

# 8443

## ISOLATION MODULE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

### Installation Instructions

**Chevy/GMC Topkick/Kodiak      1990 – 2001**

**⚠ CAUTION**

Read this document before installing the snowplow.

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See your sales outlet for application recommendations. The Kit Selection Guide/ Selection List has specific vehicle and snowplow requirements.

**SAFETY DEFINITIONS**

**⚠ WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.

**⚠ CAUTION**

Indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in damage to product or property.

**NOTE:** Identifies tips, helpful hints, and maintenance information the owner/operator should know.

**BATTERY SAFETY**

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Batteries normally produce explosive gases which can cause personal injury. Therefore, do not allow flames, sparks or lit tobacco to come near the battery. When charging or working near a battery, always cover your face and protect your eyes, and also provide ventilation.




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Disconnect the battery before removing or replacing any electrical components.

**TORQUE CHART**

**⚠ CAUTION**

Read instructions before assembling. Fasteners should be finger tight until instructed to tighten according to the torque chart. Use standard methods and practices when attaching snowplow, including wearing proper personal protective safety equipment.

Recommended Fastener Torque Chart (Ft.-Lb.)			
Size	 SAE Grade 2	 SAE Grade 5	 SAE Grade 8
1/4-20	6	9	13
5/16-18	11	18	28
3/8-16	19	31	46
3/8-24	24	46	68
7/16-14	30	50	75
1/2-13	45	75	115
9/16-12	66	110	165
5/8-11	93	150	225
3/4-10	150	250	370
7/8-9	150	378	591
1-8	220	583	893

Metric Grade 8.8 (Ft.-Lb.)			
Size	Torque	Size	Torque
M 6	7	M 12	60
M 8	17	M 14	95
M 10	35	M 16	155

These torque values apply to fasteners except those noted in the instruction.

**FUSES**

The vehicle control harness contains two automotive-style fuses. One fuse is for the snowplow park/turn lamp power and the other is for the snowplow control power. If a problem should occur and fuse replacement is necessary, the replacement fuse should be of the same value as the original. Installing a fuse of a larger value could damage the system.

## MOTOR RELAY AND VEHICLE CABLE ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

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1. Turn off the vehicle ignition.
2. Disconnect both the NEGATIVE (–) and the POSITIVE (+) battery cables.
3. Route the vehicle cable assembly from the grille, bumper, or other opening between the bumper and grille, down to the lower radiator support and along the inside edge of the support to the passenger side of the frame. Be sure to avoid sharp edges and hot or moving parts. Use existing holes and cable ties to secure the harness to the radiator support. Continue routing the vehicle cable assembly along the top of the passenger-side frame to the shock tower. Do not secure cable to frame at this time.

**NOTE:** This vehicle is equipped with a tilt hood, so a service loop will be necessary when making the transition from the tilt hood to the frame. Check the cable installation for interference by raising and lowering the hood a number of times. Add anti-chafing material (installer-supplied) as needed.

### ⚠ CAUTION

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4. Attach the motor relay mounting bracket to the back face of the passenger-side shock tower where it will be protected from road splash. Use the existing mounting hole and a 3/8 x 1-1/4" cap screw, washer, and locknut. If needed, use the

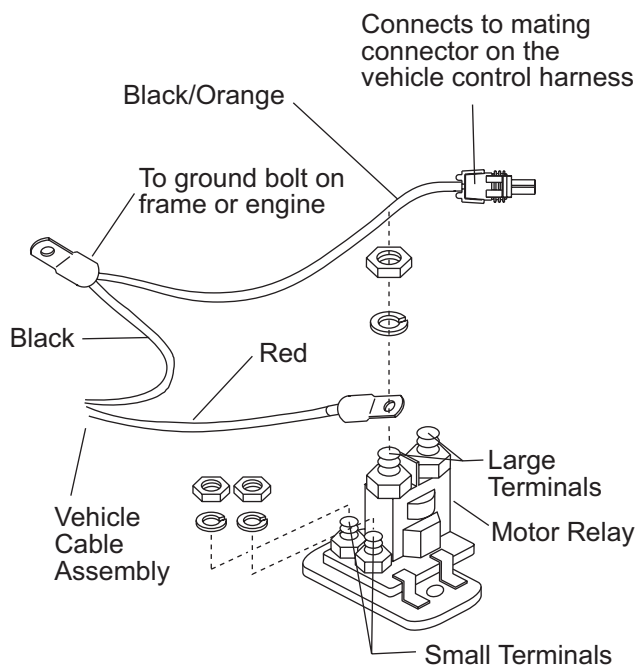
motor relay mounting bracket as a template to mark and drill a second 13/32" mounting hole.

