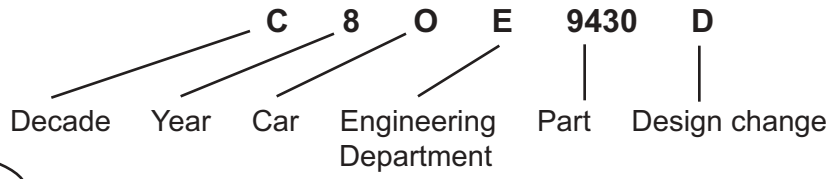
HOW TO READ CASTING NUMBERS

Casting Numbers Versus Part Numbers

Part numbers are those which appear within parts books and on parts boxes. These numbers are commonly used as catalog numbers. Generally, part numbers can be quickly determined by looking at the fourth character of teh chain of numbers - it is commonly a Y or a Z. Casting numbers are those which appear on the part itself and are usually different than part numbers. Casting dates tell when a part was acutally made.

Here is a typical casting number



"**C8OE 9430 D**" Breaks Down As:

C = Decade. A=40s, B=50s, C=60s, D=70s, E=80s
8 = Year within the decade. C8 is 1968, D1 is 1971, C6 is 1966.
O = Car or product line. This code shows which car the part was originally designed for, but it could have been used on other products as well.
designed for, but it could have been factory installed on other cars too.
E = Engineering department responsible for the design.
9430 = Part basic number. *Group 9430 is a RH side exhaust manifold.*

Car / Product Line Codes

A = Full size Fords. Crown Victoria, Galaxie, LTD.
C = Remanufactured parts program 66-75, Elite 1975, Capri 76-79
D = Falcon 60-70, Maverick 70-74, Granada 75-82, LTD midsize 83-85, Taurus 86-
E = Pinto 76-80, Escort 81-
F = Outside sales and Racing parts
G = Comet 61-67, Montego 68-76, EXP 82-85, Tracer 86-
J = Industrial
K = Edsel 58-60, Comet 75-77, Zephyr 78-83, Marquis mid size 1986
L = Lincoln 58-60, Mark series 67-
M = Mercury full size, all
O = Fairlane 62-68, Torino 69-76, LTD II 77-79, LN7 82-83
P = Autolite, Motorcraft
R = Rotunda 62-69, Imports from Europe 70-
S = Thunderbird 55-
T = F series light trucks
U = Econoline vans
W = Cougar 67-
X = Short highway trucks
Y = Meteor (Canada) 62-72, Bobcat 75-80, Lynx 81-87
Z = Mustang 65-
2 = Pinto 71-75
4 = Comet 71-74, Monarch 75-77
6 = Pantera
9 = Turbine

Engineering Departments

A = Chassis
B = Body
E = Engine
F = General parts
J = Autolite, Motorcraft
P = Automatic transmission
R = Manual transmission
W = Axle
X = Muscle parts
Y = Lincoln/Mercury service parts
Z = Ford service parts

Casting Dates

Typical number: "6M08"
6 is year, **M** is month, **08** is day. Decade is assumed.

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