




AMP RESEARCH 78236-01A Running Board Assembly Installation Guide

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Product Information: The product is an installation guide for AMP Research running boards designed for Ford Super Duty trucks. It includes information on the application, length, model year, part number, installation time, skill level, and tools required for installation. The product also comes with a 5-year limited warranty and provides

contact information for AMP Research tech support.

Product Usage Instructions:

1. Attaching motor to linkage assembly

- Before continuing with the installation process, the motors must be attached to the linkage assemblies.
- Handle the assembly carefully to avoid any damage to the motor.
- Follow the instructions below:
- Position the gear cover in place if not already in place.
- Seat the motor into position on the three mounting bosses. Adjust the gear by moving the swing arms if necessary.
- Fasten the motor with the three motor mount screws using a 4mm allen wrench. Tighten the screws to 36 in-lbs (4N-m). Do not over torque.

2. Parts list and hardware identification

- The parts list includes various components required for installation, such as running board assembly, end caps, T-Nut insert, S-style clips, front and rear motor linkage assemblies, wire harness, controller XTA, motor, socket cap screws, nuts with conical washers, grommet, gear cover, LED light, butt connectors, cable ties, ODB II plug, Posi-Lock™, Posi-Tap™, bracket, and hex bolt with conical washer. – Refer to the parts list for identifying and organizing the components correctly.

3. Relocate brake cable guide

- Locate the rearmost brake cable guide bracket and remove it using a 13mm socket or wrench. – Use the supplied relocation bracket (19) and mount it to the frame as shown. – Attach the factory guide to the bracket using the supplied bolt (20) and nut (8).

4. Mounting points for motor linkage

- Locate the mounting points, which are the first and last set of studs on the inner sill. – The motor linkage mounts toward the front of the truck, and the idler mount toward the rear. – The driver's side is shown as an example. Please note that these instructions are a summary from the user manual. For complete and accurate instructions, refer to the original user manual provided with the product.

For further instructions and hardware identification, refer to the user manual provided on www.amp-research.com.

APPLICATION	LENGTH	MODEL YR	PART #
Ford Super Duty RegularCab	54"	2020-2021 & 2022*	78236-01A
Ford Super Duty SuperCab	72"	2020-2021 & 2022*	78236-01A
Ford Super Duty SuperCrew	85"	2020-2021 & 2022*	78236-01A

Note: 2022 Models only compatible with SYNC 3 Vehicles. Trim levels include XL & XLT.

INSTALLATION TIME

2-3 Hours

Professional installation recommended

SKILL LEVEL

1 2 3 4

4= Experienced

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Safety goggles
- 8 mm socket
- 10 mm socket
- 13 mm socket
- 13 mm end wrench
- Ratchet wrench and extension
- Wire stripper
- 9/32" & 19/64" Drill Bit
- 3/16" hex key wrench (allen wrench)
- 4mm hex key wrench (allen wrench)
- Electrical tape
- Weather proof caulking (silicone sealer)
- Drill
- Heat Gun

WARRANTY

5-Year Limited Warranty

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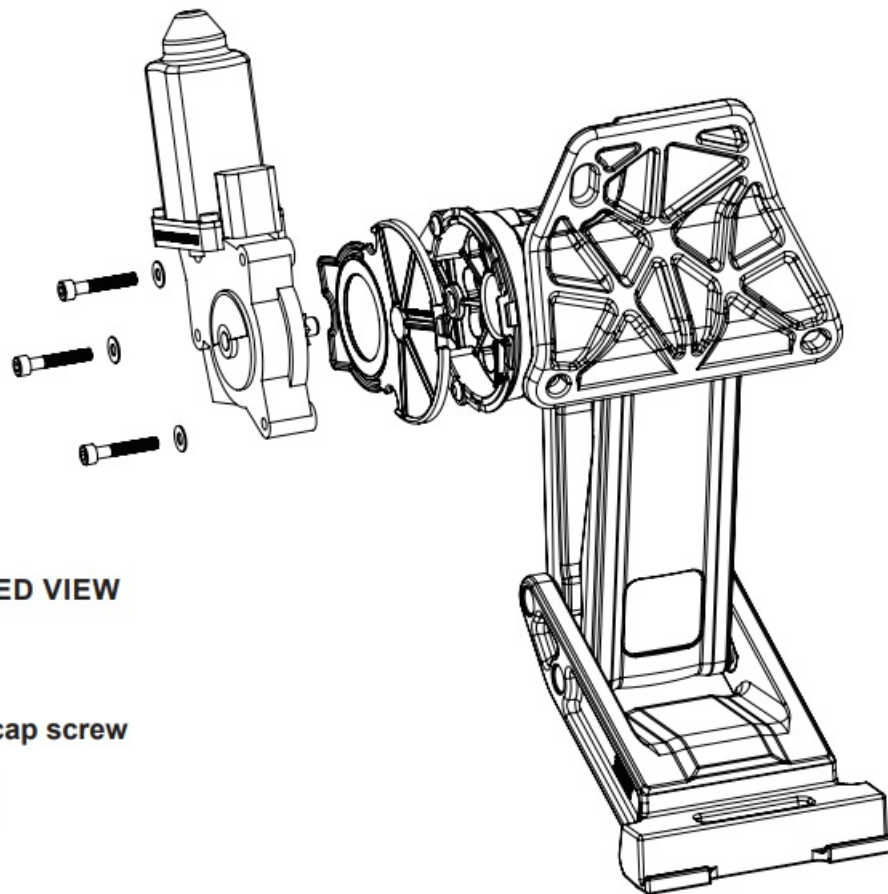
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INSTALLATION GUIDE

Attaching motor to linkage assembly

The motors must be attached to the linkage assemblies before continuing the installation process.



