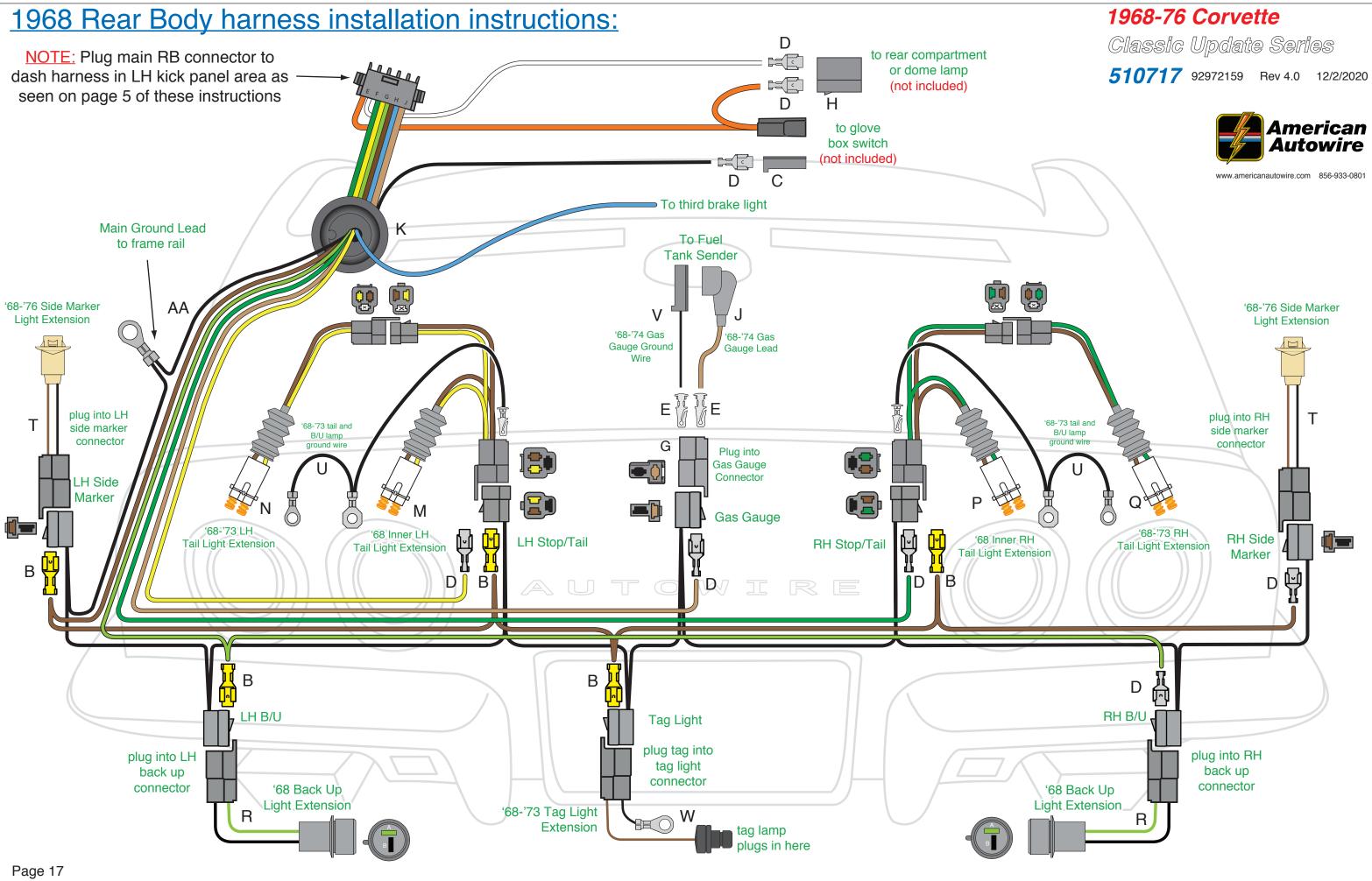


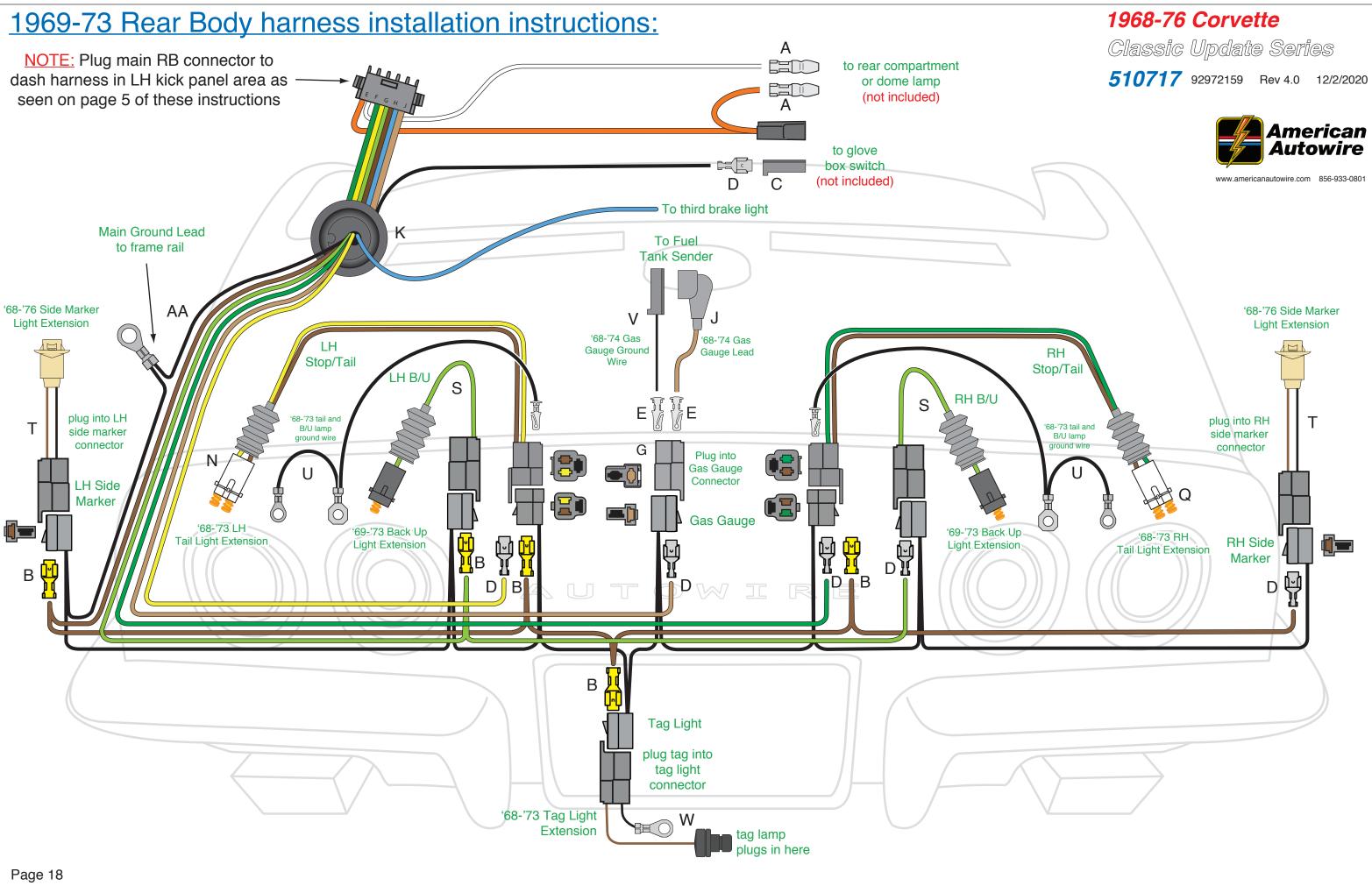


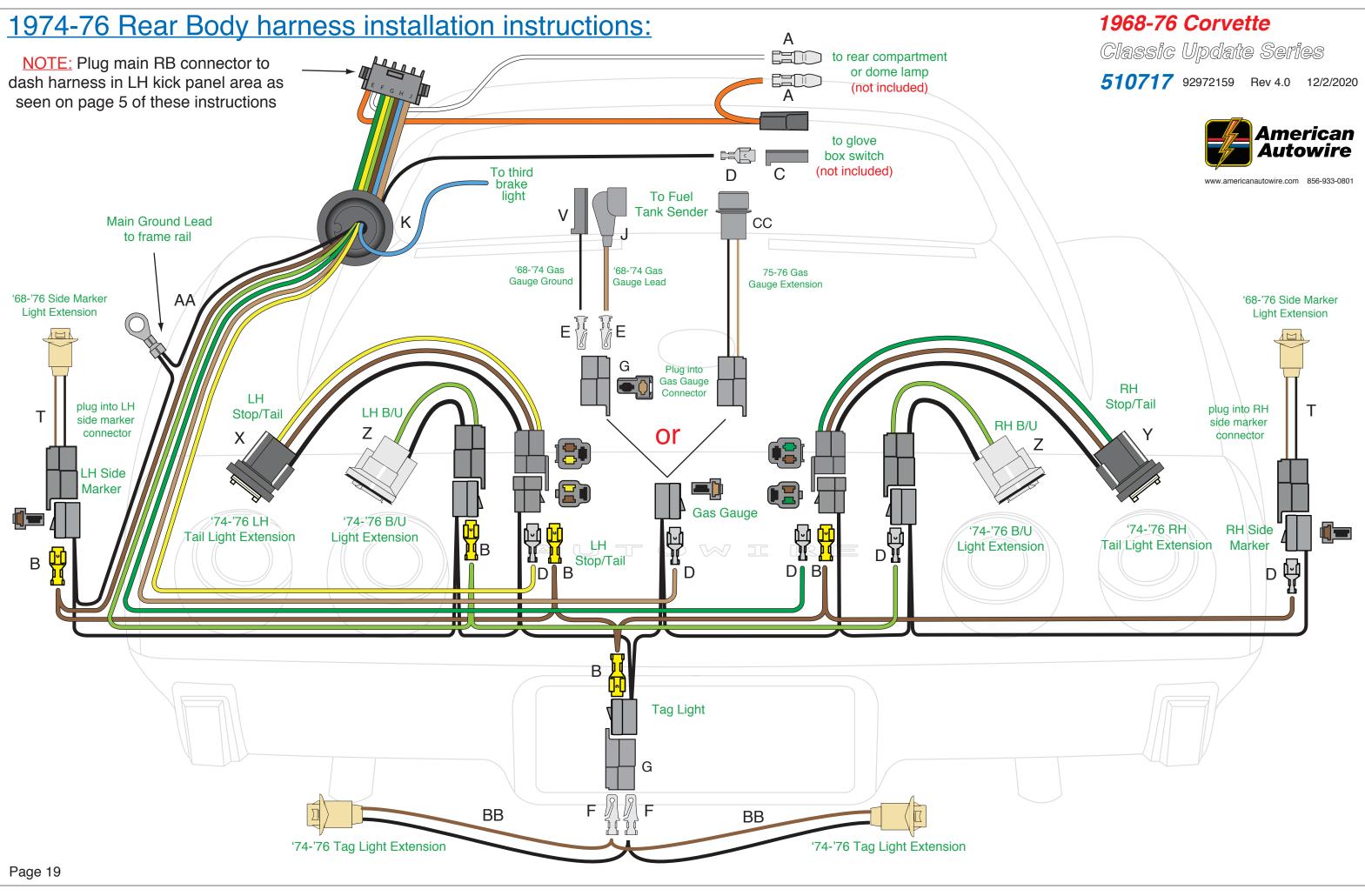
GAS GAUGE	
THIRD BRAKE LIGHT	
REAR RUNNING LIGHTS	
BACK UP LT SW - LIGHTS	
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CTSY GROUND	

