

1978 Ford Mustang II Fastback



Many of you who know me will remember this: the 1978 Mustang II Fastback (which was Ford's way of saying 'hatchback'). While not one of my brightest purchases, \$450 bought me this personal chariot that I used throughout most of early high school. It featured an under-powered 4-cylinder with rattling main bearings, as well as seats that folded completely back and down for dash-to-hatch horizontal accommodations. It survived being stolen by my girlfriend, used as a mobile bottle rocket launching platform, and me accidentally shifting it into park while moving about 20 mph - all to ultimately die at the hands of a mechanic. I paid him a ton of money to fix those rattling main bearings, after which it ran 20 miles until the crankshaft broke in half. It spent the rest of that summer and the entire next winter in the ditch I pushed it into until Dan Bockerich bought it off me for \$25 and fixed it. Before that, my fondest memory was having ignorantly replaced the transmission cooling lines with low-pressure hoses. I realized my mistake near the top of a railroad hump as transmission fluid washed over my windshield and I rolled gracefully backwards down the hill. If anyone has any stories they remember about it, please mention them!