Model A Ford Windshield Wipers

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What Will You Learn?

- A little bit of history
- Which wipers for which cars
 - What do they look like
 - What are the specifics
 - A quick quiz on wipers
 - How do you judge them

History of the Windshield Wiper

Early Vehicles did not have windshield wipers!

Eventually, drivers needed something to remove water and dirt.

In 1903, J.H. Apjohn (UK) patented a method of moving two brushes top to bottom.

About the same time Mary Anderson (US) invented a swing arm fitted with a rubber blade that the driver could operate via an inside lever. By 1916 her invention was available on all U.S. made vehicles.

In 1917, John Jepson invented a hand-operated squeege known as "Rain Rubber." In 1920 Tri-Continental Corp. (Trico) was incorporated to manufacture it.

In 1921, William Folberth patented a vacuum-powered, single blade wiper run by suction. In 1925, Trico purchased the invention for \$1 million.

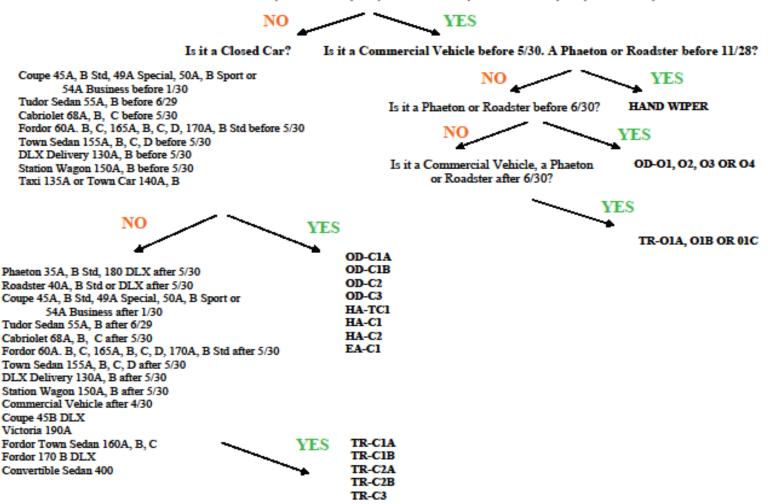
In 1926, electric wipers were introduced but they were reserved for more expensive cars.

Henry Ford was sold on windshield wipers after a salesman installed a hand wiper on Ford's own car.

Model A Fords used hand wipers, electric wipers and eventually, vacuum wipers. The switch to vacuum driven wipers was probably driven by financial gain.

WIPER MOTORS DECISION TREE

Is it a Commercial Vehicle, a Phaeton (35A,B or 180 DLX) or Roadster (40A, B or DLX)?

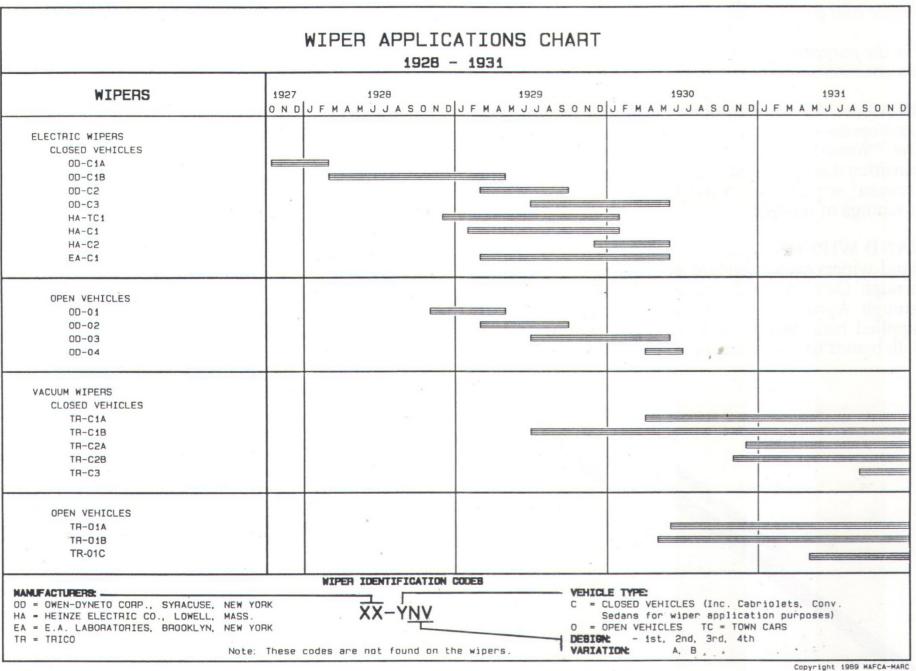


WINDSHIELD WIPER MASTER CHART 1928 - 1931

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= HAND OPERATED WIPERS = ELECTRIC = VACUUM

- OVERLAP OF HATCH PATTERN INDICATES TRANSITION PERIOD
- VARIOUS BODY TYPES IN THE GROUPS ABOVE HAD DIFFERENT INTRODUCTION AND TERMINATION DATES



Hand Wiper

Manufactured by Trico and Williams

Used on Open Vehicles through October 1928

Used on Commercial Vehicles through April 1930

Finished in Gloss Black enamel

Nickel-plated knob

Blade has two layers of 1/32' rubber (Red or Black)

Trico Blade had Manufacturer's Name and Patent Numbers

Blade is 8 inches in length and attached with a nickel-plated tubular rivet.



