

# South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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We had 12 members and 3 Hudson's attending the July 5th 2014 meeting at the Good Luck Café in Manor Texas. Even though Manor Texas is much becoming a part of the suburbs of the metropolitan Austin area I was able to travel to this event on Farm to Market roads making the trip very enjoyable and period correct to a 54 Hudson car. Avoiding most all the city type traffic on an older highways made the driving much fun. Wide open fields full of hay bales and a sunny day, not too Texas HOT though until we had to go home.

Steve Brookins arrived in his step down even though he still has a blockage in one of his front brake lines causing the car to pull to one side when braking. Jerry potter arrived in his 40 coupe and was concerned about the charge state of his 6 volt battery, but not to worry as Don Brown from West Columbia brought his old but good 6 volt battery and gave it to him which no doubt will help him out. Don had converted his Step down to 12 volts and has no need of it anymore. Thanks Don.

The food was Very good home style cooking, something hard to find in the big city and the staff was very nice to us as we seemed to take over the place in short order. We took care of moving forward with plans and motion concerning our hosting of the 2016 Big Country regional more about this will be forth coming. Just a reminder, for all out there reading this ,please e-mail me with any concerns or ideas pertaining to this coming event and I will present them to the membership at the next meeting<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> of August. in La Grange, Texas.

As time moves on, meeting up once each month and sharing all our Hudson news issues is becoming the high light to each month ,thanks to all as I get to know every one better and better. We ended the day in the parking lot with last minute parts coming out of trunks that members were swapping about and we all headed back home. Thanks to all **Rodney**

## President Rodney's Notes



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South Texas Chapter Officers

# July 2014 Meeting Notes



Our Manor Meeting at the Good Luck Café was a great success. We had three members drive their Hudson automobiles, Steve Brookins, 1951 C6, Jerry Potter, 1940 Hudson Opera Coupe, and President Lemmon arrived in the 1954 Hornet accompanied by Dave Nault. The Café is located on a Texas Farm to Market road and set back where customers are treated to great home made quality menu items and a back porch where patrons can retire and enjoy the shade and peaceful quietness of the neighboring Central Texas farmland. Our members gathered for a from the menu lunch at noon. All there remarked that the food orders were plentiful and very tasty. Hope to visit there again, SOON!

After lunch our hearty band relinquished our inside seats fro the quiet comfort of the “back porch” where President Lemmon called our July meeting to order at 12:40.

- Motion to accept the June minutes as published in our newsletter was made and seconded.
- Request for Treasurer’s report: \$2412.62—Steve Brookins reporting
- **Old Business**—Name Tags owed to membership—Steve Brookins to complete task
  - Current Membership listing is required by Dave Nault—Membership chairperson Steve Brookins will provide roster to Dave and Officers
  - President Lemmon—provided members with a re-cap of the Joint Meeting at the Quaker Steak and Lube in Waco. - Great meeting and will have another Waco joint meeting in 2015. The prime meeting topic was to discuss the South Texas Chapter hosting the 2016 Big Country Regional meeting. All were informed that STHET has voted to host the meeting and will determine the location and timing for the meet soonest.
  - Announcements—2015 Big Country /National Meetings will be in Colorado— See WTN
  - 2016 National meeting in Chattanooga Tenn. – See WTN
- **New Business:**
  - Discussion about Big Country Regional location and date in 2016. The members discussed the pros and cons of having the meeting and decided that the month of April was acceptable leaving the exact date open until a location and survey of available venues is completed. Locations were discussed and the group’s consensus was to hold the meet in Waco, Texas. A request for motion to approve these decisions was asked for by President Lemmon. Sandi Campbell asked that the club have the meeting in Waco, Texas during April 2015. The motion was seconded by Jerry Potter and unanimously approved.
  - President Lemmon - noted that Joe Clark was the tour chair and asked if he would head up the meet planning... he accepted and noted that Mark Brians and Ken Cates would assist.
  - Mark and Sandi Campbell asked the club to attend the Taylor Texas Car show November 1, 2014. A motion was made to accept this invitation and to move the scheduled OSCAR STORE meet to 4 October. The motion was seconded and approved.
  - Motion was made to have the South Texas Chapter pay the first years club dues for NEW members. Also to assure that when a member sells their car the new owner will receive a paid National and chapter Membership.
- A motion to adjourn was requested, made and seconded to close the meeting at 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kenneth Cates, Secretary

Approved By,  
Rodney Lemmon, President

July 2014  
Meeting  
Manor, Texas

# Chapter Chatter:

## South Texas Chapter is now on Facebook



**Mark and Lorraine Brians;** just returned from a trip to Dover Delaware where they attended the Studebaker National meet.

