

LPEFI[®] Installation Manual For 2007 GM Medium Duty Trucks with 8.1 Liter Engine Models: C5500 Mono-Rail System



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Introduction

This instruction booklet shows how to convert a gasoline vehicle to run on clean burning propane utilizing our *LPEFI*[®] (*Liquid Propane Electronic Fuel Injection*) system.

The system is vehicle specific and installing a system on any vehicle that the kit was not designed for will void the warranty and may also violate emission laws.

Anyone who installs or repairs the *LPEFI*[®] system must be trained and certified. This must also include training in the safe handling and characteristics of propane. Bi-Phase Technologies provides such training upon request. Some states may require a license to work on propane vehicles. Consult your state or local authorities or your state propane gas association. Bi-Phase Technologies, LLC is not responsible for your oversight to comply with federal, state or local laws regulating the installation or repair of propane gas systems.

The $LPEFI^{\otimes}$ system is a sequential multi-port fuel injection system that injects propane in a liquid state to the engine. It works much the same way as a modern sequential multi-port gasoline fuel injection system and can be diagnosed with the same diagnostic scanners used for gasoline vehicles.

The $LPEFI^{@}$ system is covered by U.S. and International patents. The $LPEFI^{@}$ system is also certified to the United States E.P.A. standards.

The information in this manual is believed to be accurate as of its date of publication, but it is subject to change. Up-to-date information and changes, if any, can be requested from Bi-Phase Technologies.

In the event of any safety-related changes Bi-Phase Technologies will notify all customers who returned the warranty registration card for the affected vehicles.

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Notes

Propane Safety

This is a safety alert symbol. It is used through out this manual to alert you to potential hazards. Whenever you see this symbol, you should read and obey the safety warnings that follow. Failure to obey these warnings could result in serious personal injury or property damage.

Please read some of the <u>Specific Warnings</u> below before proceeding with the installation or repair of any propane system

Warning: Always unplug the LPEFI control box or disconnect the battery before you work on any part of the LPEFI system.

The LPEFI tank contains an electronic control box. Any time the driver door is opened, the LPEFI system could go into a purge mode, pumping liquid propane through the hoses and injectors. To prevent a sudden release of cold liquid propane, disconnect the power from the control box before you loosen any hose fittings. Failure to do this could cause personal injury and fire hazard.

Warning: Never loosen fittings or vent any propane unless you are wearing insulated PVC rubber gloves. Escaping liquid propane can cause frostbite and severe freeze burns.

Propane is stored as a liquid. When you release liquid propane, it tries to evaporate as quickly as it can, by absorbing heat from its surroundings. Everything it touches gets chilled to -44 degrees F (-42 deg. C). If liquid propane sprays on your fingers, it will freeze them-right down to the bone. Anyone who works with liquid propane must wear insulated PVC rubber gloves.

Danger: Do not remove any valves, bulkheads or fittings from a propane tank unless the tank has been properly drained (evacuated) completely. The pressure inside a propane tank can push a loosened bulkhead or valve out with enough force to cause injury. Release of propane in an uncontrolled situation will create a flammable/explosive mixture of air and propane, which could cause serious injury, death and property damage.

Propane is stored under pressure. When you remove a valve or bulkhead from the tank, all of the pressure is released at once, in a violent rush. Always drain the tank before you work on it. Failure to do this will result in damage to the tank or valves and can result in severe injury or death. You should drain the tank using a flare stack in an approved safe manner. Your propane supplier can help you with this.

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Propane Safety (cont'd)

Danger: Do not vent or release propane indoors or near sewers, pits or low lying areas. Propane can accumulate in low spots, creating a fire hazard. Propane can also displace oxygen, creating a suffocation hazard.

Propane is heavier than air. It can fill low, sheltered areas with flammable vapors. If these vapors are ignited, they can create a fire or explosion, causing severe property damage, injury or death. Never release propane near sewers, pits or indoors.

Warning: Keep all sources of ignition away from propane vehicles while the fuel system is being serviced. Even if the tank and fuel lines are empty, there may still be flammable vapors near the vehicle.

Do not allow smoking, sparks, flames, running vehicles or other sources of ignition near the vented propane. Failure to do this could result in fire or explosion, causing severe property damage, injury or death.

Warning: Do not disconnect any propane hoses unless they have been properly drained completely.

Propane in the hoses is kept under pressure, even when the engine is off. When you disconnect a hose, the internal pressure is released all at once. Always drain the fuel lines before you disconnect them. Failure to do this can result in damage to the hose fitting and possible injury.



NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAMES IN OR AROUND PROPANE VEHICLES DURING FUELING OR SERVICING.

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Facts about Propane & Propane Powered Vehicles

Propane gas is the most widely used alternative fuel, with nearly 4 million vehicles worldwide running on propane. More than 350,000 vehicles run on propane in the U.S., according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center.

Propane powered vehicles offer the best combination of durability, performance and driving range.

The first propane powered vehicle ran in 1913.

Bi-Phase Technologies' *LPEFI*[®] (Liquid Propane Electronic Fuel Injection) system has surpassed other technologies today by introducing liquid fuel injection. This technology improves power, efficiency and operating characteristics. For more information call for our General Information and Training Manual.

Safety comes first is a motto you should always live by. Without knowledge of a product it is hard to follow this motto. In our manuals we try to stress the need for knowledge and provide warning signs to alert you.

It is your responsibility to know the law. NFPA, National Fire Protection Association, has manuals to help you understand safe handling of many products. We recommend that you obtain and read their NFPA #58, Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases. To further enhance the industry's safety and service, a number of training programs and efforts have been implemented throughout the country. The National Propane Gas Association has developed a Certified Employee Training Program (CETP), which provides service personnel with a complete technical training curriculum. We encourage you to contact your state propane gas association or the National Propane Gas Association for more information on how you can benefit from such programs. Visit www.propanesafety.com for more information.

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Approximate Properties of LP Gases

(Commercial Propane)

Specific gravity of	0.504	
Initial boiling poi	- 44.0	
Weight in lbs per	4.24	
Specific heat of la	0.630	
Cubic ft. of vapor	36.38	
Cubic ft. of vapor	8.66	
Specific gravity of	1.50	
Ignition temperat	920 to 1120	
Maximum flame	3,595	
Limits of flamma Percent	bility in air of vapor in air/gas mixture a) Lower b) Upper	2.15 9.60
Heating values	a) BTU per cubic footb) BTU per poundc) BTU per gallon	2,488 21,548 91,500
Chemical formula	a	C_3H_8
Vapor pressure ir	a) 70 degrees F b) 100 degrees F c) 105 degrees F	127 196 210

Pre-Installation Inspection

(Recommended)

If your '06 vehicle is equipped with a single gasoline fuel tank, and you will be installing a single propane fuel tank follow the procedure in this manual.

If your '06 vehicle is equipped with dual gasoline fuel tanks, and you will be installing dual propane fuel tanks follow the procedure in this manual.

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If the vehicle is new and has less than 1,500 miles we recommend the following:

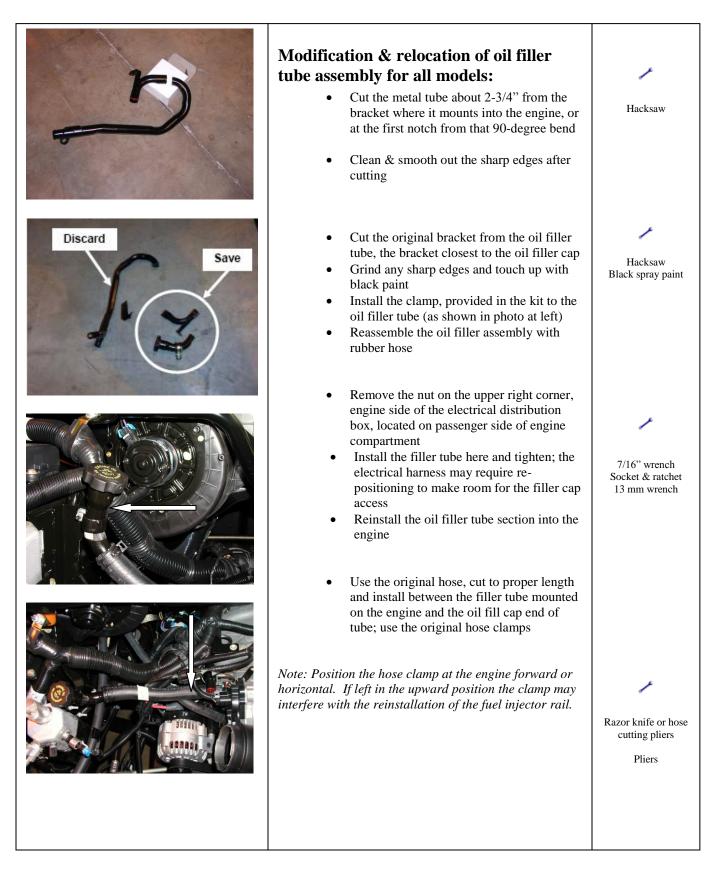
- Visually inspect the vehicle
 - Is the malfunction indicator lamp illuminated? Does the engine start and run smooth? Are there any fluid leaks?
- Install a diagnostic scan tool and verify there are no DTCs (Diagnostic Trouble Codes) stored in the computer memory

