

## APPLICATION

Ford F150 Lightning  
Ford F150 Powerboost

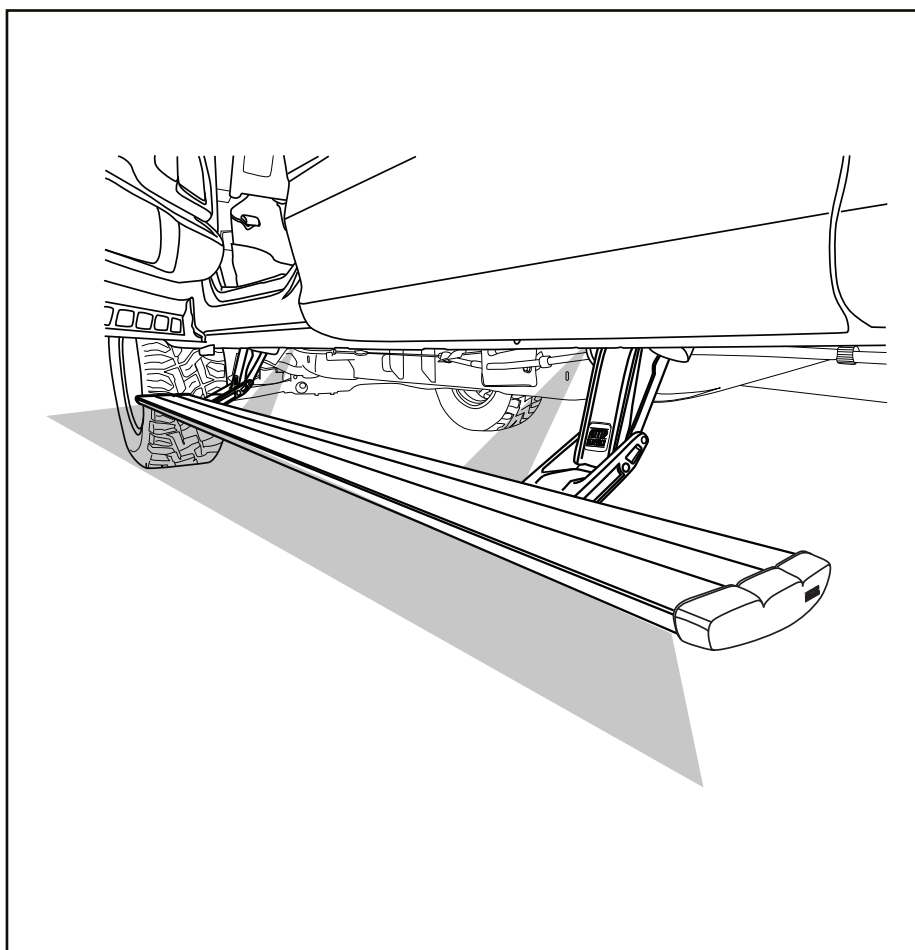
## MODEL YR

2022 - 2025  
2021 - 2023

## PART #

96252-01A  
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## INSTALLATION GUIDE



### INSTALLATION TIME

**2-3 Hours**

Professional installation recommended

### SKILL LEVEL



4= Experienced

### TOOLS REQUIRED

- ☐ Safety goggles
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ T-25 Torx Plus
- ☐ Electrical tape
- ☐ Weather proof caulking (silicone sealer)
- ☐ 1/8" Drill bit
- ☐ 19/64" Drill bit
- ☐ Drill gun

### WARRANTY

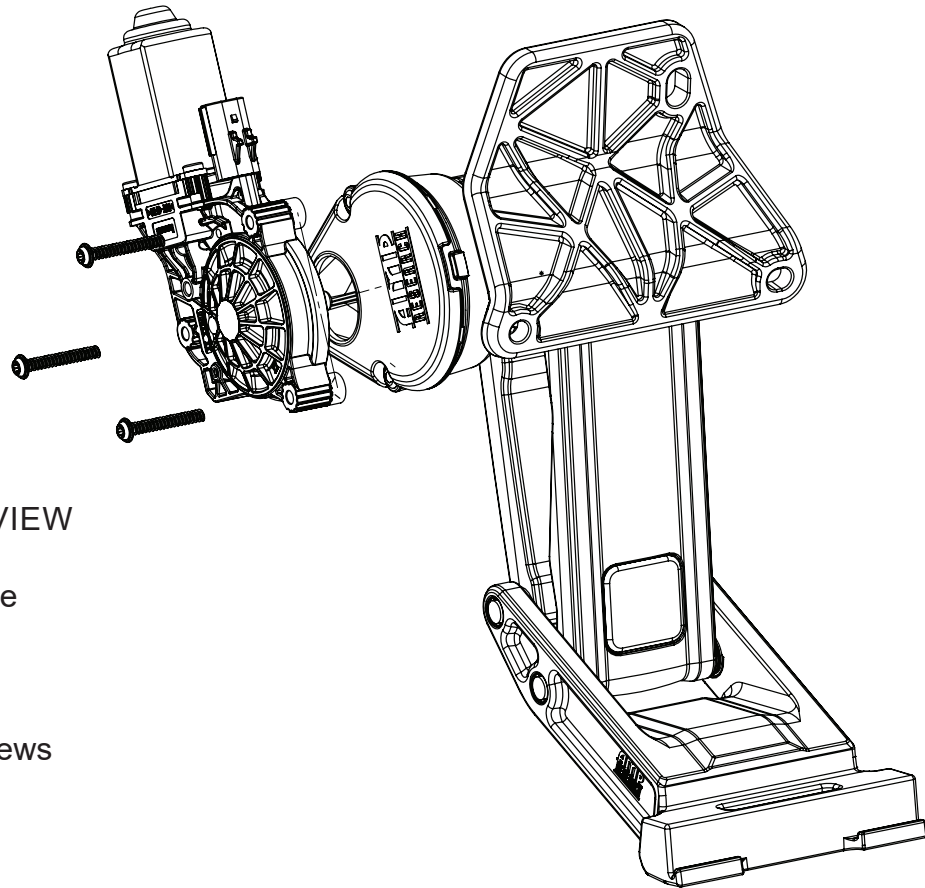
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**INSTALLATION GUIDE****Attaching motor to linkage assembly**

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

**EXPLODED VIEW**

- Motor Linkage
- Motor
- Delta PT Screws

**CAUTION: HANDLE WITH CARE.**

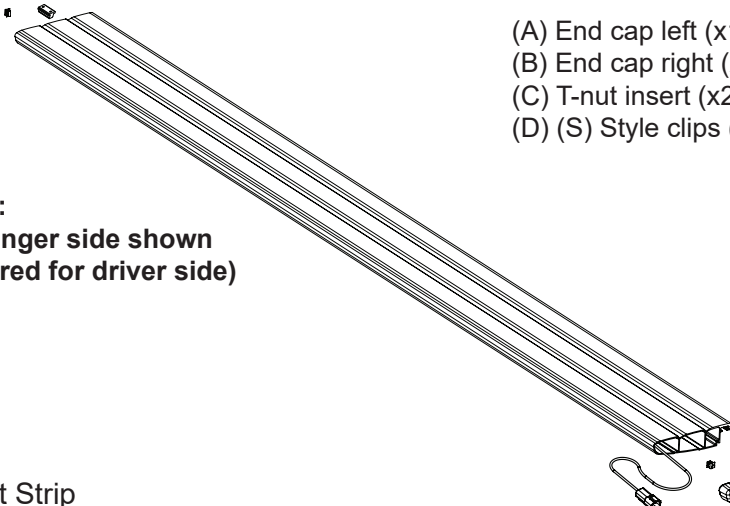
To insure our customers receive all components with full integrity, we pack the motors separate from their linkage assemblies. This requires that the installer position and fasten the motor before continuing with the install. Please follow the instructions below and handle the assembly carefully.