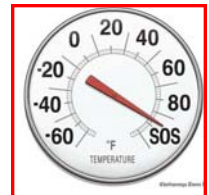


**Joe Clark:** like many of us he likes to change up his stable of cars. Joe showed up at our Manor meet driving his newly acquired low mileage Ford Ranchero. **Sweet ride!**

**Don Brown:** Made the long trip to Manor sans Hudson. But, he has informed us the known problems have been corrected and look for him at the next meeting with his newly refurbished Hudson. Thanks to Don for the cups provided to members at the Manor meeting!



**Jerry Potter:** We all got to see this illusive fellow at the Good Luck Grill. He drove his Hudson too. Jerry is a professed Fish-a-holic, but he also let those present experience his vocal talents singing old time country songs. While we were forming "the BC meet committee" **Jerry broke into song:** The chorus goes like this, Let's form a committee To determine the problems Make a list of suggestions About how we might solve 'em With the good Lord to guide us And an expert or two Let's form a committee That's what we should do—The Darts - 2005 Thanks Jerry.



**Rick and Barbara Heeke** After spending more time in Kansas than planned the couple has their newly acquired Hudson Pickup ensconced in the garage. Rick is working on the Pickup...admitting that he rises very early—to beat the heat and then retires to the comfort of air-conditioned spaces as the temperature gets too hot.



**Mark and Sandy Campbell**—Recent travels have taken them to visit with other car folks,



**Steve Brookins:** Purchased a clutch from Ken Cates with the intention of working to get his 39 coupe roadworthy. We will all enjoy seeing that car again.

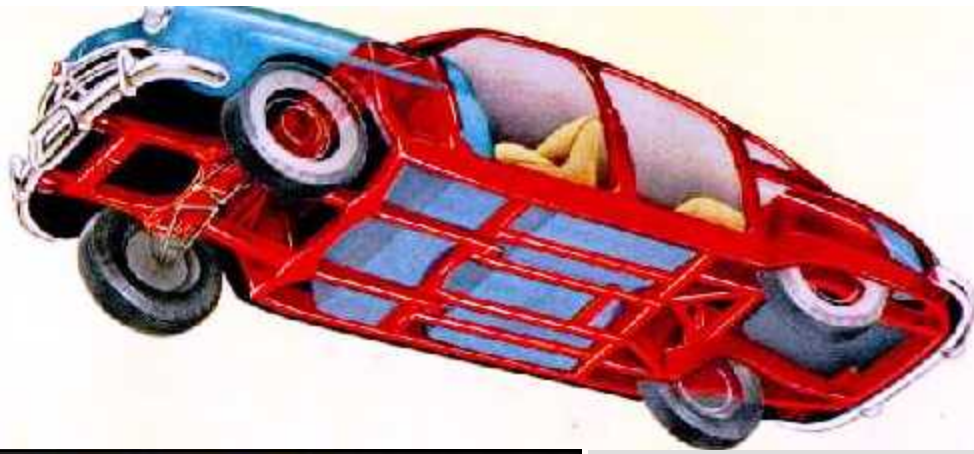






# WANTED AND FOR SALE

- **1949 Hudson Convertible / 1949 Hudson Coupe** - For Sale contact Mark Campbell 512-255-4556
- **FOR SALE: 1950 Hudson 262 Engine w/3spd double lever OD transmission** Joe Clark 254-697-6822
- **1947 Hudson Super 6 Sedan**— Mark Brians a parts car/selling parts 254-939-3011
- **Wanted:** Recently acquired a 1947 Hudson Pickup what do you have to help me restore this truck? Rick Heeke 308hornet@gmail.com



## SOUTH TEXAS HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

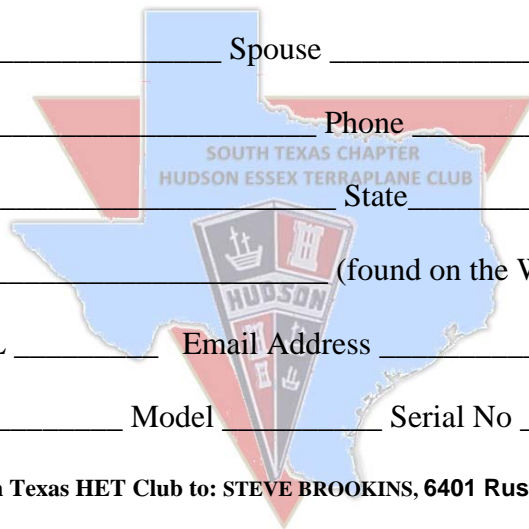
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

