

# Classic Instruments

## ***Beleta 2***

***1955 – 1956***

***Chevy***

Installation Manual

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## **Welcome from the Team at Classic Instruments!**

Our congratulations and appreciation for your purchase of one of the finest quality sets of specialty instruments ever produced! Your instrument set has been conceived, designed, and manufactured by Classic Instruments, Inc. in the U.S.A. Each instrument has been tested and certified for accuracy and quality before packaging and shipping.

For trouble-free installation and operation follow the instructions exactly as outlined. Your instruments were assembled to precise specifications and although each has a seven (7) year warranty covering defective parts and workmanship – this warranty will not cover instruments or sender units which have been installed incorrectly.

Follow our recommended procedures for installation and proper hookup to maintain the value and appearance of your instrument set during many future years of accurate and dependable service!

### **LIMITED WARRANTY**

Classic Instruments, Inc. (CI) warrants to the original purchaser that any CI product manufactured or supplied by CI will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of seven (7) years from date of purchase.

Improper installation, use of sending units other than CI's or attempted repair or adjustments by other than CI shall void this warranty. Disassembly of any instruments or senders for whatever reason shall specifically void this warranty.

It's always easy to look to a part for an issue with your set. Before you conclude that a part may be bad, thoroughly check your work. Today's semiconductors and passive components have reached incredibly high reliability levels, but there is still room for error in our human construction skills. However, on rare occasions a sour part can slip through. Please be aware that testing can usually determine if the part was truly defective or damaged by assembly or usage. Don't be afraid of telling us that you "blew it", we're all human and in most cases, replacement parts are very reasonably priced.

Purchaser requesting a product to be repaired or replaced under warranty must first call CI at 1-800-575-0461 before the return of defective part. Send defective part to 826 Moll Drive, Boyne City, MI 49712, USA. Include a written description of the failure with defective part.

Purchaser agrees and accepts that under no circumstances will a warranty replacement be furnished until CI has first received, inspected, and tested the returned part.

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## Install the New Instrument Cluster

### *Disassemble the Original Instrument Cluster*

- 1) If using the original stock bezel, start by removing the instrument cluster from the dash. (figure 1)

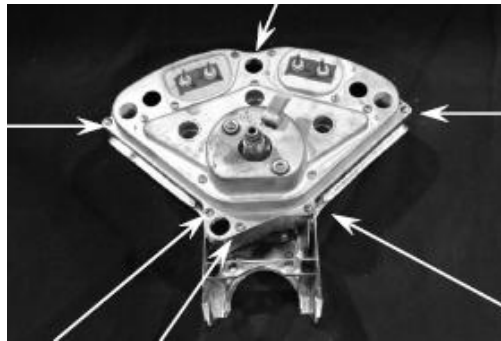


**Figure 1**



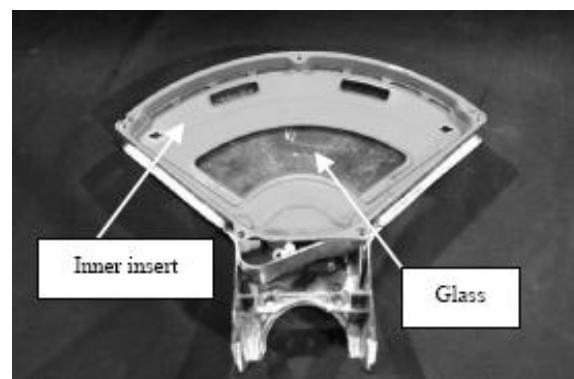
**Figure 2**

- 2) Place the original bezel face down on a flat surface (figure 2)
- 3) Remove the six screws that hold the instrument cluster in the bezel. The screws are located around the perimeter of the bezel. (figure 3)



**Figure 3**

- 4) Remove the old instrument cluster from the bezel.
- 5) Remove the inner insert and glass. (figure 4)



**Figure 4**

*For manual transmissions, skip steps 6 – 8 and go directly to the assembly section.*

