

# **Cable Shift Linkage Kit**

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## **ididit column to Ford AOD Trans**

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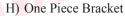
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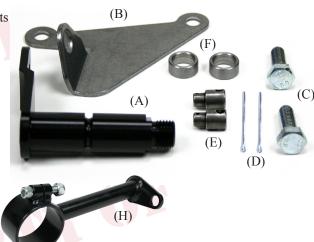
## ididit Column to AOD Transmission

## Your kit should contain the following parts:

- A) Transmission Lever
- B) Cable Bracket
- C) Transmission Pan Bolts
- D) Cotter Pins
- E) Swivels
- F) Spacers
- G) Shift Cable







## Before installation please read:

You will need at least 2" of clearance between the firewall and lower shift lever for this product to function correctly.

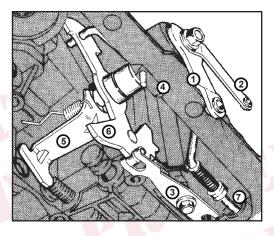
**Melted Cables:** If your cable is too close to your exhaust it will melt or become brittle. If this is the case you will need to make a heat shield. Do not wrap the cable as this retains heat. Heat will destroy the cable.

**Kinked Cables:** Do not kink the cable anywhere along its length. If the cable has a kink it will lock up. The cable should be kept straight for 2" on each end where it leaves the brass. Either of the above could damage the cable, shifter, and/or transmission in one shift.

Cable Adjustment: If you do not adjust the cable correctly you could damage the cable, shifter and/or transmission. Put the trans in Low gear and the shifter in Low gear, set the swivel so it slides in and out of the correct hole freely. Then move the transmission and shifter to Park (all the way the other way). Rotate the cable swivel until it slips in and out of the hole freely. Now go back and forth between Park and Low gear and fine tune the adjustment. See instructions for further detail.

#### Legend

- 1. Transmission Shift Lever
- 2. Throttle Lever
- 3. Detent Spring
- 4. Shift Lever Retaining Pin
- 5. Inner Throttle Lever
- 6. Inner Shift Lever
- 7. Park Operating Rod



- 1. Remove the pan and disconnect the old shift linkage from the transmission shift lever. (1)
- 2. Remove the 13mm nut that secures the throttle linkage lever (2) and remove the arm from the transmission. Let the arm hang loose on the linkage.
- 3. Remove the oil filter from the valve body. Remove the detent spring by removing the one bolt that holds it in place. (3)





- 4. Using a pair of diagonal cutters, remove the shift lever retaining pin (4) from the case. DO NOT CUT THE PIN. Loosen the 20mm nut on the inner end of the shift lever and slide the lever out. Leave the throttle lever shaft and inner lever (6) in place.
- 5. Slide the new shift lever into the case over the throttle lever shaft. The arm should be pointed downwards. Engage the new





shift lever (1) with the inner shift lever (6) and install the nut. Install the shift lever retaining pin back into its hole in the case and tap it in. Tighten the nut. Check to see that the inner throttle lever (5) is properly located and that the spring is in place. Check that the Park operating rod (7) is in place.

6. Install the throttle lever (2) onto its shaft and tighten the nut.

Be sure the linkage is in its original position. Reinstall the detent spring and





tighten the bolt (4). Check that the throttle lever (2) moves freely and that it pushes in the throttle valve on the valve body. Check that the shift lever (1) moves through all of its positions and the Park operating rod (7) moves with it.

7. Replace the oil filter.
We recommend that
you use a new filter
unless the vehicle has
very low mileage.
Replace the oil pan
gasket with a new





gasket. Reinstall the original bolts except for the two that secure the cable bracket. The cable bracket is installed with the supplied longer bolts with spacers between



the bracket and the flange on the pan. Tighten the oil pan bolts to 12-16 ft lbs.

- 8. Fill the transmission with the proper amount of transmission fluid.
- 9. Remove the two rubber boots, one large nut and large lock washer from the threaded end of the shifter cable. Route the cable to the transmission. Avoid sharp bends and route the cable away from the hot engine exhaust parts. The cable may be secure up and out of the way with nylon cable ties. Slide the end of the cable into the cable bracket; install the lock washer and large nut over the end of the cable. Position the cable so the





threaded portion of the cable housing is centered in the cable bracket. Tighten both large nuts to hold the cable in this potion. Install the two rubber boots back onto the end of the cable.

10. Move the transmission shift lever (1) all of the way forward to the Park position. Install the swivel onto the end of the cable and adjust until the small end of the swivel slides freely in and out of the shift lever. Move the shifter arm through all the gear positions and check that the swivel



will move freely in and out of the shift lever in each gear position. **Note:** Swivel may have to be adjusted one turn in either direction. Install the cotter pin supplied with the kit into the swivel and spread the pins ends. Move the transmission selector back into the Park position.

- 11. Remove the 4 screws from the shift lever at the bottom of the steering column and set the screws and lever safely aside.
- 12. Loosen the nut and bolt on the cable bracket so that the clamp loosens a little. Slide the clamp on the column with the small end at appx. 5 o'clock (looking down from the top of the column.) The





hole on the small end of the clamp should face the front of the vehicle. DO NOT tighten yet!

- 13. The gearshift lever will need a hole drilled exactly 1 29/32" or 1.906" from the center of the large hole towards the linkage hole, in the center of the shift lever arm. The hole should be 5/16" or .312 in diameter, no larger.
- 14. If your designer eye tells you that you want to cut off the access of the shift arm that is fine. Take a look at the diagram to the right to see how we did this.
- 15. The next step will be to install the cable. You will notice that both ends are the same. In order to get one large nut and washer off the shift cable, you will need to take the small nut and rubber





boots off. Insert the cable through the bottom side of the bracket and reinstall the large nut, washer and boots. Try to center the nuts and washers on the available threads. You will see why this is important in a later step.



- 16. Push the cable down through its outer cover so that it will be as short as possible. Put the column in Park. Now, figure out where you want the bracket to be, 5 o'clock will probably be a good place. Install the swivel on the small thread and turn it until it's centered on the thread. Now, install the small nut and turn it until it bottoms out on the swivel. DO NOT tighten yet!
- 17. Reinstall the shift lever as close to the swivel as possible. Now, you could turn the bracket or loosen the large nut and adjust so the swivel goes into the 5/16" hole that you drilled in the shift arm.

  Insert the cotter pin in swivel, tighten large nut and bolt on bracket. Do
  - not tighten so much that it squeezes the delrin bushing in the bottom of the column. Doing so could make it hard to shift. Remember, the cable has to be pushed down completely.
- 18. Try to shift the column. You may experience a tight pattern, if so; slightly loosen the bracket around the column. This should allow the column to move easier. If not, check that the cable is in alignment from the bracket to the lever. Remember to check the transmission fluid levels and add more fluid if necessary.

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