

1964 1/2 FORD Mustang 289- Alameda, CA

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This slightly faded white Mustang ALLEY FIND is likely one of the Mustangs many people refer to as a 1964 1/2. When the Mustang took the world by storm on April 17, 1964 every last one of them was identified by Ford Motor Company as being 1965 models for registration purposes.

Collectors have noted certain peculiarities about the first batch of Mustangs produced before the assembly lines were changed over on August 1, 1964. Mustang experts refer to Mustangs built between March, 1964 and July 31, 1964 as 1964 1/2 Mustangs. Even the length of the word Mustang in the logo shown above is different (shorter) for first production Mustangs than it is on post August Mustangs. The windshield wiper arms on this car are attached to a chrome bezel on the hood. August 1, 1964 and later Mustang hoods extend out to meet the base of the wiper arm.

Unlike the other 1964 1/2 Mustang in the ALLEY FINDS (coincidentally also from Alameda) this one has a 289 engine which wasn't available at the very start of the run. We may assume this white Mustang was produced a little later than the companion ALLEY FIND blue 1964 1/2.

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