**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 T-25 torx Plus. Tighten screws to 36 in-lbs (4N-m). Do not over torque.

## PARTS LIST AND HARDWARE IDENTIFICATION

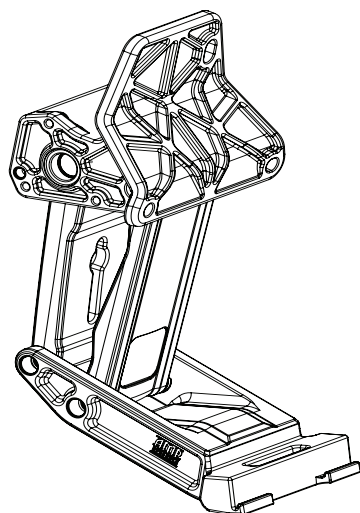


- (A) End cap left (x1)
- (B) End cap right (x1)
- (C) T-nut insert (x2)
- (D) (S) Style clips (x2)

**NOTE:**  
Passenger side shown  
(Mirrored for driver side)

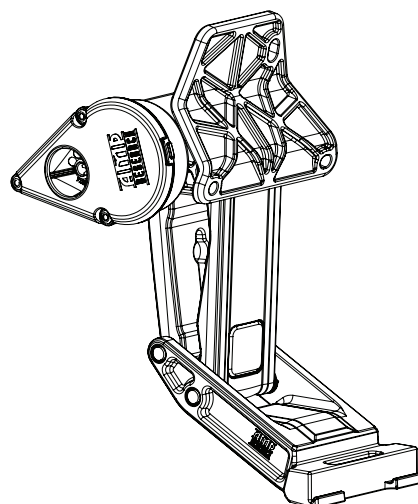
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Running board assembly with Light Strip



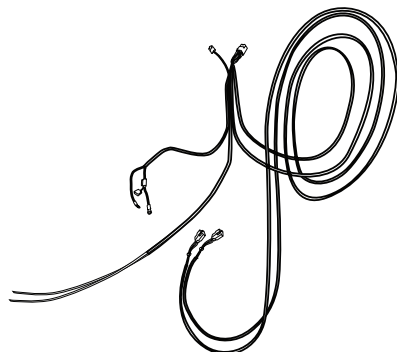
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Idler linkage assembly  
(Front)



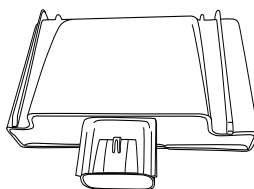
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Motor linkage assembly  
(Rear)



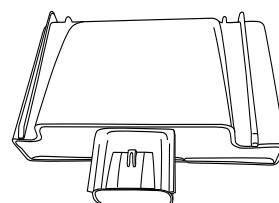
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Wire harness



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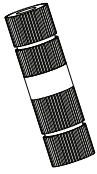
Controller SSA



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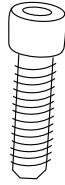
Controller RGB

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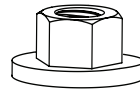
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Posi-Lock™ (Grey)



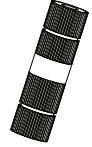
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Socket cap screw



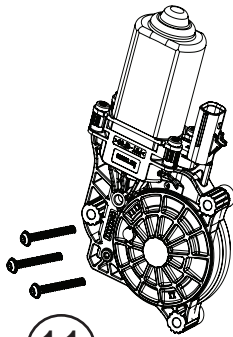
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Nut with Conical Washer



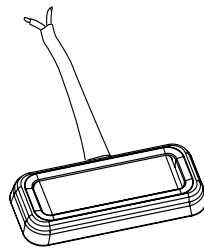
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Posi-Tap™ (Red)



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Motor kit



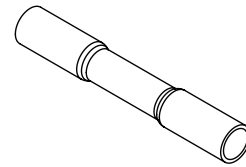
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LED Light



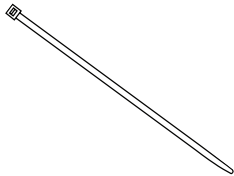
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Grommet



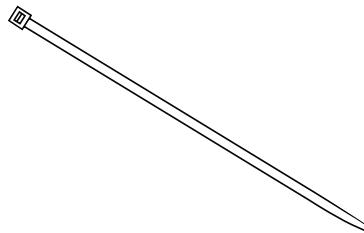
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Butt Connector



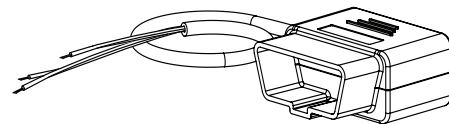
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Cable Ties 7"



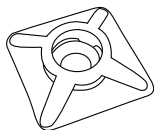
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Cable Ties 11"



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ODB II Plug FD21



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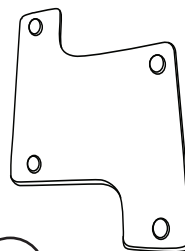
Wire clip



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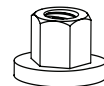
Adhesive clip

**NOTE: Only for Platinum Trim level vehicles**



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Nylon flange Nut

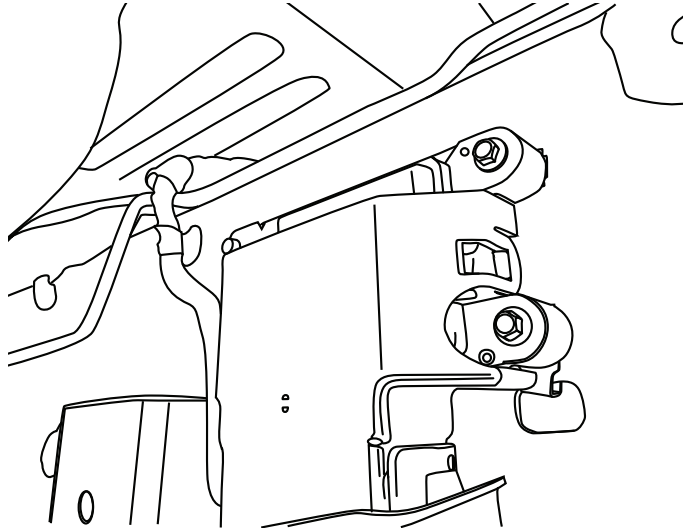


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Nylon flange Nut

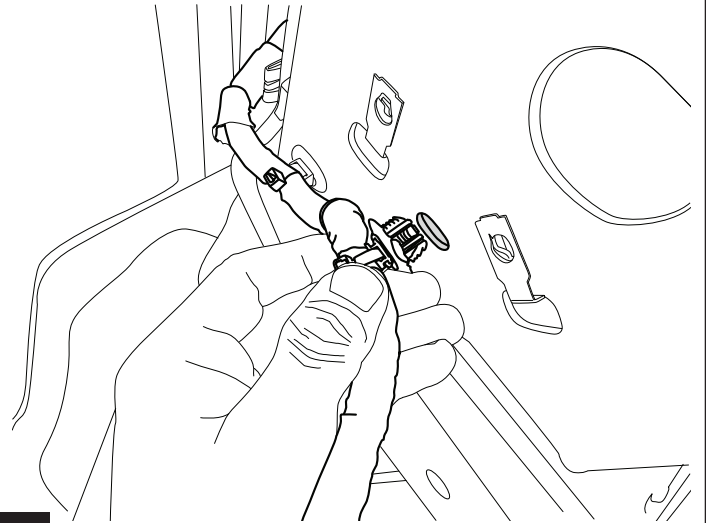
**IMPORTANT NOTE: On Platinum Trim levels only, follow steps 1- 4 then proceed to step 5. All other models skip to page 6, step 5.**

Locate VDM Module, Remove using 10mm Socket or wrench.



