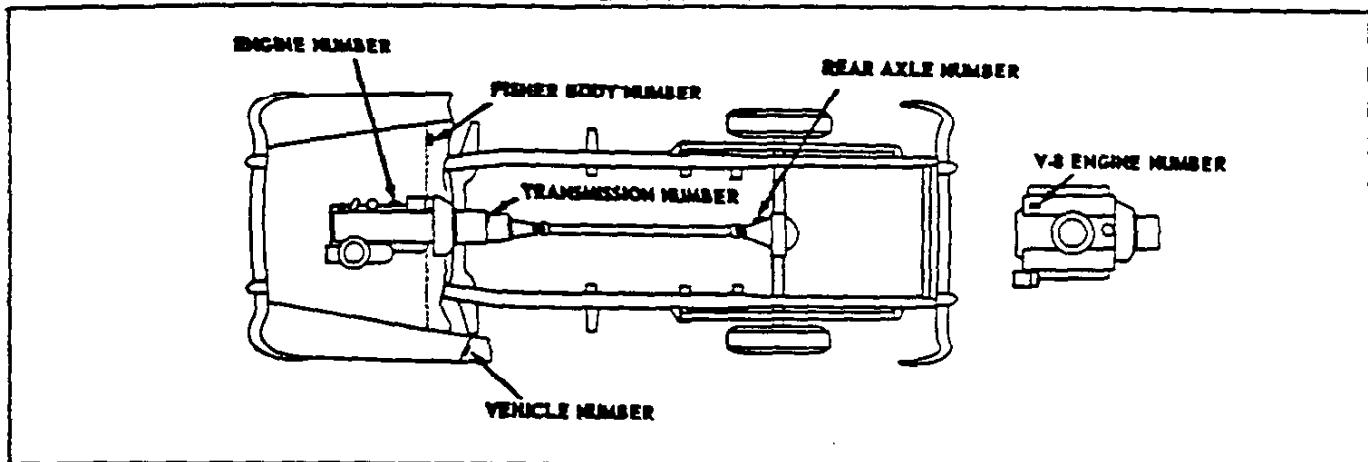


SERIAL NUMBERS



VEHICLE SERIAL NUMBER

Example: A 55 T 001025

Series Model Assembly Plant Unit
Year Number

With 6 cyl engine
 A "One-Fifty"
 B "Two-Ten"
 C Bel Air
 D Sedan Delivery
 VA "One-Fifty", except
 model 1508
 VB "Two-Ten"
 VC Bel Air

T-Tarrytown
 F-Flint
 S-St. Louis
 K-Kansas City
 O-Oakland
 A-Atlanta
 N-Norwood
 B-Baltimore
 L-Los Angeles
 J-Janesville

Starting unit number-----1001 and
up, at each assembly plant regardless of series.
Location-----Stamped
on plate attached to left front body hinge pillar.

8-Cyl GK-RPO 450 (8 cyl with HD clutch & 3-Spd trans)
 GL - RPO 410 (8 cylinder with HD clutch and
 3-Speed transmission)
 GM - RPO 410 (8 cyl with HD clutch, air con-
 ditioning and 3-Speed transmission)
 •GL - RPO 410 & 411 (8 cyl with Overdrive)
 •GM - RPO 410 & 411 (8 cyl with Overdrive and
 Air Conditioning)
 •GQ - RPO 450 (8 cyl with Overdrive)

Starting unit number (6 & 8 Cyl engines are numbered
separately) starting with 1001 and up, at each engine plant.
Location: 6 Cylinder ----- Stamped on pad on right
hand side of cylinder block at rear of distributor
8 Cylinder ----- Stamped on pad at front right hand side of cylinder block

TRANSMISSION IDENTIFICATION

Example: M 11 26

Plant &
type desig.
Prefix

M	Plant	Day of Month
S	Muncie	3-Speed *
C	Saginaw	3-Speed *
	Cleveland	Powerglide

Location: Conventional----- Stamped on
rear face of case in the upper right hand corner
Powerglide----- Stamped on rear
face of case in the lower right corner.
•Overdrive----- Have the same identification
as the conventional 3-speed trans; the difference
being distinguished by physical appearance.

REAR AXLE SERIAL NUMBER

Example: BB 212

Plant & Type Designation Unit Number
Plant

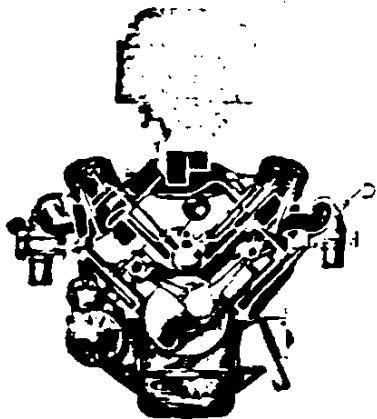
Gear & Axle	Buffalo	Type
AA	BA	3-Speed
AB	BB	Powerglide
AC	BC	3-Speed, Overdrive

Unit number-----The first one or two digits repre-
sent the month; the last two, the day of the month
Location-----Stamped on fr. right side of differential carrier

FISHER BODY NUMBER

Description-----Consists of separate numbers and
symbols for body style, body number, trim type,
and paint combination. Controlled by body source.
Location-----Stamped on
plate on right hand shoulder of cowl, under the hood.

ENGINE - GENERAL



BASIC ENGINE DATA

Engine	8 Cylinder Engine with Conventional or Powerglide transmission	
Piston displacement (cu. in.)	265.0	
Type	Valve-in-head	
Number of cylinders	8	
Bore and stroke (Nominal)	3.75 x 3.00	
Compression ratio	8.0:1	
Taxable (SAE) horsepower	45	
Idling speed (RPM)	475 In Neutral	425 In Drive
Compression pressure @ cranking speed, engine hot (PSI)	160 (or better)	
Dry Weights (Pounds)	Engine	566 H
	Engine and transmission	631 G; 659 F
Lubrication	Full pressure	
Power plant mounting	4-Point rubber-cushioned, strut-type front mounts & shear-type rear mounts	

ADVERTISED MAXIMUM ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Carburetor	Double barrel		RPO (4-Barrel)
Brake horsepower	Gross	162 @ 4400 RPM	180 @ 4600 RPM
	Net	137 @ 4000 RPM	160 @ 4200 RPM
Torque (ft lb)	Gross	257 @ 2200 RPM	260 @ 2800 RPM
	Net	235 @ 2200 RPM	240 @ 2600 RPM

ENGINE SPEED AND PISTON TRAVEL

Transmission	Conv	3-Speed with overdrive	Powerglide
	3-Speed	O.D. locked out	O.D. locked in
Rear axle ratio	3.70:1	4.11:1	3.55:1
Tire size	6.70-15-4 Ply		
Crankshaft revs/mile	2790.0	3099.0	2169.0
Crankshaft RPM at one MPH	Low & reverse	136.6	106.1*
	Second	78.1	60.6
	Direct	46.4	36.1
Piston travel (ft/mile)	1395.0	1550.0	1085.0
			1339.0

ADVERTISED CAR PERFORMANCE

The following information is based on Model 2103, 4-Door Sedan (with and without Powerglide and with a double barrel carburetor) at performance weight (curb weight plus 600 lbs to represent four passengers).

