

Painted Corner Lens in Headlight

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I came up with a solution to the corner lens problem. To me, it always looked funny when people just took them out and painted the plastic piece inside, because it looks like there should be something there. Sorry I had no before pics, but just take a look at your own stock headlights. Also, this requires taking apart the headlight assembly, as in when you painted (or are going to paint) the plastic insert. The how to is on this site, so just search for it, I dont wanna retype it. It would be best if you just killed two birds with one stone, painted the plastic insert and what I'm about to show you to save you time. If you've already taken them apart, tough luck I guess (unless you dont like this, :-).

Anyway, here's what you're gonna need to do this:

- Masking Tape
- Materials reqd. for headlight disassembly asked for in other howto
- Glass/Plastic Paint (I bought this for my girlfriend at my local Honda Import Store, it cost me 20 dollars and I can't read a word on the bottle since I'm not Japanese. I suppose you could also use tint paint, or that stuff you use to smoke glass)
- Degreaser/Goo Gone
- Windex
- Old Newspaper

Ok, so now on to the how to:

1. Before taking apart your headlights, take about five relatively small pieces of masking tape and mark as best as you can the curve of the orange reflector on the outside as it sits in your stock assembly.
2. Take apart your headlights and remove the reflector.
3. Clean THOROUGHLY (first with goo gone because some of that silicone stuff always gets on the inside, and then with windex) the inside plastic of your headlight. I can't stress this enough. Plastic paint/tint paint is very sensitive to dirt and dust and if there is any at all on the inside you will get little clear specs where the paint won't adhere around the dust.
4. Take another five pieces of masking tape and follow your tape from the outside on the inside. Now you should have a line where the paint will stop.
5. Tape everything else off with newspaper. Make sure you cover everything, I missed a spot on the first headlight and had to go out and buy paint thinner.
6. Clean with windex one more time just to make sure.
7. Spray a light coat of the paint onto the plastic.
8. Wait at least 30 minutes for it to dry. This stuff takes forever.
9. Spray another light coat, make sure to get all the corners.
10. Wait an hour for it to dry. This stuff is really easy to smear, even when dry.
11. Untape everything and put the headlights back together. Enjoy!

note: If you paint and on the first coat notice those little clear spots, its not that huge a deal, just spray windex on and wipe everything off. It comes off easily when wet, just make sure to get it all out or it will be uneven. Also, I used the rest of the paint to make two unpainted turn bulbs purple. It wasn't as dark as she would have liked, but it still looks cool.

Hope you guys like this! Check out the pics to see what it will look like afterwards, although I doubt anybody will be using purple. :-)

I had to use purple bulb parking lights cuz the white was showing through the sides and made the purple turn signal look orangy. So you probably want to get a colored parking bulb to match.







