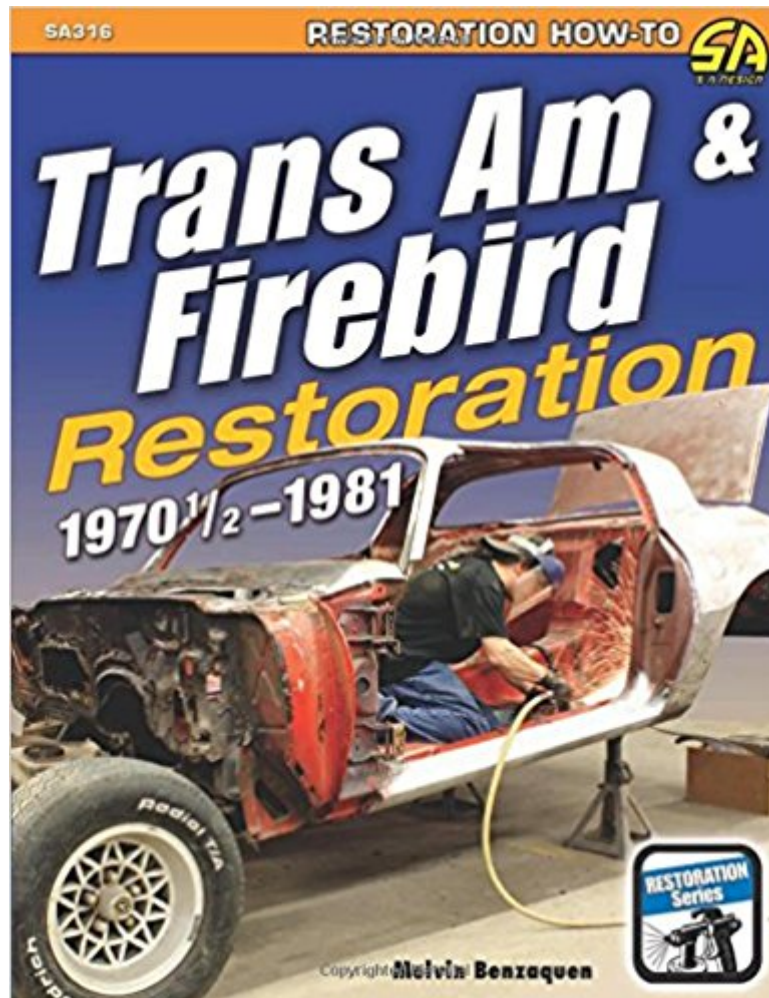




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# Trans Am & Firebird Restoration: 1970-1/2 - 1981 (Restoration How-to)



## Synopsis

The Trans Am and Firebird were distinctly different than their cousin, the Chevy Camaro, and many Trans Am and Firebird models became stand-out muscle cars of their era. In fact, when the high-performance wars in Detroit subsided in the early 1970s, the Trans Am remained as the sole surviving muscle car. Some second-generation Pontiac F-Body cars are affordable while others are extremely rare and valuable. In particular, the 1970-1974 Pontiac Super Duty Trans Ams, 1970-1973 Firebird Formulas, and 1976 Firebird Limited Editions command high sale prices while the 1970s Trans Am 6.6 "Smokey and the Bandit" cars are still affordable and appreciating in value. Melvin Benzaquen of Classic Restoration Enterprises has restored dozens of these cars. In this revealing guide, all crucial aspects of restoration are covered, including engine, driveline, interior, trim, electrical system, brakes, steering, and suspension. A special focus is placed on performing common body restoration procedures. Chapters also include VIN decoding, planning, preparation, tools, and painting techniques. Step-by-step photos accompanied by in-depth and detailed captions explain how to perform each stage of the restoration process. Pontiac Firebird and Trans Am owners are loyal and dedicated to the preservation of these storied high-performance models and therefore demand an accurate and faithful restoration. The magnitude and variety of work in the restoration process can be overwhelming and that's why a complete restoration guide by an acknowledged expert is so important. Now, in this authoritative and comprehensive guide, you have the tools you need to get started on your Trans Am or Firebird restoration.

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Don not buy this book!! It is more of a novel than a restoration book. The author spends half of the book talking about the glory days of trans am and what are his favorites. Probably 60% of the book is about paint restoration. For the wiring diagram he just says to go and buy a new one because the old one must have rust. No, pictures of the wires, or anything. No pictures of how to disassemble the car part by part, just says: remove the front fender, and a pic of the fender on the floor. A waste of money and disappointing.

Good info... worth the price!

The majority of the book is about the restoration process itself and not Trans Am or Firebird specific. I've done a number of car restorations in the past, so I really don't need general information on how to do a restoration.

I've owned dozens of 2nd gen birds over the years, and this is a Great resource. I only gave it 5 stars because I can't give it 10. If your working on a bird, you will want this book.

Excellent

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