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## Cable Operated Sensor Kit Installation Instructions For GM With New Style Decoder Box

### General Installation Notes:

Please read these instructions completely before beginning the installation. If you have any questions, please call.

Before beginning the installation, disconnect the negative battery cable and use wheel chocks to block the vehicle's wheels.

Make sure the engine, transmission, and frame are properly grounded. We recommend applying anti-seize lubricant to all aluminum threads before final assembly.

All Lokar Installation Instructions can be found by visiting  
[www.lokar.com/instructions.html](http://www.lokar.com/instructions.html).

Refer to Fig. 1, 2 and 3 for the component names.

**NOTE:** There are two styles of decoder boxes: **OLD** and **NEW**. See Fig. 3 to determine which type you have. If you have the **OLD** style decoder box, these are **NOT** the correct instructions. You need instructions # INS0033, which can be found on the Lokar website or can be emailed to you by contacting Lokar Technical Support.

**MOUNTING OPTIONS:** The Lokar Cable Operated Sensor Kit is equipped to mount the sensor either on the transmission using the sensor bracket, or in a remote location within 5 feet of the transmission selector shaft using the provided universal mounting bracket.

To mount the sensor remotely inside the vehicle, a Lokar Remote Mounting Cable Kit (part # CINR-1796) will be required. This extends the cable 7 feet, for a total of 12 feet.

The decoder box must be mounted inside the vehicle and out of the elements.

When installing the sensor and sensor bracket directly on the transmission, they can be installed on either side (all except TH400 transmissions). Installation on the passenger side is recommended as it provides more room to orient the cable in a straight line with the selector shaft trans arm. **(NOTE: On a 700-R4, it may be necessary to remove the factory hex head 1/4" pipe plug and install a socket head style pipe plug. Fig. 4)**

On a TH400, the sensor and sensor bracket must be mounted on the passenger side of the transmission or in a remote location.

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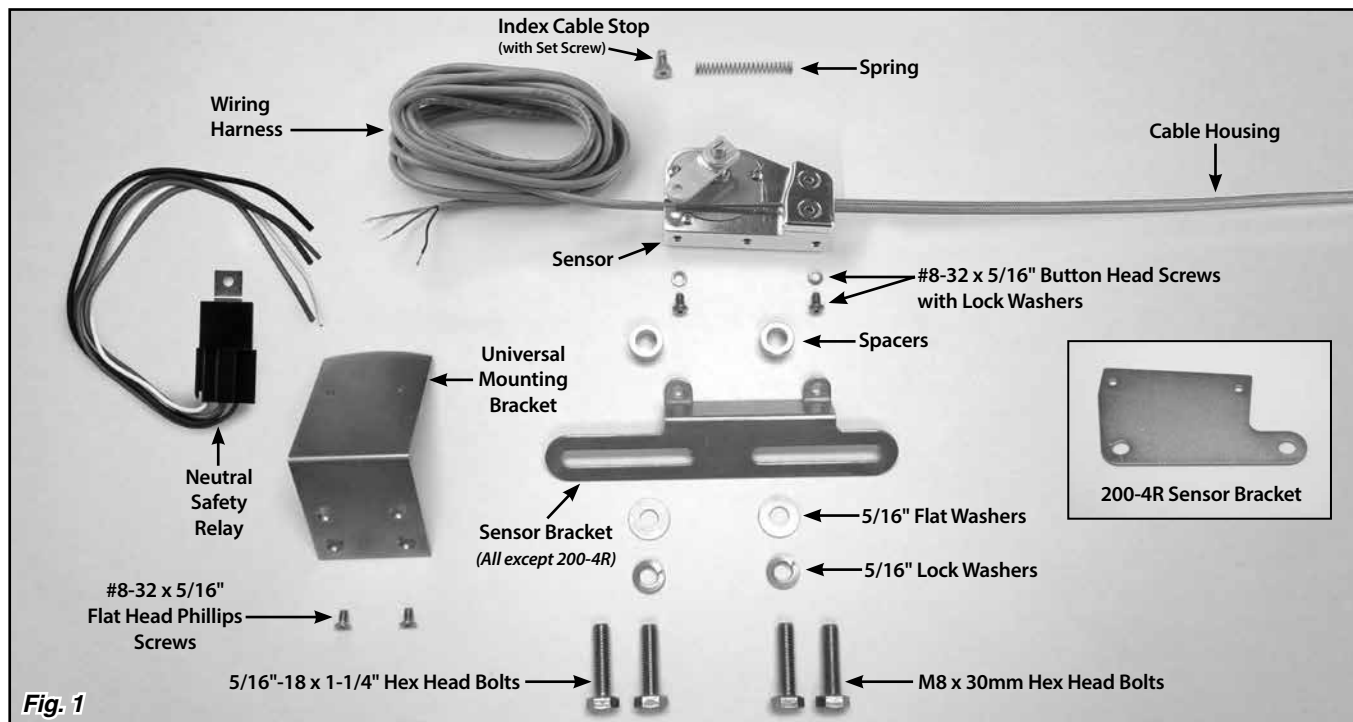