Hand Wiper

Electric Wiper Motors

Three Manufacturers

Owen-Dyneto Corporation

Heinze Electric Company

E. A. Laboratories

Electric Wipers used through May 1930

Used on both Open Cars and Closed Cars

Brass contact is not visible beyond bracket

Owen-Dyneto Corporation

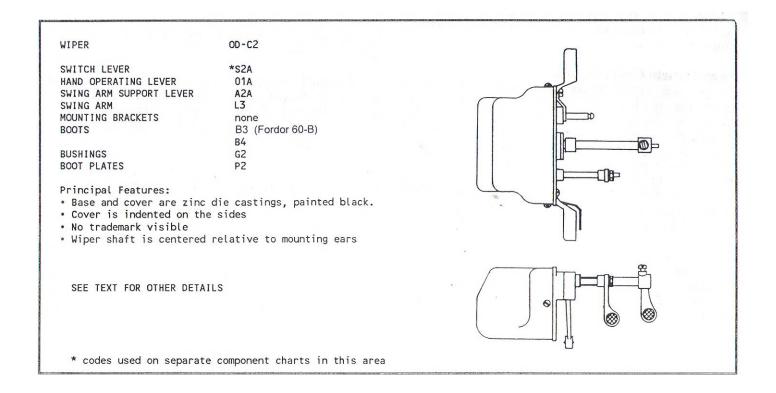
OD-C1A	[October 1927 to February 1928] Base, cover and levers made of pot metal Non-symmetrical wiper shaft Ford Script and Made in USA inside Indented Cover Screws on back Dull black finish
	Wire swing arm and spring tensioning
OD-C1B	[February 1928 to February 1929]
OD-01D	Ford Script removed
	Screws on sides
	Steel swing arm
OD C2	3
OD-C2	[February 1929 to July 1929]
	New Design
	Base, cover and levers made of zinc
	Symmentrical wiper shaft (became the standard)
OD-C3	[July 1929 to March 1930]
	Redesigned with zinc casting for armature
	Cover modified to straight sided

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SWITCH LEVER	*\$1, \$2A(opt)	*S2A	
HAND OPERATING LEVER	01A	01A	
SWING ARM SUPPORT LEVER		A1	
SWING ARM	L1	L2	
MOUNTING BRACKETS	none	none	
BOOTS		B1 (Fordor) (60-A,B)	<i>f</i>
	B2	B2	
BUSHINGS	G1	G1	
BOOT PLATES	P1	P1	
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OD-C1A or OD-C1B

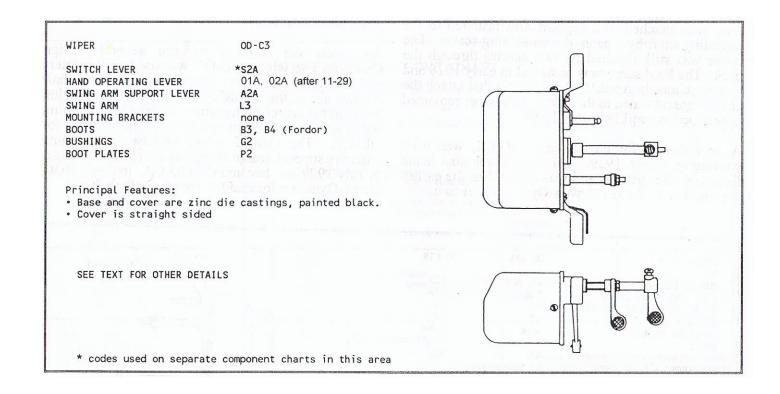


OD-C1A and OD-C1B





OD-C2

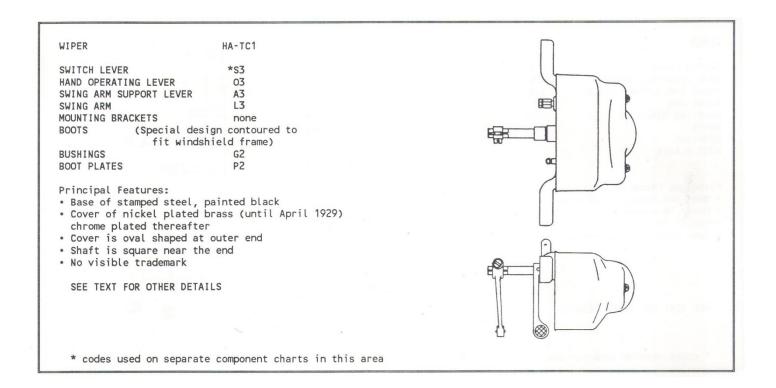




OD-C3

Heinze Electric Company

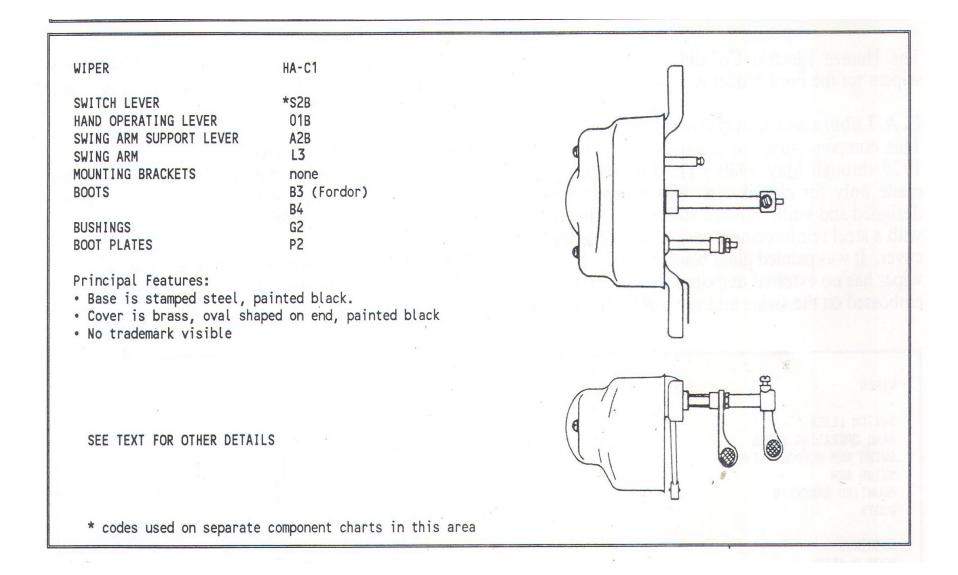
HA-TC1	[December 1928 to January 1930] Specifically designed for the Town Car Steel base and nickel plated brass cover Chrome plating in April 1929 Mounted Inside Trademark "Ames" Screws on back
	Symmetrical wiper shaft
	All levers bronze casting, nickel plated
HA-C1	[February 1929 to January 1930]
	Similar to TC-1
	Steel base and brass cover painted black
	Mounted Outside
	Swing arm embossed with "Ames"
HA-C2	[December 1929 to May 1930]
	Redesigned to more compact shape
	Stamped steel cover with "Ames" Diamond
	Brass ground strap under mounting ear
	Heinze Data Plate on top of cover after April 1930



