



How to Replace a Tail Light for a 2011-2015 Ford Explorer

Replacing the tail light bulb for a 2011-2015 Ford Explorer by taking out the light cover.

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INTRODUCTION

Rear light bulbs often go out on cars. The rear light bulbs are often hidden behind a rear tail light cover. This document provides guidance on how to remove the tail light cover and then provides guidance on how to remove and replace the associated rear tail light bulbs for 2011 to 2015 Ford Explorers.



TOOLS:

- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [8 mm deep socket wrench](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Ford Tail Light Bulb # 13466](#) (1)

Step 1 — Tail Light Bulbs



- Lift and open the rear cargo door.

Step 2



- Locate the two plastic screw covers that are adjacent to the rear light covers.

Step 3



- Using a flathead screwdriver, pry out both plastic screw covers.

Step 4



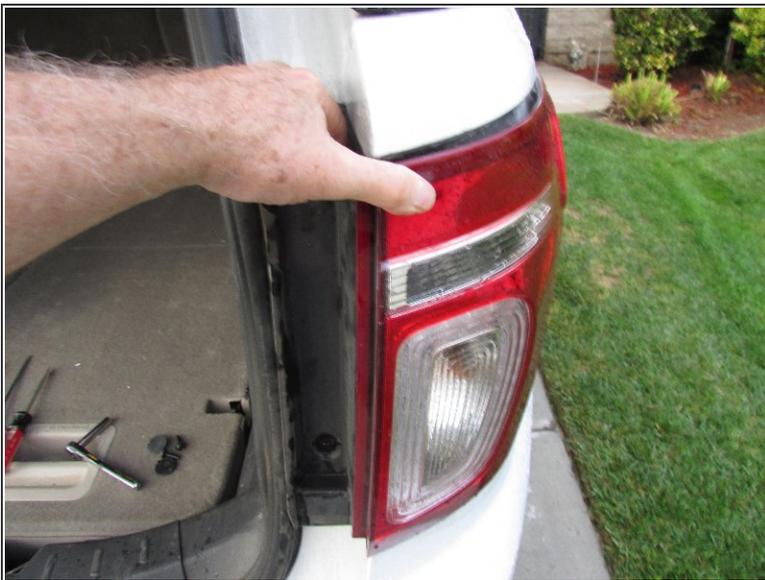
- Once covers are removed, there will be an 8 mm hex head screw located beneath each cover.

Step 5



- Using an 8 mm Deep Socket Wrench, remove both of the 20 mm (length) hex-head screws.

Step 6



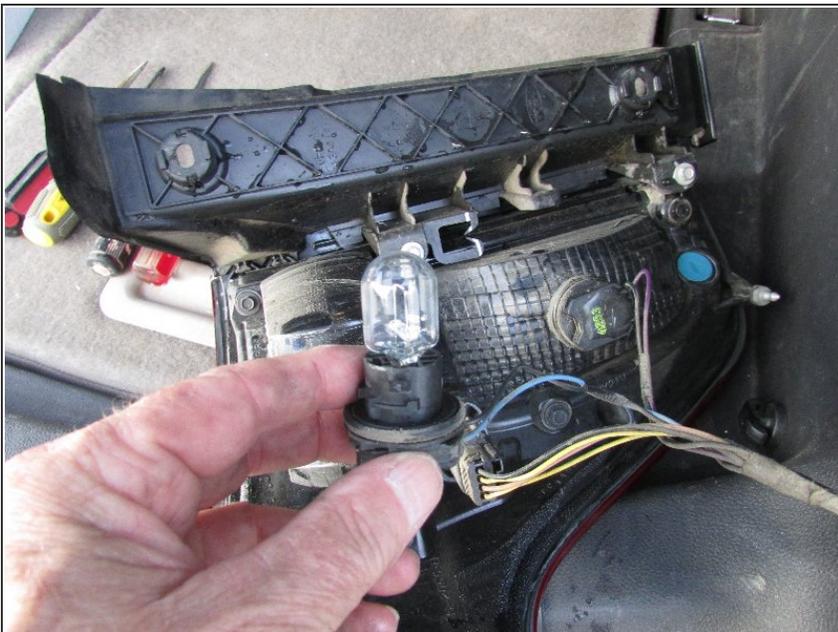
- Gently pull the tail light cover from the car.
- ⓘ You may have to gently play with the cover by moving it back and forth in order to pry it loose from the car.

Step 7



- Once removed, the bulb sockets will be located on the inside portion of the tail light cover.

Step 8



- Turn the bulb socket about one quarter turn in a counterclockwise direction.
- After it is turned, gently pull and remove the bulb socket from the tail light cover.

Step 9



- Gently remove the bulb from the bulb socket.

Step 10



- Gently place the new bulb in the bulb socket.

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