HET Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ (found on the White Triangle News Label)

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hudson Cars Owned: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No \_\_\_\_\_ Engine No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check for \$15 Payable to South Texas HET Club to: STEVE BROOKINS, 6401 Rusty Ridge Drive, Austin, Texas 78731-3927

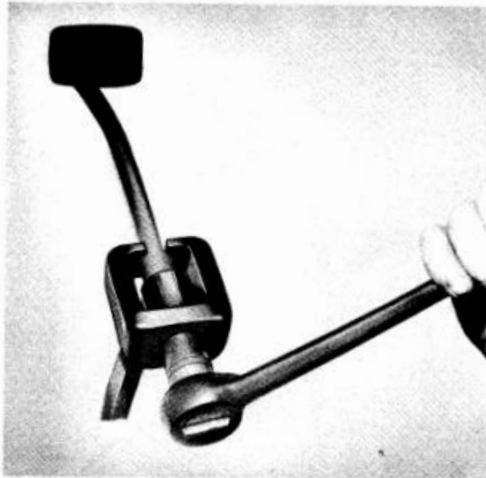


## CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION

The South Texas Chapter of the HET CLUB will hold all it's **monthly meetings** on the **1st Saturday of each month**. All meetings are planned to begin **AFTER Lunch**. We will start lunch at 12 Noon. Arrive early and share yourself and care with those less fortunate (those who do not own an HUDSON!)

**Joe Clark Chapter Meet Coordinator... please contact him about our current schedule**

	July 22-26 2014 HET International Meet—French Lick Indiana (
<b>August</b>	August 2, <b>Guadalajara Restaurant</b> Ph. 979-968-5735 on Hwy 77, or 403 N. Jefferson street La Grange, Tx
<b>September</b>	Sept.6 <b>Hill Country Cupboard</b> Ph.830-878-4625 Johnson City, Tx
<b>October</b>	Oct 4 <b>Oscar Store</b> just east of Temple, Oscar, Tx Ph. 254-983-2175
<b>November</b>	Nov 1 Taylor Texas Car Show and BBQ, - Location and times in future newsletter
<b>Dec.</b>	to be announced

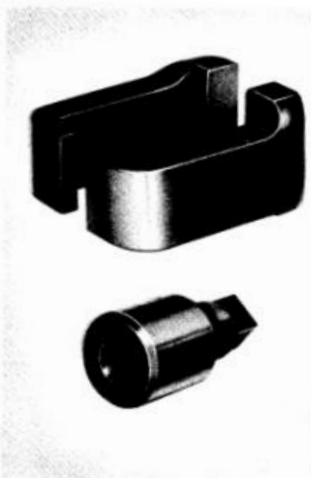


**Tool Name: PEDAL ROD REMOVER**

**Model Applications: 480 SERIES**

**Description:**

This tool permits safe and easy removal of the clutch or brake pedal rod. The tool is compact and prevents damage to the threads of the pedal rod. To use, remove the nut and screw