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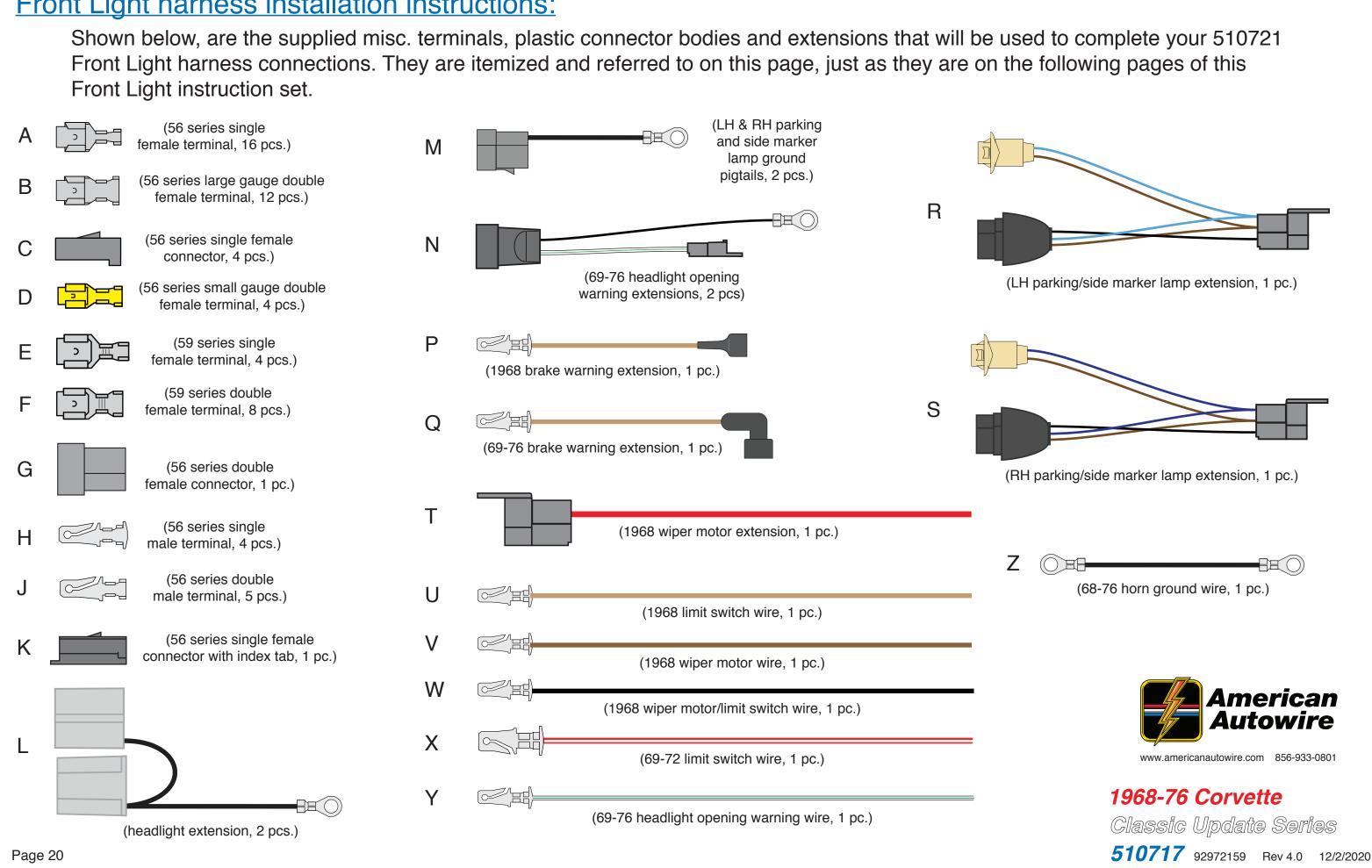
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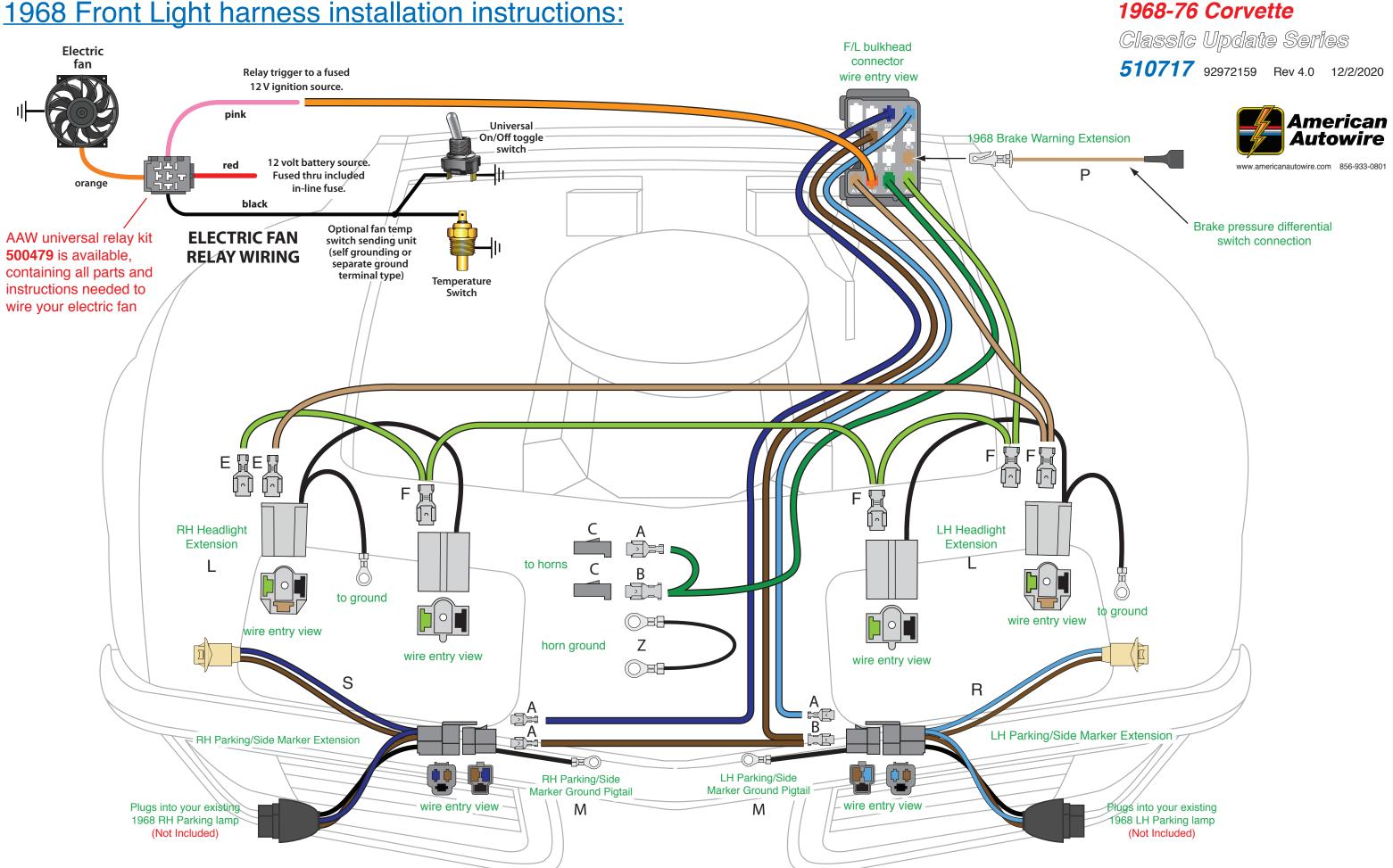




