The B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter is a full ratchet shifter that is equally at home on the strip and on the street. It will work with most two speed, three speed or four speed automatic transmissions. It has a positive ratchet design so that you will not miss a shift, either up or down. It works with both standard and reverse pattern valve bodies. It has a unique "one hand" reverse lockout feature that meets NHRA and IHRA requirements. You don't need to use two hands to shift into Reverse.

Part #80840 is for use only with aluminum Powerglide transmissions. The supplied B&M Powerglide Pro-Lever is for use with full manual valve bodies or transbrakes applications only. Part #80842 is for use with three speed automatic transmissions such as the GM TH-400, TH-350, TH-250 and TH-200; the Ford C-4 and C-6; and the Chrysler 1966 and later Torqueflite A-727 and A-904, or four speed automatic transmissions such as the GM TH-200-4R, TH-700R4, 4L60, 4L60E and 4L65E; the Ford AOD; and the Chrysler A-500 and A-518. To use the B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter with the Ford AOD transmissions you will need the optional accessory kit #40496. To use the B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter with the GM 4L60E or 4L65E equipped with a PRNDL switch you will need optional accessory kit #75498 otherwise you can use the GM bracket supplied.

Your B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter comes equipped with a neutral safety switch, a backup light switch, transmission brackets, levers and a five foot shift cable. Optional shifter cables in 2 ft. (#80830), 3 ft. (#80831), 4 ft. (#80832), 8 ft. (#80834), 10 ft. (#80835) and 12 ft. (#80836) are also available.

Please read the instructions and review the illustrations thoroughly before beginning the installation. The mechanical components of this shifter are precision made and assembled at our factory. Any modification or disassembly of these parts can cause the shifter to malfunction and will void the warranty. You should disassemble only those items outlined in the instructions.

The vehicle should be about 2 feet off the ground for ease of installation. Use jack stands, wheel ramps or a vehicle lift. Make sure the vehicle is firmly supported before attempting to work on it.

IMPORTANT: If your vehicle is equipped with a locking steering column. Securing the column lock lever in the engine compartment in the full up position will allow the steering wheel to be locked and unlocked and the ignition key to be removed.

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**Installation Instructions**

**Part Number 80840 & 80842**

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**Installation of the shifter may require console modification or complete console removal depending on the space available in your vehicle.**

**Step 1.** Remove the stock shift linkage; Console Shifters: Remove all rods, levers or cables from the column and the transmission. Place the column shift lever in the Park position. Remove the pin holding the shift lever in the column and remove the lever assembly. If your vehicle is equipped with a locking steering column, secure the column lock lever in the full up position. **WARNING:** This allows the steering wheel to be locked and the ignition key removed WHENEVER the ignition key is turned to the "lock" position WHILE THE VEHICLE IS MOVING, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME. Securing the steering column lock lever in any other position will both PREVENT the steering wheel from locking and removal of the ignition key.

**Installation**

**NOTE:** If you are installing this shifter with a GM four speed automatic transmission, you must remove the three speed limiter blocker pin and the e-clips indicated in Figure 1. Removing this blocker pin gives the shifter four forward positions rather than three. For Ford AOD four speed automatic transmissions and Chrysler A-500 and A-518 four speed automatic transmissions do not remove this blocker pin, since these transmissions have only three forward positions. Also do not remove the blocker pin and the e-clips for any three speed automatic transmissions. (The three speed limiter blocker pin goes in the upper of the two holes at the rear of the shifter and the two speed limiter blocker pin goes in the lower hole).

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**Step 2.** Pull the carpet, if any, away from the underside of the console. Disconnect all cables and/or harness from the factory. Any modification or disassembly of these parts can cause the shifter to malfunction and will void the warranty. You should disassemble only those items outlined in the instructions. You don't need to use two hands to shift into Reverse.

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Neutral and Park only and so that the backup light switch (the upper switch) operates in Reverse only, by loosening the screws and sliding the switches as required. Then retighten the screws.