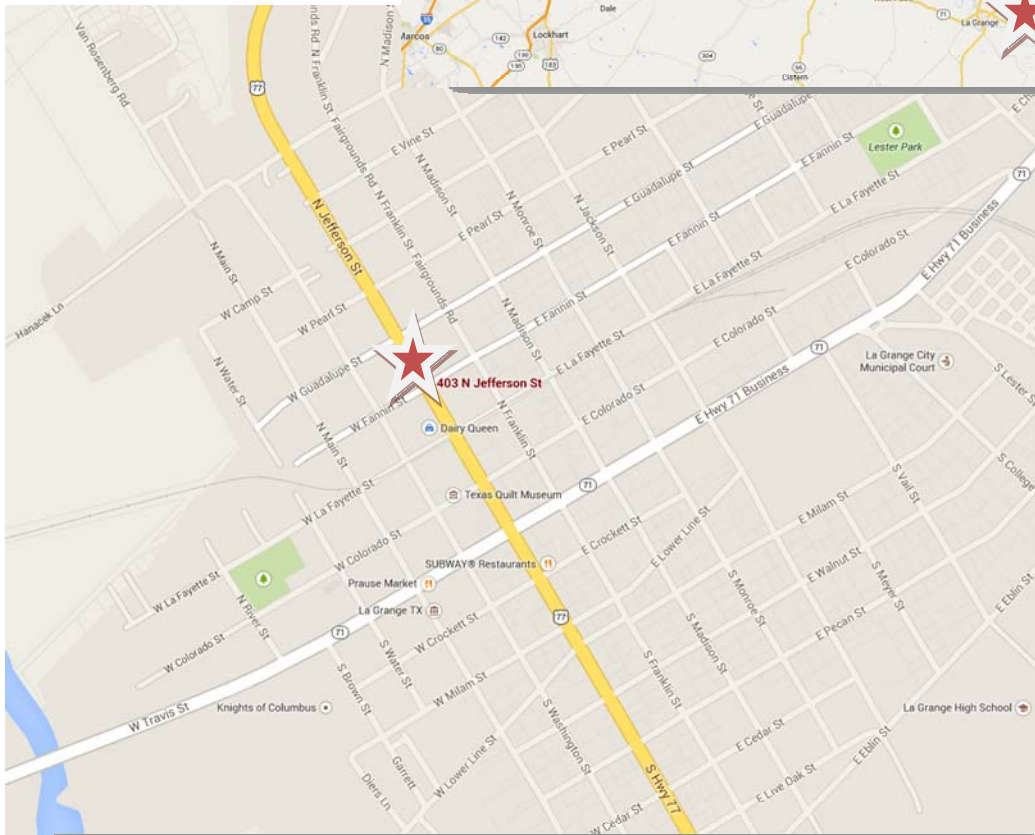
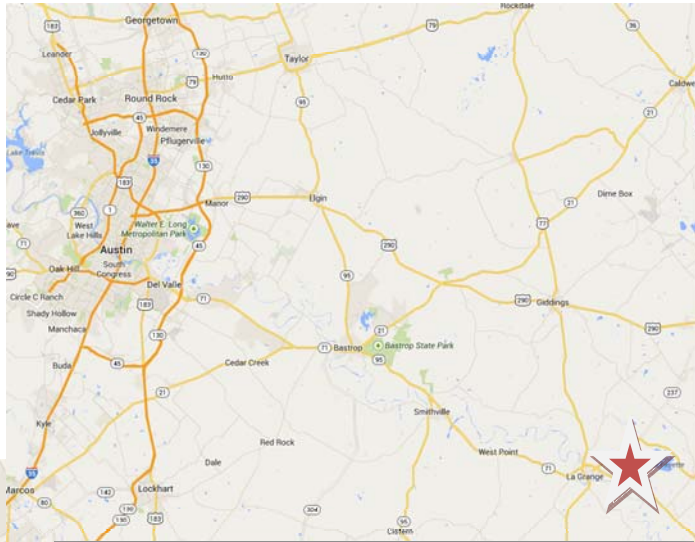
**Tool No: J 2795**

the adapter onto the threads. Lock the adapter and pedal arm together with the puller body. Back off the adapter which will then remove the pedal rod.



# Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant

**403 N Jefferson St  
La Grange, TX  
78945  
(979) 968-5935**





**HUDSON FUEL PUMP TIPS**  
Provided by Rudy Bennett—El Paso, Texas

## Using Modern Replacement Fuel Pumps

You have the option of using one of two modern fuel pumps as a replacement pump for 232, 262 and 308 Hudson engines. Rudy Bennett and the Hudson Brotherhood in the El Paso Texas area have done some testing to help you with the installation of these pumps.

