

## The AirGlide Internal GPS Upgrade for: AirGuide Model 2025 w/ a plastic internal frame

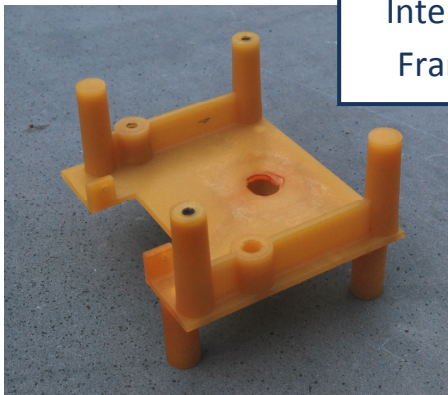
This Kit includes all the components necessary to upgrade the Pitot driven speedometer to GPS. The finished gauge will mount exactly as it did originally. The integrated Backlights are life-time LEDs.

This document outlines the step-by-step conversion procedure and installation.

\*\*\* This retrofit is NOT intended to work with the original gauge dial... only the new dial is used.



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# The AirGlide Kit, Tools, and Prep

## Contents:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1	AirGlide Retro-fit Assembly (AGR)
1	Dial, 5-to-55 MPH
2	Screw, FltHd, #2-56 x ¼"
1	Washer, #6, Nylon, Black
1	Grommet, Rubber

## General Small Tools and Material Required:

DESCRIPTION
SCREW DRIVERS: PHILLIPS (#0-0, #1, #2) / SMALL FLAT-HEAD (2)
PLIERS: NEEDLE NOSE / STANDARD
ASSORTED NUT DRIVERS
ASSORTED WRENCHES
DIAGONAL CUTTERS
FLAT FILE (COURSE AND FINE)
SOFT CLOTH, MASKING TAPE, WINDOW CLEANER, Gorilla Glue GEL

Prep: **This Is VERY Important!**

**Rotate the AGR motor shaft to its full counter-clockwise (CCW) stop.**

1. Grasp the AGR board edges in your left hand with the motor facing you. Pinch the rotor shaft with your right thumb and index finger.
2. Hold the pinched shaft stationary, rotate the AGR board 90 degrees CW (and thus the rotor turns CCW). Note: The rotor movement is so smooth, you're unlikely to sense it.
3. Release your pinch on the rotor. Re-Cock the AGR to rotate it CW again.
4. Repeat steps 1 thru 3, four to five times.

Jumpers: **This Is VERY Important!** Only insert the AGR Jumpers (at J2) when instructed to do so.

## Disassembly

Begin with the gauge removed from dash: Thereby, free the Pitot hose (cut if necessary). Remove the Backlight, by pulling it from the case. And remove the mounting bracket.

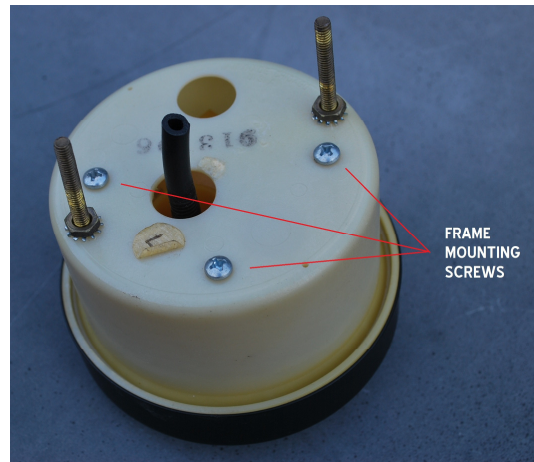
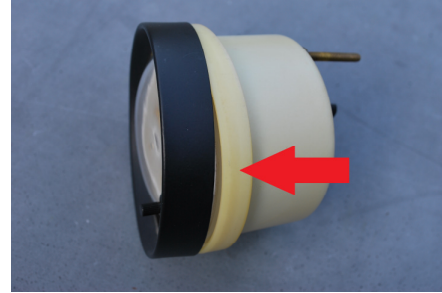
**\*\*\* Remember to always protect the Lens Face with a soft cloth or pad to avoid scratches.**

