1978-88 Oldsmobile Cutlass
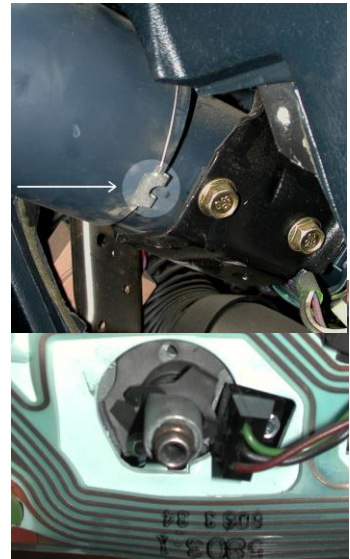## Dakota Digital Gauge Installation

This sheet covers the installation of the Dakota Digital gauge kit into your rear wheel drive 78-88 Oldsmobile Cutlass. There were two different styles of gauge clusters offered in these vehicles. The installation is the same for both of them.

Items Required:
¼" Socket and Ratchet or Nut Driver
7mm Socket and Ratchet or Nut Driver
7/32" Socket and Ratchet or Nut Driver
Phillips Screwdriver
Flat Screwdriver

- Remove the cluster from the vehicle by first removing the front dash pad.
- There are screws behind the vent panels on both ends. The vent panels can be carefully pulled off, you may need to use a flat screwdriver to get under the edge of the panel.
- There are screws along the underside of the dash pad as well as.
- After all the screws are removed carefully remove dash pad and set aside.
- Remove 4 screws holding in factory cluster.
- Remove retaining clip for factory gear shift indictor from steering column. Loosen the lower steering column trim to access this clip.   See photo at right.
- You will need to release the speedometer cable by pushing on the retaining clip. This is done easiest by reaching up from under the dash.
- When the cable is released you will be able to pull the cluster out far enough to access the screw holding the two wire plug on the back of the cluster. This does not apply to all years. See photo at right.
- Remove the clear lens from the factory cluster and attach it to the front of the Dakota Digital cluster using the screws that are provided.
- Start installation of the digital gauges by passing the ribbon cable through the speedometer cable drive hole, feed the cable through all the way trying not to kink or pinch it.
- Install the cluster using the four screws that held in the original cluster.
- Reinstall front dash pad.
- See instruction manual for remainder of installation.

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