- 6) For automatic transmissions, remove the gear selector bracket (2 screws) and disengage the spring.
- 7) Remove the gear selector glass.
- 8) Remove the stock gear selector pointer. (figure 5)



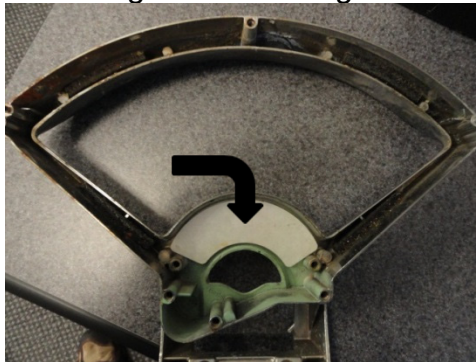
**Figure 5**

### ***Assemble the New Instrument Cluster***

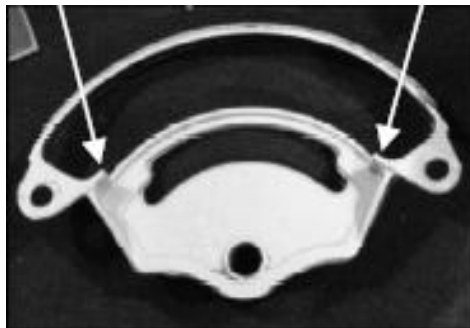
**Note: Assembling using after-market bezel may require enlargements of mounting holes.**

*\*\*For manual transmissions, skip steps 1-5 & 8*

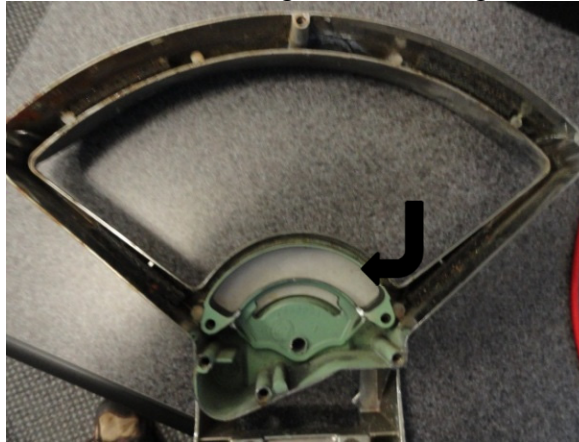
- 1) **\*\*Place the furnished gear selector glass over the gear selector window.**



- 2) **\*\*Before placing the original gear selector bracket over the glass, file the corners about 1/8" on the back side.**



- 3) **\*\*Use a very small amount of trim tape (supplied) on the back of the gear selector bracket where it will contact the glass. Make sure the tape is not visible from the front.**
- 4) **\*\*Place the gear selector bracket over the gear selector glass.**



- 5) **\*\*Place the gear selector over the stock bracket and secure with the two screws that were holding the old bracket.**

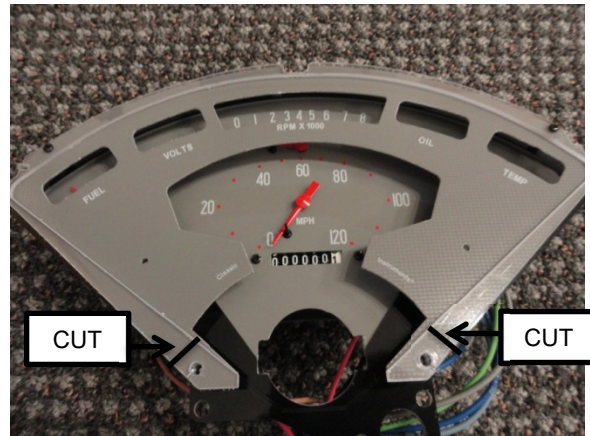


- 6) **Use a very small amount of trim tape (supplied) around the rim of the large opening in the bezel. Make sure the tape is not visible from the front of the bezel. The tape will prevent the glass from rattling when the new instrument cluster is installed.**



- 7) **Place the large glass into the bezel.**

- 8) \*\*Remove the two screws from the bottom of the new instrument cluster located at each side of the gear selector opening. Cut the lower part of the thin clear plastic spacer.



