



# INSTALLATION MANUAL

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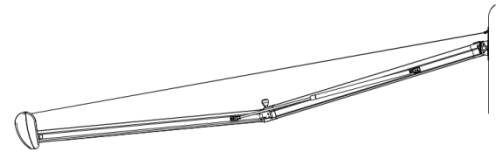
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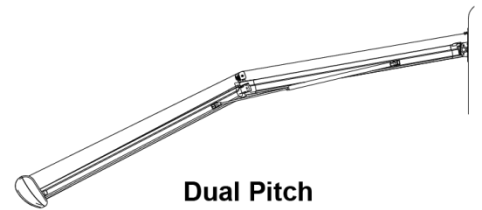
#### 12V MOTORIZED LATERAL ARM AWNING



Read this manual before installing or using this product. Failure to follow the instructions and safety precautions in this manual can result in personal injury and/or cause the product to not operate properly.



Single Pitch



Dual Pitch

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Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious bodily injury.



Indicates a hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate bodily injury.



Indicates a situation that may result in equipment-related damage.

### General Safety:



This product can expose you to chemicals including Di-isodecyl phthalate (DIDP), Vinyl Chloride and Formaldehyde, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information visit [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)



Shock Hazard. Always disconnect battery or power source before working on or around the electrical system.



Always wear appropriate safety equipment (i.e. goggles).



Always use appropriate lifting devices and/or helpers when lifting or holding heavy objects.



When using fasteners, do not over tighten. Soft materials such as fiberglass and aluminum can be "stripped out" and lose the ability to grip and hold.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

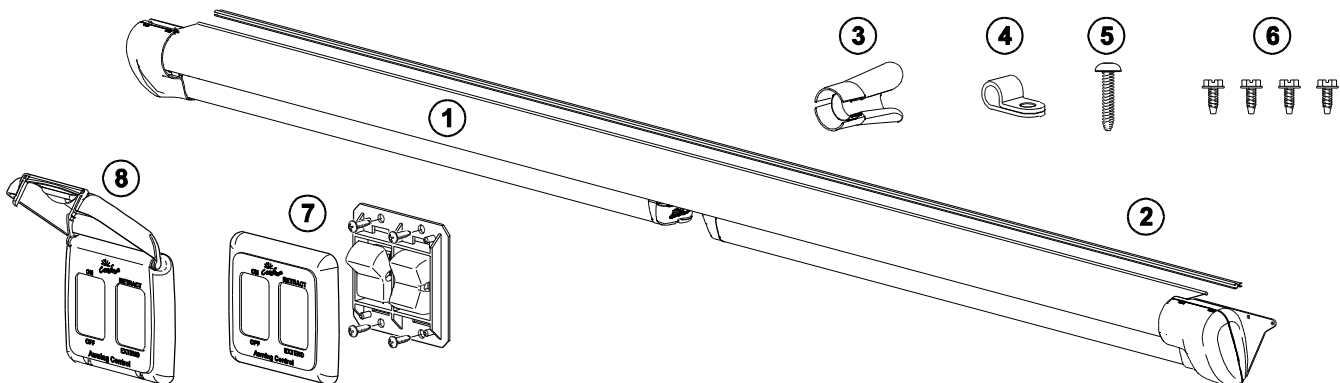
The Latitude Awning is a state of the art lateral arm awning. Each unit is equipped with lateral support arms. No vertical arms interfere with coach sidewalls, custom graphics or equipment mounted on the sidewalls.

- Fully retractable and self-storing;
- Available in two configurations: single stage or dual stage;
- The awning motor operates on standard 12VDC (range 10VDC to 14VDC);
- Single touch operation for extend and retract;
- LED lights standard, mounted in roller tube.

### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Length</b>	Single Stage	10' 4" – 20' [3.15m – 6.1m]					
	Dual Stage	10' 4" – 18' [3.15m – 5.49m]					
<b>Support:</b>	Lateral Spring Arms						
<b>Motor:</b>	Power: 10VDC–14VDC		Circuit Rating: 15 amp				
(motor is mounted in RH roller tube head)							
<b>Power Source:</b>	Motor and controls are routed and hardwired into the vehicle's 12V system						
<b>Controls:</b>	Carefree Direct Response (to be phased out in 2019) BT12 Wireless Awning Control System						
<b>Color:</b>	Hardware:	White or Black					
	Fabric:	Heavy Duty Vinyl with Weatherguard or FLXguard (refer to sales literature for colors)					
<b>Weight:</b>		10' 4"	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
	Single Stage	45.5 lbs.	48.3 lbs.	51.7 lbs.	55.0 lbs.	58.3 lbs.	61.6 lbs.
	Dual Stage	52.1 lbs.	55.9 lbs.	60.4 lbs.	65.0 lbs.	69.6 lbs.	n/a

### COMPONENT CHECKLIST



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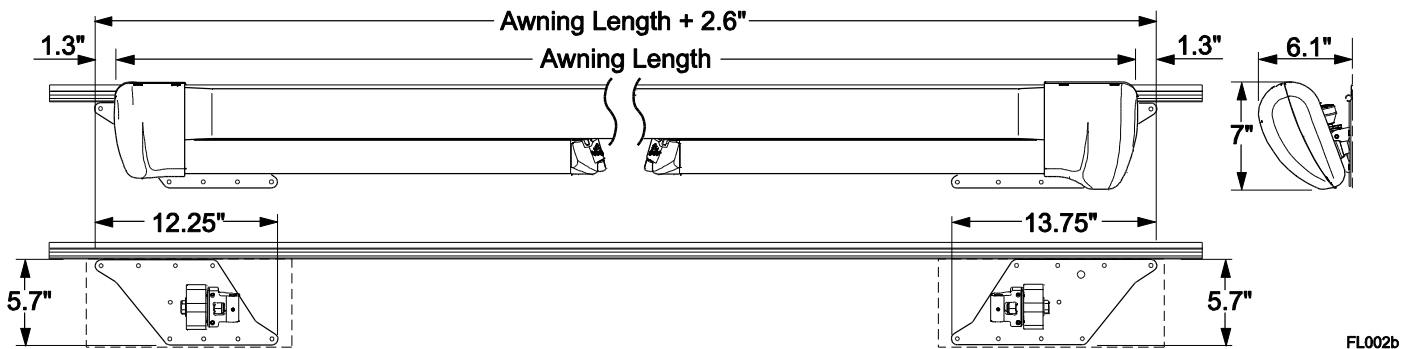
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<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Screw, PPH	1	#8 x 1"
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<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Switch Kit, Direct Response	1	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Covered Bezel, 2 Switch	1	3

- Notes:
1. Awning configuration is specified at time of order, including awning length, fabric, color and electronics. Check awning assembly against original purchase order.
  2. Mounting screws are ordered separately. Available in single awning or master pack quantities. 2 screw styles available: 1/4-20 x 1 self-drilling screws or 1/4 x 2" lag screws. Screws available in White or Black.
  3. The covered bezel (item 8) is optional and ordered separately. Refer to page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for information about NFPA 1192 RV Standard, Section 6.4.9 (Switch Installation Requirements)
  4. Item 7 is furnished with the BT12 Wireless Awning Control System kit when ordered.

## INSTALLATION

### PRE-INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Ensure that the awning will not interfere with light fixtures, exhaust vents, openings, etc. The mounting area should be clear a minimum of 6" below the awning rail and the full mounting length of the awning.
2. Actual mounting length is 2.6" longer than the stated awning length.
3. The brackets must be secured to a backing plate as large as the brackets. The backing plate must be fully attached to the structure of the vehicle.
  - Aluminum backing plates must be a minimum .125" thick.
  - Steel backing plates must be a minimum 13 gauge (.09" thick).
  - Wood backing plates must be thick enough to allow a minimum of 1.5" of thread engagement.
4. *For single stage awnings:* The bottom of the awning rail should be a minimum of 11.5" above a door opening or slide out (whichever is higher).
5. *For dual stage awnings:* The bottom of the awning rail should be a minimum of 7.5" above a door opening or slide out (whichever is higher).



