

## HI FRED,

I am a faithful reader of your column in *Mustang Times*. I am hoping you can help me with my problem...

When I purchased my '06 GT convertible I also ordered from Ford Accessories.com an optional interior mirror. This mirror offers HomeLink capability (so you open your garage door), automatic dimming, a compass display, and an exterior temperature display. The unit costs about \$300 and supposedly could be installed by the dealer in 30 minutes.

When the unit arrived, I took the car back to the dealer for installation. It was quite clear that they were unfamiliar with the unit and its installation. They estimated it would take five or six hours (at \$60 an hour) and would involve a major tear-apart of my new car's interior. "No thank you," I said.

I attempted installation myself and was quite successful. However, the wiring harness for the temperature display (with the temperature sensor mounted at one end) came as a separate component unattached to the connector that mates all wires to the back of the mirror. It is a ten-pin connector with three or four pins already used by other functions. NO INSTRUCTIONS came with the unit specifying which pins are to be used for the temperature display.

Do you have any sources that are familiar with how this mirror should be wired?

Many thanks for any guidance.  
Andrew Rheude

Dear Andrew,

I've checked with my local Ford dealer to see if I could get any additional information and also came away frustrated. Sorry that I can't help you either. I will send this thru to the *Mustang Times* and possibly one of our readers can help.

Fred

## HI FRED,

I could use your help in identifying the correct carpet color for my '65 Fastback. The code says the interior color is Palomino, which matches the Mustang's upholstery. However, the carpet colors sold by parts outlets don't come in Palomino. (Closest choices seem to be either Light or Dark Saddle or Ivy Gold, which a supplier sent me when I reupholstered the car back in the early '80s.) What is the correct color for the carpeting?

Also, the clock on my Rally Pac doesn't work. I recall reading about people replacing the working parts with a quartz movement that fits into the existing clock. Can you suggest a supplier?

Thanks for your help.  
Russ Cravens

Dear Russ,

In our experience, the correct color carpet for your Palomino interior would be Light Saddle. The quartz conversion for your Rally Pac clock is something that you would be able to do yourself and would be available from most of our advertisers.

Fred

## HI FRED,

Can you help me determine which cable gear I need to correct my inaccurate speedometer? I have a '65 Mustang that had a C-4 with a 2:80 rear end and a 20-tooth (gray or light blue) cable gear. Now she has a top-loader 4-speed and 3:25 rear gear. With the 20-tooth gear, it was off by approximately 20 mph at 60 (it read 80 mph). Can you recommend a replacement gear? My tire size is 225/60-14 (approx. 836 rev. per mile) I would appreciate any help.

Thank you,  
Tony Griffin

Dear Tony,

It's difficult to determine the correct gear from Ford's original Master catalog because the tire size you are using was not available in 1965 and to determine the correct gear we would need tire size, axle ratio, and type of trans. The driven-gear tooth count is also dependent on the number of teeth on the drive gear on the output shaft of the transmission. Since we do not know that it will be somewhat of a guess. Also, the 20-tooth gear from the C4 is cut the opposite direction from the correct 4-speed gear because the cable enters the 4-speed transmission from the right side and the C4 from the left. Even though you have a 20T gear and it does drive the speedometer, the tooth count really doesn't tell us much. I would start with a correct 18-tooth gear. If this reads 10 MPH too high, change to a 19-tooth gear. (One tooth change adjusts the speed reading about 10%.)

Fred

## HI FRED,

I have been looking for some information on the Dusk Rose color on the internet and was hoping that you could help. I know that the 1957 Thunderbird also had a color named Dusk Rose. My question is that are they the same

color? Looking at paint codes on the internet, both the 1957 Thunderbird and 1967 Mustang have the same Ditzler/PPG code for Dusk Rose - 50470. I'm a little skeptical of this because I have seen a couple of Dusk Rose Thunderbirds and they look lighter than my Mustang.

Thank you for your time.  
Nick

Dear Nick,

You made me dig deep into my archives of old paint books! The two colors are the same according to the manufacturers numbers for 1957 and 1967. There were 2,395 '67 Mustangs produced with Dusk Rose paint out of a total production of 474,121.

Fred

## HELLO FRED,

I enjoy your "Ask Fred" column in *Mustang Times*. Not sure whether you can help with this one; if not, I would be appreciative if you could refer me to someone who can help.

I have a '66 convertible that was, at one time, the subject of a restoration attempt by a prior owner. The date code on the data plate reads "20W." If my understanding is correct, this date code would translate to 20Sept66. The car was built in Dearborn, and carries a consecutive unit number of 370066. Is it possible that this is the correct approximate build date for my convertible? I would have thought that '66 Mustang production would have ended by then, and production switched over to the '67 model. Please let me know if this is a correct build date, or if the consecutive unit number would indicate otherwise. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Best Regards,  
Scott Martin

Dear Scott,

It would appear that someone may have changed the data plate information. I can find no verification for a "W" month designation date code. The last month of a model year production is generally "V" (August). Additionally, other consecutive unit number cars built in Dearborn in the 37XXXX range are all June production or "F" month cars. I have not been able to find reference to Metuchen and San Jose cars with consecutive unit numbers that high.

Fred

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