Fig. 1

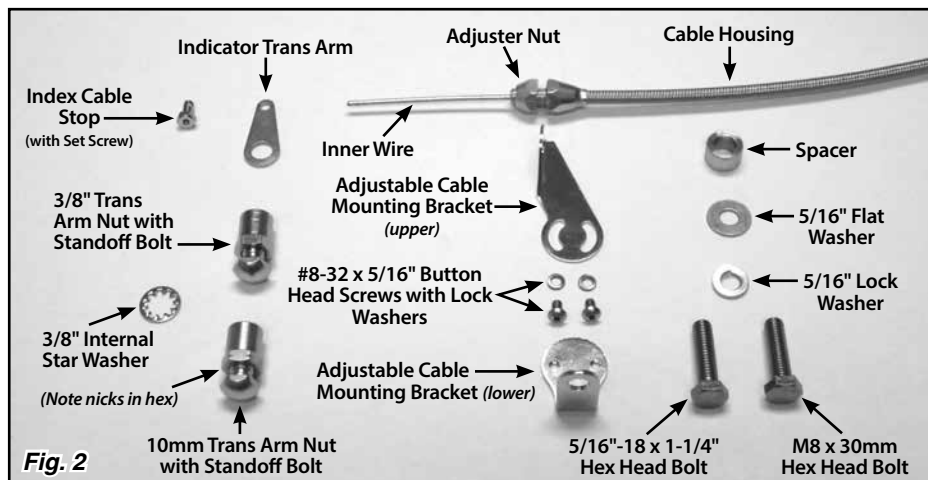


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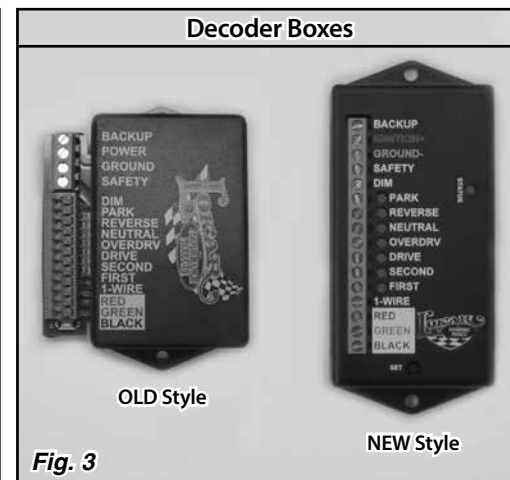


Fig. 3

**Step 1:** Assemble the upper and lower parts of the adjustable cable mounting bracket, installing two #8-32 x 5/16" button head screws and lock washers using a 5/32" Allen wrench, but do not fully tighten the screws yet. See **Fig. 5**.

**Step 2:** Both standard (5/16"-18 x 1-1/4") and metric (M8 x 30mm) transmission pan bolts are provided for mounting the adjustable cable mounting bracket and the sensor bracket directly on the transmission. Make sure you match up the threads from your original pan bolts to determine which new bolts you will need to use. The standard and metric threads may appear very similar at first glance.

**(All except TH400 with Lokar Electric Kickdown Kit)** Install the adjustable cable mounting bracket. If you are mounting the sensor and sensor bracket directly on the passenger side of the transmission, or mounting the sensor remotely, remove the second pan bolt to the rear of the selector shaft. Install the adjustable cable mounting bracket there, using the appropriate standard (5/16"-18 x 1-1/4") or metric (M8 x 30mm) bolt, lock washer, flat washer, and spacer. **Fig. 6**

**NOTE:** If you have an aluminum transmission pan, the spacer may not be required.

If you are mounting the sensor and sensor bracket directly on the driver side of the transmission, remove the first pan bolt to the rear of the selector shaft. Install the adjustable cable mounting bracket there, using the appropriate standard (5/16"-18 x 1-1/4") or metric (M8 x 30mm) bolt, lock washer, flat washer, and spacer.

**NOTE:** If you have an aluminum transmission pan, the spacer may not be required.

**TH400 With Lokar Electric Kickdown Kit:** Install the adjustable cable mounting bracket on the bottom of the electric kickdown switch housing, using the front bolt on the switch housing.

**Step 3:** Remove the sensor cap by removing the two #10-24 x 1/2" flat head screws using a 1/8" Allen wrench, and separate the cable housing from the sensor. **Fig. 7**

**Step 4:** Make sure the sensor arm is parallel to the slot in the sensor shaft, with the set screw in the top of the sensor arm aligned with the slot. If it is not, loosen the set screw in the top of the sensor arm using a 1/16" Allen wrench, and adjust the position of the sensor arm on the shaft. **Fig. 8**

**Step 5:** This step varies depending on where you are mounting the sensor. If you are mounting the sensor:

- **Directly onto the passenger side of the transmission:** Use the provided bolts, lock washers, flat washers, and spacers to mount the sensor and sensor bracket to the first and second pan bolt to the rear of the dipstick tube.

