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Purpose

NOTE: Information for this document has been obtained from Kwikiee® Products document number 1421330, Revision 0B, dated February 2008 and updated for current practices.

This document explains the removal of an existing door switch and installation of a replacement door switch that will activate the Kwikiee electric step when the door is opened and closed. A brief guide to replacement parts is also included.

WARNING

If the vehicle is driven with the step in the extended position, there is the possibility of causing major damage to both the step and the unit. Always make sure that the step is fully retracted before traveling.

CAUTION

Step safely supports up to 300 lbs. DO NOT overload the step assembly. Stepping on a partially extended step can cause damage to the step frame. Continue pressing door switch until control unit shuts motor off.

CAUTION

Moving parts can pinch, crush or cut. Keep fingers, arms, and legs clear of the step mechanism while performing these tasks. Failure to do so may result in personal injury. Keep clear and use caution.

Resources Required

- Two people
- Ruler or tape measure
- Pencil
- Screwdriver or cordless or electric drill
- Appropriate drill bits
- Utility knife or plastic scraper
- Wire stripper/cutter or similar tool
- Wire crimper or similar crimping tool
- Heat shrink butt connector
- Heat shrink gun
- Ring terminal
- Self-tapping screws
- Silicone rubber sealant

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Door Switch Installation

Lippert Components, Inc. (LCI) recommends that the switch be installed on the latch side of the door. However, hinge-side installation is acceptable. Some experimentation with the switch position may be necessary to achieve proper step operation. The Kwikiee Step assembly should begin to extend when the door is opened between one and four inches.

Removing Existing Switch

NOTE: No hardware is sold with a replacement door switch kit. Make sure to save existing hardware (i.e. screws) for re-use. Use the double-sided adhesive tape that comes attached to the standard new door switch for a temporary hold.

1. Remove the magnet contact from the screen door first.
 - A. Use a screwdriver or a cordless or electric drill with appropriate drill bits to remove the two screws holding the magnet in place.

NOTE: Keep the two screws for use when installing the new magnet (Fig. 1).

- B. If present, remove any remaining adhesive residue from the surface of the screen door. Use a utility knife or plastic scraper to remove the residue as needed.
2. Remove the switch from the door frame.
 - A. Use a screwdriver or a cordless or electric drill with appropriate drill bits to remove the two screws holding the switch in place.

NOTE: Keep the two screws for use when installing the new switch (Fig. 1).

- B. If present, remove any remaining adhesive residue from the surface of the door frame. Use a utility knife or plastic scraper to remove the residue as needed.
3. Disconnect the ground wire and the wire connected to the control box.
 - A. Follow the wires from the switch to the underside of the vehicle.
 - I. The ground wire will be attached to the vehicle with a ring terminal and self-tapping screw.
 - II. The other wire will be connected to the wire harness that connects to the control box that operates the step.
 - B. Pull the existing wires down through the hole in the door frame to the underside of the vehicle.
 - C. To disconnect the ground, remove the screw holding the ring terminal and ground wire to the vehicle.
 - D. Using wire cutters or similar tool, cut the brown wire to the switch at the 4-way connector just behind the butt connector.
 - E. Strip back the wire connected to the 4-way connector approximately 1/2" and attach a heat shrink butt connector.

