

Caballo Classic Seat Installation

1965–70 Ford Mustang Front Bucket Seats

These instructions cover installation of Caballo Classic front bucket seats using Mustang-specific adapter brackets, sliders, and supplied mounting hardware. Please read them completely before continuing. Go to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@caballoauto> for a helpful install video.

Tools and Supplies

- Ratchet Set with Deep Sockets & Socket Extension
- Allen/Hex Keys Set
- Blanket or Clean Work Surface
- Blue Thread Locker
- Safety Glasses and Gloves
- Recommended: Magnet Retrieval Tool
- Recommended: Glue

Before You Begin

Park the vehicle on a level surface and set the parking brake. Place wheel chocks to ensure the Mustang will not roll forward or backward unexpectedly.

Inspect the floor pan around all seat mounting locations. Check for rust, cracks, stripped threads, previous repairs, or weakened metal. Do not install seats over damaged or weakened mounting points. Repair any damaged holes or floor pan areas before continuing.

Work on one seat at a time so you can compare parts and orientation if needed.

1. Remove the Factory Seats

Slide the factory seat fully rearward and remove the front mounting bolts. Slide the seat fully forward and remove the rear mounting bolts. Carefully lift the seat out of the vehicle. Avoid dragging the seat tracks across the door sill, console, carpet, or painted surfaces.

Repeat for the opposite side.

Vacuum the floor area and clean the factory mounting points before installing the new seats.

2. Identify Driver- and Passenger-Side Components

Lay out the new seats, sliders, adapter brackets, spacers, washers, nuts, and bolts. Separate the driver-side and passenger-side components before assembly.

Seat Orientation

The seats are left-hand and right-hand specific.

The seat back release lever and lumbar adjustment knob should face the door side of the vehicle.

Adapter Bracket Orientation

The adapter brackets are inner- and outer-specific. Each bracket should be labeled either **Inner Bracket** or **Outer Bracket**.

Before attaching the brackets to the seat, confirm that each bracket matches the intended side and aligns with the factory mounting holes in the vehicle. The brackets should sit flat against the floor when installed.

3. Attach the Sliders to the Seats

Place one seat upside down on a clean blanket or protected work surface to avoid damaging the upholstery.

Position the sliders on the underside of the seat.

The wide, flat side of each slider should face the seat. Each slider has one end with three holes and one end with two slotted holes. The end with three holes should face the front of the seat.

Each corner of the seat bottom has three threaded mounting holes. Install the sliders front-to-back using the **rearmost** holes.

To access the slider mounting holes, move the inner slider section as needed:

1. Carefully press the silver release mechanism to unlock the slider.
2. Slide the inner section forward to access the rear mounting hole.
3. Start the first bolt by hand, but do not fully tighten it yet.
4. Press the release mechanism again.
5. Slide the inner section rearward to access the front mounting hole.
6. Start the second bolt by hand.
7. Once both bolts are started, tighten them securely.

Use the following hardware order when attaching each slider to the seat:

M8x1.25 Allen bolt → M8 lock washer → slider mounting hole → M8 flat washer → threaded hole in base

– **Blue loctite is highly recommended on all threads for secure mounting.** –

The M8 flat washer is important. It spaces the slider away from the seat base and helps prevent interference with the upholstery.

After installing the first slider, repeat the same process for the slider on the opposite side of the seat.

4. Install the Slider Adjustment Handle / Towel Bar

The slider adjustment handle, also called the towel bar, connects both sliders so they release together.

Make sure the angled portion of the towel bar faces upward toward the front of the seat.

Attach the two holes on one end of the towel bar to the two posts on the release lever of one slider.

Carefully compress the towel bar and attach the two holes on the opposite end to the posts on the release lever for that side.

Use caution when compressing the towel bar. It will be under spring tension and can pinch your fingers.

Before installing the seat in the vehicle, test the slider operation:

1. Lift the towel bar handle.
 2. Slide the tracks forward and rearward through their full range.
 3. Confirm both sliders release at the same time.
 4. Confirm both sliders lock securely.
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5. Attach the Mustang Adapter Brackets

Install the Mustang adapter brackets to the sliders using the supplied hardware.

