

Restoration Tips:

Just a quick note for some of you do it yourself restorers. Here are a few items I tripped over recently:

1966 Thunderbird Headlamp Adjusters: These are hard to find items and the adjuster screw threads into a plastic square piece that is pressed onto a mounting pad. Used pieces always have the same problems that you're having with the units on the car. Larry's Thunderbird Mustang carries them individually or in complete packages for one side. I recently used a set for Adam and Becky Kaufman's car. They worked great!

Engine Paint: The correct color for all 65 Ford equipped cars with the "Z" code 390 including Thunderbird, and 65 Ford 289 V-8 with gold valve covers and air breathers is 1965 Ford color code "P" which is Prairie Bronze Metallic. The correct color can be mixed in base coat / clear coat PPG at Don Kennett's on Broadway in Lawrence, Mass. Acrylic Enamel has gone by the wayside. I recently refinished the aforementioned pieces on Gerry Gagnon's 65 Galaxie XL convertible, and they came out fantastic. There is nothing like the "bling factor" when it comes to engine paint! With the removal of most of the lead in paint, spray bomb refinished areas just wont last. Spray gun applied urethane finishes are the only way to go!

Seal Surfaces: Victor Reinz Gasket Company, available at NAPPA stores, now makes seal surface sleeves to repair worn metal / cast seal surfaces. All you need to do is measure the seal surface area, and NAPPA can order your new sleeve. You simply tap it into place, and you instantly restore the surface where you oil seal rides. They are included in some applications when the front engine cover gasket and seal set is ordered.

Vintage 50's and 60's Chevy Interiors:

For the best of the best in vintage '55 to late 60's Chevy interiors, Ciadella Enterprises, 3757 E. Broadway #4, Phoenix AZ is the place to go. Their original interiors are exactly like the originals and the colors are fantastic. They produce show quality interior kits and pieces. You can purchase the material alone if you wish.



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