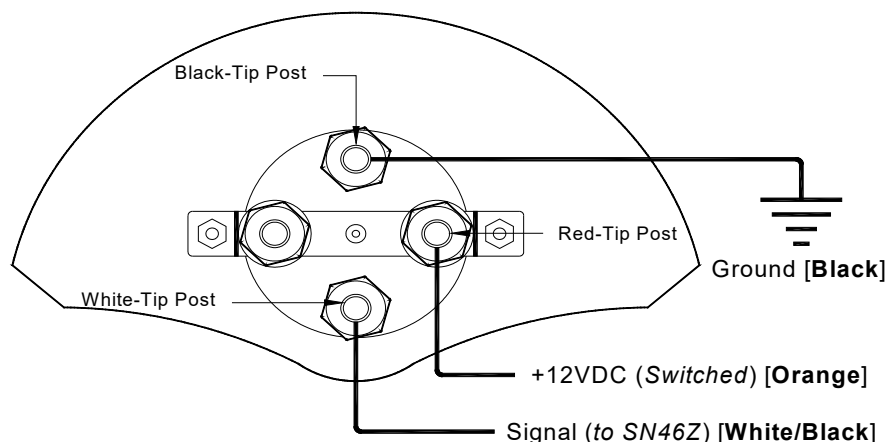
- 9) Place the instrument cluster into the bezel and secure with the six screws around the perimeter.

## Instrument Cluster Wiring

### *Optional Gear Selector Gauge Wiring*

- 1) Connect the ring connector of the **Black** wire of the gear indicator harness to the stud with a **black** tip on the back of the gauge.
  - a. Connect the other end of the **Black** wire to a good chassis ground.
- 2) Connect the ring connector of the **Orange** wire of the gear indicator harness to the stud with a **red** tip on the back of the gauge.
  - a. Connect the other end of the **Orange** wire to a +12VDC switched power source.
- 3) Connect the ring connector of the **White / Black** wire of the gear indicator harness to the stud with a **white** tip on the back of the gauge.
  - a. Connect the other end of the **White / Black** wire to the “Gauge” position on the SN46Z universal gear shift sender.

See supplemental instructions included with the SN46Z universal gear shift sender for details on how to wire and calibrate the gear indicator.