**NOTE:** Motor relay terminals must be up or horizontal.

5. Mount the motor relay to the motor relay mounting bracket with the 1/4" hardware provided.
6. Attach the red wire from the vehicle cable assembly to one of the large terminals on the motor relay. Secure with a lock washer and 5/16" nut.

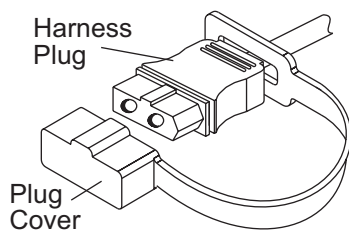
**NOTE:** Use dielectric grease on all electrical connections to prevent corrosion. Fill receptacles and lightly coat ring terminals and blades before assembly.

7. Connect the black wire from the vehicle cable assembly to a ground bolt on the vehicle frame or engine. When using the frame as a ground, clean away any paint or dirt to ensure a good ground connection. The black/orange wire from the vehicle cable assembly will connect to the mating connector on the vehicle control harness.



## PLUG COVER INSTALLATION

1. Stretch the rectangular opening of the plug cover strap over the harness plug of the vehicle cable assembly. Place the plug cover over the molded harness plug when snowplow is not in use.



2. If grille plates are used, choose the one most suitable for your installation. Slide the harness plug into the plate.

**NOTE: When choosing a location for the grille plate, keep in mind the connection between the vehicle and the snowplow. Mounting the grille plate too close to the center of the vehicle may make it difficult to make your electrical connections to the snowplow.**

3. Mount grille plate to the vehicle grille using the supplied cable ties.
4. If you choose not to install a grille plate, secure the cable assembly so it is protected when not in use and is easily retrieved for connection to the snowplow.

## ISOLATION MODULE MOUNTING

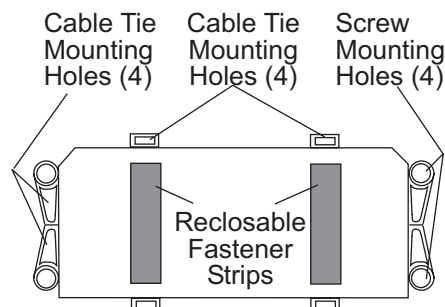
The design of the Isolation Module allows it to be mounted to a variety of surfaces **within** the engine compartment. The function of the Isolation Module will not be affected by its mounting orientation.

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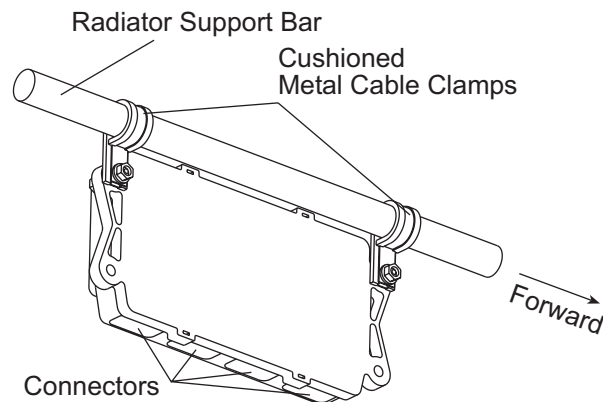
Locate a flat surface within the engine compartment of the vehicle for mounting the Isolation Module. For example, the fire wall, side of washer reservoir, fender well or radiator shroud are possible mounting locations. If a flat surface cannot be located, cable tie the Isolation

Module to existing brackets or harnessing. Reclosable fastener strips, cable ties, and self-drilling screws are supplied for mounting the Isolation Module. When using the reclosable fastener strips, the mounting surface must be free of dirt and grease. If using self-drilling screws, install the screws in opposite corners if possible.