HA-TC1



HA-TC1



HA-C1



HA-C1

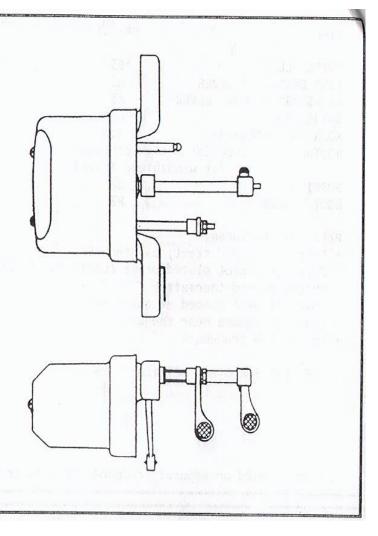
WIPER	HA-C2
SWITCH LEVER	*S2B
HAND OPERATING LEVER	02B
SWING ARM SUPPORT LEVER	A2B
SWING ARM	L3
MOUNTING BRACKETS	none
BOOTS	B4
BUSHINGS	G2
BOOT PLATES	P2
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Principal Features:

- · Base and cover are stamped steel, painted black.
- Cover is oblong with angled flat at top and bottom.
- "AMES" in a diamond lightly stamped on back of cover
- Name plate may be riveted to cover (after April 1930)

SEE TEXT FOR OTHER DETAILS

* codes used on separate component charts in this area





HA-C2





HA-C2-AMES





HA-C2-HEINZE

E. A Laboratories, Inc.

EA-C1 [March 1929 to May 1930]

Zinc die cast base and steel cover painted gloss black Small raised button on cover, slightly off-center Mounted outside No markings Screws on side Symmetrical wiper shaft All levers polished aluminum Diamond on swing arm support lever



EA-C1

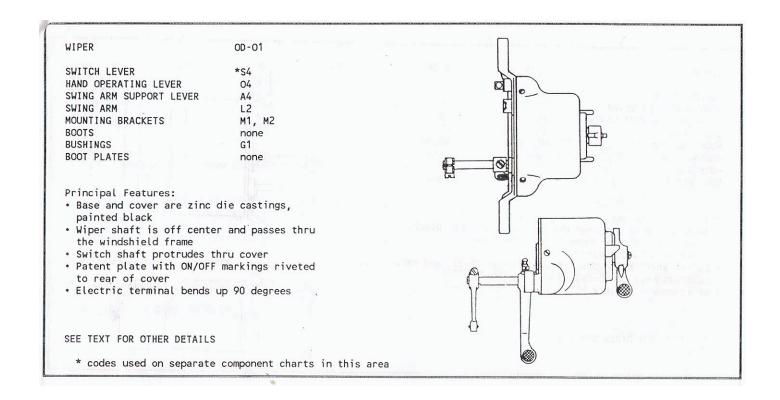


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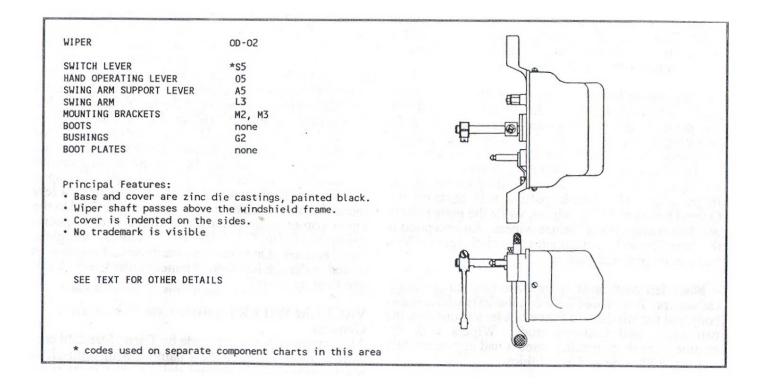
Open Car Wipers

Owen-Dyneto Corporation

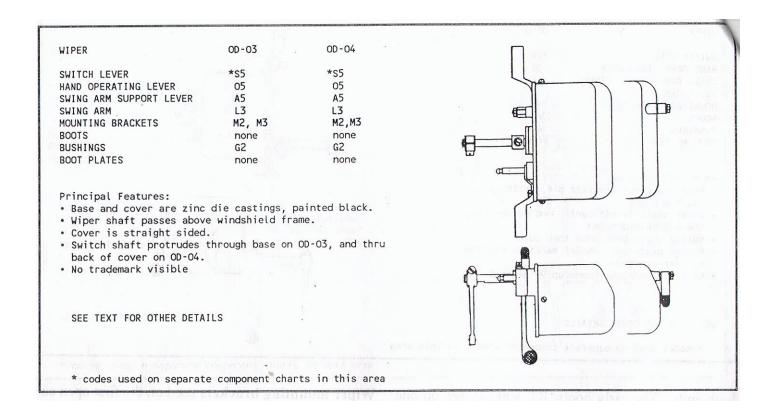
OD-01	[April 1928 to February 1929]
	Base, cover and levers made of pot metal
	Non-symmetrical wiper shaft
	Mounted on the inside
	Patent plate riveted on back of cover
	Indented Cover with ON-OFF switch
	Screws on side
	Gloss black finish
	Wire swing arm and spring tensioning
OD-02	[March 1929 to September 1929]
	Same design as OD-C2
	Base, cover and levers made of zinc
	Symmetrical wiper shaft
	Switch lever adjacent to glass
	Cover indented on all sides
OD-O3	[July 1929 to April 1930]
	Same as OD-C3
	Straight cover with mounting screws on the side
OD-04	[April 1930 to June 1930]
	Same as OD-C3
	Switch shaft extended through cover with lever on the outside



OD-01



OD-O2



OD-O3 or OD-O4

Vacuum Wiper Motors

Single Manufacturer

Trico

All Wipers used through end-of-production

All wipers have a ½ inch deep cover secured with 2 screws

The top and bottom halves are held together with special screws.

