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**BELOW** Taiwanese one-piece Quarter Doorframe assembly simplifies the coupé to fastback conversion



# Miraculous Conversion



## MANY PURISTS WILL CRINGE AT THE THOUGHT OF **TURNING A MUSTANG HARDTOP INTO A FASTBACK** BUT IT CAN BE DONE USING NEW PARTS

**F**astback Mustangs are becoming harder to find and quite expensive but coupes are comparatively inexpensive and readily available. Now, it's true that new bodies can be had for maybe \$25,000 but with a new body you have to fit a year 2000 or later engine.

A conversion like this probably costs about the same but allows the retention of the original '67 VIN, which is a tremendous advantage because it's pre-ADR. And of course, the sheet metal is all brand new.

By not pulling the entire car apart and just fitting the aftermarket Quarter Doorframe Assembly, the job is much

simpler. In fact it's only about a third of the work and although it looks and is a comprehensive undertaking, it is do-able for a reasonably skilled home operator.

Many will dispute that but I've seen guys do amazing things in suburban garages. In any case, here's the summary of how it was done recently at the Muscle Car Factory.