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2 Series

CARBON Fiber



CARBON FIBER SEAT HEATER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1-Seat Coverage
2-Temperature Settings
Carbon Fiber Heating Elements



Part# HILO-CF-M

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Limited Warranty

This Product is warranted to be free from defects in manufacturing and workmanship and is guaranteed to work for three years or 36,000 miles, or whichever occurs first. This Limited Warranty covers the repair or replacement of the seat heater components only and does not cover any costs related to or damage resulting from the installation of the seat heater. Seat heaters must only be used in the seat applications for which they were designed, tested and approved by Check Corporation, and failure to properly install the designated seat heated product, or improper installation or misuse of any component, will void this Limited Warranty. Installer shall indemnify and hold Check Corporation harmless from any and all installations contrary to automobile OEM, automobile dealership, and Check Corporation issued instructions.

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1-SEAT

HILO SEAT HEATER KIT

INSTALLATION MANUAL

for Leather and Cloth Seating



Installation Instructions

The skills you need:

You need to be confident in your ability to:

- remove an automotive seat and reinstall to specification
- remove the upholstery and reinstall the upholstery
- remove and reinstall other trim such as the center console or parts of the instrument panel
- creating a hole in the trim for placement of the switch
- work with advanced airbag and occupant detection systems if equipped

Automotive electrical experience or a basic understanding of electrical systems and the ability to disassemble and reassemble automotive seating is recommended.

Recommended tools:

- **multi-meter (ohm's, volts, continuity)**
- Terminal crimpers
- Wire strippers
- Screw driver
- Wrenches
- Electrical tape
- Marker or pencil
- Drill
- Wire cutters
- Torque, socket and Allen wrenches
- Hog ring pliers
- Utility knife
- Needle nose pliers
- Ratchet
- Deep socket
- **1" Uni-bit (step bit) or 13/16" Drill bit**
- **Scissors**

This product features:

Temperatures

- ☐ 1 temp
- ☒ 2 temp
- ☐ 3 temp

Seats

- ☒ 1 seat
- ☐ 2 seats

Heating Technology

- ☐ Copper Wire
- ☒ Carbon Fiber
- ☐ PTC Ink

Available Switch Style Options for this product:



Round Rocker

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Checklists:

2 Series Carbon Fiber Product Contents Part Number

		Hardware
MANDATORY Element (Cushion or Back)	E26201	1
OPTIONAL Element (Back)	E06201	1
Installation Extras (see contents below)	HPACK-EC9-PRO	1
POWER HARNESS (12')	PH-EC12-12FT	1
Switch Harness with switch (5')	SWH-EC-M9-1	1
Hi / Off / Low Round Latching Switch	SW-SPDT-06-24V	1
Extension Harness	EXT-EC-M9A-1	1
Electronic Controller	ECMC-M9-A	1
OWNERS MANUAL (w/Warranty Card)	LIT-MAN-HILO-1	1
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS	LIT-MAN-HILO-CF	www.seatheater.com/instructions

HPACK-EC9-PRO Installation Extras Sub-component Package Contents

	Quantity
4" TY-RAP	4
7.5" TY-RAP	2
Inline Fuse Holder	1
7.5 Amp Fuse	1
Fast-On Terminal	1
Ring Terminal	1
Self-tapping Ground Screw	1

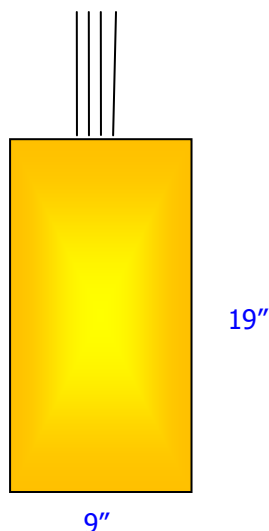
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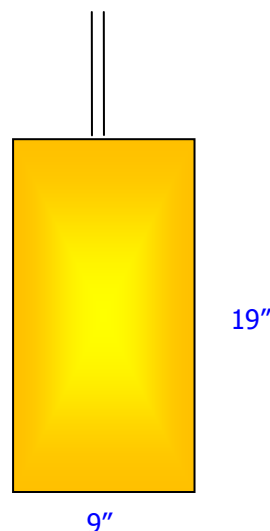
Heating Element Information

Mandatory Element E26201

Has a temperature probe



Optional Element E06201



Product Specifications

- 12v automotive system (11 – 15 volts)
- Maximum power requirements
77W (5.6A @ 13.8V)
- Temperature range measured at seat surface during normal operation **

High	110°F (+/- 3 °F)	or 43°C
Low	103°F (+/- 3 °F)	or 39°C
- Heating elements meet FMVSS 302 flammability requirements
- Connectors are indexed to prevent improper mating, including a quick disconnect for the switch
- Cushion element could be cut as short as 120mm (4 3/4 inches). The back could be cut to any size. But there is no heat in the area from the cut opening to Buss bar at each side. Cushion element works without a back element.

** Performance varies with seat materials used and the density and amount of sew foam between the heating elements and the surface of the seat.

