

POWER UNIT SERIAL NUMBER CODING

SERIAL NUMBERS

In order to provide comprehensive information concerning the vehicle the identification plate is stamped with symbols.

The symbols consist of three letters and two figures followed by the usual serial numbers of the vehicle for cars of one colour, and four letters and two figures followed by the vehicle serial number for vehicles with a duotone finish.

The first letter when related to the code provides indication of the make and model of the vehicle—Morris Minor, Wolseley Four-Fifty, M.G. Magnette, etc.

The second letter provides an indication of the type of vehicle—Saloon, Tourer, Van, etc.

The third letter indicates the colour in which the vehicle is finished or the top colour on duotone vehicles.

The fourth letter indicates the bottom colour in which the duotone vehicle is finished. (In duotone vehicles the third and fourth letters are read in the same [colour] column.)

The first figure indicates the class to which the vehicle belongs—R.H.D. Home, L.H.D., etc.

The second figure indicates the type of paint used to finish the car—Cellulose, Synthetic, etc.

From this it will be clear that when an owner quotes the code number of his car it is a relatively simple matter to obtain a comprehensive picture of the vehicle concerned by reference to the tabulated code of symbols.

Model	Code	Type	Code	Colour	Code	Class	Code	Paint	Code
Wolseley 6/80	A	Saloon 4-door	A	Black	A	R.H.D. Home	1	Synthetic	1
Wolseley 4/50	B	Saloon 2-door	B	Light Grey	B	R.D.H. Export	2	Synobel	2
Morris Six	C	Tourer	C	Dark Red	C	L.H.D.	3	Cellulose	3
Morris Oxford	D	2-Seater	D	Dark Blue	D	North America	4	Metallic	4
Morris Cowley	E	Van	E	Mid Green	E	C.K.D.-R.H.D.	5	Primed	5
Morris Minor	F	Truck	F	Beige	F	C.K.D.-L.H.D.	6	Cellulosed body and Synthetic wings	6
Morris 5-cwt.	G	Cab	G	Brown	G				
M.G. Midget	H	Mail	H	C.K.D. Finish	H				
M.G. 1½-litre	J	Eng. Drivers	J	Dark Grey	J				
M.G. Magnette	K	Chassis	K	Light Red	K				
Riley 1½-litre	L	Traveller	L	Light Blue	L				
Riley 2½-litre	M				M				
Wolseley 4/44	N				N				
Quarter-ton	O				O				
Half-ton	P				P				
Wolseley 6/90	R				R				
Isis	S			Ivory	S				
Wolseley 15/50	T			White	T				
				Mid Grey					
				Light Green					
				Dark Green					

As an example:

The symbols DAC12/1001 when decoded give—Oxford, Saloon 4-door, Dark Red, R.H.D. Home, Synobel, Car No. 1001.

The symbols KAKP 33/1002 when decoded give—M.G. Magnette, Saloon 4-door, Light Red (top), Ivory (bottom), L.H.D., Cellulose, Car No. 1002.

**1st PREFIX GROUP—Cubic capacity, make, and type**  
 1st Prefix number 8—803 c.c.  
 9—950 c.c.  
 12—1200 c.c.  
 15—1500 c.c.  
 22—2200 c.c.  
 25—2500 c.c.  
 26—2600 c.c.

**1st Prefix letter**  
 A—Z  
 B—B.M.C. Industrials  
 G—M.G.  
 H—Miscellaneous special  
 J—Commercial  
 M—Morris  
 R—Riley  
 W—Wolseley

**2nd Prefix letter** A—Z used for the variations of engine type

**2nd PREFIX GROUP—Gearbox and ancillaries**

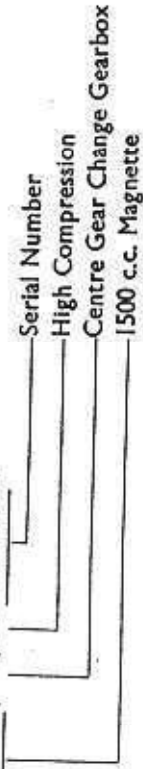
- A—Automatic gearbox
- M—Manumatic clutch
- N—Steering column gear change gearbox
- O—Overdrive (Borg-Warner)
- P—Police specification
- U—Centre gear change gearbox

