

# Illuminated School Bus Sign (ISBS) Collins Bus Model

Closed Cavity (Replace Decal) Installation Instructions



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## QUICK STEPS

1. Please read the instructions thoroughly.
2. Identify all parts and hardware.
3. Review the required tools.

1. Use mounting hole template to mark holes
2. Drill holes and install threaded inserts
3. Prepare electrical connections
4. Mount sign unit and fasten mounting hardware
5. Turn on sign unit(s) and test operation

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Installation Instruction video

## WARNING!

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## RECOMMENDED TOOLS

1. Ladder
2. Masking Tape
3. Marker
4. Center Punch
5. 1/8" Allen Key  
(Mounting Screws)
6. Fish Tape
7. Multimeter

8. Drill Bits and Drill
  - Stepper Bit recommended up to final size
  - Sign Power Cable (3/4" Pilot Hole)
  - Rivet Nuts (25/64" Pilot Hole)
  - Plus Nut (11/32" Pilot Hole)
  - Low Profile Rivet Nuts (A/C) (7/16" Pilot Hole)

9. Threaded Insert Tool (Manual)
  - 7/8" Wrench
  - 11/16" Wrench or Socket
  - 5-32 Allen Key

\* Rivet Nut Installation Tool is available for purchase Part Number: 100521

## CLOSED CAVITY - REPLACE DECAL (Collins Bus Model)

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FITS MODEL YEAR	SIGN-FRONT	SIGN-REAR	MOUNTING TEMPLATE	FRAME HARDWARE KIT	FRAME HARDWARE KIT AC	RIVNUTS	RIVNUTS LP AC	PLUS NUTS	SIGN POWER HARNESS	FRONT LEG HARNESS	BACK LEG HARNESS	MAIN LEG HARNESS	ADDITIONAL HARDWARE
REFERENCE			A1	A2	B1 / B2	C1 / C2	D1 / D2	E1 / E2	F1 / F2	G1 / G2	H1 / H2	I1 / I2	J1 / J2	K1 / K2	L1 / L2
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## SETS INCLUDE 2 BOXES

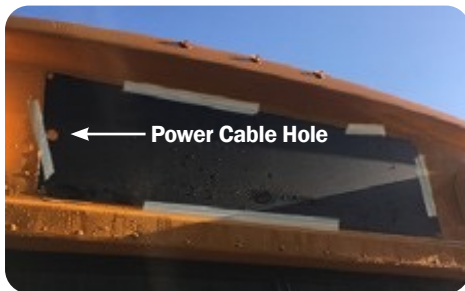
### Box 1

- Sign Unit Front (A1)
- Template (B1)
- Frame Hardware Kit (C1-D1)
- Threaded Inserts (E1-F1-G1)
- Sign Power Harness (H1)
- Main Leg Harness (K1)
- Front Leg Harness (I1)
- Additional Hardware (L1), if required

### Box 2

- Sign Unit Rear (A2)
- Template (B2), if required
- Frame Hardware Kit (C2-D2)
- Threaded Inserts (E2-F2-G2)
- Sign Power Harness (H2)
- Back Leg Harness (J2)

## STEP 1 - USE MOUNTING HOLE TEMPLATE TO MARK HOLES



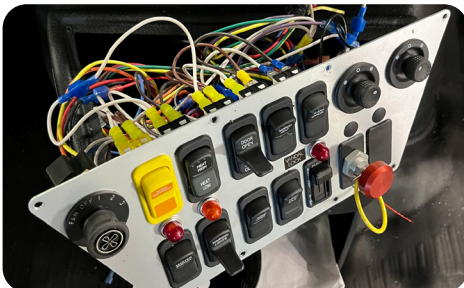
- Position the mounting hole template (B) at the desired location and secure in place with masking tape.
- Ensure the template is oriented with the middle power cable hole on the left side.
- Mark the hole locations with a marker and remove the template.
- Indent hole locations with center punch for ease of drilling step.