**NOTE:** If you have an aluminum transmission pan, the spacers may not be required.

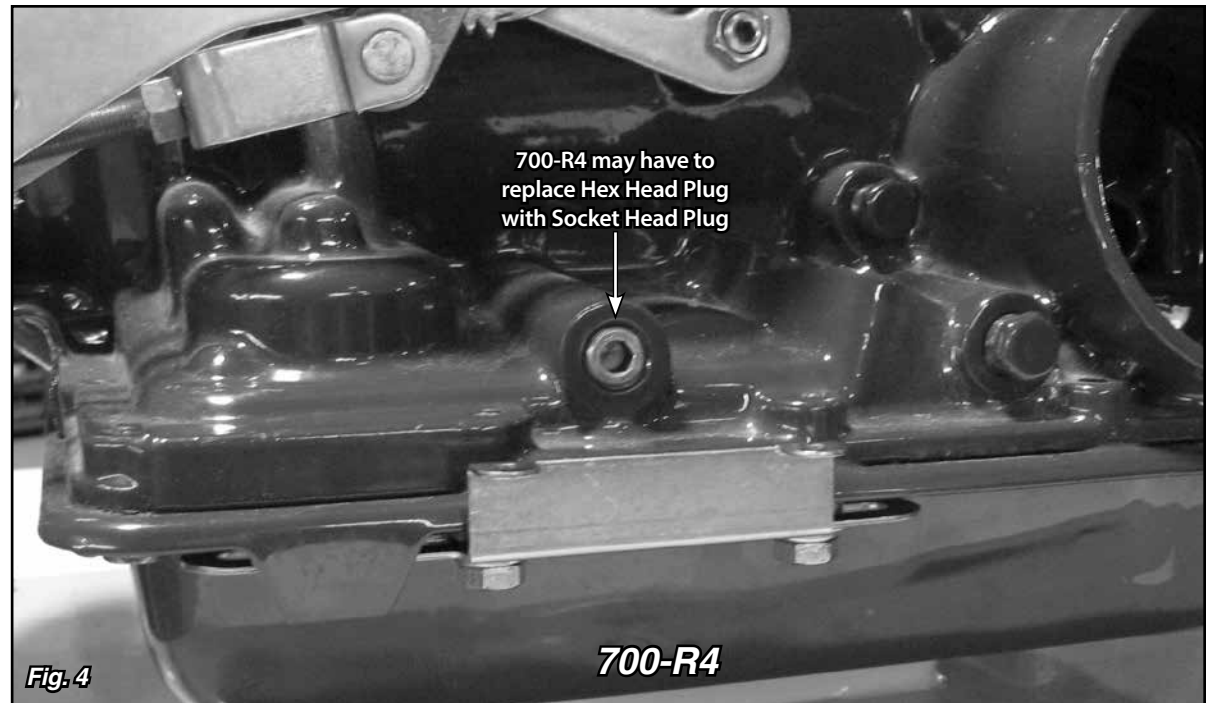
Adjust the sensor and sensor bracket forward or backward until you can move the sensor arm through its full range of travel without the sensor arm interfering with the transmission case. Tighten the transmission pan bolts the sensor bracket is mounted to. **Fig. 9**

- **Directly onto the driver side of the transmission:** Use the provided bolts, lock washers, flat washers, and spacers to mount the sensor and sensor bracket to the second and third pan bolts to the rear of the selector shaft.

**NOTE:** If you have an aluminum transmission pan, the spacers may not be required.

Adjust the sensor and sensor bracket forward or backward until you can move the sensor arm through its full range of travel without the sensor arm interfering with the transmission case. Tighten the transmission pan bolts the sensor bracket is mounted to.

- **In a remote location:** Make sure the sensor is close enough the cable housing can be routed into the back side of the adjustable cable mounting bracket. Install the universal mounting bracket onto the vehicle using the two smaller holes in the bracket and your choice of fasteners (not included). The small holes in the universal mounting bracket may be drilled out larger if needed. Once the bracket is installed in the remote location, remove the sensor from the other sensor bracket. Install the sensor onto the universal mounting bracket, using the #8-32 x 5/16" flat head Phillips screws. There are two pairs of countersunk holes on the universal mounting bracket and three holes in the sensor to allow for different mounting positions.



**Step 6:** Remove the existing regular nut from your selector shaft. This kit includes one standard 3/8"-16 trans arm nut and one metric 10mm trans arm nut (has nicks on hex). Install the trans arm nut that has the correct threads onto the selector shaft.

**Step 7:** Place the 3/8" internal star washer onto the standoff bolt that matches the trans arm nut you installed on the transmission. Then, install the indicator trans arm onto the standoff bolt, and install this assembly into the trans arm nut.

With the transmission in Park, adjust the indicator trans arm to the 12:00 to 1:00 position and tighten the standoff bolt. **Fig. 10, Fig. 11, Fig. 12**

**Step 8:** Remove the inner wire from the cable housing. Temporarily install the threaded end of the cable housing into the adjustable cable mounting bracket and secure it with the adjuster nut.

The cable is designed to be cut-to-fit. Route the cable housing from the adjustable cable mounting bracket to the sensor.

There is a groove in the sensor housing the end of the cable housing fits in to. Mark the cable housing at the end of the cable housing groove. Remove the cable housing from the adjustable cable mounting bracket. **Fig. 7 and Fig. 8**

**Step 9: Make sure the inner wire has been removed from the cable housing.** Wrap tape around the area to be cut and use a cutoff wheel or fine-toothed hacksaw to cut the cable housing at your mark. You also may use heavy duty 8" diagonal cutting pliers. Lokar recommends Klein brand Diagonal Cutting Pliers, # D2000-28 available at The Home Depot or through W. W. Graingers, Part # 4A838.

