

## How to Install Buckets and Console

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Car Courtesy of Dennis Wheeler

In order to change a car from a bench seat to buckets and console a few items are needed before starting the project.

### Items Needed:

1. Bucket seats correct for year, 68-9 are the same while 70-2 are the same.

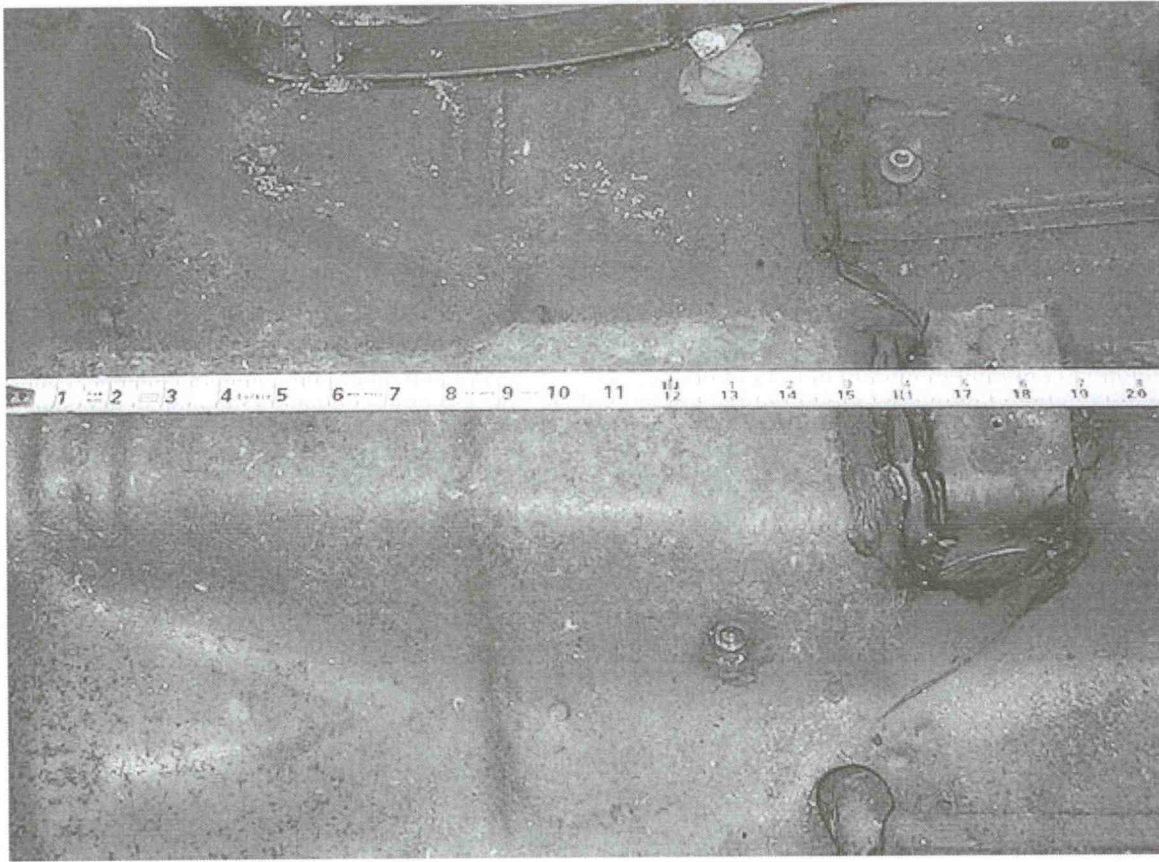
All GM A-bodies share the same bucket seats for the same years. Included in A-body designation are 68-72 Chevelle, LeMans, Skylark, Cutlass and 70-2 Monte Carlo and Grand Prix.

2. Console, 68-9 console are the same, 70-2 consoles are the same. 1973-77 Regal/Century consoles can be used but will need to be modified as stated in an article on the site. The shifter and cable from the 73-77 Regal/Century will not work but you can use the trans cable bracket and selector bracket.

3. Shifter assembly which includes: shifter w/handle, cable, cable bracket that mounts to the trans pan (TH350 and TH400 brackets are different). Trans selector bracket which attaches direct to trans gear selector input shaft.

4. Steering column, either tilt or non-tilt.

5. Bucket seat brackets. If installing a power driver's seat, floor bracket will be different than non-power seat. Brackets are available as repro units.



Here is the rear floor console bracket, it is welded to the floor and can be fabricated from simple sheet metal if need. Distance from the rear vertical portion (just in front of back seat bottom cushion) of driveshaft tunnel is 17.5 inches. This dimension is not critical but gives a close approximation where bracket should be located. Notice width of bracket to allow for some console movement from front to back.

