

Some Tips For a Successful ididit Column Installation...

- 1.** Before you start, the seat you will be using **MUST** be in place. A good facsimile - no milk crates or lawn chairs - are acceptable, but the steering wheel position and pedal positions all relate to the driver's position and getting them right can be the difference between pleasure and pain behind the wheel.
- 2.** Equally as important is the locations of the engine, head, and headers. These components or good mock-ups should be in place to assure you have proper clearances and transmission and steering linkages can be fabricated.
- 3.** Center your column on the driver's seat. Offsets and angled columns are awkward and uncomfortable.
- 4.** Position the column/steering wheel so your arms are relaxed and comfortable when the seat is adjusted.
- 5.** Locate column for maximum use of the tilt mechanism. It does no good to have the wheel tilted into the dash or down on the seat.
- 6.** Column drops should be made to fit both the bottom of the dash and the column snugly and in a stable fashion. No wobbles or vibration should be expected.
- 7.** Lower mounts should be stable and adjustable to fit the angle of the floor or firewall where the column passes through (or a fixed custom made mount fabricated). This mount **MUST** also be sealed tight from exhaust fumes, heat, dirt, and water.
- 8.** If you have a floor mounted brake and/or clutch pedal assembly, make sure you have clearance for the column.
- 9.** Use up to three U-joints and joint supports as needed to keep the linkage operation smooth, strong, stable, and safe.
- 10.** **ididit, inc.** recommends using splined or DD shafting instead of welded or pinned shafting for safety reasons.

As silly as it may sound, we have found that using an aluminum pie tin and a length of wooden dowel is an excellent way to determine column position and length. Use about 4 feet of dowel. Add between 1 1/2 inch and 3 inches beyond the firewall/floor if using a steering box. If you are using a rack, you can go as far as 5 inches into the engine compartment. Watch for clearance.

Simply tack the tin to the dowel (as in steering wheel to column), and have one person hold them in position while seated in the driver's seat. A second person can then measure and mark such essential dimensions as how long the column should be from the steering wheel to the firewall/floor, the distance between the center of the column and the bottom of the dash, the point where the column will pass into the engine compartment, and the center-line of the driver's body/seat.

***Sometimes the simplest
way is also the best.***