



1997-2003 Chevrolet Malibu Tail Lights Replacement

Use this guide to install new bulbs in the tail light assembly of a 1997-2003 Chevrolet Malibu.

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INTRODUCTION

Replacing burnt out or broken bulbs is a quick and easy fix that makes your car easier to see from behind, helping to prevent accidents.



TOOLS:

- [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

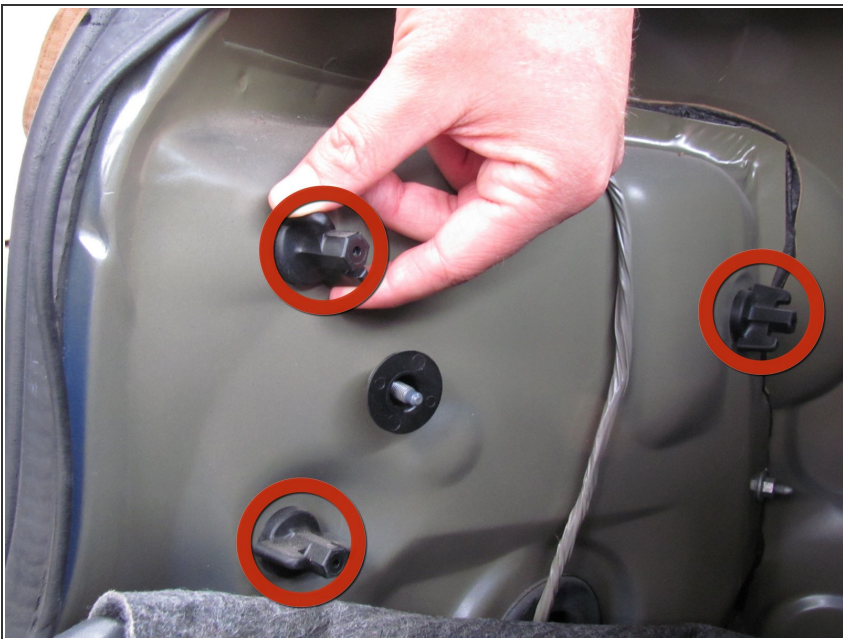
- [Malibu Tail Light Bulb](#) (1)
- [Malibu Back-Up Light Bulb](#) (1)
- [Malibu Turn Signal Light Bulb](#) (1)

Step 1 — Tail Lights



- Locate the plastic casing that holds the trunk liner in place, directly behind the tail light.
- Unscrew the plastic casings.

Step 2



- ⚠ Make sure to put some pressure on the tail light itself so it does not fall out when you unscrew it.
- Unscrew the three plastic wing nuts located behind the tail lights.

Step 3



- ⚠ When the tail light assembly comes loose, do not fully remove it because it may damage the connected wires.
- Carefully pull the tail light away from the car to expose the connected wires.


Step 4



- Unclip the rear panel of the tail light assembly. There are two clips on the top and two on the bottom.
- Remove the rear panel from the rest of the assembly.

Step 5




 Do not pull on the bulb, handle it gently because it is fragile.

- Grab the plastic base of the bulb and gently wiggle it free.

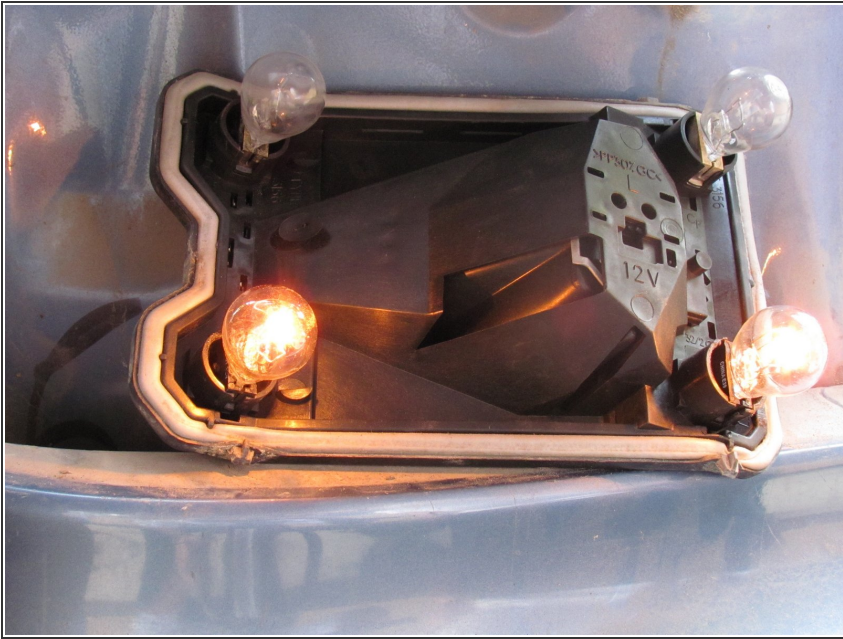
Step 6



 When handling the new bulbs, avoid touching the glass as much as possible because this can reduce the life of the bulb.

- Gently push the new bulb into the plastic housing.

Step 7



- After putting the new bulbs in, turn the desired lights on to check that the newly installed bulbs work correctly.
- ⓘ These bulbs have different functions including blinkers, brake lights, hazard lights, and back-up lights. They will only turn on when the necessary signal is sent.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.