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Model: SS-7

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Step 1: Pre-Installation Safety Procedure

- Ensure that the vehicle is parked on level ground
- Place the transmission into Neutral
- Apply the Parking Brake and verify that it has been set
- Ensure the engine is OFF and remove the key from the ignition

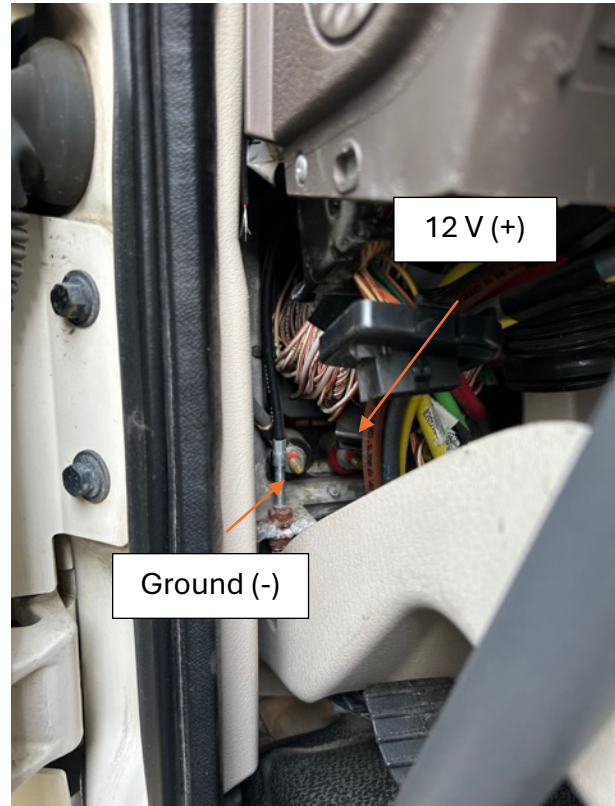
Step 2: Select Location for Smart Starter Control Module

- The Smart Starter control module can be mounted in a variety of locations depending on user preference and space availability in the vehicle
- Common mounting locations include: 1) behind the doghouse, 2) behind the dash, and 3) behind the instrument cluster
- Select a location with easy access, ideally towards the top of the dash or as close to the windshield as possible, where the control module can be tightly secured with zip ties

Step 3: Connect the Power Supply

- Locate the 8-pin connector harness labeled “Ignition Harness”.
- There will be 2 groups of wires connected to this harness: Group 1) a T-harness that is terminated with two ignition adaptors and Group 2) a power harness consisting of 2 wires (Red and Black) terminated with ring terminals.
- The red wire will contain a 10 amp in-line fuse close to its termination. Verify that the 10-amp fuse in the fuse holder is securely connected.
- Locate a constant 12V (+) supply that has power when the key is in the OFF position and locate a ground connection. Using a voltage tester, verify the constant 12V (+) supply has power when the key is in the off position and verify the ground connection. Once verified, connect the red wire to the constant 12V (+) supply and the black wire to the ground connection.
- Secure the harness with zip-ties as needed

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NOTE: There are (2) studs located along the firewall behind this panel, these are the main cab 12V (+) and ground (-) supply. These studs can be used to supply power and ground to the Smart Starter control module. The ring terminals can be secured with the included M8 nuts.

