

1977-90 Chevy Caprice/Impala Dakota Digital Gauge Installation

This sheet covers the installation of the Dakota Digital gauge kit into your 77-90 Caprice or Impala. There were four different styles of gauge clusters offered in these vehicles.

The installation is basically the same for all of them.



Items Required:

- 1/4" Socket and Ratchet or Nut Driver
- 7mm Socket and Ratchet or Nut Driver
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Phillips Screwdriver

- Remove the cluster from the vehicle
- Using a needle nose pliers pull out the three (3) black plastic push in fasteners to remove the clear lens.
- Remove the two Phillips screws from the top inside of the gauge cluster.
- You should be able to remove the metal gauge divider.
- Remove the 1/4" screws holding the factory gauges into the cluster. The placement will vary by cluster layout but they should all be accessible from the front.
- Remove the two screws holding in the factory gear position needle.
- You can remove the original light bulb holders and wiring grid from the back but it is not required.
- On the "4 Round" cluster you must cut the housing around the original turn signal and high beam light area. See Photo at right.
- On the "4 square" cluster you must remove the plastic insert around the original turn signal and high beam light area. This can be pulled out by hand.
- Start installation of the digital gauges by passing the ribbon cable through the speedometer cable drive hole.
- Attach the gauges to the cluster using the two screws provided, be careful that the ribbon cable does not get pinched or kinked.
- Apply silicone to the gauge mounting plate from the screw head toward the edge of the plate. Do not get too close to the edge so it does not squeeze out when the lens is installed. Lay lens on top of silicone, set into silicone with light pressure.
- Reattach the clear lens reusing the original push in fasteners.
- See instruction manual for remainder of installation.



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