Seamed metal tubing.

Cloth-like tubing

Trico

TR-C1A or C1B [March 1930 to EOP]

Mounted flat side up

Mounted outside

Short wiper shaft

Standard cars used wipers painted with black enamel and nickel knob (C1A)

Several Deluxe cars used chrome plated wipers and chrome knob (C1B)

With and without waffle pattern on the top.

TR-C2A or C2B [October 1930 to EOP]

Mounted curved side up

No mounting ears

Elongated wiper shaft

Standard cars – black enamel – Town Sedans (C2A)

Deluxe cars – chrome – Cabriolet, A-400 and Victoria (C2B)

Waffle pattern on flat section

TR-C3 [August 1931 to EOP]

Mounted curved side up

Mounting ears

Elongated wiper shaft

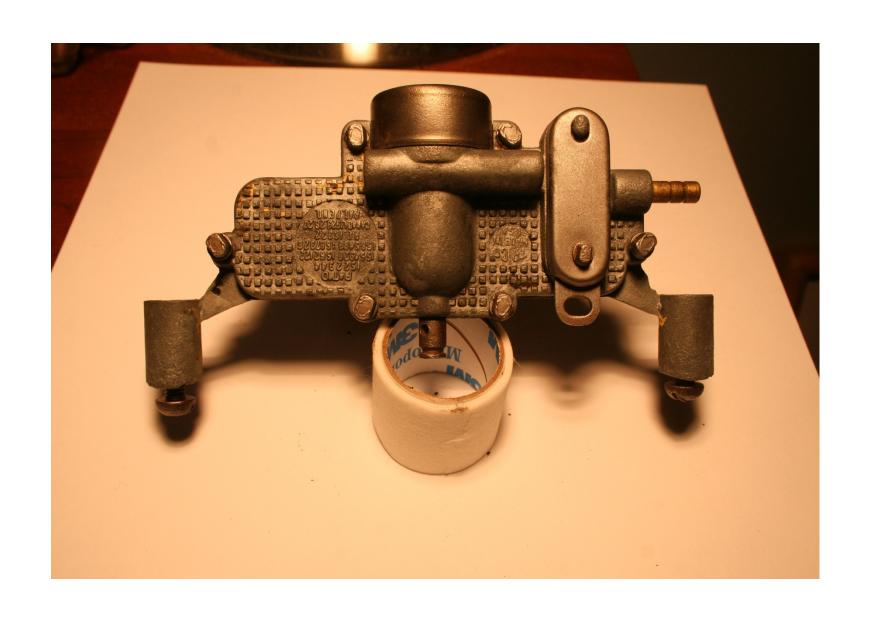
Larger cover affixed with small screws

Standard cars –semi-black enamel and nickel knob – Models 315-A and 330-A

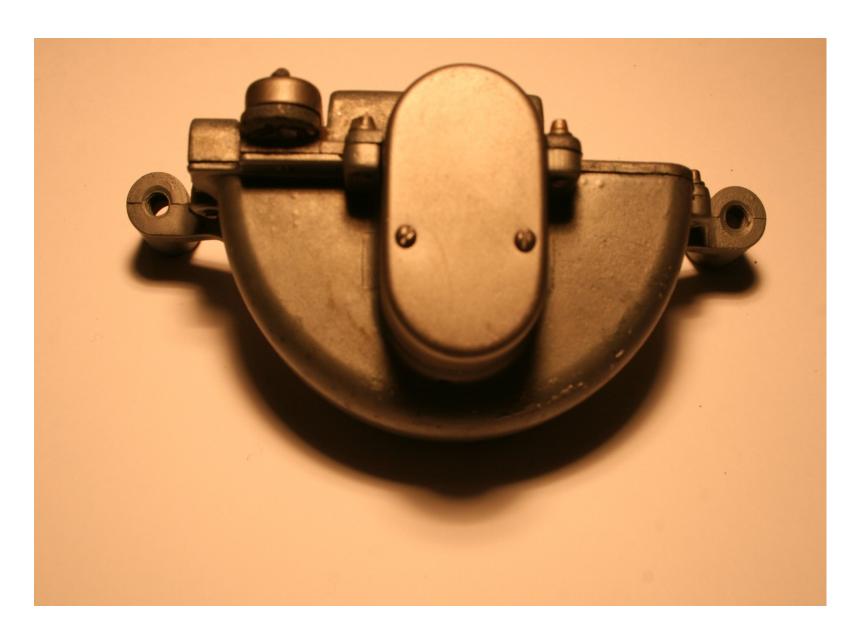
No Waffle pattern



TR-C1A or TR-C1B



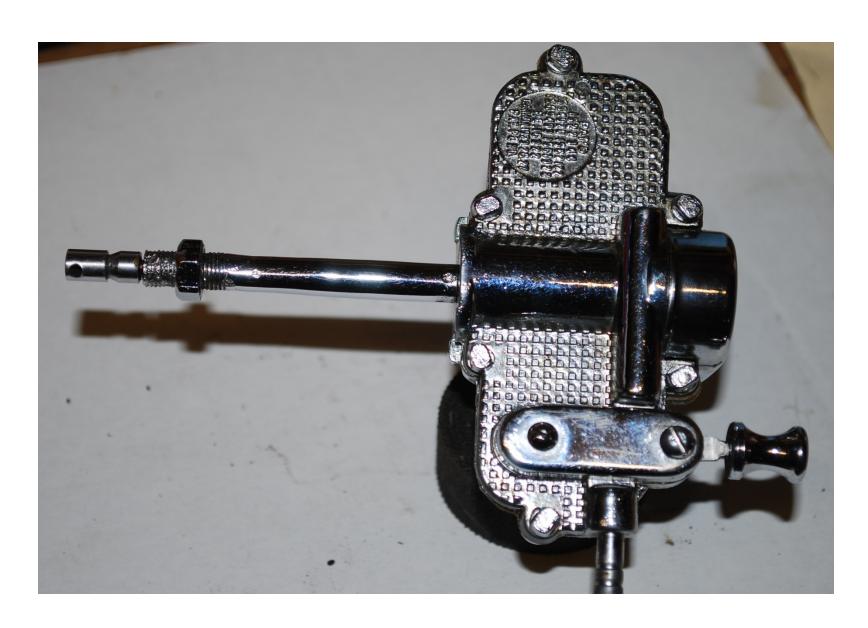
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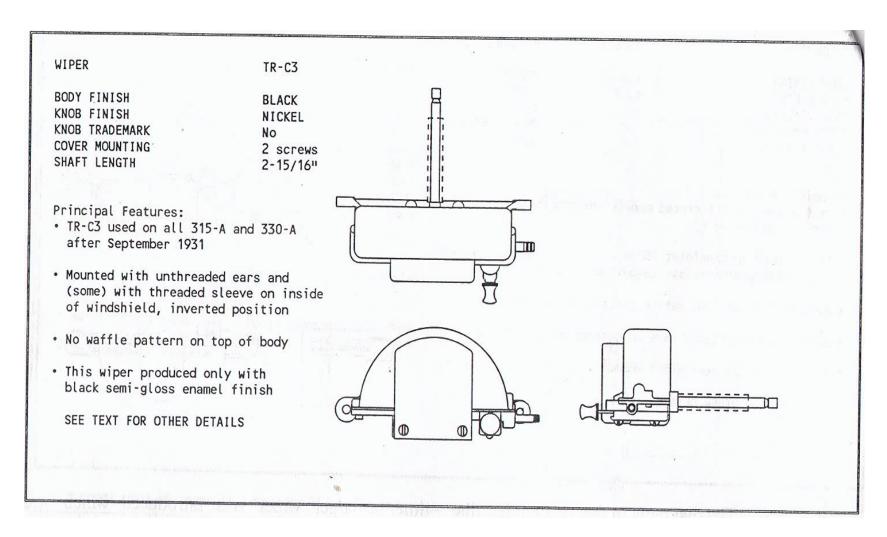
TR-C1A or TR-C1B



TR-C2A or TR-C2B



TR-C2A or TR-C2B



TR-C3



TR-C3 – Replacement Model 1937

Open Car Wipers

Trico

TR-O1A or O1B [April 1930 to EOP]

