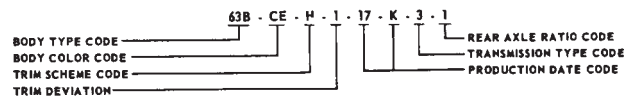
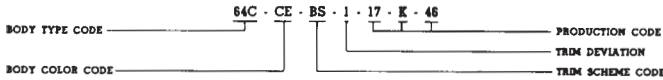
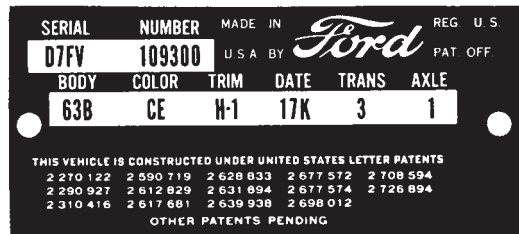
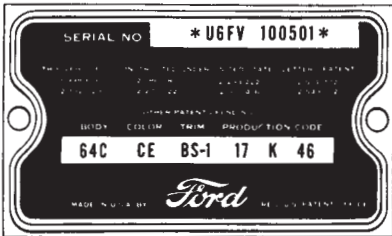


The asterisks before and after the complete Serial Number are inserted to assure that no other digits or letters can be added to the Serial Number.

Serial Number (*U6FV100501*)
 "U" -- 8 Cyl. OHV Engine -- 272 cu. in. displacement
 "6" -- 1958 Model
 "F" -- Assembled at Dearborn Plant
 "V" -- Victoria body style
 "100501" -- Five hundred and first car assembled

Serial Number (D7FV109300)
 "D" -- 8 cyl. OHV Engine -- 312 cu. in. disp. -- 4-venturi carb.
 "7" -- 1957 Model
 "F" -- Assembled at Dearborn Plant
 "V" -- Victoria body style -- Fairlane or Fairlane "500"
 "109300" -- Nine thousand, three hundredth car assembled.



Style and Body Specifications (64C-CE-BS-1-17-K-46)
 "64C" -- Victoria -- Fairlane Tudor
 "CE" -- Bermuda Blue lower body, Colonial White upper body
 "BS" -- White Vinyl and Blue Bodyclot
 "1" -- First Trim Deviation
 "17" -- Seventeenth Day of Month
 "K" -- Month of year -- October
 "46" -- Forty-sixth car produced

Style and Body Specifications (63B-CE-H-1-17-K-3-1)
 "63B" -- Victoria -- Fairlane Tudor
 "CE" -- Dresden Blue lower body, Colonial White upper body
 "H" -- Colonial Vinyl and Blue Tropical-Leaf Fabric Bodyclot
 "1" -- First Trim Deviation
 "17" -- Seventeenth Day of Month
 "K" -- Month of year -- October
 "3" -- Fordomatic Transmission
 "1" -- Rear Axle Ratio of 3.10 to 1.

DISTRICT CODES

SALES AREA CODES (The letters and numbers never used together) WERE AS FOLLOWS:

11/SD	Boston	45/DQ	Davenport
12/BF	Buffalo	51/DN	Denver
13/BX	New York	52/DS	Des Moines
14/PI	Pittsburgh	53/KS	Kansas City
15	Newark	54/NB	Omaha
21/NK	Atlanta	55/SJ	St. Louis
22/CE	Charlotte	61/DP	Dallas
23/DI	Philadelphia	62/SU	Houston
24/KJ	Jacksonville	63/GB	Memphis
25/PP	Richmond	64/NR	New Orleans
26/DC	Washington, D.C.	65/KL	Oklahoma City
31/CI	Cincinnati	71/LP	Los Angeles
32/CL	Cleveland	72/SK	San Jose
33/DD	Detroit	73/SC	Salt Lake City
34/NP	Indianapolis	74/SE	Seattle
35/FX	Lansing	81/CA	Ford of Canada
36/LX	Louisville	82/EX	FMC Export
41/CX	(Deviations) Chicago		Operations, New Jersey
42/RG	Fargo	84/HO	FMC Transportation and Equipment Department
43/KE	Rockford		

"The last series of numbers denotes the "Scheduled item Number," again with the exception of late 1957 models. The scheduled item number is a number that is assigned to the body from the Assembly Plant. This means that in the case of our 1957 example (28J320015C), this Thunderbird was the 15th unit scheduled for assembly on September 28, 1956 (counting Ford cars and Thunderbirds). It does not necessarily mean it was the 15th Thunderbird assembled that day by any means!

