

# IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

For many months now, I've received many questions on the T-5 Ford. For those not sure as to what a T-5 Ford is, it is the Mustang exported to Germany.

First, I want to thank Terre Reeson of Washington State for the vast research that he has conducted on the T-5 Ford. All questions are still answered on the T-5, but I feel we are close.

When the Mustang was about to be introduced back in early 1964, the Ford Motor Company found out to their chagrin that the Mustang could not be marketed under that name in West Germany. There was a vehicle planned by Humboldt-Klockner-Deutz (an old manufacturer of diesel trucks) under that name. This prohibited Ford from using the name "Mustang" in Germany. H-K-D had agreed to relinquish rights to the name "Mustang" (which they intended for a future diesel model), but the Ford Motor Company was unwilling to pay the rather unreasonable price asked by H-K-D.

Ford was in a jam, so they had to think quickly. They elected to use the code name "T-5" (no specific meaning) for Mustangs exported to Germany.

T-5s of every year are identical to regular Mustangs except for the lack of the word "Mustang" anywhere on the car. To get the cars off the assembly line as T-5s, a DSO 95 was applied. T-5s are really a collector's item in that there are very few of them. Ford produced around 2,000 each year from 1964½ to 1973.

To get these T-5s licensed in West Germany, certain minor modifications had to be made so that the vehicle was in compliance with German motor vehicle regulations. Through 1966 model year most modifications to Ford

imported vehicles were usually waived. This was due to the extremely low number of Ford units being imported into Germany.

Starting with the 1967 model year, the regulations were enforced. The required modifications were not made in U.S. plants due to the expense involved. Ford-Germany in Cologne wanted nothing to do with "those" imports, so the modifications were performed by the individual dealers. These mods were made mainly to the turn signals, rear license lamp, parking brake cable routing, color of the high beam indicator, etc. It got rather complex at times.

Another interesting note, is that ninety percent of all T-5s were bought by American GIs and were brought back to the U.S. If you have a T-5 in the U.S., chances are it was bought new by a GI in Germany.

Some T-5s, if not all, have speedometers that read in kilometers instead of mph.

There was never any literature printed on the T-5. Ford of North America was not interested in pushing the sale of T-5s and Ford-Germany was not interested in pushing an "import." In later years Ford-Germany included the T-5 and Thunderbird in their full-line saver categories. The T-5 sometimes found its way into local magazines and newspaper ads over there, too.

Your chances of ever seeing a T-5 are slim. The best place to look for them is at the MCA national meets.

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