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Reconnecting Wires

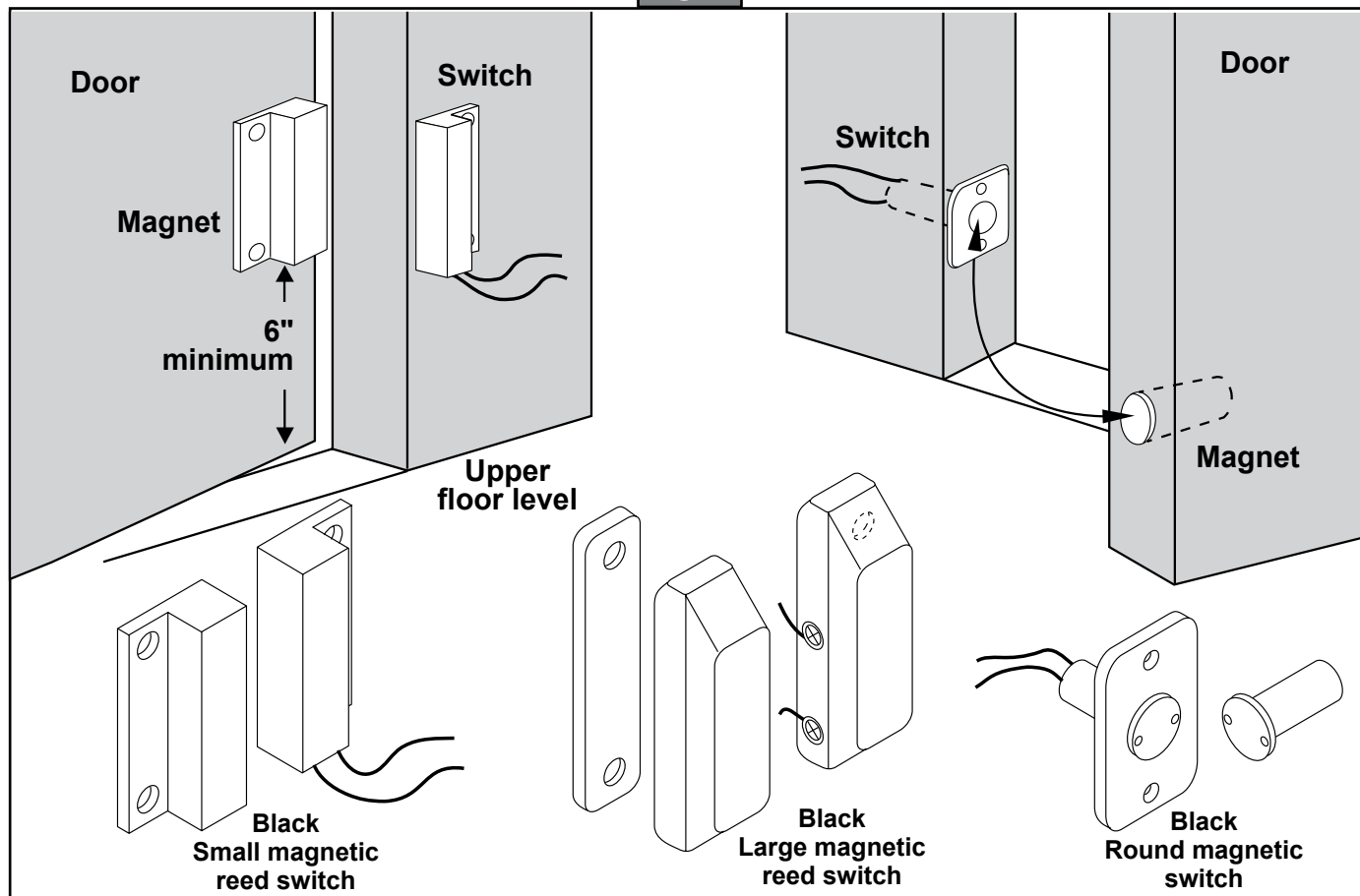
1. Feed both new switch wires down through the existing hole in the door frame to the underside of the vehicle.
2. Pull excess wires through the hole leaving enough wire to attach the switch to the door frame.
3. Insert the end of the longer wire leading from the switch into the open end of the heat shrink butt connector attached to the 4-way connector to the control box.
4. Secure the butt connector into place using a wire crimper or similar tool.
5. To create a new ground connection, strip back the insulation on the shorter wire leading from the switch, then fold the wire a few times to make it fit snug into the ring terminal.
6. Secure the ring terminal into place using a wire crimper or similar tool.
7. Attach the ground wire ring terminal to the vehicle using a cordless or electric drill, appropriate drill bit and self-tapping screw.

Installing the New Switch

After wiring is complete, install the new switch and magnet.

NOTE: Vertical placement of the magnet is **critical** to proper door switch operation. There must be a minimum of six inches from the bottom of the door to the bottom edge of the magnet. The magnet on the door must be aligned with the switch on the door frame. See figure 1.

Fig. 1



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NOTE: Under no circumstances should the door switch be forced into its mounting position.

NOTE: Before installing screws in the door switch to securely attach to the unit, perform a quick test to make sure step is functioning properly.

1. Installing the new switch on the door frame.
 - A. Check for ample clearance in the door frame for the body of the door switch.
 - B. Remove backing from the double-sided adhesive tape on the back of the switch.
 - C. Using the double-sided tape, attach the switch to the door frame. The switch can be placed in the same location as the old switch if the bottom placement of the new switch will be at least six inches from the bottom of the door frame (Fig. 1).
2. Installing the new magnet on the screen door.
 - A. Using double-sided tape attached to the magnet, install the magnet on the screen door, opposite the switch.
 - B. Make sure to align the magnet with the switch attached to door frame (Fig. 1).

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3. Check switch function to make sure the steps are working properly.
 - A. Open screen door.
 - B. Step assembly should extend.
 - C. Close screen door.
 - D. Step assembly should retract.