Models	2103	2103 PG
Performance weight (Pounds)	3880 e	3975 e
Pounds/gross horsepower	23.95 e	24.54 e
Pounds/cu.in. displacement	14.64 e	15.00 e
Gross horsepower/cu.in. displacement	.611 e	
Power displacement (cu. ft./mile) §	213.76 e	205.27 % e
Displacement factor (cu. ft./ton mile) §	110.18 e	103.28 % e

* - Applicable to low gear only. Overdrive does not function in reverse.

e - Including clutch with Conventional or Overdrive transmission.

% - Including clutch with 3-Speed transmission. f - Including clutch with Overdrive transmission.

e - Engine and Powerglide transmission. f - Also known as N/V factor.

§ - Crankshaft rev/mile x piston displacement

1728 x 2

§ - Power displacement divided by performance weight in tons.

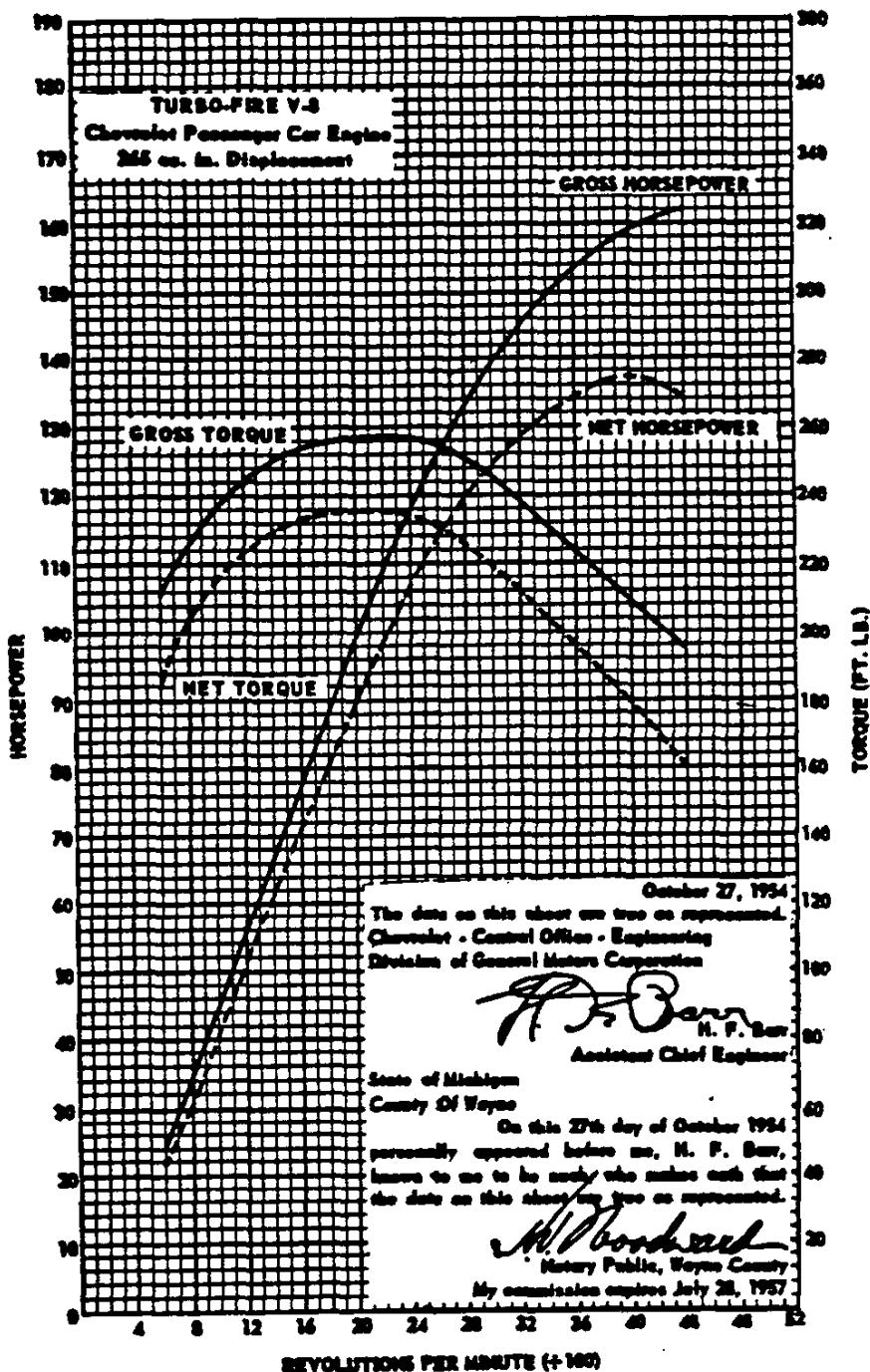
% - These data are computed assuming zero slippage in the torque converter.

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42 - ENGINE, EIGHT CYLINDER

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ENGINE PERFORMANCE



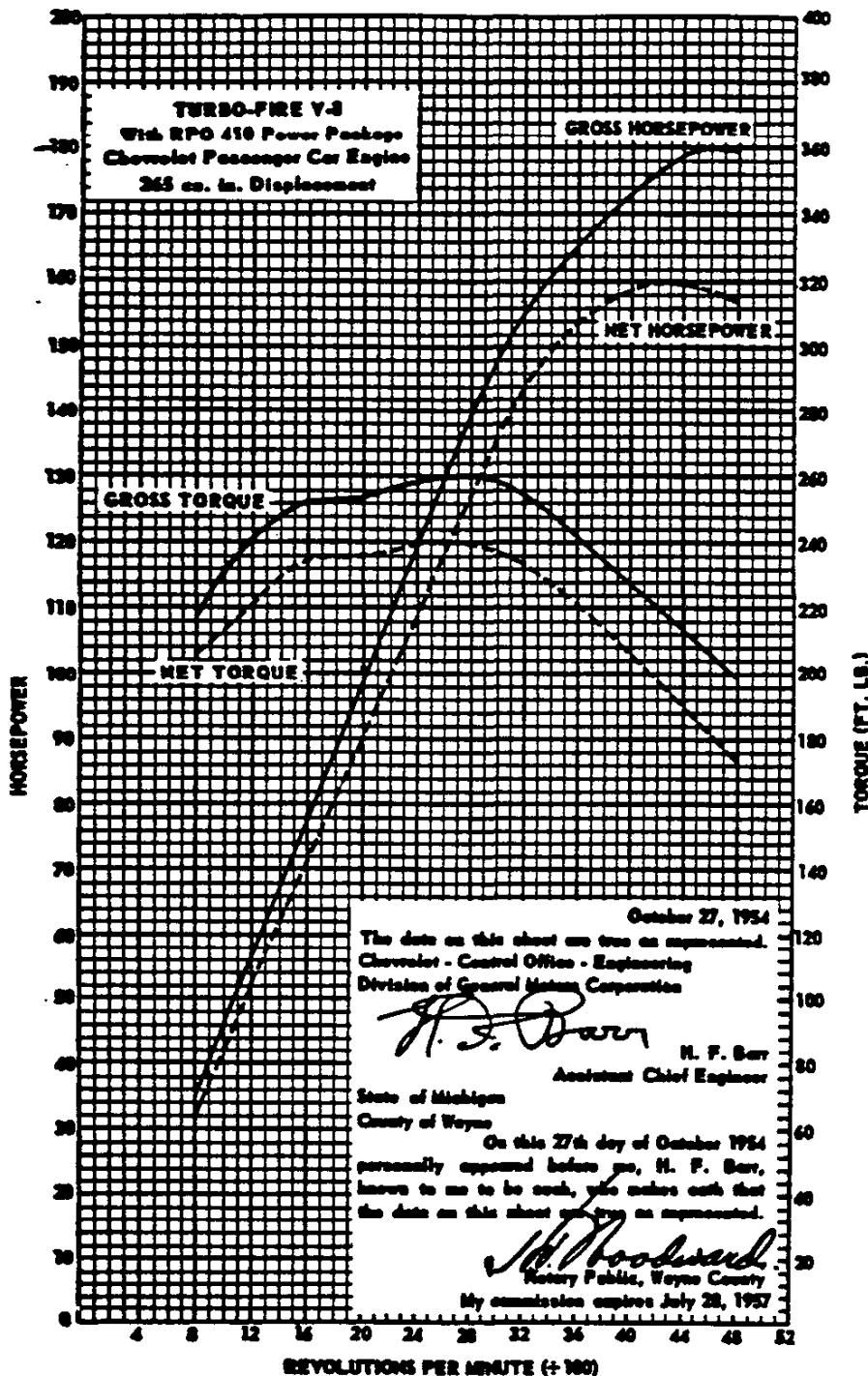
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ENGINE PERFORMANCE