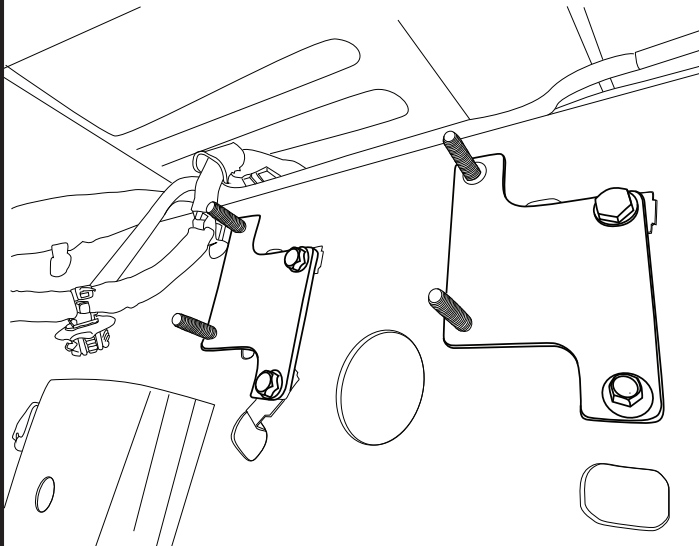
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Remove Wire clip from frame to allow movement of the part.



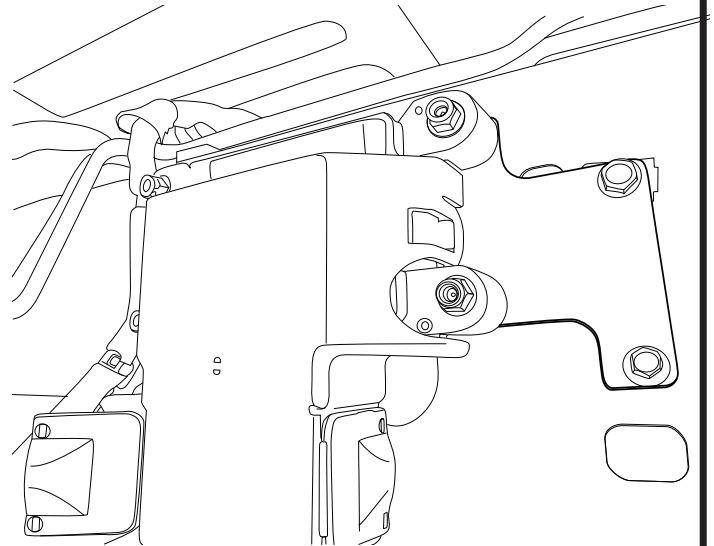
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Assemble supplied brackets (20) onto frame as shown. Re use factory screws removed from VDM module.



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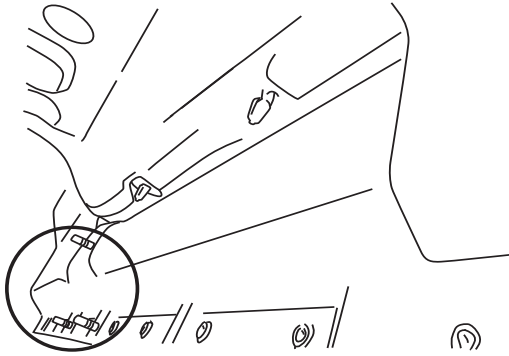
Attach VDM Module to the brackets using supplied nylon flange nut (21).



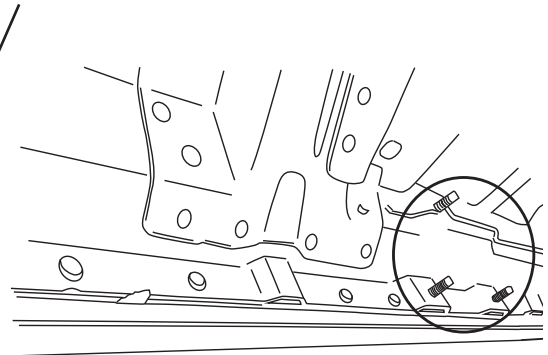
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Locate mounting points; first and last set of studs on the inner sill.  
Idler Linkage mounts toward the front of the truck and Motor linkage mounts toward the rear. Driver side shown below.



Driver Side Rear Stud Location

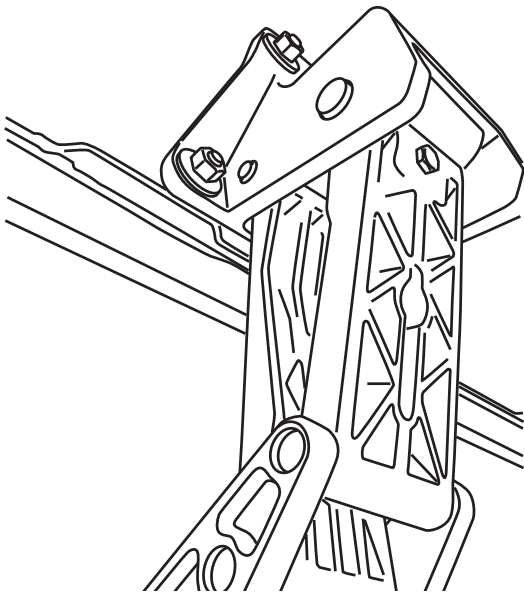


Driver Side Front Stud Location

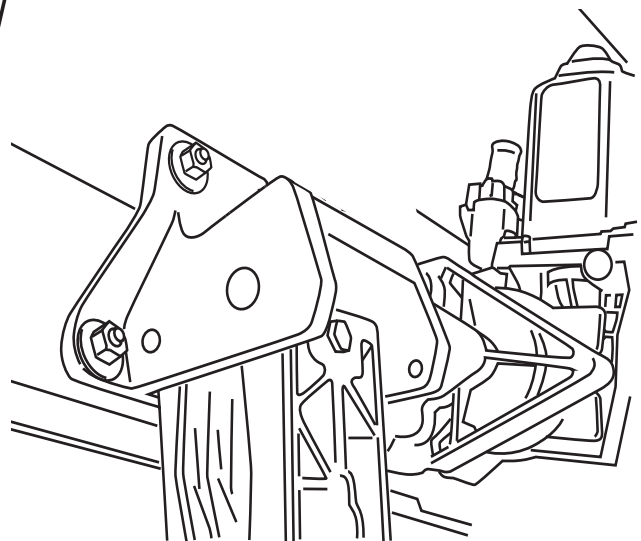
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Mount drive and Idler linkage assemblies. Repeat for passenger side. Make sure linkages sit square, fully resting on studs before tightening.

