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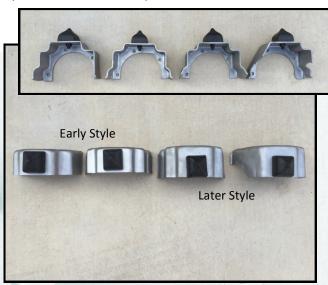
1965 to 1973 9 Inch Pinion Snubber Brackets

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All high performance Ford 9 inch housings used on Mustangs, Shelby's, Boss, and Cougars had a snubber bracket (referred to by Ford as, "Bracket—Rear Axle Driving Pinion Bearing Retainer"), with a rubber bumper mounted in place. During the years this was used between 1965 and 1973 there was 4 different style brackets. There was an early smaller width bracket and then a later larger width bracket shown here. Originals were always bare metal and never painted.



A pinion bracket shown installed on an early 1965 K-Code Mustang



All four versions shown here (click to enlarge). The two early style on the left measure 2.5 inches, and the two later style on the right measure 3.25 inches in diameter.

Early style support bracket C5ZZ-4298-A:



Version 1: Was used in 1965 K-Code Mustangs and Shelby's; including the early 1966 Carryover Shelby's.



Version 2: Was used in 1966 K-Code Mustangs and Shelby's. Used until about November of 1966.

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Later style support bracket C5ZZ-4298-B:



Version 3: Used from about November 1966 to first part of 1968.



Version 4: Last version used from early 1968 to end of 1973 model year. Eventually served as the service replacement for all four versions.

Rubber Bumpers: Called "Bumper—Rear Axle" by Ford under part number C3AZ-4730-B came in three versions.



C3 with fine thread stud, used from 1965 to 1968.**



C9 with coarse thread stud, used from 1969 to 1973.**



D3 with coarse thread stud, used from 1973 on and as service replacements.

**Virginia Classic Mustang makes an excellent reproduction of the C3 and C9 bumpers.



Support bracket mounting place bolts



Typical hex lock nuts used for the rubber bumpers

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