**STEP 7.** Install the shifter mechanism into the vehicle. Slide the shifter cable through the carpet and the hole in the floorboard. Bolt the shifter down using four ¼" hex bolts and nuts. If required use ⅛" washers as shims between the shifter mechanism and the floor to level the shifter. Do not bend the shifter mounting tabs. **ROUTE THE CABLE AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 3. AVOID SHARP BENDS WHICH WILL KINK AND DAMAGE THE CABLE.** Use cable clamps or tie wraps to secure the cable housing to the chassis to avoid contact with hot engine or exhaust system. Seal the cable hole shut to avoid the entry of exhaust fumes or water. For General Motors vehicles go to **Step 8,** for Ford vehicles go to **Step 13,** for Chrysler vehicles go to **Step 19,** for aluminum Powerglide equipped vehicles go to **Step 25.**

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**STEP 8.** If you have not already done so, remove the stock selector lever nut and the selector lever from the transmission. Discard the stock lever and the stock shifter linkage. Install the B&M selector lever in position using the stock selector lever nut (See Figure 4). Torque nut to 23 lb. ft. The lever should move smoothly from front to rear with a positive click in each gear position.

**STEP 9.** Remove the two transmission oil pan bolts from the middle of the left side of the oil pan. Install the cable bracket in position (See Figure 4). The bracket must be installed with two spacers between the pan and the bracket. (If your transmission is equipped with a cast aluminum oil pan, these spacers should be omitted however the cable bracket may have to be modified). Install the two supplied 5/16-18 x 1.00" bolts and tighten to 12-13 lb. ft. Do not overtighten as this can damage the pan gasket.

**STEP 10.** Route the shifter cable according to Figure 3. Avoid kinks and sharp bends and route the cable away from hot engine or exhaust parts.

Remove the two rubber boots, one large nut, and a large lockwasher from the threaded end of the shifter cable. Slide the end of the cable into the cable bracket. Install the large nut and the lockwasher loosely over the end of the cable. Install the two rubber boots onto the end of the cable. Install the swivel on the threaded end of the cable and position it in the center of the threaded portion.

**STEP 11.** If you have a four speed automatic transmission, be sure that you have removed the three speed limiter blocker pin shown in Figure 1. If you have a three speed automatic transmission, the three speed lim-
iter blocker pin and e-clips should be installed. The Park limiter blocker pin and e-clips should not be installed for any GM transmission.

Move the transmission selector lever by hand to the full rear position (Low). Shift the shifter mechanism to the Low gear position (ratcheted all the way back). Adjust the large nuts on the cable so that the swivel will slide into the hole on the selector lever. Tighten the large nuts completely. Be sure that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the selector lever. Note: The shifter will not operate correctly unless the correct hole in the shift lever is used as shown below:

Leave the swivel out of the hole and move the selector lever to Park, all the way forward. Also move the shifter to Park position. (See operation section, page 8). Reinsert the swivel into the hole in the selector lever. Check to see that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the selector lever in this position. If it does not slip in freely, adjust the swivel slightly until it will slip into the hole in the lever.

Move the shifter back to the Low gear position and check that the swivel will still slide easily in and out of the hole in the selector lever. (If you do not use the hole in the lever, it will be impossible to correctly adjust the cable). Operate the shifter through all the gear positions. Check to make sure the swivel will slide in and out of the selector lever hole in each gear position. The shift cable is now correctly adjusted. Install the cotter key supplied with the shifter into the swivel and spread the key ends.

If you have a problem, DO NOT FORCE THE SHIFTER, this will damage the cable, the shifter or the transmission. Simply start at the beginning and carefully check all your steps. STEP 12. On GM vehicles, the neutral safety/backup light switch may be located on the shifter (steering column or console) or it may be a mechanical interlock in the steering column that prevents the key from turning to the Start position unless the shifter is in the Park or the Neutral position. Identify the type of neutral safety system you have. If the key will not turn to the Start position unless the stock shifter is in Park or Neutral, you have a mechanical interlock, otherwise you have a neutral safety switch. With either type, disconnect the battery ground cable to prevent accidental shorts. If you have a neutral safety switch, locate and identify the neutral safety wires (engine will not crank unless these wires are connected together). Extend the wires from the GM switch to the shifter. Strip a ¼" of insulation off the wires and install the slip-on terminals supplied in the kit. Crimp the terminals onto the wires using a crimping tool or pliers. Connect the wires to the LOWER switch on the shifter. The backup light switch is usually located on the steering column behind the instrument panel. Lengthen these wires and run them to the UPPEr switch (See Figure 1). Tape the terminal connections and all other connections to prevent shorts.