## Speedometer & Tachometer Wiring

- 1) Always disconnect the vehicle battery before wiring any gauge.
- 2) Connect a switched +12VDC power source to the **Pink** wire of the wire harness. *We recommend using a dedicated power source (i.e. separate fuse on fuse panel) to avoid possible problems caused by bad “noisy” power.*
- 3) Connect a good chassis ground to the **Black** wire of the wire harness. *We recommend using a dedicated chassis ground (not stacked with other ground wires) to avoid possible problems caused by a bad ground.*
- 4) Connect a speed signal to the **Purple** wire of the wire harness:
  - a. White signal wire from a pulse signal generator [SN16]
    - i. Connect the **RED** wire of the wire harness to the RED power wire of the SN16.
    - ii. Connect the BLACK ground wire of the SN16 to a good chassis ground.
  - [OR]
  - b. One (either) wire of an electronic transmission 2-wire vehicle speed sensor [VSS].
    - i. Connect the other wire of the VSS to the same point as the wire harness Black ground wire.
  - [OR]
  - c. Speedometer Signal wire of the vehicle computer [PCM].
    - i. Also, set the filter switch on the back of the speedometer to ON.
- 5) Connect a tachometer signal to the **White** wire of the wire harness.
  - a. **STANDARD POINTS & CONDENSER SYSTEM**
    - i. Connect to the negative side of the coil (usually marked as “-“).
  - b. **GMC – HEI (High Energy Ignition System)**
    - i. Connect to the “TACH” terminal on coil side of distributor cap.
  - c. **MSD (Multiple Spark Discharge System)**
    - i. Connect to the TACH signal from the MSD box.
  - d. **VERTEX MAGNETO SYSTEM**
    - i. Connect to the “KILL” terminal on the side of a Vertex magneto body. An external adapter such as an MSD “Pro Mag Tach Converter” #8132 may be required.
  - e. **ACCEL IGNITION COILS**
    - i. Connect to the negative side of the coil. CAUTION! Some Accel ignition coils require the tach signal wire to be connected to the “+” terminal on the coil! PLEASE carefully read Accel’s instructions before connecting ignition coil.
  - f. **MALLORY IGNITION**
    - i. Connect to the negative terminal side of coil (usually marked as “-“).
  - g. **ECM TACHOMETER SIGNAL**
    - i. Connect to the signal from the computer. The tachometer typically needs to be set on 4-cylinder setting.
  - h. **MULTIPLE COIL IGNITION SYSTEMS**
    - i. A tach adapter may be required for these ignition systems. A tach signal driver such as the MSD #8913, which produces a 12V square wave signal, is recommended. Please check with manufacturer for your specific application.
  - i. **NOTICE!** For all other ignition systems please look at the owner’s manual for that system.
- 6) Connect the **Brown** wire of the wire harness to one wire of the momentary pushbutton.
  - a. *Connect the other wire of the momentary pushbutton to ground.*
- 7) The **Blue, Yellow, Grey, Green, Purple / White**, and **Blue / White** wires of the wire harness are NOT USED.

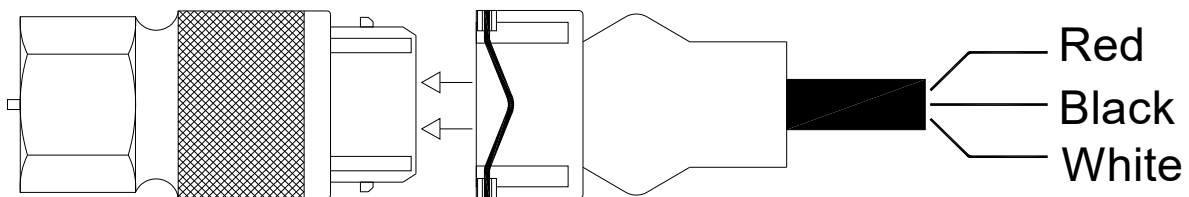


## Main Gauge Harness Wiring

- 1) Always disconnect the vehicle battery before wiring any gauge.
- 2) Connect a good chassis ground to position **1** [Black] of the main wire harness.
- 3) Connect dash light power (*use of an LED dimmer is recommended*) to position **2** [Grey] of the main wire harness.
- 4) Connect a good +12VDC switched power source to position **3** [Pink] of the main wire harness.
- 5) Connect the right turn indicator power from the vehicle's turn signal switch to position **4** [Blue / White] of the main wire harness.
- 6) Connect the high beam indicator power to position **5** [Lt. Green] of the main wire harness.
- 7) Connect the left turn indicator power from the vehicle's turn signal switch to position **6** [Lt. Blue] of the main wire harness.
- 8) Connect the fuel level signal wire to position **7** [Tan] of the main wire harness. *The fuel gauge operates on a stock 1955 to 1956 Chevy resistance range of 0 ohms at empty to 30 ohms at full.*
- 9) Connect the oil pressure signal wire to position **8** [Blue] of the main wire harness.
- 10) Connect the water temperature signal wire to position **9** [Dk. Green] of the main wire harness.