Safety:

PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLING HEATING ELEMENT ASSEMBLIES!

Do not modify this product.

Do not connect this product to factory seat heater parts

Check Corporation wire heating element assemblies are specific to each seat and are not to be cut. They are designed to fit specific vehicle seats according to the model and production year of the vehicle. For a full list of vehicles that your kit is compatible with, please call customer service at 877-607-8941.

- Some front passenger seats are outfitted with occupant detection sensors which are not compatible with any after-market seat heater. Consult with Check Corporation to determine the appropriate heating element assembly for each specific vehicle.
- Heating elements should NEVER be installed onto foam where an occupant detection sensor is visible on the Top surface of the foam, even if the heating element would not touch the sensor. Heating elements are to be placed onto foam bun only. The heating elements may adversely affect or cause the sensors or airbag system to not function correctly, thereby causing severe injury or death.
- The heating elements must be connected to switched or keyed ignition power only, to prevent battery drain when vehicle is off.
- Check and determine that the heating elements will fit under the seat trim covers in the desired areas. The listing channels or the Velcro hold-downs should line up with the cutouts in the heating elements. This is not important if the heating elements do not cross over a listing channel or Velcro hold-down. See figure 1
- **BONDED SEATS (UPHOLSTERY GLUED TO FOAM BUN)**
Never remove the cover of a bonded seat. The cover of a bonded seat cannot be installed again once it has been removed. If installation of a heating element assembly is to be attempted in this kind of seat, cut an opening in the foam bun large enough for the element to fit ½" underneath the cover. A professional should only attempt this, as mistakes often result in the replacement of the seat foam and cover.
- **CLOTH UPHOLSTERY**
If your upholstery is thin, and does not have at least 1/4" of foam sewn onto the backside of the upholstery, it is recommended that you apply a 1/4" to 1/2" thick layer of foam or headliner fabric to the entire insert area between the heating element and the upholstery. This will eliminate read-through and make sure the temperature is at an appropriate level.

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IF THESE SAFETY CONDITIONS CANNOT BE MET, DO NOT ATTEMPT INSTALLATION

To prevent OVERHEATING AND/OR A FIRE follow these instructions carefully:

- Remove paper adhesive liner from the cushion and back heating elements before installing them onto the foam bun. This is mandatory as the heating pattern is maintained by the adhesion of the heating elements to the foam bun of the seat. If the heating elements are not secured they could develop hot spots.
- The paper liner is combustible and is not intended to be installed with the heating elements.
- The Heating elements must NOT be folded into seat listing channels except where cutouts were designed into the element. Do not fold the heating elements against themselves.
- Cushion and back heating elements are wired to operate in series only. Do not change the wiring to power the heating elements in parallel.

IN THE EVENT THAT THESE WARNINGS ARE DISREGARDED, THE CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND WARRANTY BECOMES NULL AND VOID. MISUSE OF THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO PERSON OR PROPERTY.

Installation

1. **Pre-wire all components** on your workbench and test with a multi-meter for continuity. Do NOT use a battery charger as a power source. Use a 12V D.C. power source. If there are any problems, see the troubleshooting page. **IF THE KIT HAS A CUSHION AND BACK HEATING ELEMENT THEN BOTH MUST BE USED. NEVER OPERATE CUSHION OR BACK ELEMENT SEPARATELY. SINGLE ELEMENT HEATERS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.**
2. **Locate vehicle fuse panel** and determine routing of power harness. **Each seat heater needs a separate 7.5A inline fuse** (included) with a switched ignition 12V power source.
3. **Install the ground** wire ring terminal, from the power harness, to the fuse box ground screw. Clean terminals and grounding point of paint, grease, and dirt to ensure a good electrical connection. **NEVER DRILL THROUGH THE FLOOR.**
4. **Disconnect and isolate** the negative (ground) battery cable.
5. **Discharge latent electricity** - pump the brakes a few times, and wait five minutes for the system to discharge. It is important to do this before disconnecting any airbag connectors.
6. **Remove Seat(s) from vehicle.** Care should be taken, as the sharp edges of the seat frame will scratch the interior trim. Use duct tape or padding to cover sharp areas before removing seat.
7. **Remove the seat covers** and verify that the heating elements fit. **HEATING ELEMENT ASSEMBLIES SHOULD NEVER BE INSTALLED ONTO FOAM WHERE AN OCCUPANT DETECTION SENSOR IS VISIBLE ON THE TOP SURFACE OF THE FOAM. EVEN IF THE HEATING ELEMENT WOULD NOT TOUCH THE SENSOR.**
8. **Determine a location for mounting the switch.** Cut a hole according to the dimensions shown in the wiring diagram. Connect switch harness to the back of the switch as shown in the wiring diagram (by wire color).
9. **Locate area for heating elements** by tracing element outline onto foam bun. Be sure that the cushion element is placed on the cushion bun, and that the back element is placed on the back bun.

