

## Re: Electronic slide switch replacement: where to buy?

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JANA wrote:

Why don't take your circuit board over to an electronics parts supplier in your area, and see if they can identify the switch for you? Maybe there is a chance that they can identify a generic one that will fit. If not, then you are stuck to buy the complete board from the dealer. Many of the automobile, and motorcycle manufactures have their parts custom made.

Since there is most likely no proper generic part number or identification on the switch, there is a good chance that this part was custom made for the manufacture of your car. I have seen this many times before with automotive parts.

If the switch you want is a custom job, then you are stuck to pay the price. Considering that an automobile is an investment of many thousands of dollars, logically there is no point in squabbling about paying out eighty bucks in change to fix it! Besides, if you change the complete control unit, maybe the new one will be more reliable than the one you repaired. Also, many of the IC's and devices on these units are custom made for the automobile manufacture. You cannot buy most of these electronics parts at the local electronics parts supplier.

What are you going to do when you need a new set of tires for the car? Get used ones???

Personally, I'd just live with it, as long as the window still works on the other switch. Eventually, you'll access a cheap replacement. Unless you're planning to sell the vehicle soon, you've got time.

If it's that important to make that window work as designed \*right now\*, then pay the money, get the switch.

Before you install, however, make damn sure there was no other fault which destroyed the first one...or you'll be back where you started.

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