Isolation Module  
Bottom View

If a flat surface cannot be located, use the supplied cushioned metal cable clamps to mount the Isolation Module to the radiator support bar on the right side of the vehicle. Orient the Isolation Module so the label is toward the engine and the connectors are facing downward.



### Suggested Mounting Options:

- Flat, non-metallic, non-drillable surfaces – use reclosable fasteners
- Flat, non-metallic, drillable surfaces – use self-drilling screws (supplied), nuts, and cap screws (not supplied)
- Flat metallic surfaces – use reclosable fasteners, self-drilling screws (supplied), nuts, and cap screws (not supplied)
- No flat surface found – use cable ties and tie to existing brackets or harness

## VEHICLE LIGHTING AND VEHICLE CONTROL HARNESS INSTALLATION

Vehicle lighting and vehicle control harnesses are designed to plug into one another when the snowplow is not attached. The control harness exits the grille or bumper on the passenger side and the lighting harness exits on the driver side. Plug the harnesses together before cable tying them to ensure adequate length.

1. Find a location in the grille or bumper on the driver side for routing the vehicle lighting harness. Then find a location in the grille or bumper on the passenger side for the vehicle control harness.

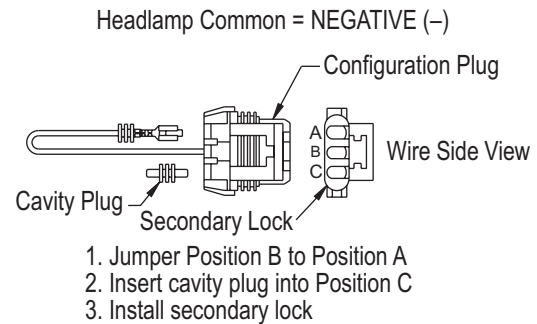
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2. Route both harnesses around or through the radiator bulkhead along the vehicle frame to the Isolation Module. Do not cable tie harnesses at this time.
3. Make the following connections:
  - Vehicle control harness to Position 1 on Isolation Module
  - Vehicle lighting harness to Position 2 on Isolation Module.
  - Single-wire connector (black/orange wire) from vehicle control harness to single-wire connector (black/orange wire) on vehicle lighting harness.
  - Configuration plug onto vehicle control harness 3-position plug near Isolation Module. (Refer to plug configuration drawing for instructions.)
4. Route the end of the vehicle control harness with the white, 6-pin connector or the 10 loose terminals to the fire wall. Route the vehicle control harness breakout with four wires to the motor relay.

### Motor relay small terminal connections:

Straight blades: brown/red and black/orange  
V-plows: brown/red and brown/green

### PLUG CONFIGURATION



To insert terminal or jumper wire into position:

1. Push terminal into correct cavity,
2. Listen for a click. If terminal pulls out, carefully bend locking tab outward and reinstall terminal.

Secure wires to small terminals of motor relay with #10 lock washers and 10-32 nuts.

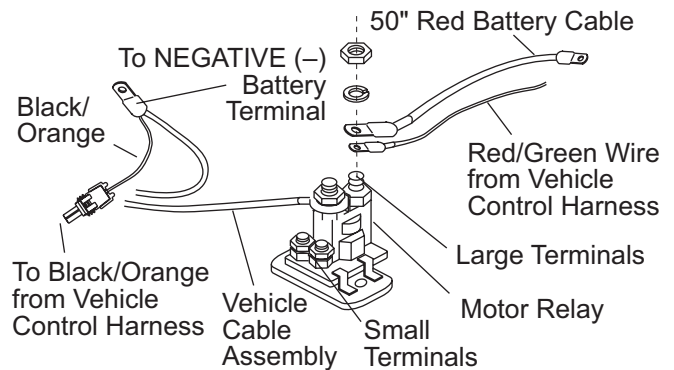
5. Connect the single-wire connector (black/orange wire) from the vehicle control harness breakout to the single-wire connector (black/orange wire) from the vehicle cable assembly. Do not cable tie the harness at this time.
6. Attach the 50" red battery cable and the red/green wire from the vehicle control harness to a large terminal on the motor relay with a lock washer and 5/16" nut. Route the 50" red battery cable between motor relay terminal and POSITIVE (+) battery terminal, avoiding sharp edges and hot or moving parts. Do not make battery connection at this time.

