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CONVERTING THE REPLACEMENT “D” LAMP TO ORIGINAL

As everyone knows, the original “D” type tail lamp is no longer available. For those purists who insist on stock TCs, including original type taillights—a good substitute has been found.

First, obtain the replacement type “D” taillight, and (very important) the original “D” type lens.

Next, get some thin ($\frac{1}{16}$ ” or less) aluminum and cut it to the width of the vertical groove in the lens (approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ ”). The length should be long enough to fit inside the housing of the light. If a grinder is available, you will probably want to grind the thickness of the ends down, so that the bar is flush with the surface of the taillight housing.

After cutting and grinding, wrap some chrome tape around the bar; insert the front of the glass; place lens into position; lock in place with the wire stay and presto—instant original!

(Note: I found the pressure tight enough without glue to hold the bar in place . . . other installations may require a spot of epoxy between the bar and lens.)

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2002 Update

Of course new “original” type “D” lamps are now available so this conversion is outdated. But it shows you to what lengths TC owners had to go to years ago when parts were not being produced because many suppliers thought the TCs were destined for the scrap yards.