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What is the definition for the AR in the Model A Ford?

AR is the common term some people use for the early 1928 Model A's. It is really **not** the correct name, but many people use it to identify the early 1928 (before mid 28). The early 1928 should be called the early 1928 Model A Ford. The AR is the suffix in the print part numbers. There are also AR suffix on 1929, 1930 and 1931 Model "A" parts part numbers.

Wheel Group: **A-1000 to A-1999** includes Wheel, Hubs and Brake Drums, Wheel Carriers and related parts.

A-1015-A as an example. The A prefix means that the parts are related to the Model A Ford. The 1015 means it is a part number for the Model A Ford Wheel. The A suffix means it is a print level change level.

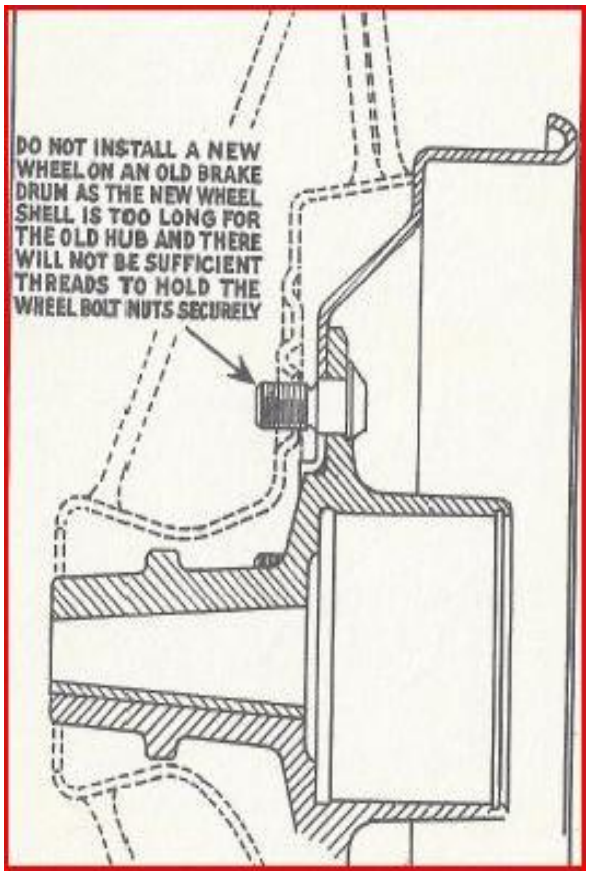
A-1015.....Wheel assembly number before it was released into production.
A-1015-A.....approved level by engineering and it went into production.
A-1015-AR.....first half 1928 21inch Wheel come out of production and it becomes a Ford Factory "Replacement" part. "A" suffix means it's the first released design level of that part, and "R" means it must be held for REPAIRS and SERVICE and is a Ford Factory "**R**eplacement" part. The changed part won't work and it is no longer used in later production of the part.

You can also have a BR or CR part level change when it was no longer used in production. It just depends on how many changes were made.

