



MIKES CORVETTE CORNER

Sometimes it seems that many of my articles may be aimed at the C5, (OK I have one) But this article is for those of us that have a 1968 through 1982 Corvette and may have had issues with the headlight doors. I recently had to help a Corvette brother, whom I also refer to as my fiberglass friend.

He currently is in the middle of restoring a 71 Corvette. And the major issue being the headlight door operation. Upon further analysis it was revealed that the actuators were both rusted, parts were missing, and vacuum hoses were nonexistent. After spending countless hours on the internet looking up prices and availability, we decided to go another way.

We found a company called Detroit Speed who recently came up with a kit (electric) for 1968 through 1982 Corvettes. At first the kit looked a little compromised but after a couple of hours it started to make sense. And just because I'm a car guy, (you know me) I had to change some connectors to make it more factory like. And I modified the harness too, using convoluted tubing and double wrapping the electrical tape.

The Headlight Kit uses current sensing technology to provide a system that needs no adjustment and is extremely safe. The company indicated easiest installation with no permanent

modification to your classic Corvette. This allows owners the option to return their vehicle back to its original configuration if desired, leaving no holes or spliced wires behind.

Once installed, you will no longer need to operate the headlamp doors separately with the problematic factory momentary switch, the control module will automatically actuate them when the headlamps are turned on/off. The doors can also be manually opened and closed for headlight maintenance/cleaning by simply rotating them by hand (unlike originals that require the owner to open the hood and locate/spin a tiny wheel on the motor.) The kit comes complete with everything you need for installation including two electric actuators, a control module, harness, mounting brackets, and hardware.

So if you need any further info, hit their website at.

WWW.DETROITSPEED.COM

Regards....

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