EXPLODED VIEW

- **Motor**
- **Socket cap screw**
- **Washer**

CAUTION: HANDLE WITH CARE.

To insure our customers receive all components with full integrity, we pack the motors separate from their linkage assemblies.

This requires that the installer position and fasten the motor before continuing with the install. Please follow the instructions below and handle the assembly carefully.

CAUTION: Dropping the assembly or any excessive impact MAY cause damage to the motor.

Instructions:

1. Position the gear cover in place as shown if not already in place.
2. Seat motor into position on the three mounting bosses. This may require an adjustment of the gear by moving the swing arms.
3. After seating into place, fasten the motor with the three motor mount screws with 4mm allen wrench. Tighten screws to 36 in-lbs (4N-m). Do not over torque.

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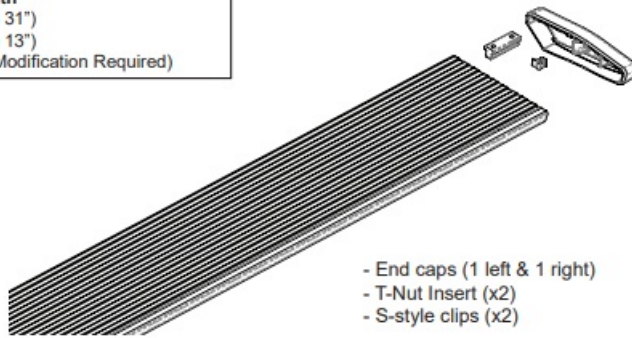
Note: Some Applications require modification.

Application	Cut Length
Regular Cab	54" (Trim 31")
Super Cab	72" (Trim 13")
Super Crew	85" (No Modification Required)

PARTS LIST AND HARDWARE IDENTIFICATION

① x2

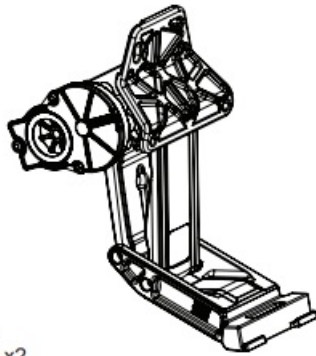
Running Board assembly



- End caps (1 left & 1 right)
- T-Nut Insert (x2)
- S-style clips (x2)

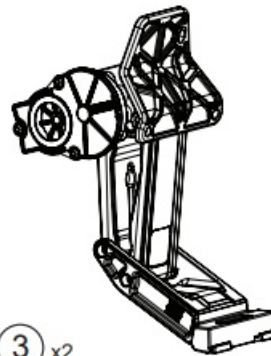
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Front Motor linkage assembly



③ x2

Rear Motor linkage assembly



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Wire harness



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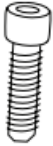





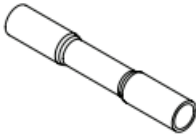

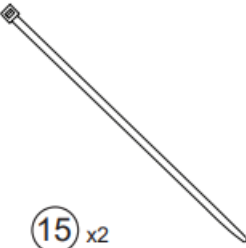



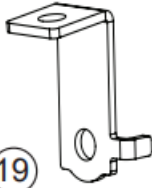
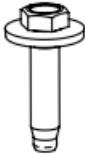
Controller XTA



⑥ x4

Motor



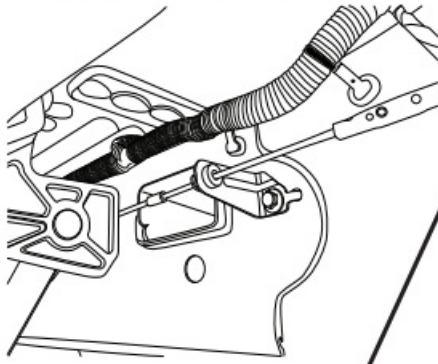
PARTS LIST AND HARDWARE IDENTIFICATION			
 7 x8 Socket cap screw	 8 x13 Nut with Conical washer	 9 Grommet (Only needed on RegularCab and SuperCab)	
 10 x4 Gear Cover	 11 x4 LED Light	 12 x4 Grommet	 13 x8 Butt Connector
 14 x20 Cable Ties 7"	 15 x2 Cable Ties 11"	 16 ODB II Plug	
 17 x2 Posi-Lock™ (Grey)	 18 x2 Posi-Tap™ (Red/Black)	 19 Bracket	 20 Hex Bolt w Conical washer

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Relocate Brake Cable Guide as shown in the following steps:

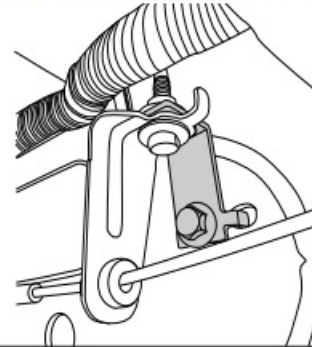
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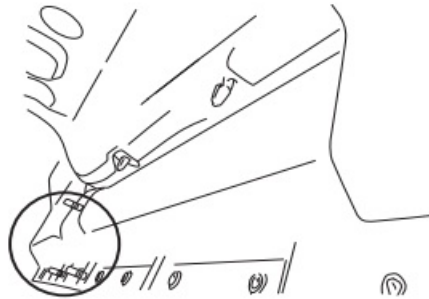
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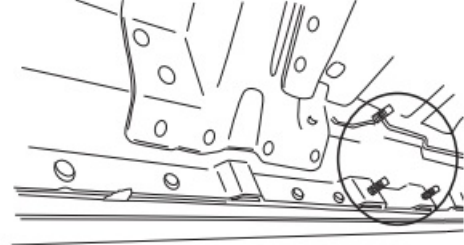
2. Locate mounting points; first and last set of studs on the inner sill.

