

Coach to Towed Vehicle Wiring Solution



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One of the first questions that a new bus conversion or RV owner asks himself is “Now that I have this great means of getting to my vacation spot, how am I going to get around when I get there?” The answer is a towed vehicle or “toad”. Whether you flat tow “all four wheels on the ground” or use a dolly to support one set of wheels, you need to transfer the rear light signals, brake and turn signal, from your rig to the rear of the toad. You can do this with a set of magnetically mounted lights: or you can integrate the toads existing lights to work with your RV’s lights.

In the March 2009 issue of BCM, Jim Shepherd laid out a system to do just that. After reading the article while working on my 1987 MCI conversion, (December 2017 issue BCM), I thought that with new technology there must be an easier method to solve this problem. (You can read Jim’s article on page 58.)

Thus, started our trial and error process of wiring up our toad’s rear lighting. I will not take up your time describing our various starts and stops but will simply list the steps you can take to use off the shelf products solve the problem.

The first step is to determine how your rear lights are set up and the voltage that feeds them. Most buses

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