



A year ago I decided to install a console in my 1967 Mustang convertible. After finally achieving my goal, I decided to write an article to help other MCA members with the console installation.

The first step is locating a '67 console. It won't take long to see the need for a special shift lever assembly, unless you are lucky enough to find a complete unit.

The next step is to purchase a conversion kit. Most Mustang parts suppliers have these kits (I ordered mine from Mr. G's Mustang City). It is important that you mark part numbers on parts as you remove them from the package. You will note that parts number 2 and 3 are similar, and could be easily confused.

Converting a '67 Shift Lever for Console

by Paul Wasser

The following is a step-by-step procedure for converting your unit:

1. Remove the shift lever assembly from car, referring to Shop Manual for detailed instructions.
2. Remove lever from housing after removing rubber gasket for access to nut.
3. Secure the housing in a vise and remove the top bracket. Be careful not to distort or bend the housing. (See Figure 1)
4. Grind or file the housing weld areas to allow proper seating of the new parts. (See Figure 2)
5. Lay out the new parts as shown on drawing in conversion kit.
6. Clean metal parts for welding.
7. Locate and clamp parts securely in place. (See Figure 3)
8. Before welding, check accuracy of new part location using console plate as a guide.
9. Weld parts in place. You may also braze, use mild steel rod, or wire weld. (See Figure 4)
10. You are now ready to weld the

angle bracket onto the shift lever. Dis-assembly of the shift lever is recommended so that the heat from welding will not destroy the small spring inside.

11. Carefully drive the pin holding cable and related parts in lever.
12. Remove the small parts and pull cable from bottom end. Lay these parts out in order of removal to simplify re-assembly.
13. Locate the angle on the lever. The drawing supplied is mis-leading in this area, so use common sense when locating this piece.
14. File or grind for proper fit between lever and angle.
15. Clamp pieces together and weld.
16. After clean-up, all parts are ready for assembly.
17. Re-assemble shift lever, replacing lever bushing if worn. (See Figure 5)

You are now ready to install the complete assembly, along with your new console.

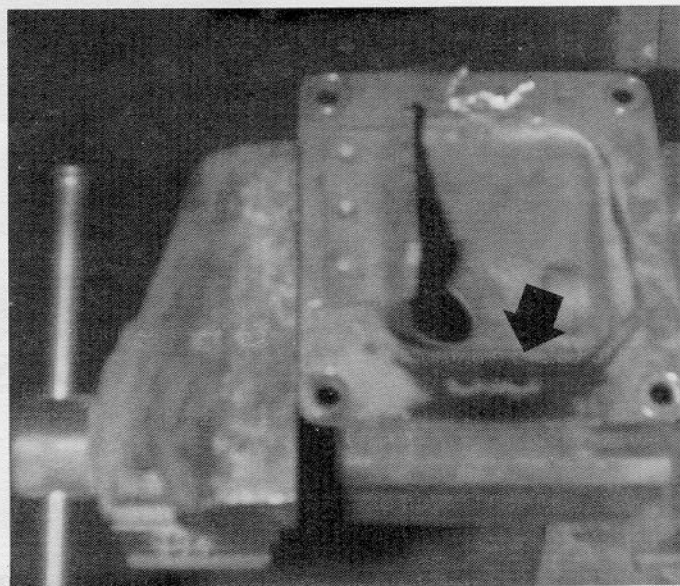
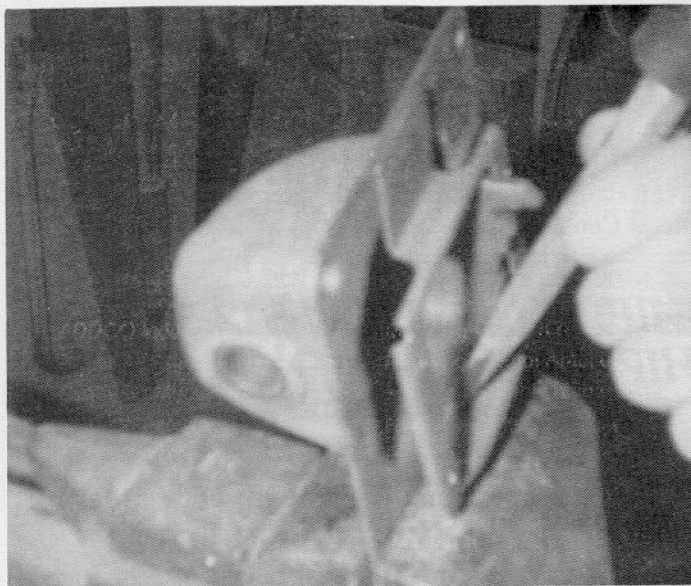


FIGURE 1 — Inside location of the chisel helps hold distortion to a minimum. FIGURE 2 — Grind weld areas smooth.

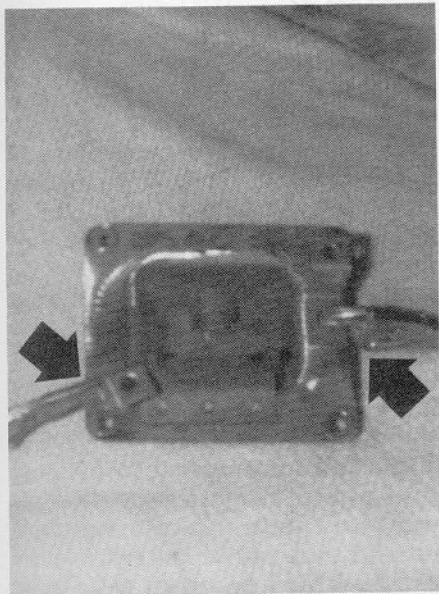


FIGURE 3 — Vise Grips hold parts in place for welding.