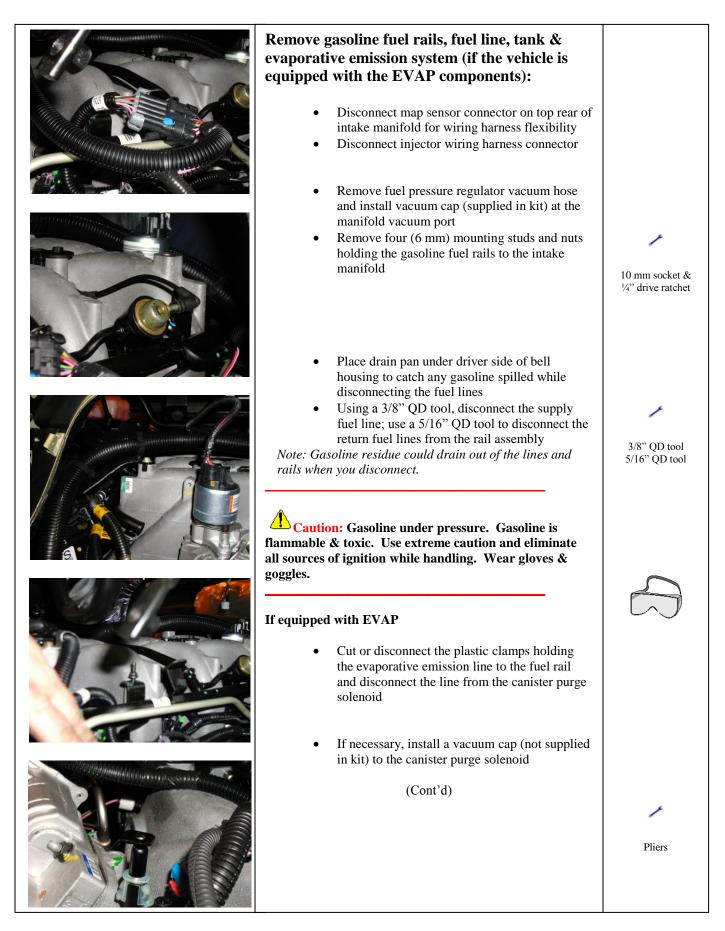
If the vehicle is used and has more than 10,000 miles we recommend in addition to the above:

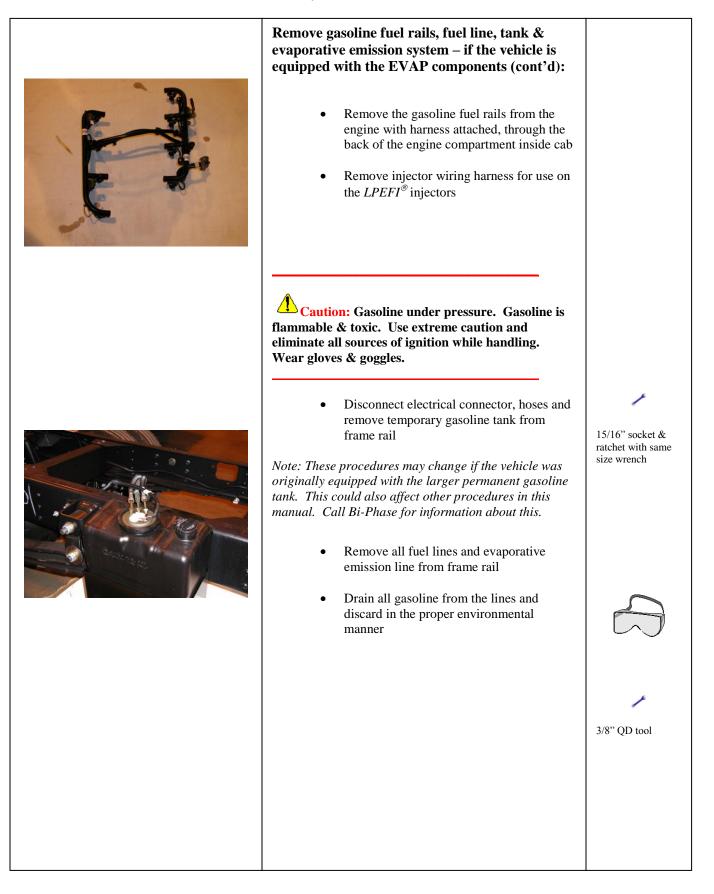
- Remove and examine the spark plugs and conduct a compression test
- During diagnostic scan mode document the following from the scan tool data stream: Short term fuel trim, bank 1 & 2 Long term fuel trim, bank 1 & 2 IAC (idle air control %) Oxygen sensor activity
- *Note:* Proceed with the LPEFI[®] system installation if all conditions are acceptable. If any problems are discovered it is not recommended to install the LPEFI[®] system until the problems are repaired. After the installation is complete refer to the Post-Installation Inspection found on page 37 in this manual.

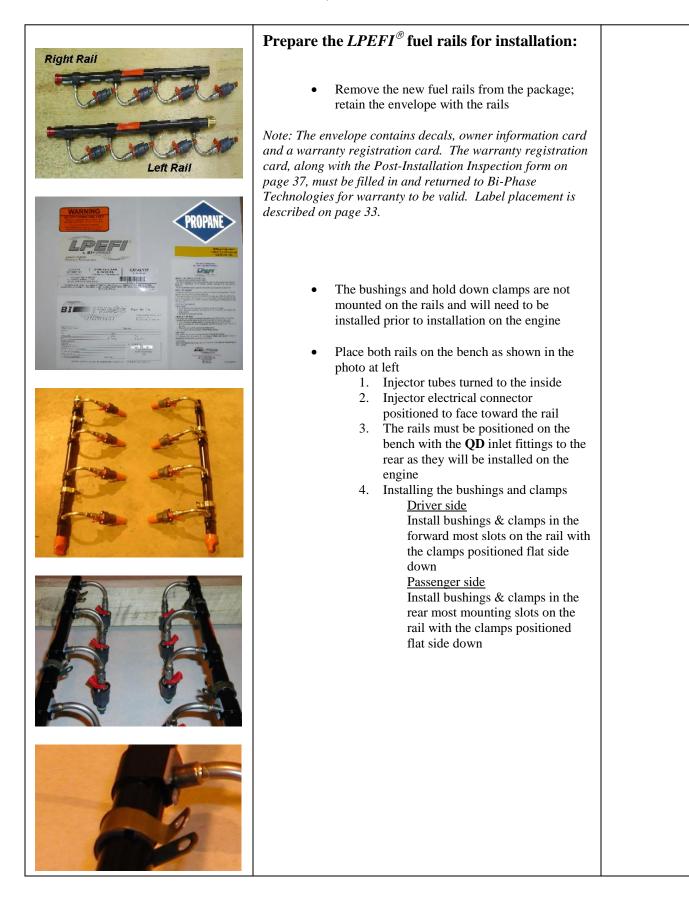
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<image/>	 Remove air filter box: Disconnect the battery Disconnect mass air flow sensor Loosen clamp where the hose from the throttle body connects to the plastic tube from the air filter box Remove one nut and one bolt Remove air filter box assembly from engine compartment Remove in-cab engine compartment cover: Release four latches to remove from the cabin 	13 mm #2 Screwdriver
<image/>	 Remove oil filler tube: Remove three bolts; one at top behind the oil filler cap & two on the intake manifold Remove the oil filler tube assembly and retain for modifications Note: Place a rag in the hole to prevent dirt, particles or other objects from entering the engine. Remove four bolts holding the wiring harness brackets to the manifold, this will give flexibility of the harness for the following steps 	13 mm 10 mm

