



NOT SO SQUEEZY

TAKE A SEAT AS WE SHOW YOU HOW TO **TRANSFORM** YOUR PONY'S SADDLE

While the debate rages about the retention of original equipment versus making sensible upgrades, one thing is certain – interior comfort can be greatly improved via the fitment of aftermarket seats.

In this case we are looking at Procar Rally Smoothbacks, available for classic Mustangs. The seats don't look out of place and you'll emerge much less fatigued after a long trip on these compared with the factory original seats.

Leo, from The Muscle Car Factory, is a big guy, well over 183cm tall, who has trouble

fitting into the Mustangs he's become famous for building. Even smaller guys can find some of the aptly named Pony cars a bit tight.

To create more leg and headroom and generally improve comfort for himself and his customers, Leo simply lowers the seat supports and moves them rearwards.

The lower the seat, the more room gained, but there's a limit and the seat boxes form part of the side intrusion resistance – so they have to maintain their basic configuration. About 25mm can be taken out of the height.

Let's see how it's done, as Leo takes us step-by-step through the process. ☹️



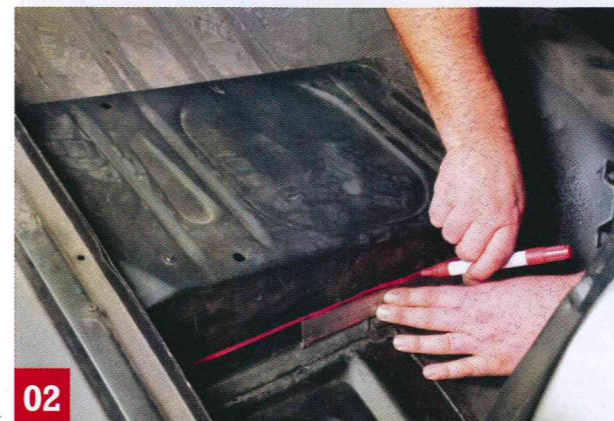
Classy conversion. Procar Rally Smoothbacks greatly improve comfort and are way more supportive in corners



01 Standard interior of a stripped-out Mustang. The seat boxes have to be removed, altered, and refitted in a better position



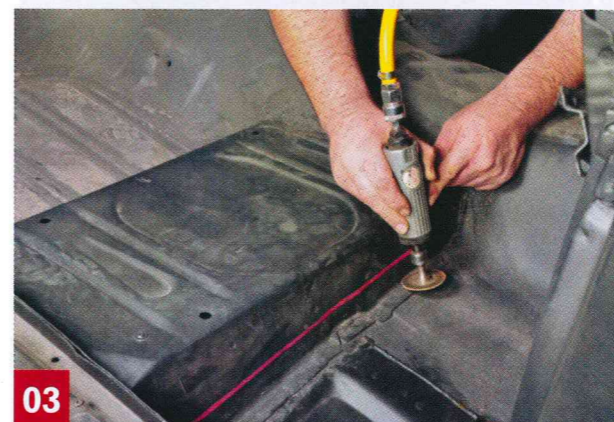
04 Four holes in the floor that allow access to the seat retaining nuts. When the seat boxes are removed you'll see them



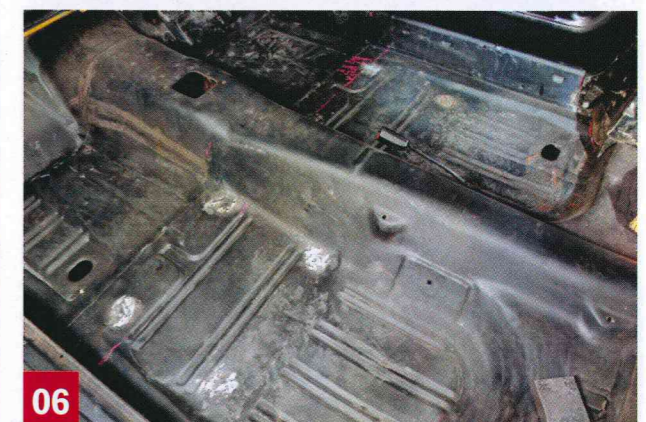
02 The seats will be set about 25mm lower than standard. Leo makes the fold line that defines the inside of the new flange



05 Access holes are filled and new ones cut. Use a welder's magnet to hold the fitted discs in place during welding



03 Seat boxes are removed by grinding away the factory spot welds until the flanges are freed. We've covered this previously



06 To make the fill discs invisible, grind the welds flat to unify the worked sections. A bit of paint and no one will know!

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

