2. Vehicle Assembly Date (see form)

The vehicle assembly date is used to determine the correctness of many items. If the exact date is not known, it can be estimated.

2.1. The first step in estimating the assembly date is to determine the vehicle's serial number.

The serial number appears on the vehicle identification number (VIN) plate located on the driver's door post (1953 to early 1960) or the steering column in front of the master brake cylinder (late 1960 thru 1962). The last six digits are the serial number.

If the VIN plate is missing, the serial number is also stamped on the frame, but may be difficult to access.

1953 and early 1954 (at least thru 1268) frames had their numbers stamped on the driver's frame rail where it curves up to clear the rear axle. It is necessary to remove the gas tank cover; the number reads front to rear in a depression in the frame; it is probably rusted. The number is also stamped under or near a body mounting pad on the X section about midway between the side rail and the X; the body must be removed to see it.

Beginning about E54S001541 thru 1962, numbers were stamped in the center of the driver's side member, usually twice about 5" apart. During 1959-62, there is a round hole in the fiberglass floor under the driver's carpet near the back of the driver's knee. It's difficult, but in most cases, the serial number can be read through the hole.

2.2. 1953-56: The first vehicle serial number was 001001. There is very little official production schedule information available for these years. Rough estimates of the vehicle assembly date can be calculated using the following table.

Production year:	1953	1954	1955	1956
Began production:	30 Jun 53	29 Dec 53	17 Jan 55*	09 Jan 56*
Ended production:	29 Dec 53*	15 Dec 54*	09 Dec 55*	13 Sep 56*
Total days:	182	352	326	248
Last serial no.:	001300	004640	001700	004467
Total cars:	300	3640	700	3467
Ave cars/day:	1.65	10.34	2.15	13.98

* approximate dates

Example: VIN is E54S002628; 2628 - 1000 = 1628th car produced

1628 divided by 10.34 ave cars/day = 158th day

Using a Julian calendar, 157 days after 29 Dec 53 is

158 + 3 = 161 = 10 Jun 54 estimated assembly date

NOTE: service bulletin information shows this vehicle was produced 18 May 54, 23 days before the estimate.

Example: VIN is E56S003844; 3844 - 1000 = 2844th car produced

2844 divided by 13.98 ave cars/day = 204th day

Using a Julian calendar, 204 days after 9 Jan 56 is

9 + 204 = 213 = 31 Jul 56 estimated assembly date

NOTE: service bulletin information shows this vehicle was produced 8 Aug 56, 10 days after the estimate.

CAUTION: Assembly dates calculated in the above manner will give an approximation of the vehicle production date. Actual production dates could vary as much as a month before or after the calculated date.

2.3. 1957-62: The first vehicle serial number was 100001. Beginning 1957, month-end production figures are available, so more accurate estimates can be calculated, within a week of the actual.

Use the vehicle serial number to find the month the vehicle was assembled by checking the tables below for the month containing that number. Unless otherwise indicated, the table shows the last serial number produced each month.

Next find the average daily production for that month; then calculate the number of days needed to reach the serial number.

Example: VIN J58S100290; 290 occurs during Oct 57

290 divided by 34.7 ave/day = 8.4 = 9th work day

Using the 1957 calendar, 9 work days from 14 Oct is

24 Oct 57 estimated production date

Vehicle ID	Date	Qty	Work Days	Ave/Day
E57S100001	01 Oct 56*			
100580	31 Oct 56	590	23	25.7
101070	30 Nov 56	490	21	23.3
101650	31 Dec 56	580	20	29.0
102150	31 Jan 57	500	22	22.7
102600	28 Feb 57	450	20	22.5
103098	29 Mar 57	xxx	xx	xxxx
103135	31 Mar 57	535	21	25.5
103268	09 Apr 57	xxx	xx	xxxx
103725	30 Apr 57	627	22	28.5
104331	31 May 57	606	22	27.6
104924	30 Jun 57	593	20	29.6
105235	12 Jul 57	xxx	xx	xxxx
105584	31 Jul 57	660	22	30.0
106229	31 Aug 57	645	23	28.0
106339	06 Sep 57*	110	4	27.5
J58S100001	14 Oct 57*			
100486	31 Oct 57	486	14	34.7
101443	30 Nov 57	957	20	47.8
102511	31 Dec 57	1068	21	50.9
103677	31 Jan 58	1166	22	53.0
104789	28 Feb 58	1112	20	55.6
105779	31 Mar 58	990	21	47.1
106544	30 Apr 58	765	22	34.8
107489	31 May 58	945	21	45.0
108192	30 Jun 58	703	21	33.5
108840	31 Jul 58	648	22	29.4
109168	15 Aug 58*	328	15	29.8
J59S100001	01 Sep 58*			
J59S100409	30 Sep 58	409	21	19.5
100632	31 Oct 58	223	23	9.7
101587	30 Nov 58	955	19	50.3
102641	31 Dec 58	1054	22	47.9
103962	31 Jan 59	1321	21	62.9
104921	28 Feb 59	959	20	48.0
106033	31 Mar 59	1112	22	50.6
107144	30 Apr 59	1111	22	50.5
107934	31 May 59	790	20	39.5
108702	30 Jun 59	768	22	34.9
109437	31 Jul 59	735	23	32.0
109670	12 Aug 59*	233	8	29.1

* estimated dates

Vehicle ID	Date	Qty	Work Days	Ave/Day
00867S100001	01 Oct 59*			
101168	31 Oct 59	1168	22	53.1
101454	30 Nov 59	286	20	14.3
102059	31 Dec 59	605	22	27.5
103158	31 Jan 60	1099	20	55.0
104360	29 Feb 60	1202	21	57.2
105711	31 Mar 60	1351	23	58.7
107011	30 Apr 60	1300	21	61.9
108167	31 May 60	1156	21	55.0
109149	30 Jun 60	982	22	44.6
109846	31 Jul 60	697	20	34.8
110261	12 Aug 60*	415	10	41.5
10867S100001	01 Sep 60*			
101052	30 Sep 60	1052	21	50.1
102301	31 Oct 60	1249	21	59.5
103355	30 Nov 60	1054	21	50.2
104306	31 Dec 60	951	21	45.3
105203	31 Jan 61	897	21	42.7
105966	28 Feb 61	763	20	38.2
106889	31 Mar 61	923	23	40.1
107804	30 Apr 61	915	20	45.8
108960	31 May 61	1156	22	52.6
110160	30 Jun 61	1200	22	54.6
110939	21 Jul 61*	779	15	51.9
20867S100001	01 Aug 61*			
100443	31 Aug 61	443	23	19.3
100827	30 Sep 61	384	20	19.2
102065	31 Oct 61	1238	22	56.3
103465	30 Nov 61	1400	21	66.7
104766	31 Dec 61	1301	20	65.0
106234	31 Jan 62	1468	22	66.7
107585	28 Feb 62	1351	20	67.6
109116	31 Mar 62	1531	22	69.6
110519	30 Apr 62	1403	21	66.8
112035	31 May 62	1516	22	68.9
113459	30 Jun 62	1424	21	67.8
114520	31 Jul 62	1061	21	50.5
114531	01 Aug 62*	11	1	11.0

*** estimated dates**

2.4. REFERENCES

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