# Installation Instructions T-Connector



**2018 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS** 

## **A WARNING**



**ALWAYS** read and follow all warnings and instructions included with purchase before beginning installation. Keep for future reference.

**DO NOT** exceed lower of towing manufacturing rating (including in your vehicle owner's manual) or specific amperage ratings stated on product.

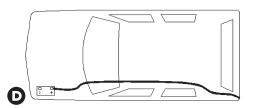
ALWAYS read, understand and follow all warnings and instructions printed on tow vehicle's battery.

**ALWAYS** wear safety glasses and use all safety precautions during installation.













## TOOLS REQUIRED:

Trim Panel Remover, 10mm Socket & Ratchet or 10mm Wrench, Torx 30 driver, Drill (3/32" Drill Bit), Wire Crimpers, Wire Cutters, Philips Head Screwdrive, Test-probe

- Open hatch to locate the vehicle wiring inside the vehicle's rear cargo area by partially removing the plastic threshold cover, side panels, and cargo trays .
- 2. On the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle, locate the vehicle's taillight wiring harness. The taillight wiring harness will have a connection point, on both sides, matching the ends of the T-Connector. Separate this connector, being careful not to break the locking tabs. All connector surfaces should be clean and free of dirt 36.
- 3. On the driver's side, insert the T-Connector end, with the yellow wire, between the vehicle wiring connectors and lock into place. Be careful not to damage the locking tabs and be sure that connectors are fully inserted with locking tabs in place.
- 4. On the Driver's side, mount the T-Connector black box using the double-sided tape provided. Secure the remainder of the T-Connector harness with the cable ties provided, to prevent damage or rattling and being careful to avoid any areas that would cut or pinch the wire.

5. Locate a suitable grounding point near the connector such as an existing ground stud or drill a 3/32" hole and secure the white wire using the eyelet and screw provided. (Do not drill into vehicle floor or bed.) Clean dirt and rustproofing from area.

#### A CAUTION

Verify what is behind any surface prior to drilling to avoid damage to the vehicle and/or personal injury. Do not drill into any exposed surfaces.

- Route the connector containing the green wire down the threshold to the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Repeat Step 3 (of the T-Connector Harness Installation) on the passenger's side with T-Connector end containing the green wire.
- 8. Beginning from the front of the vehicle, route the **black** 12 ga. wire rearward along the frame rail avoiding any hot pipes, heat shields, the fuel tank or any other points that may pinch or break the wire.

#### **▲ WARNING**

If routing the wire thru a grommet and along the exterior of the vehicle, be careful to avoid any hot pipes, heat shields, the fuel tank or any other points that may pinch or break the wire ①.

Disconnect the vehicle's Negative (-) battery cable. If not removed, remove the fuse from the yellow fuse holder (provided). After cutting the fuse holder wire, attach the ring terminal and secure to the vehicle's Positive (+) battery cable. Connect the other end of the fuse holder to the black 12 ga. wire, using the yellow butt connector (provided) ① ①.

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Read and follow all warnings and cautions printed on the tow vehicle's battery. All connections must be complete for the T-Connector to function properly. Test and verify installation with a test light or trailer once installed. For initial test, reset vehicle electrical system by temporarily removing the key from the ignition.

- Secure the remainder of the T-Connector harness with the cable ties provided, to prevent damage or rattling and being careful to avoid any areas that would pinch, cut or melt the wire.
- Reconnect the vehicle's Negative (-) battery cable and install the 15 amp fuse into the fuse holder from step 8.
- 11. Reinstall the plastic trim panels, threshold, storage covers, floor covering and other items that may have been removed during installation, being careful not to pinch or cut the wires

#### NOTE

Store 4-Flat connector in rear cargo area when not in use.



## **A** WARNING

Overloading circuits can cause fires. **DO NOT** exceed stated product ratings. Read vehicle's owner's manual & instruction sheet for additional information.