

Model AA-RS30CS Installation Manual

## 3 Channel Remote Start / Keyless Entry System Installation Instructions

This Unit is Intended for Installation in Vehicles with 12 Volt Negative Ground Electrical Systems, Gasoline or Diesel with True Tach Reference and Automatic Transmissions Only.

## **Kit Contents**

**AARS-30CS Control Module** (2) - 3 Button Anti Code Grabbing Transmitters 3 Channel Code Learning Receiver External Superheterodyne Antenna/Receiver (1) - Multi Pin Input/Output Harness (1) - Six Pin Power Harness (1) - Four Pin Auxiliary Harness (1) - Two Pin I/O Harness (1) - Accessory 2 Pin Connector (1) - 2 Pin Door Lock Harness (2) - 30 Amp In-line Fuse Holders With Fuses (1) - Control Switch (1) - Programming Switch (1) - Ring Terminal (4) - 1/2" Long Screws (1) - Pin Switch (1) - Remote Start Warning Label (1) - Literature Package

The AA-RS30CS is Remote Start/Keyless Entry System is designed to be used with Automatic Transmission Vehicles Only! The unit provides a selectable ignition control that allows a 10 second output for glow plug pre-heat which may be required for certain diesel vehicles, (see selectable feature #9). If the diesel engine has a instant fire, (no glow plug pre-heat system), feature #9 should remain in the default Gasoline mode setting. For diesel applications, consult your dealer for the type of ignition system used in your particular vehicle. Regardless of the vehicle, Gasoline or Diesel, for every installation, the vehicle **MUST HAVE a Tach Signal Input, and an Automatic Transmission.** 

## **INSTALLATION OF THE MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

## CONTROL MODULE:

Select a mounting location inside the passenger compartment (up behind the dashboard). The mounting location selected must be within 24" of the ignition switch wiring harness to allow connection of the 6 pin main wiring harness. Be certain that the chosen location will not interfere with proper operation of the vehicle. Avoid mounting the module to or routing the wiring around the steering shaft/column, as the module or wiring may wrap around or block the steering wheel preventing proper control of the vehicle. Secure the module in the chosen location using cable ties or screws as necessary.

Do Not Mount The Module In The Engine Compartment, as it is not waterproof.

#### HOOD PIN SWITCH:

The pin switch included in this package is required for the safety shut down of the remote start unit. If the vehicle is being worked on, this hood switch prevents the remote start activation even if the RF command to start is issued. This switch MUST be installed in all applications Failure to do so may result in personal injury or property damage. Mount the switch in an area under the hood that is away from water drain paths. If necessary, the included brackets may be used to move the switch away from rain gutters or allow mounting to the firewall behind the hood seal. In either case the switch must be set up to allow the hood door to depress the switch at least 1/4 inch when the hood is closed and fully extended when the hood is opened. For direct mounting, a 1/4 inch hole must be drilled. Carefully check behind the chosen location to insure the drill will not penetrate any existing factory wiring or fluid lines. Drill a 1/4" hole in the desired location and thread the pin switch into it using a 7/16" nut driver or deep well socket. If using the mounting bracket, first secure the bracket to the desired location and secure the pin switch in the pre-threaded mounting bracket hole.

#### THE RECEIVER/ANTENNA ASSEMBLY:

The Superheterodyne Receiver Antenna Assembly provided with this unit allows routing from below the dash board for maximum operating range. Choose a location above the belt line (dashboard) of the vehicle for best reception. Special considerations must be made for windshield glass as some newer vehicles utilize a metallic shielded window glass that will inhibit or restrict RF reception. In these vehicles, route the antenna toward a rear window location for best reception. Secure the antenna with double stick tape provided. After securing the antenna, we advise also securing a section of the antenna cable to a fixed support. This will prevent the antenna from dropping down in case the double stick tape is exposed to extreme heat which may loosen it's gummed surface.

## **PROGRAM SWITCH :**

Select a mounting location that is within reach of the ignition switch, as this switch, in combination with the ignition switch, will be used to program the selectable features of the system. It is suggested that the switch be mounted to the lower dash panel in the driver's area. Inspect behind the chosen location to insure that adequate clearance is allowed for the body of the switch, and also that the drill will not penetrate any existing factory wiring or fluid lines. Drill a 1/4" hole in the desired location and mount the switch by passing it through the panel from the underside. Secure the switch using the nut, star washer, and on/off face plate. It is best to orientate the switch to allow the on position to be down or away from the driver. Route the switch wires toward the control module.

#### CONTROL SWITCH:

Select a mounting location known and accessible to the operator of the vehicle. A lower dash panel, kick panel, or glove box is desirable. Inspect behind the chosen location to insure that adequate clearance is allowed for the body of the switch and also that the drill will not penetrate any existing factory wiring or fluid lines.

Drill a 1/4" hole in the desired location and mount the switch by passing it through the panel from the underside. Secure the switch using the nut, star washer, and on/off face plate. It is suggested that the switch be oriented to allow the on position to be up toward the driver and the off position to be down or away from the driver. Route the switch wires toward the control module. Place the RED rubber boot, included in the kit, over the switch handle to differentiate this switch from the program switch.

The AA-RS30CS is to be used in vehicles with **AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS** only! Although this combination Keyless Entry/Remote Start unit is a sophisticated system with many advanced features, **IT MUST NOT** be installed into a vehicle with a manually operated transmission. Doing so may result in serious personal injury and property damage.

**IMPORTANT!** DO NOT PLUG THE SIX PIN MAIN POWER HARNESS OR THE MULTI PIN INPUT / OUTPUT HARNESS INTO THE CONTROL MODULE UNTIL ALL CONNECTIONS TO THE VEHICLE HAVE BEEN MADE. AFTER SELECTING YOUR TARGET WIRES AS DEFINED BELOW, DISCONNECT THE NEGATIVE BATTERY CABLE FROM THE VEHICLE BATTERY PRIOR TO MAKING ANY CONNECTIONS.