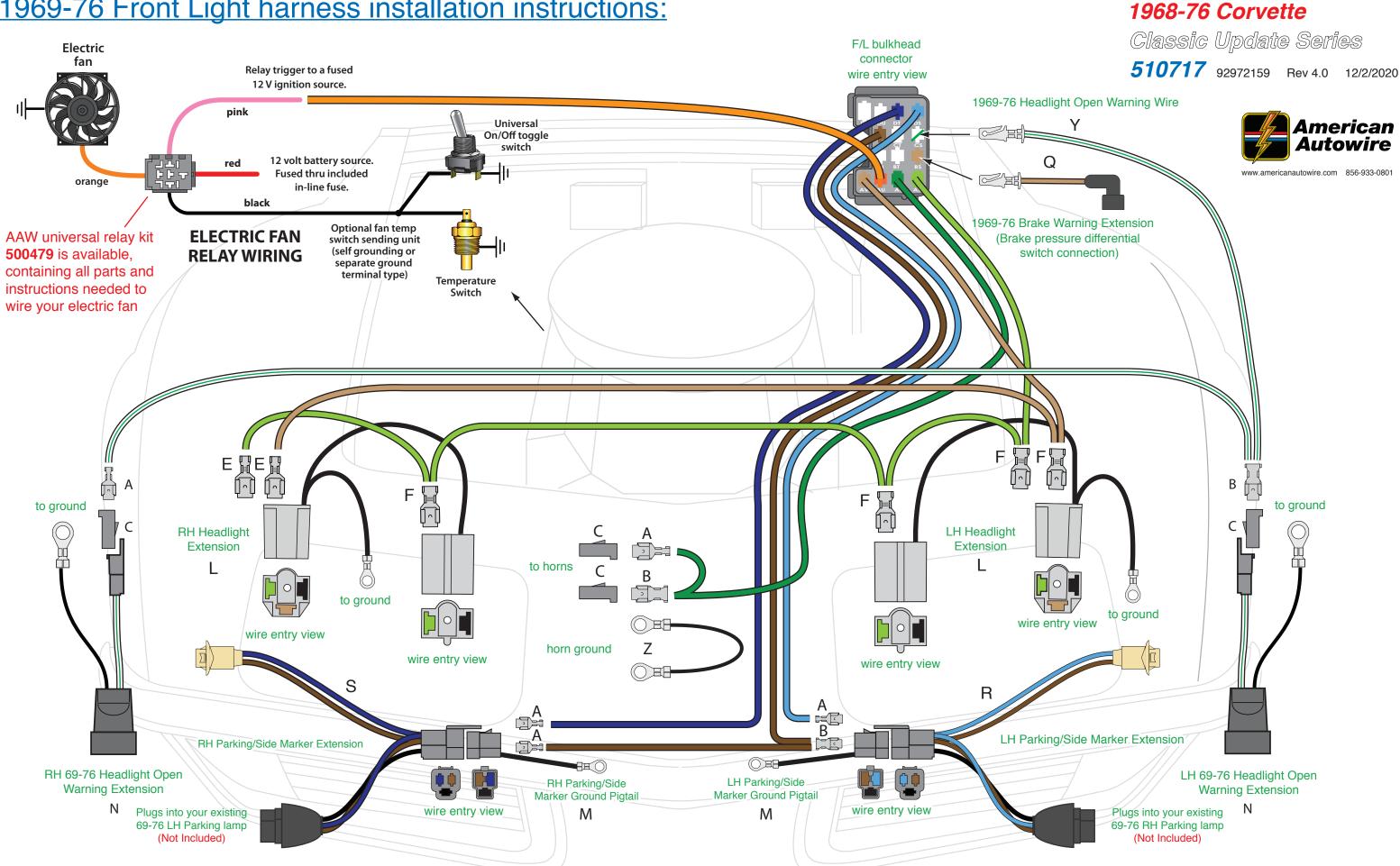
Front Light harness installation instructions:



