

## Fog Lights

### When & What Kind Of Fog Lights did Avanti Motors Install on Their New Avantis From 1965-1985

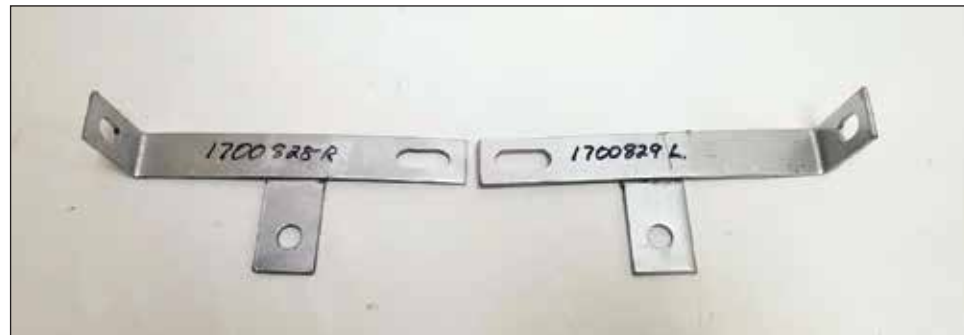


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It has been requested, that I write an article about the Avanti Motors Fog and Driving Lights, what brand did they install? When did they start and stop offering them as a new car option?

The first time Avanti Motors officially offered fog and driving lights as an option, was for the 1967 model and they were a \$50.00 option. They designed and manufactured part # 1700204 fog light bracket which I have in stock

These brackets were installed from 1967-1972 In February 1973, as dated on original blue print, they



redesigned this special fog light bracket assembly to part numbers 1700828R and 1700829L which I have in stock. They install these two brackets from 1973-1983, except on the 26 anniversary editions, which had the driving lights mounted to the fiberglass bumper without any bracket.

In 1974, Avanti Motors designed a new fog light switch #1701004, which I have in stock. These new switches were mounted on the console to the rear portion of the heater control panel. They also in 1974 had a new red pilot lamp assembly #1701006 (which I have in stock), that was mounted to the front portion of that same console panel. This red pilot lamp would light up when the switched was moved forward, to activate.



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The first fog and driving lights for the Avanti II were supplied by Do-Ray Lamp company and were installed from 1967 through about 1972.

From about 1973 through about 1976 they installed an eight-inch driving or fog lamp by Lucas, and in about 1979 they switched to the Cibie brand through about 1981.

Then about 1982, they switched again to the Hella brand until about the end of the chrome bumpered Avanti era.

The 26 black anniversary edition cars had Cibie fog lights again.

The 1984 and 1985 Avantis with fiberglass bumpers didn't have a driving or fog lamp option. However, I as a new car dealer, did make special driving and fog light brackets for the 1984-85 Avanti, which I have in stock for my customers.

The fog light switches that they used form 1967-1972, I don't have a part number for, as the switches came with the pair of lamps.

#### How to Check if Your Avanti had Fog Lamps

All 1974-1983 Avantis are pre wired for fog or driving lights from Avanti Motors. Looking at the console heater control panel, remove the 5 cable control chrome knobs, remove the four (4) Phillips screws and lift up on that panel if your Avanti has never had driving or fog lights installed, you will see that the electrical connection below

the switch will have black electrical tape over the end and was never plug in.

Also, look underneath the left front fender and you will see some 12 gauge light blue wires, taped to the front bumper bracket. These light blue wire will have enough wire and electrical connectors to stretch across the upper front part of the grill mouth opening. This wire is held in place by the existing screws that hold the upper part of the grill to the front bottom of the nose panel. The redesigned special fog light bracket assembly to part numbers 1700828R and 1700829L which I have in stock. They install these two brackets from 1973-1983, except on the 26 anniversary editions, which had the driving lights mounted to the fiberglass bumper without any bracket.

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