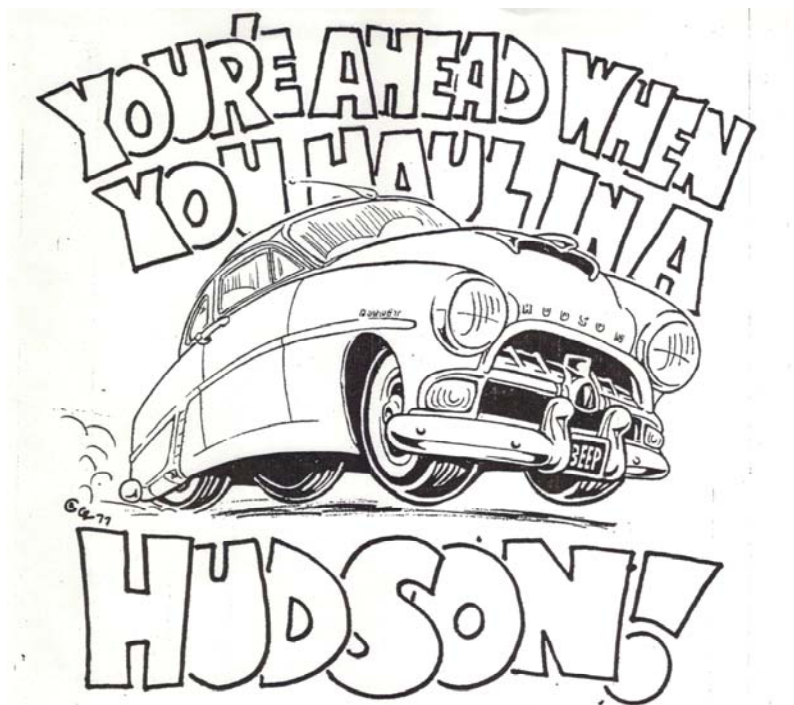
1. AMC 232-258 6 CYL ENGINES - .Auto-Zone #193144-6737
2. 78-83 AMC Concord 4.2 L L6 engine mechanical pump  
Napa part number is NFPM6737

### 09 October 2006 post to the Hudson Bulletin Board

A few of us locals did the testing of the AMC and PINTO fuel pumps. We used a 308 block and installed a 309742 cam with New bearings. We then turned the block up side down so the fuel pump stroke could be checked with the cam-lobe. When the AMC pump is used you need to install the gasket stack-pack and this will give you the Full Stroke of the pump arm and will not bottom out. When the Pinto pump is used ,use only ONE gasket this will give you the full stroke of the pump and will not bottom out. The Pinto pump will work with the Stack-pack gasket but, the pump will not get the Full Stroke (less fuel will be pumped) This test was with the camshaft turned to the Max lobe lift on each pump and the clearance between the arm and the lobe checked for proper lift. If you put the pumps side by side you will see that the lift lever is not in the same place with each other.

We primed each pump and installed a rubber hose on the inlet and outlet of both pumps. While turning the camshaft with a adapter and a large Drill Motor each pump was timed while turning. The AMC pump delivered 1/2 cup more that the Pinto Pump.

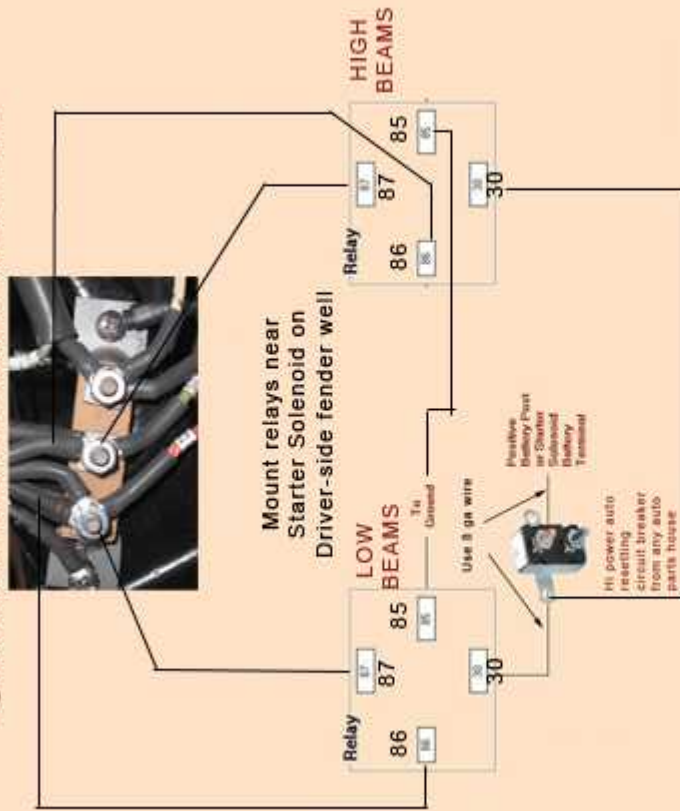
Hope this helps Rudy.



Thanks to Phil Aldridge of Austin Texas for the these wiring tips and diagrams

How to Add Dual Headlight Relays to your Hudson

Lights Junction Block on Driver-side Radiator Brace



RELAY CONNECTION TO HEADLIGHT JUNCTION BLOCK

1. Remove Red (HI BEAM) or Green (LO) wire coming FROM cockpit at Junction Block
2. Connect removed wire to terminal 86 on relay.
3. Connect terminal 87 from relay to junction block where wire was removed in step 1.