If you have a mechanical interlock cut the wire that goes from the Start position on the ignition switch to the solenoid on the starter. This wire is usually a 10 or 12 gauge purple wire. Run wires from both ends of the cut wire to the B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter. Put the slip-on terminals on the ends of the lengthened wires. Crimp the terminals onto the wires using a crimping tool or pliers. Connect the wires to the LOWER switch on the shifter. The backup light switch is usually located on the steering column behind the instrument panel. Lengthen these wires and run them to the UPPEr switch on the shifter. Tape the terminal connections and all other connections to prevent shorts.

Reconnect the battery ground cable, disconnect the coil wire and set the parking
brake. Check the switch operation by attempting to start the motor in each shifter position. **The starter must crank only when the shifter is in the Park or the Neutral position.** Check the backup light operation when the shifter is shifted to the Reverse position. Adjust the switches if required. Reconnect the coil wire. Go to Step 37.

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**STEP 13.** If you have not already done so, remove the nut and the lockwasher holding the downshift linkage onto the downshift lever shaft from the transmission. The downshift lever is the outer lever on C-4, C-5 and C-6 transmissions. Pull the lever off the shaft and allow the linkage to hang free. Remove and discard the stock shift linkage rods. Some C-6, late C-4 and all C-5 transmissions have a neutral safety/backup light switch on the transmission shift lever. If your transmission is so equipped, remove the two bolts holding the switch in place and slide it off the shift shaft. Disconnect the switch at the factory plug and discard it.

**STEP 14.** Install the B&M selector lever (See Figures 5 or 6). Note: The B&M lever must point downward for proper operation. If the stock shift lever on your transmission points down, you will have to remove the lower part of the stock arm by cutting it off to clear the B&M lever (See Figure 5). Install the B&M selector lever onto the shift shaft of the transmission. Align the B&M selector lever so when it points straight down it travels equal arcs in both directions from the center, then tighten the \( \frac{1}{4} \)-\( \frac{1}{2} \) x 1 ½" pinch bolt and the nut. The lever should travel smoothly from front to back with a positive click in each gear position. Make sure the o-ring is in position on the downshift shaft and install the downshift lever in position on the shaft. Install the lockwasher and the nut and tighten securely. The downshift lever must operate smoothly. Reconnect the down-

**Figure 4**

**Figure 5**
Cable bracket installation:

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C-4, C-5: Remove the two lower bolts from the rear servo cover. Install the cable bracket in position (See Figure 5). Install the two servo cover bolts as removed and tighten to 12-13 lb. ft. Do not overtighten as this can distort the servo cover.

C-6: Remove the two transmission oil pan bolts from the left rear corner of the oil pan. Install the cable bracket into position with the two spacers between the pan and the bracket (See Figure 6). Install the two supplied 5/16-18 x 1.00" bolts and tighten to 12-13 lb. ft. Do not overtighten as this can damage the pan gasket.

STEP 16. Route the shifter cable according to Figure 3. Avoid kinks and sharp bends and route the cable away from hot engine or exhaust parts.

Remove the two rubber boots, one large nut, and a large lockwasher from the threaded end of the shifter cable. Slide the end of the cable into the cable bracket. Install the large nut and lockwasher loosely over the end of the cable. Install the two rubber boots onto the end of the cable. Install the swivel on the threaded end of the cable and position it in the center of the threaded portion.

STEP 17. Be sure that the Park limiter blocker pin and the three speed limiter blocker pin are both installed as shown in Figure 1. The Park limiter will prevent the shifter from additional travel beyond the Ford Park position. (GM transmissions have greater travel between Neutral and Park than Ford transmissions do.) The three speed limiter blocker pin is required because all Ford three and four speed automatic transmissions have only three forward gear positions, even the four speed AOD.