Motor Linkage mounts toward the front of the truck and Idler mount toward the rear. Driver side shown below.



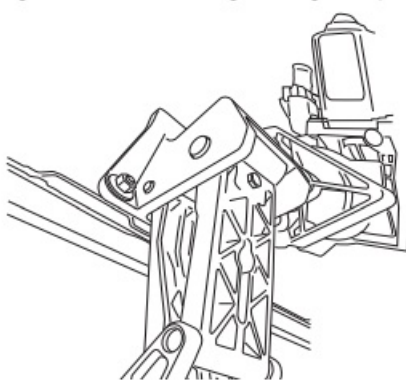
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Idler Side Rear Stud Location



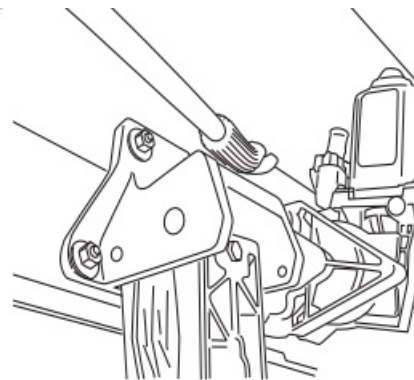
Driver Side Front Stud Location

3. Mount drive and Idler linkage assemblies. Repeat for passenger side. Make sure linkages sit square, fully resting on studs before tightening. Torque to 16 ft. lbs (22Nm)



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Drive Linkage (Rear)

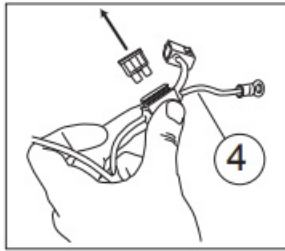


Drive Linkage (Front)

4. Remove fuse from wire harness

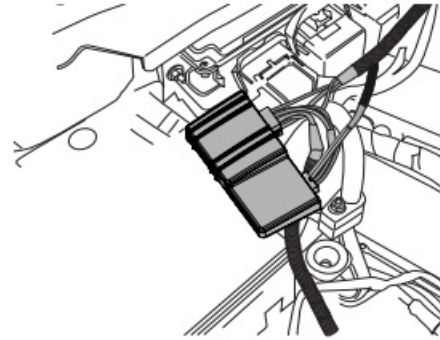
5. Attach wire harness to controller (make sure connector locking tabs fully engage). Mount controller with the two 11" tie wraps to factory conduit, just forward of battery.

Remove fuse from wire harness



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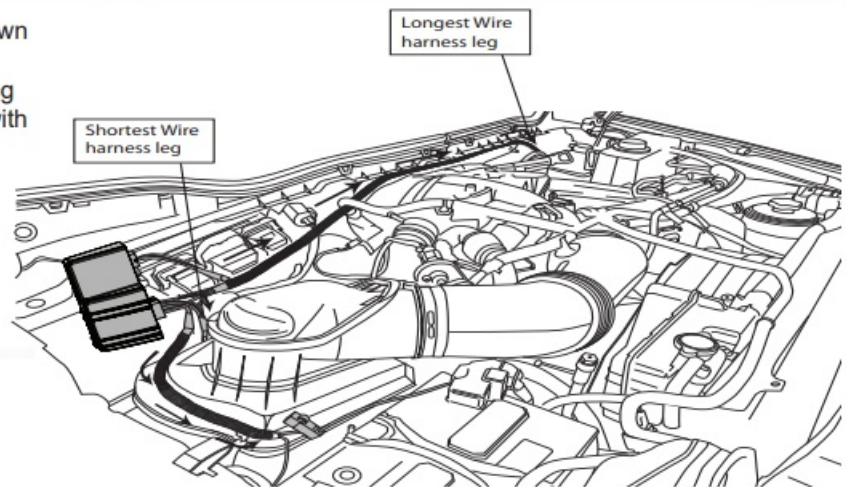
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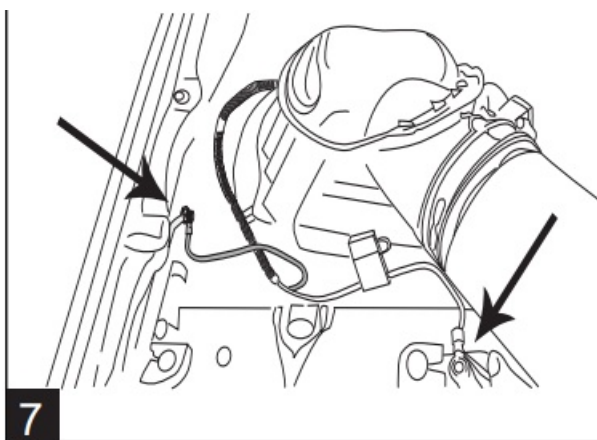
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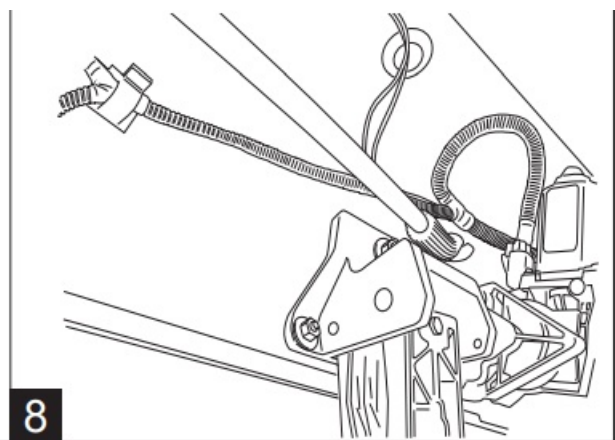


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7. Attach harness ground to body ground located on inner fender. Connect red leads to positive terminal on battery.
8. Route factory harness underneath vehicle and plug in motors (both sides). Route remaining LED light wires back towards rear of vehicle.

