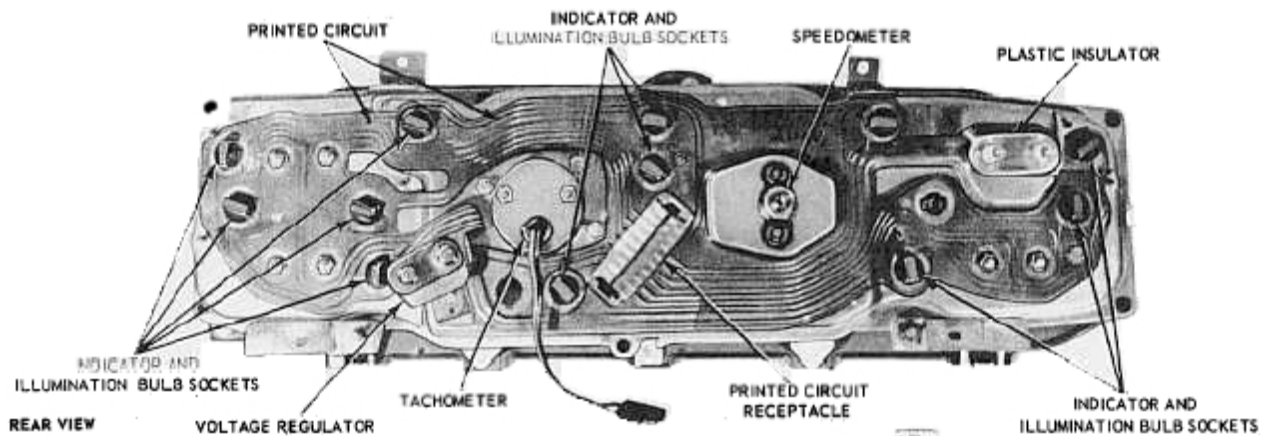


1969 / 1970 COUGAR INSTRUMENT CLUSTER REMOVAL

Before attempting to replace the instruments, first remove the cluster from the panel as described below.

- Disconnect the battery, then remove the instrument panel pad for access to the cluster mounting screws as described below:
- Remove the cluster opening finish panel from the pad assembly below the instrument cluster (two screws).
- Remove the right and left lower end moldings (two screws each) for access to the pad retaining screws at the lower ends of the instrument panel.
- Remove the pad retaining screws as follows:
 - top inner edge of pad-to-pad support (three);
 - right and left lower pad end-to-instrument panel (two);
 - lower center pad-to-instrument panel (two);
 - lower right pad-to-instrument panel (three).
- Pull the pad assembly back, disconnect the clock and courtesy light wires behind the right side of the pad, and remove the assembly.
- On XR 7 models, disconnect the multiple connector behind the center of the pad before removing the pad.
- Once the dash pad is removed, remove the (six) screws retaining the cluster to the instrument panel and withdraw the cluster slightly.
- Disconnect the multiple plug to the printed circuit and, if so equipped, the tachometer plug.
- Disconnect the speedometer cable by pressing on the flat surface of the plastic connector and pulling the cable away from the speedometer head. The instrument cluster can now be removed from the instrument panel.



XR7 cluster (rear view)

- To replace any Cougar instrument, remove the mask and lens from the front of the cluster assembly by removing the screws along the outer edge on the REAR of the cluster and separate the cluster front and rear housing assemblies.
- Remove the tachometer from the cluster rear housing assembly (three retaining nuts).

Reverse procedure to install. When installing the pad make sure that all the spring nuts are properly positioned.