

OUR 2004 PROJECT CAR GETS NEW HEADLIGHTS.



Latemodel Restoration Supply has a good selection of replacement headlight assembly kits.

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Our project car for this Mini-Tech is a 2004 6 cylinder Mustang with a serious headlight problem.

Normally, we would have used a headlight lens cleaner. However, one headlight was broken. So, we decided to replace them with a new kit.

Latemodel Restoration Supply was quick to respond to a request for a kit. We chose the Stock Headlight Kit replacements, part # LRS-130081-K.

Never one to sit by and watch from the sidelines, I decided I could handle this easy swap myself.

The battery was disconnected before the project was started. And, there isn't a photo, however we cleaned the terminal before we reconnected the battery when the installation was complete.

As the Florida afternoon rains de-

cidated to become a deluge just as we finished (fortunately) the installation. While there isn't a shot of the entire front end of the completed mini-project, you will see that each side turned out well.

This is an extremely easy project to do at home, in your garage or driveway. Tools needed are minimal. I think we used a flathead screwdriver. It would have been easier, though if we had a harness connector release tool. That tool makes releasing the clips on electrical connections easier, and diminishes the possibility of breaking the clips off. All in all, it took no more than 15 minutes to completely remove and replace both headlights.

Read along as we explain just how easy a job this really is. If I can do it—anyone can.

I'm off to visit my manicurist now. Next month we'll tackle a 2008, dressing it up a bit. Stay tuned. **MT**

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▲ Safety is always paramount. Before we began, the battery was disconnected.



▲ One headlight was totally broken, the other wasn't in such great condition.



▲ First, the retaining clips, long slender clips that hold the headlight to the panel, were removed.



▲ After the assembly was released from the Mustang, the headlight bulb connector was removed from the headlight.

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▲ Next, the clip on the electrical connector on the sidemarker bulb was released.



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▲ Once the headlight was totally removed from the Mustang, we took the opportunity to give the area a good cleaning.



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▲ The sidemarker connector was first reattached by simply pushing it until the clip snapped into place.



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▲ Next, the headlight switch was connected to the assembly.



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▲ The headlight assembly was fitted into place. Before it's even complete, the headlight already looks much better.



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▲ Next the first of two headlight retaining clubs in pushed back into place.



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▲ I gave the clip a second push to be sure it keeps the assembly secured to the body.



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▲ The second retaining clip is at the outer edge of the assembly. That was also secured properly.



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▲ No more broken headlight.



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▲ Both headlights are replaced. It's a good idea to get them aligned properly. We connect the battery and tested the lights.

▲ FINISH ▲

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