

# How to Read FoMoCo Date Codes

Original Ford glass, sheet metal and other parts were usually date coded in one of several formats. To perform the most accurate restoration on your classic Ford, you should use parts manufactured reasonably near and prior to the build date of your car. Here's a brief guide to Ford date codes, as they would appear on a series of hypothetical parts manufactured at Dearborn during the 3rd Work Shift on 14 February 1966:

Code	Meaning	Used On
14 Feb 66	Plain Date Stamp	Heater Motor ( <i>Ink Stamp</i> )
Feb 14 1966	Plain Date Stamp	Alternator ( <i>Ink Stamp</i> )
14B	"14" = Date "B" = Month: <i>A or N = Jan</i> <i>B or P = Feb</i> <i>C or Q = Mar</i> <i>D or R = Apr</i> <i>E or S = May</i> <i>F or T = Jun</i> <i>G or U = Jul</i> <i>H or V = Aug</i> <i>J or W = Sep</i> <i>K or X = Oct</i> <i>L or Y = Nov</i> <i>M or Z = Dec</i>	Data Plate
B14	Reversed from above ( <i>Letters A-M only</i> )	Sometimes seen on Build Tag (aka "Body Buck Tag")
6F14B	"6" = 1966 "F" = Mustang "14B"-See Above	Horn ( <i>Ink Stamp</i> )
6B14	"6" = 1966 "B" = Feb "14" = Date	Heater Core
6B14C	"6" = 1966 "B" = Feb "14" = Date "C" = Work Shift ( <i>A-C = 1st-3rd Shift</i> )	Power Steering Pump Tag Steering Gear Tag Transmission Tag
6B14Q	"6" = 1966	Engine Block

	"B" = Feb "14" = Date "Q" = Inspector's Code Letter (A-Z)	
6B	"6" = 1966 "B" = Feb	Glass (Lower LH of "Carlite") Engine Tag
6BC	Same, plus: "C" = 3rd Week of Month (A-E = 1st-5th Week)	Carburetor Distributor Rear Axle Radiator ( <i>Some</i> )
F6BC	Same, preceded by: "F" = Mustang(?) <i>May also be a Manufacturing Plant Code.</i> (Some other codes seen: "Y" or "(Blank))	Heater Box ( <i>Ink stamp</i> ) Heater Plenum ( <i>Ink stamp</i> )
6MB	"6" = 1966 "M"(Large) = Supplier ("M" - Motor Wheel Corp, Michigan) "B" = Feb	Wheels (stock steel rims)
2 14 D 3 2 14 3	"2" = Feb (1-12 = Jan-Dec) "14" = Date "D" = Location (opt): A = Chicago, IL B = Buffalo, NY C = Cleveland (Walton Hills), OH D = Dearborn, MI M = Monroe, MI W = Woodhaven, MI "3" = 3rd Shift	Sheet Metal Hinges
2-66 2 66	"2" = Feb (See Above) "66" = 1966	Latches Radiator
8-66	"8" = 8th Week "66" = 1966	Seat Belts
2/66	"2" = 2nd Quarter "66" = 1966	Clamps Belts
026x	"02" = February (01-12 = Jan-Dec) "6" = 1966 x = Unknown ( <i>Poss A-Z may appear here, or blank(?)</i> )	York A/C Compressor