1968 Front Light harness installation instructions:

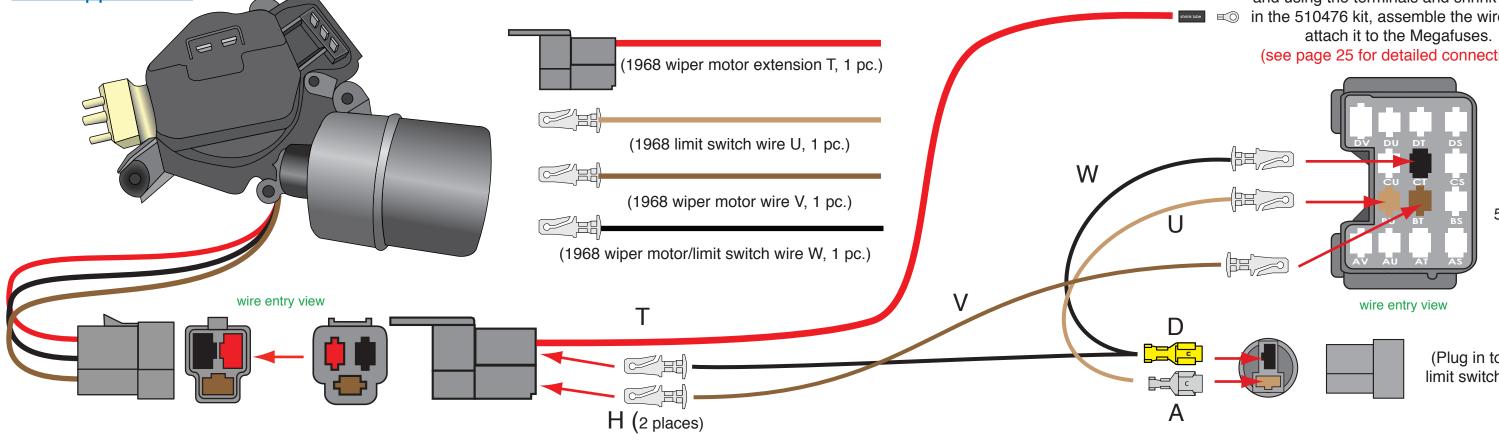


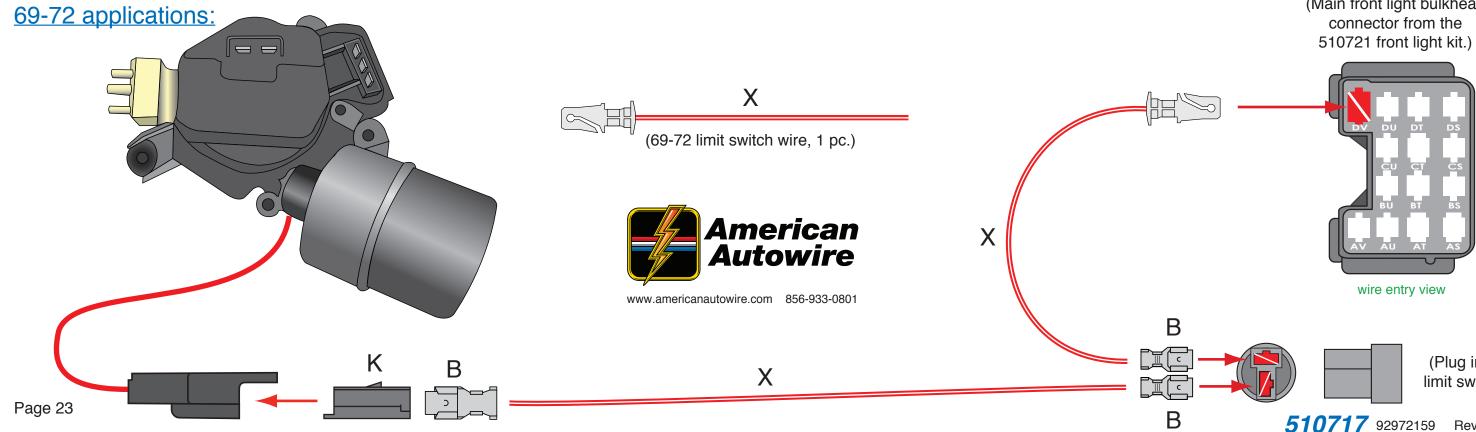
1969-76 Front Light harness installation instructions:

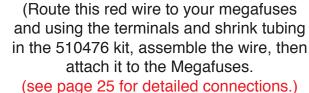


<u>Wiper motor limit switch installation instructions:</u>