Securing Connections

1. Once the locations of the switch and magnet are correctly set, and steps are working properly, finish securing the door switch.
 - A. Line up the holes in the switch and magnet with the holes in the screen door and door frame.
 - B. Secure using self-tapping screws with a screwdriver or a cordless or electric drill with appropriate drill bit.
 - C. If possible, use the same screws previously removed from the old door switch.
2. Under the unit, at the 4-way connector to the control box, use a heat gun to shrink the heat shrink butt connector attaching the switch to the control box. This will help keep out moisture.
3. In addition, black electrical tape can also be wrapped around the butt connector to keep out dust, dirt, debris and moisture.
4. Place silicone rubber sealant under the vehicle at the hole where the wires feed to the switch. This will help seal against moisture or water leaks.

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Troubleshooting

The Kwikiee Step assembly should begin to extend when the door is opened between one and four inches. The step assembly should retract when the door is closed.

If, after installation of a new switch, the step does not operate properly, do as follows:

1. Check to make sure that there are no obstructions in the path of the step assembly preventing its operation.
2. Check to make sure that all wiring connections are tight and secure.

Replacement Parts—General Information

There are three types of door switches available:

- Rectangular switch (small and large sizes)
- Round switch ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or $\frac{3}{8}$ " core)
- Plated plunger switch.

The replacement procedures outlined in this document apply to door switches used with any Kwikiee control unit - both the latest IMGL (integrated motor/gear box/ linkage) version (Kwikiee 909510000 / LCI 379146) used on 2006 or newer models (Fig. 2) and earlier version control units (Fig. 3).

Fig. 2

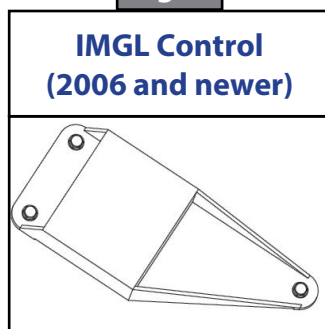
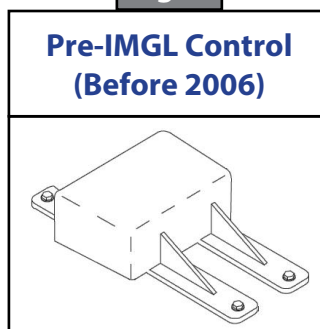


Fig. 3



When selecting a replacement door switch from the enclosed guide, make sure to select one based on the type of control unit that is present.

- For most older units using the pre-IMGL control unit (Fig. 3), select one of the white (normally closed) door switch options. (Exceptions are noted in the Replacement Parts Guide section.)
- For units with the current IMGL control unit (Fig. 2), select one of the black (normally open) door switch options. The IMGL-type control unit operates properly with any of the "Normally Open" switches. The IMGL-type control unit will not operate properly with the white "Normally Closed" switches, the step will operate backwards.

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Replacement Parts Guide

White (Normally Closed) Switches

White, normally closed, switches are used for all non-IMGL control units manufactured prior to February 1999.

NOTE: Exceptions are non-IMGL, black-colored control units Kwikkee 909506000 (obsolete, replaced by Kwikkee 909510003 / LCI [379606](#)) and Kwikkee 909507000 / LCI 381044 which must use black, normally open, switches.

**Magnetic
Small
Rectangular**



Kwikkee 905312000
LCI [374198](#)

**Magnetic
3/4" Core
Round**



Kwikkee 905314000
LCI [379400](#)

**Magnetic
Large
Rectangular**



Kwikkee 905306000
LCI 378043

**Magnetic
3/8" Core
Round**



Kwikkee 905307000
LCI [378047](#)

**Plated
Plunger
Switch**



Kwikkee 905302000
LCI [379388](#)

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Black (Normally Open) Switches

Black, normally open, switches are used for all black-colored (IMGL) control units manufactured since February 1999.

NOTE: Also included are the following non-IMGL KwikEE control units manufactured prior to February 1999:
909506000 (obsolete, replaced by 909510003 / LCI [379606](#)), 909507000 / LCI 381044 and 909508000 / LCI 381039.

**Magnetic
Small
Rectangular**



KwikEE 905323000
LCI [369299](#)

**Magnetic
3/4" Core
Round**



KwikEE 905324000
LCI [378054](#)

**Magnetic
Large
Rectangular**



KwikEE 905326000
LCI [379406](#)

**Magnetic
3/8" Core
Round**



KwikEE 905327000
LCI [375385](#)

**Plated
Plunger
Switch**



KwikEE 905328000
LCI [379407](#)

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