

Identifying Original Hood Latches 1969-1970

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All 1969 and 1970 Mustangs including Shelby and Boss Mustangs used the same hook type hood latch. The Ford part number for the hood latch is C9ZZ-16700-A, DOZZ-16700-A, and DOZZ-16700-B. There were two different vendors during these years of production.

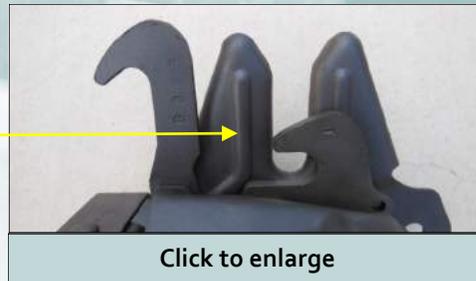
This guide will show the differences and help identify which style would be correct for your car. The easiest way to illustrate the three versions is in the differences in the center flange shown below.



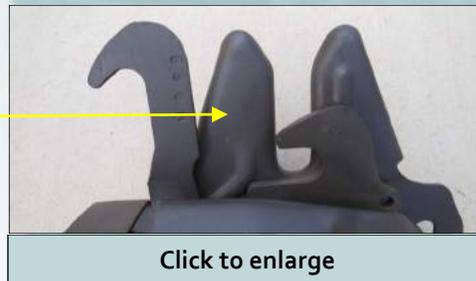
Original owner Richard West 1970 Boss 302

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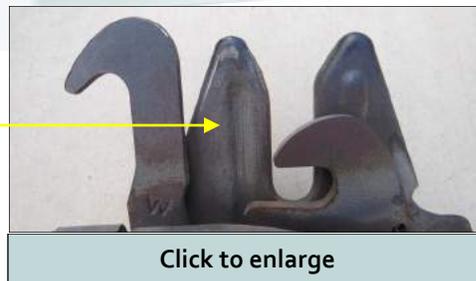
C9ZZ-16700-A: The first version of the hood latch was used for 1969 Mustangs and can easily be identified by the center flange. The center flange has a long raised stamped area that can be seen in the example here.



DOZZ-16700-A: The second version of the hood latch was introduced for the 1970 model year and has a shortened raised area in the center flange as shown in the example here. Used until March 31, 1970.



DOZZ-16700-B: The third version of the hood latch was used after March 31, 1970 according to the Master Parts Catalog. It has a reverse stamped groove in the center flange instead of a raised groove, as shown here.



Vendors: There were two different vendors that supplied the hood latches to Ford during this period. The two vendors can be identified by their manufacturer stampings. Both would typically be stamped somewhere on the front of the hood latch assembly and can be seen when mounted on the car.

Finish: Original hood latches were always plated with a phosphate and oil finish.



Vendor A



Vendor B

Date Codes: Typical of all hood latches would be a date code on either the front or the back of the assembly. Date codes seem to typically appear in the format of month/day/year. Vendor B almost always stamped the date code on the front of the assembly on the safety hook.



Hardware: The hardware that was used to mount the hood latch, and included in a NOS kit is shown in the photos here. This would include the nut/retainer (45268-S2) and the screw with washer (57140-S2). Although the screw is designated as a phosphate and oil finish, it was common to be a cadmium finish as shown here.