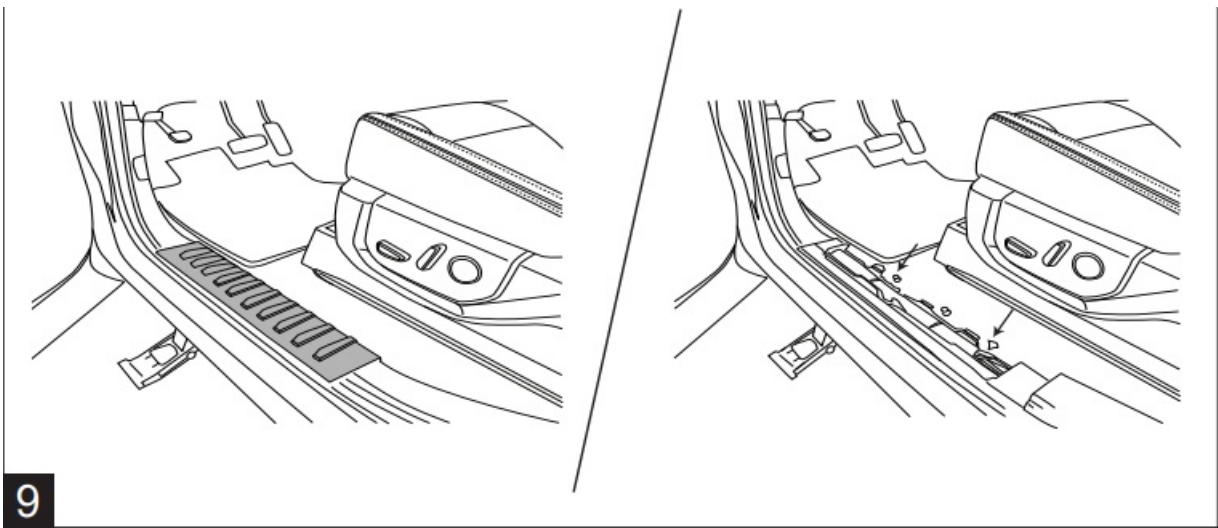


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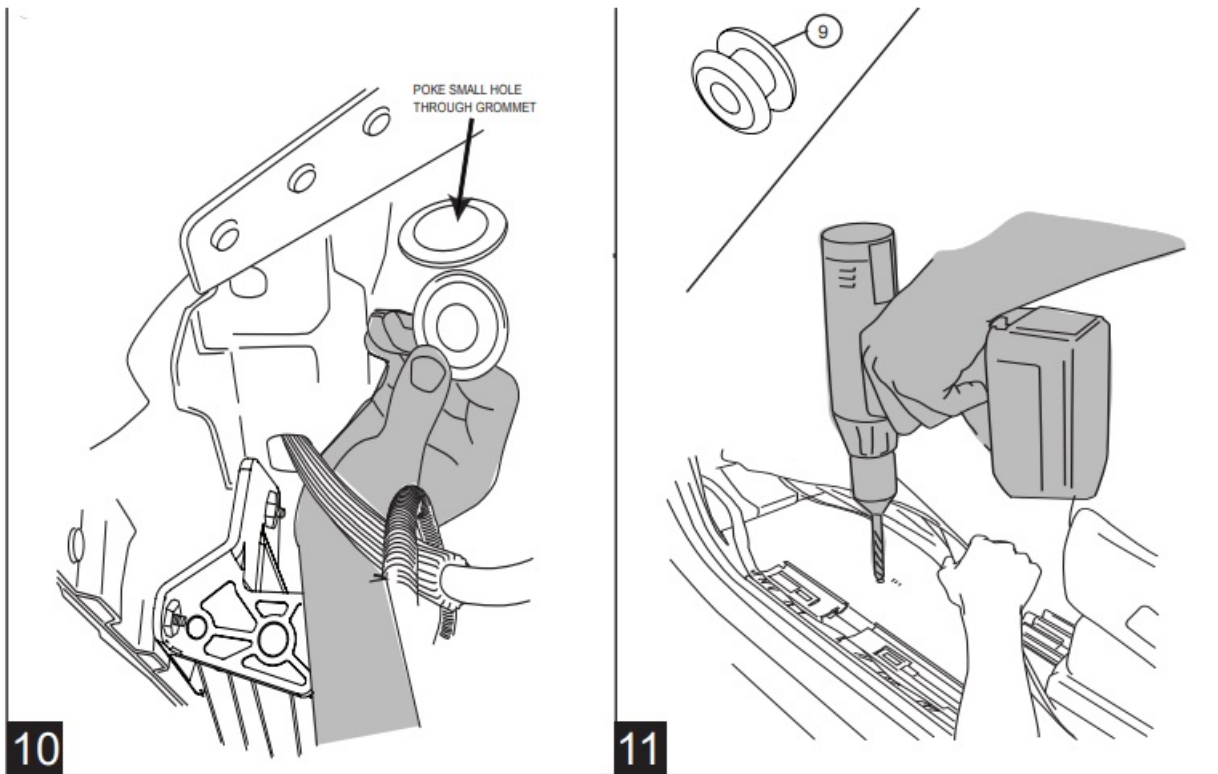


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9. Remove driver side front kick panel and door sill plate. Roll back carpet to access hole for passing trigger wires into cab of vehicle.

