A headlight that goes dark can mean a $60 bulb replacement or a repair that costs well over $1,500. The difference usually comes down to how the headlight is built and which part has failed. A conventional halogen bulb is often inexpensive and easy to replace. A modern adaptive LED headlight may have several control modules, and some internal components aren't sold separately.

If you're comparing quotes in Mystic, Connecticut, start by asking what the shop found, not just what it plans to replace. The ranges below are general budgeting estimates in U.S. Dollars for **one headlight**, including typical parts and labor. They aren't verified Mystic quotes. Diagnostic fees, taxes, programming, or calibration may be separate, so ask what the estimate includes.

Bulb Replacement: Approximately $60–$450

If your vehicle uses a replaceable bulb, this is generally the least expensive repair. A straightforward halogen bulb replacement might run **$60–$180**, while a high-intensity discharge (HID or xenon) bulb replacement can cost **$150–$450**. Labor varies with access: one vehicle may have a simple cover behind the headlight, while another requires removing trim or moving an intake duct.

A headlight that flickers, changes color, or stops working intermittently may have a failing bulb, but those symptoms can also point to a worn connector or a faulty HID ballast. Before authorizing a bulb replacement, ask how the shop ruled out those possibilities. If a new bulb doesn't fix the problem, you may end up paying for both the bulb and further diagnosis.

If both bulbs are the same age, replacing them together can help keep color and brightness consistent, particularly with aging xenon bulbs. Still, there's usually no reason to replace a working bulb unless you value the matched appearance or want to avoid another visit soon.

Module Replacement: Approximately $250–$900 or More

A headlight module is an electronic component that may power the lamp or control functions such as automatic leveling, adaptive cornering, or daytime running lights. Depending on the vehicle, a shop might identify the failed component as a ballast, LED driver, or headlight control unit. If the module is serviceable separately and the rest of the headlight is sound, replacing it can save hundreds of dollars compared with buying a complete assembly.

Module replacement often runs **$250–$900**, though some factory parts and programming requirements can push the price higher. Before approving the work, check whether the quote includes any coding, initialization, or aim checks your vehicle requires. A lower quote may not be cheaper if it leaves out steps needed to restore all headlight functions.

Diagnosis matters here. A module-related fault code doesn't necessarily mean the module itself is bad. A poor ground, damaged wiring, or corroded connector can cause similar symptoms. If the shop finds water inside the headlight, ask how it entered. Replacing the electronics without addressing a cracked housing or failed seal can leave the new part exposed to the same problem.

Full Assembly Replacement: Approximately $500–$3,000 or More

The assembly is the housing that holds the lens, lighting elements, and associated hardware. Replacement may make sense after collision damage, when mounting points break, or when water intrusion damages internal

components. It can also be necessary when an integrated LED light source fails and the manufacturer doesn't offer a separate replacement.

A basic assembly replacement may start around **$500**, while an original equipment adaptive LED assembly can cost **$1,200–$3,000 or more** installed. Some assemblies come with modules; others are sold without them. Ask which components will be transferred from the old unit and whether the quote includes aiming and any required calibration. These details matter more than whether the estimate simply says "complete headlight."

Used original equipment and aftermarket assemblies can reduce costs, but verify fitment by vehicle identification number (VIN) and lighting option. Two headlights can look identical and have different connectors or adaptive features. With a used unit, ask *Check out the post right here* about broken tabs, signs of water intrusion, and the warranty. With an aftermarket unit, confirm that it meets applicable lighting requirements and supports the functions you expect to keep.

How to Compare Headlight Repair Quotes in Mystic

A search for **"auto repair near me"** can be a good starting point for a conventional bulb replacement. For a BMW, Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, or other European vehicle with adaptive lighting, **european auto repair** experience can be more useful than proximity alone. Searches such as **"european auto repair shop near me"** or **"european auto repair near me"** can help you identify candidates, but call to confirm that the shop can diagnose and program your specific lighting system.

If you're searching for **"euro car mechanic near me," "european car mechanic near me,"** or **"euro mechanic near me,"** give the shop your year, make, model, and the exact dashboard warning. Mention whether the low beam, high beam, daytime running light, or adaptive function has stopped working. That information helps the shop explain whether you need a quick bulb check or a diagnostic appointment.

When comparing **european car repair shops**, ask each one to itemize parts, labor, diagnostics, and any required programming or aiming. Also ask what tests support the recommendation and whether the diagnostic fee applies toward the repair. The **best european auto repair** option isn't necessarily the shop with the lowest initial quote. It's the one that can explain why a bulb, module, or assembly is the right fix and what you'll pay to have the headlight working correctly.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can moisture in a headlight dry out on its own?

A light haze that clears after a temperature change may be normal. Persistent droplets, pooled water, or condensation that repeatedly returns warrants an inspection, especially if the light flickers or the dashboard displays a warning.

Does a failed LED headlight always need a new assembly?

No. Some LED headlights have a separately replaceable driver or control module. If testing confirms that the integrated LED light source has failed and it isn't available separately, an assembly replacement may be the practical option.

Is it worth getting a second opinion on a full assembly quote?

Yes, especially if the estimate is expensive and doesn't explain why a simpler repair was ruled out. Ask the second shop to confirm the failed component and give you an installed price that includes any required aiming, programming, or calibration.