



# **Custom Wiring**





### **A Complete Line of Towing Electrical**



• Custom wiring



• OE replacements



RV harnesses



• Taillight converters



 Custom brake controller harnesses



Brake controllers



Extension harnesses



Adapters

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### **Two Trailer Wiring Options**

 If a vehicle is not equipped with factory-installed trailer wiring, CURT offers two options: custom wiring or a taillight converter.



#### **Custom Wiring**

- Vehicle-specific
- Plug-and-play
- Standard output (typically 4-way flat)



#### **Taillight Converter**

- Non-vehicle-specific
- Splicing required
- Standard output (typically 4-way flat)



## **Custom Wiring**

- Custom wiring (or a 'T-connector') plugs into the vehicle's electrical system, using the taillights or an OEM socket, and provides a trailer wiring connector.
- There are two types of custom wiring: harnesses and connectors.



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## **Custom Wiring**

#### **Custom Wiring Harness**

 Also called a 'T-connector', custom wiring harness uses vehicle-specific plugs to 'T' into the vehicle's taillight assembly, eliminating the need for cutting, splicing and soldering when installing vehicle-to-trailer wiring.

#### **Custom Wiring Connector**

Some vehicles are equipped with an original equipment socket that is specifically intended for hooking up trailer wiring. A custom wiring connector (or factory-type connector) plugs into this OE socket.











## **Advantages of CURT Custom Wiring**

- Vehicle-specific application for a custom fit
- Plug-and-play design to eliminate the need for cutting and splicing
- Comes with all necessary components, including a converter if required
- Most install in 30 minutes or less
- Typical output is a 4-way or 5-way flat
- Hand-tested and circuit-protected







Custom wiring w/ converter

Custom wiring w/o converter



### **Advantages of CURT Potted Enclosures**

For increased quality and reliability, select CURT taillight converters and custom wiring harnesses feature a potted enclosure. The converter is filled with an epoxy resin that completely seals off the circuit board and gives the converter several advantages.

- Greatly increased protection against impacts and vibrations for longer life
- Impervious to weather and completely sealed off from moisture
- Allows converter to be mounted on the exterior of the vehicle



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## **Advantages of Surface Mount Technology**

Surface mount technology is the most advanced technology for circuit designs, offering a number of benefits over the older through-hole-mount circuit boards. We apply SMT to most of our taillight converters and custom wiring.

- Creates little resistance, reducing heat, limiting voltage drop and extending life
- SMT circuitry efficiency ensures maximum trailer light intensity and life
- Improved mechanical performance under shake and vibration conditions



SMT circuit



Through-hole-mount circuit

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### **Taillight Converter**

If custom wiring is not available for a particular vehicle application, a taillight converter may be required. A converter is designed to splice into a vehicle's wiring and convert the signals to be compatible with the trailer wiring, providing a standard 4-way flat socket.

- A secondary usage of a taillight converter is to draw the trailer lamp power directly from the towing vehicle's battery instead of the taillight circuit.
- This is required for tow vehicles with LED taillights or if a customer uses a trailer with many incandescent lamps.





### **Powered Converters vs. Non-Powered**

- A powered converter is required if the tow vehicle has LED taillights or many incandescent bulbs.
- A vehicle with LED taillights is generally designed with lower current capacities, and adding trailer lights may draw too much power from the vehicle's system. This can result in a blown fuse, dimly lit bulbs or a complete loss of vehicle and trailer light functionality.
- A powered converter draws current directly from the tow vehicle battery to avoid these problems.





### **Fuse-Protected**

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- Many CURT taillight converters and custom wiring harnesses with taillight converters come with an integrated fuse holder, and any additional wiring components needed for the installation.
- The included fuse (or one with the same rating) must be used or there is the possibility for damage to occur to the wiring, loss of warranty, overheating or potential fire.



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### **Types of Wiring Systems**

- Vehicles today use different wiring systems to carry out electrical functions, specifically for taillights, stop or brake lights and turn signals. As vehicles have advanced, these wiring systems have changed. To provide a proper wiring connection for towing a trailer, often times a taillight converter is needed.
- Below are the common wiring systems used in vehicles today, as well as the types of converters used.





