

# INSTALLATION GUIDE



## Column Set 03

For Late 1967 – 1970 Mustang/Cougar  
with Collapsible OEM Steering Shaft

**P/N: TCP COLM-03**

**DESCRIPTION:**

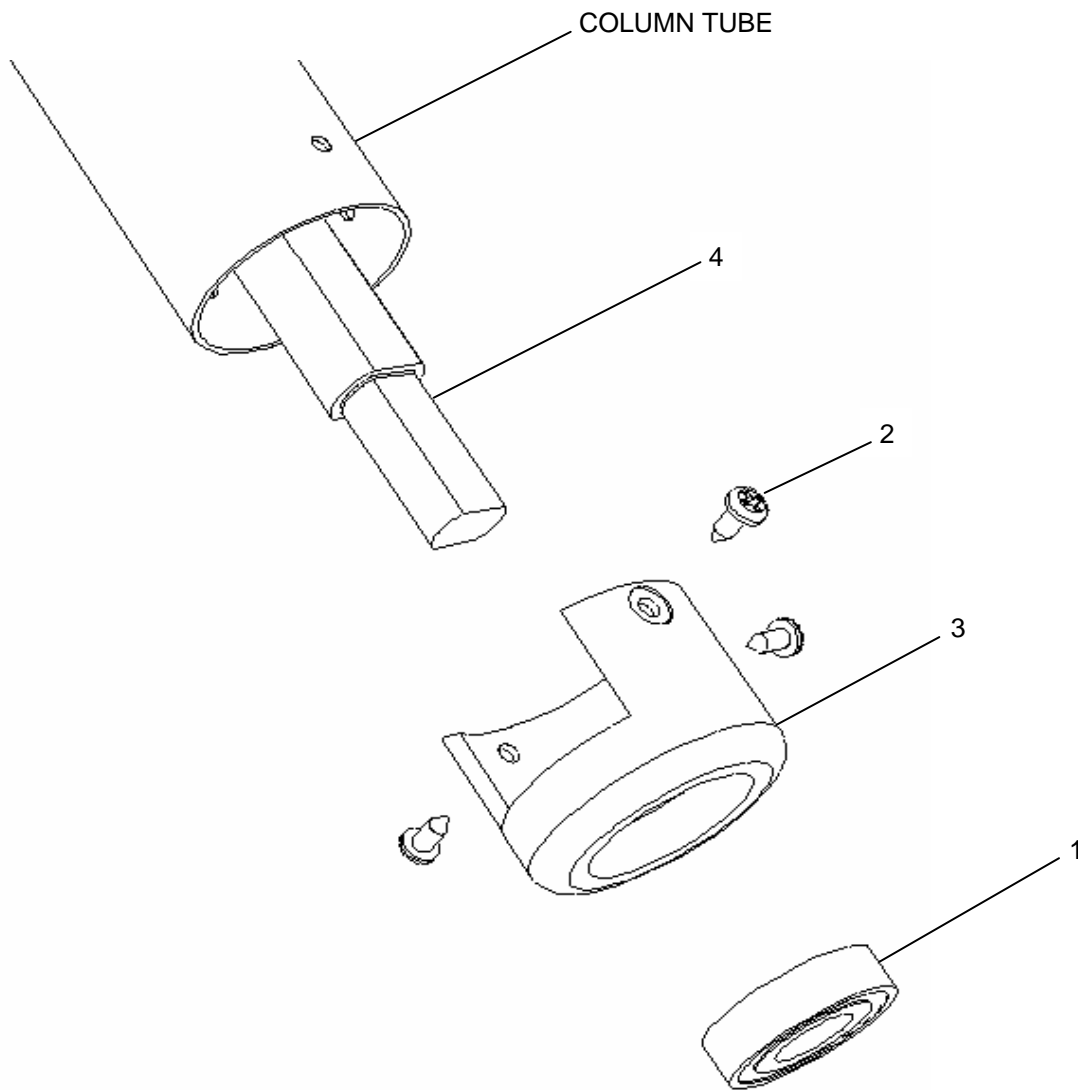
COLUMN SET 13-1/2" LONG SHAFT WITH LOWER COLUMN BEARING RETAINER ASSEMBLY

**APPLICATIONS:**

FITS LATE '67 – '70 MUSTANG/COUGAR WITH COLLAPSIBLE OEM STEERING SHAFT; IDENTIFIABLE BY EXPOSED STEERING SHAFT AT STEERING BOX MEASURING 1" DIAMETER DIRECTLY ABOVE RAG-JOINT

