

Polishing Headlamp & Taillamp Lenses

From an article by Bob Lacivita and David Radtke in the October 2005 THE FAMILY HANDYMAN. A kit by PERMATEX, "HEADLIGHT LENS RESTORATION KIT", for about \$13, comes with Polishing Compound, Polishing Cloth, 4 different Sandpaper Grits and Latex Gloves, and you supply the 45 minutes or so and elbow grease to produce a "perfectly clear lens". You can also purchase the materials from "most well-stocked auto parts stores" of Maguires Lens Polishing Compound Maguires Polishing Cloths 1000 through 2500 wet&dry sandpaper (get 4 different grades like 1000, 1500, 2000 & 2500). Clean the lens with soapy water and rinse with a lot of water. Start with the water-soaked sandpaper working from 1000 grit up to the 2500 grit. Keep rinsing the lens as you are sanding, and give it a good rinse, then dry before using the polish. Apply small amounts of polish to a corner of the dry cloth and polish the lens in a circular motion, then letting the polish dry and buffing it off with the unused portion of the polish cloth. This may have to be repeated a couple of times, depending on how damaged the lenses are. Good Luck!

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