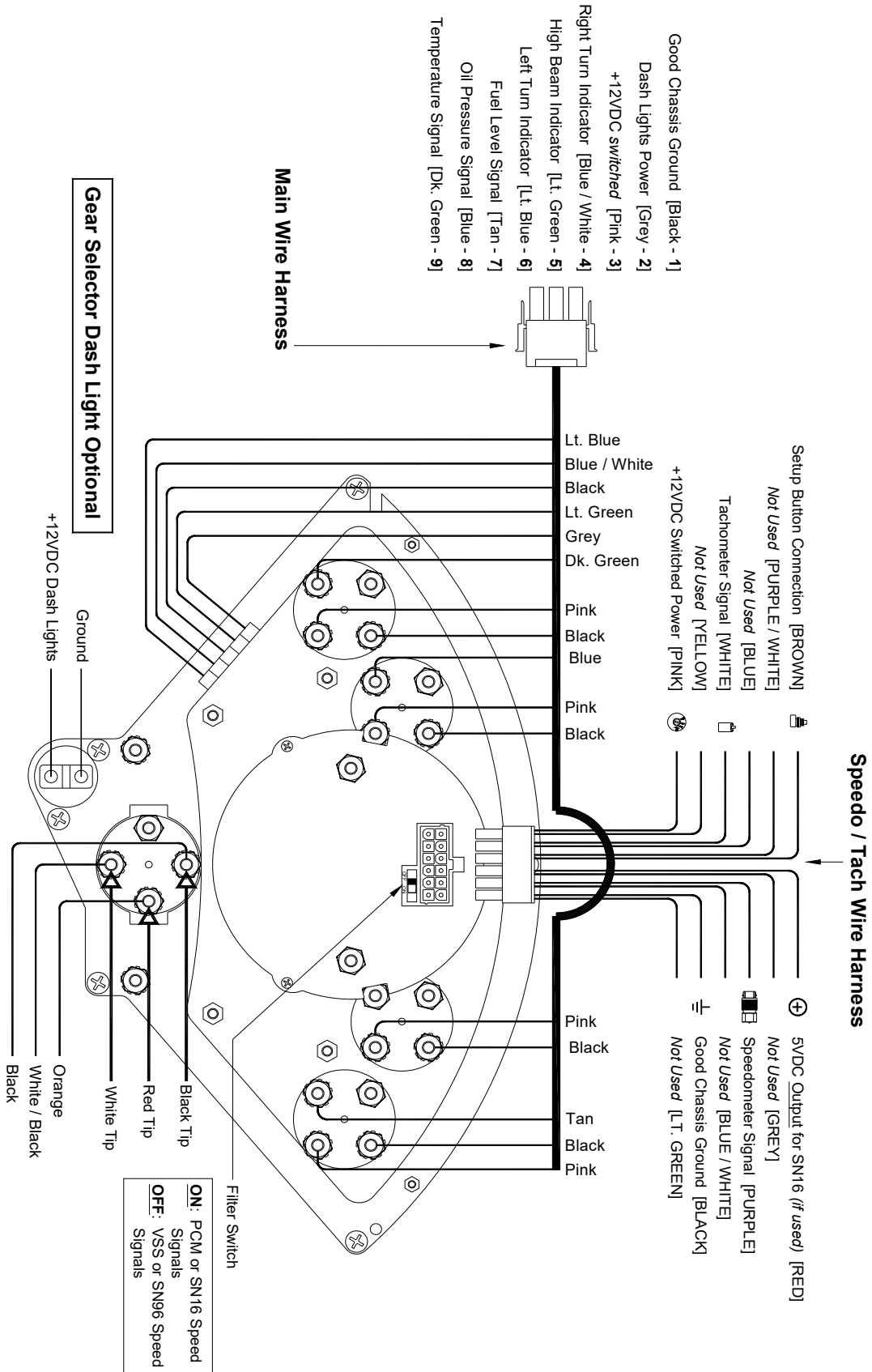
## Optional Pulse Signal Generator [SN16] Wiring

Attach the signal generator to the transmission speedometer gear housing (where the speedometer cable originally connected). Do not use excessive force to tighten. These signal generators produce approximately 16,000 pulses per mile (PPM).