Torque to 16 ft. lbs (22Nm)



Idler Linkage (Front)



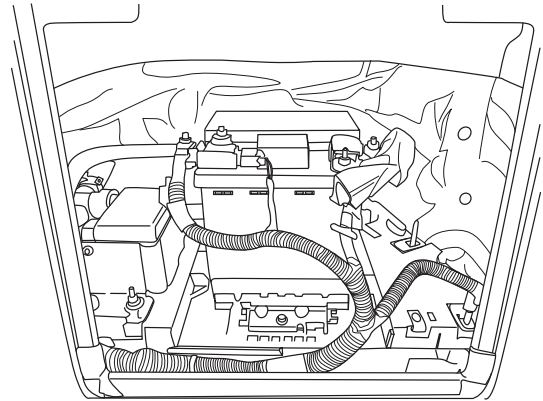
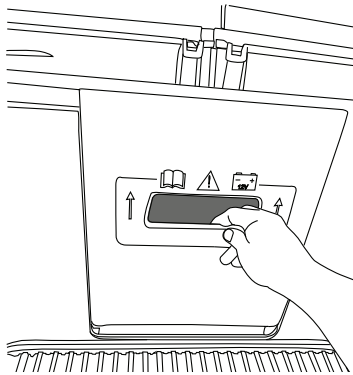
Drive Linkage (Rear)

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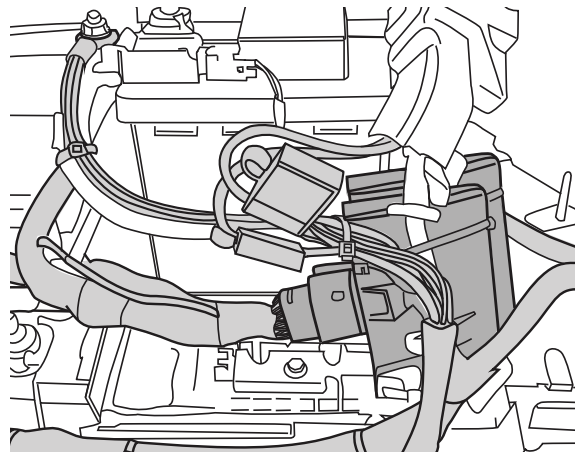
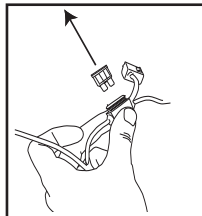
**Lightning Models ONLY, follow steps 7- 9 then go to step 12.**

Open Frunk of vehicle and lift battery access cover up and out.

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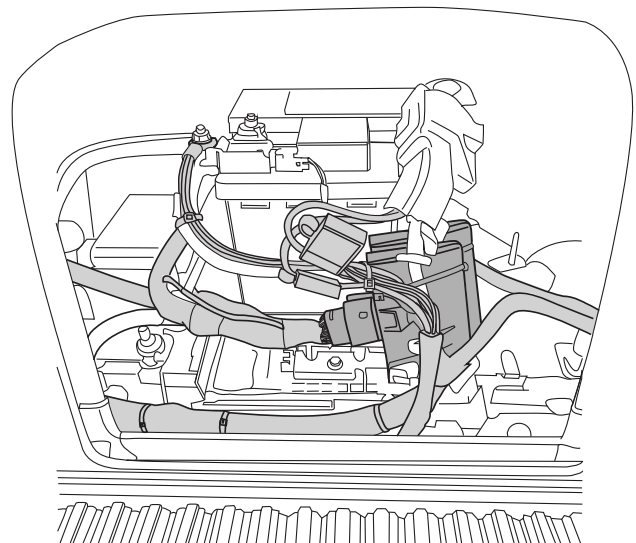


Locate battery and connect red power lead to battery. Connect black lead to ground lead on battery. Mount controllers (5 & 6) to harness located in front of battery using supplied 11" tie wraps(16) for each. Route shorter leg of harness down passenger side wheel well and longer leg of harness down driver side wheel well. Attach harness with supplied 7" Cable ties (15).



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Route shorter leg of harness down Passenger - side wheel well and longer leg of harness down along driver side wheel well.  
Attach wire harness with supplied 7" cable ties (15).

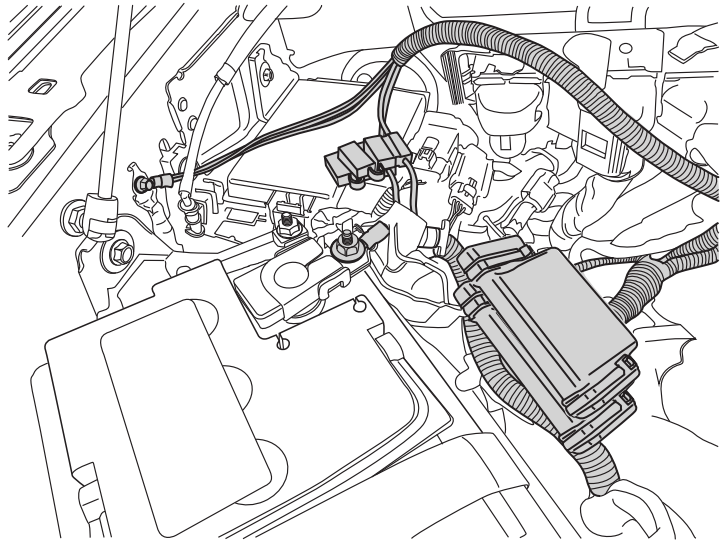
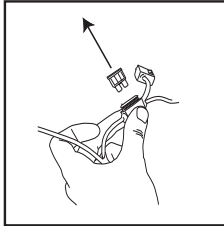