Shown below, are the supplied misc. terminals, plastic connector bodies and wires that will be used to complete your wiper motor limit switch connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on page 20 of this instruction set. 1968 application:







(Main front light bulkhead connector from the 510721 front light kit.)

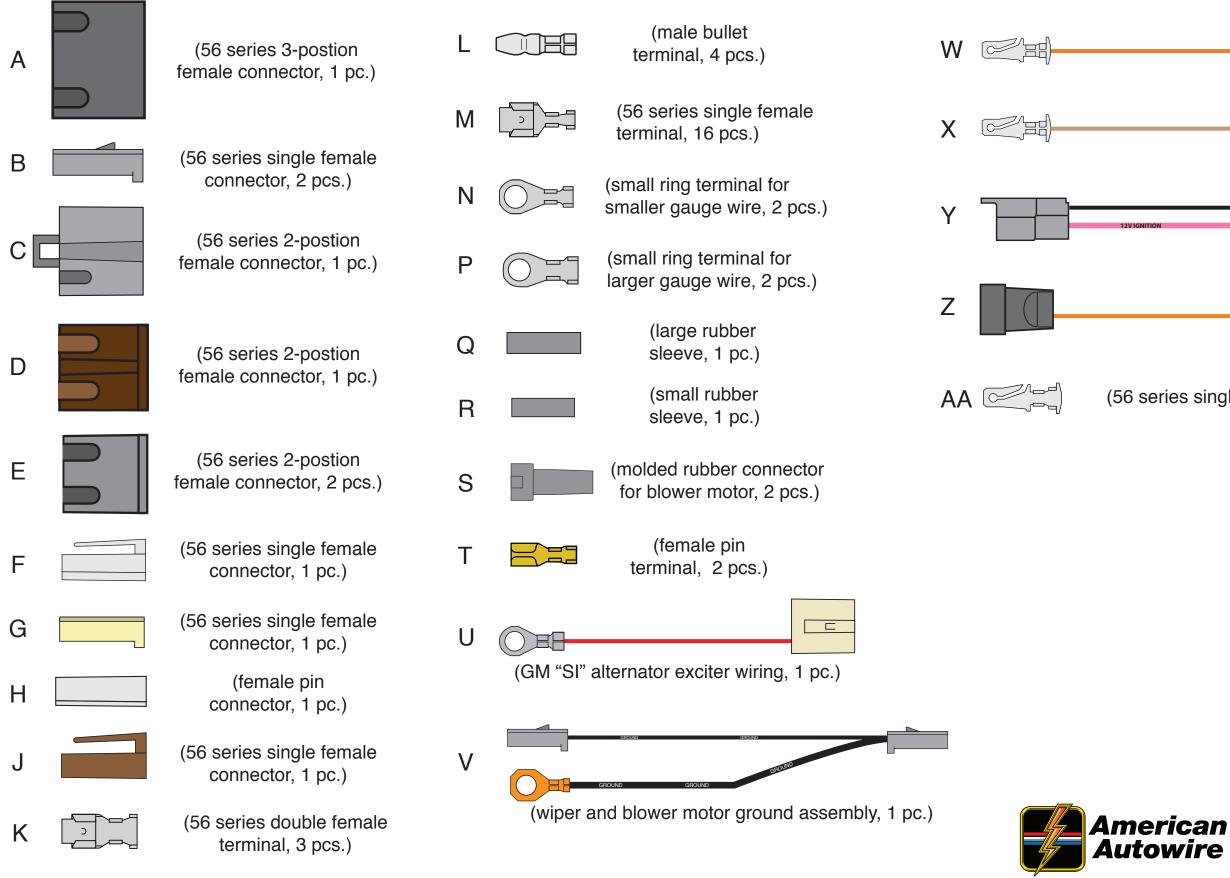
(Plug in to limit switch)