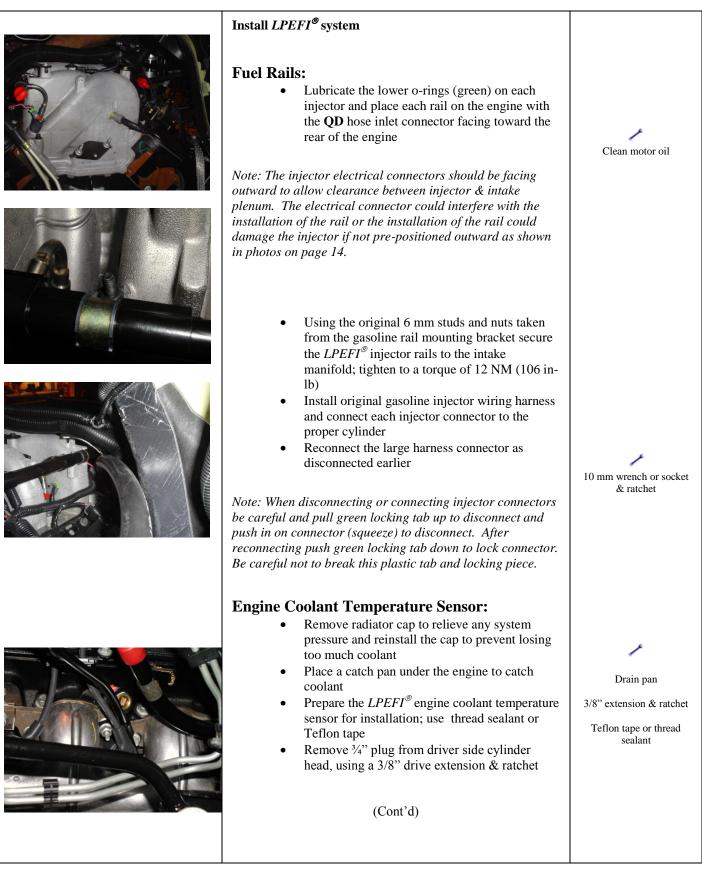
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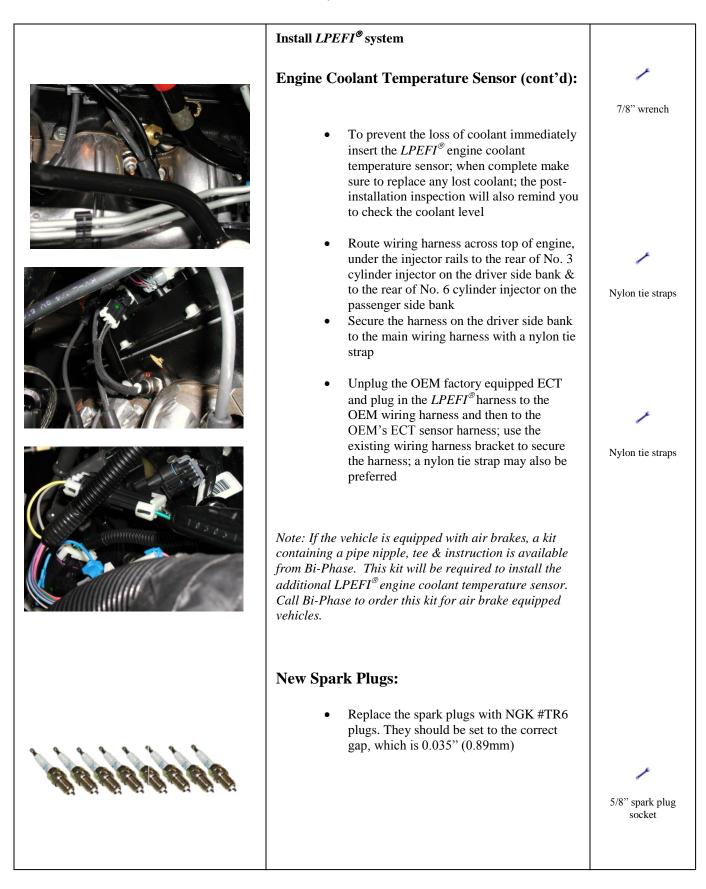


