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4/4 Series 1 2str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Coventry Climax: MMC ID plate on rear offside of block (if RHD). Numbers on flange at front of engine block are not reliable. Standard: On offside of block (if RHD), just under exhaust manifold.	Meadows: 1/2inch high stamping at the front of the box casing, will begin with 10... Moss: Two or three digit number stamped on the rear of the casing and cover.	Moss: On top of casing around oil filler plug; may not be a unique serial number. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine (or chassis) number (numerals only) stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Series 1 4str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Coventry Climax: MMC ID plate on rear offside of block (if RHD). Numbers on flange at front of engine block are not reliable. Standard: On offside of block (if RHD), just under exhaust manifold.	Meadows: 1/2inch high stamping at the front of the box casing, will begin with 10... Moss: Two or three digit number stamped on the rear of the casing and cover.	Moss: On top of casing around oil filler plug; may not be a unique serial number. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine (or chassis) number (numerals only) stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Series 1 DHC	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Coventry Climax: MMC ID plate on rear offside of block (if RHD). Numbers on flange at front of engine block are not reliable. Standard: On offside of block (if RHD), just under exhaust manifold.	Meadows: 1/2inch high stamping at the front of the box casing, will begin with 10... Moss: Two or three digit number stamped on the rear of the casing and cover.	Moss: On top of casing around oil filler plug; may not be a unique serial number. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine (or chassis) number (numerals only) stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Series II (Ford 100E)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Offside (if RHD) of the engine block, above dynamo bracket, preceded by 100E.	Ford: Offside (if RHD) of the final drive shaft housing; preceded by 100E	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '3HA, 4HA or 7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Series III (Ford 105E 997cc)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On top face of offside (if RHD) engine mounting pad.	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '3HA, 4HA or 7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Series IV (Ford 109E 1340cc)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On top face of offside (if RHD) engine mounting pad.	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '3HA, 4HA or 7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).

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4/4 Series V (Ford 116E 1500cc)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On top face of offside (if RHD) engine mounting pad.	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '3HA, 4HA or 7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 1600 2str (Ford 2737E/GT, 2265E)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) upper machined face of block at front, and above dynamo/alternator	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 1600 4str (Ford 2737E/GT, 2265E)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) upper machined face of block at front, and above dynamo/alternator	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wooden body frame behind spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front) and rear seat panel under cushion.
4/4 CVH 2str (Ford Eng.)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Front of block next to Alternator bracket	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 CVH 4str (Ford Eng.)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	Front of block next to Alternator bracket	Ford: On Aluminium tag attached to a gearbox bolt.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wooden body frame behind spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front) and rear seat panel under cushion.
4/4 Fiat 1.6 2str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine, above front engine mounting bracket	Fiat: On nearside (if RHD) adjacent to oil filler/level plug	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
4/4 Fiat 1.6 4str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine, above front engine mounting bracket	Fiat: On nearside (if RHD) adjacent to oil filler/level plug	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wooden body frame behind spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front) and rear seat panel under cushion.

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Plus 4 2str Flat Rad (Vanguard Eng.)	On top of No. 2 chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive it will be under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Rear wooden body frame under spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front), and sometimes on tool box.
Plus 4 4str Flat Rad (Vanguard Eng.)	On top of No. 3 chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive it will be under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Rear wooden body frame under spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front), and rear seat panel under cushion. Sometimes on tool box.
Plus 4 DHC Flat Rad (Vanguard Eng.)	On top of No. 2 chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive it will be under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wood body frame behind seat & rear of dashboard, also wood door cappings and windscreen surround. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
Plus 4 2str (Vanguard or TR Eng.)	On top of No. 2 chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive it will be under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: Stamped on the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Rear wooden body frame under spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front), and sometimes on tool box.
Plus 4 4str (Vanguard or TR Eng.)	On top of No. 3 chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive it will be under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel, & engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front), and rear seat panel under cushion. Also sometimes on engine bay tool box and rear of dashboard.
Plus 4 DHC (Vanguard or TR Eng.)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Rear wood body frame behind seat & rear of dashboard, also wood door cappings and windscreen surround. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).

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Plus 4 Plus (TR 4 Eng.)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	On aluminium plate in door reveal – passenger side if RHD; preceded by 178/ which is the mould number from EB Plastics.
Plus 4 SLR	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine block, above petrol pump. May end in ME, means Morgan Engine.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio.	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	?
Plus 4 Fiat 2.0 2str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine, above engine mounting bracket. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Fiat: On nearside (if RHD) adjacent to oil filler/level plug	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
Plus 4 Fiat 2.0 4str	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On nearside (if RHD) of engine, above engine mounting bracket. <i>(This data needs confirming)</i>	Fiat: On nearside (if RHD) adjacent to oil filler/level plug	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Inner face of rear wooden body frame behind spare wheel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front) and rear seat panel under cushion.
Plus 8 (Rover Eng.)	On top of chassis cross member; if Right Hand Drive - under drivers seat	On rear of engine block just below offside rocker cover (if RHD). Early cars have a label on the tool box.	Moss: On the rear of the gearbox cover, sometimes also on main casing. May show LR or HR, meaning Low or High ratio. Rover 4spd: ? Rover 5spd: ?	Salisbury: On underside of casing near to cast '7HA' number. May show as a date code; not all axles show a stamped number.	Top rail of rear wooden body frame under spare wheel panel; & rear of dashboard. Engine number stamped on bonnet flange (near front).
Engine No. Note:	The unique Engine Serial Number (and gear box or axle) should not be confused with a casting number. Serial numbers are usually stamped, engraved, or maybe on a tag bolted to the engine. Ford Kent engine numbers can be poorly stamped or even machined off when the block is skimmed. Engine numbers on bonnet and rear seat panel are last few digits only.				
Casting Numbers:	All cast items (engine block, gearbox housing, rear axle casing, and many other items) often show a number or code cast into the metal during manufacture; this is a design or part number for that product, and is not the unique serial number given to the item as it leaves the manufacturer.				
Body No. Note:	We have not yet established when the stamped engine number (or last few numerals) on the bonnet flanges stopped; we are also aware that part of the engine number is stamped on the 4 seater rear seat pan, and are sure both these continued into the 1980's. Also, we are unsure whether the body number stamping on the rear wood frame continued uninterrupted.				
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