#### WIRING THE 6 PIN MAIN POWER HARNESS:

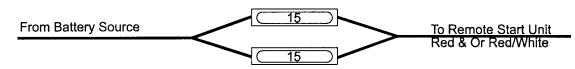
RED w/WHITE Trace Wire: + 12 volt Battery 1 Source

Connect this wire to a + 12 VDC constant source found at the vehicle's ignition switch using the 30 Amp fuse and holder provided. This wire provides power for the control circuit as well as the ignition 1 and ignition 2 relays.

#### RED Wire: + 12 Volt Battery 2 Source

Connect this wire to a + 12 VDC constant source found at the vehicle's ignition switch using the 30 Amp fuse and holder provided, but NOT the same vehicle wire as used by the battery 1 source. Most vehicles have more than one battery source supplying power to the ignition switch. Separate feed wires must be used for the Red and Red/White wires. If your vehicle does not have two battery feed wires at the ignition switch then it is possible to connect both wires to the vehicle's battery. This wire provides power for the start relay and the accessory relay.

**IMPORTANT!** It is the responsibility of the installing technician to determine the load factor of the vehicles electrical circuits when the vehicle is running and to adequately fuse the two power wires based on that load. If the vehicle, running under load with the air conditioner, heater blower motor, and accessories exceeds 24 Amps continuous, we recommend that two fuses be used in combination on each power wire as shown below. For additional information see Tech Update issued 9/30/96.



#### YELLOW Wire: Starter Output

Careful consideration for the connection of this wire must be made to prevent the vehicle from starting while in gear. Understanding the difference between a mechanical and an electrical Neutral Start Switch will allow you to properly identify the circuit and select the correct installation method. In addition you will realize why the connection of the safety wire is required for all mechanical switch configurations.

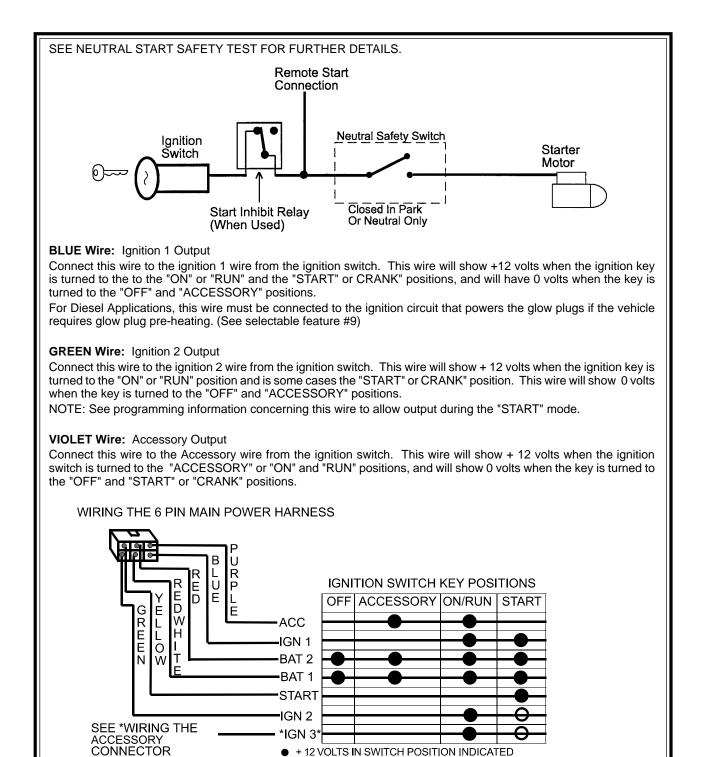
Failure to make this connection properly can result in personal injury and property damage.

In all installations it is the responsibility of the installing technician to test the remote start unit and assure that the vehicle cannot start via RF control in any gear selection other than park or neutral.

In both mechanical and electrical neutral start switch configurations, the connection of the Yellow wire will be made to the low current start solenoid wire of the ignition switch harness. This wire will have +12 volts when the ignition switch is turned to the start (crank) position only. This wire will have 0 volts in all other ignition switch positions.

**NOTE:** This wire must be connected to the vehicle side of the starter cut relay (when used). For the electrical neutral switch configuration, this connection must be made between the starter inhibit relay, (when used) and the neutral safety switch as shown in the following diagram.

Failure to connect this wire to the ignition switch side of the of the neutral safety switch can result in personal injury and property damage. (See feature # 10 for OVERCRANK information)



