

**Instructions for installing your
1965 - 1968 Mustang Custom Brushed Aluminum Lower Console
Dress-up Kit**

Congratulations on the purchase of our newest Mustang trim part...**“Lower Console Dress-up Kit”** for 1965 - 1968 Mustang Four Speed or Automatic Transmission.

Before starting the installation of your new kit, we recommend that you read these instructions a couple of times to orient yourself with the installation process. Also, make a careful examination of all the parts in your respective kit. It is recommended that if you attempt any installation that the temperature be no less than 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Interesting enough, this kit can be used when doing a “major restoration” on your car’s console or when doing what is commonly called a “warm over”. If you are involved in the “major restoration” of your console, we highly recommend that the use of;

Dupli-Color Acrylic Lacquer in DAL 1607 Flat Black

to be used when doing the camera finish area. The paint comes in a convenient spray can. This paint can be found in all Wal-Mart, Home Depot and paint supply stores. You will be amazed how Dupli-Color Flat Black accents next to your brushed aluminum parts.

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Console Dress-up Kit contains the following aluminum parts and provides these utensils to be used to assist you in the installation of your kit.

65-66 Automatic Kit Has 8 Separate die stamped pieces of brushed aluminum with double sided tape already installed.

65-66 Four Speed Kit Has 8 Separate die stamped pieces of brushed aluminum with double side tape already installed.

65-66 Automatic & Four Speed Kit When doing a standard restoration of the console there are 3 Separate pieces.

67 Automatic Kit Has 5 Separate die stamped pieces of brushed aluminum with double sided tape already installed.

67 Four Speed Kit Has 4 Separate die stamped pieces of brushed aluminum with double side tape already installed.

68 Automatic Kit Has 3 Separate die stamped pieces of brushed aluminum with double sided tape already installed.

Each kit contains:

- 2 Sturdy Brushes
- 1 Tube of Glue
- 1 Single Edge Razor Blade
- 2 Extra pieces of Double Sided Tape
- 1 Pad of 000 Extra Fine Steel Wool

Recommended tools:

- Safety Glasses/Eye Protection
- Drop Cord/Flashlight
- Lacquer Thinner. Other options are Rubbing Alcohol or Nail Polish Remover.
- Hair Dryer
- Clean Wipes/Drying Cloth
- Phillips Screw Driver
- (where applicable) Dupli-Color Acrylic Lacquer DAL 1607 Flat Black

- Miscellaneous wrenches and sockets if you are installing the “Automatic Indicator Plate” which requires the removal of the console from the car.

Installing Your Aluminum Components on the Console

1. After having inspected all your new brushed aluminum component pieces, we recommend that you began by using the provided brushes to clean the top of the console paying particular attention to all the cracks in around the old existing aluminum components. Using your hair dryer as blow gun, remove all loose dirt and dust. Once this has been accomplished, you might consider the use of the provided razor blade to scrape off all the existing scum that may have built up on your nearly 40 year old aluminum console. Once satisfied with your cleaning results, lightly dampen the cleaning cloth with whatever solvent you have chosen and proceed to clean only the surfaces of cleaned aluminum. *Never use water – maintaining a dry surface is a must.* All of the surfaces of the console must be completely dry prior to applying any glue or double sided tape.

2. Prior to starting this step, it is suggested that you re-inspect all of the old aluminum surfaces for cleanliness. Once satisfied, re-inspect your new aluminum pieces paying more attention to the back sides. Notice that some of the surfaces on the backside of your new pieces are not completely covered with double sided tape. Apply some of the glue to the areas on your console that the double sided tape will not be coming in contact with. Your razor blade can be an effective tool to spread the glue evenly. Should you accidentally spread some glue in an area that you feel the tape will come in contact with, dampen your cleaning cloth with thinner and wipe away the excess glue. The surfaces that the double sided tape will come in contact with must be free of glue to assure the tightest bond possible. The double sided tape acts as an instant bonder where as the tube glue serves as added insurance. In those areas where your aluminum components are not very wide, the double sided tape is sufficient. Using your cleaning cloth, wipe the razor blade free of any glue. Now remove the protective covering from the double sided tape using your razor blade to gently peel off the covering. It is recommended that you remove the coverings and then install each piece one-at-a-time.

3. Once all your new components are applied to their respective surfaces and you are satisfied with all alignments of metal, rub over all your new surfaces with a clean cloth applying an even downward pressure. When using your cleaning cloth to apply pressure on your components, make sure that you use a cloth that is free of any lacquer thinner to prevent rubbing off the protective sealer on your aluminum pieces.

4. Permit your glued surface to remain undisturbed for the next 48 hours and your upgrade should be very pleasing. Remember, making your car appear better provides a warm feeling. Having done the upgrade yourself provides an even warmer feeling. ☺

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