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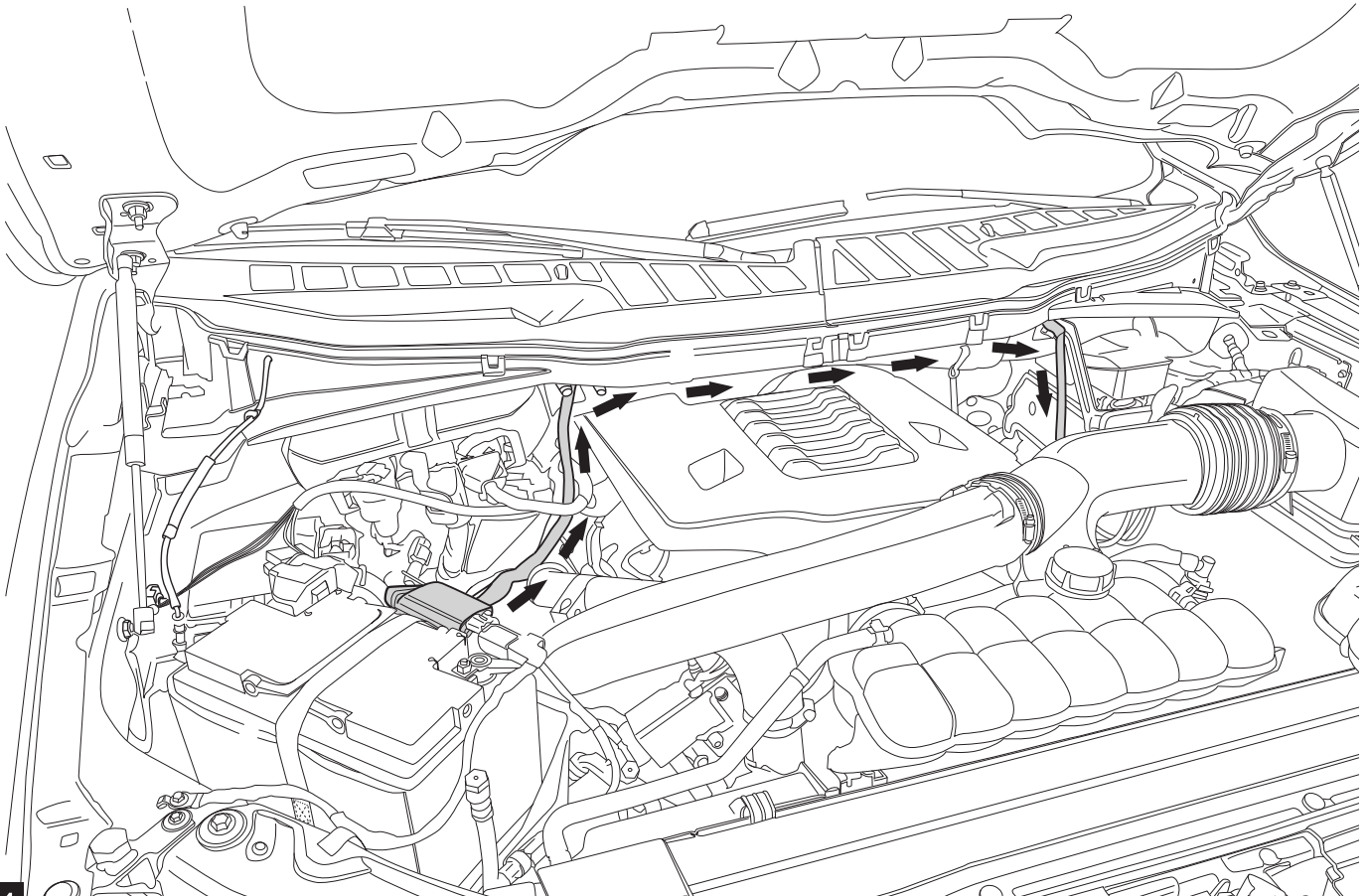
**Powerboost Models ONLY, follow steps 10 and 11 then proceed to step 12.**

Remove fuses from wire harness  
Connect red power lead to battery.  
Connect black ground lead to 13mm bolt  
outside of fender wall. Attach wire harness  
to controller (make sure the connector  
locking tabs fully engage).  
Mount controllers with the two 11" cable  
ties (16) each to factory conduit, just  
forward of battery.



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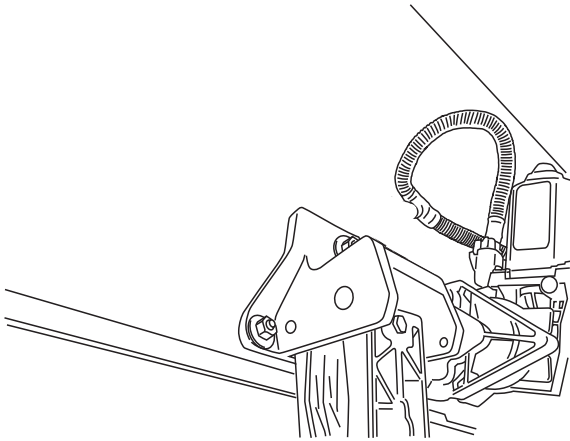
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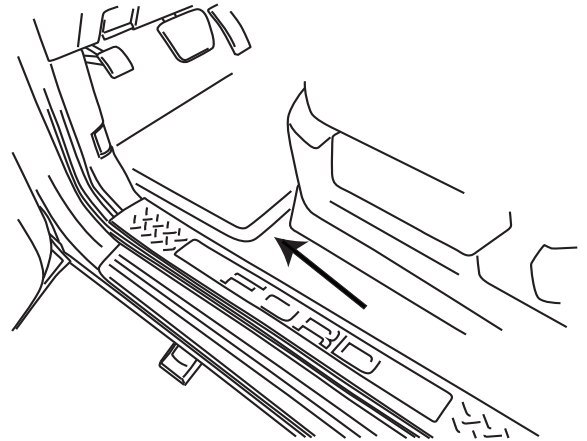


Route factory harness underneath vehicle and plug in motors (both sides).



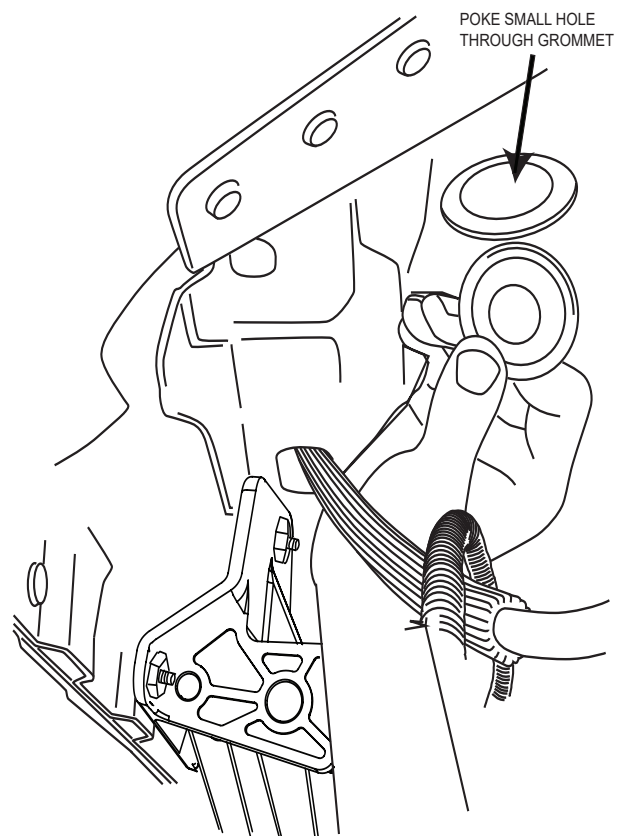
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Remove driver side front kick panel and door sill plate. Roll back carpet to access hole for passing trigger wires into cab of vehicle.



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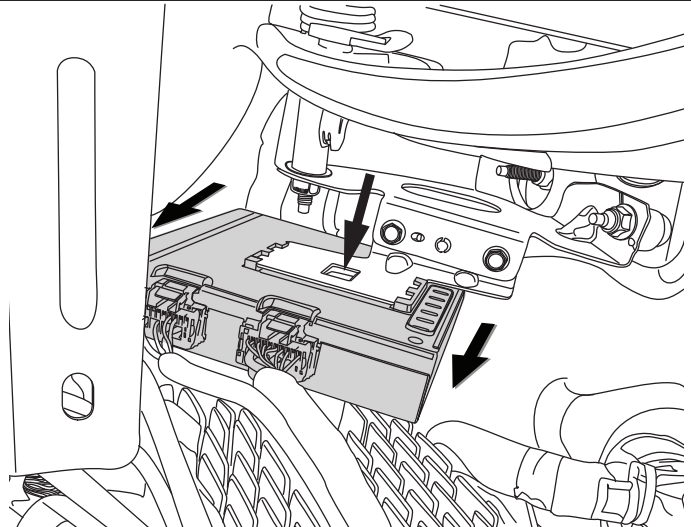
**On Super crew models,** remove grommet in floor panel above front linkage on driver side. Poke small hole into grommet and thread the two trigger wires through and up into the cabin of vehicle. Seal grommet with silicone sealer.



