

ASK FRED GLAZIER



Dear Fred,

I have a 1966 convertible with a 289-2V engine and automatic transmission. I started restoring this car about two months ago after driving it for 12 years. It needs some work. Right now I'm in the engine compartment and am having problems finding original colors.

I did find out that my engine is supposed to be Ford blue, and the engine walls should be semi-gloss black.

The car will not be driven anymore, as I plan to enter it in shows. My questions:

1. The judging rules state that the bracket for the alternator is to be the same as the engine. Is that blue, and does it mean both brackets?

2. What color is the power steering pump bracket?

3. What color is the transmission dip-stick handle?

4. Are the valve cover bolts to be painted blue also, or are they to be left natural in color.

5. The coil top is supposed to be ceramic. Is it black or white?

6. I noticed most Mustangs pictured in the *Mustang Times* have the engine dress-up kits and Cobra valve covers. Is it better to have the dress-up kit?

7. Are the manifold bolt locks painted blue or left natural?

Thank you for any and all help you can give me.

Richard Lawlen
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Dear Richard,

As far as I know there are no books available or color prints to accurately identify all the different correct colors in a '66 engine compartment; however, I will try to answer your individual questions.

1. Alternator Brackets - Black
2. Power Steering - Black
3. Trans Dipstick - Natural
4. Valve Cover Bolts - Natural
5. Coil Top - Yellow
6. Dress-up Kits - with or without is OK
7. Bolt Locks - Natural

Fred

Dear Fred,

I have just removed a trunk release control from a '67 Cougar. It's just like the one pictured in *Mustang Does It*. My question is will it fit and work in my '67 Mustang. In the Cougar the lock is in the trunk lid, in a '67 Mustang it's in the lower body. It is just like the ones for 65-66 Mustangs.

Terry Tacker
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Dear Terry,

The trunk release for the Mustang and the Cougar are the same except for the latch assembly. You should be able to make the Cougar Assembly adapt to your '67 Mustang.

Fred

Dear Fred,

I recently purchased a '68 coupe in good condition. I would like to lower the front of the car 2 inches, but still keep the same amount of suspension travel. Can you tell me of a company that makes the necessary hardware?

Robert Felker
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Dear Robert,

The front of your '68 coupe can be lowered about 1" by moving the upper control arms down in the same manner that Shelby lowered the control arms on the early Shelbys.

Fred

