



# 2010-2014 Ford Mustang Reverse Light Bulb Replacement

This guide will show instructions for replacing a reverse light bulb on a 2012 Ford Mustang.

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## INTRODUCTION

Burned out tail lights may have severe effects on not only the person driving the vehicle, but on other drivers on the road. For example, a burned out tail light can delay the vehicle inspection process, which is a requirement for registration of a vehicle in Texas. A vehicle that is not properly registered in Texas will result in a citation, and possible towing of the vehicle.

Purchase the replacement bulb at an auto parts store. To find the correct bulb, ask the employee to look up the make and model of your mustang for the correct reverse light bulb.



### TOOLS:

- [11 mm Socket](#) (1)
- [Socket Wrench](#) (1)
- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)



### PARTS:

- [Sylvania SilverStar 12.8V, 12.8W Bulb 2 pack](#) (1)
- [Plastic Retainers for GM and Ford](#) (1)

## Step 1 — Reverse Light Bulb



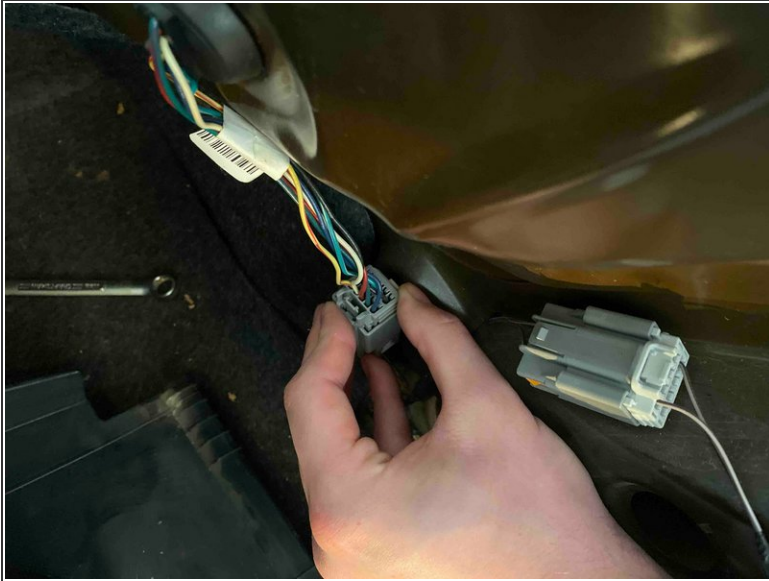
- Open the trunk by either pushing the button to the left of the gear selector, or clicking the button twice on the keyfob.
- Open the trunk.


## Step 2



- Remove the plastic trim inside the trunk by unscrewing the top plastic retainers by hand (1 on each side).
- Pull the bottom plastic retainers out with your hand (1 on each side).
- ⓘ If you are having trouble with the bottom retainer, you can use a flathead screwdriver to pry it out.
- ✦ Replace the bottom retainers with new ones when reassembling.
- To remove the plastic trim, simply pull it up and out.

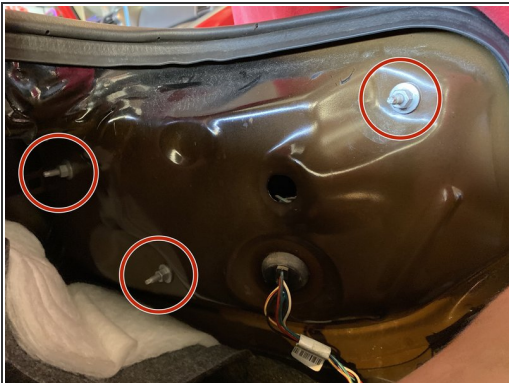
### Step 3



 Although these connectors are shock resistant, you should disconnect the battery to be safe.

