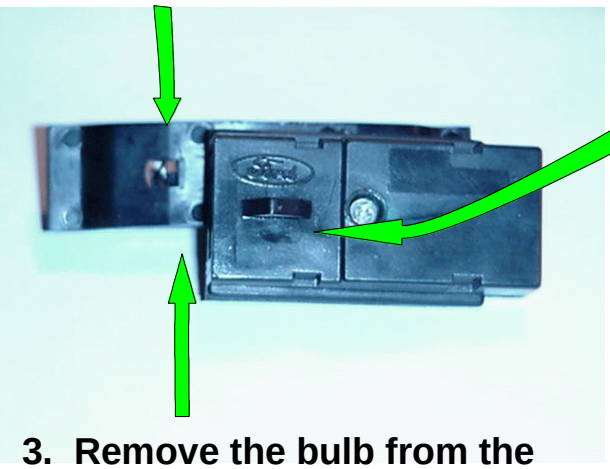
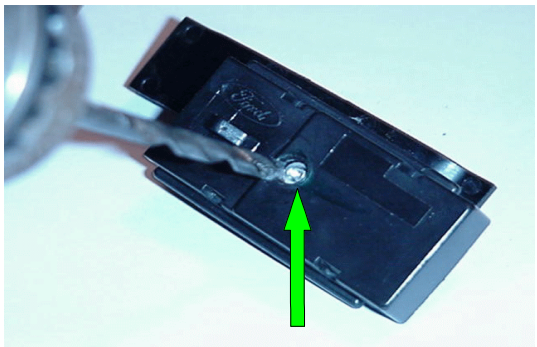
Removal and Replacement of Mercury Switch in 1998 Ford Trunk Lighting Assembly

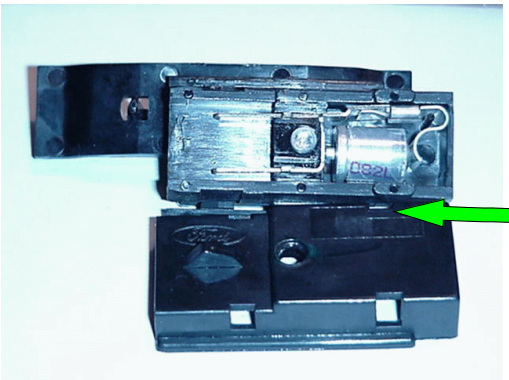
1. Locate the ligting assembly on the drivers side trunk lid arm. Use a screwdriver to pry the assembly fastener off the trunk lid arm.



2. Remove the power source by lifting the wiring connector over the tab and pulling the wirng harness off the lighting assembly.

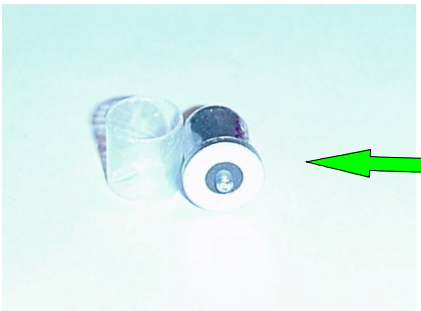


3. Remove the bulb from the assembly by pulling it from socket

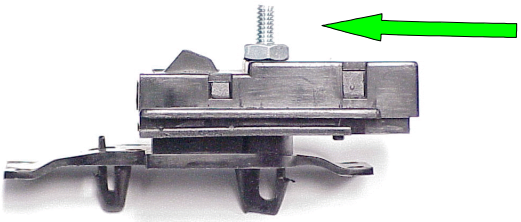


4. Use a drill with a 3/8" bit to remove the head of the pop-rivet that secures the two halves of the assembly.

5. Pry the plastic casing apart using a straight blade screwdriver and remove the mercury switch



6. Remove the plastic insulator from the mercury switch and place it on the ball-bearing switch. Replace the new switch with the insulator in the assembly using the same orientation as in step 5.



7. Remove the old pop rivet. Snap the casing back together. Then use a 1" #8-32 bolt and #8-32 nut to replace the pop-rivet and tighten to secure the assembly. Snap the assembly back into place, reattach wiring clip, and insert bulb. Verify that the switch is actuating properly.