

**INSTALLATION** INSTRUCTIONS

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# Water Temperature Gauge



The following instructions are for the installation of your Water Temperature Gauge. Before you begin, lay out all items and ensure there are no missing parts. If any items are missing, please STOP immediately and contact MaxTow Gauges.

## What's Included

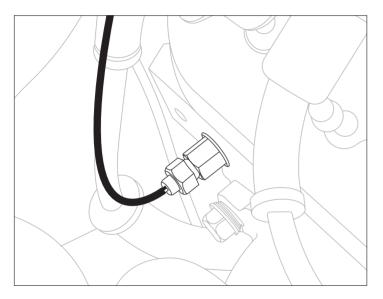
- Water Temperature Gauge
- 1/8-27 NPT Water Temperature Sensor
- 9ft Sensor Harness
- Power Harness
- Visor and Mounting Bracket

Wiring Schematic Red: 12v Constant Source (+) White: 12v Ignition Switched Source (+)

**Orange:** 12v Headlight Switched Source (+)

Black: Vehicle/Engine Ground (-)

### **AWARNING** Disconnect negative battery terminals before starting any work on the vehicle.



1. There are several different ways to connect a Water Temperature Gauge to your vehicle.

**Note**: In some cases an adapter is needed to adapt the 1/8-27 NPT Sensor. If you install the sensor after the vehicles thermostat, the gauge will not display a reading until the vehicle thermostat has been opened.

- Coolant Fluid Port: Identify a coolant fluid port located on your engine and remove the port plug. Install the water temperature sensor into the coolant port. Additional adapters may be required if the coolant port is not threaded to 1/8-27 NPT.
- Stock Sensor Location: Use a T-fitting to "T" off your stock sensor location. This will allow you to keep your stock sensor installed, while also allowing you to install the MaxTow temperature sensor.

- Water Temp Adapter: Please take a look at www.MaxTow.
  com for available adapters including Thread Adapters and T-Fittings.
- 2. To install the Water Temperature Sensor, start by applying Teflon tape to the Water Temperature Sensor threads. Install the 1/8-27 NPT Water Temperature Sensor to your vehicle's system using one of the above methods that will work best for your application. Tighten the sensor using a 14mm wrench.
- 3. Plug the Water Temperature Sensor Harness into the Water Temperature Sensor and route it through the engine bay and through the firewall keeping it clear of any moving parts and heat sources. Be sure to use a grommet when routing the Water Temperature Sensor Harness through the firewall to protect it from being cut or damaged. If one is not available you will need to drill a hole and install a grommet. An extended harness is available on www. MaxTow.com if the included harness is not long enough.
- 4. Plug the Water Temperature Sensor Harness into the back of the Water Temperature Gauge.
- 5. Before starting the engine, be sure to refill/replace any coolant lost during the installation process to the manufacturer's specifications.

### **Gauge Wiring**

- 1. With your Water Temperature Sensor Harness connected, plug in the power harness and place the gauge in the mounting location.
- 2. In order to test for power, reconnect the Negative Battery Terminals.
- 3. It may be necessary to remove the Vehicle Trim and/or Kick Panels in order to gain access to the vehicle's Fuse Box.
- 4. Using a test light, locate a constant 12-volt power source in the vehicle's fuse panel that receives 12- volt power when



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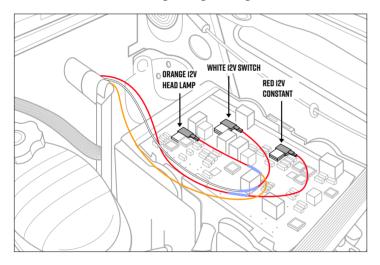
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the ignition is turned off. You can splice into the circuit or use an optional Expandable Circuit. Connect the **Red Wire** of the gauge to the Constant 12-volt power source.

**Note:** It is required to use an automotive grade 18-20 gauge wire and proper splice connectors when extending any of the power wires.

- 5. Repeat the same step for the **White Wire** of the gauge to locate an Ignition Switched 12-volt power source. This source should not have any power with the key turned off and have 12-volts with the key turned on.
- 6. Connect the **Orange Wire** of the gauge to the positive Headlight Switch Power Source using a Splice Connector at the headlight switch. You can also use an Expandable Circuit and install into the fuse box if you have a fuse available. This will allow the gauge face to enter nightime mode when the headlights are turned on.

**Note:** Make sure that the connection source does not dim. If the voltage is reduced when you lower the Dimmer Wheel it will cause the gauge to flash from not having enough voltage.



- 7. Locate a clean, reliable grounding source and connect the **Black Wire** from the gauge.
- 8. After all wiring is complete, turn the vehicle's key to the "On" position and confirm that your gauge illuminates.
- 9. Turn on the headlights to ensure that the gauge dims.
- 10. Start vehicle and check for leaks.
- 11. Reinstall any panels that may have been removed.
- 12. Test drive your vehicle to ensure that the gauge is functioning properly.

# Selectable Brightness Levels

The Double Vision Gauge Series features 3 selectable brightness settings for both day and nighttime lighting modes. Below are the instructions on how to program each lighting mode.

#### **Daytime Mode**

- Press and hold the button located on the gauge face until a "d1" appears in the digital display.
- Press the button again to cycle through the 3 brightness levels.
- Press the button until you have selected your desired setting. Do not touch the button for 5 seconds and the gauge will save your selection.

#### **Nighttime Mode**

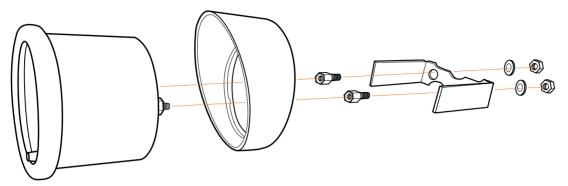
- This mode is only available if the orange dimmer wire is connected and your headlights are powered.
- Press and hold the button located on the gauge face until an "n1" appears in the digital display.
- Press the button again to cycle through the 3 brightness modes.
- Press the button until you have selected your desired setting. Do not touch the button for 5 seconds and the gauge will save your selection.



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## **Additional Information**



- The supplied optional gauge visor is intended to be placed on the gauge so that the thickest part is at the top, creating a cover over the gauge to help keep sun glare off of the gauge face.
- The included mounting bracket is designed to be used on a flat universal-style mount in order to keep the gauge secure. In some cases one or both legs of the bracket may need to be modified to fit the thickness and contour of the mount. Our A-pillar gauge pods do not require the use of the mounting bracket but can be used if you desire, and there is enough space to fit it between the gauge and the gauge pod. When installing the bracket onto the gauge, make sure **not** to over-tighten as it could pull the rear studs on the back of the gauge and damage it.
- MaxTow Gauges Installation Instructions: Installation documents are solely to provide a guide for individuals that are mechanically and electronically able to install products. If you are unsure about the correct procedure of installation for a product, you should consult a licensed professional.



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MaxTow does **not warrant the installation** of the Product, which is the sole responsibility of the Purchaser. Installation should be done by licensed professionals. Improper installation may cause damage to the Product and any vehicle in which it is installed, and may cause burns and electrical injury to individuals. MaxTow's warranty does not cover any expenses incurred in removing Products that are defective or re-installing replacement Products in their place.

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