**Red:** ----- Power (To **Red** wire of gauge)  
**Black:** ----- Ground (To good chassis ground)  
**White:** ----- Signal (To **Purple** wire of gauge)

# Instrument Cluster Wiring Diagram



## Oil Pressure Sender Installation

(Part No. SN52)

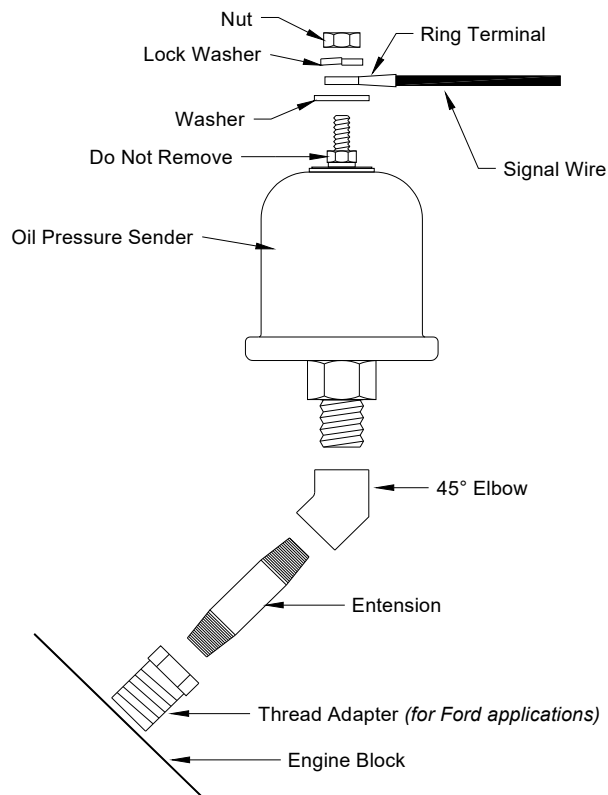
- 1) Disconnect battery before installation.
- 2) Only install Classic Instruments sending units when the engine is COLD.
- 3) DO NOT use Teflon tape on the threads. These threads are slightly tapered and designed to be self-sealing. The sender uses the threads for its ground connection and sealant may cause a poor ground causing inaccurate readings. If supplemental sealant is needed, we recommend using Loctite C5-A anti-seize. This is a copper based anti-seize which will allow a good electrical connection for the sender ground.
- 4) Connect a wire from the top terminal of the oil pressure sender to position **9 [Blue]** of the main wire harness.

**GM Installation:** The correct location on most GM V8-engines to install the oil pressure sender is under the distributor housing at the rear of the block.

Use the 2 piece bushing kit provided to allow the sender to be mounted at a 45-degree angle pointing towards the driver's knees. This allows the sender to clear the back of the intake manifold, the underside of the distributor housing and also the firewall.

**GM Installation – Big Block Engines:** We do NOT recommend installing Classic Instrument's oil pressure sender in the opening located just above the oil filter on some big block GM engines. This location may not be a full-pressure passage but instead a "by-pass" oil passageway. Installing our pressure sender at this location may result in some strange low-pressure readings under certain driving conditions. This does not indicate a defective instrument or sender! It simply means you need to move the sender to the correct location.

**GM Installation – LS Engines:** Install the sender in the oil bypass housing located just above the oil filter. The housing will need to be drilled and tapped to 1/8" NPT.

