

Solderless Unibody Switch Assembly Guide



Tools:

- Super glue
- Flush cutters
- Wire strippers
- Needle nose pliers (optional)
- Heat Gun / Lighter

Parts:

Qty	Description	Link
2	24-26ga. wire crimp connectors	Amazon.ca
1	18 inch zip tie	Amazon.ca
1	3.5 mm mono cableMay be able to find these at local dollar store	All Electronics Corp Digikey
1	12 mm Tactile Switch	Digikey
1	3D Printed Switch Body	

Assembly Instructions:

Step	Image	Instruction
1		Remove one of the ends and strip the outer wire casing from the monocable. Expose about 2 cm of the internal wires.



2		Remove the casing from the inner wire(s) and tightly twist the braided copper ends.
3		Test fit the crimp, and cut bare wire ends to length to leave limited wire exposed.
4		Using the plier nose of the wire strippers, squeeze the crimp firmly to fix the wire. Can also use Needle Nose plier for this step.
5		Trim the heat shrink from the open end of the crimp. It doesn't need to be perfectly flush.
6	6	Flatten both sets of leads on the Tactile Switch using the nose of the wire strippers.



7		Verify leads are generally flat.
8		Cut the 2 bumps off the bottom of the Tactile Switch so they are flush.
9	a curing	Insert the Tactile switch leads into the open crimp end, and crimp firmly.
10		Give your connection a quick tug test to make sure all crimp connections are secure. You can also test the switch to make sure it's working at this point.
11		Heat the shrink wrap covers so they reduce over the wires. Use a heat gun if you own one. If not, a lighter or very hot hair dryer can also do the job.



12	Slide the Tactile Switch through the opening at the back of the switch body and insert the prongs under the lip at the front of the switch body. This is a test fit only. Making sure the prongs are slightly pointed down can help them insert easier.
13	Work quickly here, but don't rush. Add a good size drop of super glue in where the switch will sit.
14	Slide the Tactile Switch through the opening at the back of the switch with enough extra wire to make a large loop.
15	Re-insert the switch with the prongs under the lip. Hold it tight for 10 seconds until the glue sets. Warning: Careful not to glue your fingers!
16	Insert a small tie strap, downward through one of the holes.



17	Loop the tie strap back up and through the other slot.
18	Making sure the tie strap passes through the middle of the wire loop connect the tie strap and pull it snug, but loose enough so the wire still moves easily. Then pull the wire out to reduce the size of the loop so it fits easily inside the switch body.
19	Tighten the tie strap fully so the wire doesn't move, then snip off the excess.
19	Test your switch and then sit back and admire your handiwork. Great Work!!

Tip for Users:

• When setting this up for a user, adhesive Velcro or tie straps can help you mount it securely to a surface or round tube for reliable operation