



# Classic Thunderbird Club International

## Data Plate Decoder - Code Tables

Interior Trim	
Code	1955 Thunderbird
XA	Black and White (Early cars "A" only)
XB	Red and White (Early cars "B" only)
XC	Turquoise and White (Early cars "C" only)
XD	Black and Yellow (Early cars "D" only)
1956 Thunderbird	
XA	Black and White Vinyl
XB	Red and White Vinyl
XC	Dark Peacock and White Vinyl
XF	Green and White Vinyl
XG	Brown and White Vinyl
1957 Thunderbird	
XA	Pleated Raven Vinyl and Pleated Colonial Vinyl
XH	Pleated Flame Vinyl
XJ	Pleated Bronze Vinyl
XK	Pleated Colonial Vinyl
XL	Pleated Dresden Vinyl and Pleated Starmist Vinyl
XM	Pleated Cumberland & Pleated Willow Vinyl

Exterior Paint					
Year	Code	Color	Year	Code	Color
1955	A	Raven Black	1957	A	Raven Black
	E	Snowshoe White		E	Colonial White
	R	Torch Red		F	Starmist Blue
	T	Thunderbird Blue		J	Willow Green
1956	V	Goldenrod Yellow	N	Gunmetal Gray	
	A	Raven Black	Q	Thunderbird Bronze	
	E	Colonial White	V	Flame Red	
	J	Buckskin Tan	X	Dusk Rose	
	K	Fiesta Red	Y	Inca Gold	
	L	Peacock Blue	Z	Coral Sand	
	M	Goldenglow Yellow	H	Gunmetal Gray	
	T	Thunderbird Gray	Started May 1957		
	X	Navajo Gray	1958 Colors		
	Y	Sunset Coral	1957	G	Sun Gold
Z	Thunderbird Green	R	Torch Red		
		L	Azure Blue		
		N	Seaspray Green		

Engine Codes					
Year	Code	Eng.	Carb.	Transmission	HP
1955	P	292	4V	3-Spd Manual	193
	P	292	4V	Fordomatic	198
	P	292	4V	Overdrive	198
1956	M	292	4V	3-Spd Manual	202
	P	312	4V	Overdrive	215
1957	P	312	4V	Fordomatic	225
	C	292	2V	3-speed	212
	D	312	4V	Fordo or O/D	245
	E	312	8V	Any	270&
	F	312	4V	Any	300*

& Available 10/1956

\* Supercharged Engine Available 2/1957

First And Last T-Bird Numbers (Intermixed With Passenger Cars)						
Model Year	1955		1956		1957	
Start	9/9/1954	P5FH 100001	10/17/1955	P6FH 102661	9/14/1956	D7FH 100010
End	9/14/1955	P5FH 260557	8/24/1956	P6FH 359516	12/13/1957	E7FH 395813
Prod Total	16,155 T-Birds		15,631 T-Birds		21,380 T-Birds	

Transmission & Rear Axle Ratios			
Code	Transmission	Code	Axle Ratio
1	3 spd Manual	1	3.10 to 1
2	Overdrive	2	3.56 to 1
3	Fordomatic	3	3.70 to 1

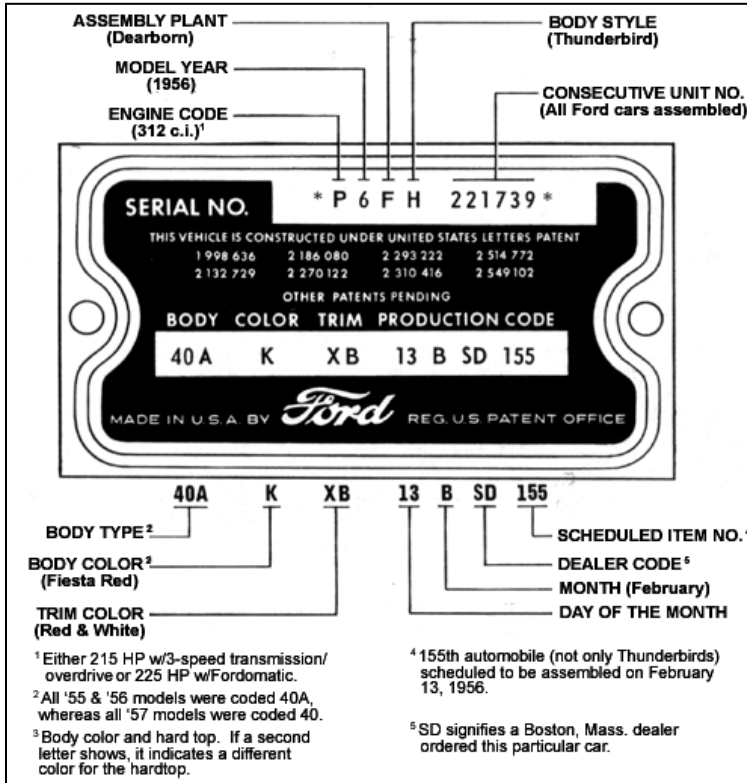
Months Of The Year		
Month	First	Second
January	A	N
February	B	P
March	C	Q
April	D	R
May	E	S
June	F	T
July	G	U
August	H	V
September	J	W
October	K	X
November	L	Y
December	M	Z

