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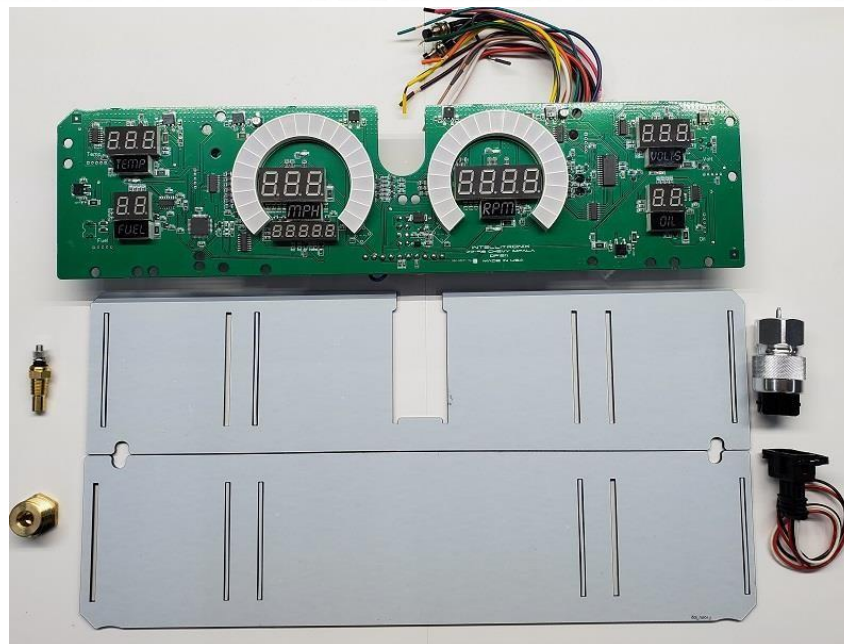
**Thank you for purchasing this gauge panel from Intellitronix. We value our customers!**

**INSTALLATION GUIDE**

**Chevrolet Impala - Caprice Digital Dash Panel**

**Part Number: DP1211**

**Year Series: 1977-90**



**\*Always disconnect the battery before attempting any electrical work on your vehicle.\***

**\*Power up the unit before installing to ensure everything is working properly\***

## KIT COMPONENTS

One (1) Digital Circuit Board with 6 gauges

Two (2) Smoked Acrylic Lens (You will only use one of these, please see note. Discard the other.)

**\* Peel off protective covering from both sides of lens \***

One (1) Temperature Sending Unit (**S8013 OR S8023**) 1/8" NPT, 0-255 Deg., 1/2" NPT Bushing

One (1) Pressure Sending Unit (**S8868**) 1/8" NPT, 0-100 PSI Oil Pressure

One (1) Universal Speedometer Sensor (**S9013**) 7/8" NPT Industry Standard threads

## DASH PANEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Stock Gauge Removal and Reassembly

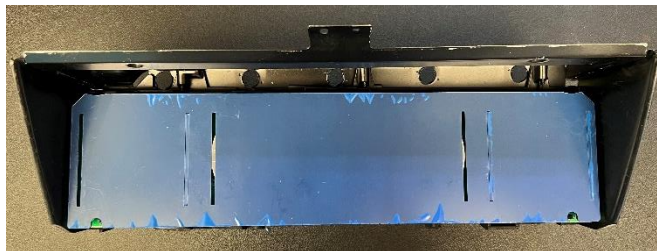
1. Remove the bezel from the back housing, be sure to retain original hardware
2. Remove factory gauges from back housing
3. Place new Intellitronix circuit board into back housing
4. Place smoked acrylic lens over the circuit board (be sure to remove protective film from both sides of the acrylic)
5. Line up factory bezel with the cut outs on the smoked acrylic and reattach to back housing using factory hardware

#### Step 1



Place the new circuit board into the factory housing  
Be sure to line up the corner holes on the circuit board with the plastic posts on factory housing

#### Step 2



Place the corresponding smoked acrylic lens (be sure to remove protective film) over the circuit board

#### Step 3



Reinstall the factory bezel using the original mounting hardware

Please note: Both acrylic lenses will not be used. If you have the bezel style with 4 individual openings, you will use the acrylic with the center cut out (top piece shown on page 1)

**Note:** Set the fuel dip switches before installing unit into Bezel

## WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

***Note:*** Automotive circuit connectors are the preferred method of connecting wires. However, you may solder if you prefer.

**Note:** LS Engines or any other Computer based engine systems most use provides sensors and install new wires to new sensors

**Ground – Black--This is the main ground for the display system. A wire should be run from this board to the vehicle engine block for the best ground.** Use 18 AWG or larger wire to ensure sufficient grounding. Proper vehicle grounding is extremely important for any gauges (or electronics) to operate correctly. The engine block should have heavy ground cables to the battery, frame, and firewall. Failure to properly ground the engine block, senders, or digital dash can cause incorrect or erratic operation.