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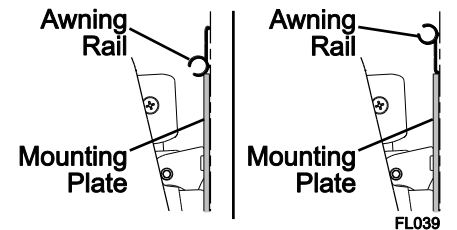
### MOUNTING THE AWNING

**⚠ CAUTION** Do not remove any of the shipping wrap around the roller tube, the ties around the arms or the temporary assembly pin in the idler head until instructed to do so in the installation steps.

It is recommended that 2 people lift and hold the awning while a third person installs the screws.

**NOTE:** While attaching the screws, apply a quality silicone sealant around the screws and holes.

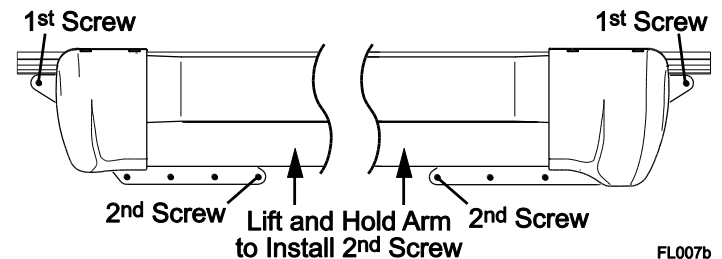
1. Lift the awning up to the desired location and place the top of the brackets against the bottom of the awning rail.
2. Attach the brackets through the exposed holes. Additional screws will be added later.



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**NOTICE** For proper awning operation, the mounting plates must be parallel to the awning rail.

- 2.1. Place the first screw in the outside upper screw hole.
- 2.2. Lift the arm up to force the plate parallel with the awning rail, place the second screw in the lower inside hole.
- 2.3. Place screws in the remaining exposed holes.
- 2.4. Repeat for the other side



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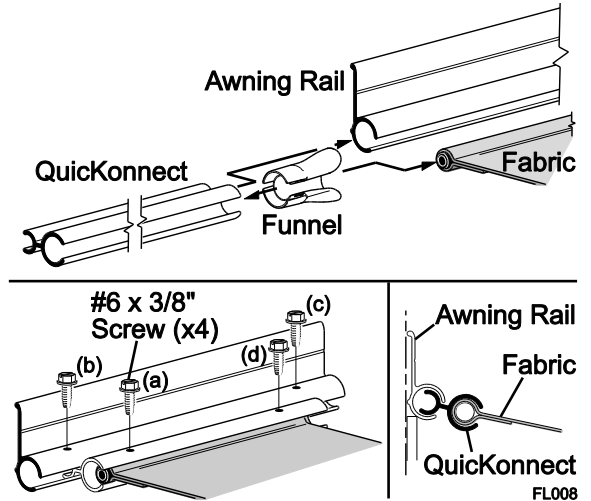
*Notes about screws:*

- For installations using metal backing plates: Attach using 1/4 x 1" self-drilling screws. The screws must be long enough for the threads to reach through the backing plate.
- For installations using wood backing plates: Attach using 1/4 x 2" lag screws. The screws must be long enough to provide a minimum of 1.5" of thread engagement in the wood.

## Attaching the Canopy

After the awning arms have been attached, it will be necessary to attach the canopy to the awning rail.

1. Unwrap the plastic wrap from the roller tube and fabric. DO NOT remove the tie straps holding the arms.
2. Unwrap the fabric over the roller tube and toward the awning rail.
3. Slip the fabric funnel onto the QuickConnect.
4. While holding the fabric, simultaneously slide the QuickConnect into the awning rail and over the canopy.
5. Center the fabric and QuickConnect with the roller tube.
6. Remove the funnel from the QuickConnect.
7. Secure the fabric and QuickConnect:
  - 7.1. Place one (1) #6 x 3/8" screw (a) through the QuickConnect, fabric and polyrod approximately 1" in from the fabric edge.
  - 7.2. Place one (1) #6 x 3/8" screw (b) through the awning rail outside the end of the QuickConnect (not through the QuickConnect).
  - 7.3. On the other end of the QuickConnect place one (1) #6 x 3/8" screw (c) through the awning rail outside the end of the QuickConnect (not through the QuickConnect).
  - 7.4. Pull the fabric tight in the QuickConnect then place one (1) #6 x 3/8" screw (d) through the QuickConnect, fabric and polyrod approximately 1" in from the fabric edge.
8. While holding the roller tube, remove the ties holding the arms.
9. Allow the roller tube to extend until the fabric is taut.



