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SKSNG907 & SKSNG907RV Installation Manual

Installation manual for the SKSNG907 / SKSNG907RV remote start, high idle, and alarm for 2019 – 2023 Sprinter (907).

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INTRODUCTION

ATTENTION:

IF YOU ARE INSTALLING THIS SYSTEM ON A GASOLINE SPRINTER, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE SOFTWARE VERSION IS V5.23 OR ABOVE IF YOU ARE INSTALLING THIS SYSTEM ON A 2023 SPRINTER, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE SOFTWARE VERSION IS V5.25 OR ABOVE

The SKSNG907 is a remote start and alarm kit for the 2019-2023 Mercedes & Freightliner Sprinter (907)

Link to product here.

Out of the box, the remote start will work using the factory key fob (lock-unlock-lock). It will also include OEM style alarm with no additional hardware. A Compustar DAS sensor can be plugged in to add shock/tilt/vehicle movement protection to the alarm. The alarm will use the factory horn and flash the parking lights. In addition, a full Compustar or Directed external alarm can be added.

For extended range, the Compustar Drone and Directed Smart Start can be added and will provide 2-way communication (including alarm notifications). All Compustar RF kits are compatible with the system and any Directed RF kit using an XL202 (XL202 not needed if using Directed external alarm).

The remote start & alarm installation for the SKSNG907 or SKSNG907RV is 100% plug & play to the vehicle and requires the following steps:

- T-harness connection at PCM module
- T-harness connection at EIS module
- Key box installation
- Hood pin installation

There is also a kit (SKSNG907RV) that also includes OEM style high idle and an optional external trigger for start / stop. [Link to that product here.](#)

For further technical documents, including bypass jumper instructions, owners manual, error codes, and option settings [click here](#)

Step 1 — Disconnect chassis battery ground



i There is a battery quick disconnect that should be used to disconnect the chassis battery ground before performing this bypass

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Battery disconnect is located under the driver side dash to the right of the accelerator pedal
Remove access panel above and to the right of the accelerator pedal

Step 2 — Un-plug battery quick disconnect cable



- Locate battery quick disconnect cable behind access panel
- There is a red tab on the top of the disconnect cable. To release the cable from the post, the red tab needs to be pushed downward
- Push the red tab downward to release the cable and pull towards the rear of the cable at the same time to remove cable from post
- Carefully place battery disconnect cable to the side

Step 3 — Pull back weather se



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Pull back weather seal from driver door jam

Step 4 — Remove intermediate panel



- Using a pry tool remove intermediate panel between A pillar and kick panel

Step 5 — Remove 2 x T20 screws from sill plate



- Remove the 2 x T20 screws from the sill cover
- Remove sill cover and carefully set aside

Step 6 — Remove 1 x T20 from below hood release



- Remove 1 x T20 from below hood release

Step 7 — Remove 1 x T20 from bottom of kick panel



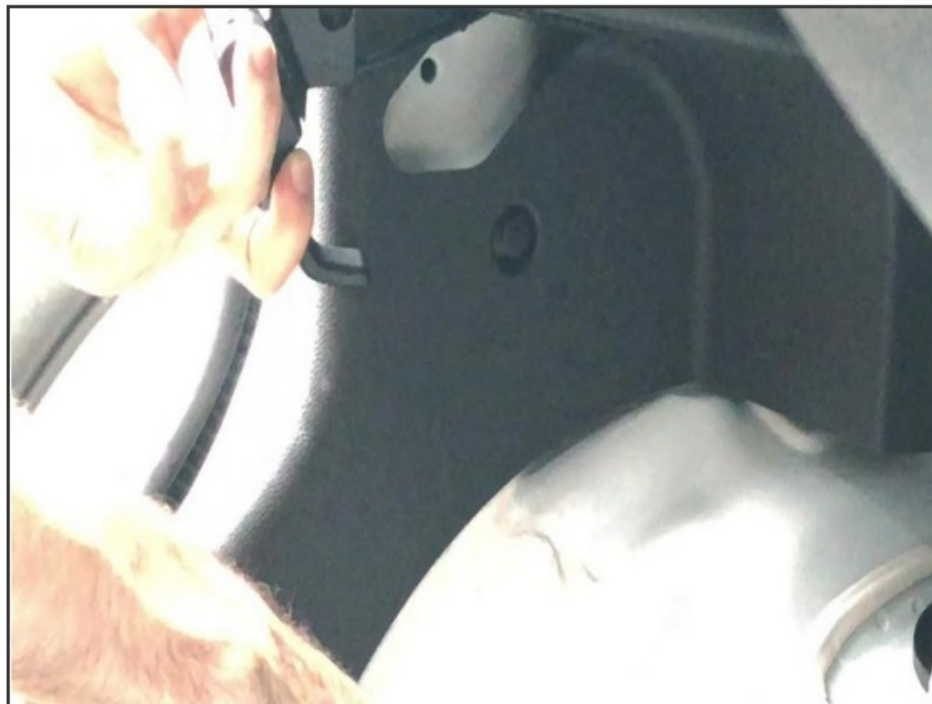
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Step 8 — Remove plastic push fastener next to knee bolster



