87 – 98 Mustang Power Seat Switch Repair

If your power seat switch is not working in all directions or just some directions, it most likely just needs cleaned. The following instructions will walk you through how to disassemble, clean and reassemble the switch.

You will have to remove the switch assembly from your seat. Take out the two screws holding it to your seat and unplug the two or three electrical connectors. If you have power lumbar, then your switch will have three connectors.

1. Do not pry up on the plastic casing which surrounds the switch’s wiring. It is very brittle and will crack. Instead, take a small screw driver and push down the metal tab in the hole. There are two of them, one per side. While pushing down on the tab, pull the wiring harness bundle slightly to get the metal tab started under the plastic case. Once you have one side started, do the other side. Carefully work the switch wiring bundle and contacts out from the cover. Be patient and do not pry on the plastic case, it will break. See photo below.

2. Once you have the switch assembly separated from the casing, the four metal spring clamps will have to be removed. Gently pry the top part of clamp off the switch as shown in the photo. The bottom end will not come off as easy. Take your time and work your way around the switch to remove all four clamps.
3. Once you have all four clamps off, separate the switch lever assembly from the switch contact base. Apply outwards pressure on the switch lever as you separate the two pieces. That way the lever parts will not fall apart.

4. Once the two halves are separated, study how it all looks to help with re-assembly. The half on the right is the lever portion. The four greasy contacts on the lever part are the lever cams. They are not the electrical contacts. The cams push the switch rocker contacts down, which are located in the left half.

5. Take one of the rocker contacts off. Notice how it fits in the contact assembly. The electrical contacts are the small black circle portions in the picture.
6. Take some fine grit sand paper and clean both contacts. Don’t get carried away with sanding, just lightly work the sand paper to clean the carbon and dirt off the contacts. Once you have one set of contacts done, put the rocker back in the switch assembly and do the next one. There are four sets of contacts.

7. When all four sets of contacts are cleaned, pick up the lever assembly half and apply outward pressure to get the switch rotating parts seated. Carefully put the contact half and the lever half back together. Ensure all four contact rockers stay seated while mating the two halves together.

The part of the lever half with the ridge goes towards the wire side with red/white wire.
8. Reinstall the four spring clamps. Put the wire side on first, and then push the top part over the lever casing. They will snap on fairly easy.

9. Slide the two halves together until both metal springs snap up into the holes on both sides of the cover.

10. Reinstall the switch into your car, it should work again!