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10. **Remove the adhesive release paper.** This paper must be removed, as IT WILL BURN.
11. **Attach the heating elements** to the foam bun (not the seat cover) by pushing down on the pads causing the adhesive to stick completely to the foam bun. **NOTE:** Element may be hard to handle if you tear the release paper off all at once. Paper can be peeled away in increments as you apply the element to the foam bun. Apply cushion element rear to front and back element bottom to top. **RELEASE PAPER MUST BE COMPLETELY REMOVED. FAILING TO COMPLETELY REMOVE PAPER IS A FIRE HAZARD AND NULLIFIES AND VOIDS WARRANTY.**
12. **Re-install seat trim covers.** Do not install hog rings through the heating element. **THE SEAT LISTING WIRES SHOULD NOT LIE DIRECTLY ON TOP OF THE HEATING ELEMENTS. IF THE LISTING WIRES MUST CROSS THE PADS IN THE CHANNELS, ADD SOME FOAM FOR PROTECTION.**
13. **Install the seat into the vehicle**
14. **Reconnect airbag connectors**
15. **Reconnect the ground of the battery**
16. **Connect the extension harnesses** to the controller as shown in the wiring diagram.
17. **Mate all remaining connectors** (as shown in the wiring diagram). **SECURE THE WIRE WITH THE TIES PROVIDED. CHECK THAT THE RECLINING OF THE SEATS, OR THE MOVEMENT OF THE SEAT FRAME DOES NOT PULL, FRAY, OR CUT THE WIRES**
18. **TEST SEAT FUNCTIONS;** RECLINE, FORWARD, REVERSE, UP, DOWN, ETC. ENSURING THAT NO STRAIN IS PLACED ON ANY OF THE SYSTEM'S WIRES. Ensure all of the anchor bolts are tight to the manufacturer's specification.

Using the Seat Heater for the First Time (before you deliver to your customer)

OPERATION OF THE HEATED SEATS:

After turning the system on high setting, **you must sit in the seat** and should be able to feel heat within 1-5 minutes depending on the thickness of the trim cover material over the element.

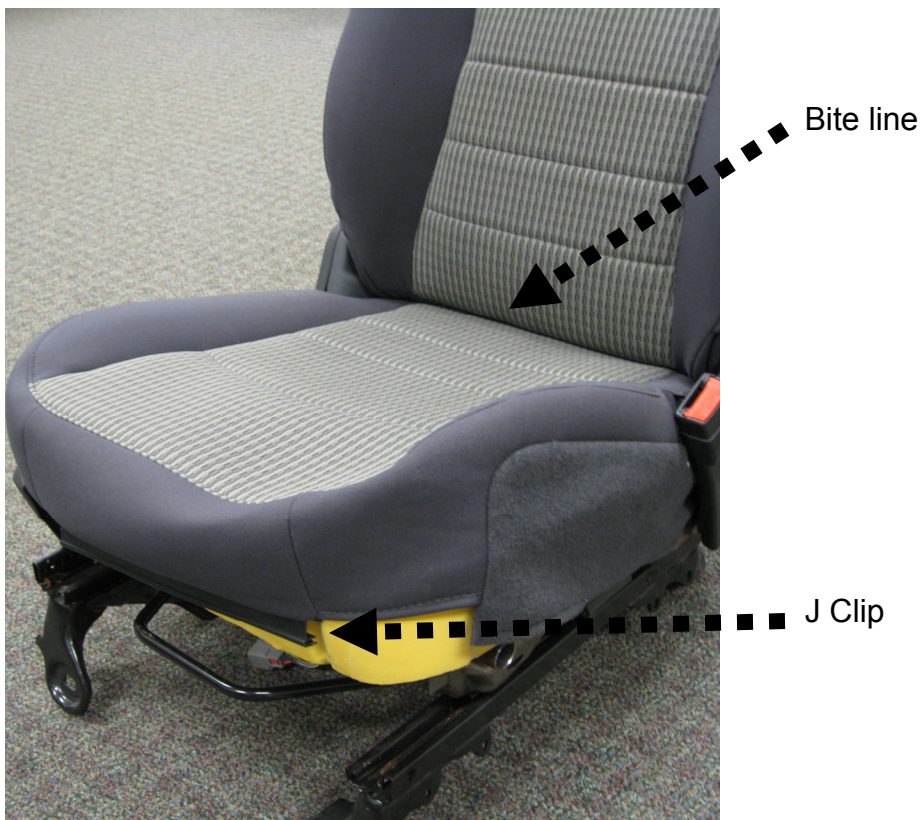
The thicker the trim cover, the longer it takes to feel the heat.

Installing the heating elements

1. General Seat Construction

A typical automotive seat will have a seat cover (cloth or leather), base foam and a frame. Typically, j-clips connect the seat cover to the seat frame (see Figure 2). When the j-clips are unfastened, the seat will still be connected to the base foam through the listing channel. The following are some examples of methods used to secure the seat cover in the listing channel. A) plastic bar w/ hog rings B) metal rod w/ hog rings C) Velcro™ D) clips (see Figure 3).