**\*\*\* Refrain from discarding removed parts! Some are reused.**

**\*\*\* This process is irreversible. For some mechanical parts are ruined as to expedite and ease the upgrade procedure.**

**\*\*\* FOR BEST RESULTS, READ THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE FIRST!**

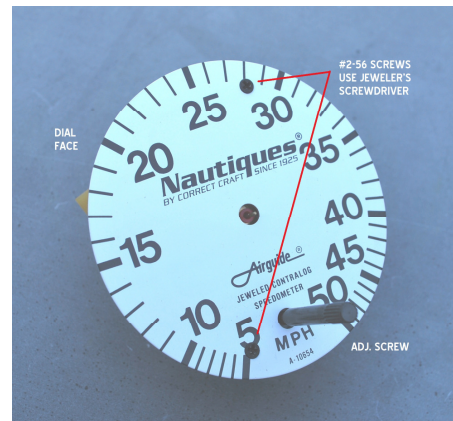
1. With your fingers, gently pry/slide the bezel off.
2. Remove the Frame Mounting screws; use a #2 Phillips screwdriver. The screws are threaded into frame posts which support the internal frame. Remove all three screws.
3. From the front, remove the entire dial from the case: this includes the Lens, Lens Gasket, Dial and plastic frame.
4. Slide the Lens/gasket up and off the Adjustment screw.



5. Pry the indicator needle loose from the rotor:
  - a. To protect the dial face, place 2 masking tape strips under the needle, on opposite sides of the rotor.
  - b. Near the rotor, slide two small flat head screwdrivers under the needle from opposing directions. With their blades flat on the tape, gently twist/pry the screwdrivers shafts up to release the needle.

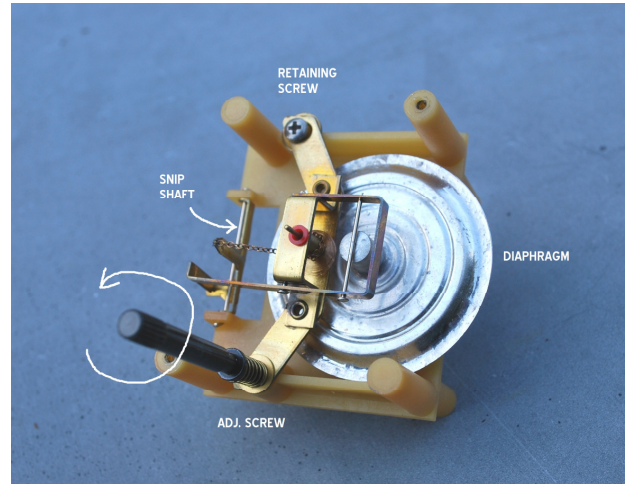
6. Separate the Dial from the frame.

Remove the Dial Face screws using a Phillips #00 screwdriver: Set the frame (face-up) on a table. Firmly press the screwdriver into the screw heads and briskly twist CCW, as release the screw, yet not strip the head slots. These #2-56 x 1/4" screws are small... set them aside for later use.



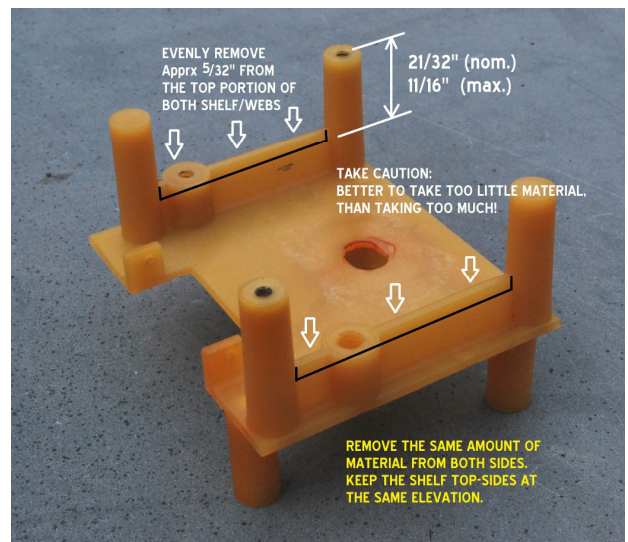
7. Now evacuate all the pressure-mechanical components from frame.

