

## Swap late tank into early car

Posted by Big Dog - 30 Mar 2012 20:29

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Hello, all. The problem is a metal tank in an 84 car that is leaking from somewhere towards the top of the tank. I am looking for options before pulling the tank out as I don't want to car out of service for too long.

Can I swap a late, plastic tank (which I have) for the metal one if it turns out to be toast? I know that the support straps are different but not a big fab problem.

As an alternative, what repair methods are there to repair leaking metal gas tanks?

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## Re: Swap late tank into early car

Posted by Sterling Doc - 01 Apr 2012 17:34

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They often crack up by the filler neck. A late tank can be swapped in - you'll need the tank, with the fuel pump, and the late crossmember, and trans mount. The early crossmember needs to be cut out, and I believe the late style on welded in, which is a bit of a PIA from what I've been told. Also, make sure your trans is compatible with the late trans mount - that it has the holes in the upper/center of the trans to hang it from . Most do.

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## Re: Swap late tank into early car

Posted by Big Dog - 01 Apr 2012 21:00

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I will check the trans to see if it has the late mounting option. The leak appears to be on the drivers side, not the passenger side.

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## Re: Swap late tank into early car

Posted by joecycles - 03 Apr 2012 06:07

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Go back with an early tank. I have tried it before and it is a ton of work and will require some welding. Also, make sure when you change out the tank you check the lines on the tank. We had an issue

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recently with one of our cars where a fuel vent line went bad and was spilling fuel out when the tank was filled. A real pain the butt to fix.

Have you checked to see if it is a vent line leaking?

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**Re: Swap late tank into early car**

Posted by Big Dog - 03 Apr 2012 18:17

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I have not yet pulled the tank out to see what is leaking but it was leaking while sitting on the lift for several days so I don't think it is one of the lines on the top of the tank.

If the tank can not be repaired, I will have to source an early tank as all of mine are late, plastic tanks.

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**Re: Swap late tank into early car**

Posted by deadeyeb - 08 Apr 2012 09:36

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my early tank had cracks where the vent line crossed the top. removed tank cleaned filled to the cracks with water and welded.

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