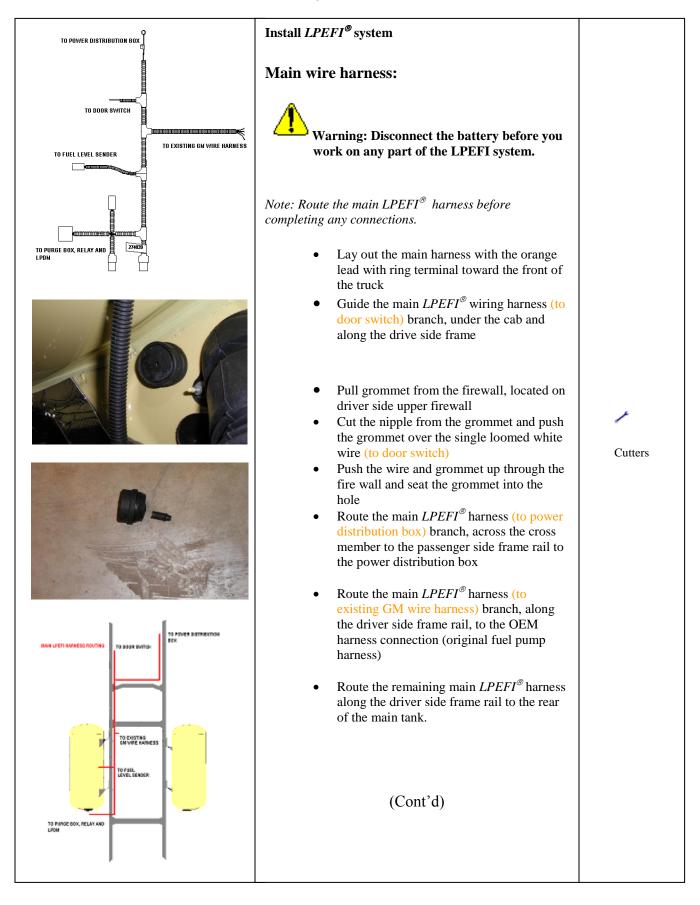


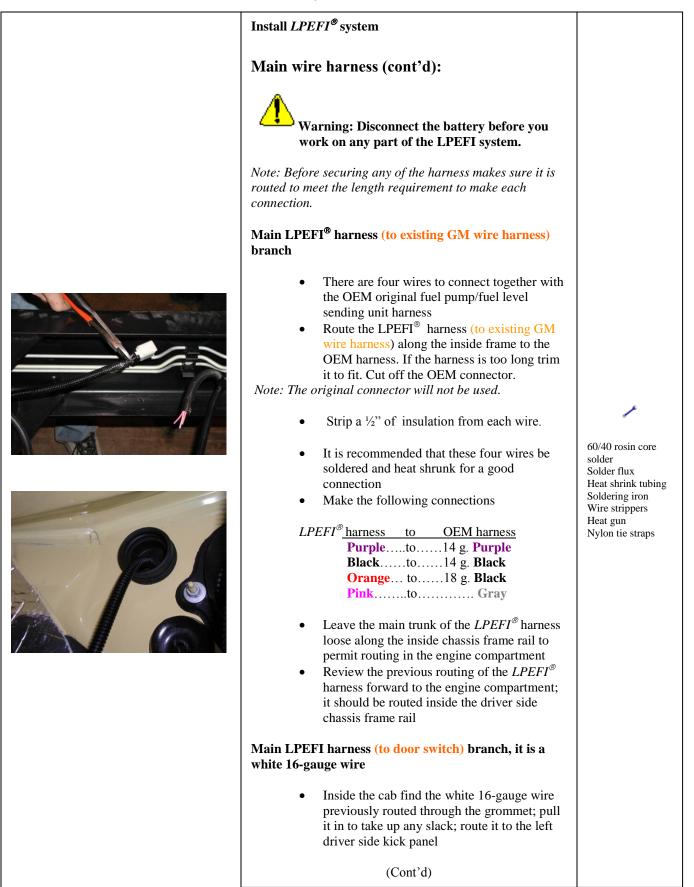


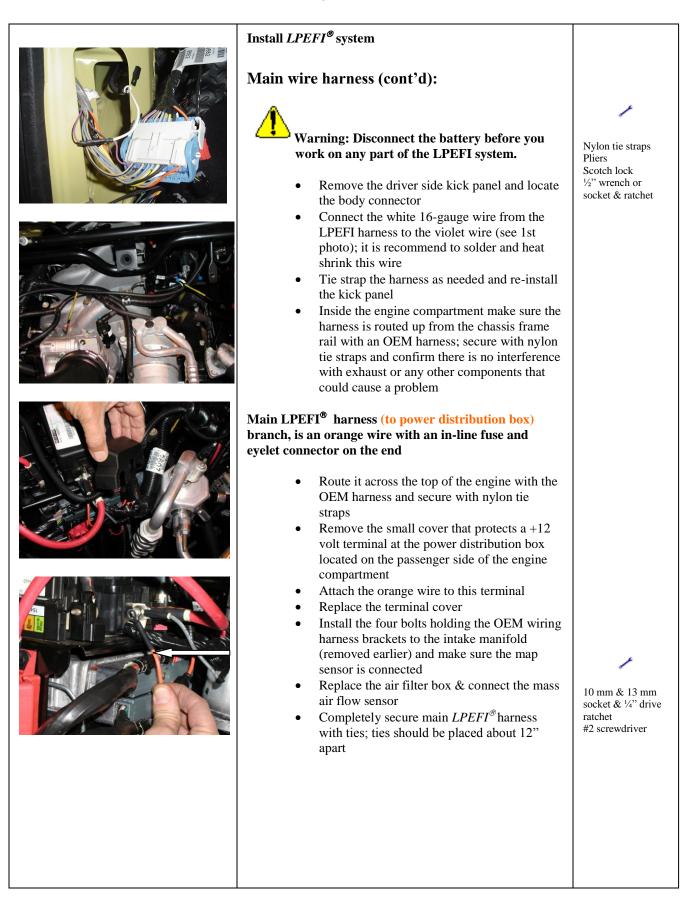


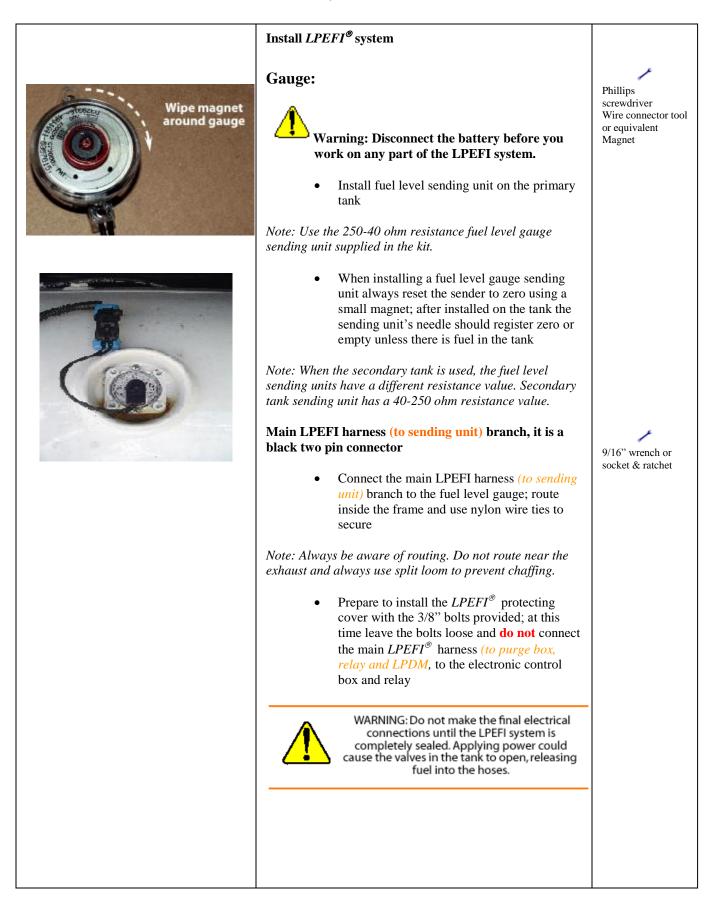


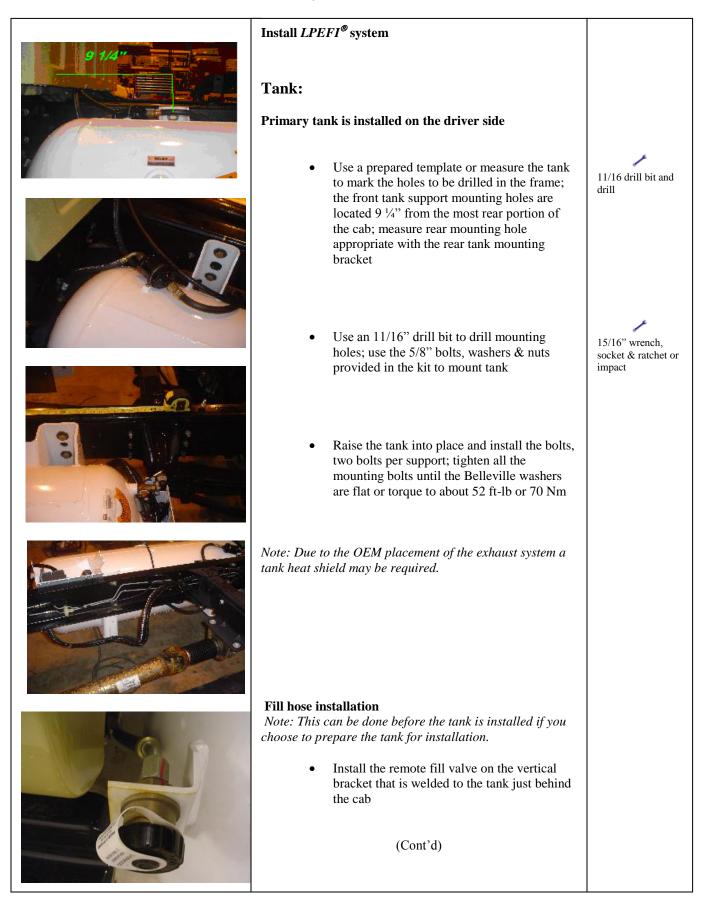


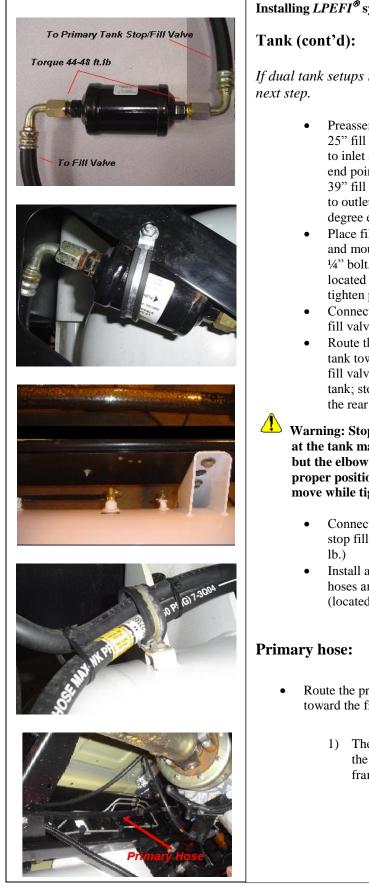












Installing LPEFI[®] system

If dual tank setups refer to page 27 before completing

- Preassemble fill hoses to fill filter 25" fill hose – Install 90-degree hose end fitting to inlet side fill filter; tighten with 90-degree end point down (Torque to 44-48 ft-lb.) 39" fill hose – Install 90-degree hose end fitting to outlet side of the filter; tighten with 90degree end point up (Torque to 44-48 ft-lb.)
- Place fill filter mounting clamp onto fill filter and mount entire assembly to step bracket with ¹/₄" bolt, washer and nut; mounting hole is located 8" from the frame on the bracket; tighten parallel with bracket
- Connect the other end of the 25" fill hose to the fill valve and tighten (Torque to 29-31 ft-lb.)
- Route the other end of the 39" hose across the tank toward the rear of the tank; clock the stop fill valve elbow to 90-degrees to the front of the tank; stop fill valve is located appox. 26" from the rear of the cab

Warning: Stop fill valve elbows are never tightened at the tank manufacturer. The fill valve is tight but the elbow must be tightened and clocked to the proper position. Do not allow the valve itself to move while tightening the elbow.