Move the transmission selector lever by hand to the full rear position (Low). Shift the shifter mechanism to the Low gear position (ratcheted back until it is stopped by the three speed limiter blocker pin). Adjust the large nuts on the cable so that the swivel will slide into the hole on the selector lever. Tighten the large nuts completely. Be sure that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the selector lever.

With the swivel in the selector lever, shift the shifter to the Park position, as far forward as the shifter will go without forcing it. (The Park limiter blocker pin will prevent the shifter from moving any further.) The shifter lever on the transmission should be all the way forward. Check to see that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the lever in this position. If it does not slip in freely, adjust the swivel slightly until it will slip into the hole in the lever in both Low and Park positions. Operate the shifter through all the gear positions. Check to make sure the swivel will slide in and out of the selector lever hole in each gear position. Install the cotter key supplied with the shifter into the swivel and spread the key ends. Reinstall the downshift linkage, tightening the nut securely.

If you have a problem, **DO NOT FORCE THE SHIFTER**. This will damage the cable, the shifter or the transmission. Simply start at the beginning and carefully check all your steps.

STEP 18. On Ford vehicles, the neutral safety/back up light switch is located on the transmission (or on the steering column on some early vehicles). If the vehicle has an AOD transmission the neutral safety/back up light switches on the **B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter** will **NOT** be used. The neutral safety/back up light switch on the AOD transmission will continue to function normally.

On the C-4 and the C-5 transmissions it is necessary to completely remove the stock neutral safety/backup light switch in order to install the **B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter**. On the C-4, the C-5 and the C-6 transmissions, it will be necessary to hook up the neutral safety/backup light switches on the **B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter**. Locate and identify the neutral safety (the engine will not crank unless these wires are connected together) and the reverse light wires. Disconnect the battery ground cable before beginning to wire the neutral safety and the reverse light switches. Reroute the wires to the **B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter**. Strip a 1/4" of insulation off the wires and install the supplied slip-on terminals. Crimp the terminals onto the wires using a crimping tool or pliers. Connect the neutral safety wires to the **LOWER** switch and the reverse light wires to the **UPPER** switch (See Figure 1). Tape the terminal connections to prevent shorts. Reconnect the battery ground cable, reconnect the coil wire and set the parking brake. Check the switch operation by attempting to start the motor in each shifter position. The starter must crank only when the shifter is in the Park or the Neutral position. Check the backup light operation when the shifter is shifted to the Reverse position. Adjust the switches if required. Reconnect the coil wire. Go to Step 37.

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STEP 19. If you have not already done so, loosen the pinch bolt on the throttle lever on the transmission. This is the lever on the small diameter shaft. Pry the lever off with a screwdriver and allow the linkage to hang free. Remove and discard the stock shift lever and the stock shift linkage. Install the **B&M** selector lever in position and tighten the pinch bolt securely (See Figure 7). Make sure the lever is not pushed down so far as to touching the transmission case. This will cause the lever to bind on the case. The lever should travel smoothly from front to back with a positive click in each gear position. Install the stock throttle lever into position on the small diameter shaft as removed and tighten the pinch bolt securely. The throttle lever must operate smoothly.

STEP 20. Remove the two transmission oil pan bolts directly below the shifter lever. Install the cable bracket into position with two spacers between the pan and the bracket (See Figure 7). (If your transmission is equipped with a cast aluminum oil pan these spacers can be omitted). Install the two supplied 5/16-18 x 1.00" pan bolts and tighten to 12-13 lb. ft. Do not overtighten as this can damage the pan gasket.

STEP 21. Route the shifter cable according to Figure 3. Avoid kinks and sharp bends and route the cable away from hot engine or exhaust parts.

Remove the two rubber boots, one large nut, and a large lockwasher from the threaded
end of the shifter cable. Slide the end of the cable into the cable bracket. Install the large nut and the lockwasher loosely over the end of the cable. Install the two rubber boots onto the end of the cable. Install the swivel on the threaded end of the cable and position it in the center of the threaded portion.