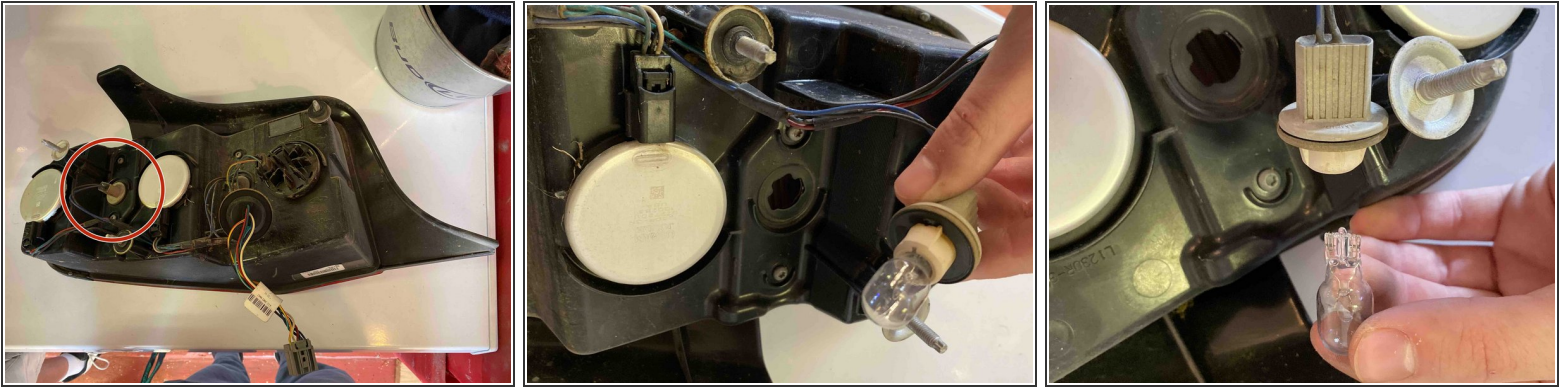
- Unplug the tail light from the wiring harness by simultaneously pressing and holding the clip on the top of the harness and pulling apart.

### Step 4



- Use the 11 mm socket and socket wrench to remove the nuts from the 3 bolts.
- Remove tail light assembly.

## Step 5



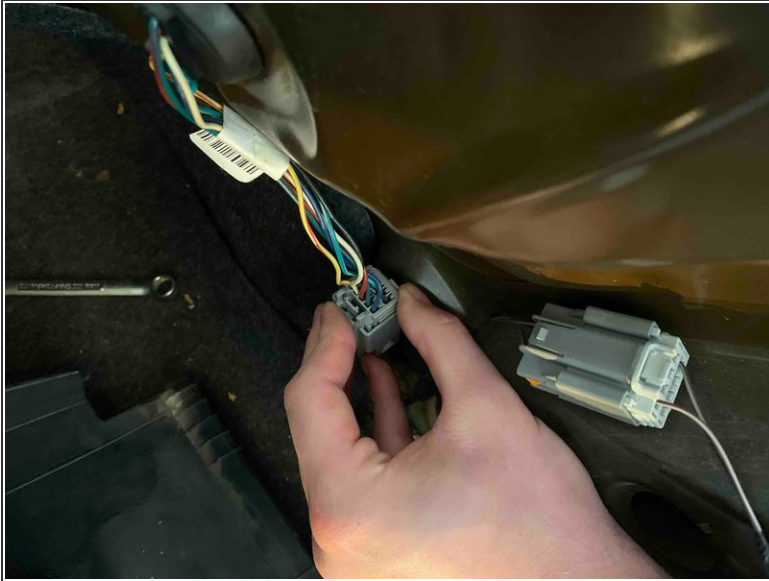
- Twist the reverse light bracket 90 degrees to the left, and pull the light bulb assembly out.
- Pull the burnt out light bulb out of the socket.

## Step 6



- Push the new light bulb into the socket.
- Twist the light bulb assembly 90 degrees to the right to reinsert the light bulb assembly into the slot.

## Step 7



- To reattach the taillight to the wiring harness, do the reverse of step 4.
- ⓘ If you disconnected the battery in step 4, make sure to reattach it before testing.
- Turn the car on, press the brake, and put it in reverse to test the reverse light.
- ⚠ Make sure to engage the parking brake before getting out to look at the taillight.
- If the light turns on, continue to the conclusion.
- If the light does not turn on, repeat steps 3, 5, and 6 to make sure the bulb is inserted correctly.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order from step 5.