**Battery Red--**Connect the +12 Volt terminal to constant +12V power from the battery. Use 18 AWG wire to ensure the system receives a sufficient power feed

**Power – Pink--**Connect the power terminal to accessory +12V power from the fuse panel or vehicle wiring harness. This terminal should have power when the key is on or in accessory position. Use 18 AWG wire to ensure the system receives a sufficient power feed.

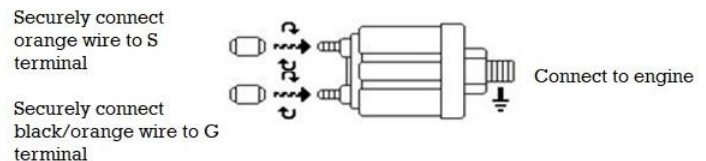
**Water – Blue -** This gauge is incompatible with other sending units, so you must replace the existing water temperature sending unit with the included sender. Do not use Teflon tape or other sealer on the new sending unit's threads to avoid inaccurate readings. Connect the blue wire to the sending unit. For best results we suggest running a new wire.

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION ONLY PERTAINS TO THE TWO TERMINAL SENDER AND CIRCUIT BOARDS THAT ARE WIRED FOR THIS SENDER. NOT ALL KITS WILL CONTAIN A TWO TERMINAL SENDER.**

**Water –Black/ Blue -** This is a ground wire for the two terminal water temp sender. If your dash kit came with the single terminal sender this wire will go to the engine block ground. If using the two terminal sender this will go to the black/blue wire on the sender's harness. If your kit contains a two wire sender and your dash circuit board does not have the Black/Blue wire installed then run this wire coming off the senders harness to the same ground that the dash board is grounded too.

**Oil Pressure – Orange -** Replace the existing oil pressure sending unit with the unit included with your gauge. The Orange wire will be wired to the S terminal on the sending unit. This gauge is incompatible with other sending units.

**Oil Pressure Ground Wire –** From the G terminal on sender run a ground wire to the engine block using 18 Ga wire to ensure proper ground



**Dimmer – Purple** Connect to the parking lights to dim the LEDs 50% when the headlights are on. However, **\*DO NOT \*** connect to the headlight rheostat control wire, or the dimming feature will not work properly and may cause damage to Unit.

**Brake – Tan -** Connect to the parking brake wire from the dash to negative side of parking brake light switch. **NOTE:** If you are using a one wire switch you may need to switch to a two-wire switch. This wire is an optional wire some vehicles may not require

**High-Beam – Brown -** Connect the brown wire on the Dash unit to your high beam headlight circuit. This wire is powered on when the high beam is turned on.

**Right Turn Signals - Grey with White strip** 18-gauge wire is the - RIGHT turn signal

**Left Turn Signals - Grey with Black strip** 18-gauge wire is the – Left turn signal.

Each wire is also labeled on the printed circuit board as 'LEFT' or 'RIGHT'. Connect each wire to its corresponding indicator circuit.

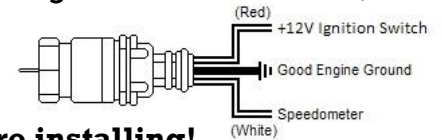
## **SPEEDOMETER (you have three methods for speedometer connection)**

1.) **Speedometer – White - (Factory sender with Powertrain Control Module)** When using a LS engine swap, you will need to pick up the Speedometer signal wire from the PCM Pin 50 on the red connector. (This pin may Differ. Refer to your vehicles Pinout Chart for accuracy). Any other Computer based engine will need to use the PCM/ECM to run the speed signal for the Speedometer. (Consults Pinout Chart)

2.) **Speedometer – White - (Factory two wire sender no PCM)** - Most vehicles built after 1984 have an electronic transmission sender. If your vehicle is already equipped with an electronic transmission, then the electronic vehicle sender will usually have Two wires attached to it. One connects to the Signal wire on dash (we prefer this to be high output). The other wire (Low output) Ground at the Engine block. To find High and Low output wire color or pin location will need to be looked up by Vehicle vin or Model and year or (Consults Pinout Chart).

3.) **Speedometer - White (Intellitronix Speed Sender)** - Disconnect the mechanical speedometer cable from the transmission and thread the new electronic sensor onto the transmission. This panel comes with a 3-wire sensor. If you are using this sensor, the **white** wire is the speed signal; connect this to the speed signal wire on your gauge. The **red** and **black** wires in the cable are switch power (12VDC) and ground, respectively.