Sales Areas (Districts)					
Code	Location	Code	Location	Code	Location
11/SD	Boston	33/DD	Detroit	55/SL	Saint Louis
12/BF	Buffalo	34/NP	Indianapolis	61/DP	Dallas
13/BX	New York	35/FX	Lansing	62/SU	Houston
14/PI	Pittsburg	36/LX	Louisville (Deviations)	63/GB	Memphis
15	Newark	41/CX	Chicago	64/NR	New Orleans
21/NK	Atlanta	42/RG	Fargo	65/KL	Oklahoma City
22/CE	Charlotte	43/KE	Rockford	71/LP	Los Angeles
23/DI	Philadelphia	44/SP	Twin Cities	72/SK	San Jose
24/KJ	Jacksonville	45/DQ	Davenport	73/SC	Salt Lake City
25/RP	Richmond	51/DN	Denver	74/SE	Seattle
26/DC	Washington DC	52/DS	Des Moines	82/EX	FMC Export NJ
31/CI	Cincinnati	53/KS	Kansas City	84/HO	FMC Transportation and
32/CL	Cleveland	54/NB	Omaha		Equipment Department

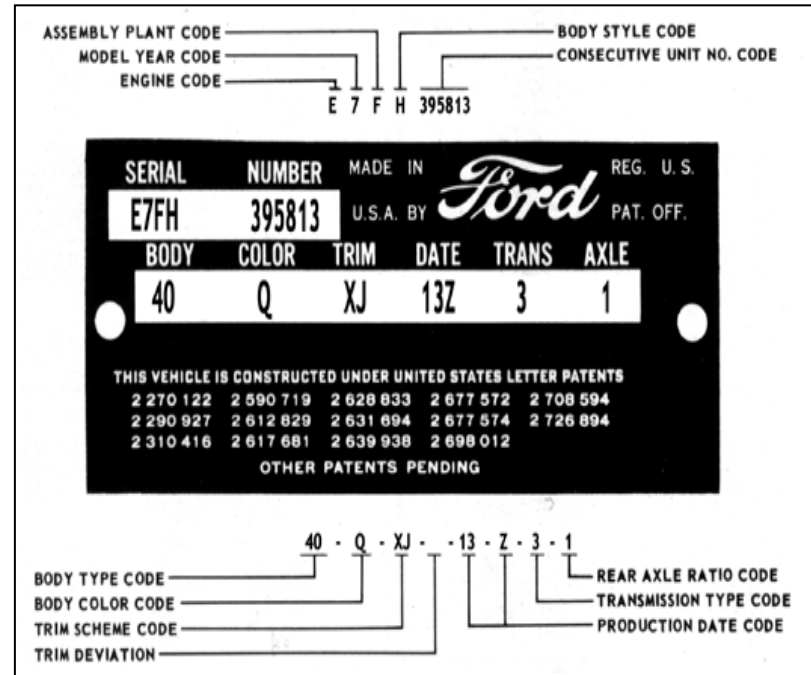


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## 1955-1957 Thunderbird Data Plate Decoder



### Late 1957 Data Plate



Patent data plates are located on the firewall of the engine compartment near the heater duct. There were two basic styles used between 1955 and 1957 models. The large data plates were used on all 1955-56 Thunderbirds and 1957 models until mid-April. The small data plate was phased in during the week of April 15 to April 19, 1957. The smaller data plates were then used on 1957 models until the end of production of the 1957 Thunderbirds Dec. 13, 1957. The small data plates starting in April 1957 did not show the destination code or scheduled Item number. On the smaller data plates the transmission type and rear axle ratio were shown following the date code.