

## **Owner's Manual**

## 1955-1956 & 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air



## WARNING

# Please read and understand this manual before installing your EPAS kit.

The installation of this system should be done by a professional mechanic or a very knowledgeable amateur. You will be cutting and splicing your steering column, therefore EPAS Performance will not be held responsible for any malpractice. Caution should be taken when installing the electric motor: no impacts, shocks or hammering should be done to the unit. For aesthetic reason, you may choose to paint the assembly either in black or the color of your steering column to conserve the original look.

For a complete understanding, we strongly suggest to read this owner's manual prior to any installation. Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us at (941) 893-5427 or visit our website for installation videos.

EPAS Performance wishes you thousands of enjoyable miles with your new Electric Power Steering!



### **Required tools:**

- Drill
- Right angle grinder, with cutting disc
- Goggles
- Measuring tape
- Steering wheel removing tool
- You will also need hand tools to remove the steering column

Disconnect vehicles battery. Remove the column from the vehicle, along with any clamps or accessories all the way to the steering box. Place column on the bench. Remove steering box to bench.

The shaft of the steering box will need a ¾" DD made at 1 ¼" long, from the cut end, upwards. Reinstall the gearbox. (*Image A*)

Disassemble the column. On the column tube, measuring from the bottom lip of the bell housing downwards, make a cut at 11 ¼" (measurement of 1955-1956) (On 1957 the measurement will be 11".)

A ½" hole will need to be drilled on the column, measuring from the cut end upwards at 4 5/8". (*Image B*)

On the cut end, 3 slices will need to be made at equal placement, 1" up from the cut end. Place clamp loose on the column. The steering shaft, will need to be cut, measuring from the cut end upwards at 4". A  $\frac{3}{4}$ "DD will need to be made 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " long. Reassemble the column. (Image C)







Install the EPAS motor to the end of the column, tightening the set screws for the steering shaft in the coupler of the motor through the hole that was drilled. (*Image D*)

Be sure to place the column tube over the aluminum coupler provided on the motor. Using the clamp provided, over the tube and coupler. (Image D)

Install the column and motor assembly back into the vehicle. (1955-1956 will use the stock clamp to hold the column) (1957 will use the supplied bracket.) (*Image D*)

Install the firewall plate, leaving the bolts loose for adjustments to the motor. From the inside of the vehicle working outwards towards the engine bay, install the ujoint to the back of the EPAS motor, then using the ¾" DD shaft, feed through the bearing and firewall plate. With the 1" DD shaft, slide into the ¾" DD, and the ujoint going to the steering box. Both ¾" DD shafts should sit inside of each other by about 1". Re adjust if needed. (*Image E*)

1955-1956 Bracket Install- On the splined side of the electric motor, install the bracket as seen in photo below, the top portion of the bracket will need a hole drilled. A ¼" hole in the brake pedal assembly. Install with the provided hardware. (*Image F & G*)









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1957 Bracket install- use the 5/16" bolt attached to the EPAS motor as shown below. The top portion of the bracket will use a stock bolt that should line up when motor is clocked. (*Image H & I*)

The potentiometer and control module can be installed in any location that is convince for you. Install the ignition wire, connect to motor to the module, and battery hot wire to the starter solenoid. (Image J & K)

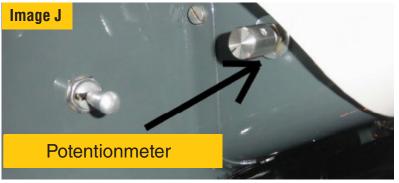
Install steering wheel and connect battery.

Turn on the potentiometer and a small "click" will emit.

You are now ready to enjoy power steering and drive with ease!









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#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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We caution the purchaser that the enhancement provided by the specialty equipment item may change the handling characteristics of the vehicle. We urge the purchaser to carefully familiarize him/herself with the vehicle's performance characteristics with the new equipment. This should be done in a safe environment and in a safe manner.

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