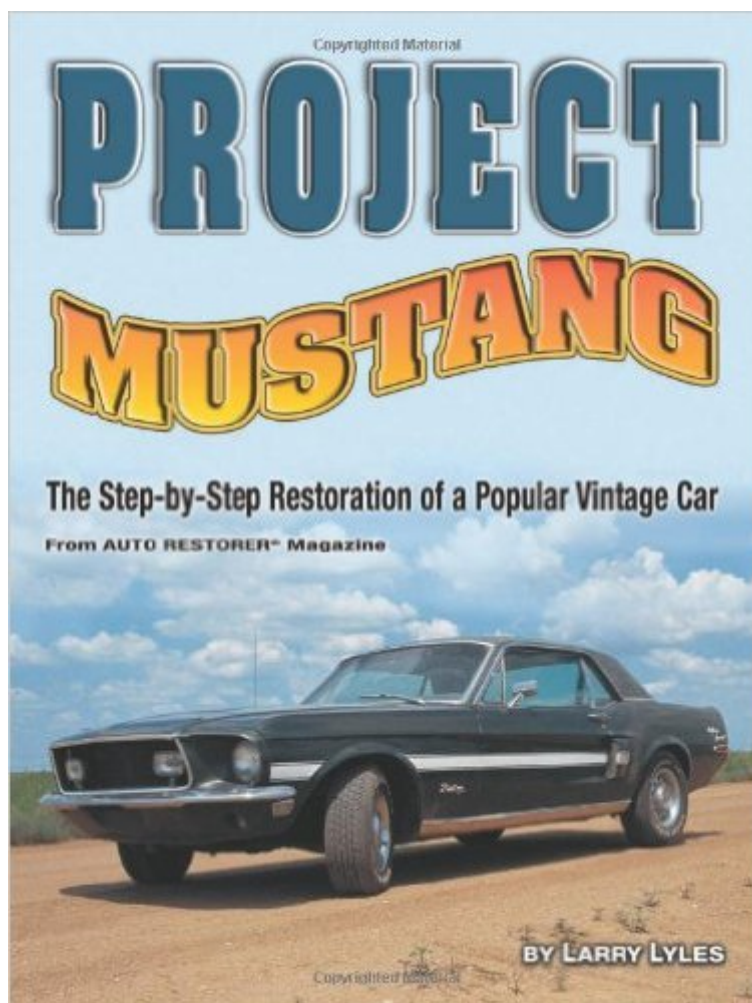


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# Project Mustang: The Step-by-Step Restoration Of A Popular Vintage Car



## Synopsis

Project Mustang is a complete guide to restoring America's favorite muscle car, written by auto-restoration guru Larry Lyles, a regular contributor to *Auto Restorer* magazine. In this detailed 23-chapter volume, Lyles walks the car owner from the in-depth inspection of the vehicle and the beginning of the teardown to re-covering the seats and replacing the frame rails; and every step in between. The car restored for the project in the book is a 1968 California Special Mustang. The chapter titles themselves speak for what a straightforward DIY manual Lyles has written, as he details the step-by-step procedure of bringing a very cool rod back to life. Beginning the teardown, exterior and interior; repairing the sheet metal, door, and deck up; removing the major parts (driveshaft, engine, transmission, front suspension, steering system, etc.); removing old paint and replacing rust floors; no-weld rust repair; perfecting the metal; working with plastic body filler; priming and sanding; refinishing the components and underside, the door, interior, trunk, and body; wiring the car and installing the doors; applying the coatings, rebuilding the suspension, and installing the brake lines; installing the vinyl top cover, the headliner, and the glass; rebuilding and installing the engine; installing the front sheet metal, emblems, bumpers, stripes, carpet, and console; re-covering the seats; and replacing the frame rails. Each step in every chapter is photographed as the author progresses along, with captions to spell out exactly what has to happen. The book offers helpful advice about choice of tools and tips to make even beginners feel confident about tackling the many steps involved. With nearly forty years experience in repairing, rebuilding, and restoring classic cars (and lots of non-classic ones!), Lyles emphasizes the reader's need to organize his or her project by determining the course of the project, researching suppliers, making lists of parts and their conditions, creating spreadsheets of estimated and actual costs, and photographing each component as a reference for later in case the restoration goes off track. Each chapter ends with a "notes" page for the reader to record his or her progress, making this manual a practical workbook as well. When the reader gets to the final pages of the book and reads the sections "Start the Engine" and "Test Drive the Car," there will be a true sense of accomplishment. An appendix of part suppliers and an index complete the book.

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The author went into good detail on selection of a vehicle to restore. The book covers how to make an informed decision on what constituted a sound choice for restoration. The book is ideal for the owner that has a relatively mechanically sound car that has body issues. Although I thought the book was well written, I have found others that were a better choice for my restoration effort.

This book is exactly what it states. It walks you through the entire restoration process of the author's 1968 (California Special) Mustang. It tells how to do everything from all the way from disassembly to paint & wiring. It's a well thought out and informative book. My only constructive criticism is that sometimes the pictures are small, and their subject is of such a small area that it's hard to tell where exactly you are looking on the car. However, the tips and tricks that you can learn from this book are both innumerable and invaluable. It's a great reference book for a project.

great book, if you have 50k and if you are just a shade tree mustang owner this book will not help. real info if you have spray booth, welder, complete shop with trained body people and all the where will all.

Give you a quick overview of the effort required or what you may be facing to be prepared (with tooling and time) This is not a car manual repair - no PN level drawing , I definitively learned more about restoration and which details I need to focus

This is a "must-have" guidebook for a Mustang restoration. The author not only provides excellent step-by-step instructions but he tells you why it's important to do things in a certain sequence. He also includes many terrific photos depicting each significant step and, often, includes helpful arrows

within the photos so you can quickly see what he's talking about. This is a great resource!

There are some tips in this book, but when there are sentences like the following: "Next to be installed is the oil pump, the front timing cover, and the oil pan." with no further information, I have to admit there seem to be steps missing. What about the gaskets that go with the oil pan? Do we just skip that step? I would return if I didn't get it for 7 bucks and did find a few hints I'll use.

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