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.

⚠️ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Methylene Chloride which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and Bisphenol A, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

- 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 the 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.
- This product contains either strobe light(s), halogen light(s), high-intensity LEDs or a combination of these lights. Do not stare directly into these lights. Momentary blindness and/or eye damage could result.
- 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!

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For warranty information regarding this product, visit www.whelen.com/warranty
IMPORTANT! The lightbar should be located a minimum of 16" from any radio antennas!

Installation / Vehicle preparation:

1. Remove rear seat back, C-pillar covers and headliner from vehicle.
2. On the roof support cross-brace just ahead of the rear window, locate the brace openings. Through the center of one of these openings, drill a 1/8" hole up through the roof of the vehicle.
3. From outside the vehicle, locate the hole drilled in the previous step. Using a 1" hole saw, position the pilot bit into this hole and drill a 1" opening through the roof, then deburr this hole and install a rubber grommet (included).

Surface Preparation

WARNING! The FastTrax™ system housing is secured to the vehicle using 3M™ VHB™ double-sided tape. This tape offers superior bond strength that allows the FastTrax to be exposed to inclement weather with no adhesion loss. However, the key to successful bonding lies in proper preparation of the mounting surface. The following section will outline the recommended procedure for mounting surface preparation. Your FastTrax system includes the 3M® recommended preparation solution. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER SOLUTIONS TO PREPARE THE MOUNTING SURFACE! The outer surface of the vehicle must be at least 65°F!

1. Without removing the protective backing from the mounting tape, position the FastTrax housing onto its mounting surface. Center the FastTrax on the vehicle roof with a 1/8" space between the leading edge of the housing and the windshield gasket.
2. You will have to prepare any part of the vehicle that will be in contact with the adhesive tape, PLUS an additional inch and a half (1½) wide area on either side of the tape. This area is called the bonding surface. Remove the FastTrax housing from the vehicle.
3. The bonding surface must be completely clean and dry. Using a clean lint-free cloth, clean the bonding surface with an automotive wax and grease remover (for example, Prepsol®). Allow to dry thoroughly.
4. Shake the “3M Keel Primer” applicator (included) well before using. Following the instructions attached to the applicator, apply a thin uniform coating to the bonding surface using the minimum amount that will fully coat the surface. Allow the primer to dry thoroughly. This is usually accomplished in 5 minutes at room temperature. Be sure the primed surface remains free from contaminants.
5. Return the housing to the vehicle and connect the cable to its respective lightheads (Refer to your control head manual).
6. Locate the ends of the adhesive tape strips. Peel approximately an inch of the protective backing away from the tape and fold the backing so that it sticks out from under the FastTrax housing.
7. Carefully pull the protective backing tabs out from under the FastTrax housing, making sure that the housing’s position is not disturbed.
8. With all of the protective backing strips removed, press down firmly along the edges of the housing to promote adhesion.

WARNING! The vehicle should not be driven for a minimum of 24 hours after installation. The adhesive used in this procedure must remain at 65°F (minimum) for 24 hours after installation. Caution should be used if the vehicle must be driven between 24 and 72 hours after installation. The adhesive should be fully bonded after 72 hours.
**Wiring:**

Using the wire chart below, insert the pinned wires on the control harness into their proper location in the pin housing.

**Painting the FastTrax™ Housing:**

If painting or re-painting your FastTrax housing, it is important to keep in mind the following information:

- Do not apply paint or primer to any of the black-colored area immediately adjacent to the clear outer lens.
- Do not apply paint or primer to the underside of the housing.
- Make sure that all surfaces to be painted have been primed using primer that is suitable for ABS plastic.
- Be sure to include the leading edges (material thickness) in your painting surfaces.