

G503 WWII 1942 Ford GPW Jeep History

The G503 WWII 1942 Ford GPW Jeep has an important place in history. Here some interesting notes about the Jeep history for this time period.

Ford Contracts
Ford had 5 contracts with the Government to build the Willys/Bantam design jeep. They were as follows: (summarized from Nabholtz information)

Contract #	Serial #	Date of Delivery	How Many?(Approx)
F-1	1-15000	Feb 42-Apr 42	15,000
F-2	15001-78146	Apr 42-Nov 42	63,147
F-3	78147-101304	Nov 42-Mar 43	23,158
F-4	101305-179758	Mar 43-Jan 44	78,454
F-4 Ext 1	179759-226205	Jan 44-Oct 44	46,447
F-4 Ext 2	225206-252741	Oct 44-Feb 45	26,536
F-5	252742-277878	Feb 45-July 45	25,136
Total:			277,878

	<p>A Jeep produced in 1942 could be under one of three contracts: Contract F-1, F-2 and part of F-3 Serial numbers: 1-89380</p>
	<p>Jeeps Under Contract F-1 Serial # 1-15000 Features: Bumber: MB Type Frame: MB type Tires: Firestone Ground Grip angled tread Springs: GPW type Bolted Rebound Clips. Other Characteristics: Steering: Early Black Type Standard Windshield Hood: No air deflector but six dimples so can be drilled for MB Rubber: Firewall Grommets, Hood Blocks, Floor Seals and Boots, Glove box seal, tail light grommets Body: Ford Script, Willys style tool box lids Starter/Generator: Ford Clutch Housing: Early MB type Transmission: Right side fill and drain plugs Regulator/Distributor: Autolite Windshield to Dash clamps: Brass Locking glove box Clutch/Brake Pedals Shaft: Brass plated on the wearing surface (Early GPWs only) Muffler: Early type Round</p>

	<p>Nabholtz documentation states that the F-1 Contract jeep is a difficult jeep to restore. The reason was Ford was given this contract before the war officially started for the US, so they were unsure if there would be any follow up contracts. Therefore, they obtained parts from Willys, such as the Bumper, Frame and some Engine heads</p> <p>F-1 Contract Production by Month</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Serial Number</th> <th>How Many?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jan 42</td> <td>1-77</td> <td>77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 42</td> <td>78-2195</td> <td>2117</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 42</td> <td>2196-11115</td> <td>8919</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr 42</td> <td>11116-15000</td> <td>3884</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Serial Number	How Many?	Jan 42	1-77	77	Feb 42	78-2195	2117	Mar 42	2196-11115	8919	Apr 42	11116-15000	3884
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	<p>F-1 Production by Manufacturing Plants</p> <p>Dearborn,MI 4,875 Chester, 2,500 Dallas,TX: 2500 Louisville, KY: 2,625 Richmond,CA: 2500</p>															

	<p> F-2 Contract distinct features: Gages- Ford made with wide indicator hands Temperature Gage: Autolite Speedometer: Early type with Long indicator hand Choke/Throttle Controls: Metal w/raised letters Light switch knobs: engraved letters white filled Body: Ford Shift boots: Leather Safety strap eyebolts: Horizontal position Ignition switch: Key type Steering wheel: Olive Drab plastic Glove Box Seal: rubber gasket cemented on, push button type Windshield to Dash Clamp: Standard type Windshield Glass: glossy prints Ford logos lower outboard corners Suppression: Ford type filter on dash left of glove box Engine Color: Tractor gray Fuel Filter: Bowl Cad Plate Radiator: Olive Drab Fan: Black Hood: GPW construction, reinforced channel </p>
	<p> Air cleaner: Black Air tube: Black sometimes OD Oil filter: Black, and drained inboard Distributor: Autolite (not dustproof) Oil Filter Bracket: Felt Grommets Radiator hoses: Rubber Regulator: Autolite, cork gasket (later changed to rubber) Coil : Inline suppressor </p>

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<table border=1><tr><td>Month</td><td>Serial Number</td><td>How Many?</td></tr><tr><td>May 42</td><td>22275-31198</td><td>8,923</td></tr><tr><td>Jun 42</td><td>31199-41960</td><td>10,761</td></tr><tr><td>Jul 42</td><td>41961-52355</td><td>10,394</td></tr><tr><td>Aug 42</td><td>52356-61156</td><td>8,800</td></tr><tr><td>Sep 42</td><td>61157-68844</td><td>7,687</td></tr><tr><td>Oct 42</td><td>68845-76052</td><td>7,207</td></tr><tr><td>Nov 42</td><td>76053-78146</td><td>2,093</td></tr></table></p>
	<p>F-2 Production by Manufacturing Plants Dearborn,MI 14,021 Chester, 16,256 Dallas,TX: 11,551 Louisville, KY: 11,315 Richmond,CA: 10,003</p>
	<p>F-3 Contract distinct Features Trailer Socket added Generator: Autolite Distributor: Autolite Regulator: Autolite Tires: Goodrich</p>

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	<p>F-3 Production by Manufacturing Plants Edgewater 740 Chester, 1,817 Dallas, TX: 6,720 Louisville, KY: 8,471 Richmond, CA: 5,410</p>