

Focus Mk2.5

Headlamps



Removing, refitting and changing bulbs

Guide Introduction

Hello & welcome to this nice, simple guide.

The purpose is to aide you, the reader, with removing your headlamps, refitting them and probably more likely, changing a blown bulb.

On the Mk2.5 Focus, this is actually quite easy to do. I'd guess that the Mk2 is quite similar, but I'm not certain. I am assuming that you have a basic knowledge of tools & how to open your bonnet.

I'm providing this guide freely to help anyone who might want it. Please feel free to share it (email it, print it, send by carrier pigeon etc), all I ask is that if you do share it, please do not charge for it.

However, I do not take any responsibility if you cock it up and break something. As the title suggests, this is a guide and nothing more. Please do be careful and take care!

On that note...on with the Guide!

Items Required

This is a very short list...

1. A car. Preferably yours (or at least have permission to tinker) & preferably a Mk2.5 Focus (see picture on front page)
2. A large flat-bladed screwdriver or Torx bit (unsure what size, I used the screwdriver as it serves 2 purposes)
3. IF REQUIRED: Replacement Headlamp unit
4. IF REQUIRED: Replacement Bulb(s)
5. About 15 minutes (give or take)

Bulb List & Location

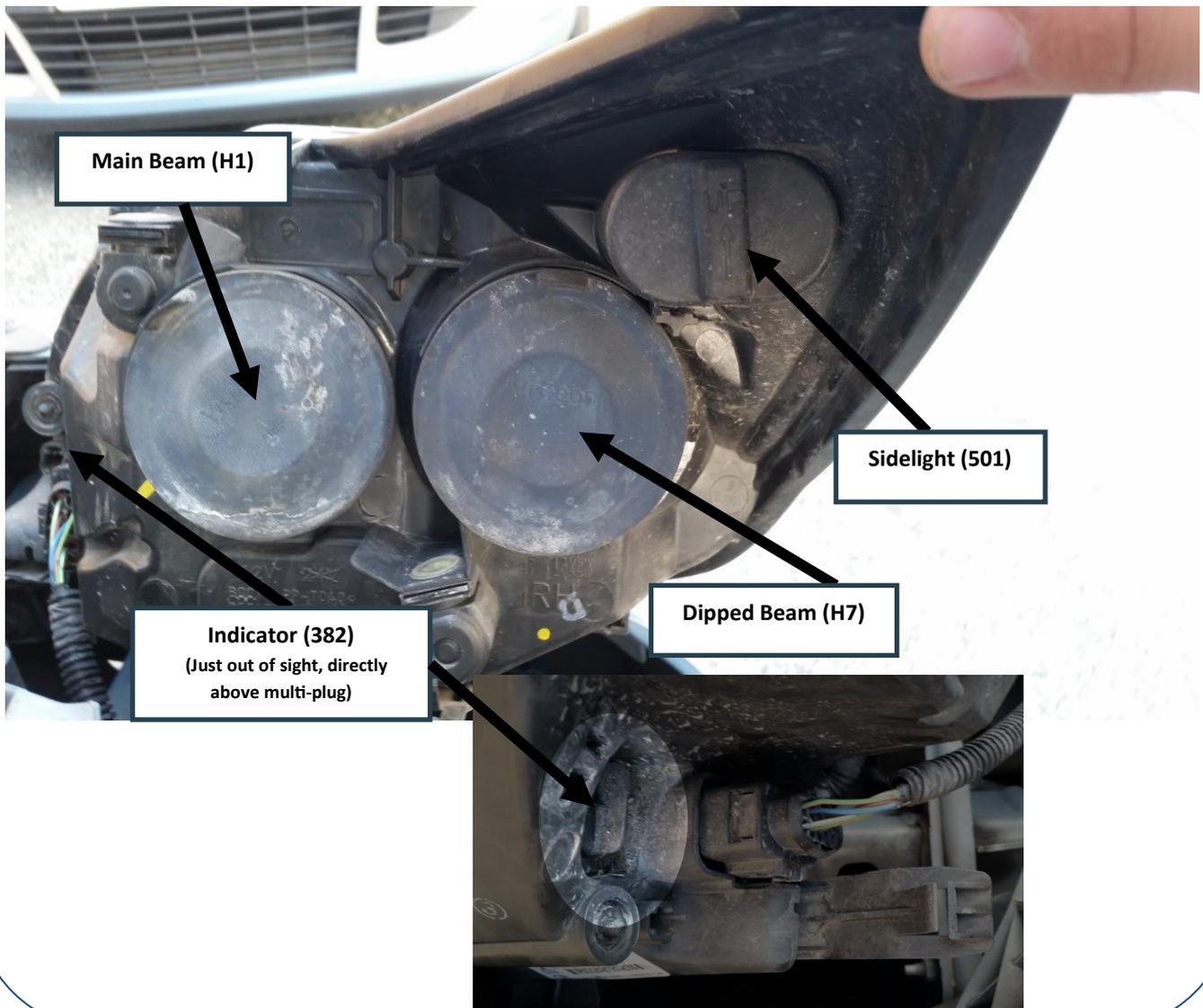
The following bulb list was compiled from the Focus Handbook & is just for the bulbs contained within the headlamp units (so no rear, number plate, interior or fog lights).