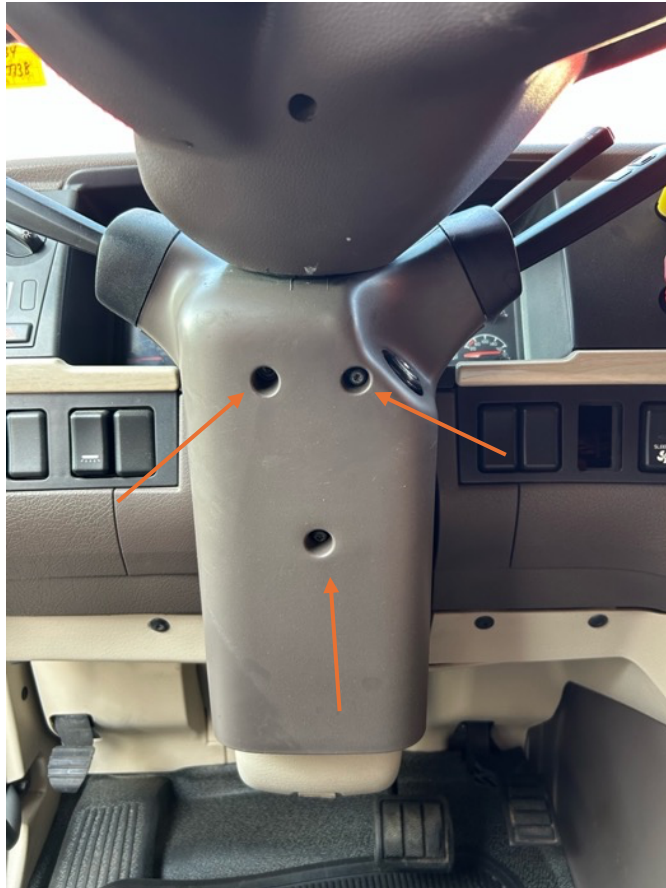
DO NOT PLUG THE 8-PIN IGNITION HARNESS INTO THE SMART STARTER CONTROL MODULE UNTIL STEP 9 HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Step 4: Connect the Ignition Harness

- Remove interior dash panels to expose the vehicle's ignition switch and ignition harness.
- Unplug the ignition switch from the vehicle's ignition harness.
- Run the Group 1 bundle of wires from the Smart Starter Ignition Harness to the vehicle's ignition.

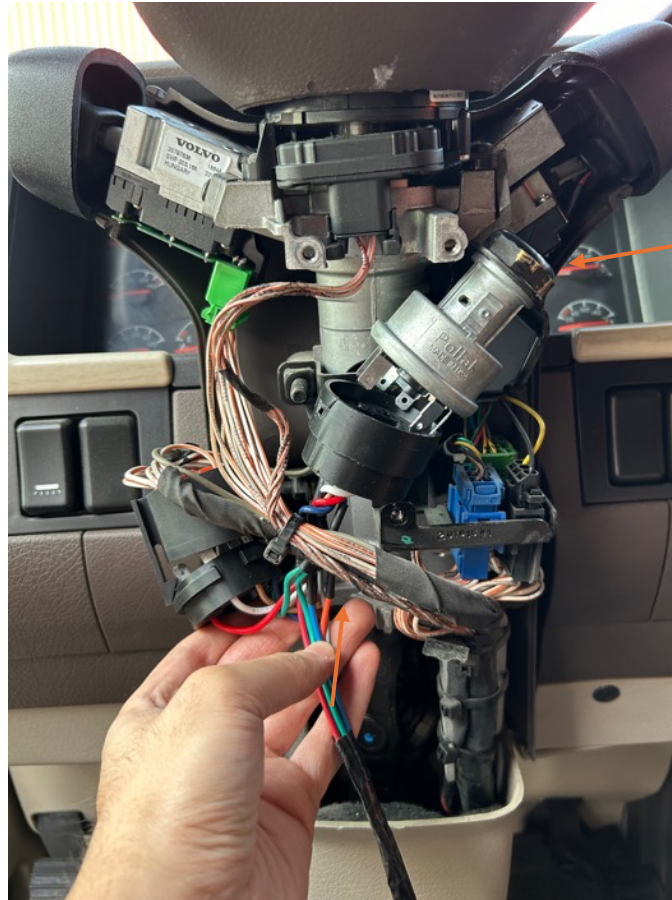
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- Connect the vehicle ignition switch to the female adapter on the Smart Starter harness and secure the connection with zip-ties.
- Connect the vehicle ignition harness to the male adapter on the Smart Starter harness and secure the connection with zip-ties.