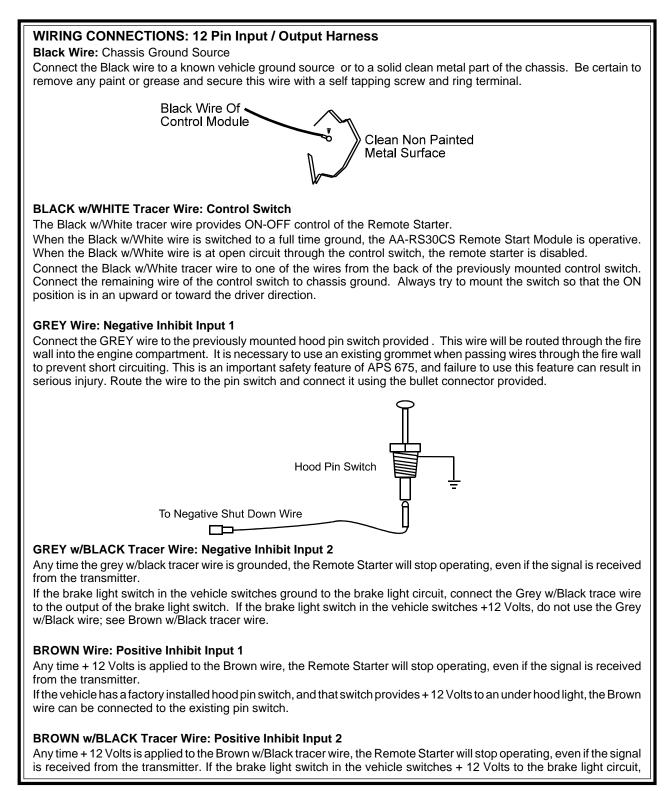
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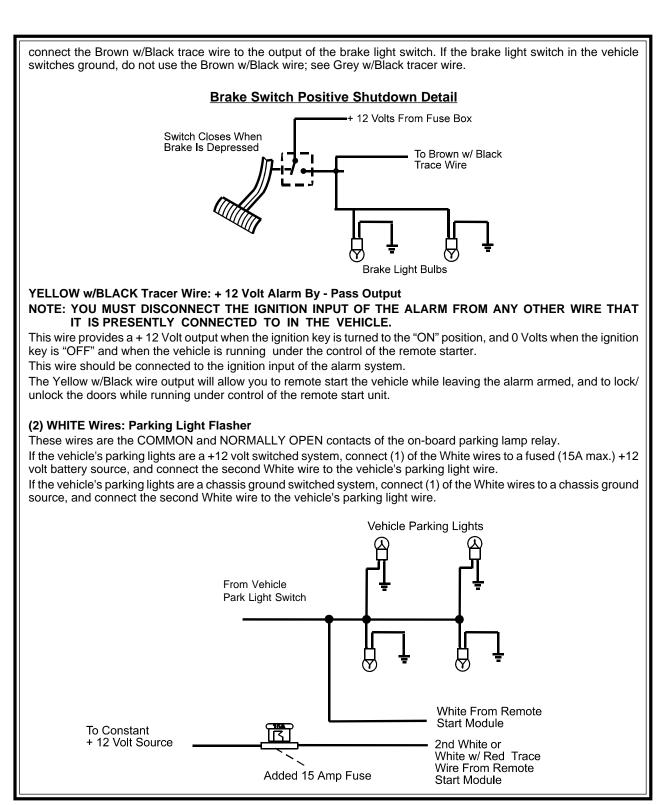
LT. BLUE WIRE

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+ 12 VOLTS IN SWITCH POSITION INDICATED MAY BE + 12 VOLTS IN SWITCH POSITION INDICATED THIS CIRCUIT IS NOT ALWAYS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION





#### LIGHT BLUE Wire: Ignition 3 / Shock Disable Output

This wire provides a 300mA ground output that becomes active 3 seconds before the Remote Start Unit initializes, and remains grounded while running plus an additional 4 seconds after the Remote Start Unit turns off. In all of the applications described below, a relay will be required.

The Light Blue wire can be used to accommodate the following situations:

#### A. Shock Sensor By Pass:

If there is Shock Sensor used with an alarm system and it is not shunted during the Remote Start activation period, then vibration from the running vehicle can cause the alarm to trigger. In this case, connect the Light Blue Wire to terminal #86 of a external relay. Connect terminal# 85 of the relay to a fused + 12 volt battery source. Cut the shock sensor trigger wire and connect one end of the cut wire to terminal #30 and the other end of the cut wire to terminal #87a. Just before the Remote Start unit is activated, the relay contacts will open, preventing the shock sensor's operation until the Remote Start unit shuts off.

#### **B.** Ignition 3 Output:

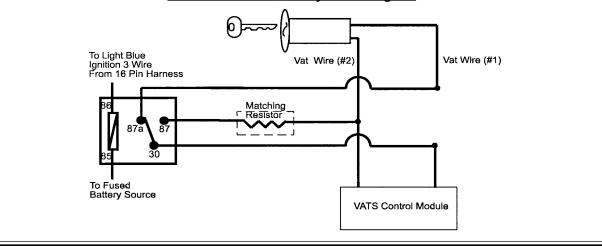
Some newer vehicles use a third ignition wire which is required to start and keep the vehicle's engine running. If this is the case, connect the Light Blue wire to terminal #86 of an external relay. Connect terminal # 30 & # 85 to a fused + 12 volt battery source rated for a minimum of 25 Amp. Connect terminal # 87 to the third ignition wire in the vehicle.

#### C. GM VATS Key Override:

If the vehicle has the General Motors VATS system installed, you will need to by-pass the system while the vehicle is operating under the control of the Remote Start Unit. To Do This;

- 1. Measure the resistance of the resistor pellet on the ignition key then select a resistor within 5% of the key's value from the resistor pack supplied.
- 2. Locate the pair of VATS wires in the vehicle, usually a pair of thin gauge wires running from the ignition switch to the VATS control module.
- **NOTE:** These wires are typically White w/Black trace and Violet w/Yellow trace, however in later model Cadillacs, they are run through an orange sleeve, and are either both Black, both Yellow, or both White wires. Consult the factory service manual for additional information.
  - 3. Connect the Light Blue Wire from the Remote Start Unit to terminal #86 of an external relay. Connect terminal #85 of the relay to a fused + 12 volt battery source.
  - 4. Cut (#1) wire (as shown), and connect the ignition switch side of the cut wire to terminal #87a of the relay. Connect the other side of the (#1) wire to terminal #30.
  - 5. Connect the previously selected resistor from terminal #87 to the second (#2) wire (as shown).
- **NOTE:** The above information and following diagram is for the GM VATS system only. For GM PASS LOCK System you will require the Audiovox AS-PASS II Module.

