## The "torpedo" light socket for illuminating the heater controls on the dash.

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## Link to CF Thread (Dim clock & heater control lighting?)

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All midyears, radio-equipped or not, have the 3-cavity radio connector pigtail on the dash harness; the center cavity in that connector has two wires in it - one black wire from the dash harness (that grounds everything in the car from the firewall back), and the other black wire in that cavity is a pigtail with a ring terminal on it that screws to the bottom of the Z-bar. If that pigtail with the ring terminal isn't screwed to the bottom of the Z-bar, nothing from the firewall back will be grounded properly.

The "torpedo" lamp that illuminates the heater controls that clips to the bottom of the clock mounting bracket gets ITS ground by the end of the upturned lip on the clip on the lamp housing contacting the outside of the clock case, which is grounded through the clock connector. Photo below shows the upturned end of the clip.

Attached Images

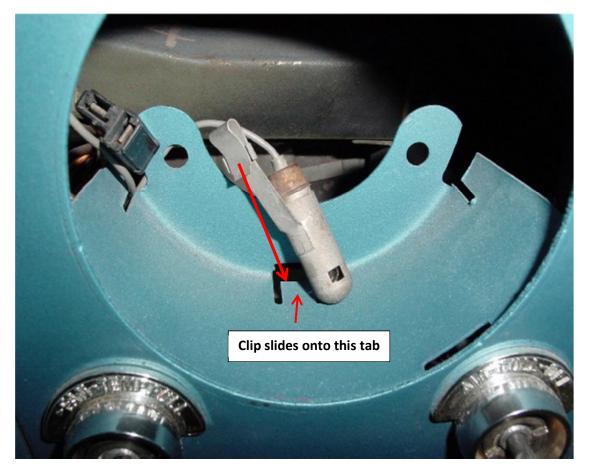
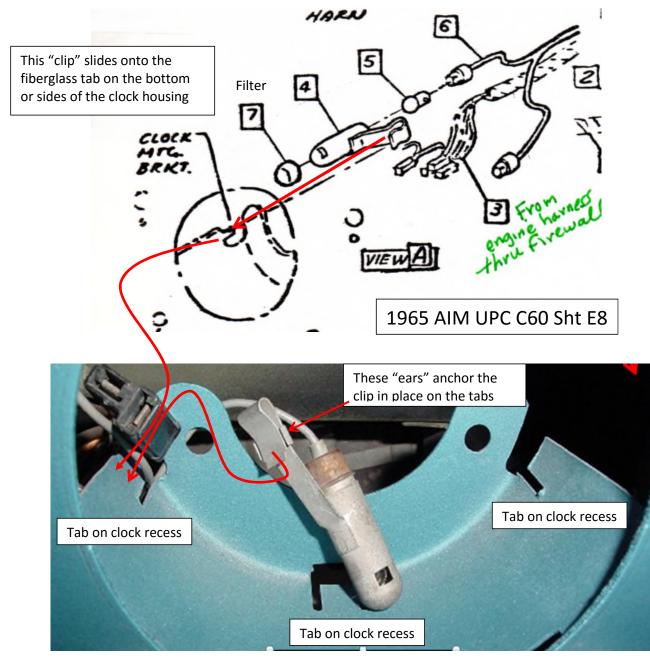


Photo from John Hinckley



The clip on the torpedo slides over the tabs of the fiberglass clock recess as shown above. Those two "ears" on the torpedo clip are what serve to anchor it in place. When the torpedo is correctly placed, the lamp shade with green cover sits below the clock recess behind the dash and the light shines through the lettering of the control bezels.

Air Conditioned cars have two of the "torpedo" lamp housings.