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Step 9 — Remove 2nd plastic push pin from kick panel



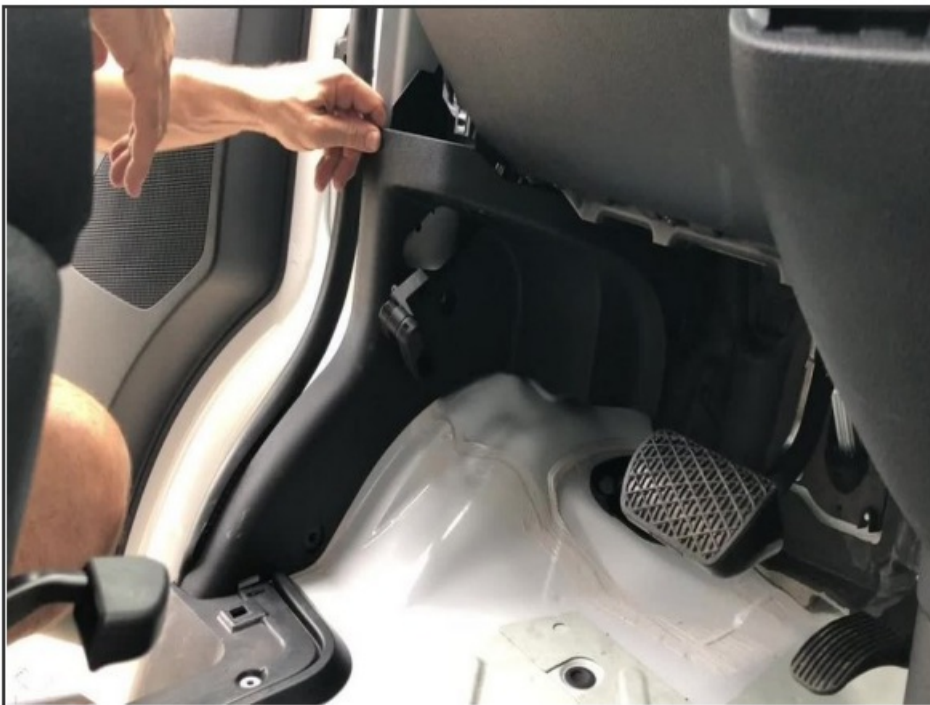
- Remove plastic push pin from kick panel (behind hood release)

Step 10 — Remove 3rd plastic push fastener from kick panel



- Remove 3rd plastic push fastener from kick panel

Step 11 — Remove kick panel



- Remove kick panel
- Route hood release through kick panel opening



Be careful of OBD harness

Step 12 — Disconnect OBD harness



- Disconnect OBD harness
- Carefully route hood release through opening and set trim piece panel aside

Step 13 — Locate and un-clip PCM module



- Un-clip PCM module from bracket in back of kick area (towards driver front tire)

Step 14 — Connect T-harness to PCM module chassis harness



- Locate black 32 pin plug on PCM module
- Unlatch and unplug black 32 pin connector from PCM module
- Plug connector into mating black 32 pin plug on T-harness

Step 15 — Connect 32 pin plug from T-harness to PCM module



- Connect and latch 32 pin black plug from T-harness into PCM module where plug was removed in last step

Step 16 — Connect T-harness to EIS module chassis harness



- Locate EIS module in driver kick (mounted to exterior wall below A pillar)
- Unlatch and unplug 40 pin blue connector from top of EIS module
- Connect 40 pin blue connector from EIS to mating connector on Tharness