Figure 2: Automotive seat

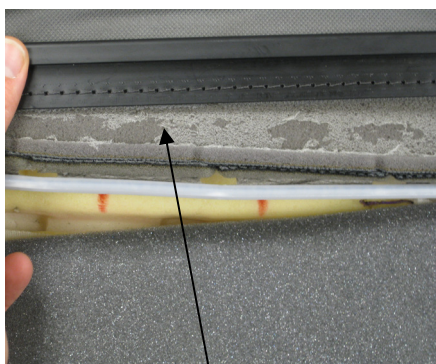


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Figure 3: Methods used to secure seat cover to base foam



Metal bar w/ hog ring



Plastic bar w/ Hog ring



Clip in base foam



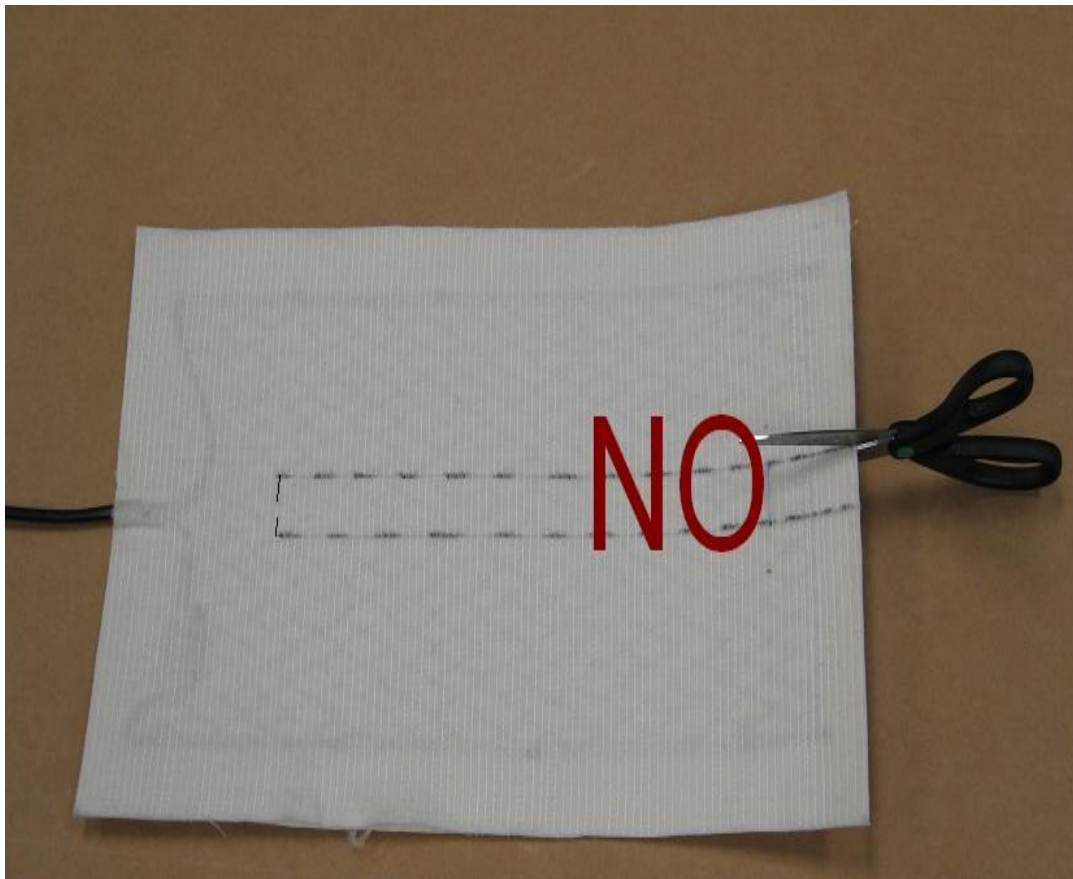
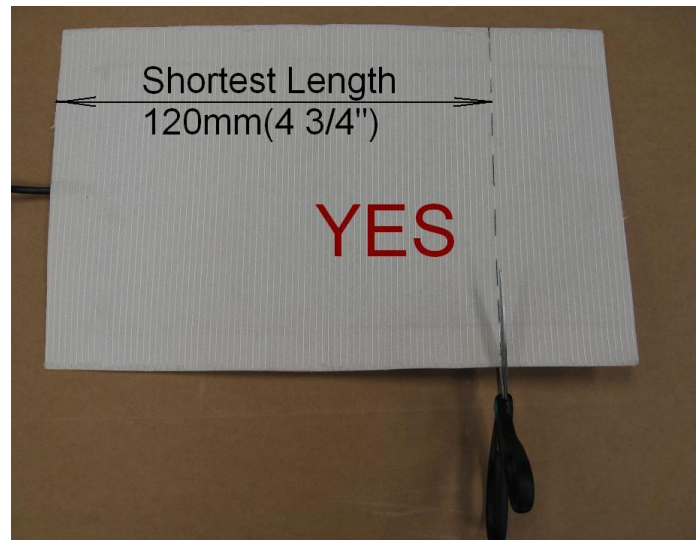
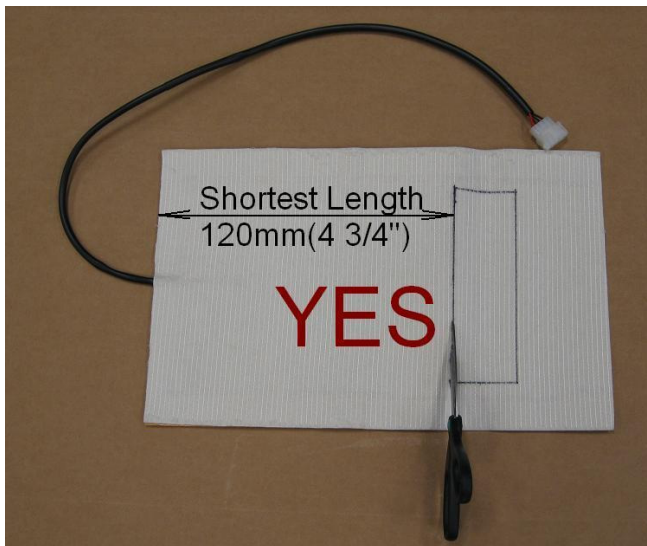
Velcro