(Main front light bulkhead

(Plug in to limit switch)

Engine harness installation instructions:

Shown below, are the supplied misc. terminals, sleeves, plastic connector bodies and wires, that will be used to complete your 510720 Engine harness connections. They are itemized and referred to on this page, just as they are on the following pages of this instruction set.



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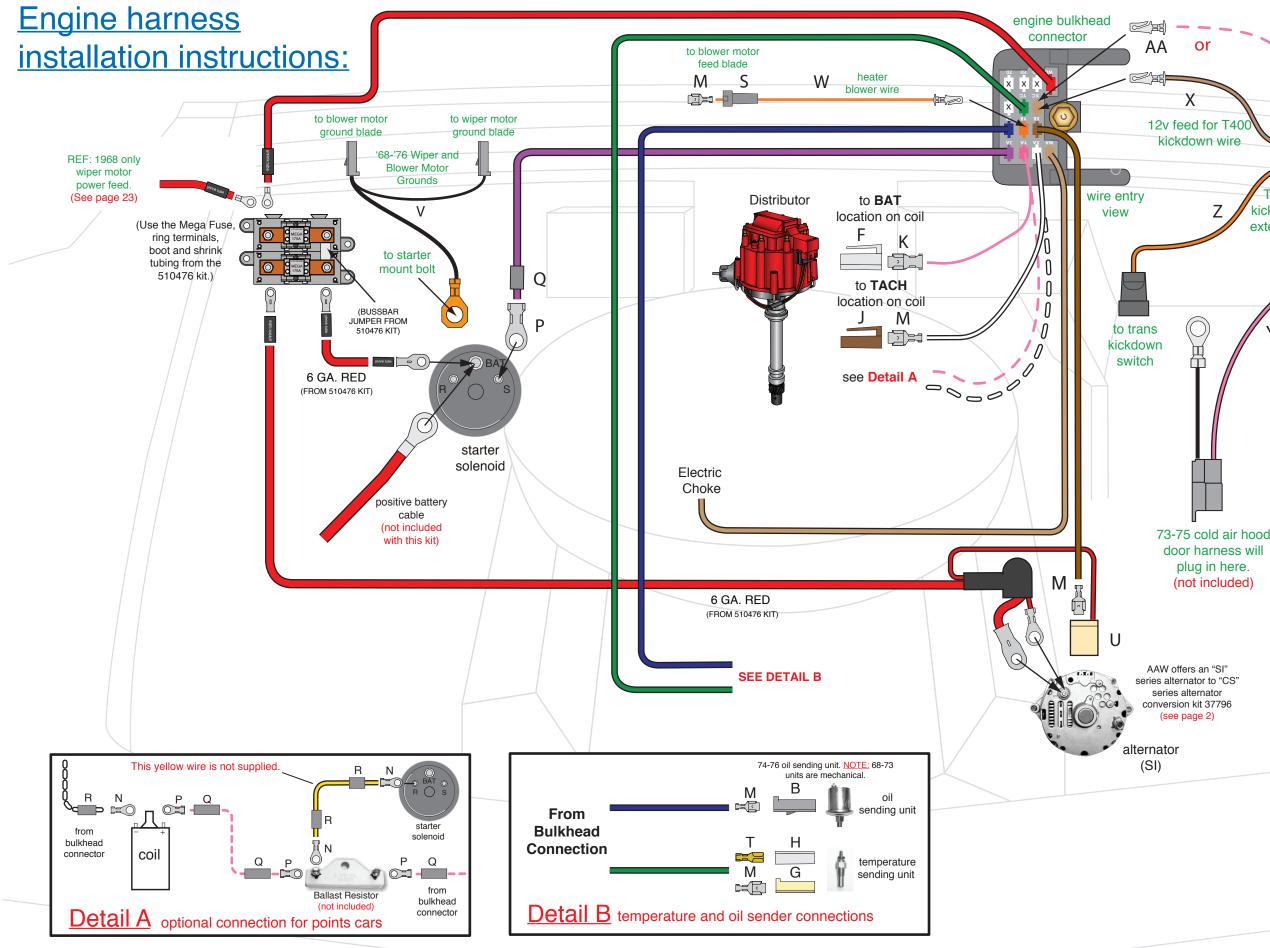
	(blower motor feed wire, 1 pc.)
	(12V feed wire for T400 kickdown, 1 pc.)
12V IGNITION	(73-75 cold air hood door extension, 1 pc.)
	(T400 kickdown wire, 1 pc.)