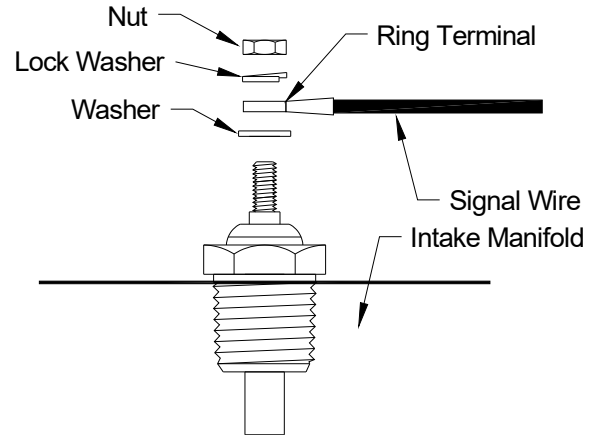


LS1 Oil Bypass Housing

## Temperature Sender Installation

(Part No. SN12MM, SN22, SN23, SN24 & SN25)

- 1) Disconnect battery before making any connections.
- 2) Install the Classic Instrument's temperature sending unit only when the engine is COLD!
- 3) DO NOT use Teflon tape on the threads. These threads are slightly tapered and designed to be self-sealing. The sender uses the threads for its ground connection and sealant may cause a poor ground causing inaccurate readings
- 4) Install the temperature sender into the intake manifold of your engine as possible. Installing the sender in the engine cylinder head may cause inaccurate temperature readings.
  - a. On GM "LS" engines, the temperature sender mounts on the passenger side of the engine under the rear cylinder. A 12mm thread sender is available to fit this location.
- 5) Connect a wire from the top terminal of the temperature sender to position **9 Dk. Green** of the main wire harness.
- 6) Tighten until snug. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!



**Notice:** Avoid installing the temperature sender into the head of a late-model GMC engine. Even though the stock GMC sender may have been installed there, this opening is too close to the exhaust header and will most likely cause an improper reading.

# Speedometer & Tachometer Calibration

**Note:** Before performing speedometer calibration, insure you have a good speed signal. Take a test drive and make sure the speedometer shows a speed (even though it may not be correct)! If the speedometer doesn't show a speed, troubleshoot the speed signal.

Only one calibration method is necessary to perform to calibrate the speedometer. Pick the method that works best for you.

- The "Instant" calibration method requires a GPS reference speed signal (or pace car). You will need to drive at 30mph. This method is convenient if the speedometer is more than 10mph off at a known 60mph.
- The "Real-time" calibration method requires a GPS reference speed signal (or pace car). This method allows you to drive at any known speed and make changes to the speedometer reading as you go. This method is best used if the speedometer calibration is less than 10mph off at a known 60mph.
- The "Measured Mile" calibration method requires you to drive a known mile. This is convenient when a GPS is not available to use as a reference and also if the calibration is off more than 10mph at a known 60mph. The speed at which you drive the known mile can be varied, a GPS reference or pace car is not necessary.

Calibration Modes	
Tachometer Indication	Calibration Mode
1000 RPM	Tachometer Cylinder Setup
2000 RPM	Tachometer Signal Type Setup
3000 RPM	Speedometer "Instant" Calibration
4000 RPM	Speedometer "Real-time" Calibration
5000 RPM	Speedometer "Measured Mile" Calibration
6000 RPM	Shift Indicator Setup <i>(if equipped)</i>
7000 RPM	Factory Defaults Reset Mode
8000 RPM	Exit calibration Mode

## Entering Calibration Mode:

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
  - 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
  - 3) Start engine.
  - 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
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Tachometer Cylinder Setup: (steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) If necessary, tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 1000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 1000RPM, press and hold the calibration pushbutton for 6 seconds. The speedometer pointer will move to indicate the current cylinder setting. (10MPH=1cylinder, 20MPH=2cylinder, 30MPH=3cylinder, 40MPH=4cylinder, 50MPH=5cylinder, 60MPH=6cylinder, 80MPH=8cylinder, 100MPH=10cylinder and 120MPH=12cylinder)
- 7) Tap the pushbutton to change the cylinder setting. The speedometer will cycle through the available settings each time the pushbutton is tapped.
- 8) With the speedometer indicating the desired cylinder setting, press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM.
- 9) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.