2. Pre-fit your heating elements. Check and determine that the heating elements will fit under the seat trim covers. Element must be centered on seat. The elements must be out of bite line.



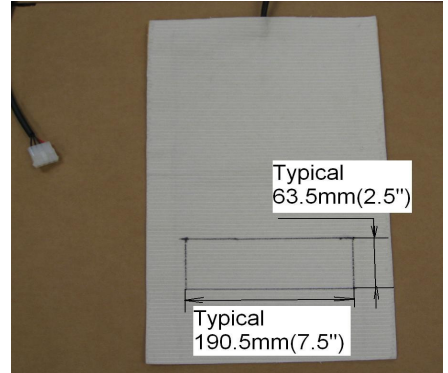
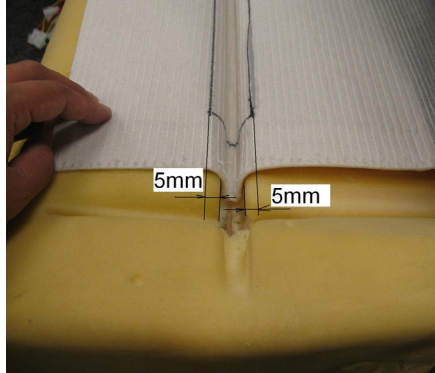
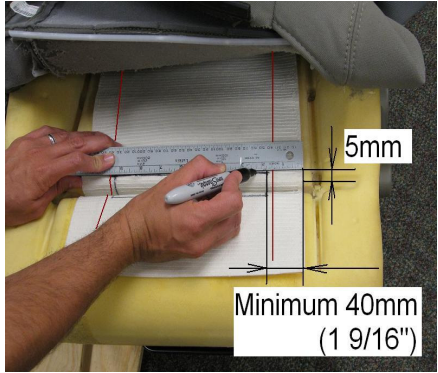
3. Cutting your carbon fiber heating elements

- DO NOT make any cuts within 4.75 inches from the entire edge (wire harness edge)
- DO NOT make vertical cuts
- You can shorten the entire heating element
- You can make horizontal cuts between the buss bars

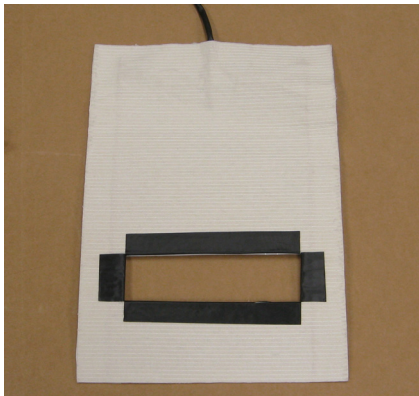
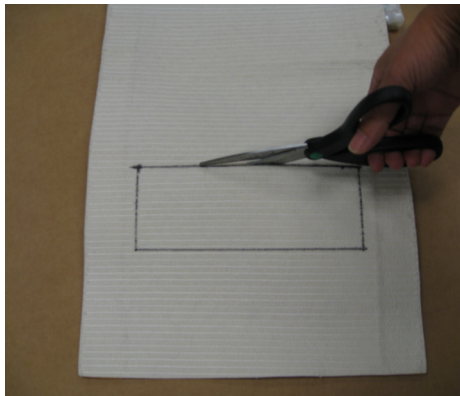


