

# Restoration News

## A Few Restoration Tips

A very small over-looked item makes the difference sometimes between First place and Second place. One little detail is the screws that hold on the headlight door. Most people paint over these, next time don't! Ford did not, so if you have by accident, remove these eight screws and polish them to their natural color.

Also, let's remember that the inner fender bolts were not painted either. These are the bolts that are under the hood along the edge of the fender. Ford's part number is 378178-S39 and the cost is about \$3.00 for ten bolts.

Another non-stock tip is to isolate all body parts from painted body panels (see photos). Because I have a modified engine in my Mustang, it likes to "shake" a lot. Lacquer paint and this motion do not get along. To prevent this stress cracking, I've mounted all chrome parts with small pieces of rubber. Everything from the gas nozzle to the hoodpins to the bumperrets were included. Even the key locks were isolated with small washers.

Again this is not stock but it is helping to save my paint job.

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