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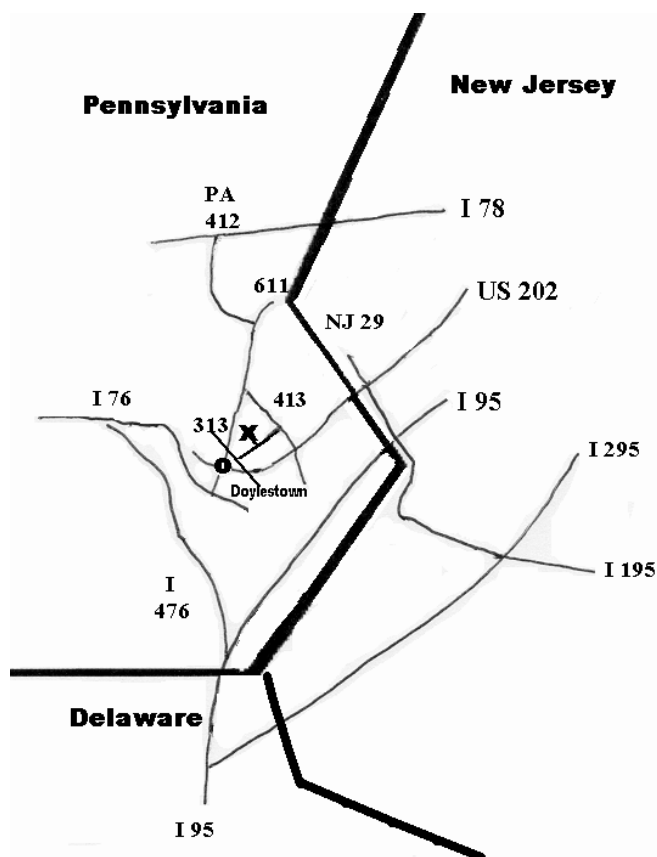
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## some DIRECTIONS

Skyron Drive is a small industrial park road that is a dead end. It is connected only to Cold Spring Creamery Road that runs between PA 313 & PA 413 at the edge of Doylestown. Skyron Drive is next to the runway of Doylestown Airport.

**COMING FROM THE NORTH:** From I- 78 Take the Hellertown Exit, Rt 412 South to Rt 611 South to Rt 413 South. To Cold Spring Creamery Road Turn Right to Skyron Drive Turn Right.

**COMING FROM THE SOUTH:** From I- 95 Take I 476 NORTH [at Chester Pa. Just south of Philly] to the Pa. Turnpike. Take the Turnpike EAST to Willow Grove/ Doylestown exit. Take US Rt. 611 NORTH, take the 611 Bypass as you near Doylestown. Get off at Rt. 313, turn Right, go to 4th traffic light. Turn Left onto Cold Spring Creamery Road. Go 1/4 mile to Skyron Drive and turn Left.

**Alternate Route:** Get off 95 at US 1 exit (Pennel). Follow US I SOUTH to Rt. 413. Take 413 NORTH 20 miles to Cold Spring Creamery Road turn Left [about 4 miles past Rt. 202 which you will cross, there is a large Catholic Church on the corner]. Skyron Drive will be 2 miles on the right.

**Alternate Route:** Instead of getting close to Philadelphia from I95 in Delaware take I295 into NJ then I 195 West to NJ 29 North to US 202 South into PA

**From New Jersey** coming South on US Rt 202 take to Rt. 413, turn Right. Go to 2nd light Cold Spring Creamery Road turn Left, turn Right at Skyron Drive.