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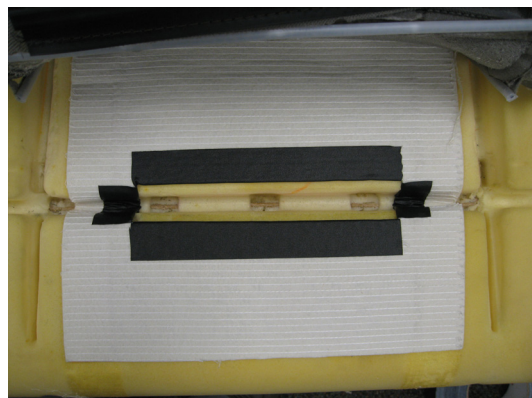
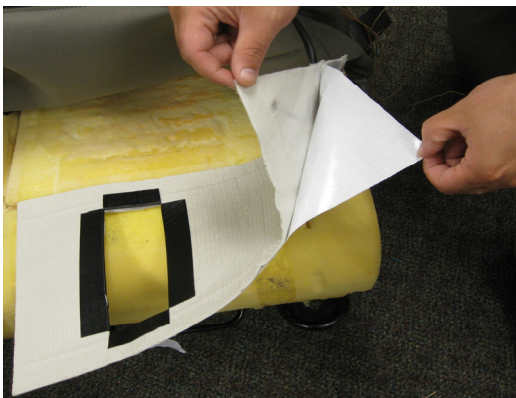
4. Mark opening across a trench. The minimum distance from edge of element to opening is 40mm (1 9/16"). Tuck pad into seam as shown.



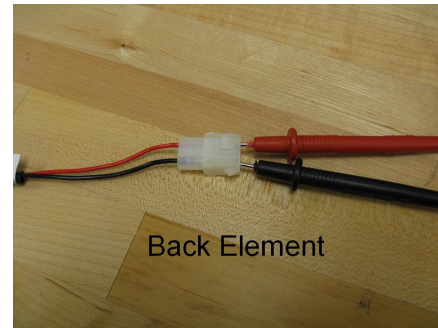
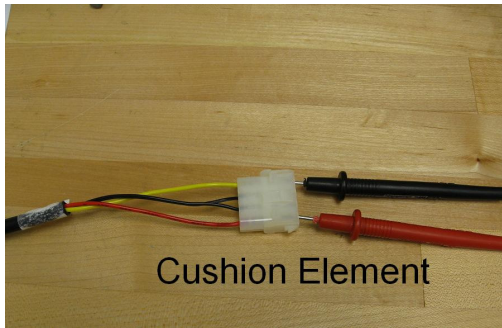
5. Cut out opening. Cover borders of cutout with tape trips provided on heating element if any electrical conductive part is used in the channel, such as hog-ring or metal bar. If Velcro or plastic clip used in the channel, then the borders don't need to be covered.



6. Peel off paper adhesive liner prior to installation. Push down on the pads causing the adhesive to stick completely to the foam bun.



Troubleshooting the heating elements



- Set the multi-meter to ohms. For a cushion element, touch the red and black probes to the red and yellow pins. For a back element, touch the red and black probes to the red and black pins. The meter should show that there is continuity through the wires. A normal reading for either a cushion element or a back element is approximately 5.0 to 7.0 ohm's without any cutout in the element; 1 cutout of 2.5" will increase the resistance to approximately 6.0-8.0 ohm's; 2 cutouts of 2.5" will increase the resistance to approximately 7.3-10.0 ohm's. if the meter reads an open (Mega ohm's), there is a break in the circuit.
- A test light will NOT work to test the continuity

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Connecting Power

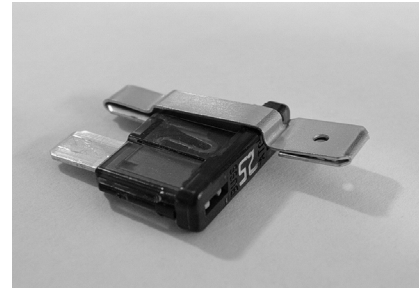
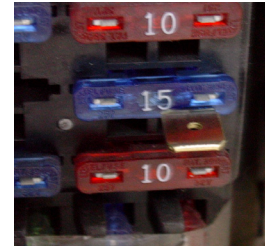
Using fuse-taps

If you are using fuse taps, it is important to draw from the correct side of the fuse

When connecting the red wire on the power harness

connect it to the cold side of the fuse.

Red = Cold Side

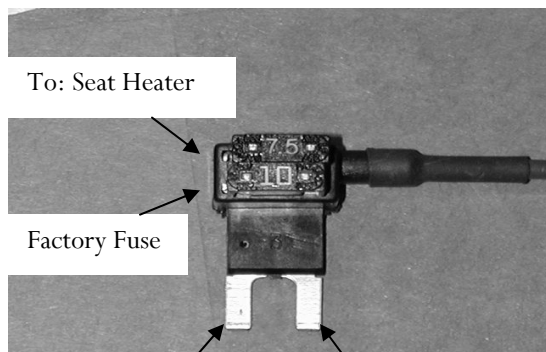


Using Optional Add-A-Fuse Accessory (Purchased Separately)

This adaptor is rated to handle up to 10 amps on the accessory fuse.