Step 17 — Connect T-harness to EIS module



- Connect and latch blue or red 32 pin connector from T-harness to top of EIS module where plug was removed in previous step

Step 18 — Remount PCM module



- Place and clip PCM module back into bracket

Step 19 — Install battery emulator into key



- Remove battery from extra factory fob
One side of the battery emulator has a foam strip and text that reads 'BOTTOM OF KEY'
- Insert the battery emulator in the battery cavity of key with side that reads 'BOTTOM OF KEY' facing the side of the key with no buttons

Step 20 — Install button pusher and close key box



IMPORTANT: When installing the key in the box, make sure that the plastic insert in the key box is pushing DOWN on the UNLOCK button. The insert must be holding the UNLOCK button DOWN on the key when the box is closed

- Put key inside box and slide button pusher over the center of the UNLOCK button
- Put lid on box and fasten the 4 screws. Confirm that the unlock button on the key is being pressed when the box is closed

Step 21 — Connect key box to SmartKey Starter module



- Connect the 2 pin white plug from the key box to the 2 pin white port labeled 'KEY' on the module labeled 'SmartKey Starter'

Step 22 — Mount hood pin bracket

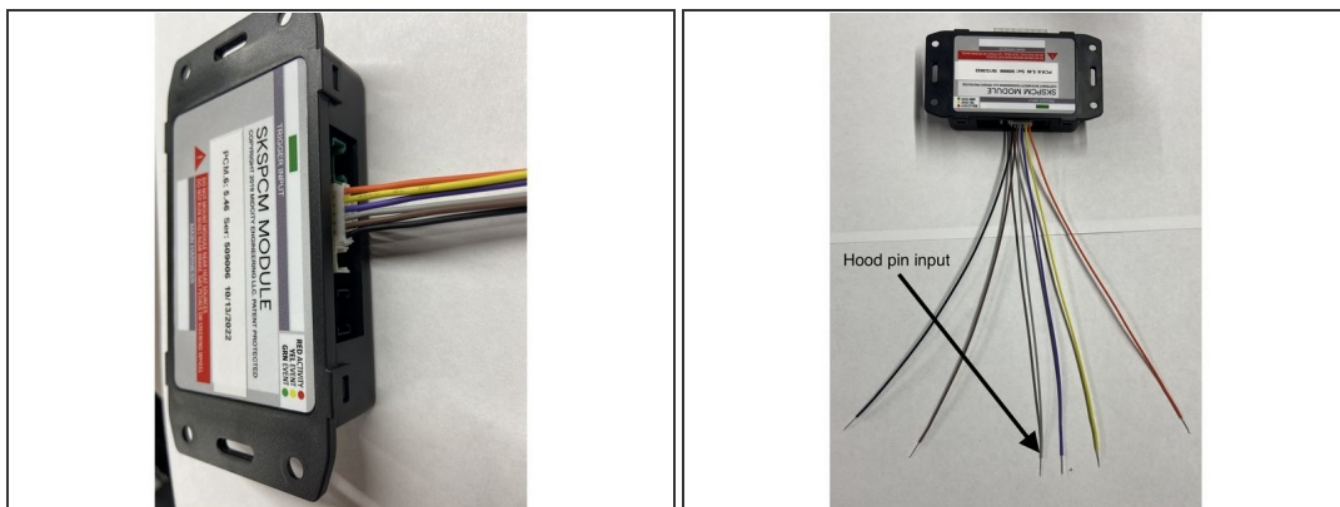


SKSNG907 and SKSNG907RV version 5.26 and up include a hood pin. Units are now shipping with a custom hood pin bracket to make mounting easier. If you did not receive a hood pin bracket and would like one, please contact us at sales@midcityengineering.com

- Mount hood pin and bracket under hood in location shown in picture. When hood is opened, the hood pin should be grounded

⚠ Run wire from hood pin securely through firewall and run to driver side under dash area

Step 23 — Connect hood pin wire to hood pin input



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- Connect wire from hood pin to gray wire on included 6 pin pigtail (solder and insulate). Connect pigtail to 6 Pin EXP port on module labeled SKSPCM

⚠ Insulate all other wires on 6 pin pigtail that are not being used in other application (expansion port covered later in installation instructions)

