



Tech Talk



C-5 Headlight Options

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I remember sitting outside our motel room at the C-5 Bash in Bowling Green in April 2004. The executives were driving the new C-6 and the headlights were great compared to the C-5. They made many improvements over the C-5. I suppose that's why so many of my articles are about the C-5; they are fun to improve and modify.

On my C-5's I have replaced the headlights with Sylvania Silverstar Ultras 9005 and 9006. This has made the lights more comparable to the C-6. It is a fairly easy process to remove the headlight assembly. I will try to briefly explain:

1. Turn on the headlights and then turn them back to the parking light position.
2. Disconnect the battery or leave the parking lights on if you prefer.
3. Remove the 3 Phillips screws that hold the plastic bezel around the headlights.
4. Remove the 4 Torx 15 screws that hold the painted headlight cover on.
5. Now you are down to the plastic mounting shroud that needs to be removed (this has 4 Torx 15 screws holding it in place).
6. You now have access to the headlight assembly (there are 3 screws with 12mm head size to remove).
7. As you remove the headlight assembly it will come loose. You must also disconnect electrical wires to the bulb (they just unclip).
8. You can now replace the bulbs by turning them counterclockwise.
9. Reverse the process to reassemble (I use ATV sealant in the socket to hold the 12mm screws so they don't fall out).

I think you will be pleased with the results.