

# WHELEN<sup>®</sup>

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**Installation Guide:**  
**Model SSF5150D**  
**Brake/Back-up Light Flasher**

### Warnings to Installers

Whelen's emergency vehicle warning devices must be properly mounted and wired in order to be effective and safe. Read and follow all of Whelen's written instructions when installing or using this device. Emergency vehicles are often operated under high speed stressful conditions which must be accounted for when installing all emergency warning devices. Controls should be placed within convenient reach of the operator so that they can operate the system without taking their eyes off the roadway. Emergency warning devices can require high electrical voltages and/or currents. Properly protect and use caution around live electrical connections. Grounding or shorting of electrical connections can cause high current arcing, which can cause personal injury and/or vehicle damage, including fire. Many electronic devices used in emergency vehicles can create or be affected by electromagnetic interference. Therefore, after installation of any electronic device it is necessary to test all electronic equipment simultaneously to insure that they operate free of interference from other components within the vehicle. Never power emergency warning equipment from the same circuit or share the same grounding circuit with radio communication equipment. All devices should be mounted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and securely fastened to vehicle elements of sufficient strength to withstand the forces applied to the device. Driver and/or passenger air bags (SRS) will affect the way equipment should be mounted. This device should be mounted by permanent installation and within the zones specified by the vehicle manufacturer, if any. Any device mounted in the deployment area of an air bag will damage or reduce the effectiveness of the air bag and may damage or dislodge the device. Installer must be sure that this device, its mounting hardware and electrical supply wiring does not interfere with the air bag or the SRS wiring or sensors. Mounting the unit inside the vehicle by a method other than permanent installation is not recommended as unit may become dislodged during swerving; sudden braking or collision. Failure to follow instructions can result in personal injury. Whelen assumes no liability for any loss resulting from the use of this warning device. **PROPER INSTALLATION COMBINED WITH OPERATOR TRAINING IN THE PROPER USE OF EMERGENCY WARNING DEVICES IS ESSENTIAL TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND THE PUBLIC.**

### Warnings to Users

Whelen's emergency vehicle warning devices are intended to alert other operators and pedestrians to the presence and operation of emergency vehicles and personnel. However, the use of this or any other Whelen emergency warning device does not guarantee that you will have the right-of-way or that other drivers and pedestrians will properly heed an emergency warning signal. Never assume you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to proceed safely before entering an intersection, driving against traffic, responding at a high rate of speed, or walking on or around traffic lanes. Emergency vehicle warning devices should be tested on a daily basis to ensure that they operate properly. When in actual use, the operator must ensure that both visual and audible warnings are not blocked by vehicle components (i.e.: open trunks or compartment doors), people, vehicles, or other obstructions. It is the user's responsibility to understand and obey all laws regarding emergency warning devices. The user should be familiar with all applicable laws and regulations prior to the use of any emergency vehicle warning device. Whelen's audible warning devices are designed to project sound in a forward direction away from the vehicle occupants. However, because sustained periodic exposure to loud sounds can cause hearing loss, all audible warning devices should be installed and operated in accordance with the standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

### Safety First

This document provides all the necessary information to allow your Whelen product to be properly and safely installed. Before beginning the installation and/or operation of your new product, the installation technician and operator must read this manual completely. Important information is contained herein that could prevent serious injury or damage.

- **Proper installation of this product requires the installer to have a good understanding of automotive electronics, systems and procedures.**
- **Whelen Engineering requires the use of waterproof butt splices and/or connectors if that connector could be exposed to moisture.**
- **Any holes, either created or utilized by this product, should be made both air- and watertight using a sealant recommended by your vehicle manufacturer.**
- **Failure to use specified installation parts and/or hardware will void the product warranty.**
- **If mounting this product requires drilling holes, the installer MUST be sure that no vehicle components or other vital parts could be damaged by the drilling process. Check both sides of the mounting surface before drilling begins. Also de-burr the holes and remove any metal shards or remnants. Install grommets into all wire passage holes.**
- **If this manual states that this product may be mounted with suction cups, magnets, tape or Velcro®, clean the mounting surface with a 50/50 mix of isopropyl alcohol and water and dry thoroughly.**
- **Do not install this product or route any wires in the deployment area of your air bag. Equipment mounted or located in the air bag deployment area will damage or reduce the effectiveness of the air bag, or become a projectile that could cause serious personal injury or death. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual for the air bag deployment area. The User/Installer assumes full responsibility to determine proper mounting location, based on providing ultimate safety to all passengers inside the vehicle.**
- **For this product to operate at optimum efficiency, a good electrical connection to chassis ground must be made. The recommended procedure requires the product ground wire to be connected directly to the NEGATIVE (-) battery post (this does not include products that use cigar power cords).**
- **If this product uses a remote device for activation or control, make sure that this device is located in an area that allows both the vehicle and the device to be operated safely in any driving condition.**
- **Do not attempt to activate or control this device in a hazardous driving situation.**
- **Use only soap and water to clean the outer lens. Use of other chemicals could result in premature lens cracking (crazing) and discoloration. Lenses in this condition have significantly reduced effectiveness and should be replaced immediately. Inspect and operate this product regularly to confirm its proper operation and mounting condition. Do not use a pressure washer to clean this product.**
- **It is recommended that these instructions be stored in a safe place and referred to when performing maintenance and/or reinstallation of this product.**
- **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE PRODUCT OR VEHICLE AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY TO YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS!**

