



1969-70 Slop Gray or Black Mustang Body Parts

Legend for this article and chart on page #2

- Semi-gloss Black = SGB
- Phopshate and Oil = P&O
- Slop gray =
A combination of left over paint and a base. Typical took on the look of a medium to dark gray with slight green or blue overtones. Glossy/heavy finish is typical

One of the differences between Mustang production plants during 1969-70 that has been documented is the way certain brackets and panels were finished. The largest group of items, ones attached at the front of the car, are shown in the picture below and in the pages that follow. In general, the black painted items had a full but uniform application where the slop gray often had a much heavier application of paint with visible runs and paint build on lower edges.

Originally the “slop gray” parts would have been painted at different times and in different conditions producing a range of tones and tints of parts installed on the finished car. A restorer should make an effort to reproduce this variety of colors and resist producing parts that present a mono-tone finish. Same can be said of the slight variance in gloss levels and looks in semi-gloss black finished parts.

NOTE: This information also applies to Shelby's built in these years unless noted.

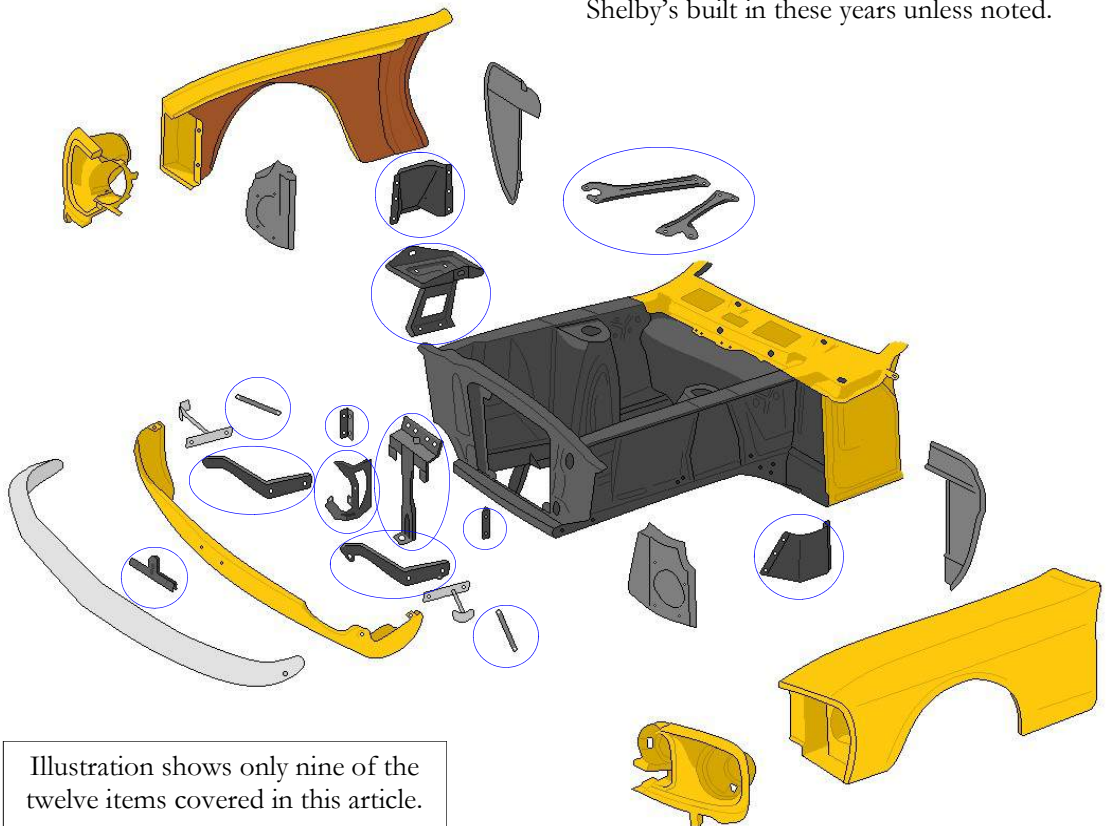
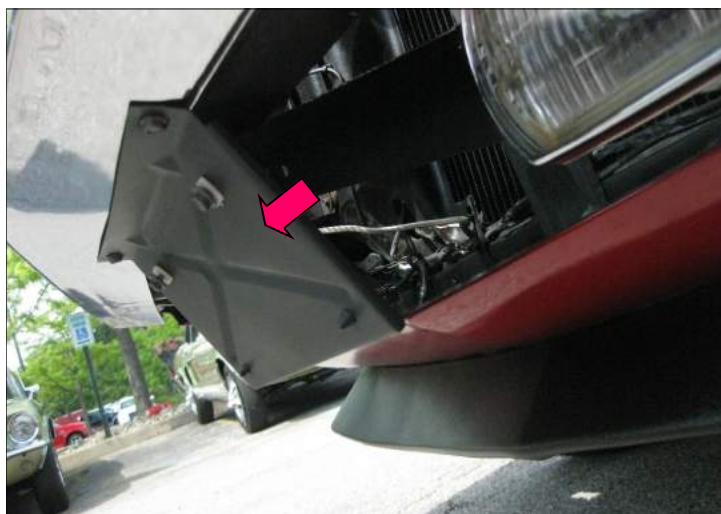


