

**MODEL A FORD
ENGINE "BLOCK" FEATURES
VISIBLE FROM
OUTSIDE THE BLOCK
NOVEMBER 11, 2007**

	1928	1929	1930	1931
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Boss for attaching the throttle control assembly:

Style 1	---- Flat			
Style 2	-----	Two protruding bosses		
Style 3		-----		

*Style 1 is from start of production to between A435 and A739.
Style 2 is from between A435 and A739, and A988170 and A989671
Style 3 is from between A988170 and A989671, through end of production.
Style 3 was changed to one long boss as with Style 1.*

Engine number pad size:

Style 1	---- Below top of block, shield type			
Style 2	-- 2 inch X ¾ inch, at top of block			
Style 3	- 2-1/2 inch X 7/8 inch, at top of block			
Style 4	-----	2-3/4 inch X 7/8 inch, at top of block		
Style 5		-----		

*Style 5 is 3-1/4 inch X 7/8 inch, and is at the top of the block.
As the serial numbers increased, so did the size of the pad.
Style 1 is from start of production to between A616 and A633.
Style 2 is from between A616 and A633, and A1276 and A2157.
Style 3 is from between A1276 and A2157, and A2339 and A4408.
Style 4 is from between A2339 and A4408, and A975432 and A988170
Style 5 is from between A975432 and A988170, through end of production.
(There were many variations among the five styles but not enough to cause any significant differences within each size. Variations are due to casting changes).
The earliest block recorded so far with the "new" numbers of 1, 6, and 9, is block number A4319643, A February 3, 1931 engine block.*

Drilled oil passage hole for rear camshaft bearing as seen by small bump on back of block:

Style 1	-----	No hole, no bump		
Style 2		-----		

*Style 2 has the hole drilled thus has the bump on back of the block. This change took place between blocks A1362039 and A1422949.
(Many earlier blocks, however, do possess this hole due to the fact that it was drilled after the fact at the dealer).*

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