Avanti Repair

A Little Insight About the Correct Avanti Dome Lamp Door Switches, Part #1351043 N.O.S., Installed from 1963-1985

his information was sourced from the original Studebaker Avanti blue prints and/or purchase records, that I purchased from Avanti Motors on Nov. 9th 1989 and my memory of those 45 years of exclusive Avanti parts, sales and service.

Studebaker installed 2 different style dome lamp door switches on the 1963-64 Avantis, Avanti motors followed suit and did the same, until about 1975

The rectangle shaped mounting plate switch was installed on more cars, than the football shaped mounting plate. Both switches have 3 raised areas around the button as a positive stop. This prevents the button from going into far and jamming or breaking the switch. they both have 2 female electrical terminals on the back side









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Avanti Motors installed 2 different style football shaped mounting plate dome light switches, from about 1975-1983, including the 26 Anniversary cars. These switches only had 1 female side electrical terminal on the back. The white ground wire was slid through the black rubber seal so it is in between the back side of the mounting plate and the rubber seal on the lower hole. When you installed your 2 mounting screws it made ground on of the football shaped mounting plate that has 3 raised areas to stop the button from going in too far. The other switch was just plain and no raised areas to protect that button and was grounded in the same manner, both switches are correct.





Part # 1351043 N.O.S. 75-83

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Avanti Motors only installed one style oval shaped mounting plate dome lamp switch for 1984-1985 I am just not sure at what VIN they were installed. This chrome plated button and mounting plate only had one electrical terminal on the back side and it used a screw to secure the hot wire. The white ground wire used the lower mounting screw just like pictures c, from 1975-1983





Part # 1351043 N.O.S. 84-85

All 1963-1985 Avanti used the same rectangular shaped black rubber seal, part # 1351043s for all style switches.

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Photo C shows how the ground wire was run through the rubber seal