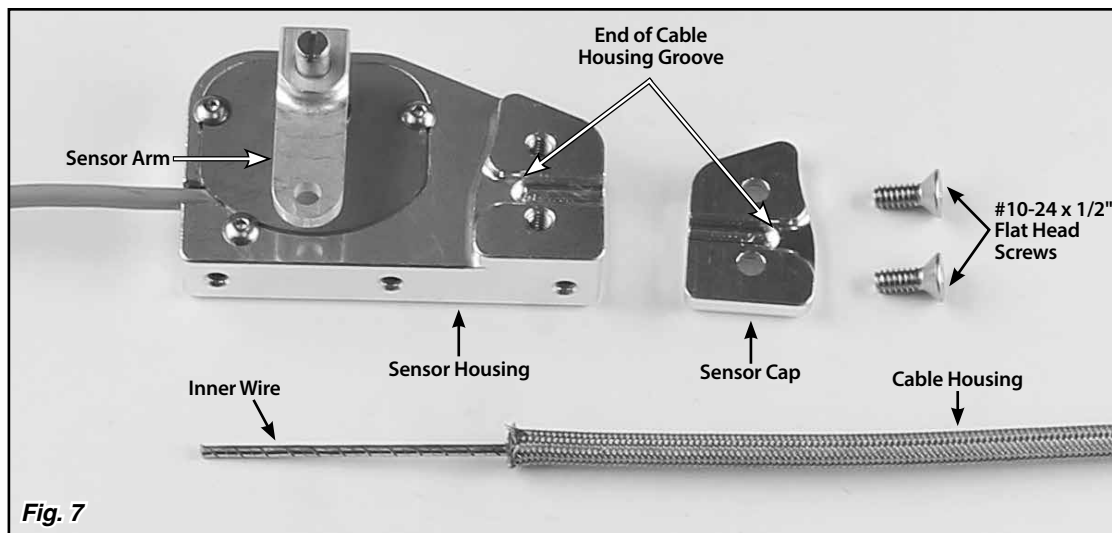
Before moving forward make sure the end of the cable housing you just cut is open and the inner wire will slide in without interference.

**Step 10:** Remove the sensor from the sensor bracket using a 5/32" Allen wrench. Reattach the cable housing to the sensor by clamping it between the sensor housing and the sensor cap, making sure the cable housing does not extend beyond the end of the cable housing groove in the sensor housing. Secure the sensor cap using the #10-24 x 1/2" flat head screws you removed earlier. Then, install the threaded end of the cable housing back into the adjustable cable mounting bracket.

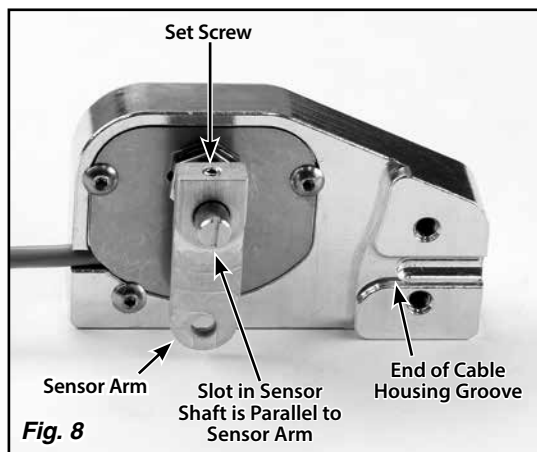
**Step 11:** Slide the inner wire into the cable housing until it is protruding from both ends. Put the spring on the inner wire between the sensor arm and the sensor cap.

Install the index cable stop into the sensor arm with the cable hole between the sensor arm and the sensor. Slide the inner wire through the index cable stop, so at least 1" is protruding beyond the index cable stop. Make sure the inner wire is on the correct side of the sensor arm. **Fig. 13**

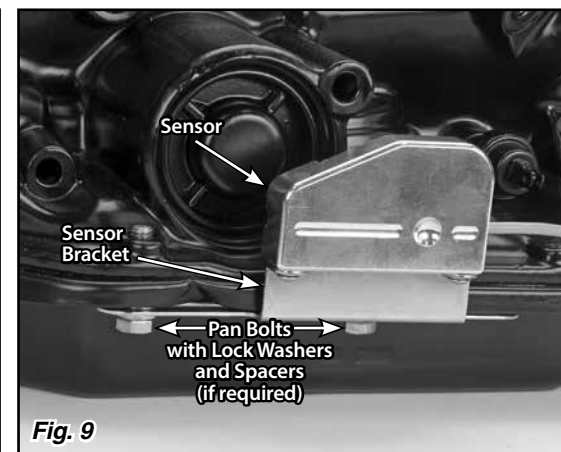
**Step 12:** Reinstall the sensor onto the sensor bracket using the #8-32 x 5/16" button head screws and lock washers (transmission mounted sensor bracket) or the #8-32 x 5/16" flat head Phillips screws (universal mounting bracket).