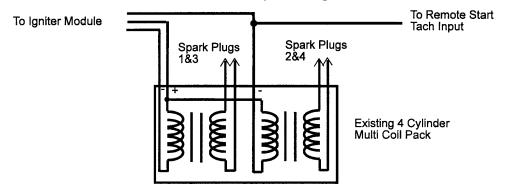
## **General Motors VATS By-Pass Diagram**



#### DARK GREEN/ORANGE Wire: Tach Sensor Input

This wire will continually monitor the engine tach rate while the unit is under power of the Remote Start module. This wire will be routed to the vehicle ECM tach input or through the firewall into the engine compartment and connect to the negative side of the ignition coil. This Remote Start unit learns the tach rate of the vehicle and in most cases will operate properly from a single coil, single injector, or one multi coil pack regardless of the number of cylinders. In certain vehicle with a single coil for each cylinder, it may be necessary to connect this wire to more than one cylinder for proper tach reference. See multi coil wiring detail shown later in this manual for additional information. (See feature # 10 for OVERCRANK information)

#### **Tachometer Input Wiring Detail**

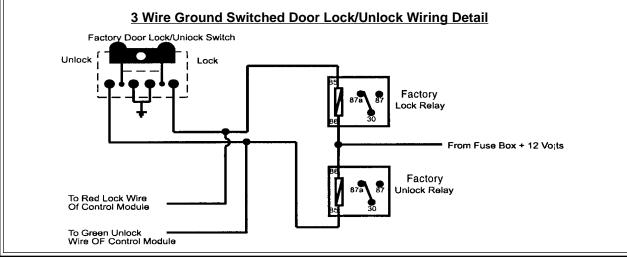


#### 2 Pin Door Lock/Unlock Harness: (White Connector)

The Red & Green Door Lock/Unlock output wires provide either a pulsed ground or pulsed + 12 volts to control the vehicle door lock / unlock circuits. The output of these wires has a maximum switching capability of 300mA. Many vehicles today have factory door lock relays which can be connected directly to these outputs, however always confirm that the factory relays in your particular vehicle do not exceed the rated 300mA output of the units door lock/ unlock circuit. Plug the two pin connector of the door lock/unlock harness into the mating connector shell of the control module. Determine the door lock circuit of the vehicle you are working on and wire according to the diagrams shown.

#### 3 Wire Ground Switched Door Lock Circuits:

In this application, the Red wire of the two pin harness provides a ground pulse during the arming sequence, or pulsed ground lock output. Connect the Red wire to the low current ground signal wire from the factory door lock switch to the factory door lock relay.



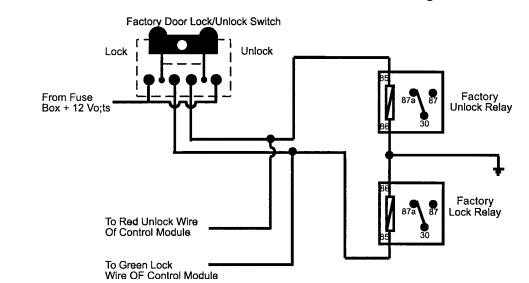
The Green wire of the two pin harness provides a ground pulse during the disarming sequence, or pulsed ground unlock output. Connect the Green wire to the low current ground signal wire from the factory door unlock switch to the factory door unlock relay. See Below For Wiring Detail.

#### **3 Wire Positive Switched Door Locks:**

In this application, the Red wire of the two pin harness provides a + 12 volt pulse during the disarming sequence, or pulsed 12 volt unlock output. Connect the Red wire to the low current 12 volt signal wire from the factory door unlock switch to the factory door unlock relay.

The Green wire of the two pin harness provides a + 12 volt pulse during the arming sequence, or pulsed 12 volt lock output. Connect the Green wire to the low current 12 volt signal wire from the factory door lock switch to the factory door lock relay. See Below For Wiring Detail.

#### 3 Wire Positive Switched Door Lock/Unlock Wiring Detail



**Note:** For connection to Four Wire Polarity Reversal, 5 Wire Alternating 12 Volts, And All Other Door Lock Circuits the Audiovox AS-9159 Door Lock Interface, (or equivalent 30 A automotive relays) must be used. Refer to the Audiovox Door Lock Wiring Supplement for proper wiring of these circuits.

## **4 Wire Polarity Reversal and**

## 5 Wire Alternating 12 Volt

2 Pin Blue Connector : Programming Switch

Route the grey and black wires in the 2 pin connector from the previously installed programming switch to the control module and plug it into the mating blue connector on the side of the module.

## WIRING THE 4 PIN AUXILIARY OUTPUT HARNESS

The auxiliary 4 pin connector provides low current outputs to control various functions in the vehicle during different stages of the Remote Start unit's operation. Understanding these outputs and the time in which they occur will allow you to determine if they are needed for the particular vehicle you are working on as well as how to use them.

#### Black w Blue Trace Wire: Pulsed Ground Output Before Start

The Black w/Blue Trace wire will provide a 1 second 300mA pulsed ground output 1.5 second before the remote start unit activates as well as when the transmitter is used to disarm the system. Typical use for this output would be to

disarm a factory theft deterrent system to prevent false triggering of the factory alarm when the remote start unit engages or when the AA-RS30CS is used to unlock the doors.

#### Black w/Light Green Trace Wire: Pulsed Ground Output After Start

The Black w/Light Green Trace wire will provide a 1 second 300ma pulsed ground output after the vehicle is started under control of the remote start unit. Typically this wire will be used to re-lock the vehicle doors if the doors unlock automatically when the factory anti-theft system is disarmed.

#### Black w/Red Trace Wire: Pulsed Ground Output After Shutdown

The Black w/Red Trace wire will provide a 1 second 300mA pulsed ground output after the remote start unit shuts down. This output will occur regardless of whether the circuit times out or is manually terminated. Typically this output will be used to re-lock the vehicle doors if the doors unlock automatically when the ignition circuit transitions to off.

#### Black w/Yellow Trace Wire: Ground Output During Start (Crank)

The Black w/Yellow Trace wire will provide a 300mA ground output while the starter output of the remote start unit is active. This output can be used to activate the Crank Low/Bulb Test wire found in some GM vehicles. This wire is also referred to as the ECM wake up wire in some Chrysler vehicles.