- a. Using Diagonal Cutters, snip the spindle shaft, and remove.
- b. Continue to turn the Adjustment Screw Counter-Clockwise until it's loose, and remove. Save its spring and washer.
- c. Find the Retaining Screw and use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to remove it.
- d. Grasp the diaphragm with pliers, and remove its nut with a 7/16" wrench. Remove the Diaphragm.



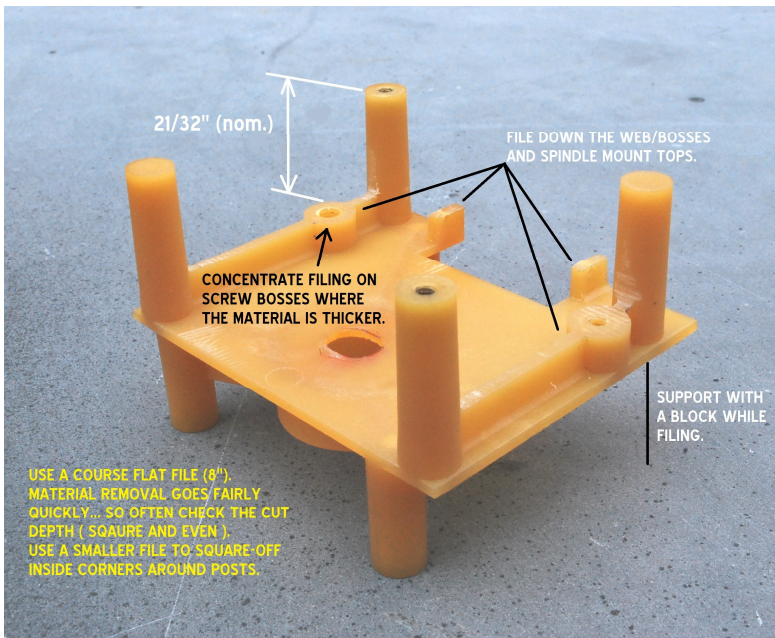
8. Frame modifications: (read the entire section before beginning)

- a. **OBJECTIVE** → For the proper rotor-to-dial registration, the shelves (webs) on either side of the frame must be reduced. Remove approximately 5/32", such that the Dial mounting posts extend 21/32" above it.
- b. **FIRST**, with a permanent fine point pen, mark the appropriate target depth on the web sides.
- c. Support the 'leg-less' corner with a wooden block.
- d. Use a course Flat File to remove the plastic web, screw-boss, and spindle mount tops down to the prescribed depth:



The material is relatively soft, and is quickly removed with the file... so easy does it. Check your cut depth frequently; error on the side of caution, take less rather than more. Avoid getting the webs too shallow. This will place the AGR board too low, allowing the needle to rub on the dial.