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With the swivel in the selector lever, shift the shifter to the Park position, as far forward as the shifter will go without forcing it. (The Park limiter blocker pin will prevent the shifter from moving any further). The shift lever on the transmission should be all the way forward. Check to see that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the lever in this position. If it does not slip in freely, adjust the swivel slightly until it will slip into the hole in the lever in both Low and Park positions. Operate the shifter through all the gear positions. Check to make sure the swivel will slide in and out of the selector lever hole in each gear position. Install the supplied cotter key with the shifter into the swivel and spread the key ends.

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**STEP 23.** Check the operation of the throttle linkage again. The linkage must operate smoothly with no bind. All transmissions using automatic valve bodies must have the throttle linkage connected and operating or transmission damage will result.

**STEP 24.** Neutral safety/backup light switch. '66-'68: The neutral safety switch will continue to function normally. It will not be necessary to hook up the neutral safety switch wires on the shifter. Disconnect the battery ground cable before wiring the backup light switch. Locate the original backup light switch on the steering column or the console shifter. Reconnect the ground wire and check the light continues to function normally. It will not be necessary to connect any wires to the switches on the shifter. Go to **Step 37.**

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**STEP 25.** Disconnect the throttle to transmission linkage, if any and discard. The Powerglide shift lever supplied with this shifter has no provision for a throttle linkage.

**STEP 26.** Drain the transmission oil pan. **Caution:** Be sure the transmission is cool before attempting to drain the oil. Place a drain pan under the transmission. Remove the drain plug, if so equipped. If your pan does not have a drain plug, remove the oil pan bolts one at a time, working towards the front. As you loosen the last two bolts, the oil pan will tilt down and allow the oil to drain. Note: If your oil pan sticks to the gasket, pry it down with a screwdriver before loosening the last two bolts to break it free. Remove the oil pan and set it aside.

**STEP 27.** Remove the manual valve guide plate by removing the two bolts (See Figure 8). Unhook and remove the detent roller spring. Allow the detent roller to pivot out of the way. Note how the pin on the manual valve selector engages the groove in the manual valve.

**STEP 28.** If your transmission has a throttle valve lever on the outside of the shift lever, loosen the inner pinch bolt on the throttle lever. Slide the throttle lever and the shaft out of the transmission. Remove the inner throttle valve lever. Discard these parts.

**STEP 29.** Loosen the pinch bolt on the selector lever. This can be an Allen head bolt of a 12 point bolt head. Do not remove the pinch bolt. Slightly pry the manual valve lever and slide the selector shaft from the transmission. Discard the selector shaft.

**STEP 30.** This shifter includes the B&M Powerglide Pro-Lever, which is a two piece lever with a separate lever and shaft. Install the B&M selector shaft into the transmission with the lever pointing down. Hold the stock selector lever in position in the case, engage the pin on the selector lever with the manual valve and rotate the B&M shaft until the flat on the shaft engages the serrations on the lever. Push the B&M lever firmly into the transmission until the lever stops on the shoulder of the shaft. Tighten the pinch bolt securely.

**STEP 31.** Install the manual valve guide plate in place. **Make sure that the pin on the selector lever is engaged in the groove in the manual valve.** Install the two bolts and tighten to 15 lb. ft. Install the detent roller spring. Hook the spring to the detent roller and the tab. The selector lever must travel freely and smoothly from front to back with a positive click in each gear position.

**STEP 32.** Clean the oil pan and scrape the old gasket off the pan and the case. (Note: if your pan does not have a drain plug, you may wish to install a B&M Drain Plug Kit #80250 at this time). The old gasket can cause leaks. Install the oil pan with a new gasket. Install the pan bolts except for the two center bolts on the left side of the pan. Tighten the pan bolts to 8 lb. ft. Do not overtighten as this can damage the pan gasket.

**STEP 33.** Install the cable bracket into position with the two remaining pan bolts (See Figure 8). Install the B&M lever onto the shaft with the lever pointing down. If your cable comes from the front (usually a rear engined car) the lever is installed pointing upwards. You will have to make your own cable bracket for this installation.

**STEP 34.** Route the shifter cable according to Figure 3. Avoid kinks and sharp bends and...
route the cable away from hot engine or exhaust parts.

Remove the two rubber boots, one large nut, and a large lockwasher from the threaded end of the shifter cable. Slide the end of the cable into the cable bracket. Install the large nut and the lockwasher loosely over the end of the cable. Install the two rubber boots onto the end of the cable. Install the swivel on the threaded end of the cable and position it in the center of the threaded portion.