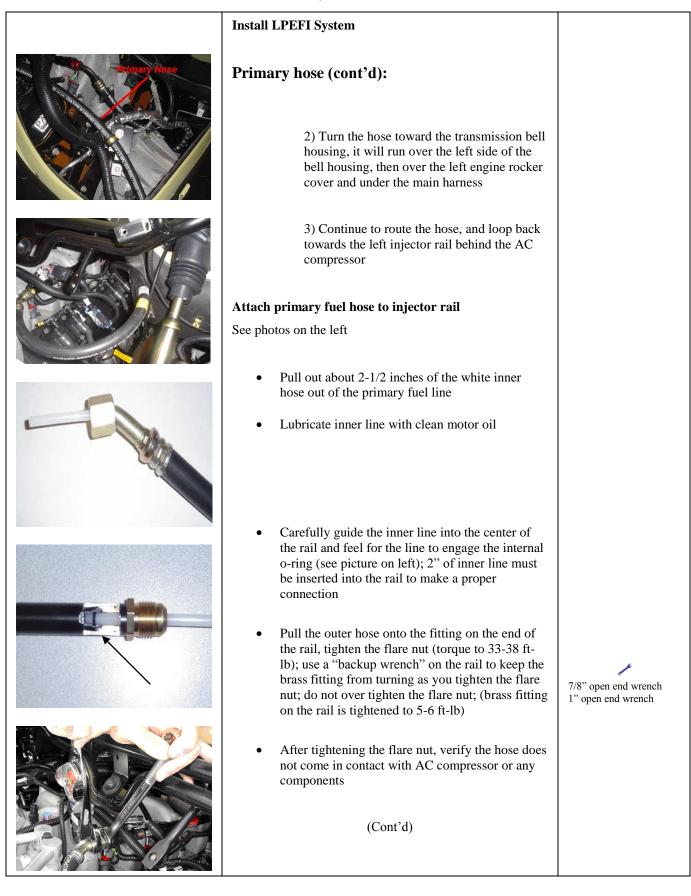
- Connect the straight end of the 39" hose to the stop fill valve and tighten (Torque to 25-39 ft-
- Install a rubber coated clamp around the two hoses and secure it at the $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole on the tank (located across from tank mounting bracket)
- Route the primary fuel line with flare end fitting toward the front of the engine
 - The hose will route from the LPDM, under the frame, and follow along the inside frame rail

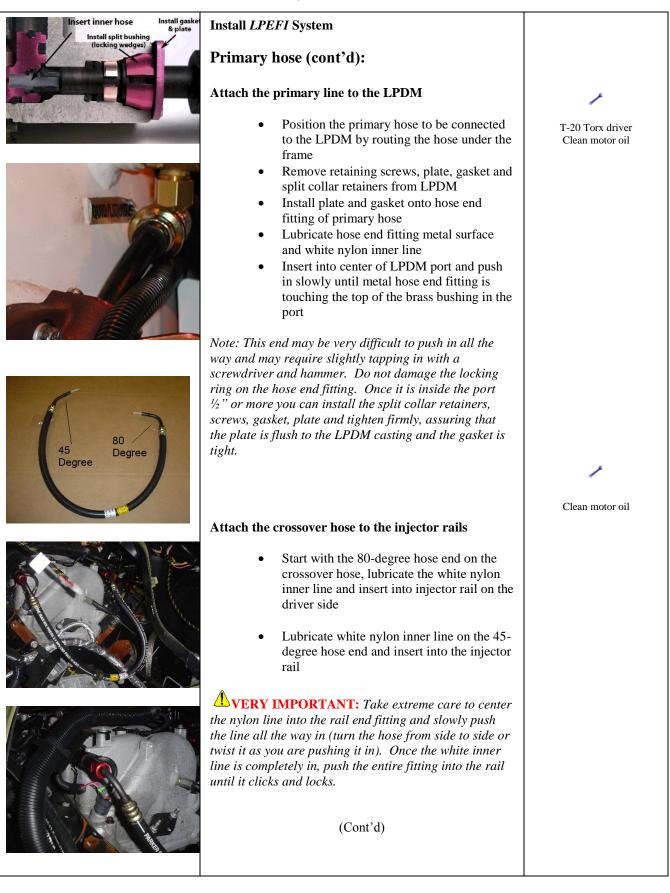
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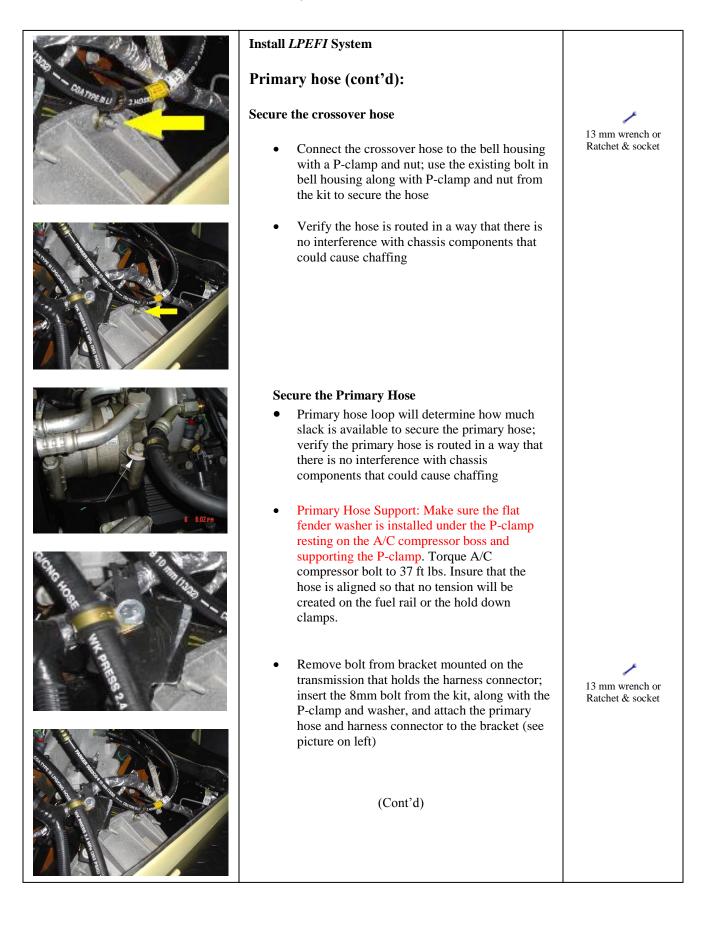
7/8" wrench 3/4" wrench

