

Certificate of Authenticity

Lamp Bracket on Dash (1909-1914)

3655 - Lamp Bracket on Dash (R.H.)

3656 - Lamp Bracket on Dash (L.H.)

The part numbers assigned to these lamp brackets were 3655 for the right hand side bracket and 3656 for the left. These part numbers did not change from 1908 through the 1914 blade mounted lamp era. The early history of the lamp bracket is not well documented and drawings do not exist for the earliest design however, catalog pictures in the early parts book show that the first bracket design adopted on 9/8/08 appears to have been fabricated from sheet stock and used round mounting holes. It appears in the picture to have had some sort of protrusion bend in the edge of the bracket to prevent the lamp from sliding down onto the bracket. A non documented change occurred on 10/26/08. On 8/17/09 a note was added to the drawing indicating the direction of the grain of the steel. On 12/11/09 the blade dimensions for all lamp brackets including tail lamp brackets were standardized to a width at top of 1-5/16", width at bottom 1-3/8", thickness at top 3/16", thickness at bottom 7/32", and 1-7/8" height. These early parts may or may not have been brass plated but for sure on 6/21/10 the material was changed from steel to cold rolled steel, coppered, brass plated and polished. On 8/19/10 a new design was produced and on 10/12/10 this design was adopted. This newest design drawing has been studied and the part can be fully documented after 8/19/10. On 2/17/11 the part finish was changed from brass plated and polished to black enamel. On 9/30/12 the mounting holes were changed from 9/32" countersunk round to 9/32" square. Thus the brackets essentially had round countersunk holes for 1910-1912 models and square holes beginning with the 1913 model year. On 7/16/13 the lamp mounting blade dimensions were changed by making the blade 1/32" narrower at top and bottom of the blade. The lamp mounting brackets used from 8/19/10 used an offset "Z" bend in the bracket to prevent the lamp from sliding down the bracket. On 11/19/13 the design was simplified by removing this bend and adding a shoulder at the bottom of the blade for the lamp to sit on. This was the last of the separate style lamp bracket used. On 2/24/14 these brackets were superceded by a new design in which the lamp bracket was made an integral part of the lamp itself. These new integral lamp brackets resulted in a different hole placement on the dash thus making it necessary to have the dash change coordinated with the lamp bracket change. The new dash holes were vertically one above the other with the integral bracket lamp while the earlier lamp brackets had the dash mounting holes 17/32" offset from each other. Note that design change dates are used for this entire document and the actual change is likely not to have appeared on production cars for several months or more. It was the usual Ford practice to use up all old design parts before starting with new design. It appears that integral bracket type lamps began to appear on actual cars after July of 1914.

Reproduction Parts Notes:

3655/3656E3 Can be stripped and brass plated for use on late 1910 (8/19/10 Design date) through early 1911 (2/17/11 Design date).

3655/3656E3 - 1911-1912 Brackets are supplied in black gloss powder coated steel.

3655/3656E4 - 1913 Brackets are supplied in black gloss powder coated steel.

3655/3656 - 1914 Brackets are supplied in black gloss powder coated steel.

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