

- 400H – HARDMOUNT AIR COMPRESSOR KIT  
PART NO. 40042
  
- 450H – HARDMOUNT AIR COMPRESSOR KIT  
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**IMPORTANT:**

It is essential that you and any other operator of this product read and understand the contents of this manual before installing and using this product.

**SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**USER MANUAL**

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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#### **CAUTION - To reduce risk of electrical shock or electrocution:**

- Do not disassemble. Do not attempt repairs or modifications. Refer to qualified service agencies for all service and repairs.
- Do not use this product in an area where it can fall or be pulled into water or other liquid.
- Do not reach for this product if it has fallen into liquid.
- Use this compressor with 12-volt DC systems only.
- This product should never be left unattended during use.

#### **WARNING - To prevent injury:**

- Never allow children to operate this compressor. Close supervision is necessary when this compressor is being used near children.
- This compressor will become very hot during and immediately after use. Do not touch any part of this compressor with bare hands, other than the ON/OFF switch, during and immediately after use.
- Do not use this product near flames or explosive materials or where aerosol products are being used.
- Do not operate this product where oxygen is being administered.
- Do not pump anything other than atmospheric air.
- Never use this product while sleepy or drowsy.
- Do not use any tools or attachments without first determining maximum air pressure for that tool or attachment.
- Never point any air nozzle or air sprayer toward another person or any part of the body.
- This air compressor is equipped with Automatic Reset Thermal Protector, and can automatically restart after the thermal protector resets. Always cut off power source when thermal protector becomes activated.
- Wear safety glasses or goggles when operating this product.
- Use only in well ventilated areas.

### INSTALLATION

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This air compressor is ideal for mounting under the hood or even inside your vehicle. The compact size of this compressor requires minimal space, and oil-less design permits mounting in many different areas of your vehicle. Please read and follow these Installation Instructions carefully to avoid injury or damage to the compressor or to your vehicle.

Each of our air compressors and parts have been carefully produced and packaged. Before you begin installation, please familiarize yourself with Installation Parts List (Fig. 1) of this manual.

#### **Guidelines for Selecting Mounting Location:**

The selection of proper mounting location for your air compressor will help ensure a long and trouble free compressor service life. Please pay close attention to the following guidelines:

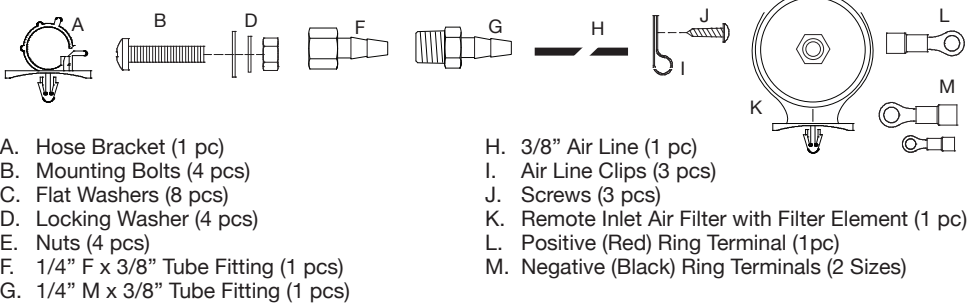
1. Select a **FLAT, UPRIGHT AND SECURE** location where the compressor can be mounted.
2. To maximize air compressor performance, locate compressor as **CLOSE TO THE BATTERY** as possible so that length of positive lead wire required is at a minimum.
3. Choose mounting location that is as cool as possible and **AWAY FROM HEAT SOURCES**. The cooler the ambient temperature the less chance the compressor will overheat.
4. This compressor is moisture & splash resistant, but **NOT WATER PROOF**. Do not mount compressor in locations where the unit is likely to come in contact with water.
5. Select compressor mounting location where air line can be routed from compressor air inlet to remote inlet air filter. Make sure Remote Inlet Air Filter is located in a dry location, away from water splashes.
6. You will also want to select a compressor mounting location where the leader hose bracket can be mounted to secure the 1.5 ft. leader hose.
7. If it is necessary to mount the air compressor further away from the battery, such as inside your vehicle or in the bed of your pickup, use a minimum 8 AWG positive lead wire for remote installation. (See wire gauge reference chart)
8. Do not mount compressor near areas where flammable liquids are stored.