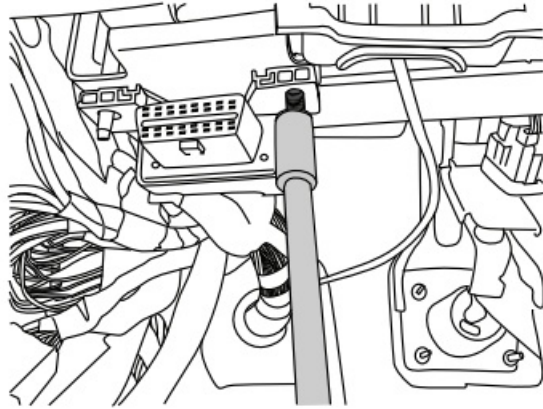


10. On Crew Cab models, remove grommet in floor panel above front linkage on driver side. Poke small hole into grommet and thread the two trigger wires through and up into the cabin of vehicle. Seal grommet with silicone sealer.
11. On Regular Cab and Super Cab models, use a 9/32" drill bit to drill hole through floor and insert grommet (#9) that is supplied with kit. Thread the wires through and apply silicone sealant.



12. Locate OBD port and remove both nuts holding it in place with 8mm socket to gain better access to back side of plug.

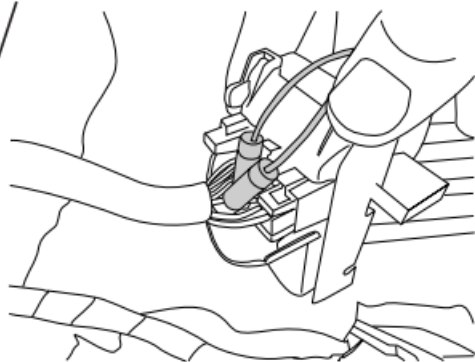
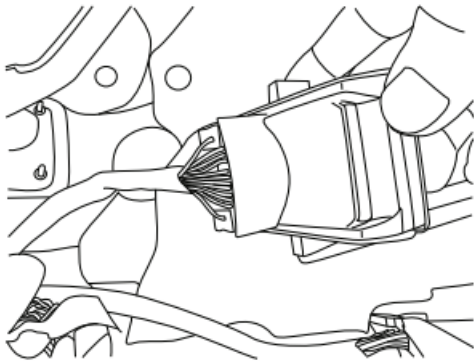
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13. Locate the following wires and connect with supplied Posi-Tap™ (18) to the following wire colors listed below.

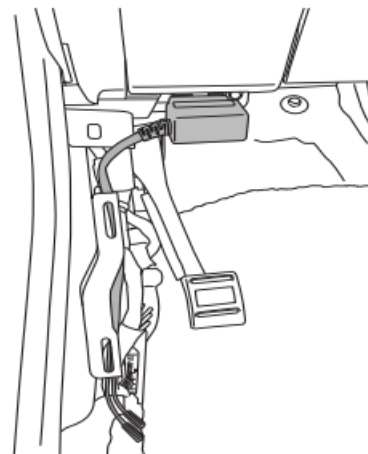
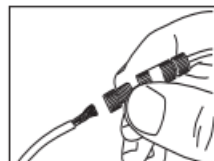
Factory Can Wire	OBD Module wire Color
Grey with Orange Stripe	White Wire
Purple with Orange Stripe	Blue Wire



