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Keep Your Truck Locked Up Tight

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I'm always on the lookout for cool new security devices, partly because I like whiz-bang, techno-gadgets and partly because I'm paranoid. Let's face it, short of a door lock that could be picked in a matter of minutes, most old trucks offer little in the way of theft deterrence. And these days, that's about all one can wish for when it comes to security devices—deterrence. The harder it is for a thief to make a quick getaway, the more likely your truck is to remain in your possession. Once they're gone, you'll probably never see that old pickup again.

I've seen a number of great security devices over the years, but one of the latest and greatest comes from a company whose specialty is one you wouldn't normally associate with alarms and the like—Classic Instruments. Familiar with their killer line of gauges, their latest product is actually a byproduct from another item they released a few years back. Utilizing space-age technology, literally, their GPS-enabled Sky Drive speedometer system communicates via satellite to a small, underdash device that relays the speed in which it travels up to 10 times a second. It was only after the fact that the guys at Classic Instruments realized the potential defense mechanism already built into it.

The Sky Fence is a programming upgrade that can be applied to Classic Instruments' Sky Drive system. When armed via a simple toggle switch, the Sky Fence can

trigger any relay-controlled device when it detects movement past a chosen distance (65-, 130- or 200-feet). Hide the switch in the glovebox, for example, and trigger it to activate the horn. If your truck is moved past the programmed radius once armed, the horn will activate, alerting any would-be thief that it may be a bad idea to proceed any further. It can be triggered to activate a flasher connected to the lights as well or even to a battery kill switch, cutting off power completely, halting any progress of the vehicle. Installation is a snap, with only a few more wires necessary than it takes for the standard Sky Drive system.

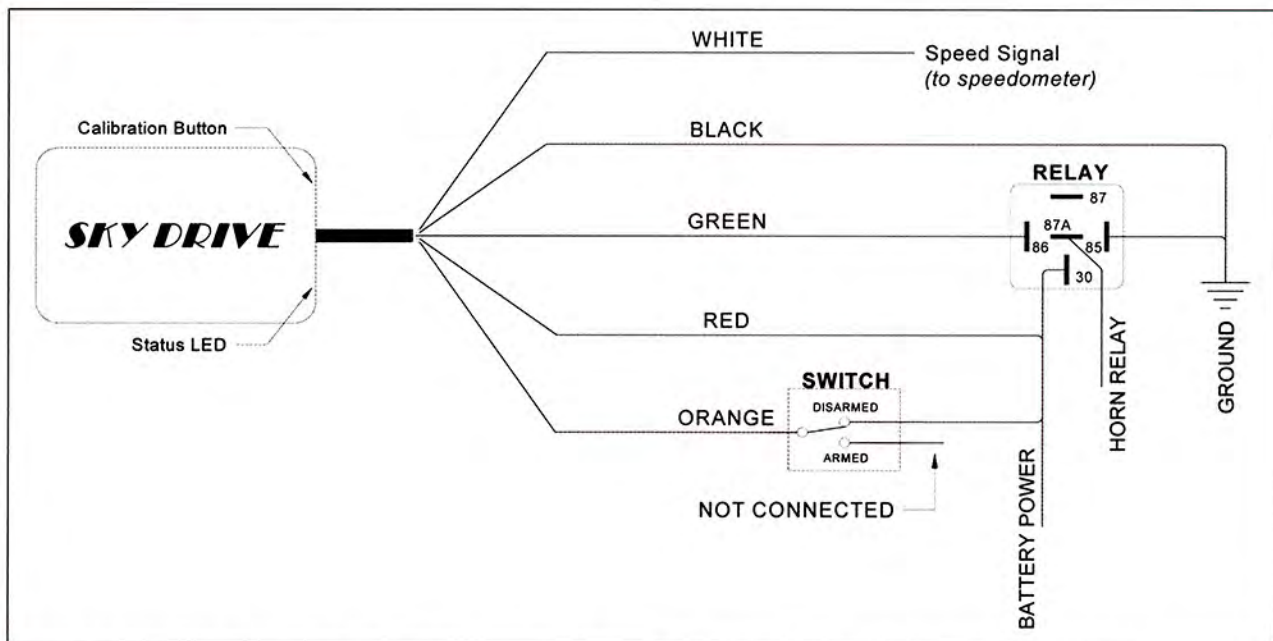
If security is as high a priority for you as it is for me, consider an update to the Sky Fence system. It's a great addition if you're planning on a gauge update and the GPS speedo system makes sorting out a speedo cable, gear, et cetera a thing



of the past. It also makes for a great standalone security upgrade to any vehicle. Over a million go missing each year, so don't end up a victim. **CCT**



1. This gauge cluster for '67-72 C10s has a speedometer designed to work with Classic Instruments' Sky Drive GPS system. Adding the Sky Fence security feature is a simple matter of adding the programming to the Sky Drive receiver.



12. Here is one example of how the Sky Drive is wired to trigger a relay connected to a horn once the Sky Fence is activated.



13. The Sky Drive sensor communicates via satellite, sending a speed signal to the speedometer using GPS technology. It can be mounted anywhere inside the vehicle that yields adequate satellite reception. The Sky Fence security program can be added to any current Sky Drive system and is also available separately.

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