

1960-73 Falcon, Mustang, Comet, Maverick Front Disc Brake Conversion Installation Instructions

- 1. Break front wheel nuts loose and chock rear wheels to secure vehicle in place.
- 2. Jack up front end of car and support vehicle with appropriately-rated jack stands.
- **3.** Remove front wheels followed by the drum/hub assemblies. Put a few drops of penetrant oil on brake line nuts where they screw into rubber lines.
- **4.** Turn-down the outer diameters of the drum/hub assemblies to fit inside the rotors. This can be done with an engine lathe or brake lathe. Do NOT use a grinder or sander! Outside dimension should be approx. 5.560"; this sizing is what centers the rotors, so care should be taken to not remove too much material.



- 5. Resize the stud/rotor interface geometry to be compatible with one another. This can be accomplished by reducing the size of the stud bases with a swage cutter, replacing the studs with Moser or ARP studs, or by drilling out the rotor stud holes to fit over the stud bases (5/8"+). Place rotor centering rings on hub and test fit rotor. If ring is loose, glue in position with 2-3 drops of silicone seal. If too tight, heat in oven or gas stove burner.
- 6. Disconnect flexible brake lines at the frame by unscrewing hardline nuts with a flare wrench, then removing clip. Undo and remove drum retaining bolts. Remove drum backing plates, hoses and all drum hardware as complete assemblies. Clean off spindle assemblies well.
- 7. Place adapter plates over spindles with the caliper openings oriented towards the front of the vehicle. The weld nuts are to face inward on 1960-66 models and outward on 1967-74 models. Make sure no dirt is lodged between the spindles and mounting plates. Replace OEM bolts and tighten to 42 ft-lbs.
- 8. Clean and repack wheel bearings. Install new seals (same as drum seals) and assemble machined hubs onto spindles. Tighten outer nuts to spec and then install the keepers. Finish off by installing new cotter pins and dust caps.

- **9.** Place rotors onto hubs and run two or three lug nuts down finger tight to retain rotors. Wipe down rotors with alcohol, lacquer thinner or other cleaner. Wash hands to prevent grease contamination of the rotors and/or brake pads.
- 10. Test fit calipers onto brackets. Lubricate caliper contact point of brackets. Slide assemblies into caliper brackets. Make sure bleed screws face upward- if not, reverse sides. Some calipers have a small nub that interferes with fitment- remove this nub. If outer edges of calipers interfere with brackets, file the calipers to remove these burrs. Tighten caliper bolts to 35 foot-pounds. Check fitment and rotate rotors to check clearances.
- **11.** Test fit and install hoses with new copper crush washers. If you are using 17" hoses, remove the brackets attached to them by cutting relief slots in them and then bending the brackets open to release the hoses from them. You may need to file slots in the hardline retainers for hose fitment. Some hard lines are 7/16"; if encountered, you will need to change the hardline nuts, order custom hoses, or use Weatherhead #7828 adapters.



- **12.** Master cylinder and proportioning valve specs are quite varied. We recommend using a NAPA 1974 Maverick manual disc master cylinder for best results. Plumb in an adjustable proportioning valve in the line going to the rear cylinders, or use a disc proportioning valve
- 13. Bench-bleed disc master cylinder. Mount MC on car, then gravity bleed entire system first to eliminate most of the air, then pump-bleed and test to ensure your distribution block does not become un-centered from a pressure imbalance. Another method is to use a suction device at the caliper, both Griot's and Harbor Freight have air-powered units for less than \$40 that work very well.
- 14. Replace wheels, install lug nuts, lower car and torque nuts to spec. Test drive carefully without making any initial hard stops. A series of 30 smooth stops from 30 mph, with a 30 second cooling period between stops will bed in the pads properly. Let cool for an hour after finished bedding



Caliper mounting brackets, (2) centering rings, (2) hose locks, (2) metric banjo bolts, (2) cotter pins

Part Application

Rotor	1991-96 Infinity G20 front	NAPA Raybestos Centric Bendix Brembo Durago	4886063 96063 12142041 PRT1656 25511 61981	
Caliper, LH Caliper, RH Brake Hose* Brake pads	1990 Chevy Celebrity 1990 Chevy Celebrity 1979-82 Eldorado front 1990 Chevy Celebrity	NAPA N4746 N4745 36959/36960 TS7136M	Wagner L107084 L107085 F98914/9891 MX215	Raybestos RC4234 RC4233 4 BH36959/36960

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