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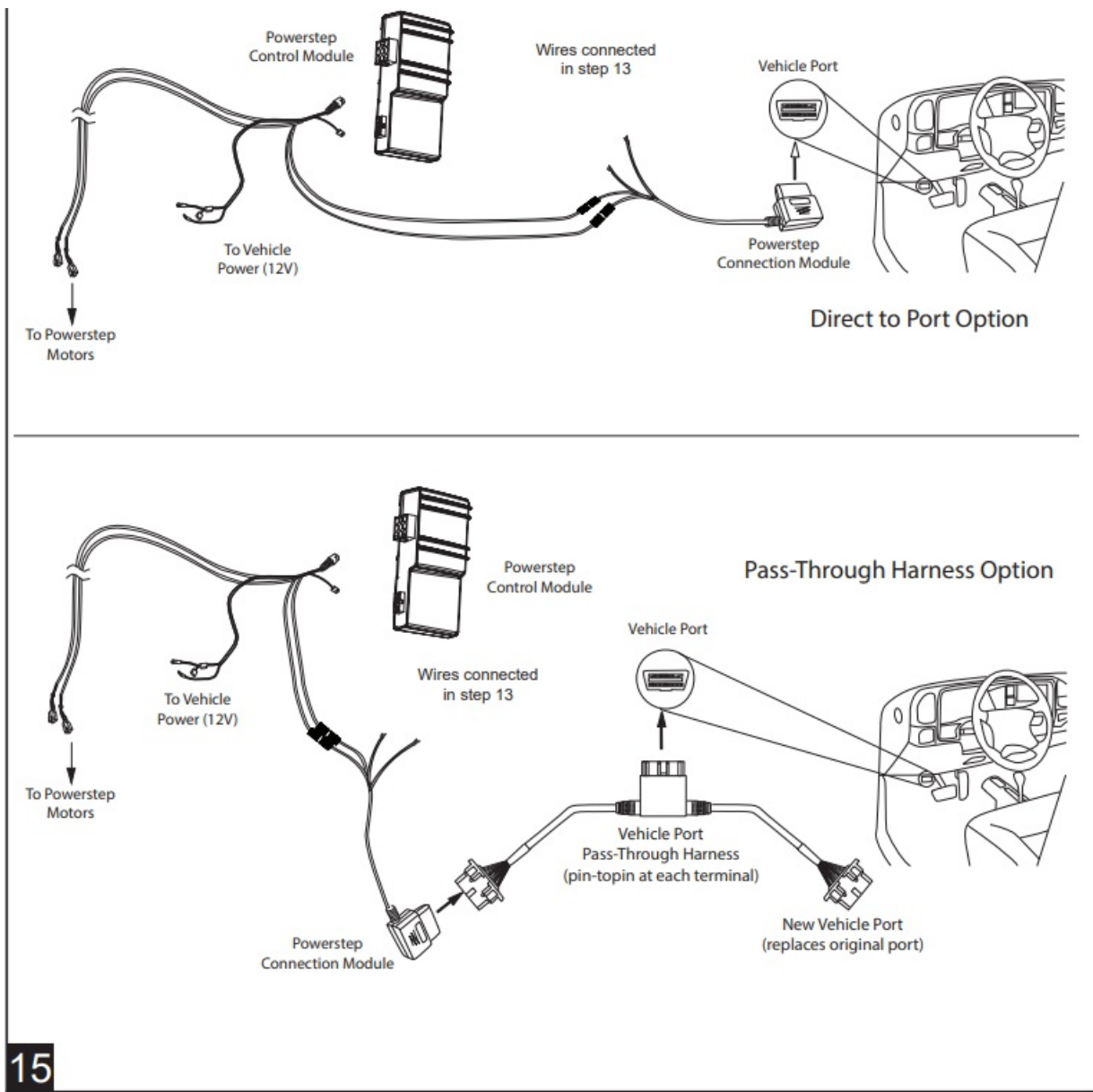
14. Use supplied Posi-Lock™ (17) to attach the 2 purple wires of the OBD harness to the main harness. Attach matching colors on the harness to the wires on the module. Lastly reinstall Factory OBD port removed in step 11. Plug in module to OBD port on the vehicle. Reinstall sill plate removed from step 9.

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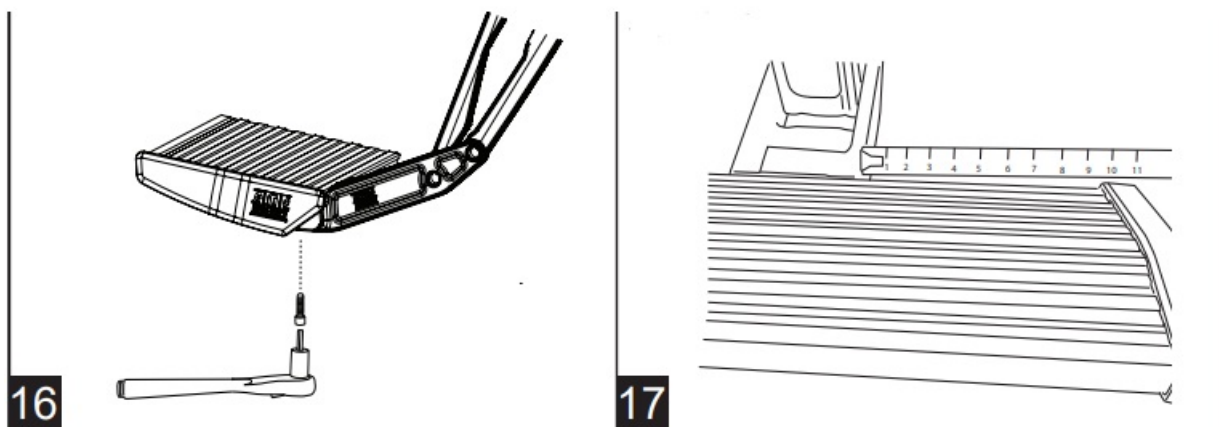


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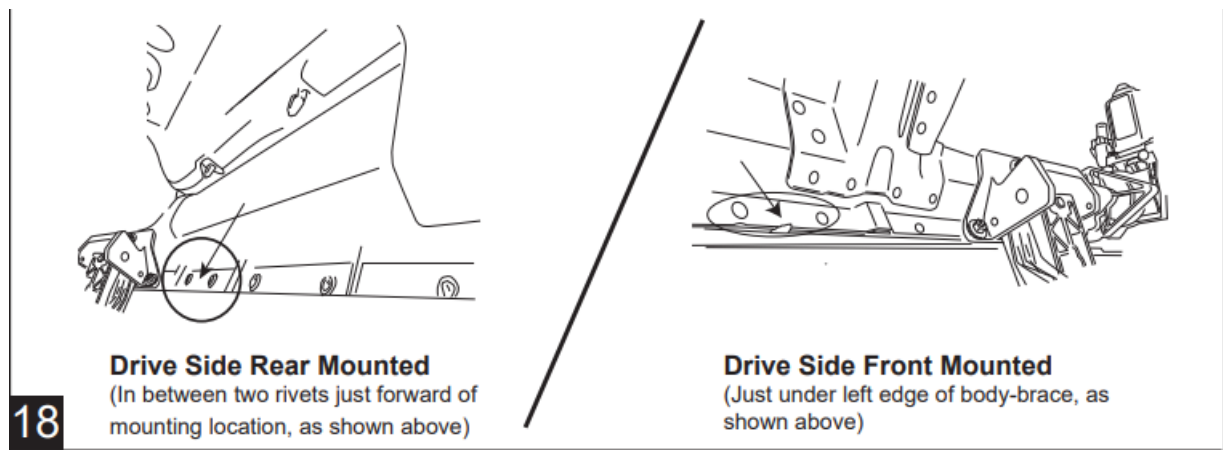
15. OBD II install: Use Supplied Posi-Lock™ connectors to attach the Plug and Play Module to the Harness. Attach matching colors on the harness to the wires on the module. Plug in module to OBD II port on the vehicle. Secure harness with supplied tie wraps. Note: If the OBD II pass thru harness (76404-01A) was purchased see install sheet supplied in packaging. The pass through harness allows for an open port for other accessories. See below for a brief description.