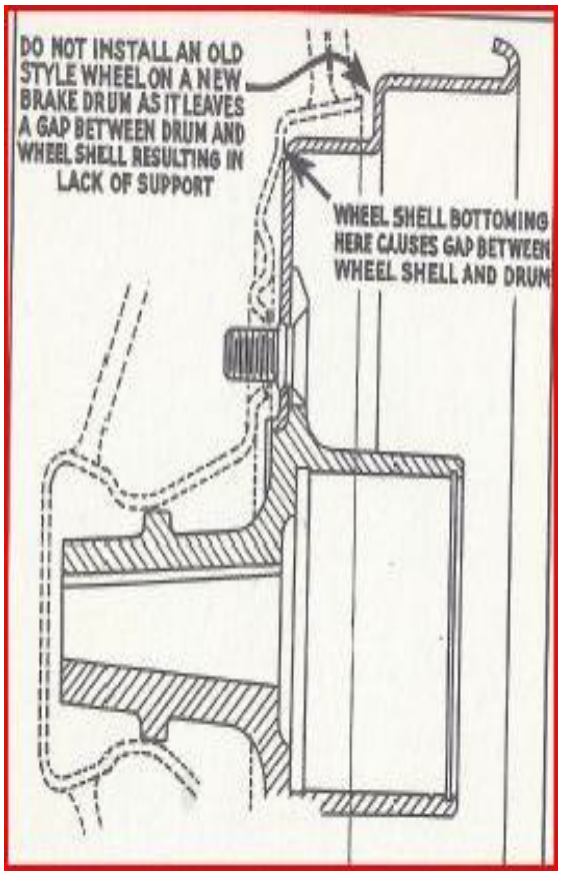
A-1015-B.....Major change in design. Mid 1928-1929 21"
A-1015-BR.....Wheel come out of production end of 1929.
A-1015-D.....Major change 1930-1931 19" wheel

"C" style must have been a design that didn't make it to production?

The "R" suffix again showing that it was no longer used in production, but available through service for the late 1928 and the 1929 as a Model A Ford Factory "**R**eplacement" part.



Late A-1015-B 1929 Wheel

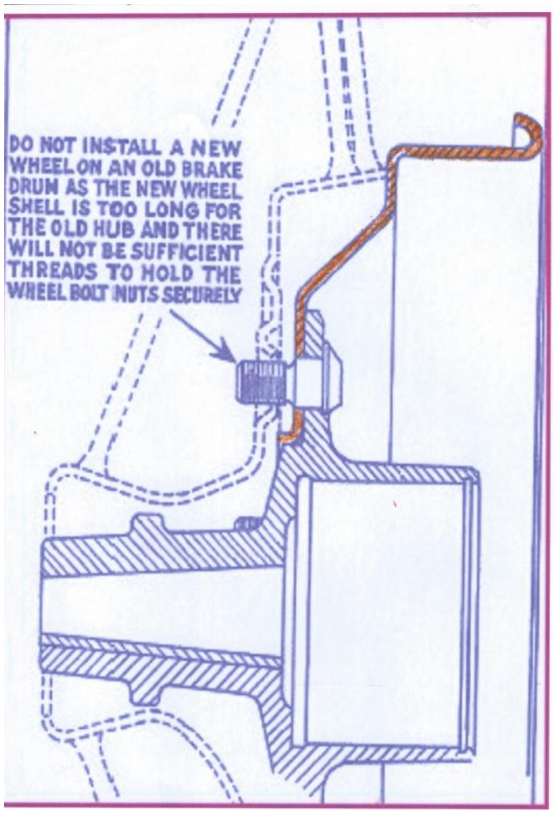


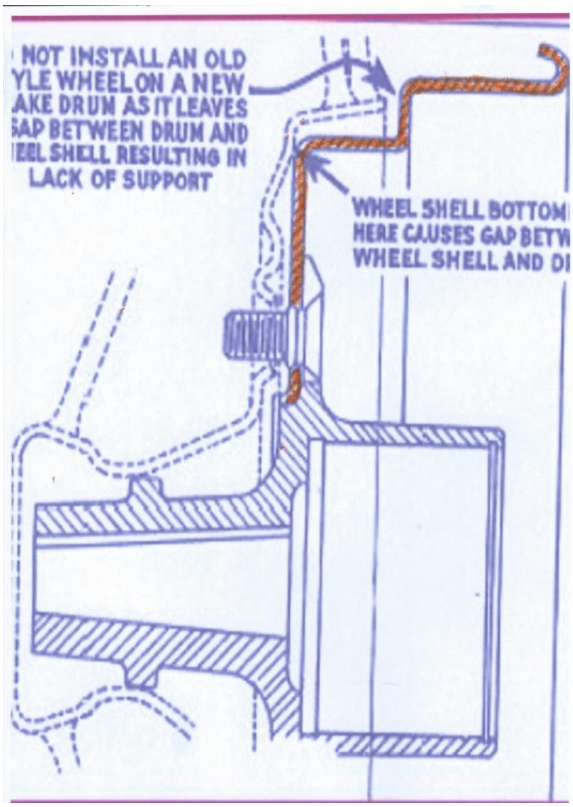
Early A-1015-A 1928 Wheel

The later 1928 wheels aren't going to fit right on the early 1928's due to the wheel hub difference in depth.