**NOTICE** The awning installation is not complete. Except as directed, the awning should not be operated until completing all installation instructions including Adjusting the Arm Position.

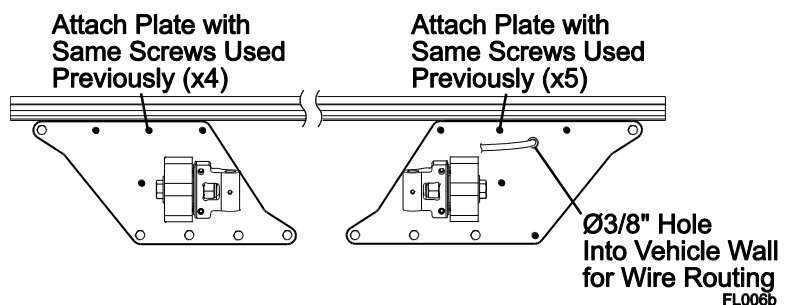
## Secure the Awning

Before operating the awning, it is necessary to finish securing the awning to the vehicle wall.

1. Open the awning approximately 18" to access the mounting plate. To open, follow the directions in "Jumping the Motor" on page 3. Do not close the awning except as noted in the instructions.

**NOTICE** Disconnect the battery after opening the awning to prevent unexpected awning motion.

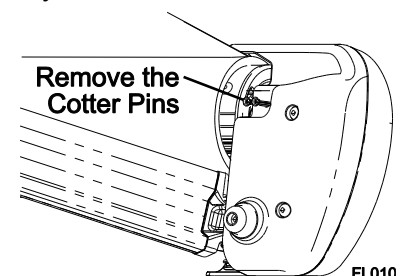
2. Finish attaching the mounting plates using the same self-drilling 1/4 x 1" screws or the 1/4 x 2" lag screws used to initially mount the awning.
3. In the area shown, drill a 3/8" hole into the vehicle. Deburr and clean the hole. This is for the wire routing.
4. Route the motor cable from the arms and the LED harness from the canopy through the hole drilled previously. After routing, seal the hole and wires with a quality silicone sealant.



## Remove the Temporary Assembly Pins

Two pins are inserted into the back of the left (idler) head for lateral stability during installation. Using a pair of pliers, remove and discard the pins.

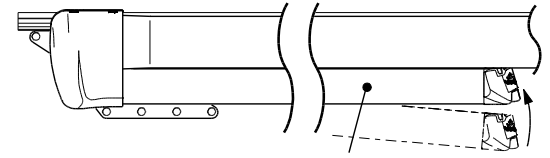
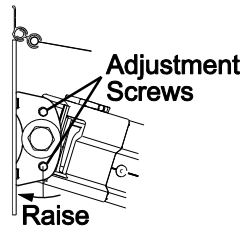
**NOTICE** Before operating the awning except as noted, the temporary pins must be removed. Failure to remove the pins may cause the awning to not operate correctly.



## Adjusting the Arm Position

For the awning to operate and close correctly, the arms must be parallel to the roller tube. If the arm sags, the arm position can be adjusted to bring the arm parallel.

1. Partially close the awning leaving the roller tube 6" to 7" from the wall to access the adjustment screws located on the side of the arm knuckle at the wall.
2. Loosen the upper screw (counterclockwise).
3. Tighten (clockwise) the lower screw to raise the arm elbow.



Adjust Arm to be Parallel to Roller Tube  
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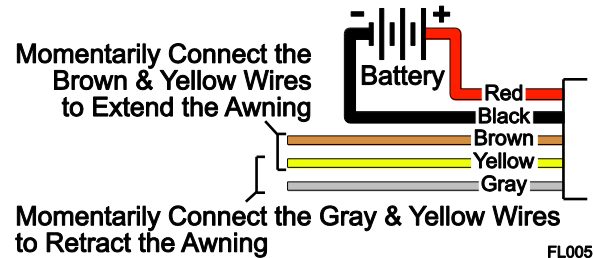
- NOTE:** Make adjustments in quarter turn increments.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the arm is parallel with the roller tube.