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## How To Use This CATALOG

- Left side is always the driver's side. Right side is always the passenger side.**
- Part Listings that do not show a year are for all 3 years. If a part is only for 1 or 2 of the years it will be listed as such.
- Parts are divided into major categories or 'Groups' according to the section of the car or its function. For example Group 11 is the Sheetmetal Group and is further divided according to the different areas; Fender, Cowl, Hood etc. Group 26 is for the Interior and divided by areas Upholstery, Seat Parts, Tack Strips etc. The first 2 numbers in most part numbers followed by a dash indicate the group. If the first number is a letter or letters this indicates a manufacturer. All #30- parts are modified/custom that are spread around related groups throughout the catalog.
- See Page 1 for the Table of Contents for general categories. If you are looking for a specific part number of ours see the Part # Index in the back of this book. Throughout the book there are 'See Page' references that can help find what you are looking for, also some Tech Notes and a small Tech Help Section is in the back of the book for common problems.
- Many parts are listed in more than one group so if your looking for a Group 12 Molding the Group 20 Fasteners will be right with them.
- Please read descriptions carefully & use the illustrations provided.
- You may use the enclosed order form and fill in all asked for information. Even if you are phoning in, if you use the order form you'll find you will be less likely to order the wrong part. After you have ordered from us once you will have a customer number that appears on your invoice. Please use it. It is an additional guard against mistakes being made in your name or other info given over the phone. Faxed or email orders are preferred as they cut down on errors. You can fax or email your want list & we can call you back with a quote.

### CODE letters: to the right of the price

<b>C</b> Custom	<b>RB</b> Rebuilt	<b>R</b> Reproduction	<b>F</b> Foreign Made
<b>RP</b> Replacement	<b>UR</b> Used Reconditioned	<b>GM</b> General Motors	<b>N/A</b> Not Available

### ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS:

<b>Pr</b> Pair	<b>L. or L.S.</b> Left / Left Side	<b>Disc.</b> Discontinued	<b>Fr, Frt, Frnt</b> Front
<b>Restored</b> Show rebuilt	<b>OS</b> Oversize	<b>P/S</b> Power Steering	<b>Rr.</b> Rear
<b>R or RS</b> Right / Right Side	<b>W/Sh.</b> Windshield	<b>Repl.</b> Replacement	
<b>EA, ea.</b> Each	<b>N.O.S.</b> New Old Stock	<b>N/A</b> Not available	
<b>W/S</b> Weatherstrip	<b>Repro</b> Reproduction	<b>NR</b> Not required	

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**Important Facts about 55-57 Chevys**

The beauty of 55-57s is that the basic design was sound and can still work today. Whatever model you choose; 2 door, 4 door, Sedan, Wagon, Sportcoupe or Convertible they are the same wheelbase and sitting in the drivers seat is the same. If you want to drive one often, they really only need a few upgrades to bring them up to a modern driving standard. These are front disc brakes, a 1" front sway bar, electronic ignition, alternator, power steering and radial tires. The only problem here is making the right choice of whose brakes, steering etc you buy. Buying on price alone is not an economical policy with so much duplication of parts today, a lot of which do not work or perform as advertised. So you will be better off and happier with the final outcome if you do your comparisons on much more than the cost. It will be cheaper if you make the right choice the first time...

Most of you know the 'Domino' effect. There are thousands of reproduction & custom parts and kits and sets. Do not believe for an instant that everything is compatible. Each change has in its trail the need to adapt the next item to the last item, like a line of dominos: knock over the first and they all come down. Plan carefully, search for information, assembly instructions or any info that will show what actually needs to be done. Know what you are getting into in advance.

The only way everything will fit perfectly is if you are reassembling all the same parts you took apart as long as you didn't use anything on them except sand paper. This of course assumes there wasn't any problem getting them apart in the first place. Other than that you must carefully fit & adjust, fit & adjust on most things. Patience: You will not do this well if you are in a hurry.

If you are buying a classic, get a look underneath it first before falling in love with the top side. If it runs drive it around the block to see and feel how it works. It would always be best to have a knowledgeable person along to temper your enthusiasm. The Fisher Bodies were very strongly built and have survived because they could withstand an amazing amount of rust without losing their structural integrity.

Remember that Chevys were part of the 'Low Price Three' made to satisfy the masses, assembled by thousands on an assembly line. Everything was not perfect. It is now 70 years later and all of these survivors include the rigors of time and the road. The point again being to know what you are getting into before taking the plunge.

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**SHORTAGES:** If you find something **missing** from your shipment, **you must notify us within 48 hours** of delivery. Shortage claims will **NOT** be accepted after this time. Open & check your order immediately when you receive it & you won't have any problems.