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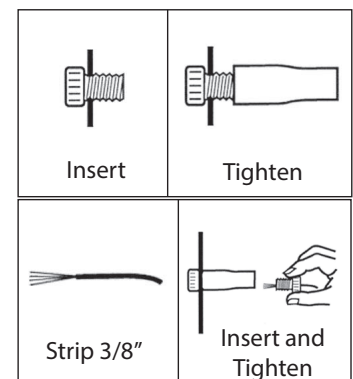
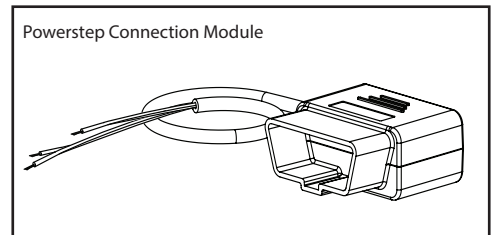
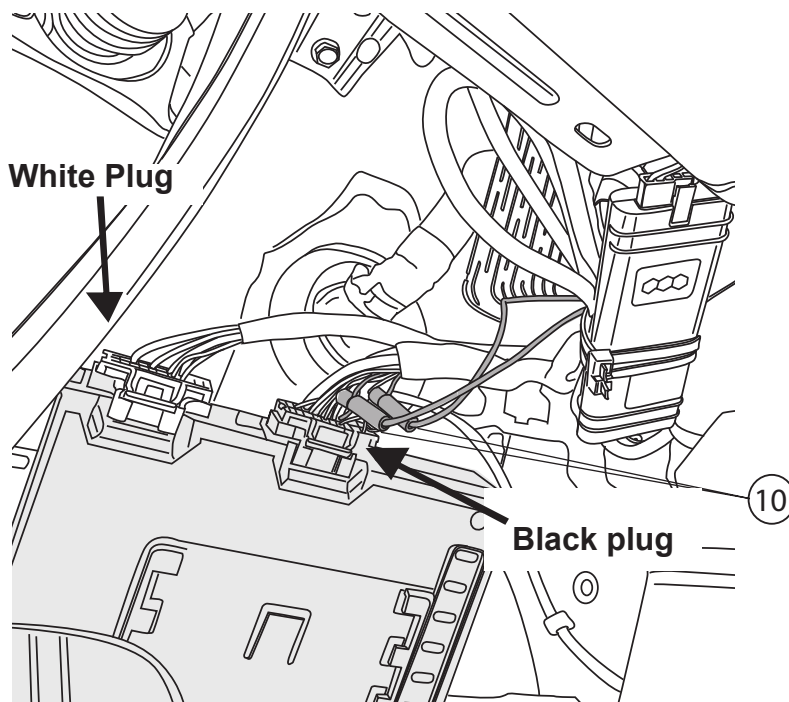
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Locate black module just above e-brake pedal, and proceed to remove it for easier access. To remove module from bracket, push tab as shown and slide bracket downward.



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Locate the following wires (black connector) and connect the blue and white wires of the Powerstep Connection Module with supplied Posi-Tap™ (10) to the following wire colors listed below.



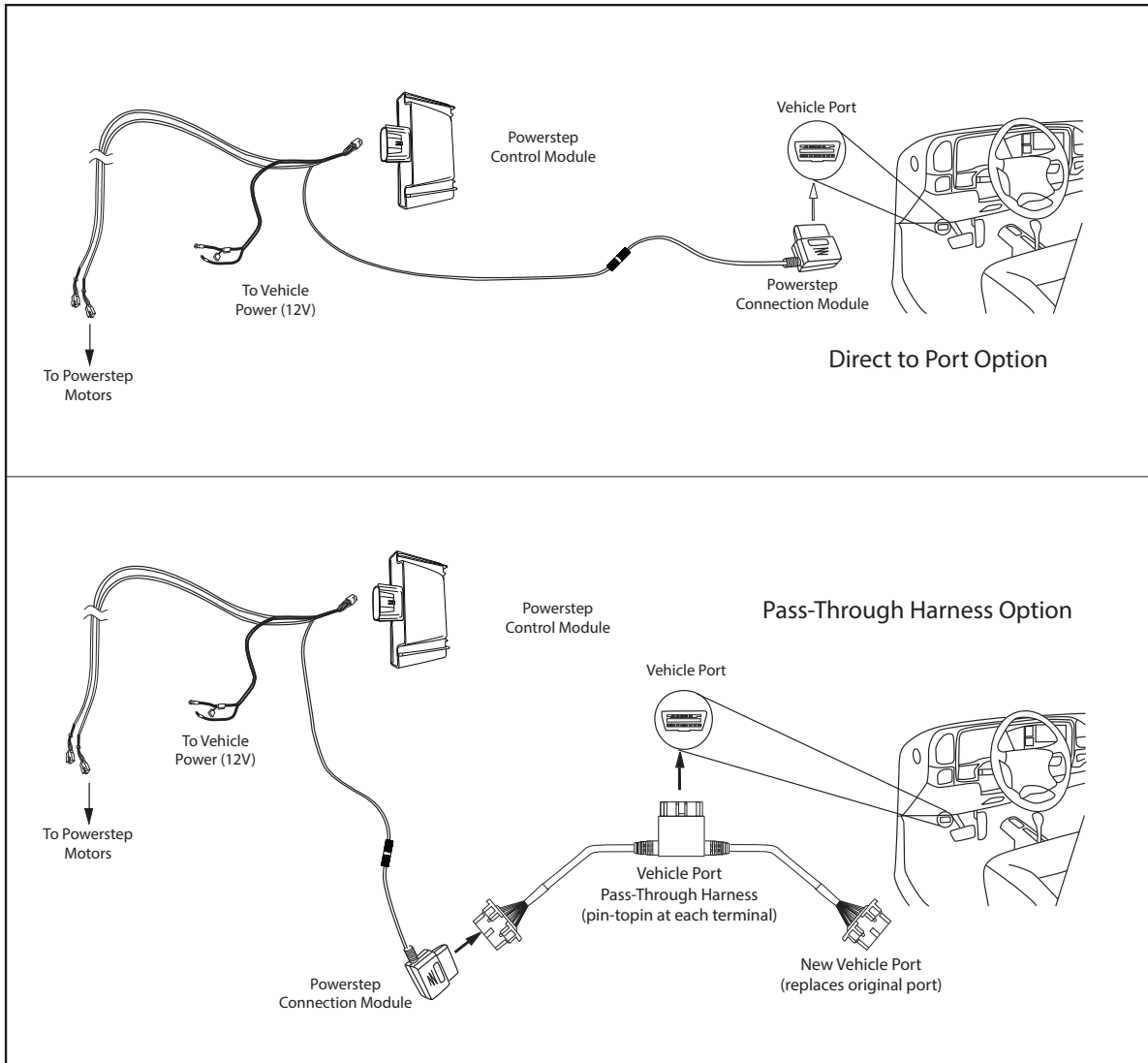
Factory Can Wire	Powerstep Connection Module wire color
Green w/blue stripe	White
White w/green stripe	Blue

After connecting wires, slide module back on to bracket, and ensure locking tab engages.