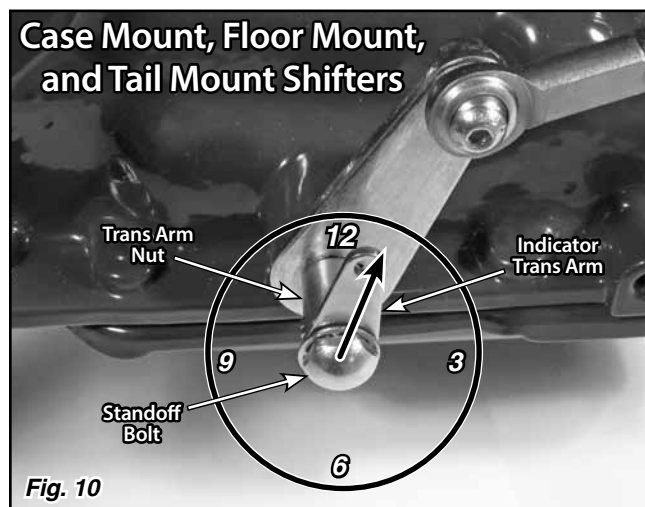
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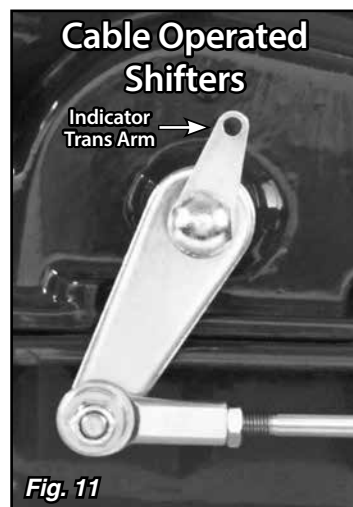
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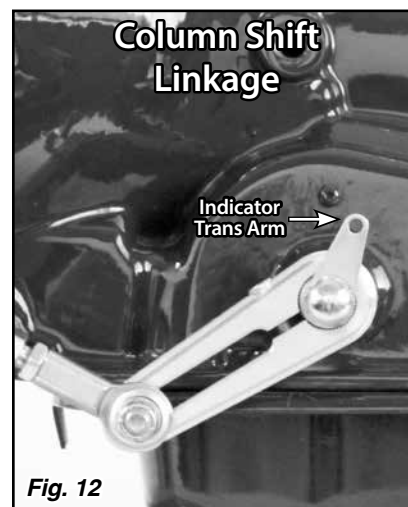
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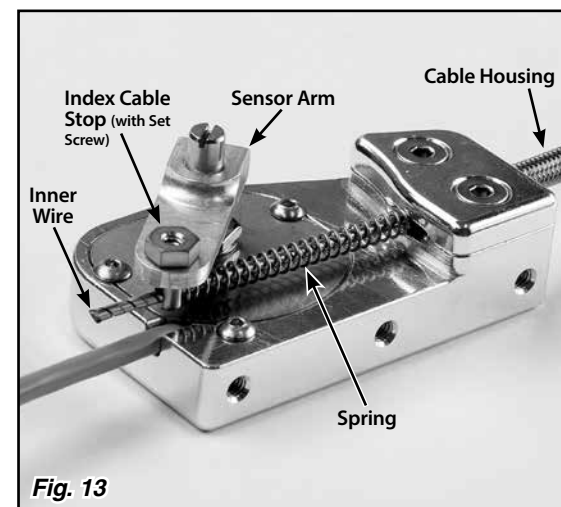
**Fig. 10**



**Fig. 11**



**Fig. 12**



**Fig. 13**

**Step 13:** At the opposite end of the cable, install the index cable stop into the trans arm. Slide the inner wire through the hole in the index cable stop so approximately 1" is protruding. You should now have excess inner wire at the opposite end of the cable (at the sensor).

There is a set screw in the hex end of the index cable stop on the indicator trans arm. Tighten the set screw using a 1/16" Allen wrench. Adjust the angle of the adjustable cable mounting bracket so the inner wire will not bind or kink as it goes through the gear selections. **Fig. 14**

**Note:** It is very important the cable housing is secured. Fasten the cable housing tightly so there is no slack or movement in the cable housing.

**Step 14:** Make sure the transmission is in Park. **Push the sensor arm up against the spring, so the spring is compressed approximately 1/8" at rest in Park.** **Fig. 15** Tighten the set screw in the index cable stop on the sensor arm using a 1/16" Allen wrench. Trim the excess inner wire, leaving about 1" protruding.

Shift the transmission from Park, one gear at a time, and check each gear to make sure the arm on the sensor does not hit anything and the sensor does not hit one of it's internal stops. The sensor arm does not need to be the same distance from the internal stop in Park as it is in low gear. If the sensor bottoms out on the internal stop before the shifter reaches first gear, loosen up one end of the inner wire at either of the index cable stops and move the indicator trans arm or sensor arm. **Make sure you maintain approximately 1/8" of compression on the spring at the sensor end of the cable when the transmission is in Park.**

Once the sensor is operating properly and no more adjustments need to be made, cut the excess inner wire within 1/2" of the index cable stop on both ends of the cable.