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7. Drill a 5/8" hole through the fire wall of the vehicle in a convenient location away from sharp edges, and hot or moving parts. If access through the fire wall already exists, use proper chafing material or existing plug cover.
8. **Straight blade controls only:** Push the braided harness breakout with the cab control connector through the fire wall hole into the cab. Use a grommet to protect the harness where it passes through the fire wall. Route the harness to the selected control mounting location. To mount the control, follow the instructions supplied with the control.
9. **V-plow control only:** Remove the packing material from the end of the vehicle control harness. This exposes 10 socket-type terminals. Carefully push these terminals through fire wall hole into the cab. Use a grommet to protect the harness where it passes through the fire wall. Route the harness to the selected control mounting location. Follow the instructions in the next section to attach the terminals to the connector. To mount the control, follow the instructions supplied with the control.

10. Locate an accessory wire controlled by the ignition switch. Acceptable accessory wires show +12V when the ignition switch is on, and 0V when it is off.
11. Route the red wire from the vehicle control harness to this location and trim away excess length.
12. Following the recommended splicing procedure (see page 9), splice the red wire into the switched accessory wire using the supplied parallel splices and heatshrink tubing.



## UNDER-DASH VEHICLE CONTROL HARNESS CONNECTOR PIN ASSIGNMENTS

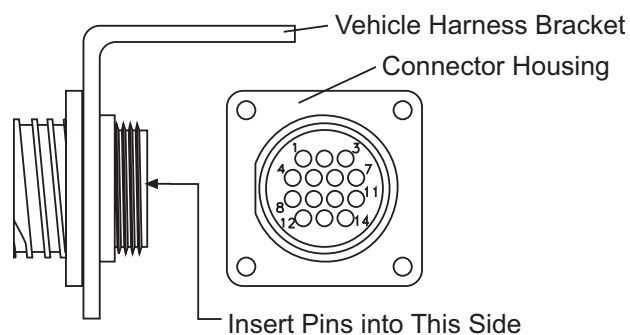
### V-Plow Control Only

1. In the cab, pass the 10 socket-type terminals through the vehicle harness bracket.
2. Insert each of the 10 socket-type terminals into the connector housing. Refer to chart below.
3. Attach the vehicle harness bracket to the vehicle with the supplied #8-18 x 5/8" tapping screws. Secure the connector housing to the vehicle harness bracket with the #6 x 1/4" tapping screws and lock washers.

**NOTE:** You will feel a snap as the terminals are successfully inserted. An extraction tool is provided for removing pin terminals if necessary. Keep this tool for future use.

**NOTE:** Cable tie control harness and accessory tap away from any moving parts, brake, clutch, gas or parking brake pedals.

Wire Color	Pin No.
Light Blue w/ Orange Stripe	1
Blue w/ Orange Stripe	2
Black w/ White Stripe	3
Light Green	4
Light Blue	5
White w/ Yellow Stripe	6
Brown w/ Red Stripe	7
Red	8
Black w/ Orange Stripe	9
Brown w/ Green Stripe	10