# PARTS LIST

Item	Part No.	Description	Qty
1	3115-075-163-44	Ball Bearing .750 Bore x 1.625 OD x .4375 Wide	1
2	3118-10PP-0.50C	Screw 10 x 1/2" Long Pan Head Phillips Drive	3
3	7900-001	2-1/4" Diameter Column Bearing Retainer	1
4	7900-096	Column Shaft, 13-5/8" Long, Collapsible	1
5	7900-168	Gasket Column to Firewall	1



# INSTRUCTIONS

## 1) STEERING COLUMN REMOVAL

- Unbolt rag-joint from steering box.
- Unbolt column floor mount and seal assembly from inner firewall.
- Disconnect turn signal harness from under the dash.
- Remove the steering column bracket from under dash.
- Remove column assembly from car.
- The OEM floor mount will be retained.

## 2) STEERING BOX REMOVAL

- Raise vehicle using lift or jack and secure with jack stands.
- Remove center link from pitman arm. A balljoint fork or similar tool may be required.
- Remove the three bolts attaching steering box to driver side frame rail (Fig. 2-2).
- Remove steering box from underneath the car. It may be necessary to remove the exhaust header or raise the engine to make room for the steering box to drop out (Fig 2-3).

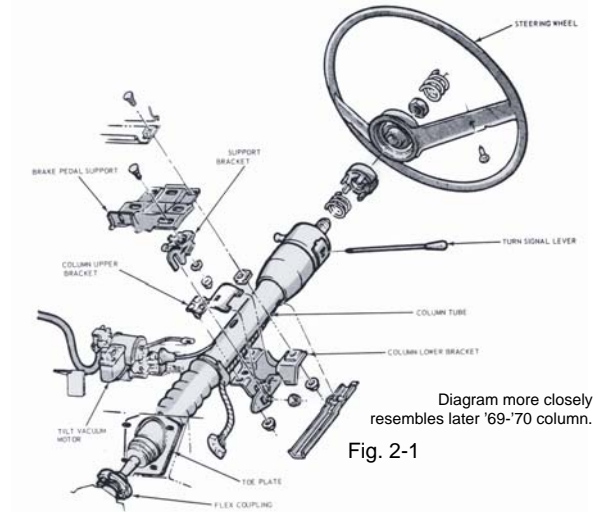
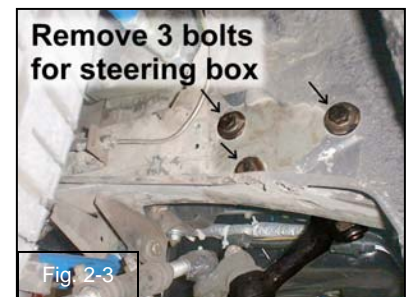


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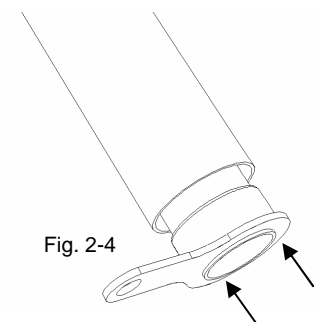
## 3) STEERING COLUMN PREPARATION

- Remove lower steering shaft from end of steering column.
  - A pair of vise-grip pliers clamped to the shaft and a mallet or hammer to drive the shaft out of the column by hitting the pliers works well.
- Remove plastic sleeve from bottom of steering column.
- *1970 only* - Tap inner sleeve of steering column flush with end of outer column tube (Fig. 2-4).
  - Use a rubber mallet or cover inner sleeve with a piece of wood before striking.



## 4) STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

- Install steering shaft #7900-096 and bearing retainer assembly onto column.
  - Make sure that new female slip shaft engages with internal male shaft.
  - You may have to tap the new steering shaft onto internal shaft until blue bearing retainer is bottomed against steering column tube.
- Use a 9/64" or .140 diameter drill bit to drill holes into column through three holes in bearing retainer.
- Remove bearing retainer assembly and steering shaft to remove metal chips from inside of steering column.
- Re-install steering shaft and bearing retainer assembly.
- Secure bearing retainer to column using three stainless steel Phillips sheet metal screws.



## 5) STEERING COLUMN INSTALLATION

- Replace column to firewall seal with supplied part (Item 5).
- From the vehicle interior, insert column through hole in firewall.
- Adjust steering column to its original height and install upper dash bracket.
- Reattach factory lower column support and seal assembly using the original screws.
- Reconnect turn signal harness.

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