

Willys CJ-2A Identification Numbers

Willys Production Data

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Starting s/n	10001	11825	83380	148459	222582
Ending s/n	11824	83379	148458	222581	224764
Units built	1824	71554	65078	74122	2182

Willys serial numbers **began** at 10001. They were marked on zinc tags, affixed by rivet or screw at (up to) 4 different locations on the vehicle.

ACM (American Central Manufacturing - the body manufacturer) serial numbers **began** at 1. They were stamped into the tub & tailgate sheet metal. Willys did not use tubs in the exact same order that ACM manufactured them, but they will always (with few exceptions) be approx. 10000 less than the Willys serial number (+/- 1500 or so).

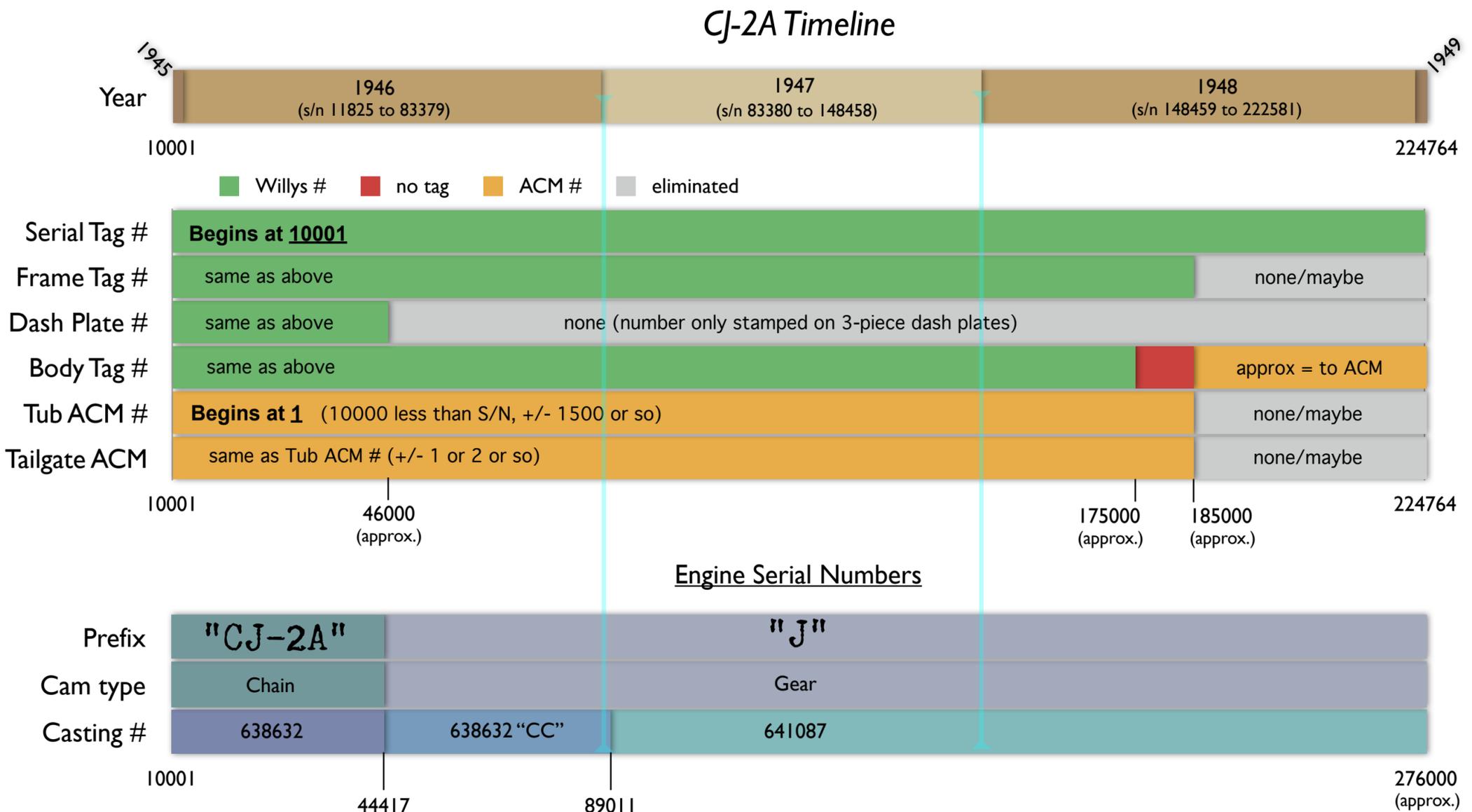
Exceptions: Willys occasionally sent body tubs "out-of-house" for special order modifications. By the time these tubs were returned to Willys for final assembly, many weeks or months might have passed. In these cases, the ACM to Serial number differential can be significantly greater than 10000.

Serial numbers:

- the firewall Serial (patent) number tag is the **ONLY** one which remained consistent throughout production
- all other tags/stampings either disappeared at some point ('46/'48), or were changed (Body tag) to reflect a different number (the exact serial number(s) at which these changes occurred is uncertain. Approximates in the graphs below have been gleaned from owner reports in the [CJ-2A Information Database](#)).