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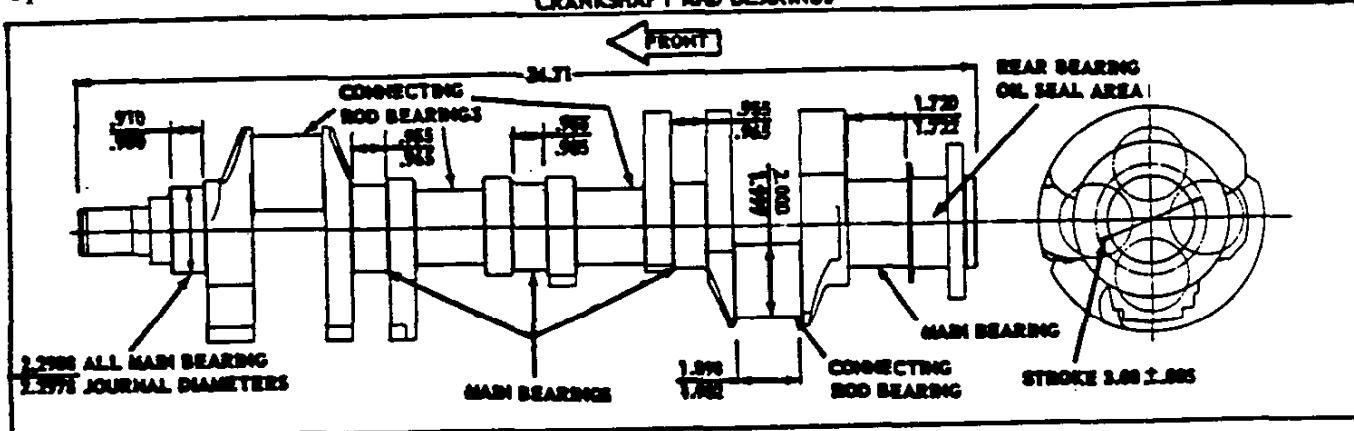
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CYLINDER CASE AND HEAD

Material-----	Cast alloy iron	Offset-----	None
Cylinder head bolt torque-----	60-70 ft lbs	Bore diameter-----	3.7495-3.7515

CRANKSHAFT AND BEARINGS



CRANKSHAFT

Material----- Drop-forged steel
 Weight (crankshaft & pilot bearing assembly)----- 47.75 lbs
 End play----- .002-.006
 Counter weights----- 6
 Stroke----- 3.00 ± .005

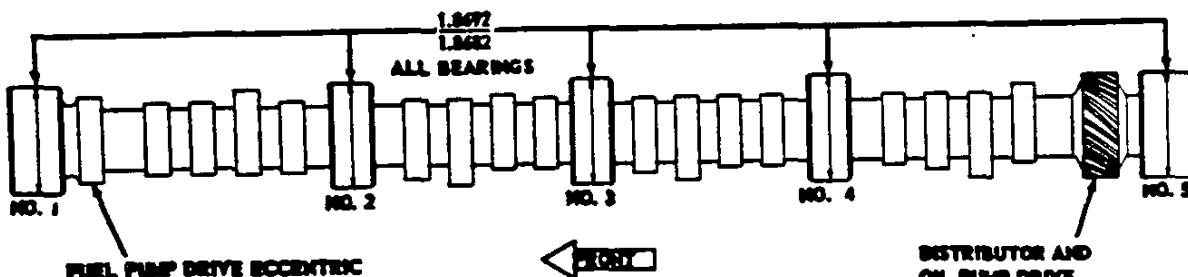
MAIN BEARINGS

Type ----- Precision, removable
 Necessary to align ream----- No
 Vertical oil clearance----- .0008-.0034
 End thrust against----- #5 bearing
 Bearing cap bolt torque----- 60-70 ft lb
 Material----- .003-.006 babbitt on steel shell
 Brdg Theo. I. D.* Eff length† Proj Area §
 #1-4 2.3004 .702 1.615 sq. in. each •
 #5 2.3004 1.160 2.667
 * - Journal diameter plus oil clearance.
 † - Overall length minus chamfers.
 § - Based on effective length and theoretical I. D.

HARMONIC BALANCER
(Vibration damper)

Type----- Oscillating (Rubber-floated)
 Crankshaft pulley:
Pitch diameter----- 6.64

CAMSHAFT AND BEARINGS



CAMSHAFT *

Material----- Cast alloy iron
 Thrust----- Rearward, carried
against the face of the crankcase at the front bearing

DRIVE

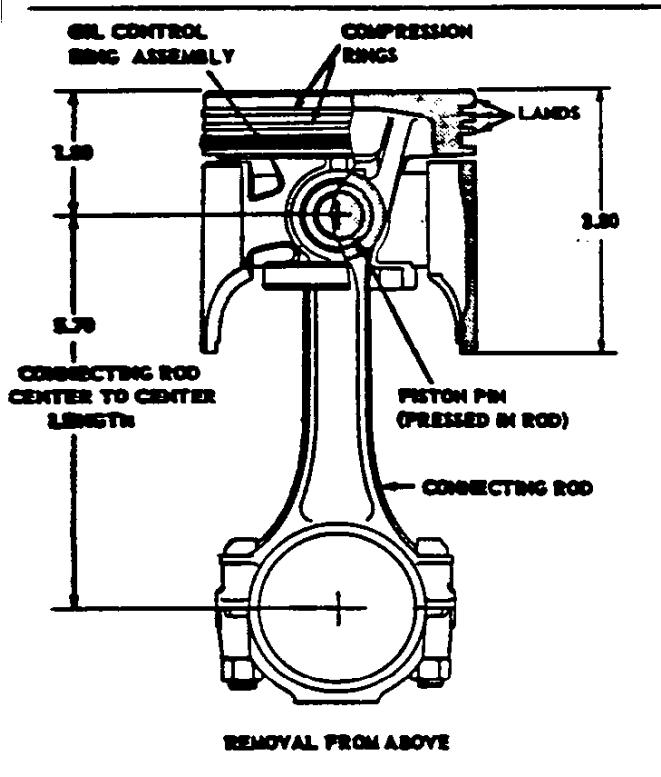
Type ----- Chain and sprocket, driven from crankshaft

BEARINGS

Material----- Steel-backed babbitt
 Clearance on diameter----- .0015-.0035
 Brdg Ream dia Overall length Proj Area ©
 1-4 1.8712 .740 1.385
 5 1.8712 .940 1.759
 © - Based on ream diameter and overall length shown
above.