**STEP 35.** Be sure that the two speed limiter blocker pin and e-clips are installed as shown in Figure 1. The two speed limiter blocker pin is required because the Powerglide has only two forward gear positions.

Move the transmission selector lever by hand to the full rear position (Low). Operate the shifter lever to the Low gear position (ratcheted all the way back). Adjust the large nuts on the cable so that the swivel will slide into the hole in the selector lever that is labeled B&M1 (See Figure 9). Tighten the large nuts completely. Be sure that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the hole in the selector lever. **Note:** The shifter will not operate correctly unless the B&M1 hole in the shift lever is used.

Leave the swivel out of the hole and move the selector lever to Park, all the way forward.

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**WARNING**

PERIODIC INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR SHIFTER IS RECOMMENDED TO ENSURE THAT THE MECHANISM IS WELL LUBRICATED, FREE FROM DIRT OR RUST AND THAT THE CABLE IS PROPERLY ADJUSTED. LACK OF MAINTENANCE COULD RESULT IN A FAILURE INCLUDING A FAILURE OF THE REVERSE LOCKOUT SAFETY FEATURE.
Also ratchet the shifter to Park position (all the way forward). Reinsert the swivel into the B&M1 hole in the selector lever. Check to see that the swivel will slide freely in and out of the B&M1 hole in the selector lever in this position. If it does not slip in freely, adjust the swivel slightly until it will slip into the B&M1 hole in the lever.

Move the shifter back to the Low gear position and check that the swivel will still slide easily in and out of the B&M1 hole in the selector lever. (If you do not use the B&M1 hole in the lever, it will be impossible to correctly adjust the cable). Operate the shifter through all the gear positions. Check to make sure the swivel will slide in and out of the B&M1 selector lever hole in each gear position. The shift cable is now correctly adjusted. Install the cotter key supplied with the shifter into the swivel and spread the key ends.

If you have a problem, **DO NOT FORCE THE SHIFTER**, this will damage the cable, the shifter or the transmission. Simply start at the beginning and carefully check all your steps.

**STEP 36.** Disconnect the battery ground cable to prevent accidental shorts. Identify the neutral safety wires (engine will not crank if you have a problem). Locate the switch and the backup light wires to the switch. Install the handle on the reverse lockout lever secured by two button head #10-32 screws. The reverse lockout lever must be pushed forward (to prevent accidental selection of Reverse). To shift to Reverse you will not be fully in Park gear and the car may move.

**STEP 37.** With the shifter bolted securely to the floor, be sure that the shifter operates correctly. Check to see that there is a piece of insulating tape on the inside of the brushed aluminum cover on the driver's side. This is to prevent the terminals on the switches from shorting out. Install the brushed aluminum cover over the shifter. Put the cover over the stick and then push the stick forward. Hook the front of the cover over the front of the shifter mechanism and then put the rear of the cover over the rear of the mechanism. The cover is secured by two button head #10-32 screws.

**STEP 38.** Tighten the knob onto the stick securely. Thread sealer will help keep the knob from loosening. Position the knob insert on top of the knob and align the Pro Ratchet logo. Push down on the insert to snap it into place. Secure the carpet to the floorboard and the door edges. Your shifter is now ready to use.

**OPERATION**

The B&M Pro Ratchet Shifter is a ratchet shifter. You push the stick forward for up shifts and pull it back for down shifts (with a standard pattern valve body). The ratchet shift allows firm, positive, no-miss upshifts and downshifts. Move the knob forward or backwards as far as is will go to select the next gear. Then let the spring return the stick to the central position. When you shift from Drive to Neutral, the reverse lockout prevents the shifter from shifting any further (to prevent accidental selection of Reverse). To shift to Reverse you will not be fully in Park gear and the car may move.

**IMPORTANT**

Before installing the knob onto the shifter put Loctite on the threads of the stick. The knob may gall on the threads of the stick and make it impossible to remove the knob from the stick. This occurs if the stick to break if you use excessive force while attempting to remove the knob from the stick.