

# HEADLIGHT ADJUSTMENT

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Headlight adjustment is not a critical part of owning a classic car. Oddly enough the cosmetics are probably a higher priority than the safety aspects. And coincidentally if the cosmetic aspect is addressed the safety issue falls in line.

The headlight bulb should be centered in the headlight door. The term headlight door is not used universally, headlight bezel is often used by the misinformed to describe the same part. Just look at the bulb and determine if its outer edge is pretty much centered and if it seems to point straight forward. Picture 1 (right) shows a properly centered and aimed headlight.



Picture 1

Picture 2 (below) shows the adjustment way off toward the center of the car.



Picture 2

Picture 4 (below-right) shows adjustment for up and down. These are the only adjustment screws. Screwing in goes one way and screwing out goes the other. The bulb holder is held in place by springs and if the unit has not been moved in decades you may have to tap it a bit to loosen it up.



Picture 3

The shop manual has several pages devoted to headlight adjustment. If you want to see how confusing it can be, check it out.



Picture 4