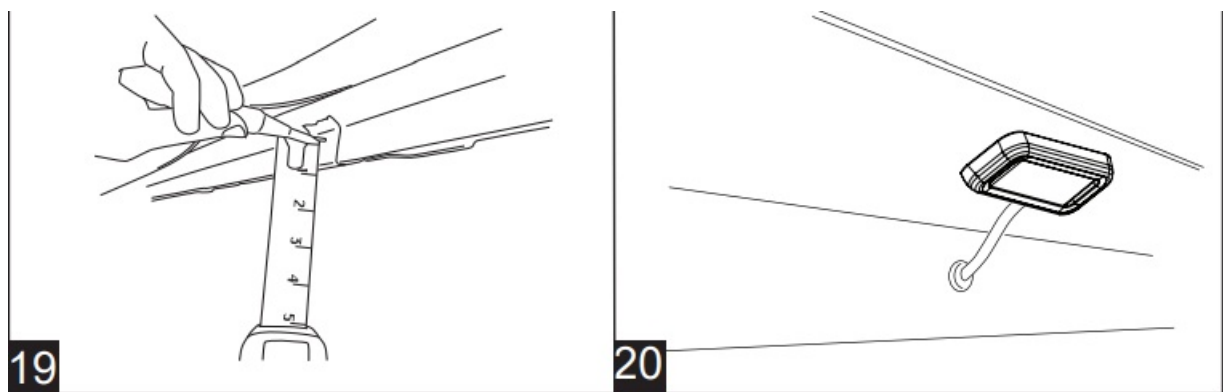
16. Attach step, sliding the mounting T-nut into position. Torque to 10 ft lbs (13.5 Nm)
17. On each side of the vehicle measure from the rear linkage to end of the board. Measurement should be approximately 11" as shown below.



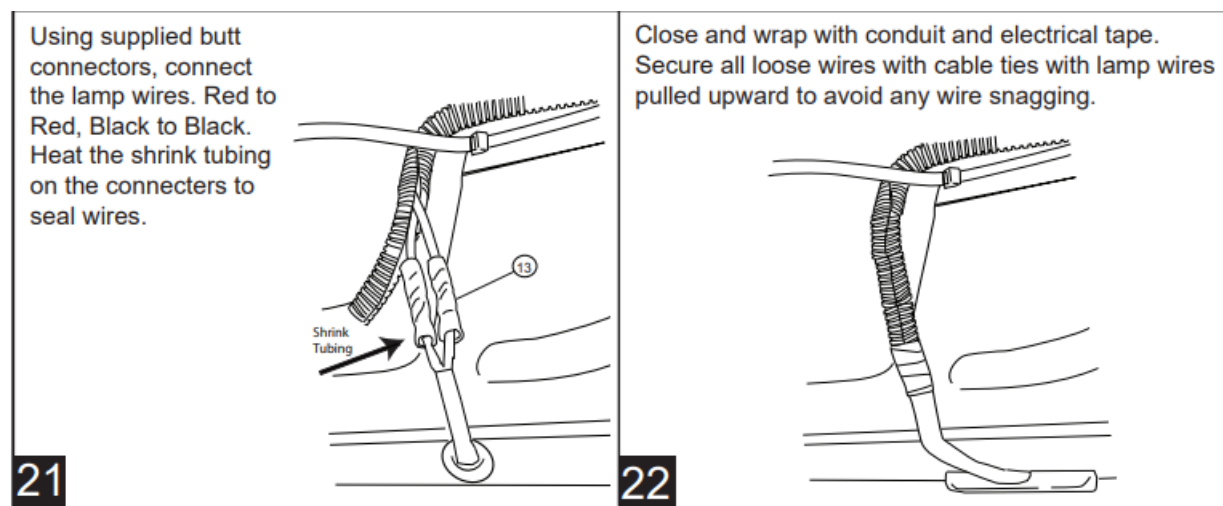
18. On each side of the vehicle use tape to mark the led drill location two sections from studs as shown below. Use tape to indicate. Locations are approximately 22" & 66" from front door edge.



19. Mark hole location 1/2" midpoint of the rocker with tape and center punch and drill 19/64" hole into pinch weld. Deburr hole and insert grommet (#12) for LED Wire.
20. Route LED wires through through grommet, clean surface, and stick on to rocker panel as shown be-low.