Why did they stop making the early A-1015-A Wheel?

In mid 1928 a new brake system with separate emergency brakes was introduced. The new brake system necessitated a change in the "HUB" brake drum, which in turn made an engineering change to the center of the late 1928" wheels necessary.



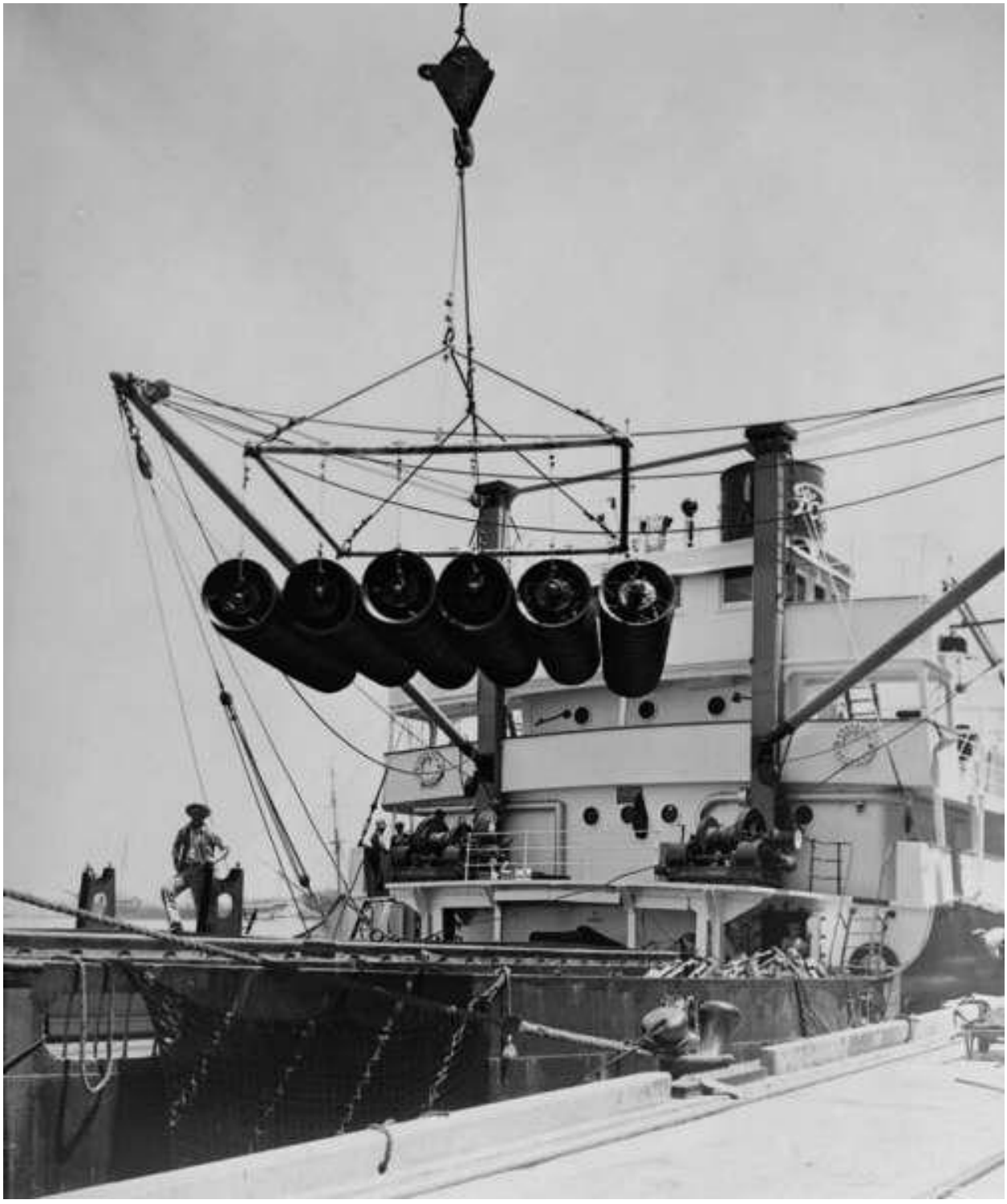


A-1115-AR Hub

A-1115-B2 Hub

What does the B2 in the A-1115-B2 Hub part number stand for?

The letter B is for the part print level change and the 2 is that there were two manufactures for the A-1115-B2 hub. The one manufacture could not meet production numbers so another manufacture was used so they could keep up production.



PART NUMBER SYSTEM CODES

When Ford began vehicle production with his earlier vehicles such as the Model T, he developed a "Part Numbering System" which carried into the model A/AA era. It was designed for the "convenience in the listing and ordering of Model "A" and "AA" parts. Groups of numbers are assigned to the various assemblies. Parts used on passenger cars carry the prefix "A". Parts used on trucks carry the prefix "AA". When a part is used on both the passenger car and truck it carries the prefix "A". Each assembly and its part fall into a definite numerical group. Each of these groups are listed below.":

GROUP TYPE: A and AA	PART NUMBERS
Wheel Group: Wheel, Hubs and Brake Drums, Wheel Carriers and related parts.	A-1000 to A-1999
Brake Group: Service Brake, Service Brake Controls, Emergency Brake, Hand Brake Lever (Side), Hand Brake Lever (Center), Emergency Brake Control and related parts.	A-2000 to A-2999