**NOTE:** The outputs above are low current outputs and must be used with a relay if the circuit's requirement is more than 300mA.

#### Blue and Green w/Black Trace Wires - 2 Pin Accessory Output Harness

#### Dark Blue Wire: Delayed 300mA Pulsed Output/Channel 2

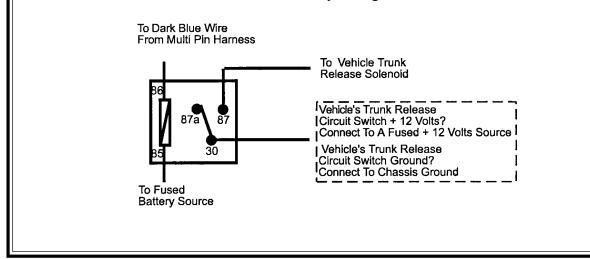
The dark blue wire pulses to ground via an independent RF channel from the keychain transmitter. This is a transistorized, low current output, and should only be used to drive an external relay coil.

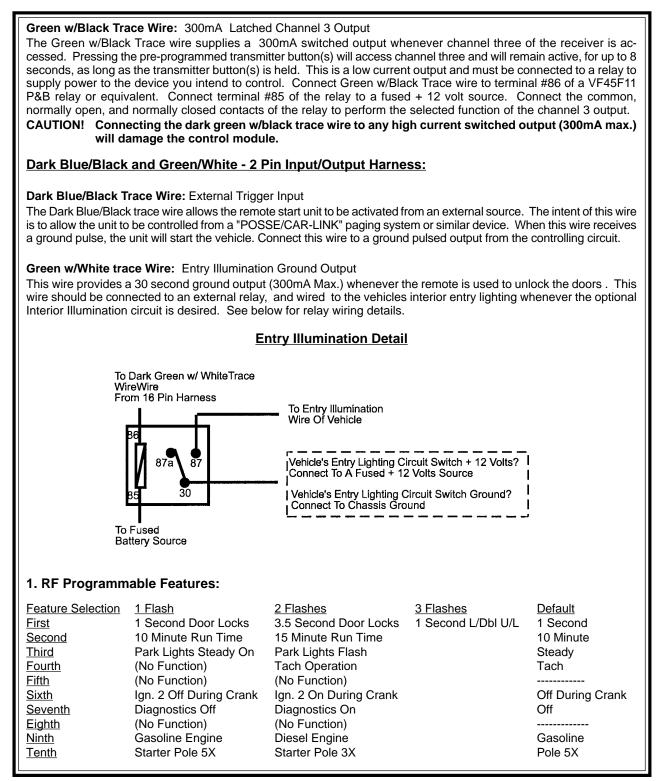
This output is activated by the same transmitter button that is used to activate the remote start function (factory default is button 2). Press and hold button 2 to activate this trunk release output, or press and release button 2 two times within 2 seconds to activate the remote starter.

**CAUTION:** Connecting the dark blue wire to the high current switched output of the trunk release circuits and some remote start trigger inputs, will damage the control module.

Connect the dark blue wire to terminal 86 of the AS-9256 relay (or equivalent 30 A automotive relay), connect terminal 85 to a fused +12 volt source and wire the remaining relay contacts to perform the selected function of channel 2.

#### **Channel 2 Relay Wiring Detail**





#### NOTE:

1. When selecting Diesel operation, (Feature Nine), over gasoline, the only change is to the ignition circuits. When Diesel is selected, the ignition circuits will power up 10 seconds before the start circuit. The intent of this feature is to allow the glow plug warming required by some diesel engines. If your vehicle is a instant start diesel, it is not necessary to activate this feature.

**NOTE:** When selecting Diesel mode, be certain that the intended vehicle has a true tach reference and be certain to connect the tach input wire.

2. The difference between selecting Starter Pole 5X or Starter Pole 3X, (Feature Ten), is considering the time it takes from when the unit reaches the pre-set RPM to when the Starter Motor drops out. This feature allows fine adjustments when you note a slight overcrank. If after programming tach, the unit seems to hold the starter engaged slightly longer than necessary, select this feature to pole 3 X. If the unit starts and the starter drops out properly, (NO OVERCRANK) no change is necessary.

#### To program these selectable features:

- 1. Start with the programming switch in the OFF position.
- 2. Turn the ignition key to the ON position.
- 3. Flip the program switch ON OFF ON OFF ON then OFF.
- 4. Immediately turn the ignition key OFF, then back to ON.
- 5. Flip the program switch ON OFF ON then OFF.
- 6. Use button 1 on the transmitter to advance to the feature that you want to change. EXAMPLE If you need to change programmable feature number 3, press and release button 1 on the transmitter 3 times in succession. The parking lights will flash 3 times confirming that selected feature 3 can now be programmed.
- 7. Use button 2 on the transmitter to change the selection of the programmable feature. If you are not sure what the setting for any feature is, press button 2 one time, the parking lights will flash once or twice indicating the features setting.
- **Note:** Once you enter the feature programming mode, do not allow more that 15 seconds to pass between steps, or the programming will be terminated.

## 2. Programming Tach Rate:

#### NOTE: All applications require that tach be programmed.

The unit will not operate unless tach is programmed. If an attempt is made to start the vehicle via the remote start without first programming tach, the unit will flash the parking lights 7 times indicating tach has not been learned and stored. If the tach rate is not properly programmed to the specific vehicle, the unit may not realize that the vehicle is running in certain instances reengage the starter motor.

The Remote Car Starter will learn the tach rate of most vehicle's single ignition coils, multiple coil packs, and or single injector. To learn tach;

- 1. Start with the programming switch in the OFF position.
- 2. Turn the ignition key to the ON position.
- 3. Flip the program switch ON OFF ON OFF ON then OFF.
- 4. Immediately turn the ignition key OFF.
- 5. Flip the program switch ON, then start the vehicle using the ignition key.
- 6. When the unit senses the tach signal, the parking lights will begin to flash. The lights must flash at least 10 times
- 7. Flip the program switch OFF. The parking lights will turn on for 3 seconds to indicate that the tach signal is stored and the unit is now out of the program mode.