Mounted flat side up

Mounted inside

Flat Mounting ears

Short wiper shaft

Standard cars used wipers painted with black semi-gloss enamel and nickel knob Std. Roadsters, Phaetons and Open Cabs(O1B)

Several Deluxe cars used chrome plated wipers and chrome knob

Deluxe Roadsters and Deluxe Phaetons(O1A)

With and without waffle pattern on the top.

TR-01C

[April 1930 to EOP]

Mounted curved side up

Mounted inside

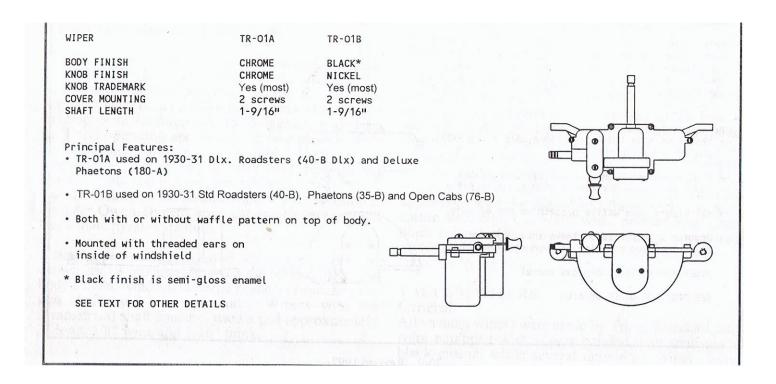
Flat Mounting ears

Elongated wiper shaft

Standard cars – black semi-gloss enamel – Open Cab Pickups

With and without Waffle pattern on flat section

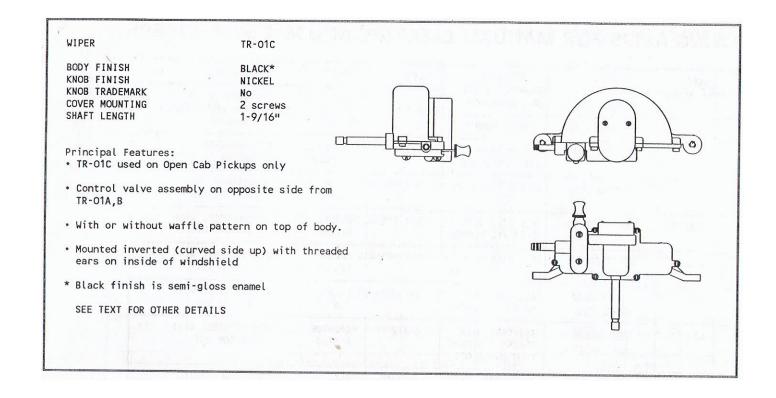
Knob located on the left and not on the right



TR-O1A or TR-O1B



TR-01B Replacement



Mounting Hardware

Electric Wipers

Rubber Boots and Boot Plates

Open Cars

Mounting Brackets held the mounting ears in place on the frame (M1 and M2) and modified with the introduction of OD-O2 (M3 and M2)

Closed Cars

Early boots were closed at one end (B1 and B2), used rubber bushings and gloss black boot plates (P1)

Later, larger boots were open on both ends (B3 and B4), used rubber bushings and larger, gloss black boot plates (P2)