Front Axle and Steering Group: Front Axle, Steering Gear and related parts.	A-3000 to A-3999
Rear Axle Group: Rear Axle, Coupling Shaft, Dual High and related parts.	A-4000 to A-4999
Frame Group: Frame, Battery Support, Muffler, Front Spring, Rear Spring, Towing Clevis Model 229A, and related parts.	A-5000 to A-5999
Engine Group: Cylinder, Pistons, Connecting Rods, Camshaft, Crankshaft, Flywheel, Valves, Oil Pump, Oil Pan, Engine Pan and related parts.	A-6000 to A-6999
Transmission (3 and 4 Speed) and Clutch Group: Transmission, Gear Shift, Clutch and related parts.	A-7000 to A-7999
Cooling System Group: Radiator, Water Pump, Fan and related parts.	A-8000 to A-8999
Fuel System Group: Cowl, Manifold, Carburetor, Spark and Throttle Controls and related parts.	A-9000 to A-9999
Electrical Equipment Group: Generator, Battery, Ammeter, Starter Motor, Starter Drive, Starter Switch, Ignition and Lighting Switches, Instrument Panel, Ignition Coil, Distributor, Condenser, Head Lamp, Fender Lamp, Cowl Lamp, Rear Lamp and License Bracket, Instrument Panel Lamp, Dome Lamp, Horn, Wiring, Terminals, Wiring Clamps, Supports, Etc., and related parts.	A-10000 to A-15999
Fender Group: Front Fenders, Rear Fenders, Running Boards and Shields, and Hood and related parts.	A-16000 to A-16999
Special Equipment Group: Tools, Speedometer, Windshield Wipers (Vacuum and Electric), Rear View Mirror, Bumper, Shock Absorber, Wind Wings, and Accessories and related parts.	A-17000 to A-19999
Standard Parts: Bolts and Machine Screws.	A-20025 to A-21320