EXTERIOR PAINT

1955 -	A = Raven Black; E = Snowshoe White; R = Torch Red; T = Thunderbird Blue; V = Goldenrod Yellow.
1956 -	A = Raven Black; E = Colonial White; J = Buckskin Tan; K = Fiesta Red; L = Peacock Blue; M = Goldenglow Yellow; X = Navajo Gray; Y = Sunset Coral; Z = Thunderbird Green, T = T-Bird Grey.
1957 -	A = Raven Black; E = Colonial White; F = Starmist Blue; J = Willow Green; N = Gunmetal Gray; Q = Thunderbird Bronze; V = Flame Red; X = Dusk Rose; Y = Inca Gold; Z = Coral Sand.
1958 -	Colors added or substituted for 1957 colors when 1957 Birds were being built with 1958 Fords; G = Sun Gold; R = Torch Red; L = Azure Blue; H = Gunmetal Gray; N = Seaspray Green. Some 1957 Thunderbirds had a trim deviation number after the color code. Example: LL6. This late color deviation is not 100% accurate, and should be considered only as information showing a very late car.

ENGINE CODES

Year	Code	Eng.	Carb.	Transmission	HP
1955	P	292	4V	3-speed	193
	P	292	4V	Fordomatic	198
	P	292	4V	Overdrive	198
1956	M	292	4V	3-speed	202
	P	312	4V	Overdrive	215
	P	312	4V	Fordomatic	225
1957	P	312	8V	3-sp or OD	260
	C	292	2V	3-speed	212
	D	312	4V	Fdmtrc or OD	245
	E	312	8V	any	270
F	312	4V	any	*300	

* Supercharged

CODE	TRANSMISSION	
1	3 Speed Manual Shift	(SHOWS ON LATE PLATES ONLY)
2	Overdrive	1957 TYPE DATA
3	Fordomatic (2-speed)	PLATES ONLY

INTERIOR TRIM

THUNDERBIRD - 1955		
A or	XA	Black and White
B or	XB	Red and White
C or	XC	Turquoise and White
D or	XD	Black and Yellow
THUNDERBIRD - 1956		
	XA	Black and White Vinyl
	XB	Red and White Vinyl
	XC	Dark Peacock and White Vinyl
	XF	Green and White Vinyl
	XG	Brown and White Vinyl
THUNDERBIRD - 1957		
	XA	Pleated Raven Vinyl and Pleated Colonial Vinyl
	XH	Pleated Flame Vinyl
	XJ	Pleated Bronze Vinyl
	XK	Pleated Colonial Vinyl
	XL	Pleated Dresden Vinyl and Pleated Starmist Vinyl
	XM	Pleated Cumberland Vinyl and Pleated Willow Vinyl

FIRST & LAST T-BIRD NUMBERS (INTERMIXED WITH PASSENGER CARS)						
DATE	1955	DATE	1956	DATE	1957	
9-9-54	P5FH 100005	10-17-55	P6FH 102661	9-14-56	D7FH	100010
9-14-55	P5FH 260557	8-24-56	P6FH 359516	12-13-57	E7FH	395813
Total	(T-Birds) 16,155	Total	(T-Birds) 15,631	Total	(T-Birds)	21,380

MONTHS OF THE YEAR CODES								
YEAR				YEAR				
MONTH	First	Second	MONTH	First	Second	MONTH	First	Second
January	A	N	May	E	S	September	J	W
February	B	P	June	F	T	October	K	X
March	C	Q	July	G	U	November	L	Y
April	D	R	August	H	V	December	M	Z

1955 T-BIRD EXTERIOR PAINT CODES

Raven Black	DQE-9000-DAL
Snowshoe White	DQE-8097-DAL
Torch Red	DQE-70540-DAL
Thunderbird Blue	DQE-1115-DAL
Golden Rod Yellow	DQE-80653-DAL

1956 T-BIRD EXTERIOR PAINT CODES

Raven Black	DQE-9000-DAL
Colonial White	DQE-8103-DAL
Buckskin Tan	DQE-21215-DAL
Fiesta Red	DQE-70618-DAL
Peacock Blue	DQE-11415-DAL
Goldenglow Yellow	DQE-80788-DAL
Thunderbird Gray	DQE-31386-DAL
Navajo Gray	DQE-31443-DAL
Sunset Coral	DQE-70706-DAL
Thunderbird Green	DQE-41972-DAL

1957 T-BIRD EXTERIOR PAINT CODES

Raven Black	DQE-9000-DAL
Colonial White	DQE-8103-DAL
Starmist Blue	DQE-11547-DAL
Inca Gold	DQE-80859-DAL
Coral Sand	DQE-70708-DAL
Willow Green	DQE-42025-DAL
Flame Red	DQE-70707-DAL
Dusk Rose	DQE-50470-DAL
Gunmetal Gray	DQE-31464-DAL
Bronze	DQE-50469-DAL

DQE = DITZCO® Quickset enamel
 DAL = DITZ-LAC® Automotive Lacquer
 Compiled from Ditzler Color - Division of PPG (PITTSBURG PLATE GLASS CO.)