Prong indicated in photo below must go to the DC +12V hot side of the fuse receptacle. In the example photo, the 7.5 amp fuse runs the seat heater accessory; the 10 amp fuse is the original amperage fuse from the fuse box. The 7.5 amp fuse is in line with the red wire for connection to the DC +12V seat

Photo: Add-A-Fuse with fuses

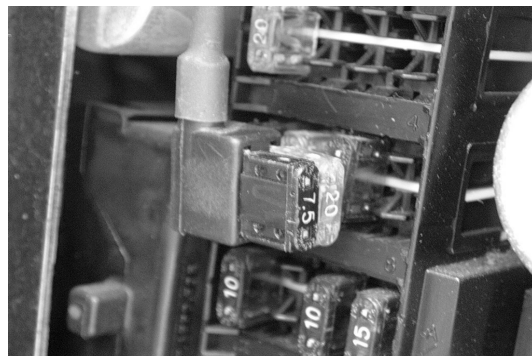


heater wire.

+ VOLTAGE

COLD

Photo: Add-A-Fuse installed in fuse box



Troubleshooting of the electrical system

If the system does not heat up, check the following:

To test the unit you must sit in it for at least a 5-minute period in which the heat has time to reach the seat surface.

- Check the fuse utilized during the installation.
- Ensure that all connections are properly mated and that the 12V DC and ground wires are properly installed. (See seat heater wiring diagram)
- A break in the heating element circuit. To check for this, pull on the wires at all connectors to verify they are properly seated in the connector. Don't forget the connector on the back element. Also check for continuity at the 4 pin connector. The cushion and back elements must be connected and use a multi-meter set to ohms. See Figure 1
- A low voltage condition on the controller input from the fuse box. To verify the voltage input, use a multi-meter set to volts, across red AND black wires at controller module (it should read 11-15V).

If the heating elements, switch, and seat harness test OK, then a power problem exists, check the following:

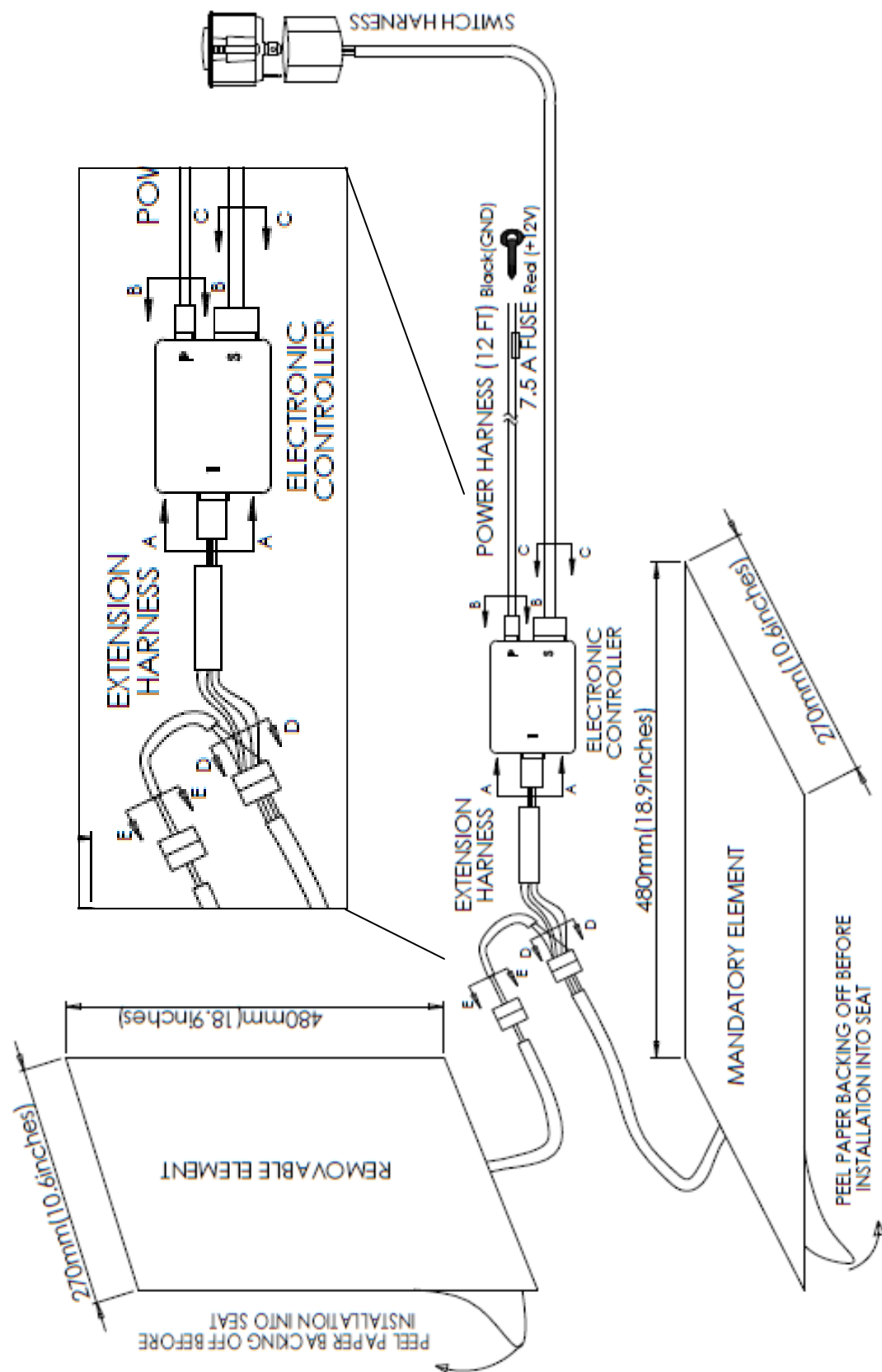
- Using a multi-meter or a test light, start at the power connection and trace back through all of the connectors and the switch to determine where the power loss is occurring. Repair as necessary.