NOTE: Remove the 3 indicated Torx screws to remove the steering column cover

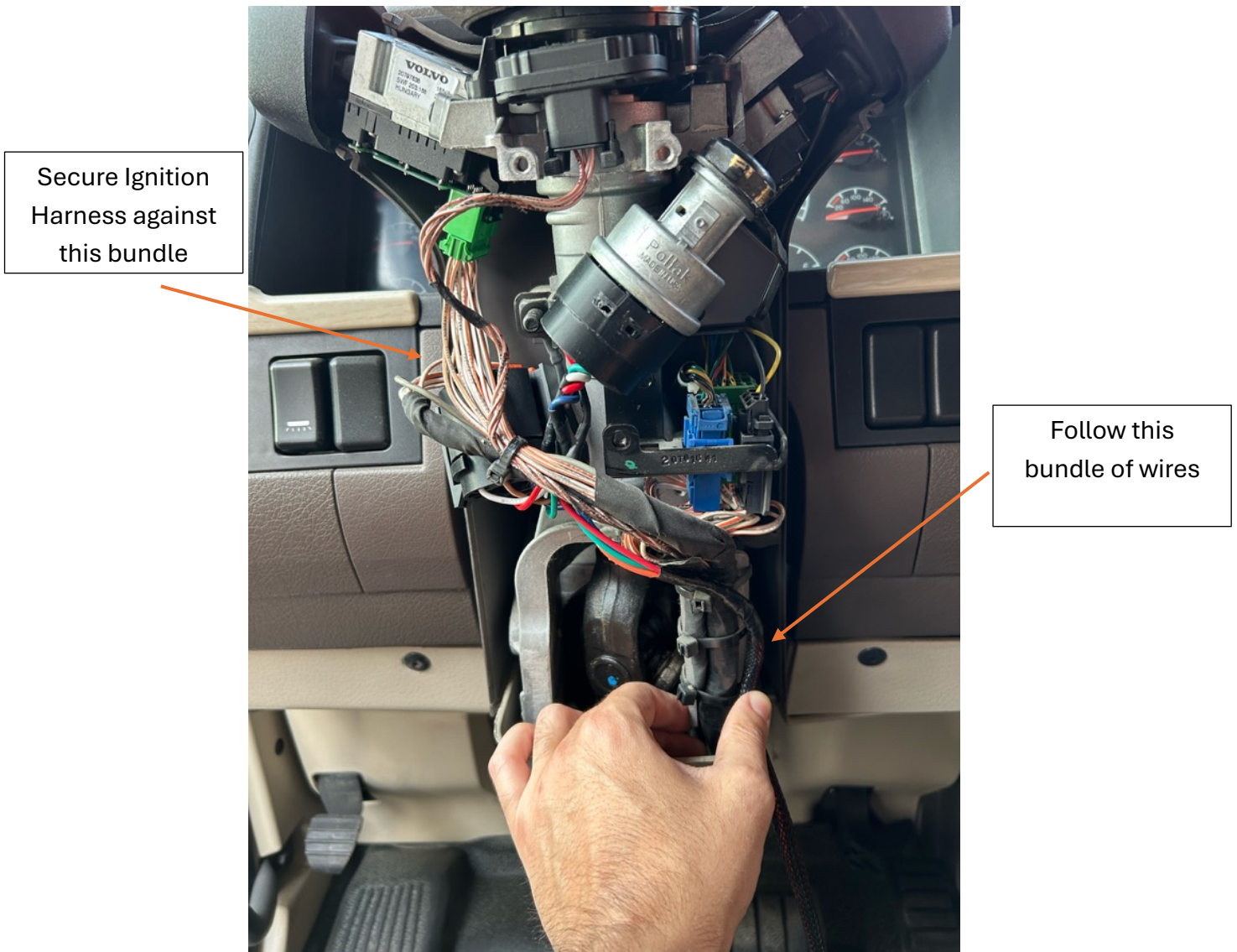
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Unscrew this black cap to remove the ignition

NOTE: Connect the Smart Starter Ignition Harness. You may need to remove the ignition switch from its mount by unscrewing the black cap indicated above. Then connect the Smart Starter plug to the ignition switch and fit the ignition switch back into its mount.