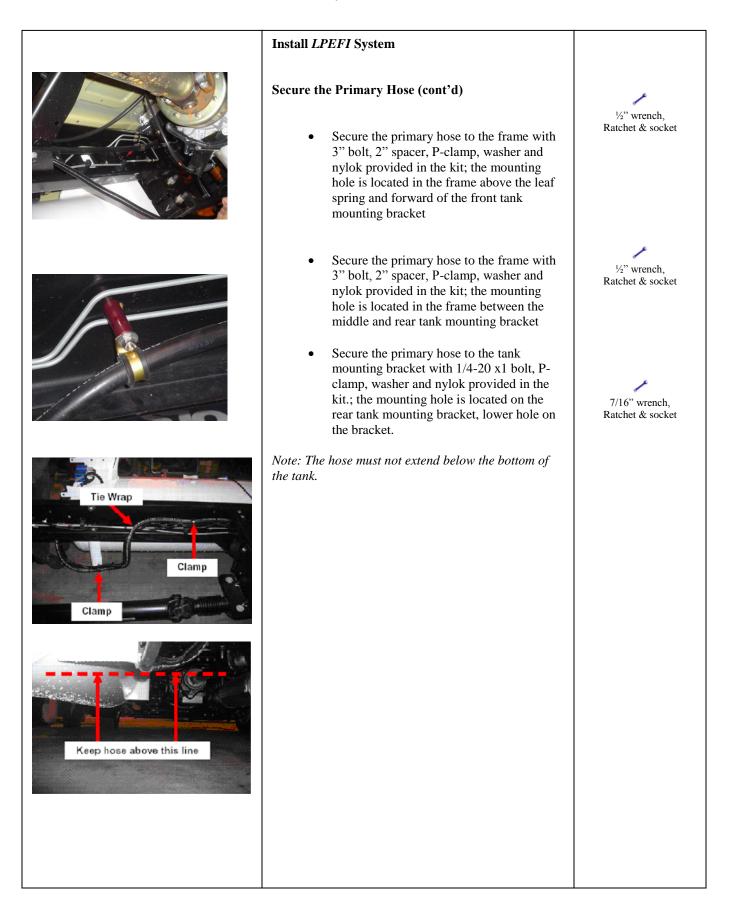
7/16" wrench, socket & ratchet 10" or 12" crescent wrench

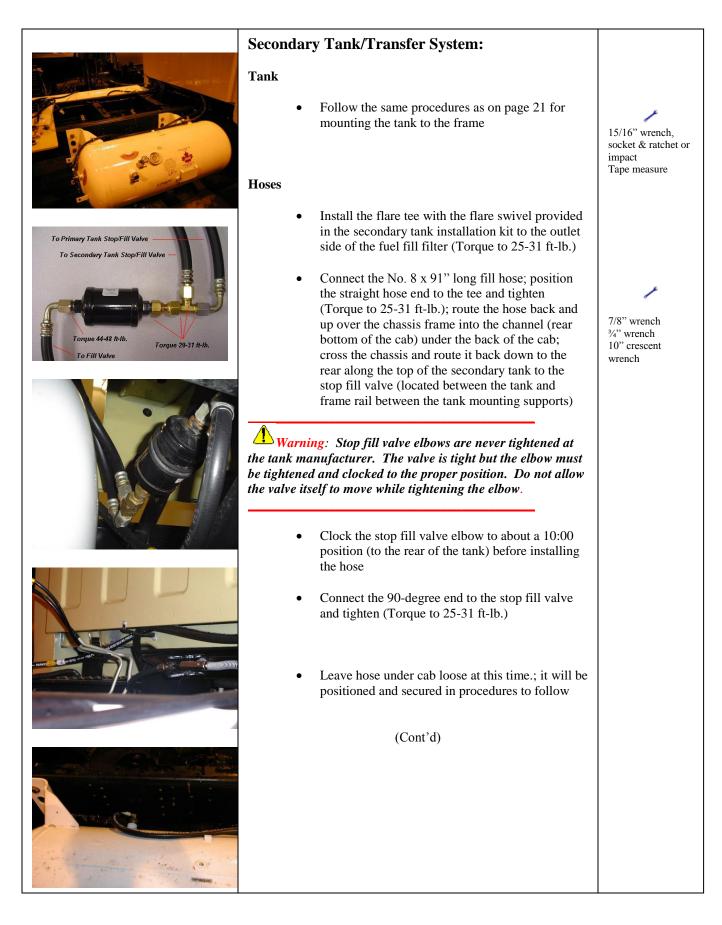
1 ¼" wrench

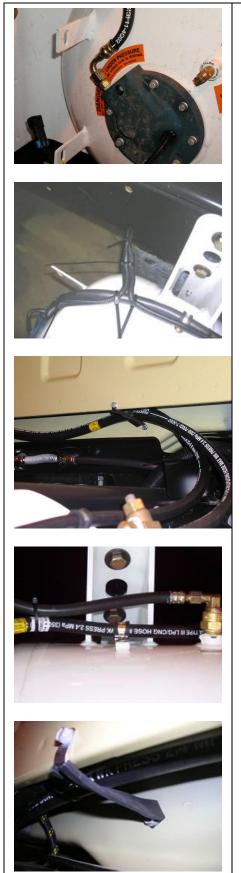












Secondary Tank/Transfer System:

Hoses (cont'd)

• Connect the No. 6 x 130" transfer hose to the secondary tank LPDM as shown in photo left; connect the 90-degree hose end to the flare fitting on the LPDM and tighten

Note: Always verify the fittings in the tanks are tight and sealed. Recheck for leaks during the post-installation inspection.

- Route the hose forward on top of the secondary tank, through the channel under the rear of the cab, across to the primary tank, on top of the primary tank to the one-way check valve
- Verify the flare elbow in the one-way check valve on the primary tank is tight and clock at the 10:00 position

Warning: Do not allow the one-way check valve to turn in the tank. When tightening the elbow into the one-way valve, back it up using a wrench. Clock this elbow to about the 10:00 position (to the front of the tank).

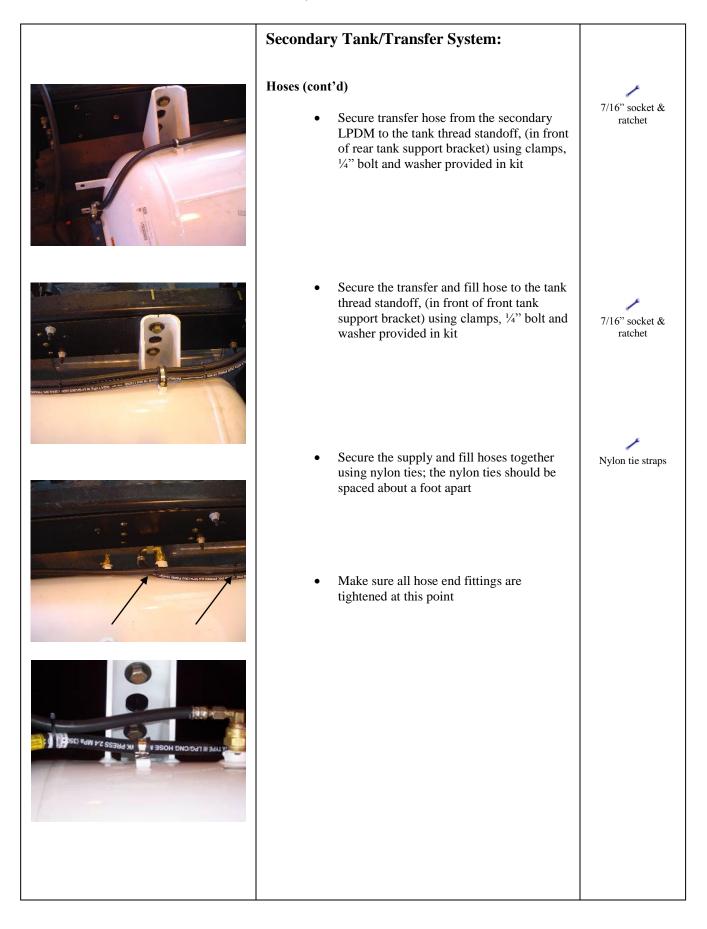
- Connect the transfer hose to the one-way check valve and tighten
- At this time verify routing of the transfer hose and the fill hose and tighten all the hose end flare nuts; all connections must be leak tested with an approved leak detection fluid or an electronic leak detector
 - Using two clamps provided in the kit, straighten the clamps as shown in photo on the left; using the two clamps and four self tapping screws mount the clamps as shown to secure the hoses up inside the channel under the rear of the cab; install the clamps so the opening in the rubber protector is facing down or so the hoses are sitting on the solid rubber side of the clamp; use necessary nylon tie straps to secure the hoses together and aid in the proper routing; the hoses should be routed not to interfere with future body installation or other pieces of the body or chassis that could cause chaffing