If the fuse continues to fail, check the following:

- Each pair of heating elements that are installed in the vehicle must have their own fuse.
- A poor ground connection. Check connections or try another grounding point. Another possible cause is the fuse used for power is computer controlled (try another fuse location).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF CHECK CORPORATION SEAT HEATERS, PLEASE CALL OUR HOTLINE AT 1-800-927-6787, 8AM TO 5PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

2 Series Carbon Fiber Wiring Diagram HILO-CF-M



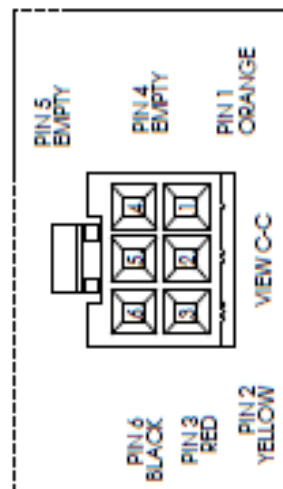
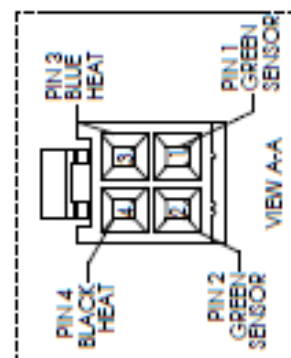
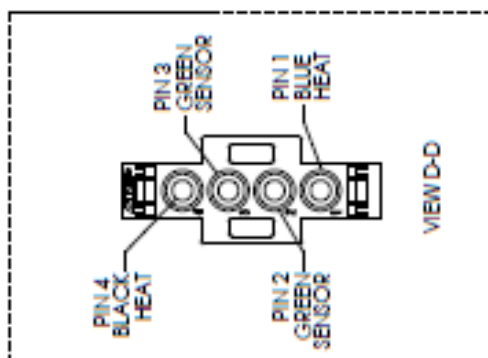
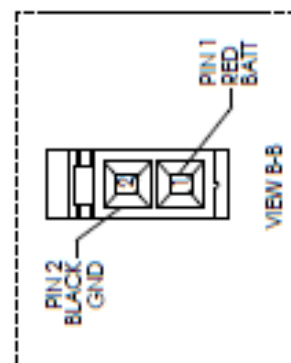
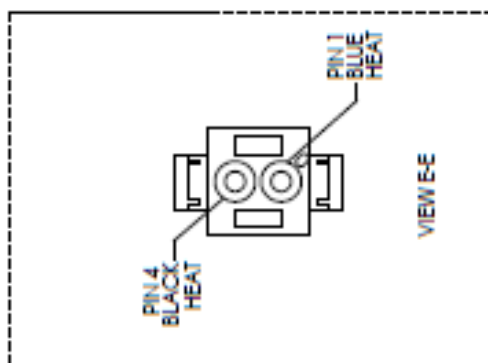
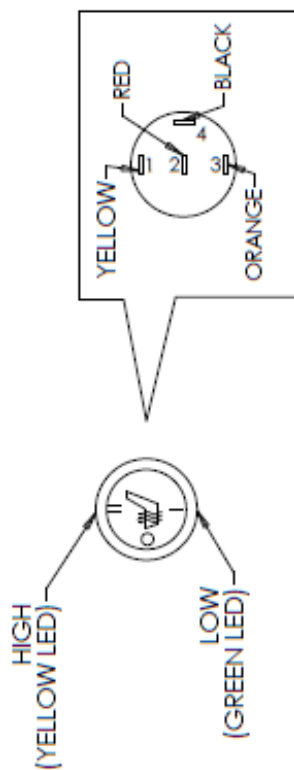
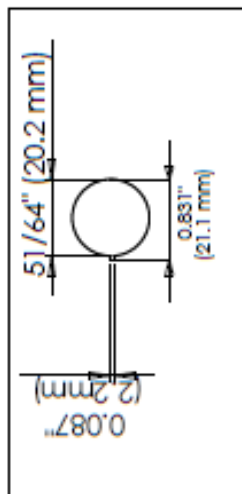
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*Dimensions not to scale

*** SWITCH OPENING**

Round

1" UNIT-BIT (STEP BIT)



Installation Instructions

Thrown for a loop?

Have a great idea?

Questions?

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