Step 24 — Re-connect chassis battery disconnect cable



Reconnect battery disconnect cable from to post from step 2

 Ensure that cable locks into place on post. You should feel the tab lock into place. Once connected, you should not be able to remove cable from post without pressing red tab downward

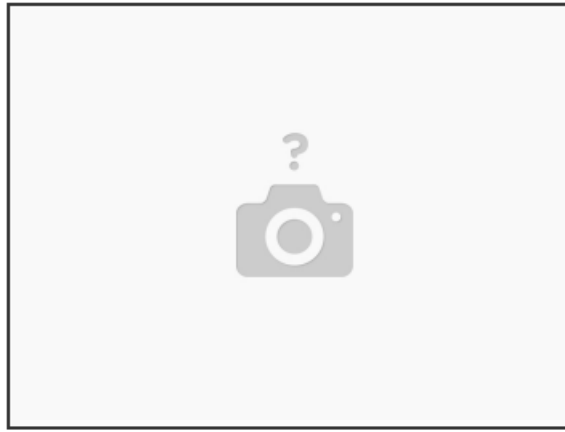
Step 25 — Test remote start operation



Make sure that vehicle is in a safe place to start engine

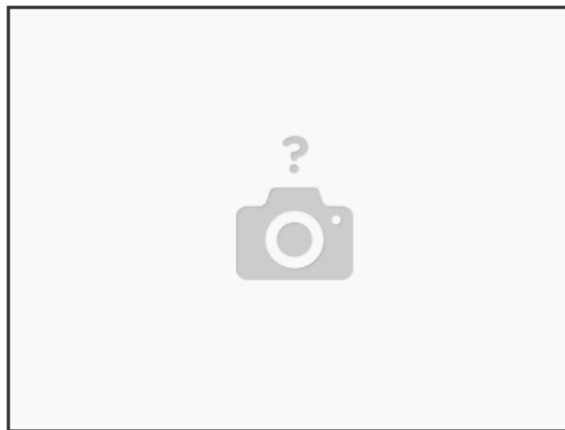
- Close all doors on vehicle
- On factory key fob, hit 'LOCKUNLOCK-LOCK' buttons in sequence.

Step 26 — Test hood pin



- Open hood and attempt remote start
- Make sure that remote start is disabled when hood is open

Step 27 — Test key takeover



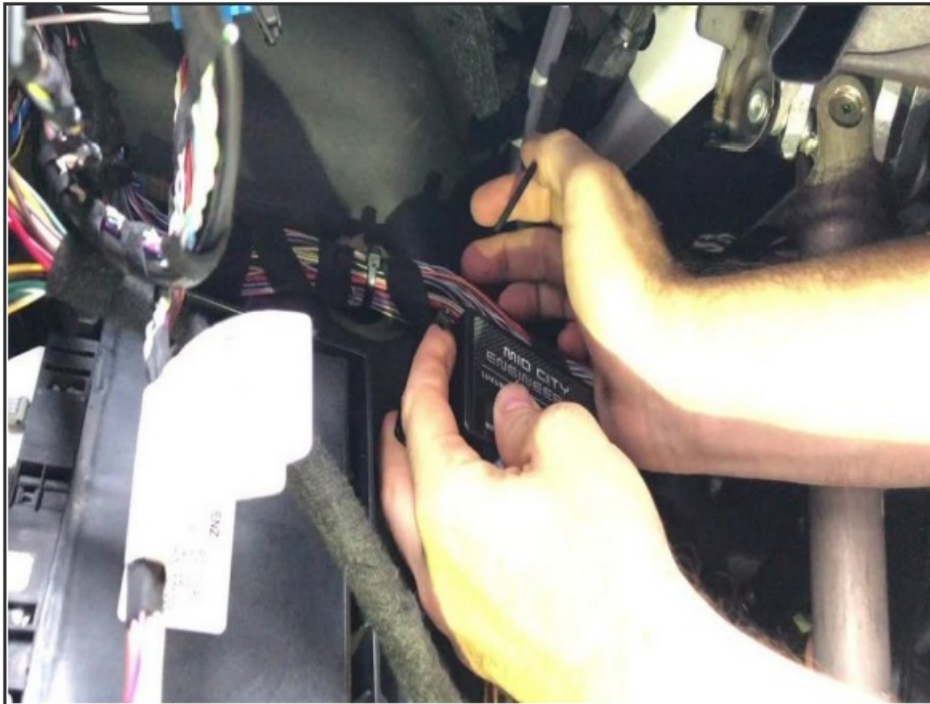
- After remote start, enter vehicle with key and place foot on the brake then press push to start button
- Engine will quickly shut down and restart after you press the button- after that, you can shift into gear