**NOTE:**(Twist all Three wires together and this will provide an additional level of interference protection for signal wire.) The speed signal wire should not be routed alongside the tachometer, ignition, or any other high-current or high-voltage wires



## **FUEL SET UP: Note set switches to correct setting and test before installing!**

**Fuel – Yellow** The fuel gauge sending unit is not normally supplied because the display system can use the existing fuel level sending unit in the tank in most cases. If your wiring harness already has a single wire routed through the vehicle for the fuel sender, then it may be used. If using a wire from an external harness, make sure that the wire does not have power. Fuel senders reference their ground from the sender mounting plate. Connect the yellow wire to the factory sending unit. Be sure the toggle settings on the switch match those displayed on the panel, as illustrated. **NOTE:** If the switch is on the back of the circuit board the position is **UPSIDE DOWN!**

1. **Both** switches in the **ON** position for Ford/Chrysler
2. **For GM** - #1 toggle is **ON**
  - a. # 2 toggle is **OFF**.
3. **Both** switches in the **OFF** position for VDO
4. **For Universal/Stewart Warner**
  - #1 toggle is **OFF**
  - # 2 toggle is **ON**.

Fuel Selector Switch Position		
Manufacturer	Switch Position	Ohm Range (Empty to Full)
Ford/ Chrysler		73-10 OHM
GM		0-90 OHM
VDO		10-180 OHM
Universal/ Stewart Warner		240-33 OHM

## **FUEL GAUGE TEST**

The most common problem with our Fuel Gauge not working is the circuit is not complete. The easiest way to test for this is to use a voltmeter and test for continuity on wires going to fuel sender after disconnecting from gauge. If not disconnected it will give you a false reading. With wire disconnected from Fuel Gauge check for continuity to ground. Then test for OHMS to verify within

range of fuel sender. If you don't have an accurate reading. Run a new ground wire to engine without this the Gauge will not work properly. **Note: Verify Ohm range of sender and match settings before cutting a wire or setting Dip switches for testing**

### **CABLE BUTTONS**

**Trip/Cal Button - Grey** - There are two grey wires connected to the push-button for the speedometer board. Mount the switch in a convenient location such as under the steering column so that you may easily reset your trip odometer or other speedometer functions.

**Tach program Button – Grey** There are two grey wires connected to the push-button for the tachometer board. Mount the switch in a convenient location such as under the steering column so that you may easily set the other functions of the tachometer.

**Note: If doing a LS engine swap, pick up the tach signal wire from the ECM/ECU and then set the tach switch to 4-cylinders. You may also need to order the Intellitronix LS Engine Swap Adapter Kit – for Series 1, 2 and 3 engines. The part number is 8014LS. If you are getting the tach signal from the ECU, the resistor in the adapter kit will help pull a stronger signal for the tachometer. If your engine is a 4 cylinder, please call Tech Support at Intellitronix, as you may need to send the gauge back to us to be reconfigured. There is no charge for this additional service.**

### **Tachometer – Green**

If your vehicle has a **separate ignition coil**, connect the green wire to the **negative (-)** side of the coil – the wire that goes to the points or electronic ignition module.

To ensure that the ignition system does not interfere with any other dashboard functions, do not run the tachometer wire alongside any other sender or input wires. **Do not** use solid core spark plug wires with this dashboard system. Solid core ignition wires cause a large amount of electromagnetic and radio frequency interference which can disrupt the system's operation.

If your vehicle has a **GM HEI ignition**, connect to the terminal marked 'TACH', or, on some systems, a single white wire with a spade terminal.

If your vehicle has an **after-market ignition** – some systems will connect to the TACH output terminal.

If your vehicle has a **computer-controlled ignition** system, consult the service manual for the wire color and location for Tach signal output.

If your vehicle has a **magneto** system, connect the tach signal wire to the negative side of the coil. **Do not** connect the tach terminal to the positive (+ or high voltage) side of the ignition coil. Many tachometers, shift lights or RPM-activated switches will not read directly from a Magneto, so your installation may need a Magneto Signal Converter to function properly.

**The default setting for the tachometer is for an 8-cylinder engine.**

### **To change settings:**

The display will stay in Settings Mode until it receives a signal from the ignition system. To program the unit after starting the engine, shut the engine off and turn on only to the accessory position.

When in accessory mode, the settings menu will scroll through the settings menu. A light tap on the button engages the menu system.

1. Sets # of digits in RPM display, using button, display shows: (hundreds) 8800, (tens) 8880, and (ones) 8888.
2. Sets # of cylinders using button, display shows: 1cy, 2cy, etc.
3. Sets first digit on max RPM on gauge bar display (in thousands) using button, display shows: 1000 to 9990.