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NOTE: Ensure that the truck-side ignition harness female adaptor is tucked up and secured with zip ties to the bundle of wires connecting to the green plug on the left side of the steering. Secure the Smart Starter ignition harness wires with the existing bundle of wires along the bottom right side of the steering column. Make sure that the steering column height can be fully adjusted and that moving the column up and down does not pinch any wires. If wires are being pinched or you cannot fully adjust the steering height, adjust the placement of the ignition harness and adaptors.

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Step 5: Connect the Datalink Harness

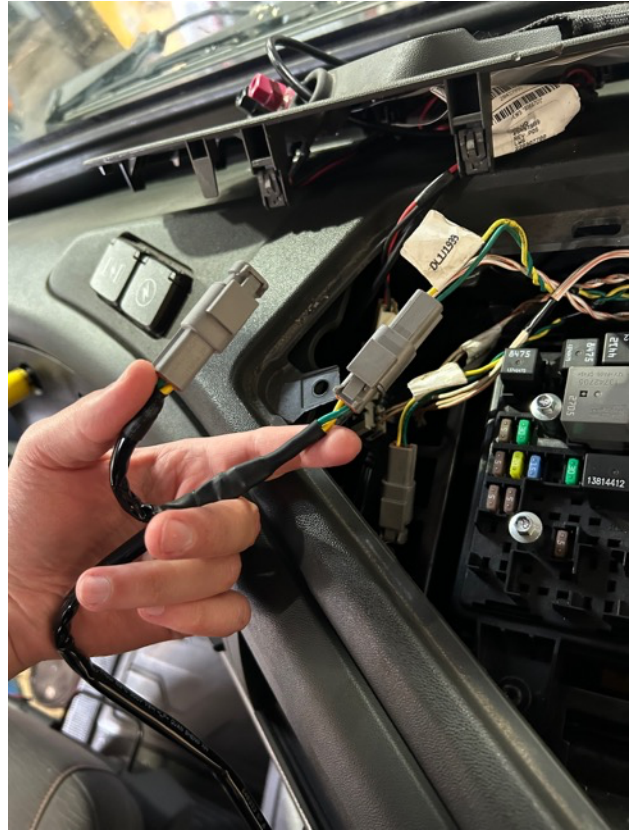
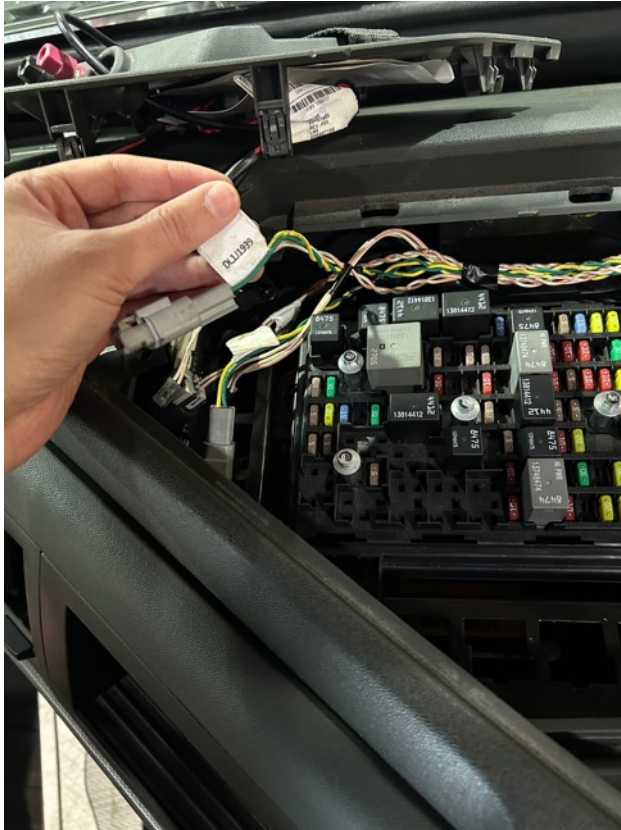
- Locate the Y-harness labelled “Datalink Harness”.
- Remove the fuse panel cover located in the center of the dash. Locate the J1939 datalink, this will be a grey 2-pin connector with one green and one yellow wire connected to it. This connector will be located by fuse box towards the windshield.