Illustration shows only nine of the twelve items covered in this article.

Quick Guide/Chart of Finishes

	Dearborn Mustang	Dearborn Shelby	Metuchen	San Jose/ Milpitas
License Plate Bracket (Front) pg. 2	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB	SGB
Grill/Stone Deflector Support pg. 3	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB	SGB
Hood Latch Support pg. 4	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Inner Headlight Support Brackets (1969) pg. 4	Slop Gray	NA	SGB	SGB
Front Bumper Brackets (Flat Inner Ones) pg. 5	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB	SGB
Battery Tray pg. 5	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Front Upper Shock Mounts pg. 6	P & O	P & O	P & O	SGB
Shock Tower to Firewall Braces pg. 6	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Lower Front Fender Brackets pg. 7	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Coil Spring Covers pg. 7	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Convertible Reinforcement Plate pg. 8	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB
Sportroof Non-Fold Down Package Tray Support Panel pg. 8	Slop Gray	Slop Gray	SGB	SGB

Front License Plate Mounting Bracket

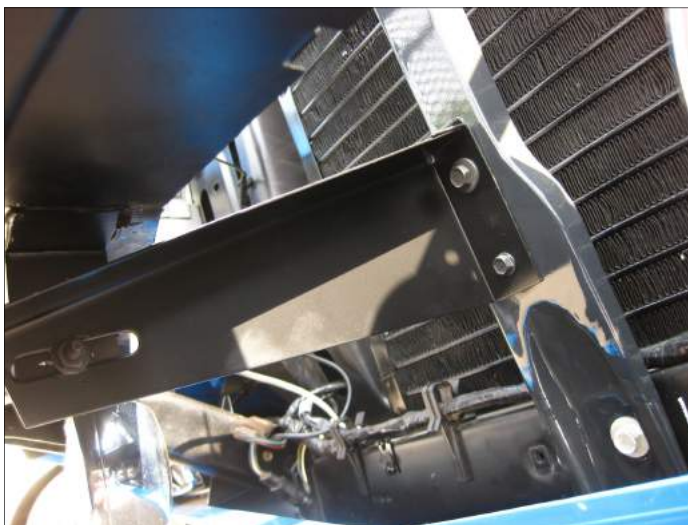
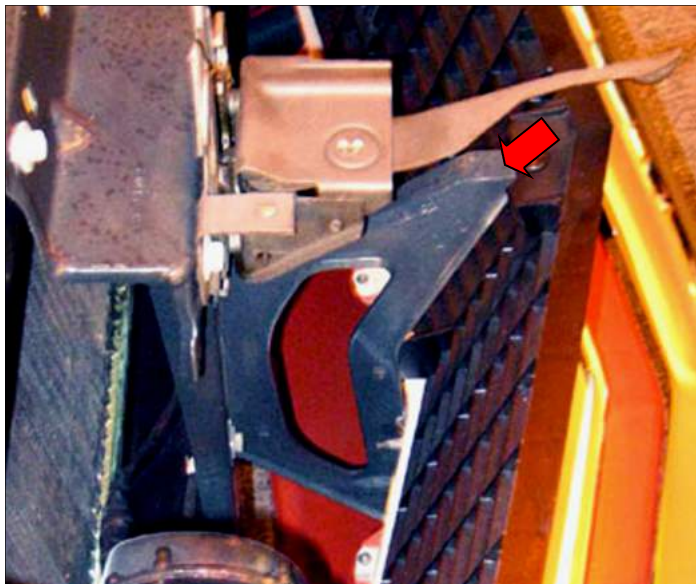


Single piece of stamped formed steel. Mustang style below and Shelby to the left.