**PLUG-IN HARNESS INSTALLATION**

1. Locate the passenger-side vehicle headlamp connector below the headlamp housing. Remove the small, light gray connector lock by depressing the tabs on both sides and pulling outward. Save the connector lock.
2. Disconnect the connector by lifting up on the locking tab and pulling it apart. Carefully unclip the vehicle headlamp harness and reroute it back to the frame, cable tying as necessary.
3. Connect the plug-in harness female connector to the male connector from the vehicle headlamp harness. Reinstall the small, light gray connector lock. Route the plug-in harness back toward the frame using the existing cable clips. Connect the plug-in harness male connector to the vehicle headlamp harness female connector removed in Step 2.
4. Continue routing the plug-in harness along the frame toward the Isolation Module. Connect the plug-in harness to Positions 3 and 4.
5. Using the cable ties supplied, secure harnesses and cable assembly to existing vehicle wiring, brackets, or frame away from any sharp, hot, or moving parts.
6. Connect the 50" battery cable and the vehicle battery cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal of the battery. Connect the vehicle ground cable to the NEGATIVE (-) battery terminal. Cable tie harnesses to existing cables or brackets, away from any hot, sharp, or moving parts.

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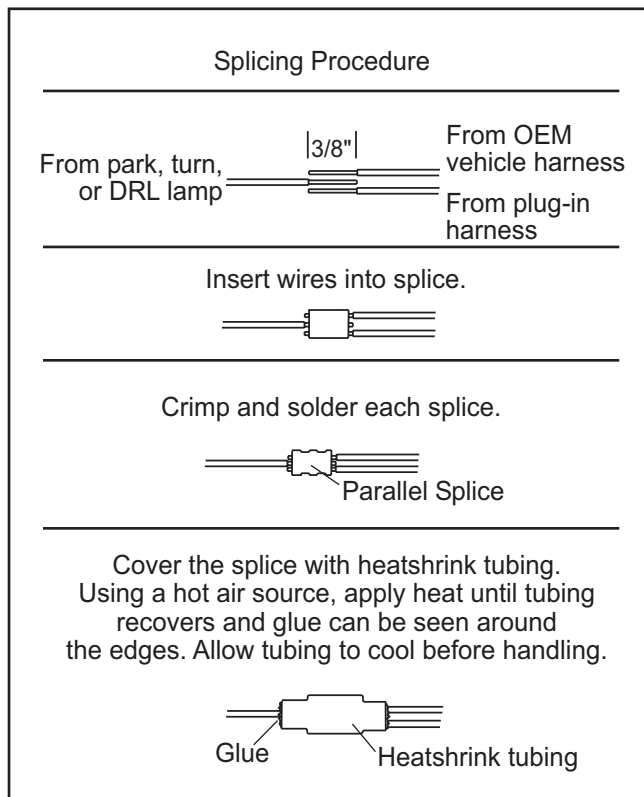


## RECOMMENDED SPLICING PROCEDURE

1. Locate wire to be spliced into.
2. Cut wire at least 1-1/2" from any other splice, connector, or terminal. If wires are covered by tubing or braid, remove enough of it to achieve the minimum clearance required.
3. Strip away 3/8" of the insulation from the ends of the wires to be spliced.
4. Slide two wires into one end of the supplied parallel splice.
5. Place a piece of heatshrink tubing (3/16" x 1-1/4" long) over the remaining wire to be spliced.
6. Insert wire into the open end of the splice and crimp using an appropriate crimp tool. One or two crimps may be necessary to ensure a good connection. No wire strands should be visible outside of the splice.
7. Preheat a soldering tool for at least one minute to help promote even solder flow.
8. Apply heat to the splice. Avoid heating too close to the insulation. Apply solder to the wires. Use just enough solder to produce an even flow through the splice. **Use rosin core solder ONLY. Do not use acid core solder.**