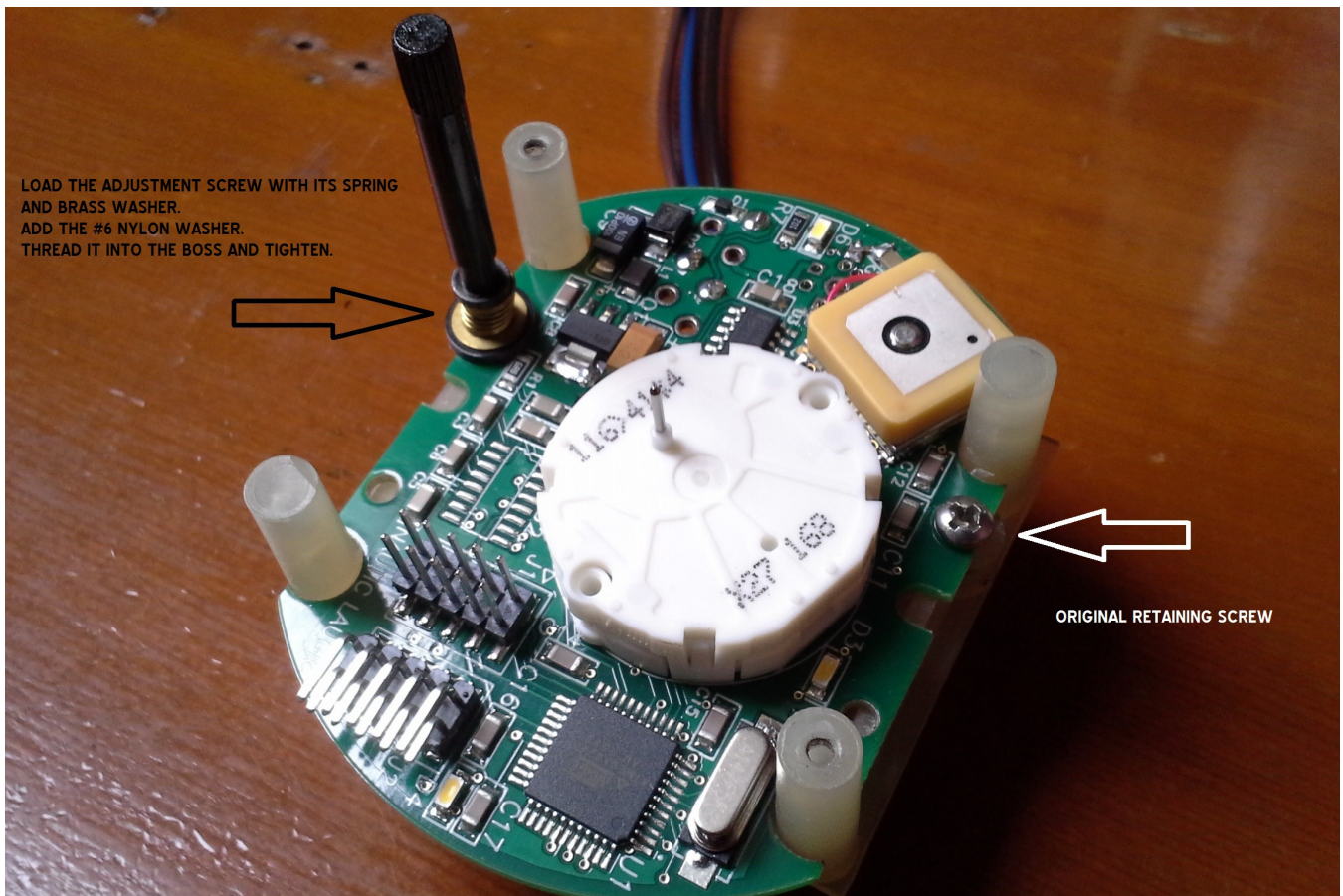
- e. Use a fine Flat File to square the top surfaces: even the cut from post-to-post, and one web to another.
- f. Slide the AGR down over the dial posts; the AGR will only fit one way. Inspect the frame modification for a flat, proper fit; tune the modifications as needed.



- g. Thread the Retaining screw into the frame to make sure the frame threads are clear and cut. Do the same for the Adjustment screw. Remove both screws.