Tachometer Signal Type Setup: (steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 2000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 2000RPM, press and hold the calibration pushbutton for 6 seconds. The speedometer pointer will move to indicate the current signal type setting.
- 7) Tap the pushbutton to change the signal type setting. The speedometer will cycle between the two options each time the pushbutton is tapped. (50MPH=Low Voltage Signal, 120MPH=High Voltage Signal)
- 8) Set the signal type to “Low Voltage” if using a computer-generated tachometer signal. Set the signal type to “High Voltage” for all other tachometer signals.
- 9) With the speedometer indicating the desired signal type setting, press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM.
- 10) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.

**Speedometer “Instant” Calibration:** *(steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)*

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 3000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 3000RPM, press and hold the calibration pushbutton for 6 seconds. The speedometer pointer will move to 0MPH.
- 7) Drive the vehicle at exactly 30MPH. Press and hold the pushbutton while traveling 30MPH. When the calibration is completed, the speedometer will move to indicate 30MPH at which point the pushbutton may be released.
- 8) If you are satisfied with the speedometer calibration, tap the pushbutton once to get back into the main gauge calibration mode. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM. If you would like to re-do the calibration, simply press and hold the pushbutton while traveling 30MPH and hold the pushbutton until the speedometer indicates 30MPH at which point the pushbutton may be released.
- 9) When you are finished calibrating the gauge, tap the pushbutton and the gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM. Then, Press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.

**Speedometer “Real-Time” Calibration:** *(steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)*

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 4000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 4000RPM, press and hold the calibration pushbutton for 6 seconds. The speedometer pointer will move to indicate the speed with the current calibration (which you will need to adjust to make correct).
- 7) Press and hold the pushbutton to increase the indicated speed. Release the pushbutton to stop increasing the speed.
- 8) If necessary, press and hold the pushbutton again to decrease the indicated speed. Release the pushbutton to stop decreasing.
- 9) Press and hold the pushbutton once more to increase the indicated speed. Etc...
- 10) Once the correct speed is dialed in on the speedometer, wait 10 seconds and then tap the pushbutton. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM.
- 11) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.

Speedometer “Measured Mile” Calibration: *(steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)*

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 5000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 5000RPM, press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. The speedometer pointer will move to 30MPH.
- 7) Begin driving a measured mile.
- 8) At the end of your measured mile, press and hold the pushbutton for another 6 seconds. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 8000RPM.
- 9) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.

Optional Shift Indicator Setup: *(steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)*

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 6000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 6000RPM, press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. The tachometer pointer will move to 0RPM. The shift light trigger RPM can now be set.
- 7) Press and hold the pushbutton to increase the tachometer reading. Release the pushbutton to stop increasing the tachometer reading.
- 8) If necessary, push and hold the pushbutton again to decrease the tachometer reading. Release the pushbutton to stop decreasing the tachometer reading.
- 9) Press and hold the pushbutton once more to increase the tachometer reading. Etc...
- 10) When the desired shift light trigger RPM is indicated on the tachometer, release the pushbutton and wait 10 seconds. After 10 seconds of no pushbutton activity, the trigger point will be stored; the tachometer will indicate 8000RPM.
- 11) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.



Reset Gauge Calibration to Factory Defaults: *(steps 1-4 may be skipped if the gauge is already in calibration mode)*

- 1) Start with power to the gauge OFF.
- 2) Press and HOLD the calibration pushbutton.
- 3) Start engine.
- 4) Release the pushbutton after the engine is started. The gauge will indicate 60MPH and 1000RPM.
- 5) Tap the calibration pushbutton to index the tachometer pointer until the tachometer indicates 7000RPM.
- 6) With the tachometer indicating 7000RPM, press and hold the pushbutton for 6 seconds. The tachometer will move to 8000RPM.
- 7) If you are finished calibrating the gauge, press and hold the pushbutton while the tachometer is indicating 8000RPM for 6 seconds. This will exit the calibration mode. If you want to calibrate another function of the gauge, tap the pushbutton to index the tachometer to the desired calibration mode.