**86 - Power Lead From Switch**  
**85 - Ground For Relay**  
**30 - Power Lead From Battery**  
**87 - Power Lead From Relay**

Most all standard relays are marked with these standard-numbered terminals. Some will have an additional terminal marked 87A which you can ignore

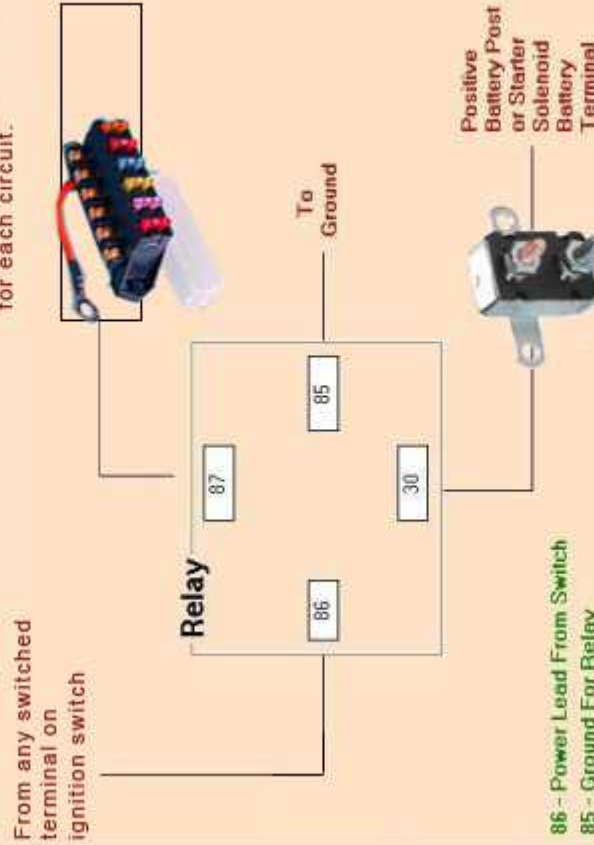
Suggested Parts Source: [www.DelCity.net](http://www.DelCity.net)

Relay: part number 74980 (about \$3.00)

Auto Circuit Breaker: 40 Amp p/n 72165 (about \$2.00)

How to add an auxiliary fuse block powered by a relay

Fuse block. Connect electrical circuits here (radio, fan, etc) with appropriately sized fuse for each circuit.



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Hi power auto resetting circuit breaker from any auto parts house

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Relay: part number 74980 (about \$3.00)

Fuse Block: 6-position part number 73897 (about \$10.00)  
 Auto Circuit Breaker: 40 Amp p/n 72165 (about \$2.00)



**How to add a relay to your Headlight system, to provide greater power to lights and reduce load on headlight switch**

1. Mount relay in a convenient location under the hood, preferably near the dimmer switch area
2. Connect wiring as shown
3. NOTE: parts suggested are for 12V system

disconnect yellow wire from dimmer switch (from under car) and attach to terminal 86

run wire from terminal 87 to dimmer switch terminal where yellow wire was removed

Use 8 ga wire

Positive Battery Post or Starter Solenoid Battery Terminal

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### Specific Gas tank troubleshooting tips:

A problem, which often occurs when, changing the gas tank-sending unit is grounding. The tank never gets grounded to the body; therefore the sending unit does not ground properly. To check the tank, use an ohmmeter and connect one lead to the tank surface and the other lead to the body... the meter should read pretty much a short or Zero ohms. The same is true for the sending unit... touch one lead to the tank and the other to the middle of the sending unit ... you should get the same results, Zero ohms.

Reasons for the tank to be insulated from ground include: insulation pads put between the tank and body as well as the tank and straps. I always put a radiator clamp on the gas tank filler tube and connect a braided ground to the body. Connecting the clamp and strap assures a good tank ground at all times.

The sending unit will not connect to ground if the gas gauge sending unit seal is coated with some sort of goop and it gets into the screws. The goop will therefore insulate the screws creating an open electrical connection between the gas tank sending unit and the tank. The mounting screws of the sending unit should create the ground path for the sending unit.

Obviously, if the wire from the ignition switch to the gauge has failed ... no power no readings.

Also the wire from the tank to the gauge must be Zero ohm when read from sender to gauge. A Zero Ohm reading indicates the sending wire is properly insulated and good for use. That same wire should NEVER read a short to ground when disconnected from each end connection.