## JUMPING THE MOTOR (WHEN DIRECT RESPONSE IS INSTALLED)

To open the awning before the switch and wiring are complete, it is possible to jump the motor to open the awning.

1. Separate the wires at the end of the harness cable.
2. Attach the RED wire to the positive terminal of a 12-14V battery.
3. Attach the BLACK wire to the negative terminal of the battery.

**NOTE:** The awning circuitry includes "Reverse Polarity Protection" if the battery connections are accidentally reversed the awning electronics will not be damaged. If the wires are reversed, remove and reconnect in the correct order.



4. To extend the awning: Momentarily connect the BROWN and YELLOW wires together. It is not necessary to hold the wires together while the awning is moving.
5. To stop the awning while extending: Momentarily connect the BROWN and YELLOW wires together again.
6. To retract the awning: Momentarily connect the GRAY and YELLOW wires together. It is not necessary to hold the wires together while the awning is moving.
7. To stop the awning while retracting: Momentarily connect the GRAY and YELLOW wires together again.
8. Disconnect the battery after performing the desired operation.

## JUMPING THE MOTOR (WITHOUT DIRECT RESPONSE)

This method is used if the BT12 Wireless Awning Control System is to be used.

To open the awning before the switch and wiring are complete, it is possible to jump the motor to open the awning.

1. Temporarily connect the ends of the motor wires to a 12V-14V source (i.e. drill battery). If the awning does not begin to move, reverse the leads.
2. Remove the battery after the awning is open.

## ADJUSTING THE PITCH

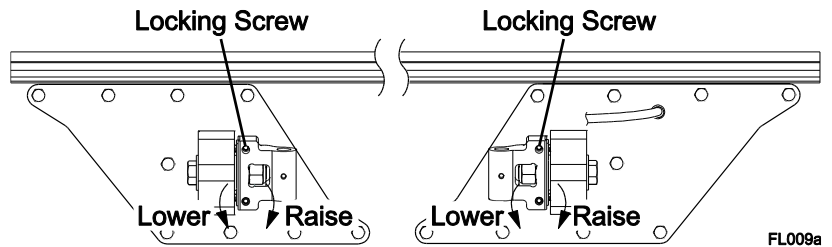
The awning pitch can be adjusted. It is strongly recommended that adjustments be made in small increments to achieve the desired setting.

This procedure works best with 2 people. One person to lift the roller tube to relieve the weight and one person to make the adjustments. **DO NOT USE POWER TOOLS, ALWAYS USE HAND TOOLS TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.**

1. Open the awning.
2. At the top of the knuckle loosen the locking screw approximately 1/4".

**NOTICE** The locking screw **MUST** be loosened before adjusting the pitch.

3. To raise the pitch: Turn the lower adjustment screw clockwise.
4. To lower the pitch: Turn the lower adjustment screw counterclockwise.
5. Hand tighten the locking screws until snug when the desired pitch is achieved.



**NOTICE** Do NOT overtighten the locking screw. Overtightening the screw can cause unnecessary strain and wear on the knuckle.

**Important Note:** After the initial installation and the awning is opened, the awning may settle. This is normal. Check that the locking screws on the knuckle are snug.

## CONTROLLER INSTALLATION



If installing the DRC12 Wireless Awning Control System, use the wiring and setup instructions in "070040-006 DRC Awning Control System".

Manual is available on-line at [www.carefreeofcolorado.com](http://www.carefreeofcolorado.com)



If installing the BT12 Wireless Awning Control System use the wiring and setup instructions in "070029-001 BT12 Wireless Awning Control System".

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If installing the LCDR Wireless Awning Control System use the wiring and setup instructions in "070058-001 LCDR Awning Control System".

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**WARNING** Shock Hazard. Always disconnect battery or power source before working on or around the electrical system.

