

Headlights for Colt, Case and Ingersoll Tractors

All Colt models & Case 120, 130, 150,
155, 180, 190 & 195 models

These tractors used a 4 1/2 inch glass sealbeam unit that is available from any auto parts store, such as NAPA or from most tractor dealers.

All 200, 400 & 600 Series tractors from 1969 to
1974

When the 200 and 400 series were first introduced in 1969, Case used Model 777 headlamp assemblies from Speaker Corporation with lenses that were made from glass. I believe that Case ceased using those assemblies in or around 1974 or 1975 because Speaker discontinued them as a production item.

All 200, 400, 600, 3000, 3100, 4000, 4100, 6000 &
7000 Series from 1974 to present.

When Speaker dropped the 777 headlamp, they replaced it with the model 780 that used a plastic lens. The same metal bucket was used behind the lens. The glass lenses are prized because they make it possible to use higher wattage or even halogen lamps in them without fear of melting. Plastic lenses are known to melt from high wattage bulbs or suffer from discoloration that greatly affects their ability to put out light.

The only place to buy the glass lenses is on e-Bay. These often command a hefty price because a large number of tractor brands used the same model. I have seen a pair of glass lenses surpass the \$90.00/pr level on occasion.

At one time, Ingersoll sold just the replacement 780 plastic lenses but that has been discontinued. Today, only complete headlamp assemblies are available from Ingersoll dealers and the last price that I saw for C32178 is \$32.88 for each headlamp. These too, have plastic lenses and they do not fare any better than the earlier plastic headlamp assemblies did when high wattage lamps are installed.

In order to settle the issue of "lens only" availability elsewhere, I contacted Speaker directly. Here is my original email followed by their reply.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom A.@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 6:07 PM
To: Speaker Account
Subject: Lenses

Once upon a time, your fine company made headlamps for several lawn and garden tractor brands. I believe the lenses were sold as a separate item and bore the part number 777 or 780.

Are these lenses still in production? What is the difference between the two types?

Thanks,
Tom

REPLY

Subject: RE: Lenses

Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 11:53:54 -0500

From: "Speaker Account" <Speaker@jwspeaker.com>

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To: "Tom A"@yahoo.com>

Hello,

After some research I found that the Model 777 had a glass lens and has been discontinued for quite some time. The Model 780 had a plastic lens and it too, has been discontinued. I'm sorry we no longer stock those parts.

Thanks for your interest in Speaker products.

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Sales Administrator

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