NOTE: Remove the 2 Torx screws behind the cup holder and lift the fuse panel cover up to remove it

- If there is a terminating resistor connected to the J1939 connector, remove the resistor and plug it into female connector on the Smart Starter Datalink Harness OR If there is another harness connected to the J1939 connector, remove that connection and plug it into the female connector on the Smart Starter Datalink Harness.
- Connect the male connector of the Datalink Harness to the J1939 connector.

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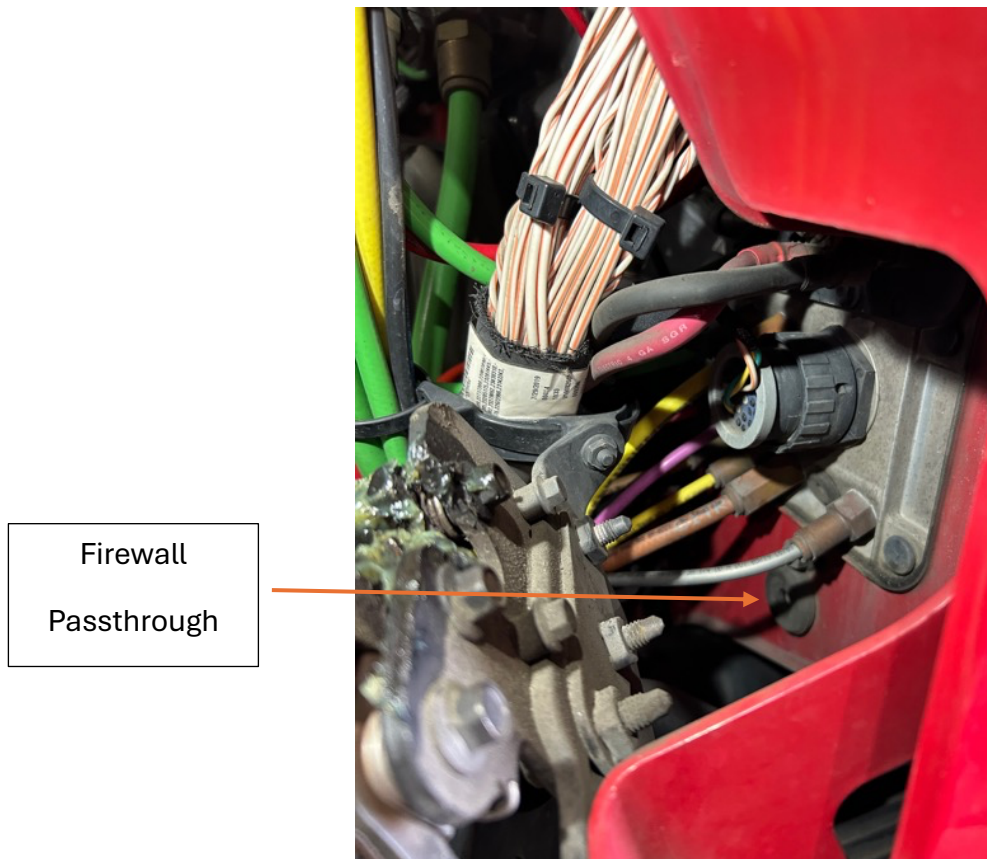
- Connect the terminating end of the Datalink Harness (DB15 connector) to the DB15 connector on the Smart Starter control module.
- Secure the Datalink Harness with zip-ties as needed.

Step 6: Connect the Auxiliary Harness

- Locate the 20-pin connector harness labeled “Auxiliary Harness”
- This harness will consist of three pairs of wires for: 1) the hood switch, 2) the start-up buzzer, and 3) the auto start switch.
- Run the hood switch and start-up buzzer wires through the firewall to the engine bay. Some trucks have designated firewall pass-throughs cutout close to the brake pedal. If your truck does not have a designated pass-through, drill a hole through the firewall and run the wires through that.
- Run the auto start switch wires behind the dash to the location where you will be installing the auto start switch.