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### MOUNTING AND WIRING

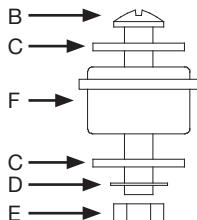
1. Disconnect ground cable from vehicle's battery.
2. Temporarily position the air compressor in the location where it will be mounted. Route the positive wire to the positive post of the battery. Measure and cut positive wire to the appropriate length and use appropriate inline fuse.
3. Route ground wire to the negative post of the battery or to an appropriate chassis grounding point and cut ground wire to length as needed.
4. Mount the air compressor by using the pair of anti-vibration mounting brackets and four sets of 13/64" (5mm) bolts, nuts, washers, and locking washers provided. Use 13/64" drill bit to drill holes for the first set of brackets. Mount this first bracket with screws, flat washers, locking washers and nuts provided. (Refer to Fig. 2 for placement of washers.)
5. Place compressor into mounted bracket. Place second set of bracket under the air compressor, make sure that the compressor sits snugly in between the two brackets. Mark off holes to be drilled using the second set of brackets as guides. Drill holes, and place compressor snugly between brackets and mount the second bracket.
6. For installation, refer to the Remote Air Filter Installation Instructions included in the Remote Inlet Air Filter Pack.
7. This air compressor comes equipped with a 1.5 ft. heavy duty heat resistant leader hose. This leader hose is designed to provide easy access for air hose attachment and to prolong the life of your extension hose as well as minimizing wear to the compressor air outlet. Do not remove this leader hose from the air compressor.
8. **PLEASE NOTE:** The leader hose that comes with your compressor may have a built-in inline check valve installed. Do not remove inline check valve from leader hose.
9. Select a proper location to mount leader hose with hose bracket provided. Avoid locations where leader hose may become tangled with wires and other hoses.
10. To mount hose bracket, drill hole with 3/16" drill bit and push self-anchoring hose bracket pin into hole. Route leader hose through hose bracket and secure hose by pressing bracket clamp into locked position.
11. To remove hose from the hose bracket, simply press down on the hose clamp release tab to release bracket clamp. (Fig. 3)
12. Attach ground wire to the negative post of the battery or chassis grounding point. Check to make sure that the air compressor's ON/OFF switch is in the OFF position. Attach positive wire to positive terminal of the battery.
13. Re-check to make sure that all connections are made securely.

**(Fig. 1) 400H/450H Hardmount Air Compressor Kit Installation Parts List:**



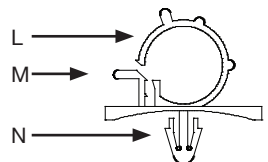
**(Fig. 2) Compressor Mounting Hardware**

- B. Mounting Bolt
- C. Flat Washer
- D. Locking Washer
- E. Nut
- F. Vibration Isolator



**(Fig. 3) Leader Hose Bracket**

- L. Hose Clamp
- M. Clamp Release Tab
- N. Self-Anchoring Pin



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### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **IMPORTANT:** Always operate the compressor at or below the MAXIMUM PRESSURE RATING of the compressor. Please refer to Application & Specifications Sections of this manual for details.
2. Always observe the MAXIMUM DUTY CYCLE of the air compressor. Refer to Compressor Applications and Specifications Sections of this manual for details. Operation exceeding maximum pressure ratings and/or duty cycle will result in damage to the air compressor.
3. Your air compressor is equipped with an AUTOMATIC THERMAL OVERLOAD PROTECTOR. This feature is designed to protect the air compressor from overheating and causing permanent damage to your air compressor. The thermal overload protector will automatically cut power to your air compressor should the internal operating temperature of the air compressor rise above safe levels during excessive use.
4. Should at any time during use, your air compressor automatically shuts off; do not attempt to restart the air compressor. Turn power switch to the air compressor to the OFF position. The automatic thermal overload protector will automatically reset when internal temperature of the air compressor drops below safe levels. Allow air compressor to cool off for about 30 minutes, before resuming use of the air compressor.
5. Keep the vehicle engine running while using the air compressor to prevent discharge of your vehicle's battery.
6. ONLY OPERATE THE AIR COMPRESSOR IN WELL-VENTILATED AREAS.
7. Compressor performance is also enhanced when operating compressor with vehicle's engine running.

### TIRE INFLATION

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This air compressor comes with 1.5 feet heavy duty heat-resistant leader hose with 1/4" industrial series quick connect stud. By attaching an air hose with 1/4" industrial series quick coupler to the leader hose, your air compressor is ready to inflate tires. Read and follow tire inflation instructions carefully to avoid personal injury and damage to air compressor or vehicle.