Ramp, Inlet:
(With 3-Speed and Powerglide transmission):
Opening----- .00300, 7.5° long
Closing----- .00600, 24° long
Ramp, Exhaust:
(With 3-Speed and Powerglide transmission):
Opening----- .00400, 10° long
Closing----- .00600, 15° long

PISTON-PIN RINGS



Material-----	Chromium steel (file hard case)
Diameter-----	.9270-.9273
Length-----	3.110-3.130
Taper limit in full length-----	.0001
Weight-----	.310
Clearance in piston -----	.00011-.00029x

COMPRESSION RINGS

Material -----	Cast alloy iron, surface treated with a wear-resistant coating.
Type -----	Thick-wall, twist, inside bevel or counter bored, paper-faced.
Number per piston -----	2
Flash chrome plating -----	Top compression ring only
Width -----	.077-.078
Wall thickness -----	.177-.187
Gap clearance -----	.009-.018
Ring clearance in groove -----	.0012-.0032
Weight (Each) -----	.039

PISTON

Make and type-----	Own, slipper skirt
Features-----	Flat head, tin plated, oval with controlled thermo expansion.
Material-----	Cast alloy aluminum with steel struts
Skirt clearance in cylinder bore-----	.0005-.0011
Top land clearance in cylinder bores -----	.035-.042x
Lower land clearance in cylinder bore -----	.025-.032x
Compression ring groove depth -----	.2116-.2180x
Oil ring groove:	
Depth -----	.2041-.2105x
Holes, number and size -----	8, .156 drill
Minimum head thickness at center -----	.25
Piston pin bushings -----	None
Weight of piston -----	1.173
Weight of piston, rings, pin and connecting rod upper end x 8 (Units/engine) -----	15.536x

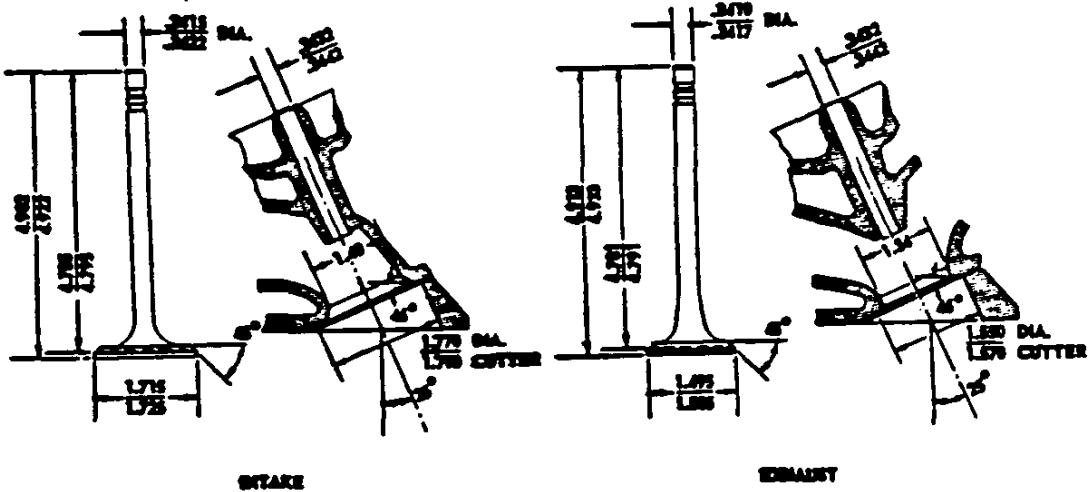
PISTON PIN

Type-----	Rod shrunk fit to pin
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CONNECTING RODS

Material-----	Drop forged steel
Rod width at piston pin-----	1.007-1.011
Rod width at crankpin-----	.944-.945
Crankpin bearing:	
Type-----	Precision, interchangeable insert
Material-----	Steel backed with babbitt overlay
I.D. (Theoretical)-----	2.0013#
Effective length-----	.817C
Clearance in diameter-----	.0007-.0028
# - Crankpin diameter plus clearance.	
C - Overall length minus chamfers.	
# - Based on theoretical I.D. and effective length.	
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44 - ENGINE, EIGHT CYLINDER	
Projected area per rod-----	1.635\$
Assembly weight (Machined)-----	1.189
Upper end-----	.333
Lower end-----	.856
Total rotating weight of connecting rods (weight of lower end x 8)-----	6.848
End play-----	.008-.014
Recommended nut torque, with oiled threads-----	30-35 ft lbs

VALVE TRAIN



VALVES

Make ----- Own
 Material:
 Exhaust valve ----- Silchrome, XCR with aluminum dipped seats
 Inlet valve ----- Silchrome steel
 Stem end style ----- Grooved for keys & oil seal
 Lift: With Conventional & Powerglide transmission
 Inlet and Exhaust ----- .3336
 Face angle (Exhaust and inlet valve) ----- 45°
 Distance between valve centers (Measured along center-line of engine) ----- 1.86
 Valve lash (engine normalized)*
 Conventional & Powerglide ----- Self-adjusting
 * To normalize engine, run it at fast idle (approximately 600 RPM) until a constant oil temperature is maintained for a period of five minutes.

VALVE SEATS

Material ----- Cast alloy iron (cylinder head)
 Inserts ----- None
 Inlet and exhaust seat angle (in head) ----- 46°
 Width in head:
 Exhaust seat ----- .062-.093
 Inlet seat ----- .035-.060

VALVE SPRINGS

Length and pressure:
 Valve closed ----- 1.696 @ 71-79 lbs
 Valve open ----- 1.366 @ 145-155 lbs
 Free (out of engine) ----- 2.03 approximately

PUSH RODS

Type and material ----- Hollow, welded steel tubing
 Push rod seats ----- Contained in lifter cylinders.

HYDRAULIC VALVE LIFTERS

Make ----- GM Diesel
 Material: Lifter body ----- Cast iron
 Lifter plunger & push rod seat ----- Steel
 Lift: Exhaust & Inlet ----- .2224
 Oil flow - Oil enters the valve lifter oil galleries through a drilled passage from the camshaft rear bearing where it flows to the hydraulic lifters. Oil enters the hydraulic lifters through holes in the side of the lifter body and plunger. Oil enters the ram chamber around the steel ball and is delivered to the disc valve which meters the oil into the hollow push rods.
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VALVE STEM GUIDES

Type ----- Integral with cylinder heads
 Clearance with stem:
 Exhaust ----- .0015-.0032
 Inlet ----- .0010-.0027

VALVE ROCKER ARMS

Type --- Hollow arm with semi-spherical pivot bearing
 Material ----- Hardened pressed steel
 Mounting ----- Bolted to individual studs
 Adjusting nut ----- Tighten to zero axial movement of push rod plus 3/4 of a turn.
 Rocker arm ratio (valve lift to cam lift) ----- 1.5:1
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ENGINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL DATA

Type-----Controlled, full pressure
 Oil passages ----- Centralized main gallery, two lifter galleries, various drillings; all integral with block.
 Oil source-----Main oil gallery fed by pump
 Main bearings----- Direct pressure fed from main oil gallery through drilled passages in the cylinder case to the bearings.
 Rod bearings----- Individually fed by oil from main bearings through drilled passages in the crankshaft.
 Cylinder walls and piston pins----- Cross sprayed by pressurized jets of oil from spit holes in connecting rod caps.
 Camshaft bearings----- Direct pressure fed by vertical drillings from main oil gallery.
 Timing chain----Oil supplied through camshaft bearing and centrifugally fed through slots on sprocket hub
 Hydraulic lifters ----- Oil equally distributed by slot at rear camshaft bearing to both lifter galleries which pass through the centerlines of the lifter cylinder bores.
 Locker arms ----- Individually lubricated by oil from lifter cylinders through hollow push rods. A hole in the rocker arm allows oil to enter and lubricate the pivot area. Excess oil spills over the outside lip and onto the valve spring which atomizes it for distribution upon the working surfaces.