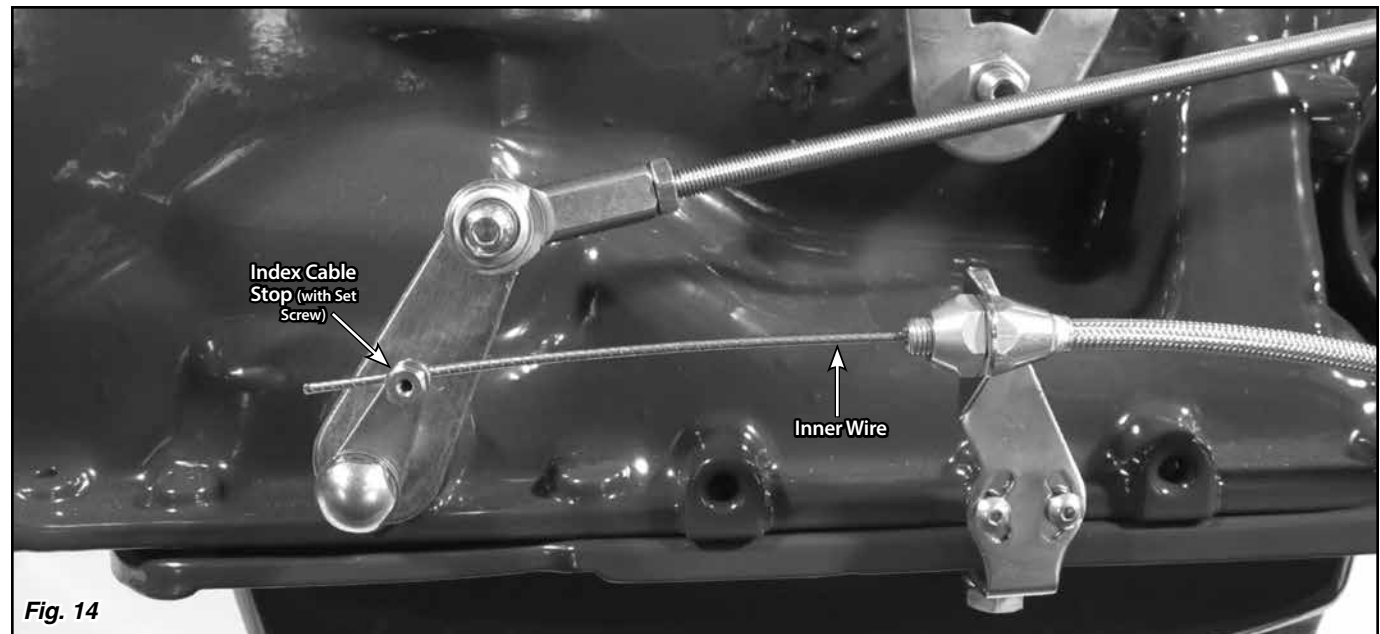
### **Mounting The Decoder Box**

The decoder box must be mounted in a dry place. When mounting this unit, keep it within reach of the wires on the LED display and the sensor. The decoder box can be mounted with two screws or double-sided tape. Be sure it is still accessible for connecting the wiring and for programming later.

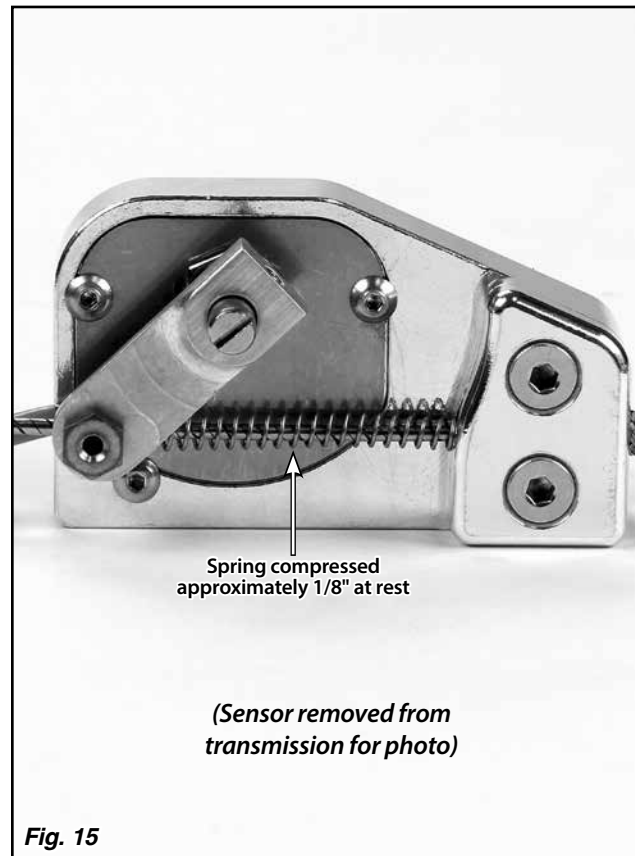
### **Wiring The Sensor and The Decoder Box**

The sensor has a 10 foot long cable attached to it. This cable contains three wires which connect to the decoder box: one red wire, one wire that can be either green or white, and one black wire. To connect the wires to the decoder box, use a small flat blade screwdriver to loosen the screw terminal. Strip 3/8" of the insulation off of each of the wires. Connect the red wire to the terminal marked RED. Connect the green or white wire to the terminal marked GREEN. Connect the black wire to the terminal marked BLACK. **Fig. 16**

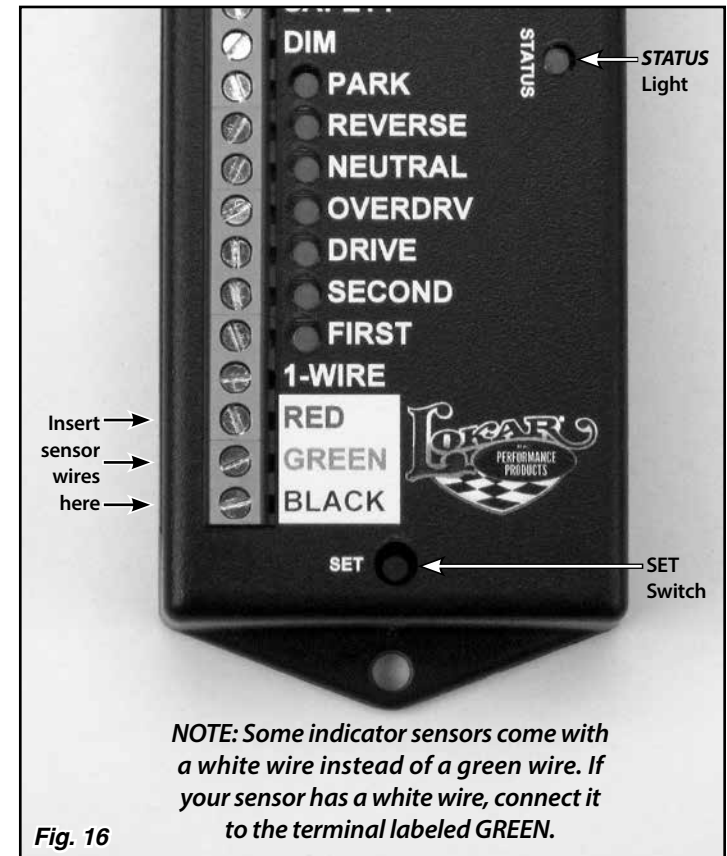
**NOTE:** The red, green or white, and black wires on the sensor should **ONLY** be connected to the terminals marked "RED", "GREEN", or "BLACK" on the decoder box. **DO NOT** connect any of these three wires to the "IGNITION+" or "GROUND-" terminals on the decoder box.