A blacl felt weatherstrip pad was mounted between the body and the frame

Vacuum Wipers

No mounting hardware necessary

MOUNTING BRACKETS, BOOTS, BUSHINGS, BOOT PLATES P1 G1 B1 G1 B2 P2 C1 D1 E1 G2 B3 P2 G2 B4

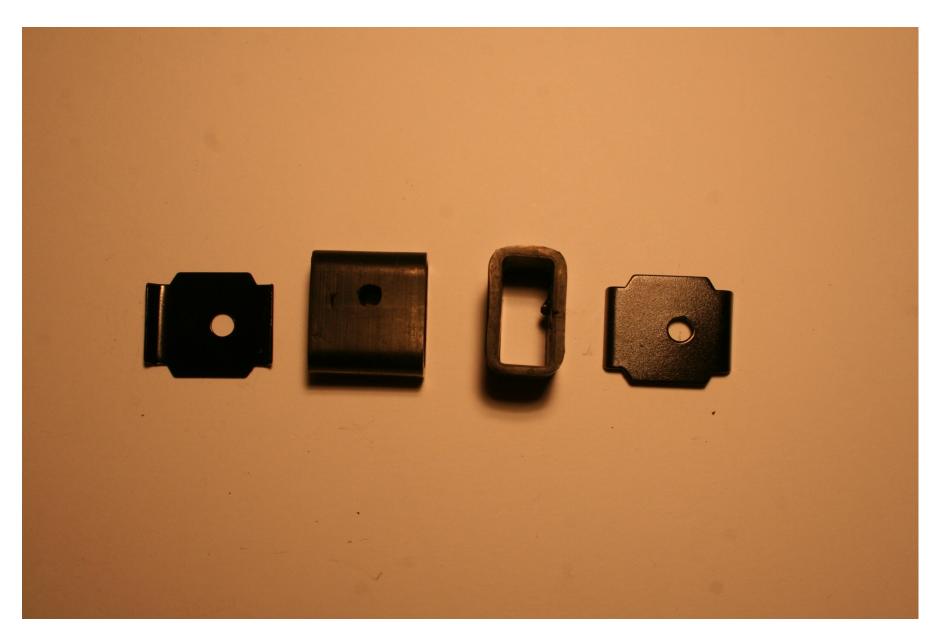
Mounting Hardware



M2 and M3



B2 and P1



B3 and P2

Switch Levers and Operating Levers

Electric Wipers

Switch Levers and Operating Levers

Closed Cars

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S-Levers S1 and S2A – for OD - were nickel plated zinc
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S-Lever S2B – for HA – was nickel plated zinc

S-Lever S2C – for EA – was polished aluminum

S-Lever S3 - Town Car only – was nickel or chrome plated bronze

O-Lever O1A – for OD – was nickel plated zinc

O-Lever O1B – for HA-C1 – was nickel plated zinc

O-Lever O1C – for EA-C1 – was polished aluminum

O-Lever O2A – for OD-C3 – was nickel plated zinc

O-Lever O2B – for HA-C2 – was nickel plated zinc

O-Lever O2C – for EA-C1 – was polished aluminum

O-Lever O3 – Town Car only – was nickel or chrome plated bronze

Open Cars

S-Lever S4 – for OD-O1 – was zinc finished with black enamel

S-Lever S5 – for OD – O2, O3, O4 – was nickel plated or black enameled zinc

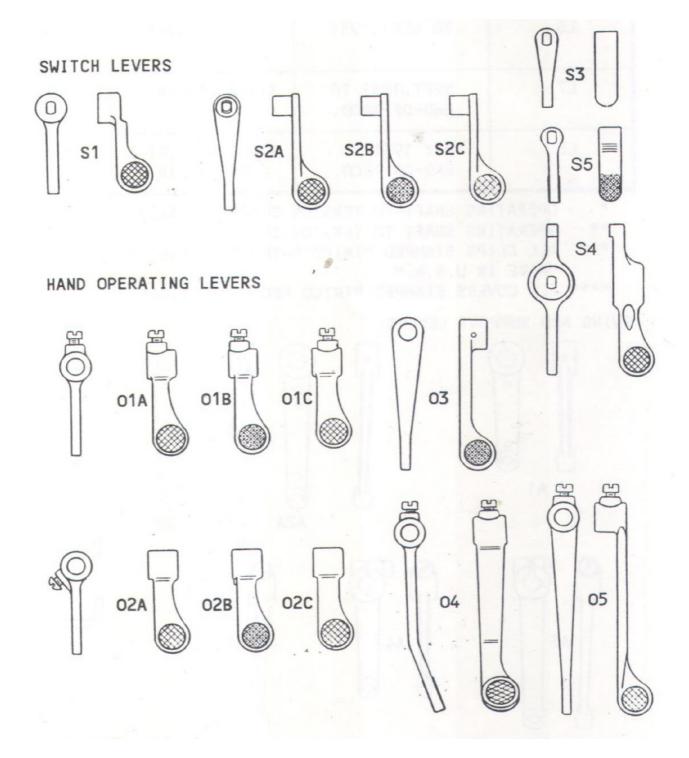
O-Lever O4 – for OD-O1 – was zinc finished with black enamel