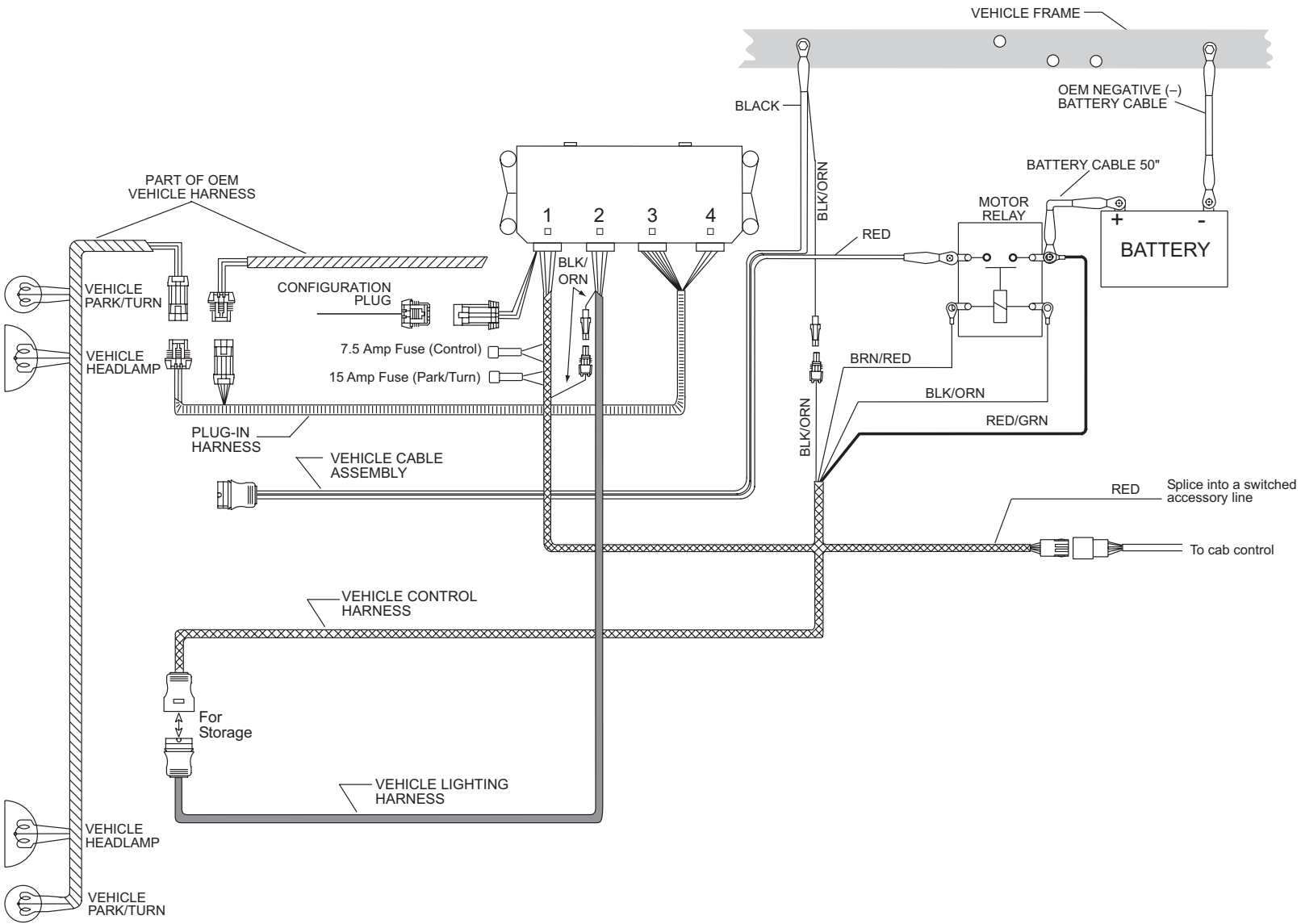
**NOTE: Avoid using an excessive amount of solder as it can result in wicking. Wicking occurs when solder travels up the wire core. This may cause the wire to become stiff or brittle which could lead to a broken or open circuit.**