Grill/Stone Deflector Support

Made up of a single stamped steel panel it was painted before the J-nuts were attached. Mustang version to the right and below left while the bottom picture shows a Shelby.



Hood Latch Support

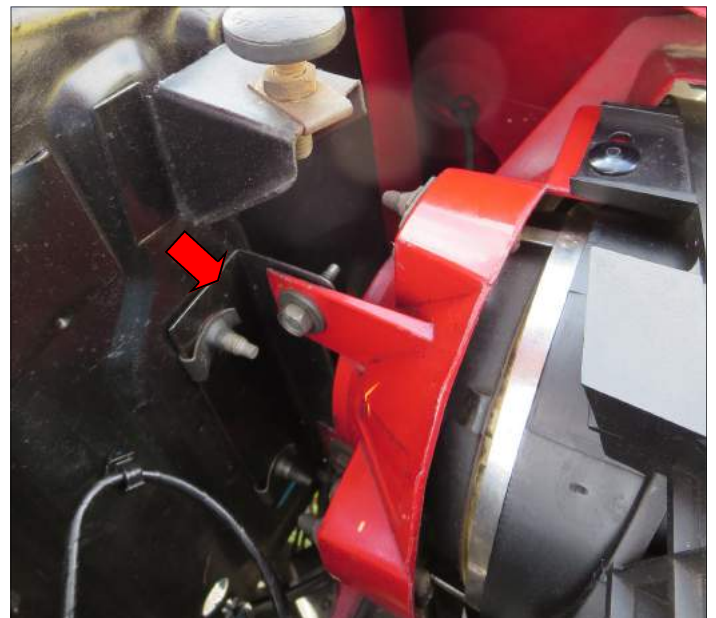
Made up of two separate stamped steel panels welded together to form the support. J-nuts for attaching the panels to the grill support and the front lower valance were added to the part after painting.



Headlight Bucket Support Brackets

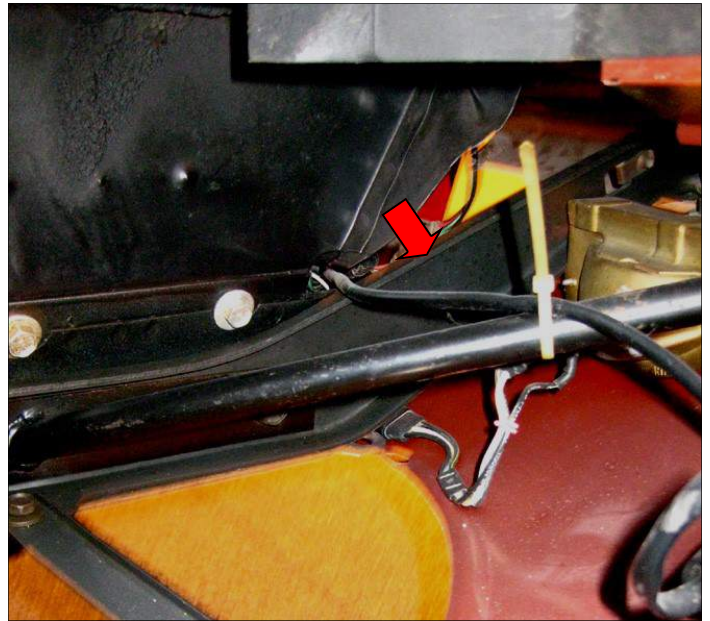


These, two per car, small stamped sheet metal support brackets support the rear of each headlight bucket to the front face of the radiator support on 69 Mustangs.