## STEP 2 - DRILL HOLES AND INSTALL THREADED INSERTS



- Drill pilot holes for the mounting locations and power cable. It is recommended to increase the hole sizes incrementally for best results. If an A/C (air conditioning) unit is present, disconnect support screws and shift A/C unit forward before drilling to avoid any damage.
- Use proper pilot hole drill bit for the perimeter corner mounting holes. Refer to tools list for drill bit size depending on type of threaded insert being used.
- Use 3/4" drill bit for the power cable hole.
- Install threaded inserts (E/F/G) using manual tool or equivalent electronic or pneumatic options.
- Ensure installation is secure and flange is seated to the surface of the bulkhead. Refer to rivet nut installation guide available at [www.firstlightsafety.com/document-library/](http://www.firstlightsafety.com/document-library/) for more detail.

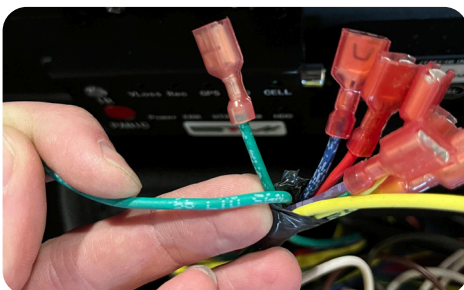
## STEP 3 - PREPARE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



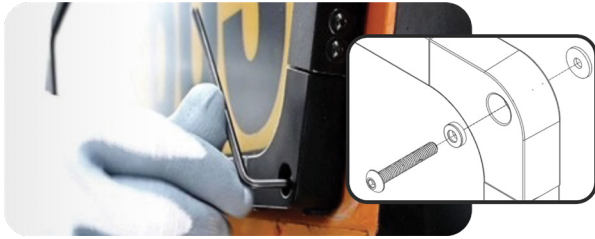
- Locate the switch panel and remove screws to identify and connect the prewired destination sign circuit wires inside the compartment.
- Use the Wago quick connector (L) to connect wires, **LTD SGN SW16** and **LTD SGN 56**.

- If desired, a rocker switch can be installed as an on/off control for the ISBS. Install the rocker switch (not included) in lieu of the Wago.

- Secure the switch panel back to the doghouse.
- Insert a 10A fuse (L) into the **F7** slot of the fuse panel located at the front bulkhead above the driver.
- Record, "Destination Sign" on the wiring schematic in the **F7** location for future reference.
- Open the fuse panel door to access the front bulkhead and locate **LTD SGN 56** with a 2 position Molex connector. Set aside for later connection
  - Use a flashlight and step ladder to assist with locating the wire.
- to front sign unit (A1).
- Remove access panel at the rear bulkhead and locate **LTD SGN 56** with a position Molex connector. Set aside for later connection to rear sign unit (A2).



## STEP 4 - MOUNT SIGN UNIT AND FASTEN MOUNTING HARDWARE



- Assemble the mounting hardware (C/D) into the frame as shown on the packaging label (10-32 screw, bonded washer and sealing washer).
- The sign units (A) require mounting overtop of the recessed profile of the original decal. Use supplied bonded washers (L) (where required) to make up the difference between the surface heights.
- Depending on the selected location of the mounting template, you may not require bonded washers for each mounting hole location.
- Ensure the power cable grommet is seated into the 3/4" hole and the cable is pushed into the bulkhead as the sign is positioned for mounting.
- Start to thread each mounting screw before fully tightening to the recommended torque (25-40 in-lbs).

## STEP 5 - TURN ON SIGN UNIT(S) AND TEST OPERATION



- Restore electrical power to the vehicle. Turn on the vehicle and verify the sign illuminates and operates properly.
- ISBS power requirements:
  - 12 Volts and 3.5 Amps (max)
  - White wire (Power) and Black wire (Ground)

### TROUBLESHOOTING

- Ensure the vehicle engine is running.
- Use a multimeter to test circuit wiring.
- Inspect fuse.
- Check the polarity between the sign and the power harness.