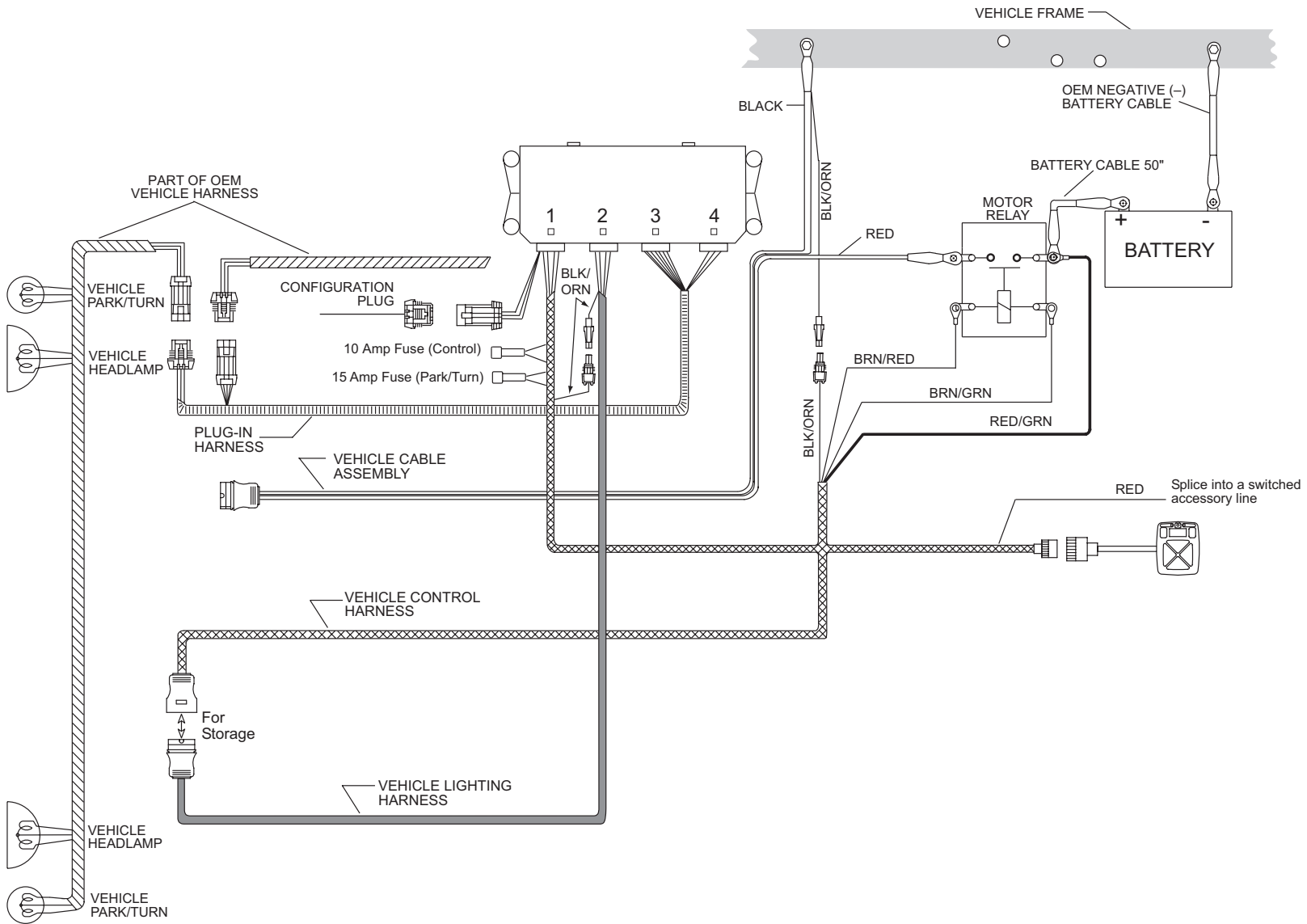
9. Check circuits for continuity.
10. Cover the splice with heatshrink tubing. The tubing should extend beyond the splice on both sides.
11. Using a hot air source, starting in the center and working to either side, apply heat until the tubing recovers and glue can be seen around the edges. Allow the tubing to cool before handling.



**NOTE: The splices supplied will accommodate 18-gauge wires as shown. For larger gauge wires, cut the wire, strip the ends 3/8" to 1/2", and twist together. Apply solder to the splice and cover with heatshrink tubing.**

SYSTEM DIAGRAM - STRAIGHT BLADES





SYSTEM DIAGRAM - V-PLOWS

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