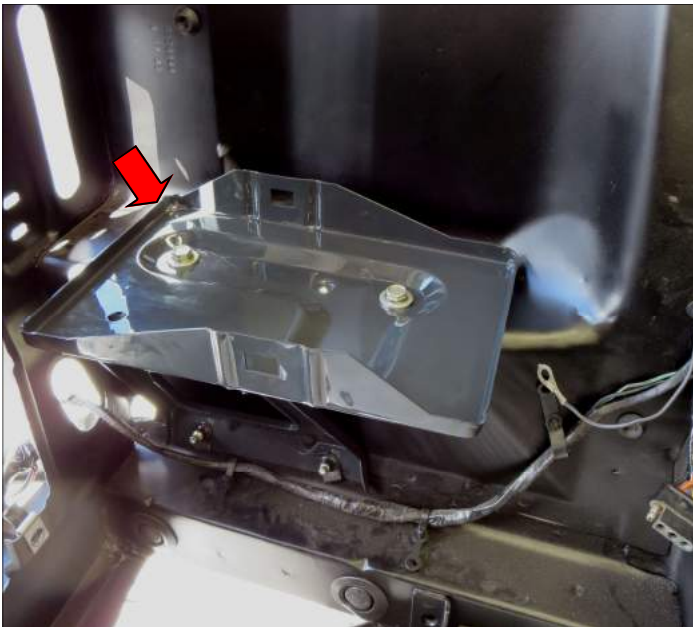
Front Inner Bumper Arms

The two inner front bumper mounts formed of thick, heavy steel. Attaches to the front frame rail with two mounting bolts between the outer front bumper bracket and the frame.



Battery Tray

Formed of two stamped steel sheet metal forms welded together and attached to the vehicle on the passenger side, front forward corner. Both large and small battery trays are painted the same color based on where they were assembled. Lower attaching J-nuts were attached to the brackets after painting.



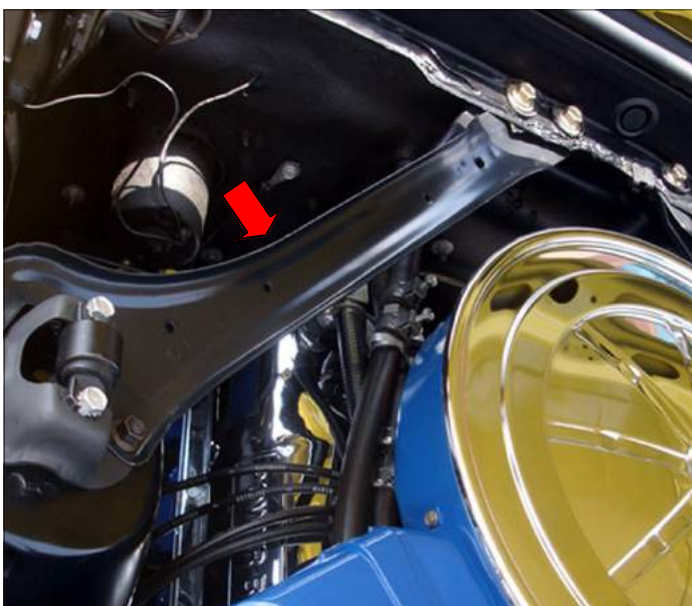
Front Upper Shock Absorber Brackets

Small brackets that attach to the top of the shock tower and where the upper end of the front shocks attach to. Formed of stamped sheet metal with insert nuts at the shock attaching points. Nuts were in place when the part was painted



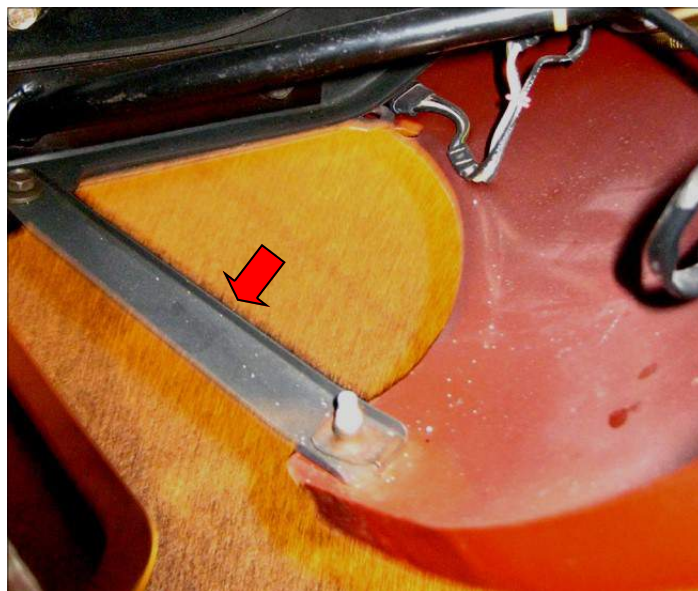
Shock Tower Supports

Brackets that attach the firewall diagonally to the top of the shock towers for strength. May be formed of one or two sheet metal panels depending on year and application.