**Fig. 14**



**Fig. 15**



**Fig. 16**



## Wiring a Lokar Three-Wire LED Indicator

Locate a fused (15A), switched 12V + power source that supplies power when the ignition key is in the "ON" or "RUN" position, but does not supply power when the key is off. (**NOTE: If you are going to use the optional Neutral Safety Relay discussed later, this wire will also need to supply power while the key is in the "START" position.**) Run a red wire (not supplied) from that power source to the decoder box. Join the end of that wire to the end of the red wire from the LED indicator. Insert the joined end of those wires into the "IGNITION+" terminal on the decoder box and tighten the terminal screw.

Connect one end of a black wire (not supplied) to a solid chassis ground. Join the other end of that wire to the black wire from the LED indicator. Insert the joined end of those wires into the "GROUND-" terminal on the decoder box and tighten the terminal screw. **Fig. 17**

**NOTE: When you are finished with this step, there will be two (2) wires connected to the "IGNITION+" terminal on the decoder box, and two (2) wires connected to the "GROUND-" terminal on the decoder box.**

**If installing a Lokar Three-Wire LED Indicator, DO NOT connect the remaining green or white wire from the LED Indicator to the decoder box until you have programmed the gear positions.**

## Programming The Gear Positions

Programming is done using the push-button SET switch on the top of the decoder box and watching the programming LED's located next to each gear position designation on the decoder box.

**NOTE: For the programming procedures below, you will be watching the LEDs on the decoder box, NOT on the Boot Indicator or Dash Indicator.**

**The programming sequence must be completed without interruption for the settings to be saved. If you stop or turn the key off at any point during the programming sequence, you will have to start over from the beginning.**

**Step 1:** Place the transmission in Park and make sure the key is off. Reconnect the negative battery cable.

**Step 2:** Press and hold the SET switch. **Fig. 16** Turn the ignition key on while holding the SET switch down. Then, release the SET switch.

**Step 3:** The programming lights will be either all green or all red, except for the **STATUS** light which will be red. All green means the decoder box is currently set for ground (-) outputs, which is correct for a Lokar Indicator. If you are using a Lokar Indicator and your lights are all green (except for the **STATUS** light) at this point, proceed to **Step 4**.

If the programming lights are all red, that means the decoder box is currently set for positive (+) outputs, which some other brands of indicators use. If your programming lights are all red, and you are using a Lokar Indicator, press and release the SET switch. This will change the mode of the decoder box to ground (-) outputs. The programming lights will turn green, and you can then proceed to **Step 4**.

If you are using an indicator from another manufacturer, determine if your indicator requires ground (-) outputs or positive (+) outputs. Press and release the SET switch if needed to put the decoder box in the correct mode for the other manufacturer's indicator. Follow the instructions provided with the other manufacturer's indicator.

**Step 4:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds until all of the programming lights turn off, to save the output setting and put the decoder box in programming mode. Then, release the SET switch. For a Lokar Indicator, the **PARK** light should be flashing green.

If at any point in the programming the **STATUS** light starts flashing red and green, that means the sensor is not moving.

**Step 5:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **PARK** light remains on steady.

**Step 6:** Release the SET switch. The **PARK** light will turn off, and the **REVERSE** light should begin flashing.

**Step 7:** Shift the transmission to Reverse.

**Step 8:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **REVERSE** light remains on steady.

**Step 9:** Release the SET switch. The **REVERSE** light will turn off, and the **NEUTRAL** light should begin flashing.

**Step 10:** Shift the transmission to Neutral.

**Step 11:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **NEUTRAL** light remains on steady.

**Step 12:** Release the SET switch. The **NEUTRAL** light will turn off, and the **OVERDRIVE** light should begin flashing.

**The following steps are specific to the type of transmission you have.**

### For TH350, TH400, or TH200:

**Step 1:** Shift the transmission to Drive.

**Step 2:** Press and release the SET switch. The **OVERDRIVE** light will turn off, and the **DRIVE** light should begin flashing.

**Step 3:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **DRIVE** light remains on steady.

**Step 4:** Release the SET switch. The **DRIVE** light will turn off, and the **SECOND** light should begin flashing.

**Step 5:** Shift the transmission to Second gear.

**Step 6:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **SECOND** light remains on steady.

**Step 7:** Release the SET switch. The **SECOND** light will turn off, and the **FIRST** light should begin flashing.

**Step 8:** Shift the transmission to First gear.

**Step 9:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **FIRST** light remains on steady.

**Step 10:** Release the SET switch. The **FIRST** light will turn off and the **STATUS** light will begin flashing red.

**Step 11:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **STATUS** light remains on steady. Release the SET switch. The **FIRST** light should be on steady and the **STATUS** light should be steady green.

**Step 12:** Shift the transmission through each of the gears to verify the programming lights match correctly.

**Step 13:** Following the wiring diagram in **Fig. 17** for your type of indicator, connect the rest of the wires from the LED indicator to the decoder box.

