

Identifying a Fordson Major

By Brian Dye

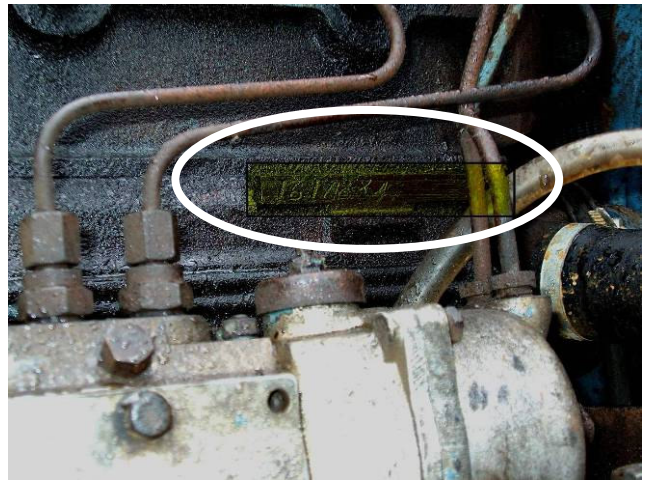
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Serial Number Locations

Either behind the starter motor or under injector #1.



Behind starter motor



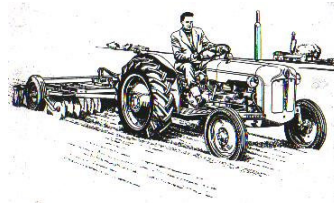
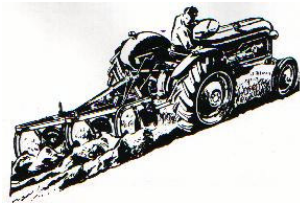
Under injector #1

Casting Code Locations

Casting codes are on all major castings and give the date on which the component was cast. Whilst these on their own cannot date your tractor, they give a good clue to when she was assembled.

Perhaps the easiest to find is the one near the clutch linkage.



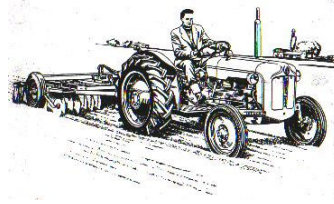
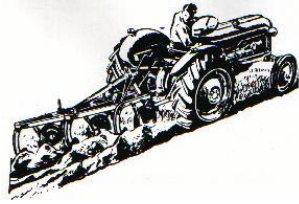


The one on the block is under the manifold, near the dynamo/alternator. This one stands for August 19, 1962.



On Henrietta the casting code on the axle follows a slightly different format. Date/month/year = 18th June 1952.



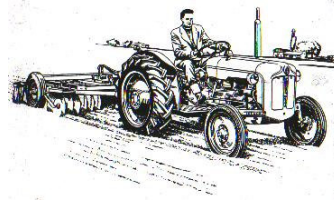
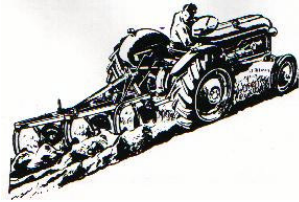


The number on the hydraulics, under the seat. August 18th, 1952.



The serial Number can also be found on a plate on the front of the firewall behind the engine.





The registration documents can tell a different tale however. According to Henrietta's, she was not registered until 1954. This means that her first owner did not use her on the road until then.

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For use by Registration Authority only

WARNING
AN ENTRY ON PAGE 9 OR 10 CANNOT BE RELIED UPON AS EVIDENCE THAT A VEHICLE IS CURRENTLY LICENSED

ANNUAL RATE £315.-
MONTHLY RATE £

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Note: Annual Rate of Duty Quarterly .. £ 2/10/3

EXTRACT FROM REGISTRATION PARTICULARS

Index Mark and No. DJE 150

(a) Taxation Class *Agric* ~~120000~~
(b) Make *Fordson*
(c) Colour
(d) Type of Body
(e) Proposed by *Peter Paraffin*
(f) MANUFACTURER'S:-
Description of Vehicle *Major*
Chassis Type Letter & No. *8010 B*
Type or Model
Engine No. *1235924*
Frame No. (Cycle)
(g) Rating
(h) Seating Capacity
(i) Unladen Weight tons cwt. lbs.
(j) Date of original registration *31 JAN 1954*

DATE STAMP AND INITIALS OF ISSUING OFFICER

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RECORD OF LICENCES ISSUED

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