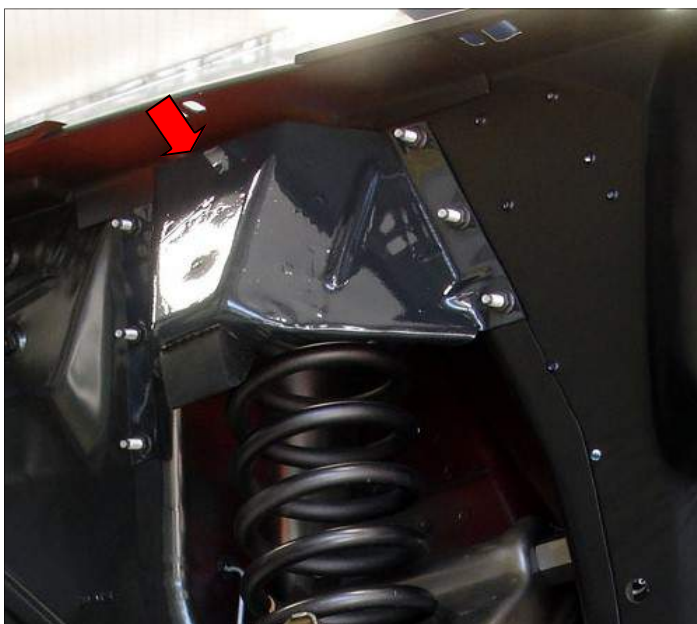
Front Fender Support Brackets

These, two per car, small stamped sheet metal support brackets support the lower outer end of the front valance to the lower edge of the front inner bumper arm, as shown on [page #5](#)



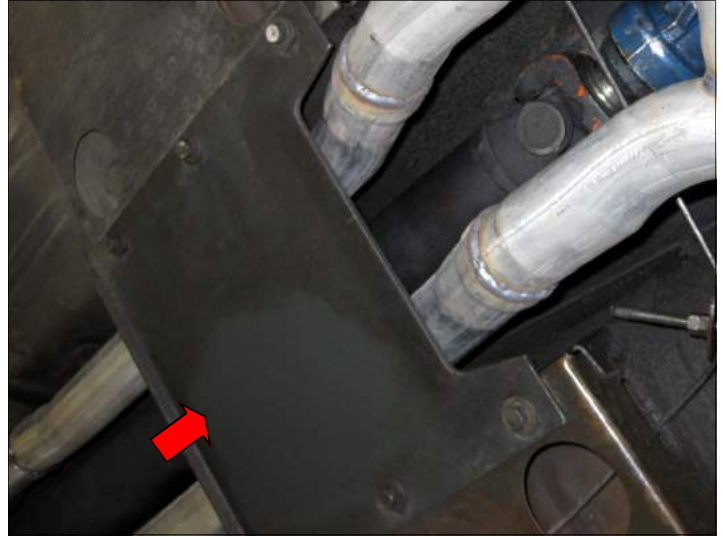
Coil Spring Covers

Formed of two stamped thick steel panels and are attached to the inner fender panels and shock tower in both the drivers and passenger side front wheel wells. The front upper control arm limiting bumper is attached to the bottom center after the panel was painted and likely at the car assembly plant.



Convertible Undercarriage Reinforcement

Made of thick stamped steel this braces attaches to both convertible seat reinforcements and bridge the gap for the driveline and exhaust on a Mustang and Shelby undercarriage. Panel is attached with six large bolts and washers as shown in the pictures to the right.



Non-Fold Down Package Tray Support Panel

Single piece of stamped sheet steel panel used to support the package tray insulation and top trim panel on sportroof Mustangs and hide the gap between the top of the rear seat and base of rear window. Installed on cars without the fold down rear seat option.



So What Was Slop Gray and How Do I Reproduce It?

The finished color was not specific color but seems to have been changing all the time within production limits. As mentioned on the first page of this article, to reproduce what we find on original cars it's best that you get a color your happy with then alter it slightly as you paint a few parts at a time, eliminating the possibility of all of your

batch colored parts being the same color. Below is a paint formula (Volkswagen exterior color) I've used in the past as a starting point and can even but used as floor finish for cars, years and plants where "slop" or batch was used on the floor pans of the vehicle originally.

M9400ID Volks L17F Ful-Cryl Acrylic

430-01 HS Black	822.3
430-03 HS White	1194.9
430-24 Quindo Red	1254.0
430-07 Ochre	1304.0
430-37 Phthalo Blue	1324.3
435-94 Acrylic Binder	3796.6

(69-70 Batch and Floor start
2001 VW color - Cinza Urano code L17F)

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