OIL PUMP

Type and drive----- Gear, from camshaft
 Mounting ----- On rear main bearing cap; attached with one bolt and two dowels.

FUEL AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

FUEL TANK

Type-----2 stamped pans, seam welded together
 Capacity: Station Wagon & Sedan Delivery ---17 gallons
 All others ----- 16 gallons
 Mounting ----- Supported by two straps attached to underbody between rear axle and rear cross member of frame; all models.
 Filler: Location and access----- Through door in left rear fender; all models.
 Fuel gauge (tank unit): Make & type----- AC, electric; riser pipe & filter integral with unit.
 Filter----- 40 mesh metal filter cloth tube mounted on end of riser pipe.

FUEL PUMP

Make and model----- AC, model EN
 Type----- Mechanical (diaphragm) "high reserve"
 Drive----- From camshaft through pump push rod to rocker arm.
 Arm movement----- .34 @ camshaft
 Air dome----- Yes (inlet and outlet)
 Pressure at carburetor----- 4-5.25 PSI
 Filter----- None (See fuel tank)

CARBURETOR

Make----- Rochester
 Model: Regular ----- 7008005e
 Powerglide ----- 7008004e
 Type----- Individually adjusted double barrel, downdraft
 SAE flange size----- 1.25
 Size: Venturi throat L.D.----- 1.16
 Throttle body L.D. ----- 1.44
 Choke----- Automatic
 Basic idle adjustment, number of turns----- 1-1/2

EXHAUST MANIFOLD

Manifold heat control----- Automatic (thermostat)
 AIR CLEANER & SILENCER
 Make & type ----- AC, oil bath
 Flame arrester ----- Yes
 Filter element ----- Cactus Fibre
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 63 - ENGINE, EIGHT CYLINDER

Intake "Flo-totype" with 16 mesh galvanized wire screen
 Relief valve----- In pump cover
 Width of gears----- 1.198-1.200
 Capacity (gal/min) -- 4.01-4.22 @ 1170-1200 engine RPM
 Normal oil pressure -- 30 PSI @ 1170-1200 engine RPM

OIL PAN

Type ----- Rear sump with welded in baffle
 Capacity----- 4.5 qt dry; 4 qt refill
 Drain----- Plug in rear of pan
 Torque, corner bolts ----- 12.5 to 15 ft lb
 Torque, flange screws----- 6 to 7.5 ft lb

MISCELLANEOUS

Oil filler----- Through tube attached to front end of intake manifold.
 Crankcase oil level gauge type ----- Rod
 Oil pressure gauge "Tall tale" light in instrument cluster
 Crankcase ventilation: Inlet----- Through breather type oil filler cap on filler tube.
 Outlet----- Through road draft pipe at rear of engine
 Oil filter (RPO 237): Make----- AC
 Capacity (dry)----- 1 quart
 Flow----- Approximately 39.5 gal/hr
 Oil cooler ----- None

LUBRICANT RECOMMENDED

Temperature:	Grade
Not lower than 32°F	SAE 20W or SAE 20
As low as 10°F	SAE 20W
As low as minus 10°F	SAE 10W
Below minus 10°F	SAE 5W

EXHAUST SYSTEM

Muffler: Make ----- Various
 Type ----- Diffusion and resonance, reverse flow
 Size (body outside) ----- Model 2434
 (4 x 7.75 Oval) x 24; all others, (4 x 7.5 oval) x 30
 Cross under pipe ----- Flanged for attachment to exhaust manifolds; approximately 2 diameter
 Exhaust pipe: Type -----
 Unitized, welded to muffler; all except 2434
 Outside diameter ----- 2
 Tail pipe inside diameter ----- 1.81
 Mounting ----- 2 Point rubber suspension

HIGH PERFORMANCE PACKAGE (RPO 410)

Carburetor: Make ----- Carter
 Model ----- WCFB 2351Se
 Type ----- Four barrel downdraft, climatic control
 Venturi throat L.D.: Primary side ----- 1.06
 Secondary side ----- .937
 Throttle body L.D.: Primary side ----- 1.31
 Secondary side ----- 1.31
 Choke ----- Automatic
 Basic idle adjustment, number of turns --- 1/2 to 1-1/2
 Intake manifold:
 Manifold heat control ----- Automatic (thermostatic)

Dual exhaust system:
 Muffler: Make ----- 2-Various
 Type ----- Diffusion and resonance, reverse flow
 Size (Body outside) ----- 4.25 x 8 x 24
 Exhaust pipe O.D. ----- 2 (each)
 Tail pipe L.D. ----- 1.81 (each)
 Suspension -- Individually rubber insulated mountings

Air cleaner & silencer:
 Make and type -- AC oil bath, high air intake capacity
 (Other information same as regular)

ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM

METHOD OF COOLING

Cylinder Cooling ----- Full stroke length water jacket around each cylinder.
 Cooling system capacity ----- 16 qts: with heater 17 qts
 Pressurized cooling system ----- Yes
 By-pass for recirculation ----- Integral with right hand water pump distribution arm.

WATER PUMP

Type and Drive ----- Centrifugal, driven by fan belt
 Location ----- At front center of cylinder and case
 Distribution arms ----- One per bank
 Capacity ----- 44.5 gals/min @ 4000 Engine RPM
 Impeller type ----- Vane
 Water pump and fan bearing and shaft assembly:
 Lubrication ----- Permanent
 Bearing, anti-friction ----- See pages 171, 172
 Seal assembly ----- Spring-loaded brass encased synthetic rubber and plastic.