Step 28 — Test alarm



- Roll down driver side window
- From outside vehicle, close and lock doors with factory key fob
- Reach inside driver window and open door from inside handle
- Alarm should sound (factory horn) and lights should flash
- Press unlock on factory remote to disarm alarm

Step 29 — Mount modules and re-assemble vehicle



- Mount SmartKey Starter® and SKSPCM module in secure location.

Suggested location is to wiring harness in driver under dash

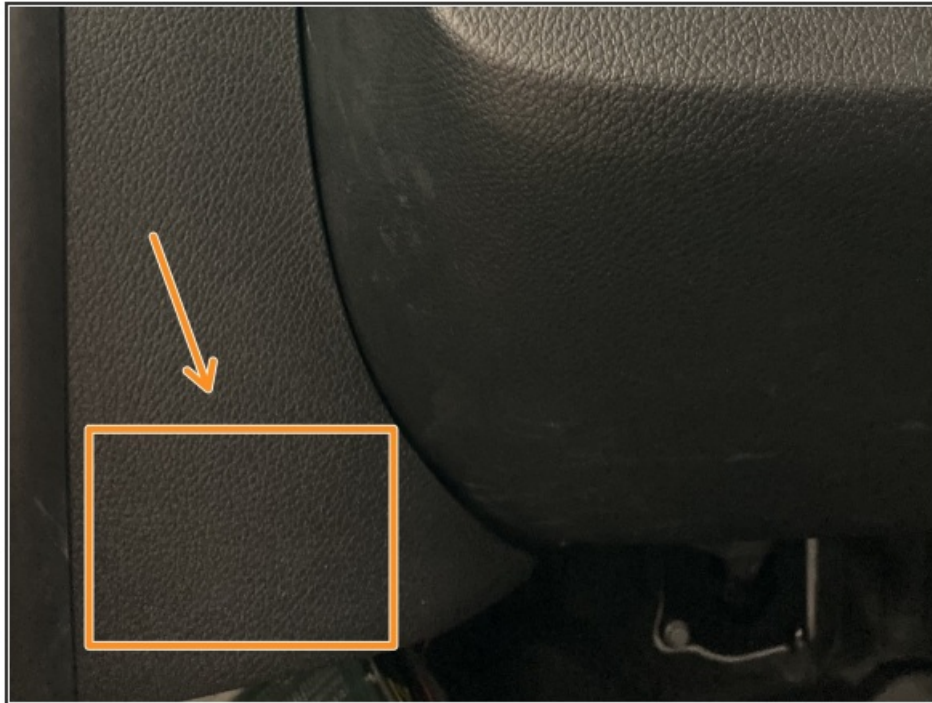


Mount key box in secure location. It is recommended to mount the key box further up into dash area for

additional key security

- Mount all modules away from any heat sources or moving parts
- Re-assemble vehicle in reverse order of disassembly steps

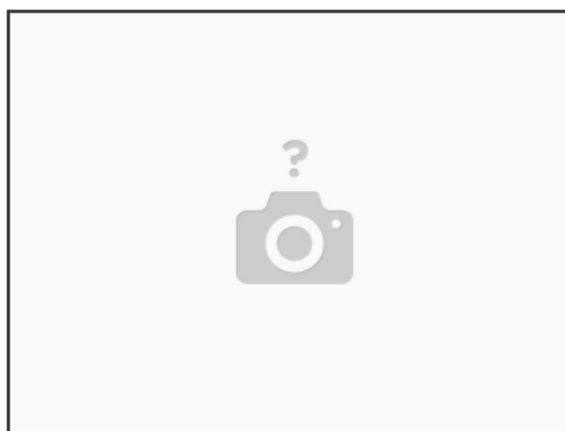
Step 30 — Install warning sticker



The provided warning sticker must be installed in this location or your SmartKey Starter® warranty will be voided

- Install provided warning sticker on intermediate panel between A pillar and kick panel

