Tech Tips:

DA262 - TC MASKING BOARD INSTALLATION

The TC masking board has almost become one of the forgotten items on the car. However, if you would like to give the under dash area that finished look, the masking board will do the trick. This masking board has remanufactured from the specs of an original masking board (MB). Great care has been taken to get all of the dimensions, hardware, and materials correct. However, before the start of installation please assess the condition and location of under the dash items such as wires, cables, oil line, and wiper motor wire. It is easier to conduct any required preventative maintenance before you close up this area. Pay particular attention to the tach, speedo cable, and oil pressure line grouping. Many of these items have migrated with time but it will be necessary to regroup them together before installing the MB. One extremely important item is to make sure your tach and speedo cable are secure to the base of the battery box. These are held by 2 clips with rubber grommets. Also, the engine control cables should be grouped together adjacent to the battery box before exiting the firewall. Finally, drop the steering wheel column from its “U” shaped support under dash. Now you are ready to install.

The MB is held into position by 3 support areas. First, the forward edge of the board is supported by an “L” shaped bracket welded to the battery box. The MB simply rests on this forward ledge. Second, the aft of the MB is held to the base of the dash panel with 2 brackets with 2 #8x1/2” sheet metal screws each bracket. Caution: These holes must be predrilled in order to avoid splitting the sub-dash board. The correct position of the MB has the rear edge of the MB tight to the back of the sub-dash and finished surface of the MB flush with the bottom of the sub-dash. The third attach point is the side “L” bracket that attaches to the front side rails. Attach this bracket only after the MB in place with attach points 1 and 2. Now pre-drill a pilot hole for the bracket with the vertical position of the MB adjusted to give a natural flow of the MB from aft to forward. It should not bend or bow and should be appealing to the eye. Finally, secure the L bracket with the enclosed #8 x ¾” round head sheet metal screw.

Adjustment of the width of the side brackets: Your masking board side brackets have been manufactured and installed to the standard width of the original tub. However, there may be a variance in the width that requires an adjustment of these brackets. If the MB brackets are too narrow or too wide the bracket can be bent to change the distance. You will notice that the L bracket has 2 – 45 degree bends to complete the 90 degree L. Bend 1- 45 degree angle to make it large or smaller to accommodate the required dimension. Then bend the other 45 degree angle to return the L to 90 degrees. This can be accomplished by using 2 adjustable spanners to control the bending. ****Thank you for your purchase!****

Grouping the cables, harness, and oil pressure line and then the engine cables will give you a nice organized install.

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