



HMM PRODUCT TEST:

Retro-Fit Trouble Free Light

Spend any time working on a collector car and you'll soon discover that no matter how vast your toolbox may be, and no matter how much work space you have at your disposal, there's one constant irritant that must be dealt with: lighting. It may actually be the single most important factor in your workshop experience. Yet no matter how effective the lighting design in your garage, there will always be jobs that require more precise, direct illumination.

Enter the worklight (AKA: shoplight, droplight, et al), the standard handheld apparatus that traditionally uses an incandescent bulb, often housed in a metal cage, directly linked by wire to the nearest outlet. As we've all experienced, however, it is a fickle tool. The slightest bit of moisture or a sudden jolt triggers the element's self-destruct mechanism, and the heat generated is not to be trifled with, particularly if you're using the metal-cage variety. In recent years, a number of solutions and unit redesigns have appeared on the market; a new addition to the list is the Retro-Fit Work Light by TFL Lighting.

At a recent swap meet, we watched demonstrations where the Retro-Fit was repeatedly bashed against a metal garbage can, stepped on, dropped, thrown, dragged across a swathe of rough pavement, and so on. Not once was a failure observed. And better still, the illuminated fixture was held in someone's bare hands for several minutes at a time. We felt compelled to buy one and test it for ourselves.

As promised, the conversion of our aging droplight took mere minutes: remove the cage, install the retention clamp and screw in the all-in-one 20-watt CFL bulb and housing. Flip the switch and within seconds, the bulb indeed illuminated brighter than a 100-watt incandescent, yet without the scorching heat, making it easy to grab any portion of the lamp to reposition it. Speaking of which, the 360-degree swivel hook was an added bonus. We felt it was the best \$20 we've spent on a tool in years. You can order yours through the company's website. — *Matthew Litwin*

Cost: Starting at \$20

Contact: TFL Lighting, 616-994-9970, www.tflighting.com



Stang Symbols

Ford Mustangs sport one of the most iconic badges in automotive history. To put anything but a faithful, high-quality replica of the "running horse & corral" on your 1967 Mustang would be a crime. Luckily, California Pony Cars (CPC) is now offering just that. Officially licensed by Ford, CPC's Running Horse & Corral for 1967 Mustangs is manufactured using only the finest materials and is triple chrome plated for a lustrous, lasting finish. CPC also offers reproduction 1967 Mustang fog light bars (sold separately). Visit CPC's website for more information. Cost: \$145 (Horse & Corral); \$105 (GT Fog light bars or standard grille spears). Contact: California Pony Cars, 888-225-7669, www.calponycars.com.



Vulcanized Vent Window

Tired of all the water leaking through seals on the vent windows of your 1963-'66 Dodge or Plymouth A-Body? Well, Metro Moulded Parts has your solution as they are now making reproduction vent window seals for your car. These soft seals provide not only an improved visual look over old and cracked ones, but also decreased wind noise and protection from water leaks. These seals will fit the Dodge Dart 270, Dart GT, Plymouth Valiant V-200, Valiant Signet and Barracuda. For more information visit Metro's website. Cost: \$125. Contact: Metro Moulded Parts, 800-878-2237, www.metromp.com.



Mat Matters

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