## Assembly

1. Clean the case. insert and seat the rubber grommet into the old Backlight hole.
2. Ensure the case Mounting-bracket studs are secure. When necessary tighten the nuts with a ¼" nut-driver.
3. Begin to seat the AGR board. Remove any jumpers... for they're not needed, and apt to fall out during normal use. Slip the AGR down over the Dial posts. Press the AGR tight against the frame.
4. Start the original Retaining screw into the frame Boss: see pic.
5. Load the Adjustment screw with its spring and brass washer. Slide on the provided #6 Nylon washer. Start the screw into the mating Boss threads. Nudge the Nylon washer away from any electrical components on the AGR. Tighten both it and the Retaining screw.



6. Gently remove the protection paper from the new Dial surfaces. Face up, slide the Dial over the Adjustment screw, and allow it to rest on the frame posts. Align the Dial mounting holes to the frame posts.

7. Screw the two Dial screws (#2-56 x 1/4') in; Press firmly into the screw heads and twist. [Be careful not to over torque the screw and strip the plastic threads].

8. Attach the needle indicator.

a. The needle should be a snug press-fit on to the rotor. If the needle easily slides onto the rotor and spins freely, do the following...

i. adhesive is required: Gorilla Glue GEL.

1. With a Tooth-pick, add a minuscule dab of adhesive, to 'blob' the rotor tip. Allow the blob set or get 'tacky' (10 seconds); avoid excess that will run down the shaft and inhibit it from turning.

b. With the needle pointed towards 15 MPH. Partially start the needle onto the rotor shaft.

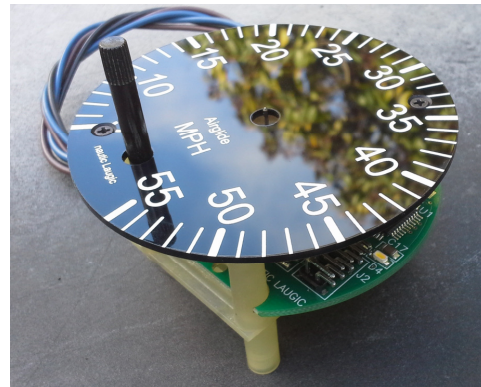
c. Rotate the needle CCW until it is pointed at 7 MPH.

d. Press the needle fully onto the shaft, and rotate CCW till it's EXACTLY centered on 5 MPH.

e. Stand the assembly upright, level-flat, so gravity won't draw the needle off 5 MPH.

f. **Allow the adhesive to cure before proceeding!!!**

g. **\*\*\*Note:** only if you have convenient access to 12 VDC Power, double-check the needle registration to the dial; see Registration Test and FINE TUNE Calibration addendum. This is done before continuing the assembly procedure.



9. Feed the BRN/BLU/BLK wires thru the rubber grommet.

10. Fasten the Frame/Module/Dial assembly to the case:

a. Align the 'legless corner of the frame over the grommet, and slide the assembly into the case.

b. Start each frame mounting screw thru the case backside and into a frame post. As required, slightly rotate the frame assembly to align each post with a hole.

c. With all three screws inserted, press the frame assembly squarely into the case bottom, and center.

d. Tighten the screws.

11. Carefully clean the dial free of any fingerprints or smudges.

12. Clean the Lens and Lens gasket.

13. Place the gasket over the case and dial. (Note the correct orientation is pictured in Disassembly step 4.)




14. Slip the Lens over the Adjustment screw, and into place.

15. Slide the Bezel back on.



Your AirGlide Speedometer is READY for Power.

## Electrical Install

1. Return the Speedometer to the Dash. Feed the wires thru the dash front.
2. Mount the Speedometer.
3. Provide a source of CLEAN (Noise-free), Key-switched +12Vdc Power. Tap into power that ISN'T directly feeding a Pump, Starter Motor, or etc. Note: This may entail adding a new accessory 18 Awg power wire onto the Key Switch. And possibly upsizing both power wires (Pos and Neg) from the Battery to the dash area.
  - a.  Bond the Brown wire to Switched Power (+12Vdc).
  - b.  Bond the Black Wire to Common/GND/Battery Neg. (DO NOT USE the BACKLIGHT COMMON!!)
  - c.  Remove the Existing Backlight, and bond the Blue Wire to Backlight Power (+12Vdc).
4. Note: the internal Backlights are also controlled by the AirGlide. Therefore, the AirGlide must be powered in order for the Backlights to come on. Also as a useful status indicator the Backlights will Flash while the AGR is waiting for a 'satellite-sync'. To witness the flashing, the dash lights must be ON. This is by design! For under normal conditions visual feedback from the AirGlide becomes routine and unnecessary. Thus, the user has ability to enable/disable these visible cues by turning the dash lights On or Off. Upon power-up, the AirGlide waits 2 seconds for the power to settle.

