

WHAT TO KNOW WHEN BUYING A STEERING COLUMN CHECKLIST:

When picking out your new steering column it's a good idea to have a complete understanding of what you will be purchasing and what type of questions we may ask you when ordering your column. It's also a good idea to not only know about the steering column you may need, but also the available options, finishes, accessories or other pieces you may need to complete your installation. The following checklist will help you determine what you may need.

STEP 1) TYPICAL QUESTIONS WE MAY ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE:

- What is the make of your vehicle?
- What is the year of your vehicle?
- Are you using Rack & Pinion or Gearbox?
- Big block or Small block engine?
- Has your dash been modified?
- Has your firewall been modified?

The above information helps us get a general picture of the vehicle you are working with and may give us enough information for us to determine if there is a specific length or column for your application.

STEP 2) TYPICAL COLUMNS WE CAN OFFER YOU: (Columns may differ if it is a [Retrofit application](#))

- Tilt Floor Shift
- Non-Tilt Floor Shift
- Tilt-Column Shift
- Non-Tilt Column Shift
- Tilt & Telescopic Floor Shift (*Telescopic affixed Adaptors are generally 5, 6 or 9 bolt*)
- Tilt & Telescopic Column Shift (*Telescopic affixed Adaptors are generally 5, 6 or 9 bolt*)
- Ignition (keyed or Touch-N-Go Start) (*Available on columns with Tilt & excludes any Aluminum column*)
- Shorty (*A typical Shorty Column is a column that is shorter that uses shafting to go through the firewall. It's usually designed for smaller cabin spaces.*)

STEP 3) TYPICAL FINISHES WE CAN OFFER YOU: (Some columns may not be available in Aluminum)

- Paintable Steel
- Chrome
- Black Powder Coated
- Brushed Aluminum
- Polished Aluminum

STEP 4) Measuring:

If you will be using our Universal Series steering column you will need to know the length of the column you require. ididit columns are measured from the top of the sleeve to the bottom of the shaft. ([Click here to learn how to measure a steering column](#))



STEP 5) ADDING OPTIONS TO YOUR COLUMN:

It's now time to start thinking about how you want your steering column to function. ididit offers a long line of options that can be added to your column as well as parts that are used to properly secure your steering column. If you are considering adding options to your column you will save time and money by purchasing those components now rather than after you've already received it.

Add-Ons: (*Add-ons should be installed on the column prior to shipment*)

- Cruise Control:** Carbureted Engine or Fuel Injected Engine?
- Dimmer or Wiper:** Dimmer/Wiper Kits will replace the original knobs and levers that come standard with an ididit column. This is a replacement lever with a push button at the end of the knob. The Dimmer/Wiper kit when pushed is either On or Off. Includes relay kit.

Accessories:

- Steering Wheel:** We cannot recommend any one brand of wheel because there are so many to choose from. If you are not sure if the wheel you have purchased will work with an adaptor or an ididit column, simply give us a call.
- Steering Wheel Adaptor:** Unless you are using an original 1969 or newer GM passenger car steering wheel you will need an adaptor. The adaptor required may depend on the wheel. ididit recommends purchasing the steering wheel prior to purchasing the adaptor. 3, 5, 6 or 9-bolt adaptors are available in chrome, black powder coated, brushed or polished aluminum finishes. The adaptors are available with or without horn buttons.
- Under dash Mount (A.K.A. Column Drop):** A solid under dash mount is very necessary when installing your steering column. ididit offers several variations of under dash mounts for Floor Shift & Column Shift columns. When measuring for your column drop, measure from the center of the column to the dash ([see diagram](#)).
- Floor Mount:** Like the under dash mount, this piece is very necessary when installing your steering column safely. ididit offers a Classic Floor Mount, Swivel Ball Floor Mount, Adjustable Floor Mount with or without a trim piece. Available for any ididit steering column.
- Shift Indicator:** Shift indicators available are 3 or 4-speed transmissions. ididit also carries shift indicators for Ford C-4, C-6, AOD & AODE transmissions. The indicators are acrylic and can be ordered with or without an aluminum housing. The housing finishes include: chrome, black powder coated, brushed or polished aluminum.
- Accessory Knobs for Levers or Dash:** Deco or Retro style knobs are available to replace the standard style knobs that come with our columns. We also offer single dash knobs that can be used to match your column knobs. Standard and Retro knobs are available in chrome, black powder coated, brushed or polished aluminum. Deco knobs are only available in polished aluminum.
- Cable Shift Linkage Kit:** Kits are available for Ford C-4, C-6 & AOD transmissions, Chrysler 727 & 904 transmissions, and GM TH-350, TH-400, 700-R4, TH-200, 200-4R, 4L60 and 4L60E transmissions (*will not work with early powerglide or 4L80*).



STEP 6) CONNECTING YOUR COLUMN:

The next step is to make sure you have the appropriate connections from steering column to your box or rack. Some of these pieces may be used together and some may not be applicable for your installation.

- U-Joint:** U-joints are used if there is any type of bend from your column to your box or rack. there are single u-joints and double u-joints, depending on your application. Single u-joint maximum angle is 35 degrees and the double u-joint has a maximum angle of 70 degrees.
- Coupler:** Couplers are used to connect your shafting together if there are no bends. Welds to your shafting are not necessary and not safe!
- Rag Joint:** Rag Joints are used to eliminate noise and vibrations from going through the shaft to your steering wheel. Rag Joints should only be used in a straight line; the shafting shouldn't have any bends going to or from the rag joint.
- Wire Adaptors:** Wire adaptors may be used when adding 4-way flashers to a vehicle that may have not been equipped with that option. Wire plugs are also available that will adapt your vehicles harness to the ididit column.

STEP 7) SIT BACK AND ENJOY YOUR NEW IDIDIT STEERING COLUMN:

This is part that is the most enjoyable. Please let us know if you have questions or need further help in determining what you need. We are here to help, every step of the way!

