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GPW-I00709* Restoration



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About 2 weeks ago I mounted the shovel and axe. I will work on painting them some day ... driving the jeep and working on other parts are the priority. The axe shown in the photo belong to the jeep's namesake, my grand father Toby. I will leave it unchanged and use another that I bought and working on the assembly.



I finally bought the correct black out marker lights, but needed turn signals. I removed the original doors and with some drilling etc. I made a pair of amber lens work. I took the marker light "bucket" to the auto store and found a lens that fit over it. I drilled about 3 holes in the edge and made a narrow slot to match the slot in the top of the bucket and bent a piece of small strap (from an old windshield wiper) to make a retainer. A machine screw and washer fasten the new lens to the old bucket. I cleaned, primed and painted all the metal parts. Not seen is that I painted the inside of the bucket white to reflect some more light from the six volt bulb. I also replace the wire and the brass

thimble, washer and spring as provided in my wiring package from Vintage Wiring of Maine. I will post a complete document about this at ad5zo.com.

I was shocked at the price of canvas parts. I had some canvas in the junk box and finally made my own windshield cover. It has a rustic look to it. It took a few hours tinkering with the old material to get all the stitching taken out and figuring out what "pattern" I would use. I started by laying the material on the windshield and moving things around.



Hand Made Windshield Cover



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"Button Hole" in Windshield

Cover for Tie Down Strap

I used a nylon fabric about 8" wide across the inside of the fold and the front (top) of the windshield for added wear resistance. The snaps are from an REI kit and the thread is polyester Dacron UV balance 14# purchased from www.Sailrite.com. The black thread looks out of place, but I think it adds to its field expedient look and feel. Being from the Navy I could envision a boatswain or even some Army field shop with a sewing machine making a new cover when the supply system could not provide one.

Large format photos are at ad5zo.com. - Jeep, Restoration etc., Restoration, Misc.

Thanks,
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