(56 series single male terminal, 2 pcs.)





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Κ Х or Ε M 12v feed for T40 to T400 F kickdown kickdown wire switch E (not included) Μ T400 Ζ kickdown extension NOTE: for 73-75 models with a T400 and cold air door, double the pink wire from the cold air door harness Y with the tan power feed X in terminal K, then plug into connector E. For manual trans applications, route the pink wire on the cold air door harness Y up to the main bulkhead area, cut to length, apply terminal AA and plug in as shown above.

(not included)

plug in here.

or

AAW offers an "SI" series alternator to "CS" series alternator conversion kit 37796 (see page 2)

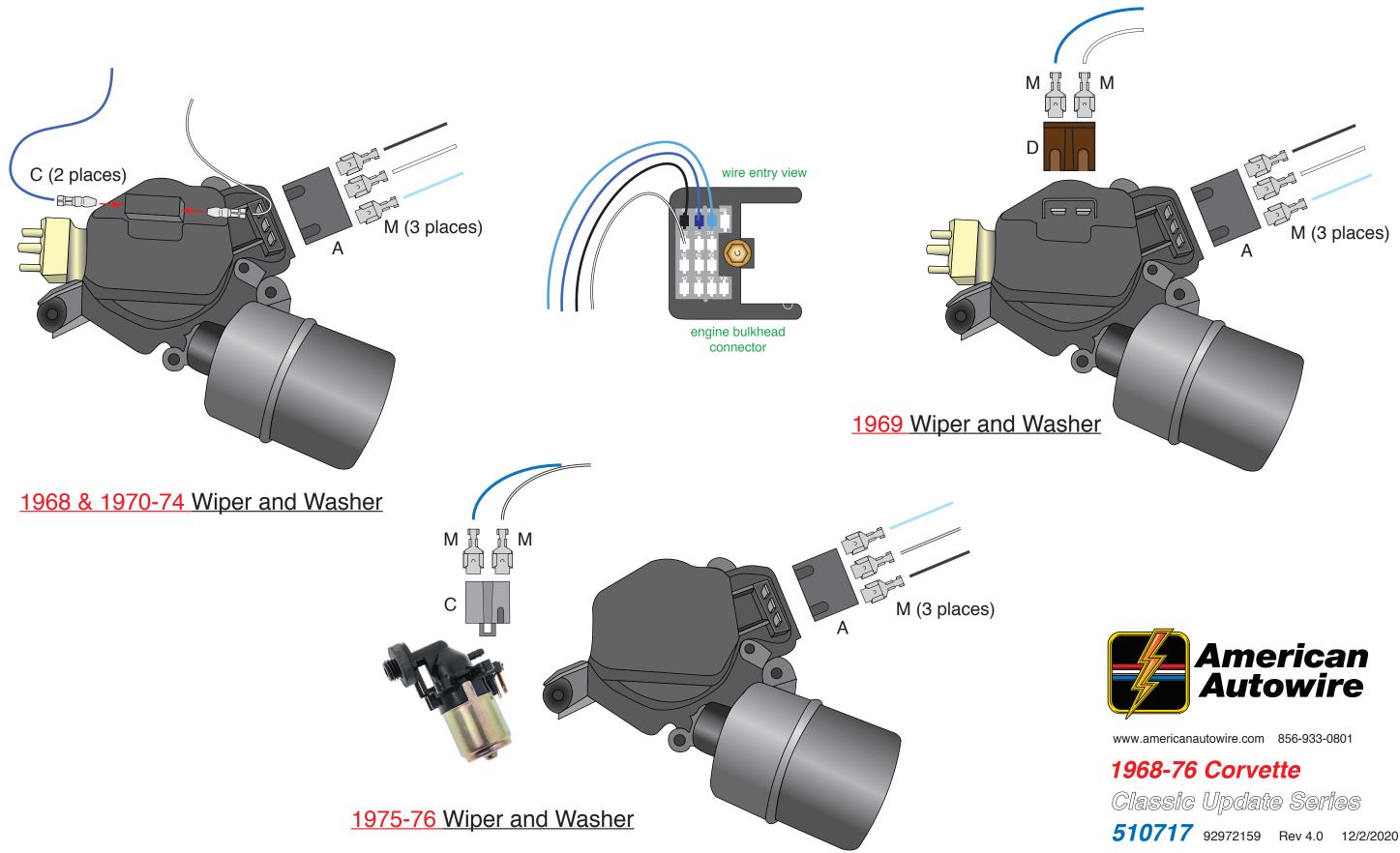


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Wiper motor and washer pump installation instructions:

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STEP 3: RECONNECT YOUR BATTERY:

When you have completed the installation and are ready to reconnect the battery, make sure that the following electrical system grounds are in place:

- A. Battery is grounded to the ENGINE BLOCK.
- B. Battery is grounded to the frame.
- C. Engine block is grounded to the frame.
- D. Body is grounded to the frame.

STEP 4: CHECK ALL ELECTRICAL FUNCTIONS:

Any non-functioning items should be checked for proper installation. Any problems with your wiring and electrical circuit functions, should be addressed to American Autowire Systems, Inc. as soon as possible, to avoid any warranty problems.

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