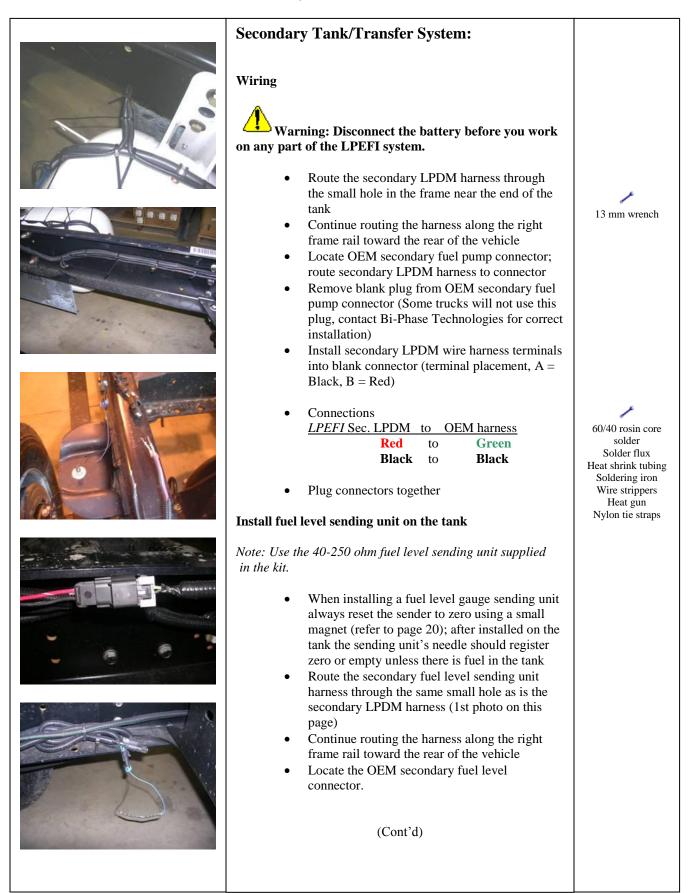
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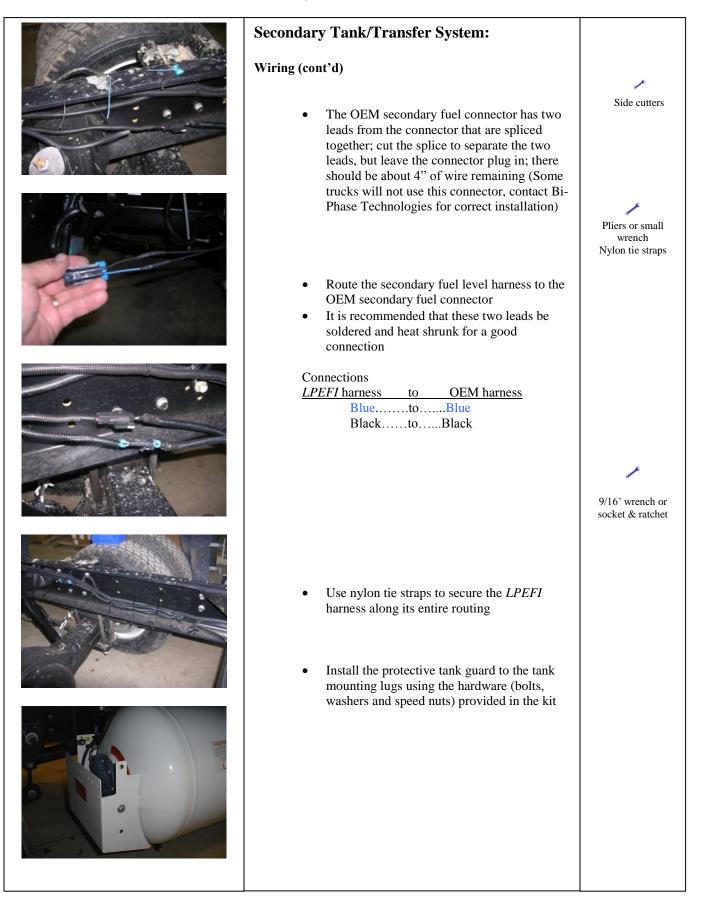
10" crescent wrench

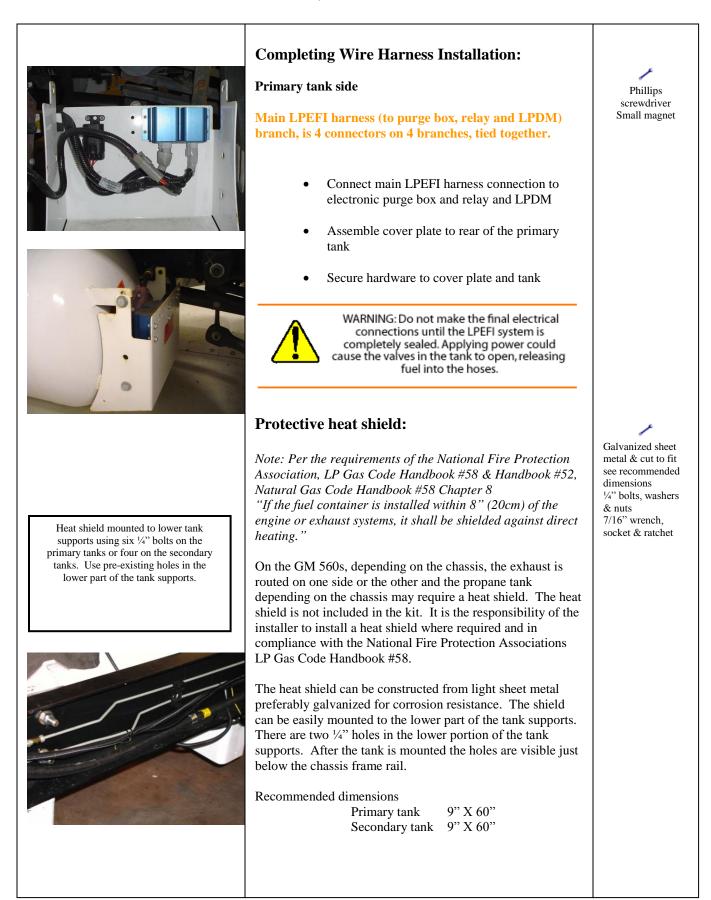
Leak detection fluid or electronic leak detector

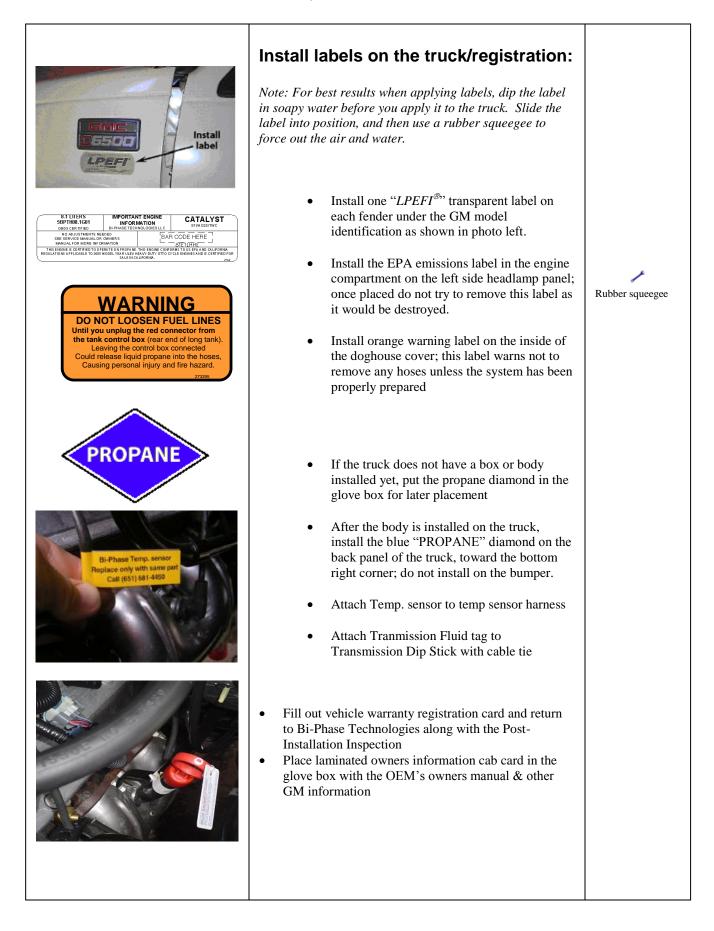
5/16" socket & extension & ratchet Drill motor or electric screw driver