Pulse width modulation

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### **Types of Wiring Systems**

#### **Two-Wire System**

- The two-wire system is the simplest form of vehicle and trailer wiring and is still used by some vehicles today. This system sends the stop and turn signals along one wire, and the taillight signal along a second wire.
- A converter is only needed with a two-wire system if the trailer has LED taillights or if power is being drawn directly from the vehicle's battery.



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### **Types of Wiring Systems**

#### **Three-Wire System**

 The three-wire system is the most common in the automotive industry. It sends the stop, taillight and turn signals along three separate wires. Vehicles with a this system usually require a converter.



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### **Types of Wiring Systems**

#### **Pulse Width Modulation Systems**

More and more vehicles today use a PWM (pulse width modulation) system. Sometimes called a 'multiplex', this type of wiring is able to control multiple lighting functions through a single wire by varying the signal intensity. PWM systems can use incandescent or LED lights. There are generally two types: ST systems and STT systems.





### **Types of Wiring Systems**

#### Two Types of Pulse Width Modulation Systems

#### ST System

The ST system (stop / tail) uses a single wire to control the stop and taillight signals. Separate wires are used to control the left and right turn signals.



#### • STT System

The STT system (stop / turn / tail) uses a single wire to control all three lighting functions: the stop or brake lights, turn signals and taillights.



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### **Towed-Vehicle RV Harnesses**

- Connects a towed vehicle to an RV using a standard 4-way flat trailer plug
- Simple plug-and-play design eliminates the need for cutting or splicing
- Integrated block diodes isolate sensitive vehicle electronics from RV signals
- Uses towed vehicle's existing taillights, brake lights and turn signals
- Includes harness, 4-flat extension, mounting bracket and hardware



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### MultiPro<sup>™</sup> / Multi-Flex<sup>™</sup> Tailgate Sensors

- Prevents deployment of inner tailgate panel when ball mount is installed
- Helps avoid costly Chevrolet / GMC tailgate damage
- Easy installation requires no wire cutting or splicing
- No extra electronic components or batteries required
- Sleek, durable design suited for all work conditions
- Does not interfere with trailer or towing accessories
- Available for 2" and 2-1/2" receivers
- Includes sensor cap and wiring harnesses





With tailgate sensor



Without tailgate sensor

## CUSTOM WIRING

### **Limited Lifetime Warranty**

- CURT provides limited lifetime warranty coverage against defects in factory workmanship and materials for CURT products sold by authorized CURT dealers for use by retail (end use) consumers.
- https://storage.googleapis.com/curt-groupwarranties/CURT\_Warranty\_2018.02.09.pdf

Product	Workmanship & Materials	Components & Parts	Finishings & Coatings
Hitches	Lifetime	One-year	One-year
Brake controls	Lifetime	One-year	One-year
Electrical and wiring	One-year	One-year	One-year
Other accessories	Lifetime	One-year	One-year

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Product	Workmanship & Materials	Components & Parts	Finishing & Coating
Hitches	Lifetime	One-year	One-year
Brake controls	Lifetime	One-year	One-year
Electrical and wiring	One-year	One-year	One-year
Other accessories	Lifetime	One-year	One-year

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  Improper product selection.
- application, installation or maintenance

 Modifications, including the attachment of other hardware or components

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trailering or hauing, accident

Corrosion or damage due to environmental conditions

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If a delet covered by this warranty occurs CURT will require or replace the Product, or refund the purchase proce, in its set discretion. This "replacement or refund" remarks is the sole and exclusive remedy under this Limiter Warramy. CURT has no responsibility or liability for any incidental or consequential damages, such as loss of use of vehicles or trailers, towing dranges, storage charges, the carrage, learer and service charges for removing or mentaling products, loss of or damage to personal property, or interest or frazine charges, and divenich are socilicatly excluded and disclationed hom the Limited Warrarty. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation or inclocate or consequential damages, on the slove

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