**IMPORTANT!** The use of a Brake/Back-up Light Flasher System may be regulated by state, county or municipal authorities. It is the responsibility of the end user to comply with these regulations.

**WARNING!** The installation of a Brake/Back-Up Light Flasher System requires a modification to the vehicle's brake light wiring harness. This modification may not only effect the warranty of your vehicle, but may also have an adverse effect on the operation of some of the safety features installed on your particular vehicle's Brake Warning and Anti-Lock Braking Systems. Variations can exist between identical vehicles within a given model year. It is the responsibility of the end user to not only verify the warranty conditions with the vehicle manufacturer, but also verify that this device is compatible with the specific vehicle into which it is being installed. The use of a Brake/Back-Up Light flasher System may shorten bulb life.

**WARNING!** Disconnect the battery from electrical system before attempting any part of this installation.

**Installation:**

Position the flasher onto its proposed mounting surface. Do not select a location where it will be exposed to water or extreme heat. Using the unit as a template, mark the area where the mounting holes are to be drilled. Secure the unit using appropriately sized hardware.

**Caution:** Permanent mounting of this product will require drilling. It is absolutely necessary to make sure that no other vehicle components could be damaged by this process. Check both sides of the mounting surface before starting. If damage is likely, select a different mounting location.

Wire the unit as follows:

- BLACK (Ground)** - Connect the black wire to a good chassis ground. This wire may be extended with an 18 AWG wire.
- ORANGE (Flasher On/Off Control)** - Connect this wire to a customer supplied SP/ST ON/OFF switch rated for at least 200ma. The switch must be connected to positive (+) 12 volts D.C. This wire may be extended with an 18 AWG wire.
- YELLOW (Left Brake Light Output)**
- GREEN (Right Brake Light Output)**
- WHITE/BLUE (Back-Up Light Input)**
- BLUE WIRE (Back-Up Light Output)**

- RED (POWER)** - Connect the red wire to a high current positive (+) 12 volt D.C. power source. Fuse this circuit with a customer supplied 20 amp fuse as close to power source as possible. This wire may be extended with a 14 AWG wire.

**WARNING!** All customer supplied wires that connect to the positive (+) terminal of the battery, must be sized to supply at least 125% of the maximum operating current, and **FUSED** "at the battery" to carry that load! **DO NOT USE CIRCUIT BREAKERS WITH THIS PRODUCT!**

- WHITE/GREEN (Right Brake Input).**
- WHITE/YELLOW (Left Brake Input).**
- RED/BLACK (Auxiliary Output)** - Provides +12VDC for optional decklight.
- WHITE/VIOLET (Pattern Control)** - Connect this wire to a customer supplied momentary switch (normally off) rated for at least 200ma. The switch must be connected to positive +12VDC. This wire may be extended with an 18 AWG wire.

**Operation:**

When activated, the SSF5150D will flash the brake lights and the reverse lights in one of 5 different patterns:

- SingleFlash 90 **ALT** (Brake lights alternating with Reverse lights).
- SingleFlash 150 **ALT**.
- DoubleFlash 75 **ALT**.
- SingleFlash 150 **ALT** > DoubleFlash 75 **SIM** (Brake and Reverse lights flash simultaneously).
- ActionScan™ (Cycles all patterns)

Pattern control is accomplished as follows:

**To Cycle Forward Thru Patterns** -Apply +12VDC to the WHT/VIO wire for less than 1 second.

**To Cycle Back Thru Patterns** - Apply +12VDC to the WHT/VIO wire for more than 1 second.

Allow a pattern to run for more than 5 seconds to make it the default pattern.

Before returning the vehicle to active service, visually confirm the proper operation of the flasher system and all vehicle components/equipment.