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**PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**

**SALES TAX:** As required by law.

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#### **RETURN POLICY:**

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2. Parts must be in new condition (If you installed it, it is no longer new) with all packaging & hardware in the condition you received it. No returns on damaged or used parts. Packaging or hardware missing, additional deductions will be made. No return allowance for open or broken hardware kits. **. If you mount it, paint it, mark it or use it in any way, it is not returnable.**
3. Within 14 days [date of sale] Refund or Store Credit.
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**DISCOUNTS:** We are happy to quote an order in advance, fax or

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Level #	Amount Purchased		Discount
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#4	\$1400.	& UP	0 TO 15 % max

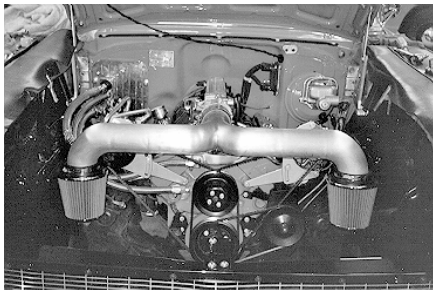
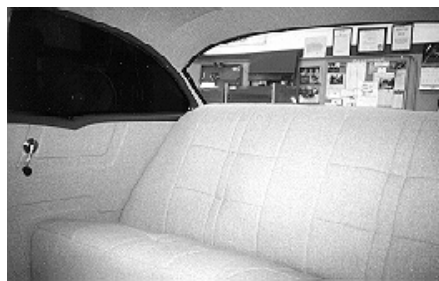


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Don C. Jr has his own shop 555 Custom Metal Works call 267-374-2462

The metal shop is now filled with machinery so we can make more of our own parts in our building



### QUALITY WORK

We set the minimum standard, you can take it up from there if you wish. We have the knowledge, skill & experience to complete the work you need & educate you in the process, so that you know what you have & what you are getting. You can have someone hack it together for you and that's fine so long as you understand what you're getting.

We don't do that kind of work here.

Call for questions or appointment.

## TECH HELP

## Figuring Out What Tire &amp; Wheel Will Fit

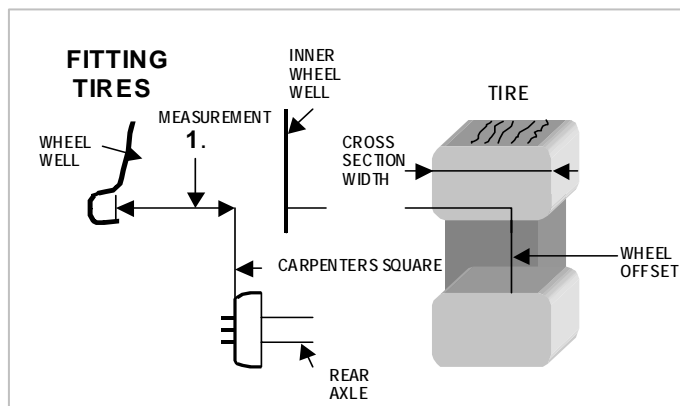
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Please note these references are for the rear wheel wells where many of you are trying to stuff 2" more of tire than could possibly fit. The basic principles do apply to the front also but you have the additional problem of the tire wheel combo hitting different things when you have the wheels cut hard in either direction, so take that into consideration also for the front

To See if the Tire / Wheel combination you wish to use will work (see drawing for reference). Follow the Formula Below.

**You will need to...**

1. Place one side of a carpenter's square on edge & flat against your brake drum or rotor with the other end facing out to the narrowest part of your wheel well opening inner lip. Measure the distance from the drum surface to the wheel well inner lip. This is **Measurement 1**. (On most stock setups this is less than 6" with a stock rear.)
2. Get the **cross section width** measurement for the tire you wish to use. This is not the tread width but the width of the fattest part of the tire about in the middle of the side wall.
3. Get the measurements for the wheel width you wish to use and its mounting surface offset. Offset is the measurement from the outside of the rim to the mounting surface as measured from the back of the wheel.