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HELPFUL HINT

If your manual shifter knob is the black with not-so-white shift pattern type, there is a quick cure for your problem.

First, clean the old grease and dirt out of the pattern with a toothpick. Next, rub a white crayon across the pattern until it is completely filled. Wipe off the excess, "Armor-all" the knob, and admire your "new" shifter!

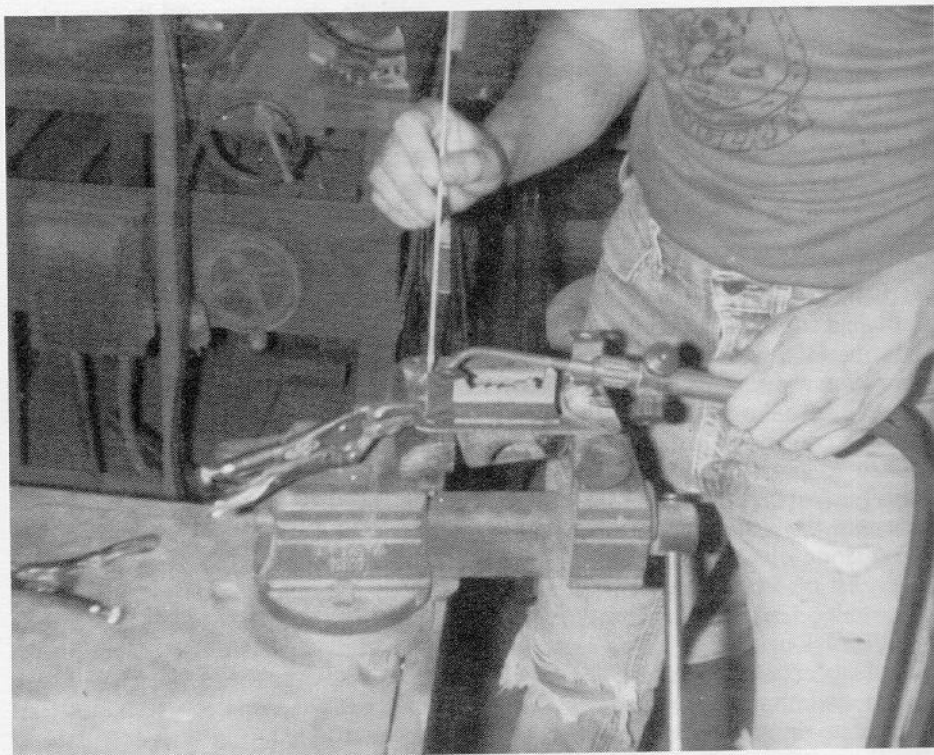


FIGURE 4 — NOTE: Apply more heat to housing than bracket. Bracket is light gauge metal.

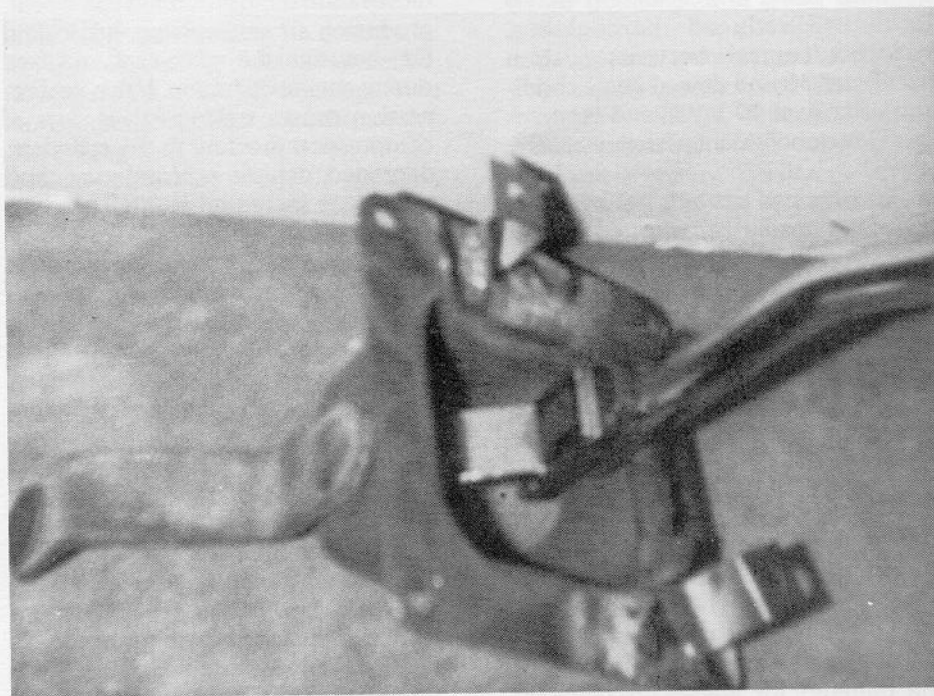


FIGURE 5 — Completed shift lever assembly, ready for installation.