#### 3. Diagnostics:

- 1. Be sure that programmable feature number #7 is set to the "Diagnostics On" mode.
- 2. First flip the program switch on, then turn the ignition key to the ON position.
- 3. The lights will flash, and number of flashes will indicate the reason for premature shutdown of the last remote start. The indications are as follows:

- 1 Flash 10 or 15 Minute Run Timer Expired
- 2 Flashes Low or No Tach Signal (RPM)
- 3 Flashes Positive Or Negative Shutdown Wire Activated
- 4 Flashes Control Switch Moved to Off Position
- 5 Flashes RF shutdown, Remote signal received, or manual start trigger wire reactivated.
- 6 Flashes High RPM Signal Received

**NOTE:** 7 Flashes when attempting to remote start indicates that Tach Has Not Been Programmed.

## TIMED START PROGRAM:

The Remote Start unit has the ability to start the vehicle automatically at timed intervals. This feature is useful in extremely cold climates where starting the engine is the only means to keep the battery charged and fluids warm. The operator has the option to have the unit start every 2 or 4 hours for a maximum of 48 hours. Factory pre-set is to start at 4 hour intervals. To select 2 or 4 hour automatic start timer:

- 1. Start with the Enable switch (Red Handle) in the "On" Position.
- 2. Turn the ignition on then off.
- 3. Within 10 seconds of the key turning off, cycle the enable switch Off, On, Off, On (2 times) to select a 2 hour timed start interval. Cycle the enable switch Off, On, Off, On, Off, On, Off, On (4 times) to select a 4 hour timed start interval. The lights will flash 2X or 4X dependent upon 2 or 4 hour interval setting.
- **NOTE:** Once selected, 2 or 4, this timer interval will remain in memory until it is manually changed. To change, the above sequence will have to be followed.

## **TIMED START OPERATION:**

To begin the start timer, within 10 seconds of turning off the ignition switch, activate the RF command to start 2 times. (Press button two 4 times). The lights will flash 4 times. Indicating timed interval mode has been initiated. The vehicle will automatically start every 2 or 4 hours as programmed. To cancel the timed start mode start the vehicle either by RF or by the ignition key.

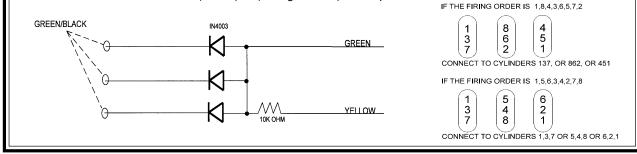
## Multi Coil Pack Adaptor: (Optional)

The multi coil pack adaptor, (P/N 136B1400), is designed for use with vehicles having multiple ignition coils where a single point tach signal is unavailable.

To use the adaptor, the Green/Black wires must connect to the negative side of the ignition coil(s).

- 1. For vehicles utilizing independent coils per cylinder, connect the three Green/Black leads to alternate coils. To achieve optimum performance the coil signals must be evenly distributed. This is accomplished by first mapping out the firing order of the engine in groups of as indicated below. Draw a circle around any of the columns. The Green/Black wires should be connected to the negative (-) terminal of the respective cylinder number which appears in any of the circles.
- 2. For vehicles utilizing 2 cylinder firing per coil pack, connect Green/Black to the tach side of each coil pack. For 8 cylinder, four coil systems, connect to any of the three coils.
- 3. Connect the Yellow wire to a +12 volt ignition 1 source. This wire will have +12 volts with the ignition in the on and start position and have 0 volts with the ignition in the off position.

4. Connect the Green wire to the (Green) or (Orange/Green) tach input of the Audiovox remote start unit.



## TESTING YOUR INSTALLATION:

**WARNING!!** The following procedure must be performed after the installation of an Audiovox Remote Start Device. It is the responsibility of the installing technician to complete these tests. Failure to test the unit in the following manner may result in personal injury, property damage, or both.

## HOOD PIN SAFETY SHUT DOWN:

The intention of the hood pin safety shut down is to prevent the Remote Start unit from being activated while a mechanic or vehicle owner is performing normal routine vehicle maintenance.

To test the integrity of this circuit:

1. With the driver's window in the down position, start the vehicle using the RF transmitter.

2. Reach inside the car and pull the hood release.

3. Raise the hood and confirm that the remote start unit shuts down.

If the unit fails this test, recheck your pin switch connection to the Gray/Black wire of the Audiovox Remote Start Unit.

# DO NOT RELEASE THIS VEHICLE TO THE CONSUMER UNTIL YOU CONFIRM THE OPERATION OF THE HOOD PIN SAFETY SHUT DOWN FEATURE.

## MANUAL SHUT DOWN / ENABLE CIRCUIT:

The intent of the manual shut down / enable circuit is to allow the vehicle operator to prevent operation of the Remote Start Unit regardless of the RF transmitter operation.

To test the integrity of the manual shut down / enable circuit:

1. Place the control switch in the on (Closed To Ground) position.

2. Start the vehicle using the RF transmitter.

3. The vehicle should start and run under the control of the remote start unit.

4. Move the switch to the off (Open From Ground) position, the vehicle should shut off.

If the unit fails this test, recheck your enable switch connection to the Ground and the Black/White wire of the Audiovox Remote Start Unit. If you have a plug in enable switch, check that the two pin connector is firmly seated in the mating connector on the control module.

# DO NOT RELEASE THIS VEHICLE TO THE CONSUMER UNTIL YOU CONFIRM THE OPERATION OF THE MANUAL SHUT DOWN / ENABLE FEATURE.

## NEUTRAL START SAFETY TEST:

The intent of the neutral start switch is to prevent the vehicle from starting while the gear selector is in any position other than Park, or Neutral. When installing a Remote Start Device, it is imperative that the Yellow Starter wire be connected to the ignition switch side of the Neutral Start Switch. Consideration for the placement of a starter inhibit relay is important as well, and should be connected to the ignition switch side of the Yellow Start Wire.