**To find if the combination will work:**

**A. Deduct the wheel width from the cross section width and divide the remainder by 2.** For example a tire with a 10" cross section minus an 8" wheel = 2" divided by 2 = 1".

**B. Deduct the wheel offset from the wheel width and add the remainder to the final figure from A above.**

For example you want to use an 8" wheel with a 3 1/2" offset, 8 minus 3 1/2 = 4 1/2 plus 1" from A above = 5 1/2".

**C. Deduct this number from Measurement 1 above.** For example if Measurement 1 above is 6" minus 5 1/2" from B = 1/2". This number is your clearance. *Anything less than 3/4" will rub the wheel well in certain situations (such as going around sharp curves as your leaf springs will flex to the inside of the curve).*

Regardless of whether you have a wheel with positive or negative offset the formula is the same. (Positive offset places most of the wheel off center to the outside, deep dish wheels all are positive offset, negative offset places the wheel off center to the inside, most front wheel drive cars use this offset.) Note that 17" wheels have less tire cross-section widths in the same diameter tire because of the larger wheel & shorter sidewall.

**Wheel Width Recommendations**

If you are using a stock spindle disc brake kit use 6" wide front wheels this will remove half of the added width caused by these kits and the 6" wheel is wide enough to accommodate any tire you can put on the front of a 55-7.

**Front Wheel track width change**

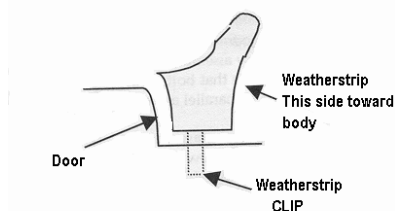
Our disc brake kits adds 3/4" per side  
 Heidt's drop spindles minus 3/16" per side  
 Heidt's drop spindles w/ Wilwood calipers adds  
 Depending on rotor varies

**Front End Alignment Specs**

Caster  $0^\circ \pm 1/2^\circ$   
 Camber  $1/2^\circ \pm 1/2^\circ$   
 Toe-in, inches  $1/8" - 3/16"$

**Steering Box Ratios**

Stock steering box	22:1
Stock box w/ quick ratio	16:1
605 power box	14:1
Rack & Pinion	15:1 [Jim. Meyer] New
Concept 1	14:1 12.7:1 optional
Borgeson power box	12.7:1

**Door Weatherstrip Installation**

To begin with it is simpler to install the weatherstrip before the door is installed on the car or at least before fenders are installed if you have the doors on. This is because the clips in the front of the door are very difficult to get to and you need to press [& pull] these clips in fully. Make sure all holes for clips are open and the correct diameter; clean all surfaces to be mated with a wax & grease remover.

Be sure you have the weatherstrip installed in the correct direction. One side has a short shoulder; this shoulder goes against the short shoulder on the door.

It is recommended to use an adhesive [3M Fast Tack weatherstrip adhesive is good, it is thin but it is yellow so be careful not to get it all over places you can see. Or use 3M Black weatherstrip

adhesive. Follow Instructions on the tube.] Wiggle each clip with 1 hand, being careful not to cut weatherstrip with your fingernail, while feeling for clip inside door with the other hand. In most cases you can access the clip inside the door with a small standard pair of pliers or needle nose to pull the clip through the hole completely if you need to. Repeat this procedure for each section of 3 or 4 clips until complete. Where you cannot access clips from inside it is important to be sure to install clips perfectly straight in their holes so that you will be able to push them in completely from the outside. If you are having difficulty doing this with your fingers use a small smooth wood block.

Weatherstrips that go all the way around door (sedans, etc) have 2 holes close together at bottom of door. This is where you begin and end.

If holes are too large for clips to get a hold in (usually the bottom due to rust), use some wood blocks (1x2's etc, or whatever you can use) to prop up clip against door from your garage floor. Mix some body filler and with an acid brush or similar tool apply a small amount around the clip inside the door. Leave sticks or blocks in place until plastic is dry and hard. After installation complete, leave door