Release the sliders using the towel bar and slide one slider all the way forward.

Attach the adapter bracket using the following hardware order:

M8x1.25 Allen bolt → M8 lock washer → slider mounting hole → Spacer → threaded hole in adapter bracket

Make sure the correct bracket is being installed on the correct side of the seat:

- **Inner Bracket** goes on the inside of the seat
- **Outer Bracket** goes on the outside of the seat

The mounting studs or bolts on the adapter brackets should face downward, away from the seat and toward the vehicle floor.

The center cutout in each adapter bracket should face inward toward the center of the seat.

Start the first bracket bolt by hand, but do not fully tighten it yet.

Move the slider to the opposite end to access the second mounting point. Install the second bolt using the same hardware order.

Once both bolts are started, tighten the second bolt securely. Then slide the track back to the first bolt and tighten it securely.

Repeat the same process for the opposite bracket.

When finished, each seat should have:

- One **Inner Bracket** mounted to the inside slider
- One **Outer Bracket** mounted to the outside slider

Use the towel bar release one more time to align both sliders evenly before placing the seat in the vehicle.

Perform a final check to ensure all bolts are securely tightened before continuing.

6. Test-Fit the Seat in the Vehicle

Carefully place the assembled seat into the Mustang. Use caution not to scrape the door entry or other parts of the car. It can be helpful to have someone inside the vehicle to help guide the seat into place.

The threaded mounting studs on the bottom of the adapter brackets should drop into the four factory seat mounting holes in the floor pan.

Once the seat is in position, slide the seat fully forward and tilt the backrest forward. This helps keep the studs seated in the floor holes while you work underneath the vehicle.

From underneath the Mustang, locate the four seat mounting access holes.

Install the supplied thick washer and M8 nylock nut onto each mounting stud.

Start all four nuts by hand before fully tightening any of them. This helps ensure the seat is properly aligned and prevents binding.

A deep socket is required because the socket must fit over the end of each mounting stud.

Installation Tip

The washers and nuts can be difficult to start from underneath the vehicle.

For easier installation, place a small dab of glue between the washer and nut – making sure the center holes in the nut and washer are aligned - to hold them together temporarily. Then place both pieces into the end of the deep socket and push them up onto the mounting stud together.

It may be easier to use only the deep socket and extension at first, without the ratchet, to start the threads by hand.

Keep a magnet retrieval tool nearby in case a washer or nut drops into the area between the floor pan and lower plate.

7. Final Tightening

Once all four nuts are started and the seat is positioned correctly, tighten the floor mounting hardware securely.

Do not over-tighten. Over-tightening can crush spacers, distort brackets, or damage sheet metal.

Apply blue thread locker to seat mounting fasteners where appropriate.

Repeat the full installation process for the opposite seat.

8. Final Checks

After both seats are installed, sit in each seat and confirm the following:

- The seat locks securely on both sliders.
- The towel bar is easy to reach and operate.
- Both sliders release and lock together.
- The seat moves smoothly forward and rearward.
- The seat does not rock, shift, or feel loose.
- All four floor mounting points are tight.
- The seat clears the door, console, steering wheel, carpet, and seat belts.
- Seat belt buckles and belts remain accessible.
- The seat back reclines and returns properly.
- The lumbar knob and seat back release lever face the door side.

Slide each seat fully forward and fully rearward several times. Make sure the sliders lock positively in multiple positions.

Do not drive the vehicle until both seats are fully secured and all mounting hardware has been checked.

Safety Warning

Seats are safety-critical components. Never drill, modify, or substitute mounting hardware unless specifically instructed by the manufacturer.

Do not install seats into rusty, cracked, damaged, or weakened floor pans.

Verify all hardware is tight before driving. Blue thread locker is strongly recommended on all threaded fasteners associated with mounting the seats in the vehicle.