Step 31 — OPTIONAL: External device connection



- For Compustar Drone connection, [click here](#)
- For Directed Smart Start Connection, [click here](#)
- For Compustar RF remote connections, [click here](#)
- For Compustar external alarm connection, [click here](#)

- For Directed external alarm connection, [click here](#)

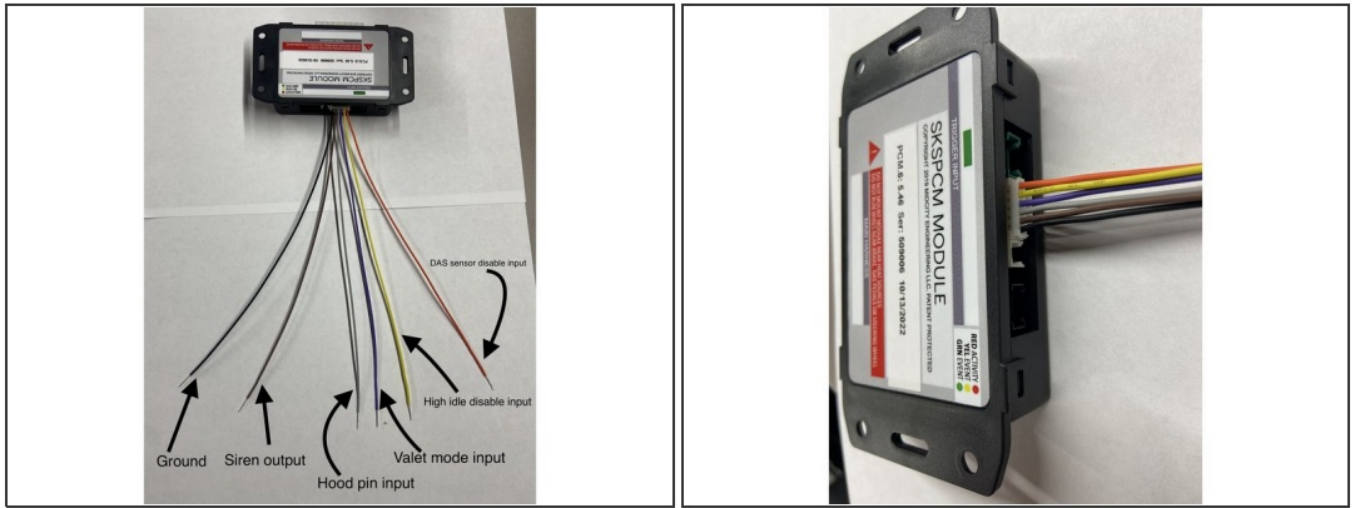
Step 32 — OPTIONAL: Compustar DAS sensor connection



To install optional Compustar DAS sensor, connect data cable from DAS sensor to red port labeled Sensor on module labeled SmartKey Starter

- Mount sensor and cable securely and not near any moving parts, pedals, or any heat sources.
- Sensor must be mounted to something rigid in order to detect tilt and impact. An optional sensor mounting location is on the plastic dash panel to the left of the climate controls. [Click here for picture.](#)
- The DAS sensor settings and sensitivity can be adjusted two ways: on the buttons on the sensor directly, or in the SmartKey Starter® menu. For menu instructions, [click here](#) to see Owners Manual and Operating Instructions
- To adjust the sensor using the buttons on the sensor, lock doors with OEM remote and all doors closed to arm alarm.
- Once the alarm is armed, there will be a 30 second window in which the buttons on the DAS sensor can be used to adjust sensitivity.