**3rd GROUP—Compression and serial number**

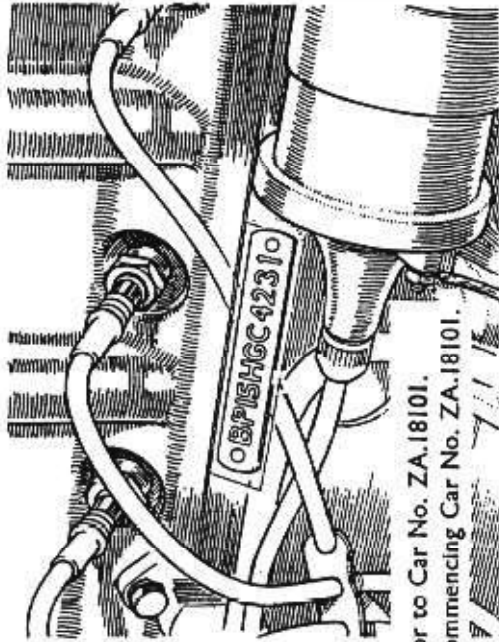
- H—High compression
- L—Low compression

CODE EXAMPLE

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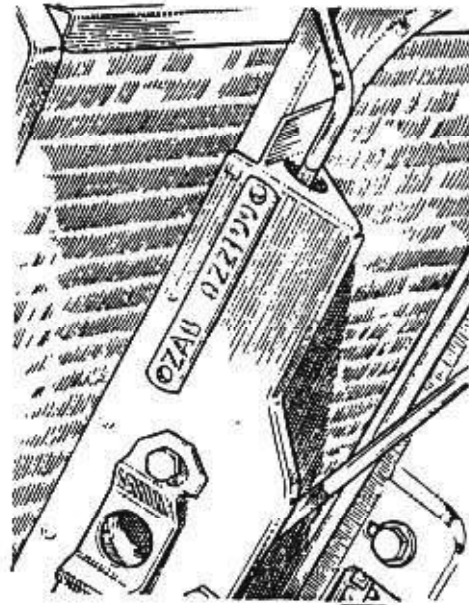


LOCATION OF SERIAL NUMBERS

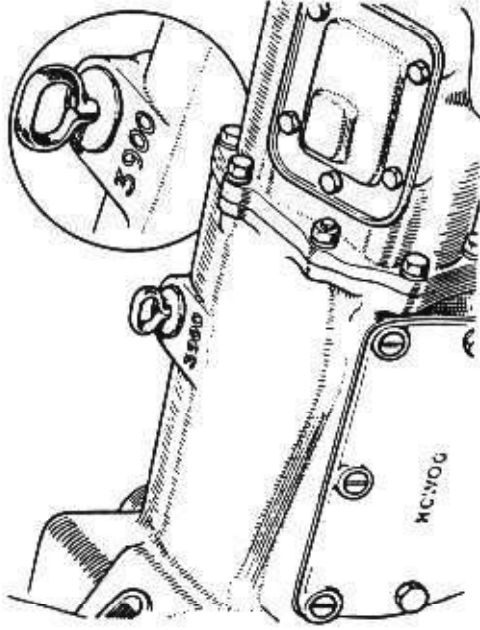


BP15GA, prior to Car No. ZA.18101.  
BP15HGC, commencing Car No. ZA.18101.

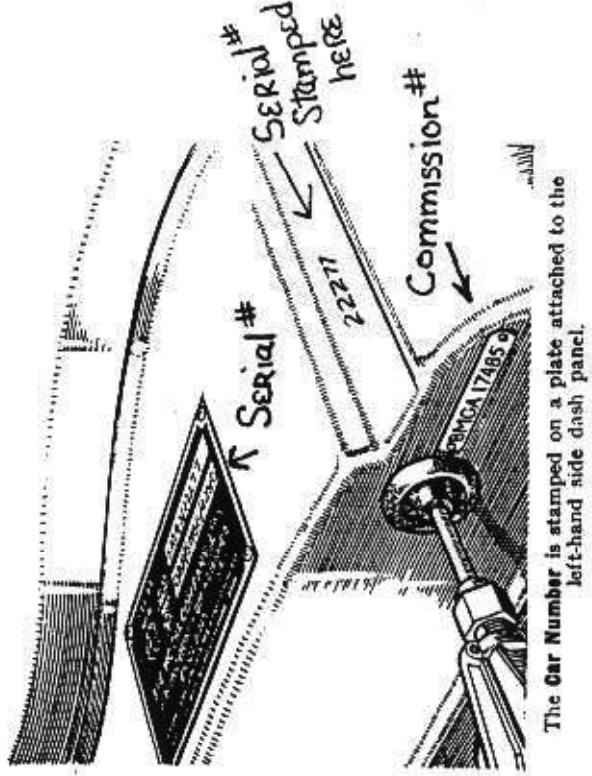
The Engine Number is stamped on a plate secured to the right-hand side of the cylinder block.



Body Number: This is stamped on a plate secured to the top of the radiator support cradle



The Gearbox Number is stamped on the top of the gearbox casing adjacent to the dipstick.



The Car Number is stamped on a plate attached to the left-hand side dash panel.