To test the integrity of the Neutral Start Safety Circuit:

- 1. Set the vehicle parking brake.
- 2. Block the drive wheels to prevent vehicle movement.
- 3. Temporarily disconnect the Brown/Black positive shut down wire from the vehicle's brake switch.
- 4. Sitting in the vehicle, start the engine using the vehicle's ignition key.
- 5. Step on the brake pedal and shift the gear selector into reverse.
- 6. Allow the transmission to shift. When you feel the engine pull, do not move the gear selector just turn the ignition switch off. DO NOT attempt to remove the key.
- 7. Keeping the brake pedal depressed, activate the RF transmitter in an attempt to start the vehicle. The car should not start.
- 8. Repeat the above test this time move the gear selector to the drive position. If the unit attempts to start, failing this test, recheck your Yellow Wire's connection. This wire must be connected to the ignition switch side of the Neutral Start Switch. If the vehicle you are working on does not have an Electrical Neutral Safety Switch, it will be

necessary to reconfigure the Remote Starts Wiring to accommodate this vehicle. The information concerning the Mechanical Neutral Safety Switch provided below will help you to determine if the vehicle you are working on has this type of safety switch and will provide alternate wiring methods to accommodate this situation.

## WARNING! REMEMBER TO RECONNECT THE BROWN/BLACK WIRE TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED IN STEP 3

## DO NOT RELEASE THIS VEHICLE TO THE CONSUMER UNTIL YOU CONFIRM THE OPERATION OF THE NEUTRAL SAFETY START FEATURE.

#### **MECHANICAL NEUTRAL SAFETY SWITCH CONSIDERATIONS:**

Mechanical neutral safety switch configurations differ slightly in that they do not offer the same level of safety when installing a remote start device. Often when the ignition switch is turned off while the gear selector is in any position other than park or neutral, the mechanical function will not allow the key to be turned to the start position or be removed from the ignition cylinder. This configuration prevents mechanical operation while the vehicle is in gear but offers no consideration for electrical operation. Because of this potential problem, this installation requires the additional connection of a safety wire from the remote start device to the vehicle Park/Neutral ECM Input or the vehicle key in sensor. This connection will prevent remote start operation if the key is left in the ignition switch regardless of the gear selectors position.

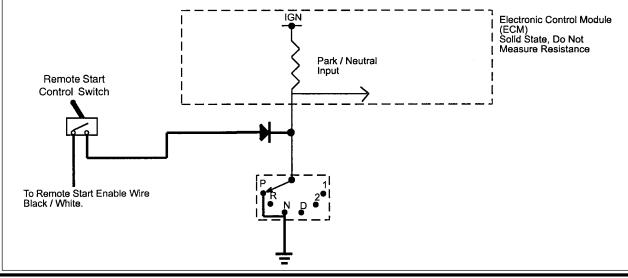
#### PARK / NEUTRAL ECM INPUT:

The Park / Neutral ECM input is the preferred method of installation. This not only maintains the integrity of the factory circuit, it is also the easiest to install, providing the vehicle you are working on has this ECM input.

The installation required for this application (shown below), indicates the slight reconfiguration of the control switch wiring and the addition of a 4000 series diode. Shown is a typical GM Park/Neutral ECM input circuit. To connect the Audiovox remote start unit to the GM Park / Neutral ECM input:

- 1. Locate the Orange / Black reference wire in the "C2" connector found at the ECM in GM B Body vehicles or, locate the equivalent reference wire in the vehicle you are installing the Audiovox Remote Start Unit in.
- 2. Connect the Cathode, (Striped) end, of a 4000 series diode to this reference wire.
- 3. Connect the Anode, (Non Striped) end, of the diode to one side of the Remote Starts enable switch.

4. Connect the other side of the enable switch to the Black/White enable input wire of the Remote Start unit. The reference diagram below shows a typical GM B Body ECM reference wire and how it is to be connected to the Remote Start Unit.



#### **KEY IN SENSOR CIRCUITS:**

If the vehicle you are working on does not have or you cannot locate the ECM reference wire, there are two alternatives available. Although not preferred, the vehicle Key In Sensor may be reconfigured to allow a margin of safety and will prevent the vehicle with a Mechanical Neutral Start Switch from starting in gear.

AUDIOVOX ADVISES THAT YOU MAINTAIN THE FACTORY CIRCUIT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. The following two circuits may be used only if the above circuit is not available.

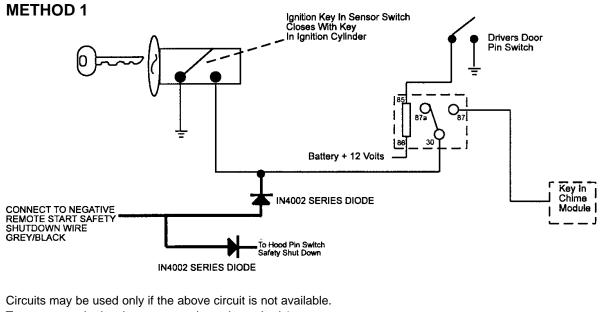
**NOTE:** When completing an installation using either of the following key in sensor circuits, if the operator inserts the ignition key while the vehicle is running under the control of the Remote Start, the vehicle will shut down. This must be explained to the operator as it is in contrast to the normal operation of a vehicle utilizing an electrical neutral start switch and is inconsistent with the operators manual.

Additional information concerning Key In Sensor methods 1 & 2 are listed below and should be reviewed before considering either alternative.

**Method 1** will allow the safety required for the remote start unit and prevent the vehicle from starting while in any gear other than Park or Neutral while the key is in the ignition cylinder however, if the key is left in the ignition switch and the door is left opened, the added relay will be energized causing a 150mA drain on the battery.