## LED LIGHTING

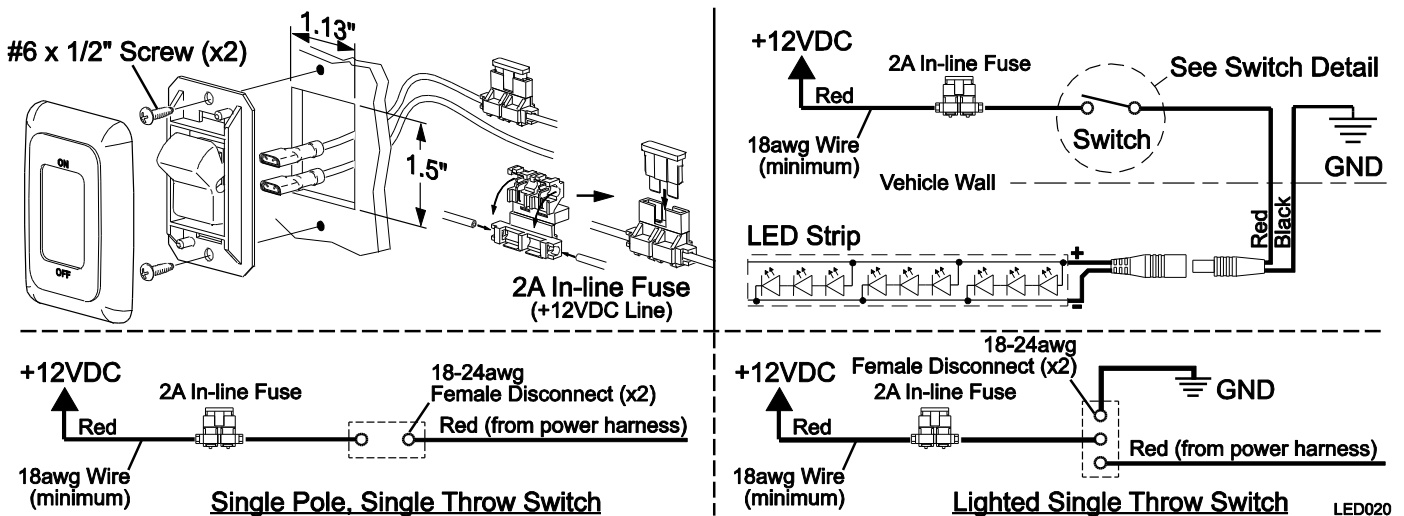
An LED light strip is standard on the Latitude. The LED strip is mounted in the roller tube with the harness routed through the canopy.

Route the twisted wire cable for the LED lighting into the vehicle with the motor cable. Seal the hole and wires with a quality sealant.

## SWITCH INSTALLATION

### NOTES:

- Installers may choose to furnish the control switch. The installation requires that the power line (+12VDC) be attached to a dedicated 2A circuit breaker or a 2A in-line fuse must be installed between the switch and power source. For easy access, locate the fuse close to the switch.
- Per RVIA Low Voltage Systems in Conversion and Recreation Vehicles Chapter 3, Section 3-1: For Carefree LED strip lighting near the awning rail: when the 24AWG power harness is spliced or connected 10" or less from the harness connector using a heavier gauge wire, the fuse size is determined by the heavier wire gauge.



- Determine the location of the switch.
- At the switch location, cut a 1 1/8" x 1 1/2" hole.
- Wire the switch as shown below. Wire terminals at the switch are .187, 18-24 awg female disconnects.  
**NOTE:** Allow adequate slack in the 12VDC power line so that the in-line fuse (installed in step 4) can be accessed from behind the switch.
- Install the in-line fuse:
  - Near the switch, cut the red 12VDC power line to the switch. Do not strip the insulation.
  - Insert a wire end into one of the wire channels until it butts up against the stop.
  - Fold that half of the connector body over until the element contacts the wire. Use pliers to crimp the connector closed.
  - Repeat for the second wire end.
  - Slide the fuse into the fuse port. Ensure that it is firmly seated.
- Press the in-line fuse, wires and switch into the mounting hole. Secure the switch using two (2) #6 x 1/2" screws.
- Snap the switch bezel over the switch frame.



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