**PITOT HOSE: REMEMBER TO PLUG/CORK/PINCH-OFF THE HOSE, TO AVOID WATER LEAKING INTO YOUR BOAT!!**

## Warranty

Nautic Laugic warranties the AGR for one year.

Should this product malfunction or fail, please return it so we can make it right!! Please see our policies page at [www.nauticlaugic.com](http://www.nauticlaugic.com)

**THANK YOU FOR BUYING OUR PRODUCT!!**



**Addendum: Registration Test and Fine-Tune Calibration**

**AGR JUMPER SETTINGS**  
REV 1.31

**NOTES:**

- 1) "X" ↔ Jumper is inserted.
- 2) Selected MODE remains active while jumper(s) in place.
- 3) The TEST Modes require a Satellite Sync from the GPS.

**TO SET THE DIAL:**

- \* INSERT THE DIAL JUMPERS.
- \* INSERT *SET DEFAULTS* JUMPER.
- \* POWER-UP AND WAIT 15 SECONDS.
- \* POWER-DOWN.
- \* REMOVE *SET DEFAULTS* JUMPER.

MODE	MI	MO	DIAL	D1	D0
NORMAL			50 MPH		
FINE CAL		X	80 MPH		X
TST:RANDOM	X		55 MPH	X	
TST:CAL PNTS	X	X	UNIVERSAL	X	X

**FINE CALIBRATION**

- \* Rotates all Cal Points CW the same amount.
- \* Start with the needle at rest (full CCW) below 5.
- \* Insert MO Jumper.
- \* Power-UP.
- \* The needle will begin to slowly 'creep-up' CW.
- \* When the needle is centered on the 5 MPH hash-mark, immediately Power-down.
- \* Insert both MI and MO jumpers. Power-up, and check all Cal Points.
- \* Set Defaults to do over.

1. Attached the BROWN and BLUE WIRES to a switched +12VDC source (Battery, power supply.) Connect the BLACK WIRE to the negative (common) side of the power source... DON'T ENERGIZE JUST YET.
2. Insert Jumpers at both MO and MI... this will set the MODE to TEST: CAL POINTS.
3. Power-up and wait for the GPS to Satellite Sync: (the backlights will stop blinking).
4. Observe the Needle move and rest at each target hash mark (multiples of 5), between 10 and 50 MPH. This test repeats indefinitely. (The starting hash mark is arbitrary, and varies by the GPS's ability to sync.)

**Proper Needle registration ↔ the needle lands within the envelope of each target hash mark. Attaining a perfect registration is unlikely, so apply a 'best-fit' mindset.**

End the test by removing the power. **Remove all the Jumpers.**

5. Should the Needle consistently overshoot (go past) each hash mark, redo Assembly step 8 (reapply needle).
6. Should the Needle consistently fall short of each hash mark, then proceed with the following **Fine Tune:**
  - a. Insert only the MO jumper... this will set the mode to *FINE CALIBRATION*.
  - b. Apply Power, and observe the Needle slowly rotate upward from the full CCW (stop) position.
  - c. Immediately remove power when the Needle is centered on the 5 MPH hash mark.
  - d. Go to Step 2, and retest.
  - e. Dissatisfied with the Fine-Tune result: Start over by Setting the Dial back to Defaults (follow the procedure in the yellow box), then begin again at Step 6a.