Halfords & Euro Car Parts have an online checking service which will show you only bulbs that fit.

For a complete list for the Focus from Mk1 to Mk2.5, check out [this post](#) by DanGersFord on the Ford Owners Club Forum.

Description	Size
Main Beam	H1
Dipped Beam	H7
Indicator	382 (21W)
Sidelight	501 (5W)

Offside headlamp & looking forward (please excuse the thumb)



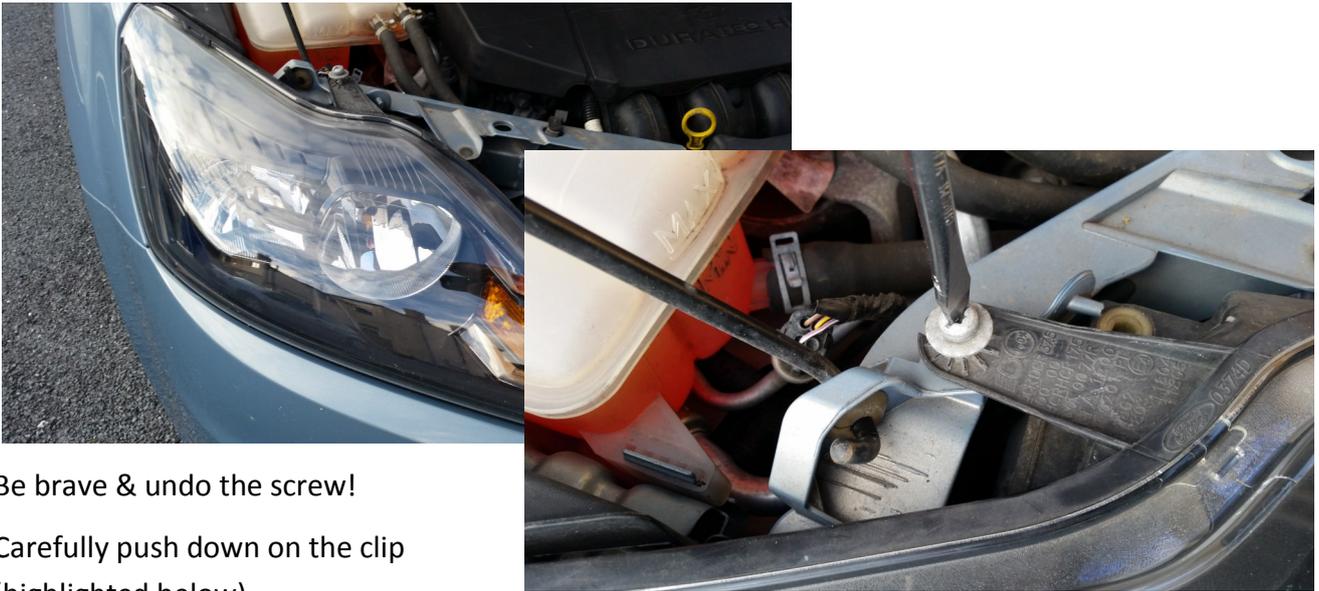
Removal of the Headlamp

It should pretty much go without saying that you need to open your bonnet...just in case this isn't the case...

