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**1948 LAND-ROVER AND UNIT NUMBERS**

INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE CONCERNED, SO THAT OUR SERVICE ORGANISATION MAY WORK TO THE GREATEST DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY.

The system of serial numbering 1948 Land-Rovers and units is similar to that used for the cars, and is explained in the tables on Sheet 2 of this bulletin.

All vehicles use the same series of numbers, but bear the prefix letter "R" or "L" on the vehicle and chassis numbers, "R" indicating a right-hand drive model and "L" left-hand drive. Unit numbers (engine and front axle) carry the prefix "L" on left-hand drive vehicles as they differ in design from the right-hand drive pattern.

It is most essential that the prefix letter be quoted in addition to the vehicle number on spare parts orders for all models, as it is the only indication to our Spares Department that the vehicle design is to the right or left-hand specification, as the case may be.

THE VEHICLE NUMBER should be quoted in all correspondence. It will be found stamped on a PLATE ON THE ENGINE SIDE OF THE SCUTTLE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, exposed when the bonnet top panel is lifted.

THE CHASSIS NUMBER is stamped on the top of the left-hand front engine bearer bracket. It is the same as the vehicle number.

THE ENGINE NUMBER is stamped at the top front of the cylinder block on the left-hand side, adjacent to the water pump.

THE MAIN GEARBOX NUMBER is stamped on the right-hand side of the gearbox casing.

THE TRANSFER CASE NUMBER is stamped on top of the casing.

THE TRANSFER BOX NUMBER is stamped on top of the casing.

THE REAR AXLE NUMBER is stamped on top of the axle casing on the left-hand side.

THE FRONT AXLE NUMBER is stamped on top of the axle casing on the left-hand side.

The purpose of the engine, gearbox and axle serial numbers is to enable our Spares Department to determine at what point mid-season alterations have taken place, if any. They should not be quoted when ordering spare parts unless specially asked for, as we can identify them from Vehicle Records, providing the VEHICLE NUMBER IS GIVEN.

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**EXPLANATION OF VEHICLE NUMBERING SYSTEM**

**EXAMPLE.**

LAND-ROVER No.	L	8	6	1	0	2	5
	Left-hand	Year of	Land Rover	Actual			
	drive	manufacture		Vehicle			
	model	(1948)		Serial No.			

It will be seen from the example that in the vehicle number the prefix "R" or "L" denotes a right- or left-hand drive model; the first figure is constant (8) and indicates year; the second figure is constant and denotes "Land-Rover"; and the last four figures indicate the actual serial number of the vehicle.

**ALWAYS GIVE THE COMPLETE VEHICLE NUMBER WHEN ORDERING SPARE PARTS.**

Model.	Vehicle No.	Engine No.	Gearbox No.	Rear Axle No.	Front Axle No.
R.H.D. Land-Rover	R860001 onwards	860001 onwards	860001 onwards	860001 onwards	860001 onwards
L.H.D. Land-Rover	L860001 onwards		L860001 onwards		L860001 onwards

**EXTRA EQUIPMENT**

Extra units supplied with the vehicle, such as rear power take-off, front winch, etc., are each numbered in the series 860001 onwards.

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