1963 BUICK BODY SERVICE MANUAL

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

The vehicle identification number is embossed on a plate welded to the body at the left, front hinge pillar and can be observed through a cutout in the left hinge cover. The first digit of the number indicates the series: 4 for series 4400, 6 for series 4600, 7 for series 4700, 8 for series 4800. Next is a letter designating the year (J for 1963). The third prefix is a digit (1 through 8) identifying the plant at which the car was built: 1. - Flint, 2 - South Gate, 3 - Linden, 4 - Kansas City, 5 - Wilmington, 6 - Atlanta, 8 - Arlington. The remaining group of six digits is the individual car serial number.

This number is also stamped on the top surface of the engine crankcase, just forward of the valve lifter cover on the left side and constitutes the legal engine number. See Figure 0-1.

Toward the right side on this same surface will appear the production code number, (stamped upside down when viewed from front of the engine). This number, along with the vehicle identification number (car serial number) is used to identify the engine on product reports, etc. The production code number is prefaced as follows for 1963:

- JR Standard 2 barrel carburetor 401 engine
- JS Low Compression 2 barrel carburetor 401 Engine (Reg. Gas Option)
- JT Standard 4 barrel carburetor 401 Engine (Also Hi-Performance on 4400)
- JU Low Compression 4 barrel carburetor 401 Engine (Export)

See Figure 0-1.

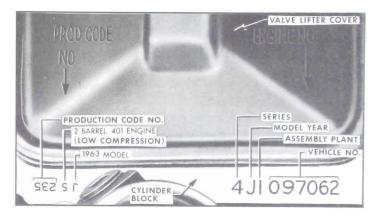


Figure 0-1-Engine Numbers

The production code number does not constitute a legal engine number for registration, titles, etc.

MODEL	DESIGNATION	Wheelbase	Iread Front	Tread Rear	Length Overall	Width Overall	Height Overall *
4411 4435 4439	LE SABRE Sedan - 2 Door 4 Window Estate Wagon - 4 Door 6 Window (2 Seat) Hardtop - 4 Door 4 Window	123.0	62.0 	61.0 ''	215.7	78.0 .''	56.6 58.0 56.0
4445 4447 4467 4469	Estate Wagon - 4 Door 6 Window (3 Seat)Coupe- 2 Door 4 Window HardtopCoupe- 2 Door 4 Window ConvertibleSedan- 4 Door 4 Window Thin Pillar		··· ··	·· ··	 		58.0 55.5 56.2 56.6
4635	INVICTA Estate Wagon - 4 Door 6 Window (2 Seat) WILDCAT		••	"	.,		58.0
4639 4647 4667	WildbergSedan- 4 Door 4 Window HardtopCoupe- 2 Door 4 Window PillarlessCoupe- 2 Door 4 Window Convertible		יי יי יי	" " "	 	 	$56.0 \\ 55.5 \\ 56.2$
4747	RIVIERA Coupe - 2 Door 4 Window Pillarless ELECTRA 225	117.0	60.0	59.0	208.1	76.3	53.2
4819 4829 4839 4847 4867	Sedan- 4Door 6WindowThin PillarSedan- 4Door 6WindowPillarlessSedan- 4Door 4WindowHardtepCoupe- 2Door 4WindowPillarlessCoupe- 2Door 4WindowConvertible	126.0 '' '' ''	62.0 "' " "	61.0 '' '' ''	221.7	78.0 ,, ,, ,, ,,	57.5 57.5 55.9 55.9 56.5

1963 4400-4600-4700-4800 CAR MODELS & SPECIFICATIONS

* Roof to Road (5 Passenger Load, 4 on 4747)