Open the bonnet...

Here, you'll see the removal of the offside headlamp. The removal of the nearside follows the same process

Each headlamp is held in place by a single screw and some plastic clips



Be brave & undo the screw!

Carefully push down on the clip (highlighted below)...



...and pull forward. It'll take a little wiggling but shouldn't require any excessive force.

If you're removing the unit, unplug the multi-connector and pull the unit out. Complete this stage as soon as you can get your hand in to do so. For me, that's after the clip has been released and the unit slid forward.

Changing a Bulb

Using the image on Page 3 as a reference, identify the bulb that needs replacing. For this example, it's the dipped beam bulb that has blown

Each bulb has its own cover. The indicator is a twist-off cap (that also has the bulb attached—be careful). The dipped & main beam bulbs have a round rubber cap and the sidelight has a rectangular rubber cap. Be careful here—the cap is marked ^UP. There is a vent built in to this cap which needs the opening to point down.

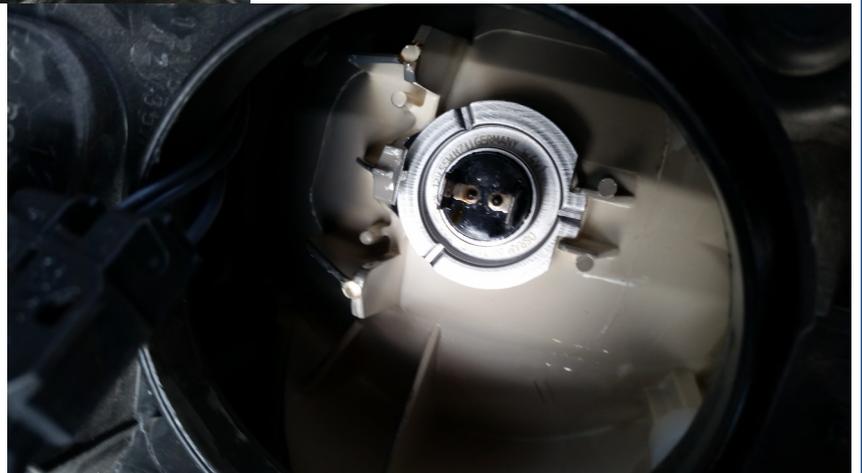


Go ahead and peel off the rubber cap...it won't bite. Here you can see the bulb plug still firmly attached. This pulls off easily (you might need to flick the little lever on the left of the plug).

Below you can see the bulb in-situ. Notice how it is only possible to fit the bulb one way round.

Swap the bulbs over (being careful not to touch the glass) and reverse the steps on this page by firmly pressing the clip back on and pushing the rubber cover back on.

It's a similar process for all of the bulbs. The sidelight bulb is quite deep & on the end of a long plastic rod.



Refitting the Headlamp

It's something of a DIY cliché—but refitting is the reversal of removal.

If you did remove the headlamp, don't forget to plug it back in

The only difference is that the headlamp needs lining up before it can be pushed home.



I can guess what you're thinking...how am I supposed to do that? That's tiny, and I can hardly see it!!

Be gentle and it's easy to line up. Looking down, if you line up the screw hole it's just a case of moving it up and down.

Push it in until it clicks and you're almost there. Pop the screw back in (doesn't need to be too tight).

Now, give the lights a quick check (if I have to explain how you do that, then honestly, why are you even attempting this?)

And there we have it, if legend is to be believed—Robert is most definitely the sibling of one your parents! Job jobbed, fin, complete, where's the kettle?

The End

That's the end of the guide. Hopefully you've found it useful.

I'm even more hopeful that I haven't made any glaring errors. If I have made any errors, please let me know and I'll update it.

Sean