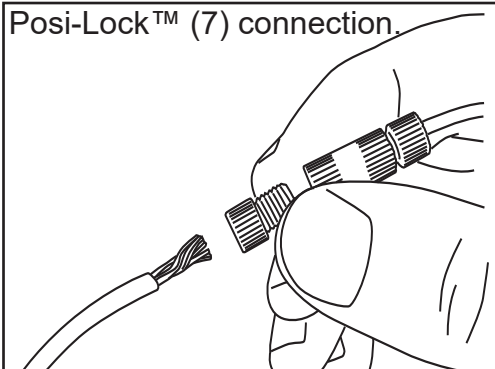
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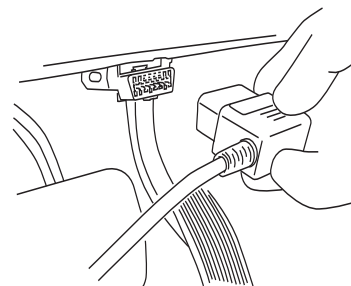
**OBD II connection:** Use Supplied Posi-Lock™ connector to attach the Powerstep Connection Module to the Harness. Plug in Powerstep Connection module to OBD II port on the vehicle. Secure harness with supplied tie wraps. **Note: If the OBD II pass thru harness (76404-01A) was purchased see install sheet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



Posi-Lock™ (7) connection.

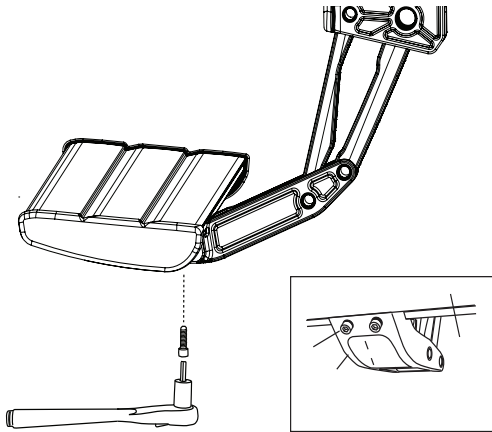


OBD II Module located below steering column.



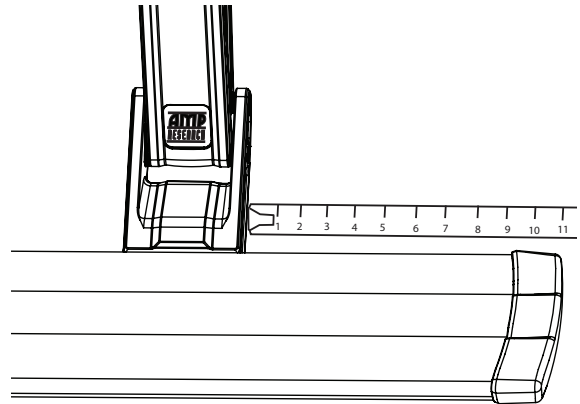
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Attach step, sliding the mounting T-nut into position. Torque to 10 ft lbs (13.5 Nm)



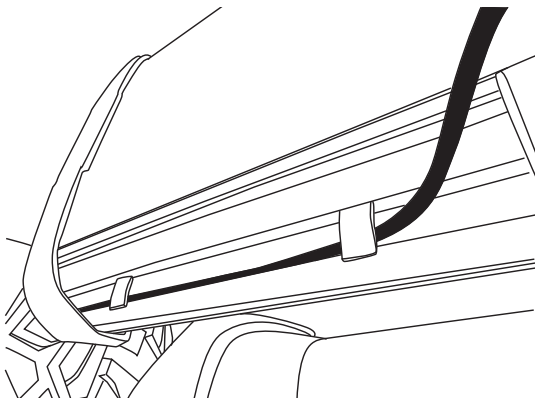
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On each side of the vehicle measure from the rear linkage to end of the board. Measurement should be approximately 11" as shown below.



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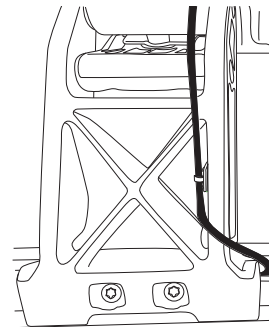
Route RGB wire to front linkage as shown. Use provided Extrusion wire clips (19) to hold wire in place.



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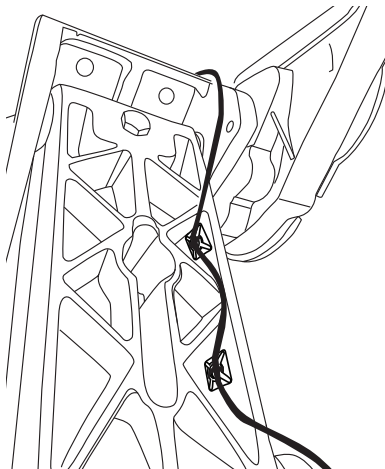
Clean surface with alcohol and use provided adhesive backed wire clips (18) to hold wire on lower mount.

**Note: Linkage pocket desing vary.**



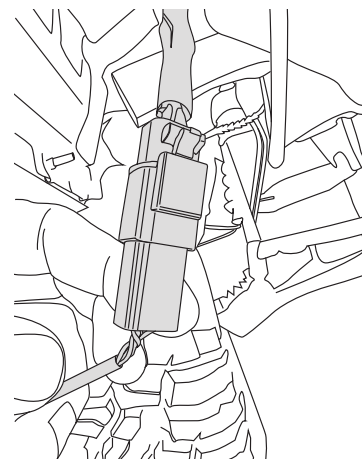
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Clean surface with alcohol and use provided adhesive backed wire clips (18) to hold wire on inner linkage as shown.



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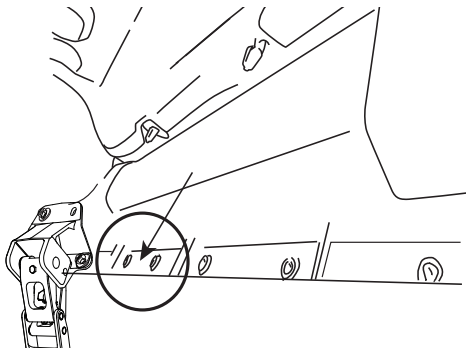
Connect RGB light plug into main harness of powerstep. Secure all remaining RGB wiring with supplied Zip ties (15). Cycle steps to ensure wiring is clear from any moving components of the powerstep.



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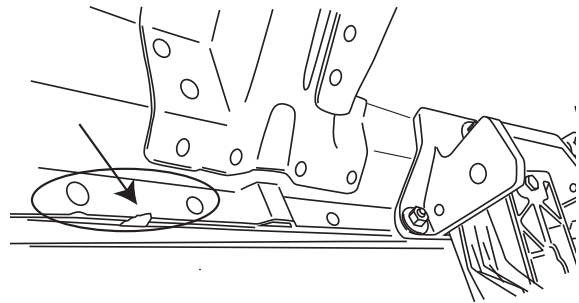
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On each side of the vehicle use tape to mark the led drill location two sections from studs as shown below. Use tape to indicate. Locations are approximately 23" & 66" from front door edge.