**Method 2** will allow the safety required for the remote start unit and prevent the vehicle from starting while in any gear other than Park or Neutral while the key is in the ignition cylinder however, the original factory key in chime module will not alert the owner that the key has been left in the ignition switch. In addition, this may also effect other warning tones such as the light on reminder.

These situations should be carefully considered before altering the vehicle's wiring and must be fully explained to the consumer.

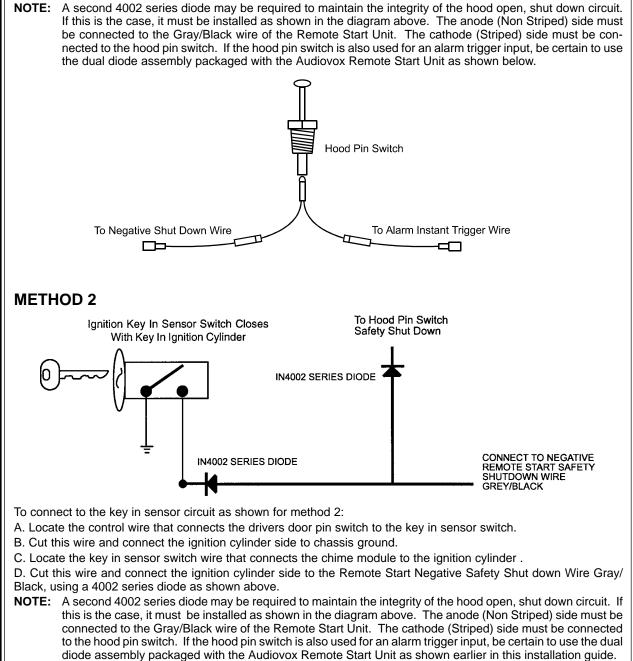


To connect to the key in sensor as shown in method 1:

- A. Locate the control wire that connects the drivers door pin switch to the key in sensor switch.
- B. Cut this wire and connect the ignition cylinder side to chassis ground.
- C. Locate the key in sensor switch wire that connects the chime module to the ignition cylinder .
- D. Cut this wire and connect the ignition cylinder side to terminal 30 of a P&B VF45F11 or equivalent relay.
- E. Connect the cathode (striped) side of a 4002 series diode to this same wire, and connect the (non striped) side to the negative shut down safety wire (Gray / Black) of the Audiovox Remote Start Unit.
- F. Connect terminal 86 of the relay to a fused +12 volt constant battery source.

G. Connect terminal 87 of the relay to the Chime Module side of the previously cut wire in step D.

H. Connect terminal 85 of the relay to the Drivers Door side of the pin switch wire previously cut in step B.



ALTERNATE CONFIGURATIONS, THIS CIRCUIT MUST BE TESTED FOR OPERATION. Retest by following the steps outlined in the NEUTRAL START SAFETY TEST shown in this manual.

AFTER THE CONNECTION OF THE NEUTRAL START SAFETY WIRE AS INDICATED IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS

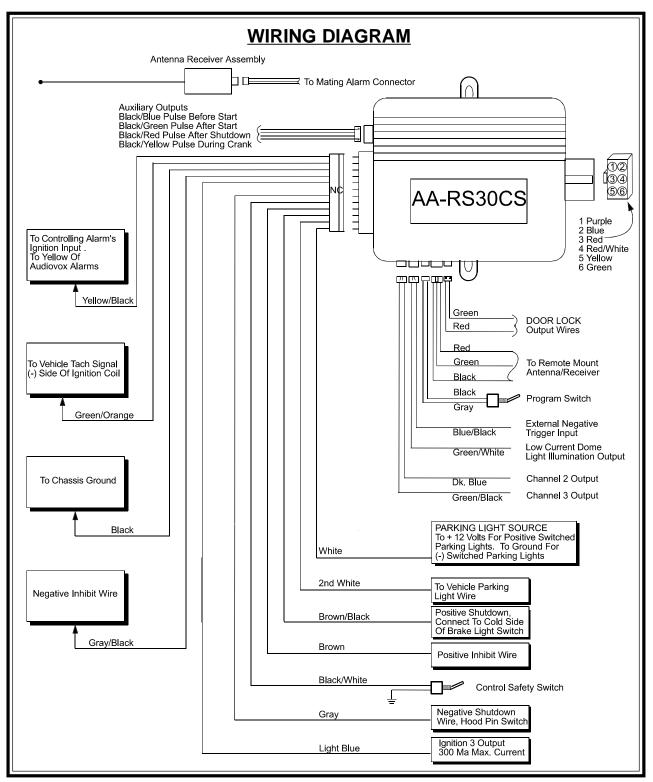
## **COMPLETING THE INSTALLATION:**

After you have confirmed the operation of the Audiovox Remote Start unit and tested all the safety features of the system:

- 1. If not done so already, place the red rubber handle cover over the handle of the control switch for ease of identification. This will allow your customer to distinguish the Remote Start control switch from the program switch.
- 2. Mount the control module up and behind the dash securing it in place with cable ties or screws. Be certain that the chosen mounting location will not inhibit any controls of the vehicle.
- 3. Securely harness and tie all wiring up and away from all hot and moving parts that they may come in contact with under the dash board or in the engine compartment areas.

**CAUTION:** Particularly avoid the area around the steering shaft and column, as wires can wrap around these mechanisms and impair the safe operation of the vehicle.

- 4. Apply the Caution Labels supplied with this kit to a conspicuous area in the engine compartment. Make sure to clean the surface before affixing the label.
- 5. Check the vehicle's wipers, lights, horn, etc.... to insure proper operation.
- 6. Replace all panels that were removed during installation, and retest the system.
- 7. Explain all activated features and safety systems associated with Remote Start Unit installed to the customer.



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