LUCAS DRIVING LIGHT INSTALLATION
Alternator car with 5-spd Transmission

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Features of installation:

1) Heavy hot wire from solenoid is kept to short length, entirely in engine compartment
2) Headlight and Driving Light relays located in hollowed-out voltage regulator
3) Overdrive switch used for driving lights with the addition of LED indicator light
4) Indicator light is bright enough for broad daylight – only runs with headlights off.
5) Except for feed wire, all fuses in auxiliary fuse box
6) Use of drip irrigation tubing for protective sheathing
7) Use of hardware store heavy-duty shelf brackets for mounting brackets

Details of components used at end.
Clamp with bail holds relays in place

Wires route through grommet in firewall behind regulator shell.

Hot feed wire in pvc sheath (drip irrigation tubing)

Flex conduit passes in front of heater

Items located on air plenum

Pilot light daytime relay. Relay not used here for power reasons, but as a switch. When the driving lights are on and headlights are off (day), power goes through 87a terminal and pilot light is lit. With headlights on, relay is energized and contact is broken with 87a and pilot light is off.
Brackets cut and drilled to fit from ¼” x 1-1/4”-section heavy duty shelf brackets from hardware store.

Ground wire.

Connector from chassis to lighting

Wire sheathed in PVC tubing from firewall forward under shroud, up to bracket and across inside of apron to other light.

Crossover tube zip-ties to

Inserted piece of welding rod clamped between two brackets. No holes drilled for this.

Furniture leg caps provide weather protection.
Instead of a lighted switch, decided to use the overdrive switch, which hasn’t been busy since I got my 5-speed Toyota trans.

Wanted smallest possible pilot light and decided to put it in the switch bezel so the hole in the dash underneath could be covered up later if necessary.

Light is bright enough to see in the daytime, but way to bright for at night. At night there isn’t much need for the pilot light anyway because the driving lights are pretty hard to miss.

LED is insulated and zip-tied to switch wire. This makes it rigid enough to protrude into the holder and stay there.

Note resistor in series. Thought it was a good idea to keep the resistor in the open.
Components Used

I liked this fusebox because of the side entry. The clear top has an o-ring seal.
Good thing there are 5 in the pack – I lost two during installation.

I drilled 1/8” holes in these for the wires and used them as thread and moisture protectors on the bottoms of the light mounts.

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