2019-2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $0 DIY

TOOLS

Jumper cables, 4-gauge or thicker, with intact insulation Donor vehicle with a healthy charged 12-volt battery, or a fully charged jump pack Safety glasses Work gloves Flashlight (never a match or lighter near the battery)

STEPS

1. **Position both trucks and power down - Donor close - no touching; contact creates an** unwanted ground that can prevent starting and damage the electrics. Brake set on both, Silverado in Park (4WD: transfer case in a drive gear, not Neutral). Ignitions off, accessories unplugge...
2. **Find the Silverado’s remote jump points - Open the hood. Use the remote jump terminals -** not the battery posts: the remote positive (+) under a sliding cover and the remote negative () grounding point, both passenger side. Slide the cover to expose the positive terminal.
3. **Connect red to the remote positive terminal - Check both cables for cracked or missing** insulation - damaged cables can shock you. Clamp the red cable onto the remote positive terminal (cover open), seated on bare metal so it can’t fall off. Keep the free end off any metal.
4. **Connect the donor battery’s terminals - Connect the other red clamp to the donor’s** positive (+) terminal, then the black cable to the donor’s negative () terminal. Confirm polarity: positive to positive, negative to negative - reversed, you’ll short the battery and damage o...
5. **Ground the black cable at the remote negative point - Clamp the remaining black cable to** the remote negative () point - or a heavy, unpainted engine part - never to the dead battery’s negative terminal, where a spark risks igniting battery gas.
6. **Start the donor, then start the Silverado - Slow crank or clicks? Charge another 10-15** minutes - a deeply discharged truck battery needs patience, not starter grinding. Turns over but won’t catch, or a security light flashes? Confirm the key is recognized; it may be the immobili...
7. **Disconnect, recharge, and troubleshoot - Disconnect in reverse: black-remote negative,** black-donor, red-donor, red-remote positive; close the cover. Drive 20-30 minutes. Load-test the battery and check the charging system - truck batteries last three to five years; dirty or l...

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