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**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**COLUMN COVER**

**Tools required: (Not included)**

Utility Knife

Pliers

Tin Snips

Tape Measure

Drill (1/8" drill bit)

ABS Pipe Glue

1 Can Contact Cement Spray Glue

Sanding Block (80 grit)

**Panel System Parts: (Included)**

1 Designer Column Cover

1 Accessory Pod (for LATE model GM column only)

2 Brackets-24"

1 Bag Dualloc Tabs (30 pieces)

1 Strip Rubber Edge Tape

Clear a workspace and assemble all tools needed to complete the installation. Dismount any switches, vents, brackets, radios or anything that would interfere with the installation of the Column Cover.

1)Determine the width of the column drop. This width varies between 4" down to 3-1/4". On the cover determine where this taper fits best to the top of the drop and mark that location.

**HELPFUL HINT: Support the steering column, unscrew the bottom of the column drop and place into the column cover to get the correct drop diameter.**

2) Measure the distance from the top of the drop to the floorboard. Our experience has been that this distance is about 17" to 20". Measure the cover to insure that the cover is properly sized.

3) All Column Covers are installed at a 90\* angle to the steering column. When everything measures out, correctly trim the cover at the marked point at the 90\* angle to the bottom of the cover by scoring the plastic with a utility knife and break apart with pliers.

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4) Measure the distance of the drop from the dash, 3" to 6", and mark the cover. Use a cardboard template if necessary.

5) Repeat this method on the bottom of the cover. First mark the distance from the floorboard to the top of the column drop. Then mark the firewall pattern onto the cover. When correctly marked, score with a utility knife and break apart.

6) Rough test for fit. We recommend that the cover be installed 1/4" below the top of the drop for a more detailed look. Any additional material may be trimmed at this time. Once you're happy with the fit use the sanding block to remove any burs or rough edges. With the cover fit you can now install the brackets that hold the cover to the column.

**Note: With so many qualified methods of attachment, here are just a few suggestions:**

* Attach brackets along the firewall and floorboard. Drill into drop, then, screw the cover directly to the drop.
* Hang the brackets from the drop. Then, screw on the bracket, fixing the lower portion of the bracket to the firewall with a screw, pop-rivet or Dualloc Tape. Attach the cover to the brackets with Dualloc Tape using 3-4 pieces along the bracket length.

During the fitting and before applying fabric you may notice a gap between the cover and the drop.**(This can be filled with the Rubber Edge Tape included in the kit.)** Using a utility knife, shave away any extra tape.

Once the Column Cover has been installed, lay the fabric over the Column Cover. To ensure a proper coverage of the entire piece, allow 2 extra inches around the Column Cover. Next, using a contact spray adhesive (RodDoors Spray Glue Cheese or 3M Super 90), spray the Column Cover and the backside of the fabric. Let dry at least 15 minutes. Then, pressing fabric onto the Column Cover, wrap fabric around the backside, trimming any leftover fabric. And at last! Install your new and improved Column cover and you're finished!

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