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FIBERGLASS PARTS

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"I'm looking for a fiberglass hood for my 1966 Ford Fairlane, one with a six- to seven-inch cowl scoop or a Pro Stock-style scoop. Do you know anyone who makes one of these?"

"I'm searching for dealers who offer a fiberglass replacement hood for my 1970 Chevy Nova."

"I am looking for fiberglass or metal fenders, body panels and bumpers for a 1972 Oldsmobile 4-4-2 Cutlass."

"I own a 1970 Pontiac Le Mans Sport. I am currently in the market for a new left and/or right



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front fender, as well as the fiberglass front end, which encases the headlamps."

"I have a 1978 Cadillac Coupe De Ville. I am looking for parts like the filler end panels by the rear bumper. Where do I find these parts?"

"Where can I get fiberglass body parts, fenders, hood, doors, quarter panels and trunk lid for a TR4A?"

Last month we discussed some suppliers who can furnish replacement steel body panels and patch panels to be used in your restoration project. As you may have experienced for yourself, there are a lot of cars out there being restored right now where NOS or aftermarket sheetmetal is just not available. Quite a few of the later model '70s and '80s cars used ABS plastic and fiberglass for some original components. Other rebuilders of drag cars or customs like the easy availability and the lighter weight of fiberglass replacement pieces. For those of you who want fiberglass, or who have few other choices, *Hemmings Motor News* has quite a few advertisers who can supply you with fenders, bumpers, doors, valances and hoods to complete your rebuilding project.

Fiberglass parts can come in a couple of weights and degrees of sturdiness, and many vendors will offer customers two different types, heavy-duty and "race-weight." Race-weight parts are just as the description implies. They are lightweight because they are manufactured with thinner material and have fewer reinforcement points. U.S. Body offers you these choices on most of their products. They have a wide range of coverage for popular muscle cars and classic trucks, and have recently added new items for early Dodge Polaras, as well as full body shells for Cobras, and 1960s Sunbeam hoods. They also sell aftermarket fiberglass replacement hoods for many makes and models, right up to the current production year.

Another supplier who handles multiple make and model fiberglass parts for both older and newer cars is Showcars in Ontario, Canada. Showcars offers aftermarket steel panels and fiberglass for just about every kind of car on the road, from Studebaker Larks to Ford Pintos. They also offer kit-car bodies and body upgrade kits for Datsun Z cars or to make your Mustang a Shelby clone.

Mopar enthusiasts can find bumpers, hoods, trunks and valances for A-B and E-body cars from AAR fiberglass. AAR offers a few AMC hoods and bumpers as well.

It is very difficult to find straight, original sheetmetal in any kind of usable condition for older classic cars. However, suppliers such as R&R Fiberglass do offer the fiberglass alternatives.



R&R carries fenders, runningboards, radiator shells, hoods and doors for Ford vehicles all the way back to 1926 and as new as 1948. Ford truck body parts are also offered for 1928-72. Chevrolet parts range from 1931-48 for cars and 1933-87 for trucks, and 1933-54 Chrysler car and truck items are available.

Unlimited Products has a wide range of body panels available as well. In addition to similar parts for the older cars we have already mentioned, Unlimited Products can supply Lexan windshields for project cars, and dual fender extensions for 1973-87 Chevy pickups. Rod 'n Race Fiberglass can supply early Ford and Chevy fiberglass panels, and offers Studebaker Hawk and Willys car panels, as well as items for early Fiat, Anglia and Henry J. A 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air tilt front end from Rod 'n Race hangs over our gas pumps at the Hemmings Filling Station here in Bennington, and it is a well-built piece.

Antique Ford restorers and street rod builders can find fiberglass replacement panels from numerous *Hemmings* advertisers. Gibbons Fiberglass and Poli-Form Fiberglass both have early Ford fiberglass body parts available, as does Wescott's Auto. Gibbons specializes in 1926-39 Ford body parts and complete bodies. Poli-Form handles Model T, Model A and flathead items from 1906-37 as well as 1932-36 Chevy body parts. Wescott's main focus is 1926-48 Ford cars and 1948-56 Ford trucks. Superior Glass Works handles 1926-34 Ford fenders and other parts as well as body panels for 1931-53 Chevy. Superior sells race and street complete bodies too. Early GMC pickup owners from 1936-47 can find dashes and fenders and other parts from Composidyne. They offer some nice carbon-fiber headlamp pods for the early fender-mounted GMs and also supply Camaro add-on hardtops for the early convertibles and a half top for the early Chevy Blazers.

For cars a little tougher to find parts for, *Hemmings* has suppliers, as well. VFN Fiberglass carries an extensive line of fiberglass panels for the above-mentioned cars; however, they also offer new panels for full-size 1961-66 Impalas and full-size 1960-63 Pontiacs and Tempests.

Smoothline Composites has a large selection of import panels available in fiberglass for Austin, Triumph, Fiat, MG and Datsun, plus they offer add-on hardtops for these makes and Corvettes and Thunderbirds.

For late-model GM A-, F-, and G-bodies, Lauren Engineering can supply replacement ground effects and other body panels. They specialize in 1980s Hurst Olds/4-4-2, Monte Carlo, El Camino, and Buick Grand National, and they offer third-generation Camaro and Firebird items along with Grand Prix and Malibu. Lauren can supply add-on rear spoilers and wings too.

Many cars (especially Seventies and Eighties GM) used fiberglass or ABS filler panels for

covering open areas between metal body panels. These were used along the front and rear bumpers and around the headlamp and taillamp areas to make the transition between sheetmetal parts. These often deteriorate because of the effects of weather and ultraviolet light, much faster than a conventional steel painted part. *Hemmings* does offer several advertisers who can assist you with these important body-finishing pieces also.

Replica Plastics can supply these filler panels for GM products for 1968-90, including Novas. Replica offers the 1979-81 Chrysler Cordoba filler panels, and can make many other replacements, if a sample can be provided.

Other filler panel advertisers include North Yale Auto Parts whose coverage for GM is from 1973-96, Musselman Distributing who offers 1973-90 GM fillers, and CR Plastics whose product line includes filler panels for De Ville, Seville, Eldorado and Buick Regal. Autorifix can supply 1970-92 GM big-car filler panels as well.

As you can see, your copy of *Hemmings Motor News* can be of great assistance to you in finding replacement fiberglass parts suppliers. But if you should come across a vehicle that has not been mentioned or is not listed among our pages, feel free to fill out a parts locator request form. Our locator service has other sources we use on a regular basis to find those more difficult parts that may not be offered in this month's issue.

SOURCES

Showcars Body Parts Unlimited
12249 Highway 50
Bolton, Ontario, Canada
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US Body Source
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R & R Fiberglass
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Poli-Form
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Watsonville, California 95076
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Unlimited Products
Hesperia, California
877-735-7772

AAR Quality Fiberglass Reproductions
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321-638-0961

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503-829-9634

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Sperry, Oklahoma
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Autorifix

Corinth, Mississippi
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