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# INSTALLATION GUIDE



## TCP COLM-02

For 1960 to 1965 Falcon/Comet

with non-collapsible OEM steering shaft

(1960-1963 columns must be upgraded to 1964-1965 or aftermarket column)



**Description:** Column set 34" long shaft with lower column bearing retainer assembly

**Applications:** Fits '60-'65 Falcon/Comet/Cyclone/Ranchero with OEM steering shaft.

# PARTS LIST

## COLM-02 - Column set 34" long shaft fits 60-65 early Falcon

Qty	Part Number	Description
1	7900-096	Column shaft 11/16-40 spline x 3/4-DD X 34" long
1	7900-137	Slotted 2-1/4"-diamater column bearing retainer assembly
1	7918-006	Hardware kit

## 7918-006 Hardware Kit

Qty	Part Number	Description
1	3114-0.750-P	External snap ring .750 shaft
1	3117-063-18C	Half locknut 5/8-18 nylon insert
4	3118-10PP-050C	Screw #10 x 1/2" long, pan head

# INSTRUCTIONS

*NOTE: A 1965 Mustang was used for the following images and may show slight differences from the Falcon and Comet platforms. The installation procedure is identical.*

## STEERING COLUMN REMOVAL

1. Push the horn ring inward and turn counter-clockwise to remove.



2. Remove steering wheel nut.
3. Using a steering wheel puller to remove the steering wheel.
4. Remove the spring and upper bearing. Save the parts for reassembly.



5. Disconnect the turn signal harness from underneath the dash.
6. Unbolt the firewall seal assembly. These parts will be replaced with components included in the TCP COLM-05 floor mount kit.



7. Remove the two bolts holding the steering column under dash bracket.
8. Remove the outer column tube from the vehicle. The steering shaft will remain in place for the time being.



### STEERING BOX REMOVAL

9. Raise the vehicle using a lift or floor jack and secure with jack stands.
10. Remove the center link from the pitman arm of the steering box. A balljoint fork or similar tool may be required.
11. Remove the three bolts attaching the steering box to driver-side frame rail.

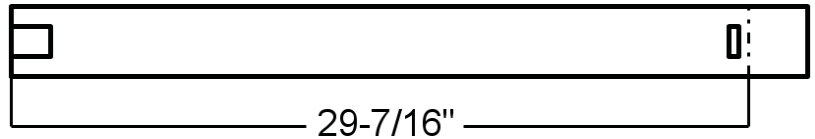


12. Remove the steering box from underneath the car. It may be necessary to remove the exhaust header or raise the engine to make room for the steering box to drop out.



### STEERING COLUMN PREPARATION

13. From the top/notched end of the tube, measure, mark, and then cut the steering column tube to an overall length of 29-7/16". A band saw or cut-off wheel can be used.
14. Remove sharp edges with a file or similar tool.



### STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

15. Slide the blue anodized split-collar clamp over the bottom end of the column tube; provided in TCP COLM-05 floor mount kit.



16. Insert the replacement steering shaft into the column tube.



17. Place bearing retainer assembly onto column tube. Make sure that the retainer seats firmly on the tube.

18. Install upper column bearing and spring.

19. Install steering wheel and steering wheel nut. Temporarily tighten steering wheel nut.



20. Install the external snap ring over the steering shaft and make sure it fully seats into the groove in the shaft.

21. Pull steering wheel towards interior of vehicle to pull retaining ring against bearing.

22. Steering wheel to column clearance should be 1/16" to 3/32".

23. If the steering wheel touches the column while pulling, you must cut appropriate length from end of column tube to allow clearance.

24. If the steering wheel is greater than 3/32" from the column, 3/4" inside diameter shims or washers can be placed between the retaining clip and roller bearing.



25. Use a 9/64" or .140" diameter drill bit and drill holes into column through bearing retainer.
26. Remove steering wheel nut, steering wheel, steering shaft and bearing assembly to remove metal chips from inside of column tube. Re-install steering shaft and bearing retainer assembly.
27. Install upper column bearing and spring.
28. Temporarily install steering wheel and nut.



29. The steering wheel will be removed again to index to the front wheels.
30. Secure bearing retainer to column using 3 stainless-steel Phillips sheet metal screws.



## STEERING COLUMN INSTALLATION

31. From the vehicle interior, insert column through hole in firewall.
32. Position steering column at original height.
33. Install upper dash bracket.
34. Secure column floor mount assembly over factory firewall seal using supplies hardware.
35. Instructions for floor mount assembly provided in COLM-05.
36. Re-connect turn signal harness.



**NOTES:**

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