1. Use heat-resistant, minimum 200PSI-rated working pressure extension hose. Do not use aftermarket hoses with less than 200PSI working pressure. Some aftermarket hoses may not be suitable for use with this air compressor due to heat and pressure typically generated by this type of air compressors.
2. Use of our convenient 25ft. extension coil hose with in-line deflator and Built-in Pressure Gauge is recommended (Part No. 00025, 5-in-1 Inline Inflator/Deflator).
3. Use of a close-ended tire chuck will cause excessive pressure buildup if tire chuck is not attached to tire valve stem while air compressor is in operation. Always use an Open-Ended tire chuck such as the tire chuck equipped on the Inflator/Deflator Coil Hose (P/N 00025) for tire inflation.
4. Always inflate tires to manufacturer's recommended tire pressures. Exercise extreme caution when driving with aired down tires. Re-inflate tires before high speed road way travel.

### MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

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1. Periodically check all electrical and fittings connections. Clean and tighten or repair as needed.
2. Periodically check all mounting bolts. Tighten as needed.
3. Replace air filter element periodically. Replacement frequency depends on operating frequency and operating environment. For frequent use in dusty environment, we recommend that you replace air filter element at least once a month.
4. Regularly clean dust and dirt from compressor cooling fins and motor housing.
5. Your air compressor is equipped with a permanently lubricated, maintenance-free motor. Never try to lubricate compressor.
6. All repairs should be performed by Manufacturer or Manufacturer's Authorized Service Agencies only.

**CAUTION:** Never touch the air compressor or fittings connected to the air compressor, with bare hands during or immediately after usage. The leader hose and fittings connected to the leader hose will become very HOT during and after use. If necessary, wear heat resistant gloves to handle fittings, air line, and leader hose.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

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- Part No. 40042 / 400H Air Compressor

Motor Voltage:	12 Volts
Max. Current Consumption:	30 Amps
Motor Type:	Permanent Magnetic
Max. Working Pressure:	150 PSI
Max. Duty Cycle (@ 72°F & 100 PSI):	33%
(Min. On/Off @72°F & 100 PSI)	20 On / 40 Off
Max. Restart Pressure:	150 PSI
Max. Ambient Temperature:	158°F
Min. Ambient Temperature:	-40°F
Fuse:	40 amps
Dimensions:	11.25"L x 4"W x 6.75H"
Net Weight:	8.95 Lbs.

- Part No. 45042 / 450H Air Compressor

Motor Voltage:	12 Volts
Max. Current Consumption:	23 Amps
Motor Type:	Permanent Magnetic
Max. Working Pressure:	150 PSI
Max. Duty Cycle (@ 72°F & 100 PSI):	100%
(Min. On/Off @72°F & 100 PSI)	Continuous
Max. Restart Pressure:	150 PSI
Max. Ambient Temperature:	158°F
Min. Ambient Temperature:	-40°F
Fuse:	30 amps
Dimensions:	12"L x 4"W x 6.75H"
Net Weight:	11.05 Lbs.

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### COMPRESSOR APPLICATION GUIDE

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To ensure that you get the highest level of satisfaction from your compressor performance, refer to information below:

#### VIAR COMPRESSOR REFERENCE CHART

COMPRESSOR SERIES	DUTY CYCLE (100 PSI @ 72°F)	MAX. WORKING PRESSURE
090 SERIES	9%	120 PSI
092 SERIES	9%	120 PSI
095 SERIES	9%	120 PSI
097 SERIES	10%	130 PSI
098 SERIES	10%	130 PSI
100 SERIES	15%	130 PSI
250 IG SERIES	100%	150 PSI
275 SERIES	25%	150 PSI
280 SERIES	30%	150 PSI
325 SERIES	33%	150 PSI
330 IG SERIES	100%	150 PSI
350 SERIES	100%	150 PSI
380 SERIES	100%	200 PSI
	*55%	
400 SERIES	33%	150 PSI
420 SERIES	33%	150 PSI
444 SERIES	100%	200 PSI
	*50%	
450 SERIES	100%	150 PSI
450 IG SERIES	100%	150 PSI
460 SERIES	100%	150 PSI
480 SERIES	100%	200 PSI
	*50%	

*\*Duty Cycle at 200 PSI and 72°F.*

#### ABOUT COMPRESSOR DUTY CYCLE:

Duty cycle refers to the amount of time a compressor can be operated in a given time period at 100 PSI, and a standard ambient temperature of 72° F. It is commonly expressed in percentage format: Compressor on time ÷ (on time + off time) = Duty Cycle %.