RADIATOR CORE

Usage	Regular	Powerglide
Make & type	Harrison; cellular	
Model	3133044	3133045
Material	All copper	
Cell constant & core thickness	.25 x .56; 2	.22 x .56; 2
Frontal area	357 sq. in.	355 sq. in.
Radiator Pressure cap	7.5 lbs/sq. in. (Max.)	
Radiator drain cock	Size .25; location, at bottom left front side	

ENGINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

GENERATOR

Make and model ----- Delco-Remy, 1100310
 Type ----- Two brush, shunt-wound
 Rating
 Amperes ----- 25
 Volts ----- 12-15
 Ventilation ----- By pulley fan
 Drive ----- By fan belt
 Pulley size ----- 2.88PD x 36°V.
 Armature shaft bearings:
 Commutator end ----- Plain bushings
 Drive end-Anti-friction bearing, see pages 171, 172
 Brush spring tension ----- 24-32 ounces
 Rotation (drive end) ----- Clockwise
 Generator RPM MPH ----- 107 approximately
 Car MPH (High gear) ----- 26.5 approximately
 Maximum Generator Output RPM (Hot) ----- 2750 and up
 Maximum Engine Output RPM (Hot) ----- 1190°
 Speed ratio (Generator to engine) ----- 2.31:1

RPO 325 GENERATOR EQUIPMENT

Rating	Delco-Remy Model Number	
	Generator	Regulator
30 amp	1102014	1118826
40 amp (Low cut-in)	1106981	1118948

BATTERY

Make and model ----- Delco, 2SM50-W
 Size ----- 10.19 long x 6.75 wide x 8.81 high
 Rated voltage ----- 12
 Capacity ----- 50 amp hours @ 20 hour rate
 Bench normal charging rate ----- 3.5 amps
 Cell arrangement ----- 6, side by side
 Plates per cell ----- 9
 Terminal grounded ----- Negative

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WATER THERMOSTAT

Make ----- Harrison
 Type ----- Bellows operated poppet valve
 Thermostat housing ----- At front center of intake manifold
 By-pass for recirculation ----- None
 Thermostat action at 29°Hg. barometric pressure.
 Starts to open ----- 157°-163°F
 Fully open ----- 183°F

RADIATOR HOSE

Function	Inlet	Outlet
Location	Cylinder Head To radiator	Radiator to Water pump
Quantity	1	1
Type	Molded elbow	Compound curve
ID	1.50	1.75
Material	Fabric reinforced rubber	
Spring reinforcement	None	Brass coil spring

ENGINE FAN AND BELT

Make and type ----- Own, 4 staggered blades
 Diameter ----- 17
 Pulley size ----- 7PD, 36°V
 Fan to engine speed ratio ----- 949:1
 Fan belt:
 Material ----- One-piece reinforced rubber with wrapped or cut molded sides.
 Size ----- .38 width, 54.22 approximate pitch length
 Angle of V ----- 37°-44°

VOLTAGE AND CURRENT REGULATOR

Make and model ----- Delco-Remy, 1118945
 Location ----- Front fender skirt, LH
 Type ----- Vibrator
 Voltage regulator:
 Volts ----- 14.5
 Temperature ----- Operating
 Average air gap ----- .075
 Current regulator:
 Amperes ----- 25
 Temperature ----- Operating
 Average air gap ----- .075
 Cutout relay:
 Point closing: Volts ----- 12.8
 Generator armature speed (Hot) ----- 1300 RPMx
 Car MPH (high gear) ----- 11 approximately
 Average air gap and point gap ----- .020

STARTING MOTOR

Make and model ----- Delco-Remy, 1107627x
 Number of field coils ----- 4
 Rotation (drive end view) ----- Clockwise
 Brush spring tension ----- 30 ounces
 Armature shaft bushings:
 Drive and commutator end ----- Graphite lubricated, bronze
 Testing
 Amperage draw ----- 415 ----- 65
 Volts ----- 5.8 ----- 10.4
 Torque ----- 12 ft lb
 RPM ----- 8900x

ENGINE, EIGHT CYLINDER .49

ENGINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM - Continued

STARTING

Motor control:
 Ignition switch, 4 positions: locked off, unlocked off, on, start
 Starting operation -----
 ----- Turn ignition key to extreme right
 Neutral safety switch (Powerglide only) -----
 ----- Wired in series with ignition switch and permits operation of motor with transmission control in "Neutral" or "Park" positions only.
 Motor drive:
 Engagement type ----- Positive shift solenoid
 Start pinion meshes ----- From front of flywheel
 No. of teeth ----- 9, starter pinion; 168 flywheel
 Gear ratio (starter to flywheel) ----- 18.67:1

SPARK PLUGS

Make and model ----- AC, 44-5
 Thread size ----- 14mm
 Recommended gap ----- .033-.038
 Recommended torque ----- 20-25 ft lb

DISTRIBUTOR

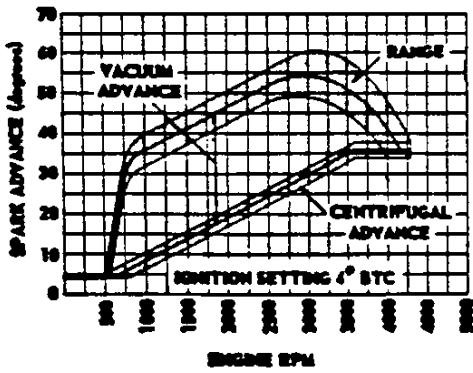
Make and model ----- Delco-Remy, 1110847
 Current source ----- Generator or battery
 New breaker contact opening ----- .016-.021
 Cam angle @ .016 setting ----- 26°-33°
 Breaker arm tension ----- 19-23 ounces
 Vacuum control ----- Integral with distributor

COIL

Make and model ----- 1115083e
 Resistor type ----- External
 Location ----- At rear of intake manifold

SPARK ADVANCE CURVE

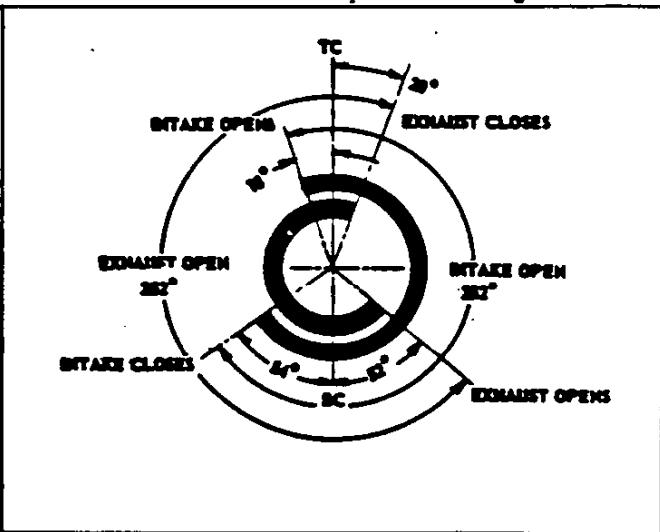
Automatic spark advance	Advance begins	Full advance
Vacuum control	5" to 7" Hg	25.5° to 29.5° at 13.5" to 16.25" Hg
Centrifugal	450 to 600 RPM	30° to 34° at 3600 RPM and up



ENGINE TIMING

Timing spark advance (initial setting):
 Engine with 3-speed or PG transmission ----- TC
 Timing indicator ----- Pointer on crankcase front cover aligns with mark on damper.
 Firing order -----
 1-8-4-3-6-5-7-2 (Cylinders are numbered from front of engine, odd numbers to left (driver's) bank and even numbers to right (driver's) bank)

ENGINE TIMING - 3-Speed & Powerglide



IDENTIFICATION CODES

THIS LIST OF ENGINE, PAINT AND SERIES CODES WILL HELP TO IDENTIFY YOUR '55-'57 AS CHEVROLET ORIGINALLY BUILT IT

As a special service for our readers, here is a handy guide to exterior paint combinations, engine identification, and series identification for '55, '56, and '57 Chevys. The paint combination numbers correspond with the paint number stamped on the firewall tag. The original Duco numbers refer to acrylic lacquer, while the Dulux is acrylic enamel. With this

information, you can identify the original paint scheme on your '55-'57, particularly if it's one of the multitude of two-tone combinations offered during those three years.

The engine Id. codes indicate the original engine and transmission combinations. Plus, the casting numbers will help tell whether or not the engine is original. This can be extremely helpful, especially if

you're buying a car the seller claims is original.