## **CALIBRATION**

**Note:** *If using the Intellitronix GPS Sending Unit, (S9020 – not included) the speedometer does not need to be calibrated.*

The speedometer leaves the factory with a pre-set industry standard setting of 8,000 pulses per mile. Chances are that you may not need to recalibrate your speedometer, unless you have changed the original tire size or the rear end gear ratio.

**Note:** *Do not attempt to recalibrate your speedometer until after it is working properly and you have determined that the speed is incorrect. The calibration procedure will NOT correct a faulty installation or improper wiring. If you attempt to recalibrate your speedometer without making sure the speedometer is receiving pulses from the sending unit, the speedometer will display 'Err' and default back to the factory settings.*

### **To calibrate:**

- 1. Locate a measured mile where you can safely start and stop your vehicle.** By running the vehicle over this measured distance, the speedometer will learn the number of pulses outputted by the speedometer sensor during a specific measured distance. It will then use this acquired data to calibrate itself for accurate reading. There is a small recall push-button in the center of the panel used to calibrate and read all of the data stored in the speedometer. After installing your speedometer according to the wiring instructions, when the ignition is on it should immediately display the default screen of 0 MPH, if the vehicle is not moving.

NOTE: You will then need to drive your vehicle to the predetermined measured mile. During this trip, the speedometer should read something other than 0 MPH. If it does not change, return and locate the problem before continuing. Otherwise, proceed with the calibration.

2. Stop at the beginning of the measured mile with your vehicle running and in odometer mode (NOT trip mode), press and hold the push-button until the odometer displays 'HI-SP'. On its own, the gauge will then cycle through the recorded performance in the following order: '0 – 60', '1/4', 'ODO', and 'CAL'.
3. While 'CAL' is displayed, quickly *tap* the push-button once. This will put the speedometer in Program Mode. If you did not tap while 'CAL' is displayed, the pulses per mile will be displayed on the odometer and the display will go back to MPH mode. Otherwise, you will now see 'CAL' displayed along with the number '0'. This indicates that the microprocessor is now ready for calibration.
4. When you are ready, begin driving on the metered mile. You will notice that the reading will start counting up. The odometer will begin to display the incoming pulse count. Drive the vehicle through the measured mile (speed is not important, only the distance traveled).
5. At the end of the mile, stop and press the push-button again. The odometer will now display the new number of speedometer pulses that were registered over the distance. The odometer will continue to display the pulse reading for a few seconds. Once it reverts to the default mode, you have successfully calibrated your speedometer.

**Warning:** *If, while in 'CAL' mode, you do not move the vehicle and press the button again, the microprocessor will NOT have received any data. The unit will display 'Err' and will revert to the factory settings. At a minimum, drive some distance and return to the start if necessary. If you miss stopping the display at 'CAL', simply repeat the steps.*

### **Trip Distance**

A single *tap* of the recall button will activate the trip meter in the odometer display. A decimal point will appear which will indicate that you are in trip meter mode.  *Holding* the recall button will clear out the trip distance. To return to the default odometer display,  *tap* the recall button again. The decimal point will disappear, indicating that you are back in the default odometer display.

## Setting the Odometer

While scrolling through 'CAL' mode you will see 'ODO' appear. This will allow you to enter the vehicle's actual mileage. Press the trip button again at this point and you will enter the odometer set up mode. Press quickly to change the number of the digit on the right. Press and hold to advance to the next digit. Do this for all 5 digits. **For Example:** To enter the mileage reading 23456 into the odometer, at the 'ODO' prompt, tap the small black button (quickly) two times, until the number **2** is displayed. Then press and hold the button until the numbers **20** are displayed. Tap the button 3 times until **23** is displayed. Press and hold the button until **230** is displayed and continue in this manner until **23456** is displayed. The speedometer will advance to the home screen, five seconds after the last number is entered.

## Recording and Viewing Performance Data

1. Follow these steps to record and recall Performance Data (high speed,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile ET, and 0-60 time):
2. Before each run, your car must be at a complete stop at the starting position. *Press and hold* the push-button as it cycles through the performance data. At the end, the odometer will reset and all performance data will be cleared. This will not affect your stored calibration value or the odometer reading.
3. Press the push-button until 'HI-SP' is displayed. The gauge will automatically cycle through the performance data.
4. Start the run, pass, session, etc., as mentioned above.

When finished, repeat *Step 2* to view the data gathered from the run. While stopped, you can view this data as often as you wish. However, once it finishes scrolling one time, the memory is ready to record new data and will begin recording again once the vehicle starts to move. The highest speed measured over multiple runs will be retained in memory.

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