Engine numbers:

Willys produced more engines than vehicles. The L-134 "Go-Devil" engine was used in many commercial applications besides CJ-2A (tractors, compressors, generators, welders, railroad cars, etc., etc). When these outside concerns wanted engines, Willys sold them from existing inventory. As a consequence, engine numbers "out-paced" vehicle Serial numbers, by anywhere from 1% (early in production) to 10% (late in production).



Identification Number Locations

Serial # tag (aka the "patent" plate):
upper corner of the passenger side firewall
(under hood)

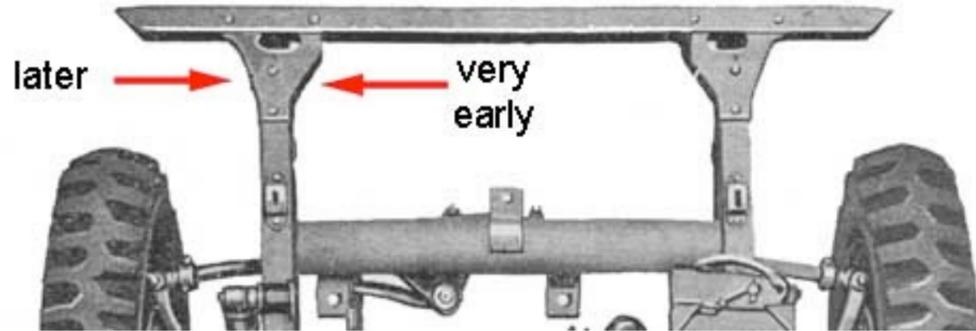
Body # tag:
upper corner of the passenger side firewall,
immediately below the S/N tag

Tub ACM #:
stamped into driver side toeboard gusset
(under hood)

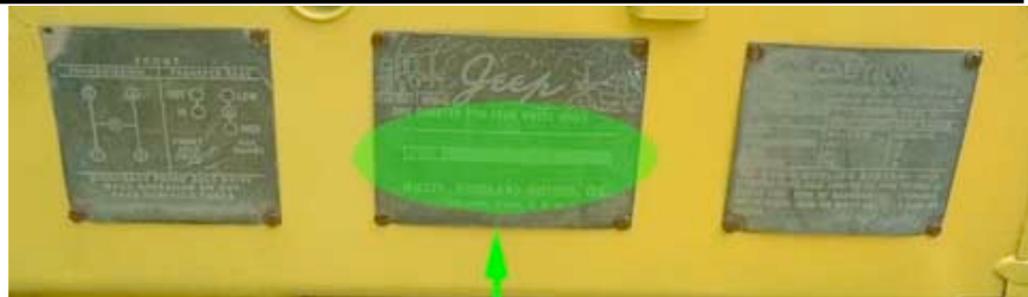


Frame # tag:
left front frame rail, just aft of the bumper

'45 & early '46 - inside of rail
1946 on - outside of rail



Dash # tag:
center tag of 3-piece plates only
(eliminated mid-'46 w/one-piece plate)

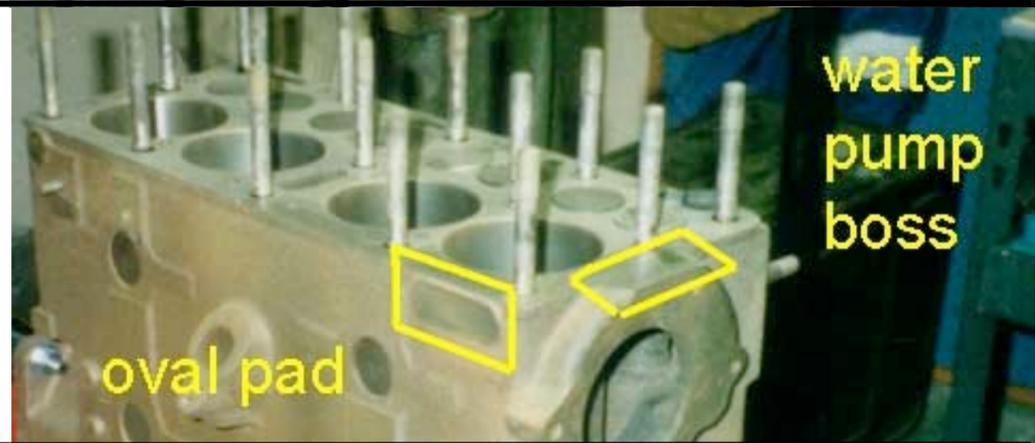


Tailgate ACM #:
stamped into passenger side tailgate edge



Engine serial #:
'45 & early '46 - oval pad on upper
passenger side corner of engine block

'46 on - flat boss just aft of water pump



Engine block casting #:
cast on lower passenger side of engine
block, just above oil pan flange