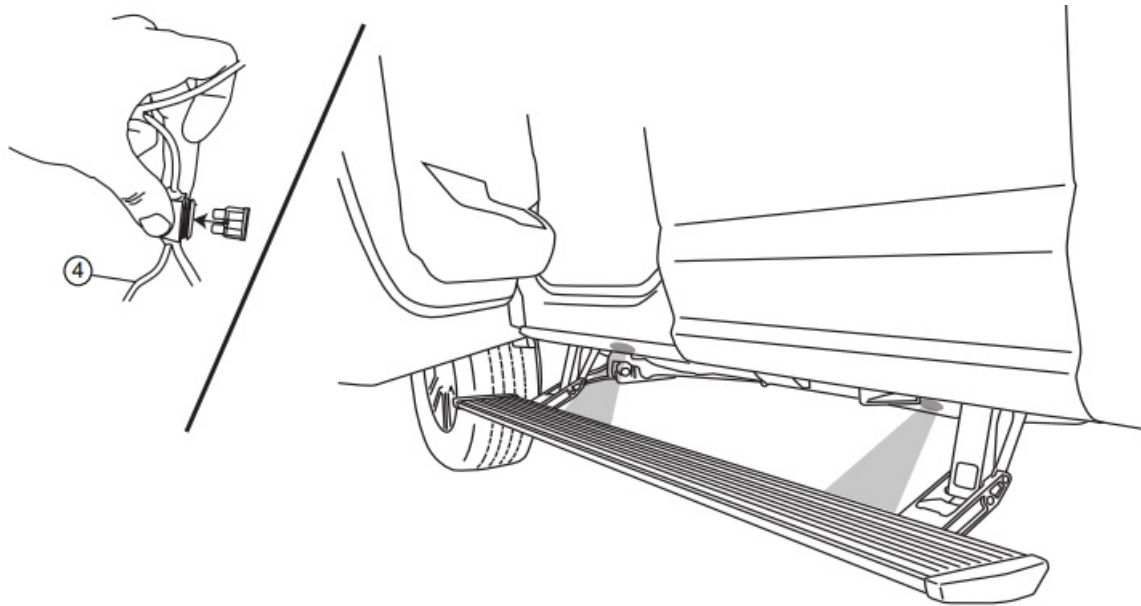
21. Using supplied butt connectors, connect the lamp wires. Red to Red, Black to Black. Heat the shrink tubing on the connectors to seal wires.
22. Close and wrap with conduit and electrical tape. Secure all loose wires with cable ties with lamp wires pulled upward to avoid any wire snagging.



23. FINAL SYSTEM CHECK

Check that all doors activate the PowerStep and the LED lights work when doors open and close. **NORMAL OPERATION:** When the doors open, PowerStep automatically deploys from under the vehicle. When the doors are closed, PowerStep will automatically return to the stowed/retracted position. Note that there is a 2-second delay before the PowerStep returns to the stowed/retracted position. **CORRECT OPERATION OF LIGHTS:** All four lamps will illuminate upon opening any door of vehicle. Lamps will stay on until restowing of both Power

Steps or until 5 minutes has expired with the doors open. When the lights timeout after 5 minutes, they can be reilluminated by closing and opening any door of vehicle.



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automatically move when the doors are opened to assist entering and exiting the vehicle.

- **Automatic power deploy:**

The running boards will extend down and out when the doors are opened.

- **Automatic power stow:**

The running boards will return to the stowed position when the doors are closed. There will be a 2-second delay before the running boards move to the stowed position.

- **Automatic stop:**

If an object is in the way of the moving running board, the running board will automatically stop.

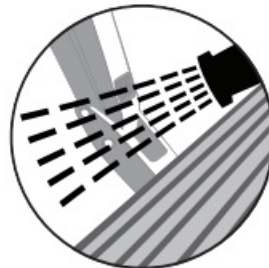
To reset, clear any obstruction, then simply open and close the door to resume normal operation.

- **Manually set in the deployed (OUT) position for access to the roof:**

your foot while at the same time closing the door. To resume normal operation, open and close the door.

- **Maintenance:** In adverse conditions, debris such as mud, dirt, and salt may become trapped in the running board mechanism, possibly leading to unwanted noise. If this occurs, manually set the running boards to Avoid spraying the motors directly. After washing, apply silicone spray lubricant to the hinge pivot pins. Do not apply silicone, wax or protectants like Armor All® to the running board stepping surface.

Caution! Keep hands away when the running board is in motion.



5-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

AMP RESEARCH warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE, provided there has been normal use and proper maintenance. This warranty

applies to the original purchaser only. All remedies under this warranty are limited to the repair replacement of the product itself, or the repair or replacement of any component part thereof, found by the factory to be defective within the time period specified. The decision to repair or replace is wholly within the discretion of the manufacturer.

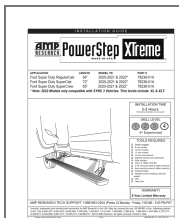
- This warranty specifically excludes labor. If you have a warranty claim, first you must call our factory at the number below for instructions. You must retain proof of purchase and submit a copy with any items returned for warranty work. Upon completion of warranty work, if any, we will return the repaired or replaced item or items to you freight prepaid. Damage to our products caused by accidents, fire, vandalism, negligence, misinstallation, misuse, Acts of God, or by defective parts not manufactured by us, is not covered under this warranty.
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WARNING

Be sure to read and precisely follow the provided instructions when installing this product. Failure to do so could place the vehicle occupants in a potentially dangerous situation. After installing or reinstalling, re-check to insure that the product is properly installed.

The material that your product is made from can be recycled. Please also consider recycling the packaging that your product came in.

Documents / Resources



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