

79-86 Dash Plate FAQ

Q: Why do custom plates cost more? Aren't these made on CNC machines?

A: The standard plates are not made individually each time one is ordered. The plates are machined and anodized in sufficient quantities to keep the prices as low as they are. The anodizing company charges MC Machine ~\$100 per batch (and per color) of parts regardless of whether one plate or fifty are being anodized. A custom one-off plate would bear that full \$100 anodizing fee. Additional costs arise from the time to create new custom programs and set up the CNC (fixturing and tooling).

Q: What size gauges fit?

A: The original design is based on Autometer gauges and mounts two 5" (4.625" opening) and four 2 5/8" (2.0625" openings) gauges. The new design which retains the inboard vent uses two 3-3/8" (3.375" opening) and four 2-1/16" (2.0625" opening) Autometer gauges. Other brand gauges may fit but only the Autometers have been tried.

Q: What is included?

A: The main plate, the bezels to hold the gauges, #6-32 socket head cap screws to hold the bezels to the main plate, indicator light bulbs for turn signals and high beam.

Q: What modifications are required?

A: Modification will depend on what gauges are used, as not all gauges have the same clearance issues. Typically, the mechanical gauges (water temp, oil pressure) will require more clearance behind them for the sending unit lines which don't allow sharp bends. Electric gauges (fuel lever, voltmeter) require less room. Some trimming of the plastic behind the main plate will likely be required depending on gauge placement. The plate attaches to the stock mounting points using stock hardware. The stock speedometer cable will require a threaded collar be crimped on the end in place of the factory plastic clip (usually done in a few minutes for under \$20 at a speedometer repair/calibration shop).

Q: What indicator lights are included?

A: There are lights for the turn signals and high beam. Wiring is as simple as splicing into the stock harness.

Q: Can the location of the gauges be changed?

A: For custom orders, please email info@mc-machine.com with any questions about custom designs.

Q: Can the original plate be made to fit two 3-3/8" gauges instead of the two 5" gauges?

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Q: Can the plate be made without the vent and climate control openings?

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Q: Can I get a custom engraved logo?

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