Removal and Replacement of Mercury Switch in 1970-1998 GM Trunk Lighting Assembly

1. Locate the lighting assembly in a recess adjacent to the trunk latch. Use a 7 mm hex driver to remove the single fastener that holds the assembly. Pull the entire assembly out of the recess hole.

2. Remove the power source by pulling the lighting assembly connector out of its mating connector by hand.

3. Remove the bulb from the assembly by pressing down and twisting counterclockwise.

4. Remove the clip that secures the mercury switch holder by pulling the clip off with a pair of needle nose pliers.

5. Remove the mercury switch holder by pushing it out of the assembly from the wired end.

6. Remove the spring from the switch holder by sliding it off.

7. Pry the plastic switch holder apart along the center line using a screwdriver and replace the mercury switch with a ball-bearing switch oriented with the rounded end toward the wire contact of the plastic holder.

Snap the two-piece casing together, and do steps 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1 in reverse to complete the replacement.