O-Lever O5 – for OD-O2, O3, O4 – was nickel plated or black enameled zinc



Assortment of Swing Arm Supports and Levers

Switch Levers and Operating Levers





Types of Levers

Swing Arm Support Levers

Electric Wipers

Swing Arm Support Levers

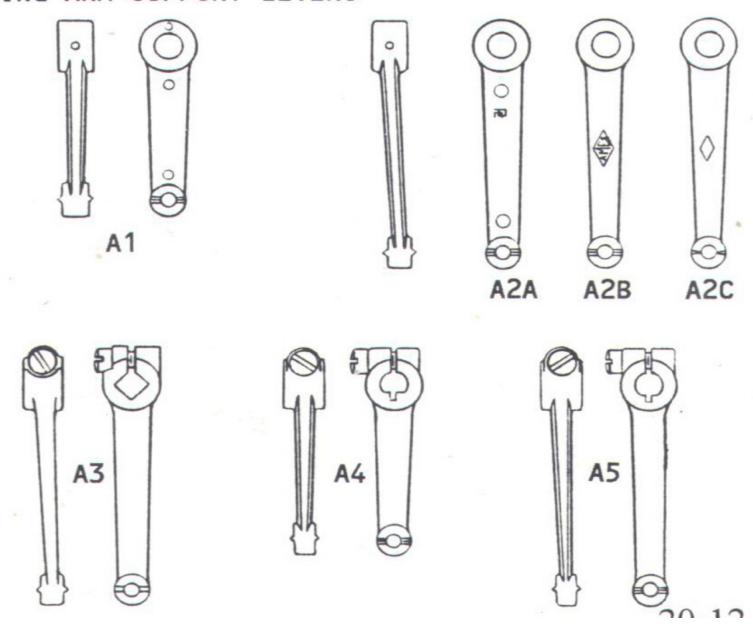
Closed Cars

A-Levers A1, A2A, and A2B were nickel plated zinc A-Lever A2C was polished aluminum A-Lever A3 (Town Car only) was nickel or chrome plated bronze

Open Cars

A-Lever A4 was zinc finished with black enamel A-Lever A5 was nickel plated or black enameled zinc

SWING ARM SUPPORT LEVERS



Swing Arm Supports



Swing Arm Supports



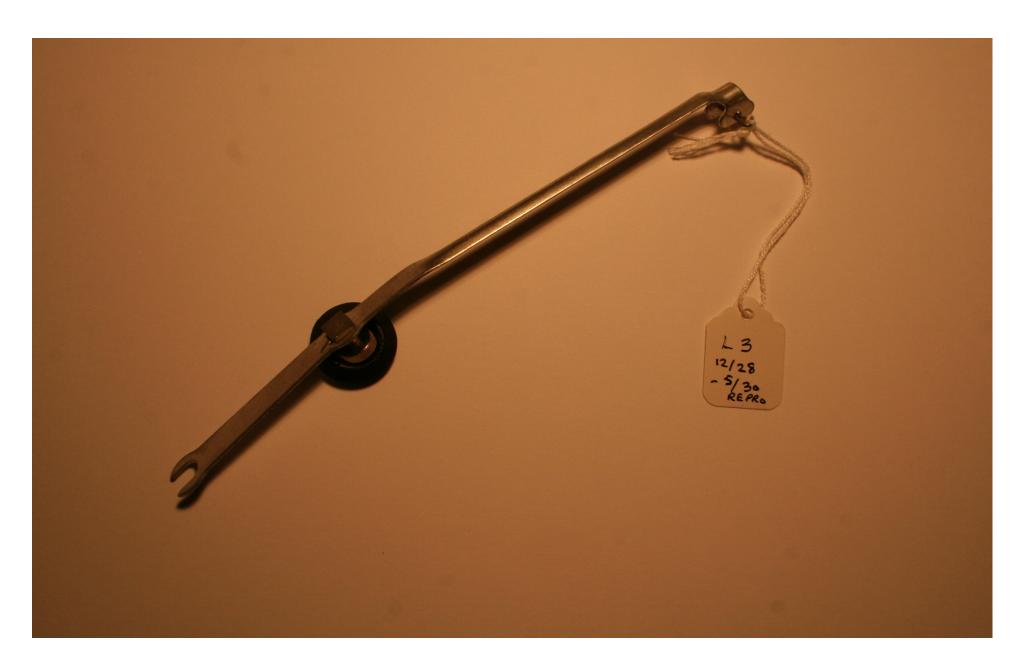
SWING ARM SUPPORT LEVER A3

Swing Arm

Electric Wipers and Vacuum Wipers

Manual wipers on Open cars through October 1928 – black enamel – 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches Manual wipers on Commercial cars through June 1930 – black enamel – 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches Manual wipers on Closed Commercial cars through June 1930

- black enamel 7 ¾ inches
- L1 all Closed cars through February 1928 wire arm black enamel 6 1/4 inches
- L2A all electrics to May 1928 spring steel, bright nickel 6 ½ inches
- L2B all electrics to October 1928 spring steel, chrome plated 6 ½ inches
- L2C OD-C1 and O1 to April 1929 spring steel, cadmium 6 ½ inches
- L3 All others December 1928 to May 1930 spring steel, cadmium 6 ½ inches
- L4A All closed cars w/ vacuum June 1929 to EOP wire arm, black enamel
 - 6 ¾ inches
- L4A All Open cars and AA w/ vacuum June 1930 to EOP wire arm, black enamel 6 ¾ inches
- L4B Deluxe Open cars and Cabriolet June 1930 to EOP wire arm, chrome 6 ³⁄₄ inches
- L5A SW Std and Fordor April 1931 to EOP wire arm, black enamel 8 1/4 inches
- L5B SW Town Sedan and Vicky October 1930 to EOP wire arm, chrome 8 1/4 inches
- L6 Standrive and Bus to September 1931 wire arm, black enamel 9 ¾ inches
- L7 Standrive and Bus to EOP wire arm, black enamel 9 ½ inches
- L8 SW Cabriolet and A400 May 1931 to EOP wire arm, chrome 7 1/4 inches







L4A





L5A



L5B



Wiper Blades

Electric Wipers and Vacuum Wipers

Manual wipers on Open cars through October 1928 – 2 layers - black enamel - 8 inches Manual wipers on Commercial cars through June 1930 – 2 layers – black enamel - 8 inches Manual wipers on Closed Commercial cars through June 1930 – 2 layers - black enamel – 8 inches (Upcoming change in Standards) E1- all Closed cars through February 1928 – single layer– polished aluminum -7% inches E2A - all Closed cars - to March 1928 – single layer – nickel / steel – 8 \(^3\)4 inches E2B - all Closed cars - April1928 to August 1928 – single layer – nickel / brass -8 1/4 inches E3 – all Closed cars – Sept 1928 to April 1929 – single layer – nickel / brass -8% inches E3 – all Open Cars – April 1929 to March 1929 – single layer – nickel / brass – 8 inches E4 – Open cars, Town Car, Closed cars w/ electric wipers – April 1929 to June 1930 - five layers - nickel with contoured top - $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches E5A – Closed cars with vacuum wipers – July 1929 to June 1930 - five layers - black enamel - Trico (2) - 8 ¼ inches E5B – Std Open cars and closed cars and commercial – June 1930 to EOP - five layers - black enamel - Trico (2) - 8 ¼ inches E5C – Deluxe Open cars and 190 A – June 1930 to EOP