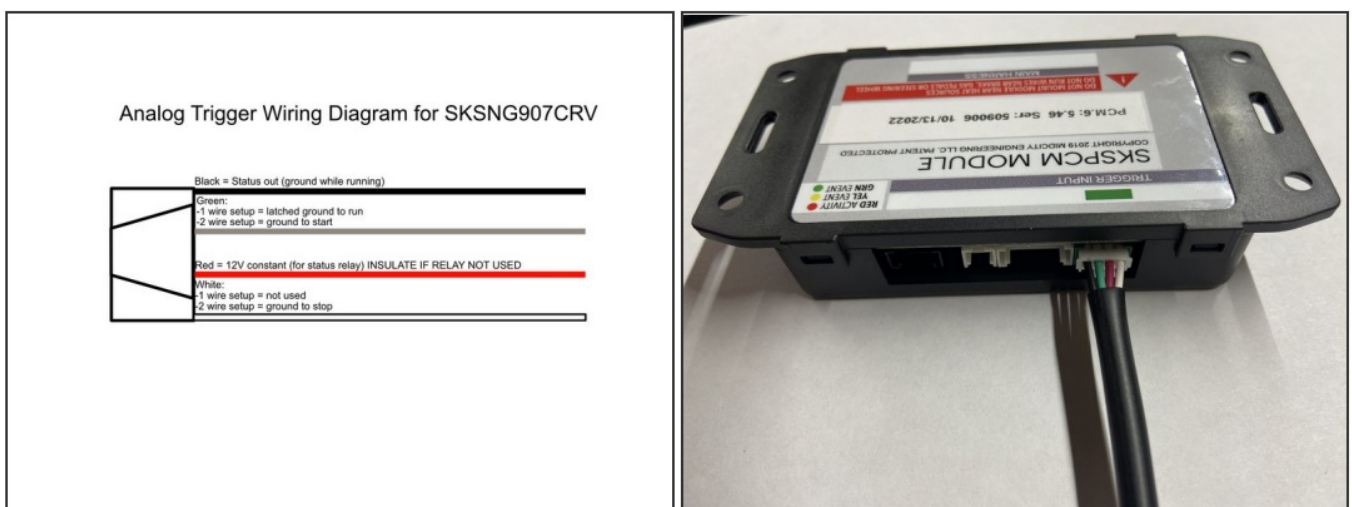
Step 33 — OPTIONAL: Expansion port connections



The SKSNG907 and SKSNG907RV with software version 5.26 and up include a 6 pin expansion port and pigtail. This is a 6 wire pigtail with a white plug. The gray wire is used for hood pin (required), as covered in step 20. With this port, you can also add optional expansions:


- Physical valet switch (remote starter on/off). When purple wire is grounded, system is in valet mode (remote starter off)
- External siren. Brown wire provides siren output (+) for use with included alarm
- High idle off input (disables high idle during remote/auto start). Note: only available for SKSNG907RV. When yellow wire is grounded, high idle will be disabled during remote/auto start.
- Shock/tilt sensor disable. Note: only if Compustar DAS sensor is added. When orange wire is grounded, DAS sensor will be disabled.
- Black wire is used to supply a ground for siren and/or for use with a switch to use any of the above inputs
- The gray wire is the hood pin input. This is not optional and covered in step 20.
- Solder and insulate all connections. Insulate exposed end of any wire on this pigtail that is not used.

Step 34 — OPTIONAL: START/STOP TRIGGER FOR SKSNG907RV




- The SKSNG907RV includes an analog start/stop trigger to operate the remote start from an external trigger. The cable has a white 4 pin plug and, if using external start/stop triggers, will plug into the white or green 4 pin plug labeled Trigger Input on the module labeled SKSPCM. Refer to this diagram for wiring.

- The trigger has 2 configurations, 1 wire or 2 wire. The 1 wire configuration (default) will start the engine when the start wire is grounded (green). The 2 wire configuration has a separate start wire (green) and stop wire (white). In the 2 wire configuration, a momentary ground on the start/stop wires will execute the command
- The 1 wire configuration is the default setting. To change to the 2 wire configuration, you can use the SmartKey Starter® menu. The trigger configuration is in a hidden menu. For instructions getting into the hidden menu, please contact Mid City Engineering at 312-421-1114 or sales@midcityengineering.com

-  Note: when using this auto start with external 1-wire trigger (latched ground to start and run) the system will re-start if ground is still applied to start wire after run-time expiration.

The system will continue running and re-starting until external trigger removes ground signal.

- For Sprinters without the volume and mute buttons on the steering wheel, if the SmartKey Starter firmware is below V5.25, you will need to use a USB programming tool to change this setting

-  If analog input(s) not being used, the 4 pin white input cable should not be plugged into the SKSPCM module.



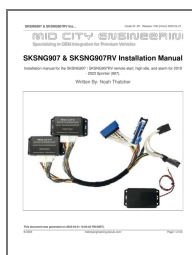
Be sure to insulate all wires not used on the cable.

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