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- Connect the 20-pin connector to the 20-pin connector on the Smart Starter control module.
- Secure the Auxiliary Harness with zip-ties as needed.



NOTE –You may need to remove the blue locking tab from the hood switch connector to fit it through the cutout (re-attach the blue tab once the connector has been passed through the cutout).

Step 7: Connect the Hood Switch

- Locate the Hood Switch.
- The hood switch must be attached to the hood by the driver side headlight at an approximate 45 degrees angle. To determine the correct angle of placement, use a multimeter to ensure that the hood switch circuit is open when the trucks hood is fully opened, and the circuit is closed when the hood is closed. If the circuit remains closed when the

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hood is fully opened, adjust the angle of the hood switch such that the circuit is opened when the hood is fully open.

- Once the correct angle has been determined, secure the hood switch using the attached 2-way tape and the included screws. Ensure that the hood switch does not rub against anything when the hood is closed.
- Run the hood switch harness from the firewall, along the inside of the frame rail, up to the hood switch, and connect it to the hood switch. Ensure that the harness will not be pinched or rub when the hood is opened or closed.
- Secure the harness with zip-ties.



NOTE – When the hood is closed the side of the tilt switch with the wires attached should be angled downward.

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Step 8: Connect the Start-up Buzzer

- Locate the Start-up Buzzer.
- Secure the buzzer in an appropriate location in the engine compartment (this may require drilling a hole) using the included 1/4" bolts, washers and nuts, and thread locker.
- Run the Start-up buzzer harness from the firewall to the buzzer and connect the blue wire to positive terminal on the buzzer and the white wire to the ground terminal on the buzzer.
- Secure the harness with zip-ties.



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Step 9: Connect the Auto Start Switch

- Locate the Auto Start Switch (On/Off toggle switch)
- Drill a hole at your desired location in the dash panel to mount the auto start switch (use a step drill bit)
- Pass the auto start switch harness through the hole and connect the spade terminals to the pins on the back of the auto start switch (polarity does not matter). Ensure that the connections are securely made.
- Push the auto start switch through the hole until it is securely mounted.



Step 10: Connect the Ignition Harness to the Smart Starter Control Module

- Connect the 8-pin connector on the Ignition Harness to the 8-pin plug on the Smart Starter control module.
- The module should now power up. After a few seconds, the module will conduct a systems check by turning the trucks ignition on, and the

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instrument cluster will become illuminated. The systems check will take approximately 1 minute, after which the ignition will be turned off.

TROUBLESHOOTING: if a fault is found during the systems check the module will turn the ignition on in the following sequences:

Sequence	Fault
1 Cycle (On-Off) of Instrument Cluster	Network Connection Not Made
2 Cycles (On-Off-On-Off) of Instrument Cluster	J1939 Data Not Available
3 Cycles (On-Off-On-Off-On-Off) of Instrument Cluster	Network Connection Not Made & J1939 Data Not Available

Step 11: Install Warning & Auto Start Switch Decals

- Locate the 5 warning decals: (4) larger sized and (1) smaller sized, and the Auto Start decal.
- Install (2) large decals on each of the frame rails in the engine bay and (2) large decals on each of the frame rails by the rear catwalk. Ensure that the decals are installed in such a location that they will be readily visible to any person working on OR around the truck. Prior to installing the decals clean the area with brake cleaner or isopropyl alcohol to ensure good adhesion.
- Install the (1) smaller sized decal inside the driver side door jamb OR on the dash by the key switch. Ensure that the decal is installed in such a location that it will be readily visible to any person who attempts to start the truck. Prior to installing the decal clean the area with brake cleaner or isopropyl alcohol to ensure good adhesion.
- Install the (1) Auto Start decal beside the auto start switch in the cab.

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Troubleshooting

- If the control module does not power up check the power supply connections and verify that the constant 12V (+) supply and ground are properly connected.
- If audible clicks can be heard from the control module when the 8-pin connector is connected BUT the instrument cluster does not turn on, verify that the ignition T-harness is properly connected to the key switch and truck side ignition harness.

Contact

If you have any questions or require any assistance during installation you can contact Smart Starter customer support at +1-905-288-9304.