- five layers - chrome plated - Trico (2) - 8 ¼ inches



E3 - Closed



E3 - Open



E4



E5A or E5B



E5C

Electric Wiper Connections

Open Cars
Single stranded wire with insulation surrounded by a spiral metal armor

Closed Cars
Conventional wire, black with blue tracer
Lacquered loom after 6/29

Routing depends on presence or absence of Dome Light

Vacuum Wiper Lines and Tubing

Look for 3/16 inch diameter <u>seamed</u> steel tubing or brass tubing

Located under the gas tank or windshield edge

Depending upon the model, tubing on Passenger's Side (Closed Cars) or Driver's Side (Open Car) ending just beyond the post

Check for black lacquered fabric tubing

Reproduction tubing has a circle of fabric embedded in the rubber or a molded fabric appearance on the outside



Replacement Tubing

Quiz Time

Is it the right part?

Or

Is it the wrong part?

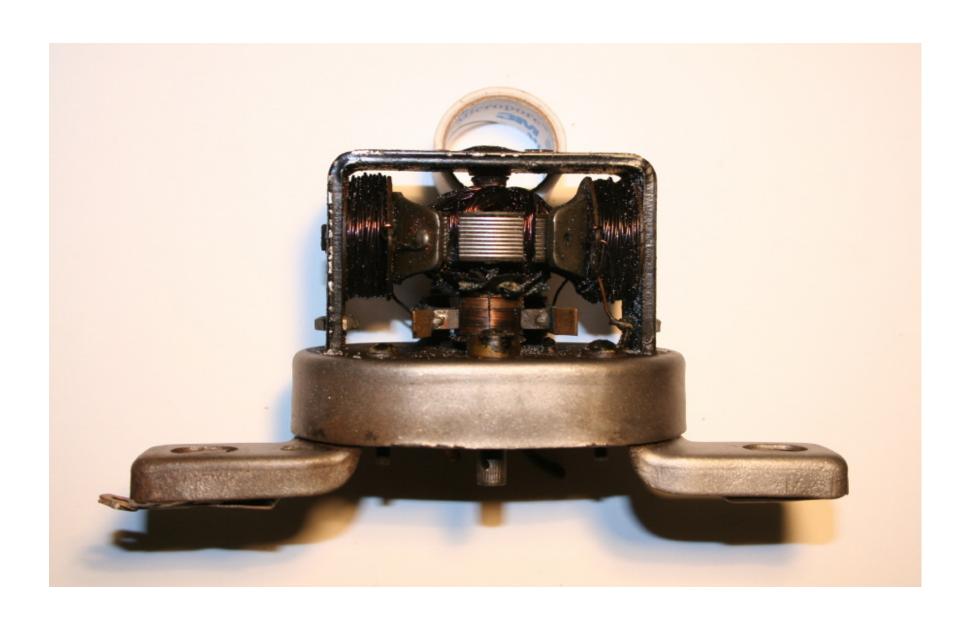




















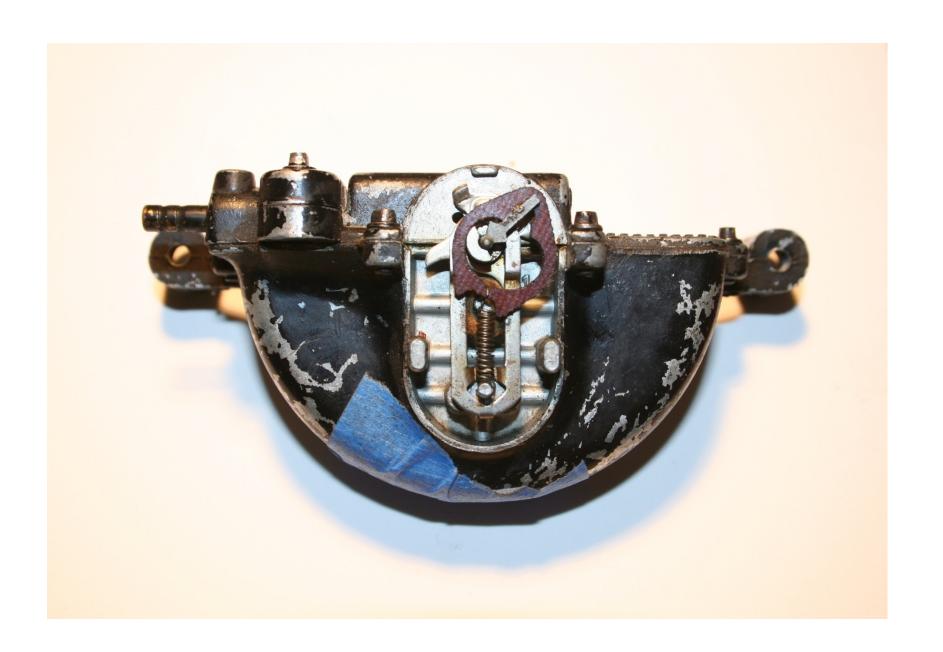














Judging the Model A Wiper

10 Points Total for Area 20

Weighing the Point Distribution

Operation – 4.0 points

Decreased points for poorer operation (4-3-2-1)

Correct Wiper Motor – 3.5 points

Correct Mounting Hardware – 0.5 point

Correct Arm, Switch Lever and Knob – 0.5 point

Correct Swing Arm and Support – 0.5 point

Correct Wiper Blade – 0.5 point

Correct Wiring or Vacuum Line, including hose – 0.5 point

Some Last Thoughts

Does it have the right blade?

Does it have the right blade?

Does it have the right have the right blade?

Does it have the right hose and line?

Are you ready? Remember to just have fun!