

TECH TIPS

Restoration Time Saver: Dimmer Switch Removal

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Have you ever tried to remove the light dimmer switch located in the dash of an early Mustang? If you have, you probably ended up cutting off the switch knob to get the unit out, only to discover the correct method after you had already ruined your switch knob.

In case you ever try to remove one of these little monsters, follow these directions to save your time and sanity:

The first step is to disconnect the battery. Reach up underneath the dash and disconnect the wiring harness plug from the dimmer switch. (It should be located on the left hand side of the switch and should just pull right out).

Now, reach your hand up under the dash and grasp the dimmer switch. Feel around for a small pin on the steering column side of the switch toward the

back of the switch. This is a spring loaded assembly that retains the switch knob in the switch assembly. Push in this pin and simultaneously pull on the dimmer switch knob. The knob should pull right out of the dash switch.

The chrome retaining ring can now be unscrewed with a screw driver, and the old dimmer switch can be removed from the dash.

To reinstall a new switch, simply reverse this procedure and push the switch knob back into the switch until it clicks into place.

Mo' From Joe

Early Mustang fog light bulbs can be had from any automobile parts house under GE part number 4415 for clear and 4415A for amber lens.

You can get quicker steering for your Mustang by installing a power steering gear set; it's not quite as quick as a quick steering package, but it's much cheaper . . . and a significant improvement over the standard steering ratio.

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To prevent rust on the back side of GT wheels or any steel mags, brush paint this side with Rust-Oleum. This also works well on the back side of bumpers.

While doing a valve job or just storing valves, you can simplify the storage and order of them by drilling eight holes in two blocks of wood, one block per head. Space the holes according to the size of your valves.

To help in the removal of bumper stickers, decals, glass, and weatherstripping from your classic, try "Release Agent" from 3M. It softens and releases adhesive bonds. It is part no. 8962 and comes in 18 oz. spray cans.

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