

# Identifying original vs. reproduction rear bumpers 1969-1970 Mustang

M A R C U S A N G H E L



Original bumpers (C9ZZ-17906-A) used by Ford on 1969 and 1970 Mustangs and Shelby's were manufactured by their Monroe Stamping Plant in Monroe, Michigan. The bumpers were stamped with the letter M as shown in the examples below. This guide will help to easily determine an original while

on or off the car. Although there is several measurement differences that make an original fit different than a reproduction, the easiest way to identify an original is the stamping marks (shown below) and the date codes—which do not appear on reproduction bumpers.

Here you can see the stamping marks that only appear on originals in the rear license plate area.



Reproduction



Original

**Date Codes and Stampings:** Typical stampings on these bumpers was a month, day, shift (1 thru 3) and year (two digit). Other stamped info might have included production information. The date codes were always stamped on the inside center area of the original bumpers. These stampings are not easily seen once the bumper is mounted on the car.

### Various Stamping Examples:



Year—1970



September 24, Third Shift



November 14, Second Shift



Year—1968

### Full Example:

Month, day, shift information



September 5, 1968, Second shift

Year, stamping plant information