Testing the Installation

- 1. Visually inspect the tank(s), the hoses, the wiring and the engine compartment. Is everything assembled properly?
- 2. Fill the tank with 20 to 30 gallons of propane. It is recommended that you purge the tank with propane vapor and check all the fittings on the tank for leaks before filling the tank completely. Use an approved leak detection fluid or an electronic leak detector to verify there are no leaks. If any leaks are found stop and repair the leaks. The battery should not be connected at this time. (If the tank was filled before installation it should have been checked for leaks at that time.)
- 3. Connect a fuel pressure test gauge to the Shrader valve on the LPDM (rear end of the main tank, red cover) or on the wye located on the chassis frame rail.
- 4. Fuel pressure should be 0 psi at first.
- 5. If the connections on the electronic purge control assembly have not been made connect at this time.
- 6. Connect the battery. You may hear a click at the tank.
- 7. Open the driver door to start a purge cycle. You should hear the solenoid valves click and the pump running inside the tank. If not, check the electrical connections and refer to the troubleshooting section in the service manual.
- 8. Simultaneously with the preceding step you should inspect all hose connections, the LPDM, the fuel rail connections and the injectors for leaks. If any leaks are found you should disconnect the electronic purge control assembly, evacuate the lines and repair. See the service manual for procedures.
- 9. When the purge cycle ends, listen for leaking fuel near the hoses and around the entire system. If you do not hear any obvious hissing or smell propane, turn on the ignition key but do not start. This will start the fuel pump, followed by a purge cycle. The chart on page 36 explains the purge strategy.
- 10. When you hear the fuel pump stop running notice the fuel pressure on the test gauge. This pressure should be anywhere from 30 psi in cold weather to 180 psi in hot weather.
- 11. Turn the key off, then on again to start another purge cycle.
- 12. While the pump is running, observe the fuel pressure. It should be 35 to 55 psi higher than it was in step 11.
- 13. Turn the key off and check for leaks at every hose fitting on the vehicle. Apply an approved leak detection fluid (similar to soapy water) or use an electronic propane leak detector. The tank, tank valves, fuel injectors and fuel rails have been tested at the factory but you must recheck, and check the hoses and hose fittings. On dual tank trucks check all of the hoses between the tanks, too.



WARNING: Do not use an open flame to check for leaks.

If you smell propane, it is from a leak. The LPEFI system uses sealed fittings and lined hoses, and there should never be a propane odor from an LPEFI vehicle.



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Testing the Installation (cont'd)

- 14. If there are no leaks, start the engine.
- 15. Connect a diagnostic scan tool to the vehicle. (The connector is usually under the bottom of the dash.)
- 16. With the engine running, check the diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs). Correct any problems you find. If the engine is not running smoothly, refer to the LPEFI service manual.
- 17. If there are no codes and the engine is running smoothly let the vehicle run until it is to full operating temperature (190° F on your Scan tool).
- 18. Turn the key off and follow the testing procedures described in the Post-Installation Inspection on page 37.
- 19. Fill out the Post-Installation Inspection completely.
- 20. Turn off the engine and disconnect the fuel pressure gauge set. Be sure to reinstall the dust cap on the

⚠		WARNING: The pressure test hose may contain cold liquid propane. Wear insulated rubber gloves and goggles.
	Shrader valve.	

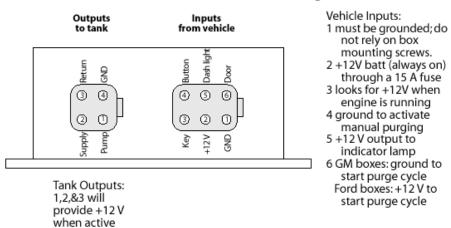
- 21. Drive the vehicle for at least 15 minutes, if possible. Drive under various conditions and a variety of speeds.
- 22. After the drive notice the long-term fuel trims as noted in the post-inspection. The long-term fuel trims should not be the same as they were before the drive. The long-term fuel trims should not be more than + or -20%.
- 23. After driving and inspecting the vehicle turn it off and let it sit with the hood and doors closed for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes return to the vehicle, open the door to initiate a purge and start the engine. If the engine starts easily, 3 seconds or so, the vehicle is ready to use.
- 24. If there are no leaks, no DTCs and the engine runs well (smooth idle, smooth acceleration, good power), the vehicle is ready to use.
- 25. If you did not fill out the warranty registration card in the Installing Labels Procedure on page 33 do so now. Also complete the Post-Installation Inspection and return both to Bi-Phase Technologies to establish the warranty start date for your vehicle.

LPEFI® PURGE LOGIC						
Vehicle Operating Mode	Sequence of condition	LPEFI® function	Results	Supply valve	Բաութ	Return valve
	l) Engine Off					
	2) Door closed longer than 10		Liquid propane is delivered to the			
	minutes		injectors and propane vapor is			
Door purge*	3) open the door	Purge for 15 seconds	return to the tank	open	running	open
			Liquid propane is delivered to the			
	l) Engine off		injectors and propane vapor is			
Key Purge**	2) key to on position	Purge for 15 seconds	return to the tank	open	running	open
			injectors open to deliver fuel to			
Starting	crank engine	fuel is delivered to the injectors	the cylinders	open	running	closed
			injectors open to deliver fuel to			
Running	Engine running	fuel is delivered to the injectors	the cylinders	open	running	closed
Engine off						
Parked			No fuel is delivered to the			
Key off	Engine off	Valves closed, pump stops	injectors	closed	off	closed

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* The door opening feature will only initiate a purge after the door has been closed for more than 10 minutes.

** A purge can always be initiated by turning the ignition key to the on position. A purge will be begin and complete within 12 to 15 seconds. If another purge is desired turn the ignition key off and on again.



Tank control box wiring

Post-Installation Inspection

Installation & test date		_		
VIN			Engine size	Mileage
Make	Model		Mfg dat	e
Customer name		Address	_	
City	State	_Zip	Phone	
Installer company name			Phone	
Tank mfg	Primary tank s/n		Secondary tank s/n	<u>. </u>
Purge & fill propane tank	Yes	No 🗌		
Quantity of propane	gallons			
Leak test tank & LPEFI® system	m complete	Yes	No 🗌	
Leaks found & repaired	Yes	No 🗌		
Where				

Before starting engine check and top off coolant level. After starting engine observe coolant level and heater operation until engine is at 190°F on the scan tool and all air has purged from the cooling system.

Tank Temps & Operating Pressures @ LPDM Tank temperature (bottom of tank)°F Room temperature°F Static pressure (tank pressure)p.s.i.g. Pump Pressures with Engine Running Static + supply valve + pumpp.s.i.g. Static + supply valve + return valve + pumpp.s.i.g.	DataStream ECT/Temperature At Idle: Bank 1 STFT Bank 2 TLTFT Bank 2 Does the engine idle smoothly? Yes Yes No				
<u>Transfer System</u> Any faults found using transfer system inspection tool? Yes If yes describe fault/repair					
Diagnostic Trouble Codes Any DTCs in computer memory? Yes No List all codes:					
If any DTCs found, repair all codes and retest Comments:					
Turn off vehicle & let it sit for 15 minutes with hood and doors closed Return to vehicle, open driver door. Does purge cycle initiate? Yes Does vehicle restart easily after purge cycle is complete? Yes Technician Name:					

This inspection form must be returned to Bi-Phase Technologies.

Any problems found must be noted in the comment section and if a problem cannot be resolved Bi-Phase Technologies must be contacted at 1-888-465-0571.

LPEFI Serial numbers		
	Attach sticker from injector rail assembly	