Finally, the series Id. indicates what model the car is. Since it's relatively easy to transform a 150 into a Bel Air with the right exterior trim and upholstery upgrades, this is helpful information in determining a car's origins. All info is courtesy of Danchuk Manufacturing and is compiled from various Chevy sources. •

ENGINE IDENTIFICATION

Source Designation: F—Flint, T—Towewanda

Model Year Designation: '55

(Model Year Designation for 8-Cylinder, 3-Speed Corvette is 255)

Example of engine identification: The 85th 2400 Series six-cylinder engine built at Flint to be used with Powerglide would be stamped 0001065F55Y. If built at Towewanda, it would have serial No. 0001065T55Y

Model	Engine Type	Serial No. Suffix
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed and Overdrive	Z
Taxi-Cab	"235" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch	ZC
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed—Aluminum Camshaft Gear	ZH
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch Aluminum Camshaft Gear	ZJ
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	Y
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	G
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive	GF
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed Air Conditioning	GO
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive—Air Conditioning	GJ
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch	GK
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch Air Conditioning	GL
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.	GM
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.—Air Conditioning	GE
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.	GN
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.—Air Conditioning	
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	F
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.	FB
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—Air Conditioning	FC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—Dual 4-bbl.—	FD
	Air Conditioning	
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive Dual Exhaust—4-bbl.	YG
2900	"235" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	FG
2900	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	GR
2900	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	

Source Designation: F—Flint, T—Towewanda

Model Year Designation: '56

Example of engine identification: The 50th 2100 Series eight-cylinder engine for overdrive transmission built at Flint would be stamped 0001050F56GC. If built at Towewanda, it would have serial No. 0001050T56GC.

NOTE: After October 1, 1956, past model series engines will show the latest year of application immediately preceding the source letter.

Model	Engine Type	Serial No. Suffix
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed and Overdrive	Z
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch	ZC
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	Y
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	G
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive	GC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—4-bbl.	GL
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl.	GS
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl. w/H-Lift Camshaft	GT
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—4-bbl.—Air Conditioning	GM
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch	GJ
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch—Air Conditioning	GK
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive—4-bbl.	GE
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive—Air Conditioning—4-bbl.	GN

1955

Model	Engine Type	Serial # Suffix
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	F
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—4-bbl.	FB
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—4-bbl.	FH
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Air Conditioning	FC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Air Conditioning—4-bbl.	FD
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	GV
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl. w/H-Lift Camshaft	GU
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl.	GR
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	FK
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide Dual 4-bbl.	FG

Source Designation: F—Flint, T—Towewanda
C—Canada

Starting Unit Number: The three- or four-digit number following the source designation marks the month and date produced. The last two digits designate the date, i.e. (01) for the first day of the month; (10) for the tenth day, etc. The digits preceding the date produced designate the month, i.e. (1) for January, (11) for November.

Example of engine identification: A standard 2400 series type engine built at Flint on March 1st would be stamped F301A. If built at Towewanda on October 19, it would have serial No. T1019A.

Model	Engine Type	Serial No. Suffix
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed and Overdrive	A
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—H.D. Clutch	AD
15-21-2400	"235" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide	B
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	CO
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive	CE
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed	E
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—4-bbl.	EB
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl. w/H-Lift Camshaft	EJ
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Fuel-Injection	EK
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Fuel-Injection w/H-Lift Camshaft	EC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Overdrive—4-bbl.	F
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide	FA
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide—Air Conditioning	FC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide—4-bbl.	FD
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide—Dual 4-bbl.	FJ
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide—Fuel-Injection	FE
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder Powerglide—Fuel-Injection—4-bbl.—Air Conditioning	G
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Turbo glide	GC
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Turbo glide—4-bbl.	GD
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Turbo glide—Dual 4-bbl.	GF
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Turbo glide—Fuel-Injection	EF
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—3-Speed—4-bbl.	EG
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl. w/H-Lift Camshaft	EH
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Dual 4-bbl.	EL
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Fuel-Injection w/H-Lift Camshaft—Air Conditioning	EN
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Fuel-Injection with H-Lift Camshaft	FM
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Fuel-Injection	FG
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—Dual 4-bbl.	FH
15-21-2400	"265" 6-Cylinder—Powerglide—Fuel-Injection	FR

No. Model Usage Style No.

585	1011-11A-19
585	1011D-19D-3
586	1011-11A-19
586	1011D-19D-6
587	1011-11A-19
	1200 Series
587	1011-19-37
588	1011-11A-19
588	1011D-19D-6
589	1011-11A-19
	11B-19-71
589	1011-19-37
590	1011-19-121
590	1011D-19D
591	1011-19-62F
	11B-19
591	Bel Air
592	1011-19-62F
	19-63F
592	1067D
593	1011-11A-19
593	1011D-19D
594	1011-19-121
594	1011D-19D
598	Convertible
598	1062DF-67D
626	Convertible
630	Sport Coupe
683	1011-11A-16
683	1011D-19D

No. Model Usage Style No.

599	1011-19-62F
	1211-19-63F
599	1011D-19D
600	1011-19-
600	1211-19
600	1011D-19D
601	Sport Coupe
602	1011-11A-16
602	1211-1219
602	1011D-19D-
602	37D
603	1062F-63F
604	1062DF-67C
605	1011-11A-15
606	1011-19-
606	1263F
606	1011D-19D-
607	37D-62DF
607	1011-11A-16
608	1011A
608	1011D-19D-
608	37D-67D
610	Convertible
612	1011D-19D-
612	37D-67D
613	1011-19-121
	11B-19
613	1011D-19D-
613	37D
614	1011-11A-
614	19-62F-63F-
614	1211-19
614	1011D-19D-
614	37D-62DF
615	1037D-62DF
	67D
617	1011A
624	1011-19-121
	11B-19
624	1011D-19D
627	1011D-19D-
627	37D-64DF-
	67D
628	1011A
628	1011D-19D-
	37D
629	Convertible

Because of various color separations on the '57 models, the following chart serves only as an indicator to the color combinations and their respective identification numbers.

'57 TWO-TONE COLOR COMBINATIONS							
No.	Model Usage Style No.	Upper Body Color	Dress No.	Lower Body Color	Dress No.	Wheel Color	Dress No.
807	150 (exc. 1508), 210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Onyx Black	2532247	Onyx Black	505
808	150 (exc. 1508), Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	Imperial Ivory	88559931	Inca Silver	88756303	Inca Silver	759
809	150 (exc. 1508), Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	—	—	Harbor Blue	28158812	Harbor Blue	718
809	210	Harbor Blue	28158812	Larkspur Blue	25390114	Larkspur Blue	808
810	150 (exc. 1508), 210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Larkspur Blue	25300114	Larkspur Blue	808
811	150 (exc. 1508), 210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Tropical Turquoise	25359787	Tropical Turquoise	757
812	150 (exc. Conv.)	—	—	Surf Green	25390147	Surf Green	807
812	210	Surf Green	25390147	Highland Green	28659775	Surf Green	807
812	Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	Surf Green	25390147	Highland Green	28659775	Highland Green	822
813	150 (exc. 1508), 210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Colonial Cream	25390147	Surf Green	807
814	210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Coronado Yellow	25390620	Coronado Yellow	818
815	150 (exc. 1508), Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	—	—	Colonial Cream	25358094	Colonial Cream	809
815	210	Colonial Cream	25358094	Onyx Black	2532247	Onyx Black	508
816	150 (exc. 1508), Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	—	—	Colonial Cream	25358094	Colonial Cream	809
816	210	Colonial Cream	25358094	India Ivory	25358458	Colonial Cream	809
817	210, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Canyon Coral	25390645	Canyon Coral	821
818	2124-09-19-20, Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	Adobe Beige	25359895	Sierra Gold	28659894	Sierra Gold	742
819	150 (exc. 1508), Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	India Ivory	25358458	Matador Red	25359446	Matador Red	738
820	210	Colonial Cream	25358094	Laurel Green	28190598	Colonial Cream	809
820	Bel Air (exc. conv.)	—	—	Laurel Green	28190598	Laurel Green	806
822	210	Dusk Pearl	88790354	Imperial Ivory	88559931	Dusk Pearl	812
822	Bel Air (exc. Conv.)	—	—	Dusk Pearl	88790354	Dusk Pearl	812

