

# Archifacts

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This column will not necessarily appear in each issue of the *Model T Times* but rather may appear occasionally to present an *Archifact* - a piece of authentic (perhaps useless) Model T information that the author has found in some company or library archives.

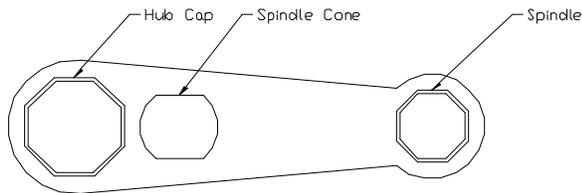
During a recent visit to the Henry Ford Museum I ran across the drawings for the "Hub Cap Wrench" which is known by the Factory Number T1349. The part number for this wrench is also 1349. Often the early tools maintained the Factory Number as the Part Number.

For almost if not all T parts there exists more than one place to research at the Henry Ford Museum. The drawings show the parts as per a particular change date but not all part drawings exist for each revision. Since most T parts have many many changes the place to look for a chronology of changes is the list of changes known informally as the "**releases**". The **releases** will often give a short description of the change that occurred on a given date and the **releases** are organized by Factory Number. In preparing this months column I consulted all available drawings for T1349 as well as the releases.

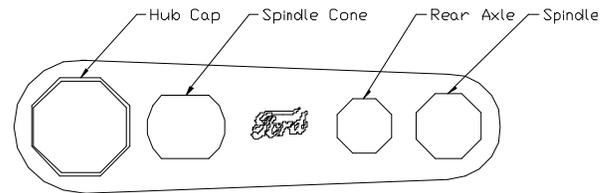
T1349 first was drawn up on 7/11/10 and adopted on that

day. It was redesigned on 9/23/10 but the earliest drawing that exists is dated 10/6/10. On 12/19/11 a hole was added for the Rear Axle nut and the outside shape was changed. It remained unchanged physically thru 1923 except that on 12/19/14 the vendors trademark was to be stamped at the center. On 7/19/20 the Ford script was to be added along with the vendor's trademark. Only a few weeks later on 8/11/20 the size of the Ford script was specified. (I guess somebody was making their trademark bigger than the Ford script)

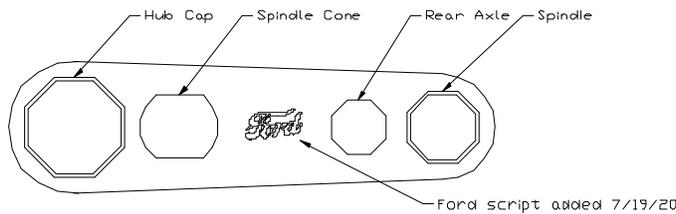
According to the releases the flanges were completely removed from the wrench on 10/11/23 and then on 8/1/24 the flange was added again to the big end. The drawings do not show this change however. Also the drawings indicate the "Spindle Cone" hole to have been tapered starting on 7/27/25 while the releases say this change occurred on 2/16/26



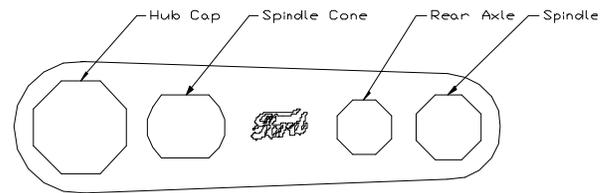
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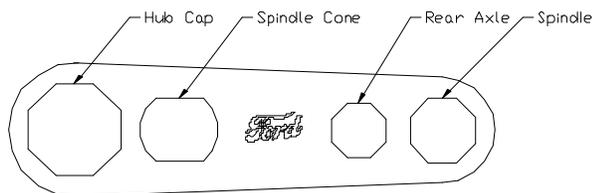
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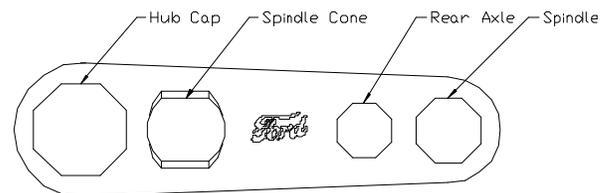
12/19/11 - 10/10/23



9/23/24 - 7/26/25



10/11/23 - 7/31/24 (see text)



7/27/25 - end of production (see text)