



Mercedes W123 Brake/Tail/Reverse/Turn Bulb Replacement

A burned out tail light bulb can get you pulled over. A burned out turn signal bulb can make some enemies in traffic. A burned out reverse bulb can be hazardous to small animals. You get the idea. Change them now before trouble strikes!

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TOOLS:

- [Wire Brush](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [#97 Bulb](#) (2)
for tail lights
- [#1156 bulb](#) (6)
for reverse, brake, and turn signal lights
- [4w bulb](#) (2)
for side marker lights

Step 1 — Tail/Reverse/Rear Turn Signal Bulb



- The access panel for all of these lights is on the inside of the trunk. There's one on each side. This guide will cover one side; simply repeat on the other to complete the job.

Step 2



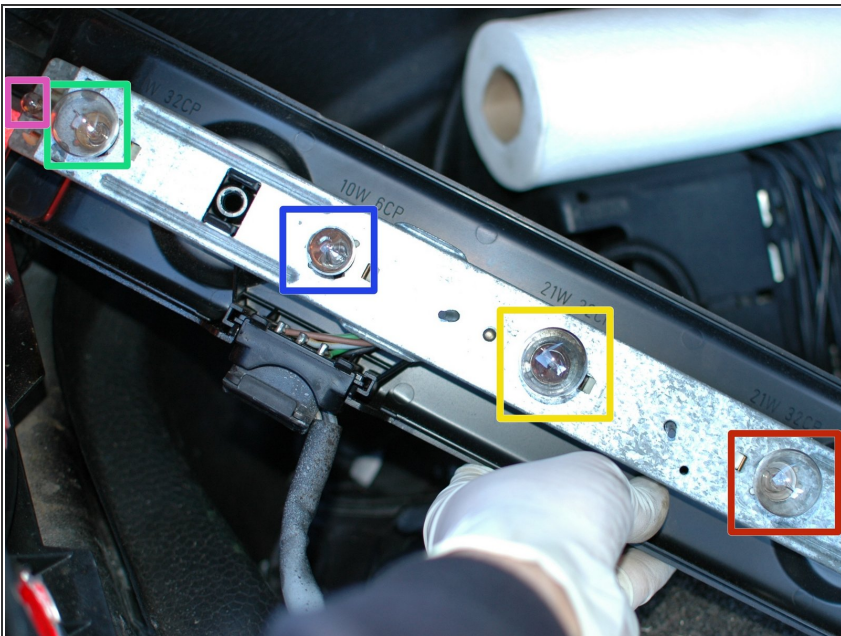
- The panel is secured with two thumb screws. Remove these.

Step 3



- Pull the panel out and away from the back of the car, being careful not to force the bulbs out of the holes.

Step 4



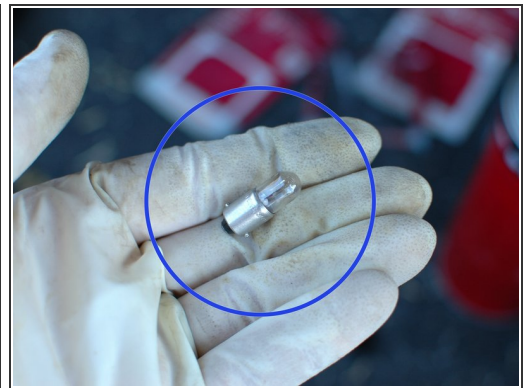
- There are five bulbs in each tail light housing. They are as follows:
 - Brake light
 - Reverse light
 - Tail light
 - Turn signal
 - Side marker

Step 5



- To remove any of the bulbs simply turn them counter clockwise approximately a half turn and then pull them out of their socket.

Step 6



- Three of the bulbs are #1156
- One is a #96
- One is a small 4W blub

Step 7



- Before installing the new bulb consider cleaning the socket with a soft metal wire brush such as the brass brush shown to help remove any corrosion.
- Then install the new bulb, reassemble the device, and finally, be sure to test that all of your rear lights are working before going for a drive.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.