### Drive Side Rear Mounted

(In between two rivets just forward of mounting location, as shown above)

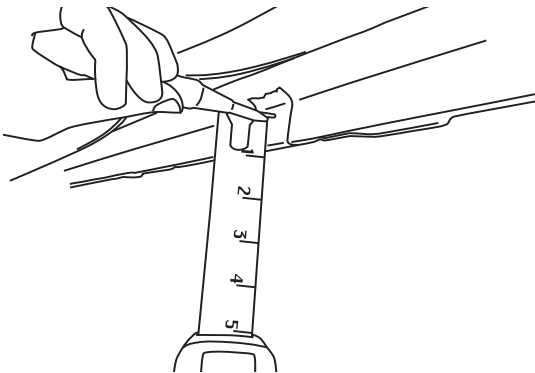


### Drive Side Front Mounted

(Just under left edge of body-brace, as shown above)

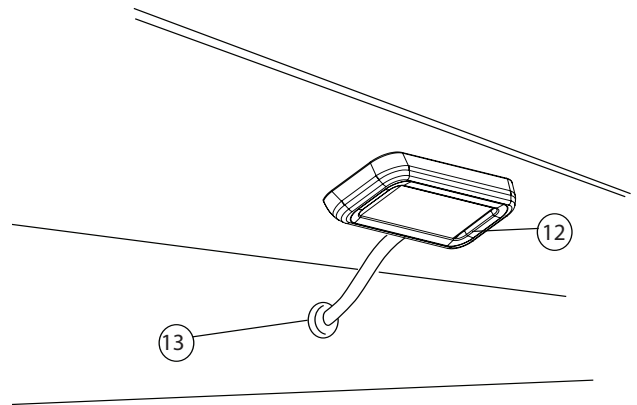
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Mark hole location 1/2" midpoint of the rocker with tape. Pre drill using an 1/8" drill bit and final drill to 19/64" thru pinch weld at marked locations. Deburr hole and insert grommet (#13) for LED Wire.



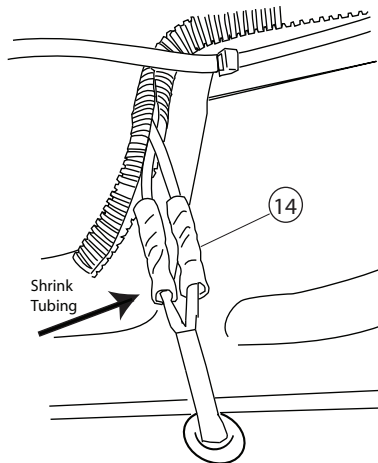
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Route LED wires though through grommet, clean surface, and stick on to rocker panel as shown below.



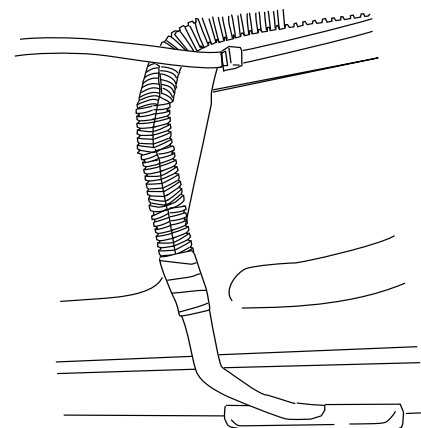
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Using supplied butt connectors, connect the lamp wires. Red to Red, Black to Black. Heat the shrink tubing on the connectors to seal wires.



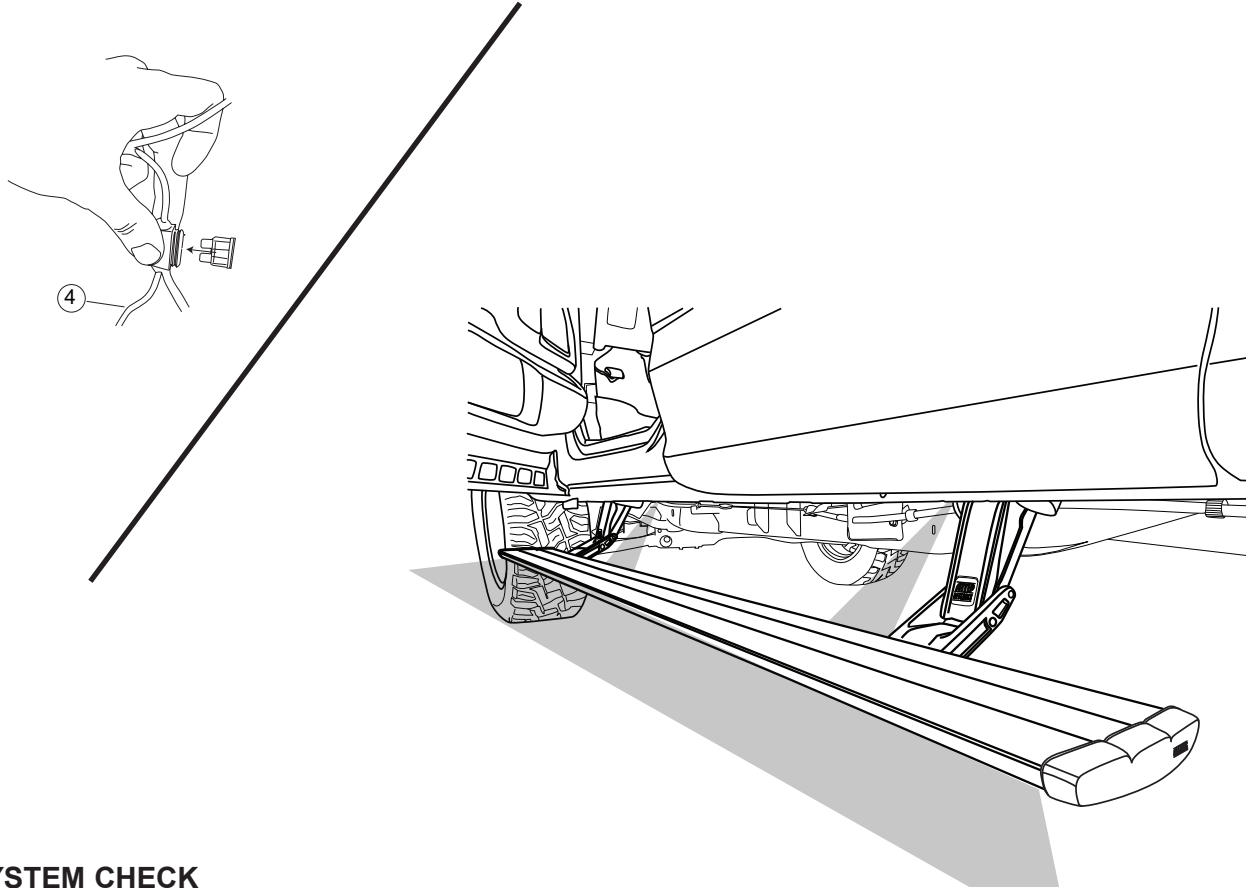
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Close and wrap with conduit and electrical tape. Secure all loose wires with cable ties with lamp wires pulled upward to avoid any wire snagging.



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Reinstall fuses.



#### FINAL SYSTEM CHECK

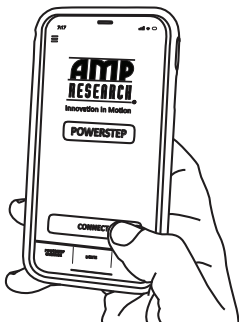
Check that all doors activate the PowerStep and the LED lights work when doors open and close.

**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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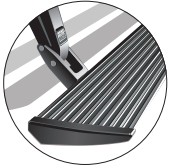
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**POWER-DEPLOYABLE RUNNING BOARDS OPERATION:** RealTruck / AMP Research PowerStep running boards automatically move when the doors are opened to assist entering and exiting the vehicle.



**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.

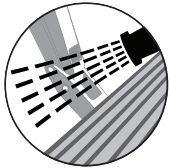
**Automatic stop:**

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:**

The running boards can be manually set in the deployed position by firmly holding the step down with 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 the deployed position and flush the front and rear hinge arms with a high-pressure car wash wand.

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**

RealTruck / 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 by nature 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.