CASTING NUMBERS

BLOCK	CAST NO.
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Dual Hole W. Pump	3835911
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Dual Hole W. Pump	3733049
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Dual Hole W. Pump	3823949
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Single Hole W. Pump	3739716
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Single Hole W. Pump	3836233
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Single Hole W. Pump	3837004
'55 V8	3703524
'55 V8	3720991
'55-'57 V8 265 and 283	3731548
'57 V8 w/Fuel-Injection	3867802

Replacement casting No. 3731548 can be found on 265 or 283 '55-'57 blocks.

CYLINDER HEADS

CYLINDER HEADS	CAST NO.
'55-'57 6-Cyl.	3935848
'55 All V8 Engines	3703523
Same 1955 2-bbl. Engines	3637084
'56 V8 2-bbl.	3837084
'56 V8 4-bbl.	3725306
'56 V8 2-4-bbl.	3731762
'57 V8 2-bbl.	3731554
'57 V8 4-bbl. 2-4-bbl. and F.I.	3731659
'57 V8 4-bbl. 2-4-bbl. and F.I.	3740997

INTAKE MANIFOLDS

INTAKE MANIFOLDS	CAST NO.
'55-'57 6-Cyl.	383559
'55 V8 2-bbl.	3704790
'55 V8 4-bbl.	3711348
'56 V8 2-bbl.	3735444
'56 V8 4-bbl.	3735448
'56 V8 2-4-bbl.	3731394
'57 V8 2-bbl.	3732680
'57 V8 4-bbl. Early No. 3731396	3742829
'57 V8 2-4-bbl.	3739653

EXHAUST MANIFOLDS

EXHAUST MANIFOLDS	CAST NO.
'55-'57 6-Cyl.	3835587
'55 V8 Right Side	3704792
'55 V8 Left Side	3704791
'56 V8 Right Side	3836968
'56 V8 Left Side	3837089
'56 V8 w/2-4-bbl. Right Side	3731558
'56 V8 w/2-4-bbl. Left Side	3731557
'57 V8 w/2-4-bbl. Right Side	3733078
'57 V8 Left Side	3733975

WATER PUMPS

WATER PUMPS	CAST NO.
'55-'56 V8	3704911
'57 V8	3782608
'55-'57 2nd Design 6-Cyl.	3741033

SELLINGHOUSES

SELLINGHOUSES	CAST NO.
'55-'57 Std. Trans. 6-Cyl.	3739585
'55-'57 Std. Trans. V8	3704922
'55-'56 V8 w/Powerglide	3838142
'57 V8 w/Powerglide	3733365
'55-'57 6-Cyl. w/Powerglide	3836601

HARMONIC BALANCERS

HARMONIC BALANCERS	CAST NO.
'55-'57 All V8 Engines	3836196
'55-'57 All 6-Cyl. Engines	3836160

CARBUREATORS

CARBUREATORS	TAG NO.
'55-'57 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Carter	2008
'55-'57 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Carter	2046
'55-'57 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Carter	2101
'55 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Rochester	7007180
'55 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Rochester	7009251
'56 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Rochester	7009255
'57 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Rochester	7009555
'57 6-Cyl. 1-bbl. Rochester	7009557
'55-'56 V8 2-bbl. Carter (W.G.D.)	2286
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7005810
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7006825
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7008004
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7008005
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7008387
'56 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7008388
'57 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7010647
'57 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7011224
'57 V8 2-bbl. Rochester	7011131

'55 V8 4-bbl. Carter (W.C.F.B.)	2218
'55 V8 4-bbl. Carter (W.C.F.B.)	2351
'56 V8 4-bbl. Carter (W.C.F.B.)	2386
'57 V8 4-bbl. Carter (W.C.F.B.)	2506
'57 V8 4-bbl. Carter (W.C.F.B.)	2555
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Front	2419
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Front	2613
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Front	2626
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Front	3181
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Front	3182
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Rear	2362
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Rear	2614
'55-'57 V8 Dual 4-bbl. Carter, Rear	2627
'56 V8 4-bbl. Rochester	7008737
'57 V8 4-bbl. Rochester	7009845
'57 V8 4-bbl. Rochester	7012126

SERIES IDENTIFICATION '55-'57 MODEL/SERIES CHART

Series "A" Model "150"
1502 1211 Sedan, 2-Door '55, '56, '57
1503 1219 Sedan, 4-Door '55, '56, '57
1512 1211B Utility Sedan '55, '56, '57
1529 1263F Station Wagon, 2-Door, 6-Passenger '55, '56, '57
Series "B" Model "210"
2102 1011 Sedan, 2-Door '55, '56, '57
2103 1019 Sedan, 4-Door '55, '56, '57
2109 1062F Station Wagon, 4-Door, 6-Passenger '55, '56, '57
2113 1039 Sport Sedan, 4-Door Hardtop '56, '57
2119 1062FC Station Wagon, 4-Door, 9-Passenger '56, '57
2124 1011A Club Coupe (Del Ray) '55, '56, '57
2129 1063F Station Wagon, 2-Door, 6-Passenger '55, '56, '57
2154 1037 Sport Coupe, 2-Door Hardtop '55, '56, '57
Series "C" Model "Bel Air"
2402 1011D Sedan, 2-Door '55, '56, '57
2403 1019D Sedan, 4-Door '55, '56, '57
2409 1062DF Station Wagon, 4-Door, 6-Passenger '55, '56, '57
2413 1039D Sport Sedan, 4-Door Hardtop '56, '57
2419 1062DF Station Wagon, 4-Door, 9-Passenger '56, '57
2429 1064DF Station Wagon, 2-Door, 6-Pass. (Normed) '55, '56, '57
2434 1067D or DTX Convertible '55, '56, '57
2454 1037D Sport Coupe, 2-Door Hardtop '55, '56, '57
Series "D" Model "150"
1508 1271 Sedan Delivery '55, '56, '57

'55-'57 PASSENGER REAR AXLE IDENTIFICATION

Series Type	G & A Portfolio	Series Type	G & A
Poss. 3-Speed	AA BA	Poss. 3-Speed w/post. (3.55 ratio)	AK
Poss. Automatic	AB BB	Poss. Overdrive w/post. (4.11 ratio)	AL
Poss. Overdrive	AC BC	Poss. Automatic w/post. (3.36 ratio)	AM

Axle identification is stamped on differential carrier along with the date of manufacture.