

Firewall pad installation

Thank you for purchasing our 01670 firewall cover. The following suggestions should make the installation easier.

Remove the inside heater chamber and air plenum, button fasteners, emergency brake handle assembly, steering column, pedal bracket assembly, wire loom, tach cable, and clutch rod, if applicable. Some of these things can be left on, but you will probably wish you had taken off by the time you are finished.

Next you will want to remove the proper knockouts. If your car is a '55 or '56 remove at "A" for the tachometer cable. The tachometer cable knockout for '57's is at "B". If your Bird is equipped with the stock foot pedal actuated windshield washer control remove at "C". If your Thunderbird is equipped with a standard transmission it will be necessary to knock out at "D" for the clutch mechanism and also at "E" for the clutch rod.

By placing the hardboard cover on the fiberglass supplied you can mark the areas to be removed. We have found that a felt tip marker works well. At the bottom edge fiberglass should go to the edge of the hardboard only and not to the bottom edge of the rubber.

After the excess fiberglass is removed it can be attached to the back side of the hardboard using any contact adhesive. It isn't necessary to attach the fiberglass but doing so will simplify the installation.

Before installing the cover be sure that the wiring that goes to the rear of the car is installed since it goes between the fiberglass and the steel firewall. This includes rear lamp wiring and power seat and Fordomatic neutral safety switch wiring if applicable. Also, be sure that the battery carrier is installed since the attaching nuts are behind the cover.

When installing the new cover it will be helpful to put the heater chamber on first and then locate the emergency brake hole. Your cover is installed using push pins supplied in our #133 kit.

Your firewall cover has been made in one piece of the best hardboard available. The fiberglass insulation is a full 1" thick to provide good noise and heat insulation.

If you have any further questions please call our tech service line at 740/622-9700.