#### ONE-HOUR DUTY CYCLE

(100 PSI @ 72°F)

9%	5 Min. On / 55 Min. Off
10%	6 Min. On / 54 Min. Off
15%	9 Min. On / 51 Min. Off
20%	12 Min. On / 48 Min. Off
25%	15 Min. On / 45 Min. Off
30%	18 Min. On / 42 Min. Off
33%	20 Min. On / 40 Min. Off
50%	30 Min. On / 30 Min. Off
100%	1 Hour Run Time

#### MINUTES ON / MINUTES OFF

**NOTE:** All compressors, regardless of rated duty cycle, require sufficient rest time in between cycles to allow for partial or complete heat dissipation. Heat dissipation rates may vary depending on ambient temperatures and operating conditions.

#### ABOUT RATED WORKING PRESSURE:

To ensure trouble free service life of your compressor, always operate compressor within rated working pressure of the compressor. Never use a pressure switch with a higher cut-off pressure than compressor's rated working pressure.

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### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE:

PROBLEM:	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Tank pressure drops when compressor(s) shut off	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Loose drain cock</li><li>2. Check valve leaking</li><li>3. Loose connections</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tighten drain cock</li><li>2. Replace check valve or compressor</li><li>3. Check all connections with soap and water solution and tighten</li></ol>
Compressor runs continuously and air flow lower than normal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Excessive air usage</li><li>2. Loose connections</li><li>3. Worn piston ring or inlet valve.</li><li>4. Clogged air filter element</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Decrease air usage</li><li>2. Check all connections with soap and water solution and tighten.</li><li>3. Replace compressor</li><li>4. Replace air filter element</li></ol>
Compressor runs continuously causing safety valve (if equipped) to open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Faulty pressure switch</li><li>2. Defective safety valve</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace pressure switch</li><li>2. Replace safety valve</li></ol>
Excessive moisture in discharge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Excessive water in air tank</li><li>2. High humidity</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Drain tank, tilt tank to drain. Drain tank more frequently</li><li>2. Move compressor to area with less humidity, or use water separator</li></ol>
Compressor will not run	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No power, or power switch in OFF position</li><li>2. Blown fuse</li><li>3. Motor overheats</li><li>4. Faulty pressure switch (if hooked up to a pressure switch).</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Make sure compressor switch is ON</li><li>2. Disconnect compressor from power source, replace fuse. (Refer to Specifications section for correct fuse amperage)</li><li>3. Let compressors cool off for about 30 minutes to allow thermal overload switch to reset.</li><li>4. Replace pressure switch</li></ol>
Thermal overload protector cuts out repeatedly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lack of proper ventilation or ambient temperature is too high</li><li>2. Compressor valves failed</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Move compressor to well ventilated area, or area with lower ambient temperature</li><li>2. Replace compressor</li></ol>
Excessive knocking or rattling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Loose mounting bolts</li><li>2. Worn bearing on eccentric or motor shaft</li><li>3. Cylinder or piston ring is worn</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tighten bolts</li><li>2. Replace bearing or piston assembly</li><li>3. Replace piston or compressor</li></ol>

**CAUTION: NEVER DISASSEMBLE COMPRESSOR WHILE COMPRESSOR IS PRESSURIZED.**

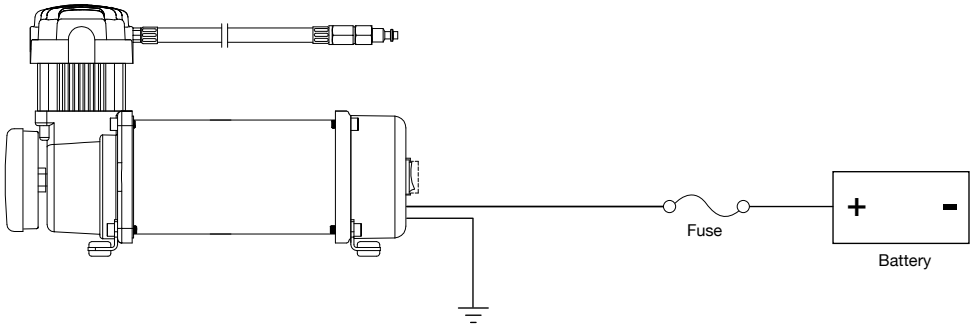
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### AMERICAN WIRE GAUGE GUIDE 12-VOLT:

Amp Draw	Length of wire from battery to compressor (in feet)			
	5	10	15	20
5	16	16	16	14
10	16	14	12	10
15	16	12	10	10
20	14	10	10	8
25	14	10	8	6
30	12	10	8	6
40	12	8	6	6
50	10	6	6	4
60	10	6	4	4

### Wiring Diagram:

*(Fuse Not Included)*



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