

## Clear glass Headlights

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The headlights for the Landrover (Defender) that are delivered by the factory are very meager (candle-light like). If the streets are lighted it is not so important. But as soon as the environment gets dark it becomes uncomfortable. In the open country and on mountain passes, my Zebra became a 'cue vehicle' (besides : all headlights were correctly calibrated).

I decided to bring my headlights 'up to speed'. Unfortunately, the do-it-yourself installation of Xenon lamps is prohibited in Switzerland (I don't know the reason why though). And equally not allowed are bulbs above 55 watts. Hence I had to look for reflectors that have better characteristics than the original ones.



Unfortunately I cannot tell you the brand as I bought my new headlights at the Landrover Show 2008 at Billing (UK). Despite special price, they were not quite cheap and cost me 120 GBP (roughly 200 CHF). They were in the same price class as 'Hella' lights. But over Internet, I am sure you can find respective suppliers eg [www.paddockspares.com](http://www.paddockspares.com) or [www.bearmach.com](http://www.bearmach.com) etc). But be careful to buy the right system (,Continental Europe!', as in the UK you have left-sided traffic and therefore the domestic stuff has opposite reflectors).



My experience with the changed headlights is acceptable. Yes, they improve the light. But I wished some more power. I think I have achieved roughly 30% improvement. But it is still far away from Xenon. Because of the tight regulation in Switzerland, I think that's all I can do for the moment. In the worst case I still have my special beams.

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