### For 700-R4, 4L60, 4L60E, 4L80E, or 200-4R:

**Step 1:** Having programmed Park through Neutral as described earlier, shift the transmission to Overdrive.

**Step 2:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **OVERDRIVE** light remains on steady.

**Step 3:** Release the SET switch. The **OVERDRIVE** light will turn off and the **DRIVE** light should begin flashing.

**Step 4:** Shift the transmission to Drive.

**Step 5:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **DRIVE** light remains on steady.

**Step 6:** Release the SET switch. The **DRIVE** light will turn off and the **SECOND** light should begin flashing.

**Step 7:** Shift the transmission to Second gear.

**Step 8:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **SECOND** light remains on steady.

**Step 9:** Release the SET switch. The **SECOND** light will turn off and the **FIRST** light should begin flashing.

**Step 10:** Shift the transmission to First gear.

**Step 11:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **FIRST** light remains on steady.

**Step 12:** Release the SET switch. The **FIRST** light will turn off and the **STATUS** light will begin flashing red.

**Step 13:** Press and hold the SET switch for approximately 3 seconds, until the **STATUS** light remains on steady. Release the SET switch. The **FIRST** light should be on steady and the **STATUS** light should be steady green.

**Step 14:** Shift the transmission through each of the gears to verify the programming lights match correctly.

**Step 15:** Following the wiring diagram in **Fig. 17** for your type of indicator, connect the rest of the wires from the LED indicator to the decoder box.

## Changing the LED Colors

**Step 1:** To enter the color setup mode, put the transmission in Park and turn the ignition key to ON, but do not start the engine.

**Step 2:** With the ignition ON, press and hold the SET switch on the decoder box until the **PARK** LED on the decoder box turns off (approximately two seconds).

**Step 3:** Release the SET switch. Both the **STATUS** and **PARK** LEDs on the decoder box should now be flashing.

**Step 4:** The **PARK** position on the indicator will now be lit with the current color setting for **PARK**. To change the color, tap the SET switch (less than one second). The **PARK** position on the indicator will cycle to the next color. Continue tapping the SET switch until the **PARK** position on the indicator is lit with the desired color.

**Step 5:** Once the **PARK** position on the indicator is lit with the desired color, press and hold the SET switch until the **STATUS** and **PARK** LEDs on the decoder box stop flashing (approximately two seconds). The color for PARK is now stored.

**Step 6:** Release the SET switch. The **STATUS** and **REVERSE** LEDs on the decoder box will now be flashing, and the **REVERSE** position on the indicator will be lit with the current color setting for **REVERSE**.

- Step 7:** Follow the above procedure for each of the gear positions, tapping the SET switch to cycle through to the desired color on the indicator, holding the SET switch to save the setting, and releasing the SET switch to advance to the next gear position.
- Step 8:** Once the color for all gear positions has been programmed, the **STATUS** LED should be the only one on and flashing on the decoder box, and the PARK position on the indicator should be on.
- Step 9:** Tapping the SET switch (less than one second) will now cycle through eight intensity settings on the indicator. Watch the PARK position on the indicator, and when the desired intensity is found, press and hold the SET switch until the **STATUS** LED stops blinking (approximately two seconds). The intensity for the indicator is now set.
- Step 10:** Release the SET switch. The decoder box has now exited the setup mode.

**Optional Features and Wiring (For All Transmissions)**

**NOTE:** You must complete the "Programming the Gear Positions" section before connecting the wiring for any of the "OPTIONAL" sections below.

**OPTIONAL: Connecting The Neutral Safety Relay**

If your vehicle already has a neutral safety switch in the wiring harness to prevent the vehicle from starting while it is in gear, then you do not need to use the neutral safety switch feature in the decoder box, and you will not need to connect this relay.

If your vehicle does not already have a neutral safety switch, cut the wire that runs from your starter switch to the starter solenoid. Connect the wire from the ignition switch to the GREEN wire from the relay, and connect the BLACK wire from the relay to the wire going to the starter solenoid. For wiring harnesses which provide wires for the neutral safety relay, connect one side to the GREEN wire and the other side to the BLACK wire.

The WHITE wire from the relay connects to the SAFETY terminal on the decoder box. The RED wire connects to the power wire for the decoder box. For the neutral safety switch to operate properly, the "IGNITION+" terminal on the decoder box must have power when the key is in the "START" position. **Fig. 18**

**OPTIONAL: Connecting The Park/Neutral Signal To An ECM**

If your vehicle is fuel injected and the ECM requires a signal when the transmission is in either Park or Neutral, the neutral safety terminal on the decoder box can be used. The SAFETY terminal provides a ground when the transmission is in Park or Neutral. This can be connected to the ECM in order to pass vehicle inspection. The SAFETY terminal can be used for both a neutral safety and an ECM signal at the same time.

**OPTIONAL: Connecting Backup Lights To The Decoder Box**

If your vehicle already has a backup light switch, then you do not need to connect anything to the BACKUP terminal. If you do not have a backup light switch and will be using backup lights on your vehicle, then connect the hot side of the backup lights to the terminal marked BACKUP. This circuit is designed to supply up to 15 amps.

**OPTIONAL: Enabling the Indicator's "DIM" Function**

If you want the Indicator's LEDs to dim at night, locate a wire or terminal that only has power when your parking lights or headlights are on. Connect a wire from that wire or terminal to the "DIM" terminal on the decoder box.

