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Tilt-a-Whirl

Trying Out an F-100 Tilt Column Kit from Walton Fabrication

When you spend several years and sacks full of money constructing a vintage pickup, the last thing you want is something that's uncomfortable to drive. That's why many classic [truck](#) enthusiasts invest so much effort equipping their creations with every modern convenience available--stereos, air conditioning, cruise control, power windows, and all sorts of other bells and whistles.

Hey, we're not ashamed to say we want it all--classic looks and modern conveniences!

Of all the available amenities, tilt columns seem to be one of the most popular upgrades. Finding one in a vintage hauler is almost commonplace these days, thanks in part to the proliferation of [quality](#) aftermarket units. Installing one has always been a fairly simple affair, but now it's just downright easy for '53-'56 F-100 owners thanks to the folks at Walton Fabrication.

Company owners Todd and Debbie Walton adhere to a philosophy of making easy-to-install components, so the simplicity and completeness of the F-100 tilt column kit should come as no surprise. The genesis of the package came about when Todd created a trio of aluminum column drops that bolt up using original mounting holes. He then fabricated a floor plate that's also a direct replacement for the four-piece factory item. From there it was simply a matter of pairing the parts with an ididit column and Borgeson steering shaft and U-joints. With that, a complete, bolt-in, simple-to-install tilt column kit was born.

The kit that Mitch Howe is installing here is designed for use with [Mustang](#) II-style front suspensions or with one of Walton Fabrication's new chassis. It could also be used with many subframed applications, but in that case you'll want to order the steering shaft and U-joints separately, as shaft lengths and types will vary. For that matter, Walton Fabrication will sell most of the components individually so you can create a custom package to fit your F-100's particular parameters.

