



Hurst/Olds Club of America established 1983

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1983 Hurst/Olds Spotter Tips

The Hurst/Olds is a limited production car built by Oldsmobile and Hurst Performance in 10 select years from 1968 to 1988. In 1983, the 15th Anniversary Hurst/Olds was introduced. There was only one exterior color, it was black with a wide silver band on the lower edge accented with a red stripe. They were built on the Cutlass Calais body with a 180hp 307 engine. The 3001 H/O's built was the largest number to date. Air conditioning was mandatory on all cars and a choice of three different interiors was offered.

- Fisher Body tag is located under the hood and on the cowl above the power brake booster area. It will decode as follows:

ST D	Year of car 1983
O2A	Build date code-Example is February (02), 1 st week (A)
3	Oldsmobile Division
GR	Cutlass Calais
47	2-door Coupe
M	Built in Michigan, Lansing Plant
_____	BODY Fisher Body sequential #
19L	Black paint, lower body
19U	Black paint, upper body
Lacquer	Type of paint, lacquer
77C	Interior: Dark Maple Cloth, (77R-Dark Maple Vinyl; 60C-Light Sand Grey Cloth)
AR9	Reclining Bucket Seats
CC1	Removable Roof Panels *NOTE- There may be several additional codes in this area for additional options
W40	Hurst/Olds Option

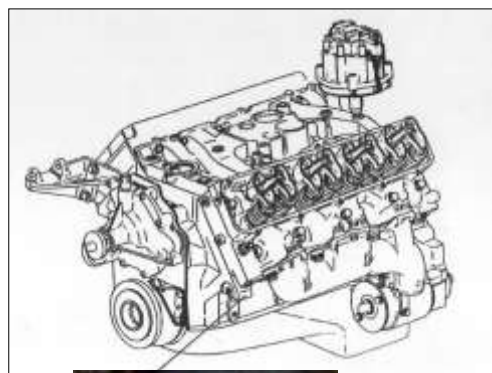


NOTE- Letter/number combination in lower left corner is unknown and different on every tag

- The VIN is located on the dash and in front of the driver. It is viewed from outside, through the windshield. It will have the following: **1**- USA; **G**-General Motors; **3**-Oldsmobile Division; **A**- Non-passive manual seat belts; **K**- Cutlass Calais Body; **47** – 2-door Coupe; **9**- 307 Hurst Option; **X**-check digit used to verify VIN has been correctly recorded; **D**- 1983; **M**- Lansing, Michigan assembly plant; _____ - Six digit sequential number from Oldsmobile.

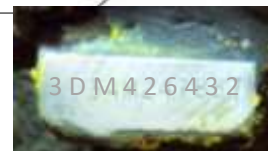


- All engines were a 307cid with four-barrel engine, casting # 3161-5A – and painted GM Corporate black. Federal regulations required that all auto assembly plants stamp the VIN from the car onto the engine that is being installed at the assembly plant. On an Oldsmobile V8 engine the stamping location is as indicated in the diagram. The code will be as follows:



3	Indicates Oldsmobile Division
D	Model year 1983
M	Built in Lansing
_____	Last 6 numbers of the VIN

The stamping is on the small smooth pad on the block and is seen from the driver's side. Some of the stamped digits are angled rather than a block style. It is below the cylinder head, behind the power steering pump and difficult to see.



- Cylinder heads were cast with a 5A them. The casting letter is located on the front of left cylinder head and rear of right cylinder head.
- The intake manifold has a casting of 22504068 and is aluminum. It is painted black like the engine.

- The distributor used was stamped with 1103457, and is located on the housing.
- The cars had a Rochester Quadrajet 4 barrel carburetor. They were stamped with 17083553. The stamping is on the driver's side of the unit. (photo at near right).
- The transmission used was a 200R4 model. It has a blue tag located on the right side of the unit and mounted vertically. The tag is coded as an OZ. On the left side of the transmission housing, the VIN is stamped into the case using the same information as the engine block. (photo upper right)
- The interior of the Hurst/Olds was fitted with a Lightning Rod Hurst shifter into the standard Oldsmobile console. The bucket seats are the reclining style. There was an H/O 15th anniversary emblem on the dash. All H/O's had gauges with a tach, sport steering wheel and a quartz clock.
- The exterior black paint was accented with a wide lower gray stripe with a rough stone guard finish and red striping. It has a front lower air dam, non-functional hood scoop and rear deck spoiler. The bezels on the headlamps, tail lamps and back-up lights are all black. The package also included Hurst/Olds 15th Anniversary decals on the front fenders and trunk lid, a special license plate and header emblem.
- The rims are Oldsmobile's 15" SSII chrome rims with an argent gray center and a red pin stripe.



Note: The Hurst/Olds Club of America has a list of VIN's for this production year. Additional information can be obtained from Judy Badgley, Research Librarian at djbadgley@gmail.com.

Sources: *Cars & Parts Catalog of Oldsmobile 4-4-2 and Oldsmobile Numbers Swap Meet Guide* by Dennis Mothershed, Trevor Badgley 1983 Hurst/Olds adviser, Glen Woodby and the Hurst/Oldsmobile Club of

America Research Library,

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Cars & Concepts, owner of Hurst Performance did their portion of the 1983 conversion Brighton, Michigan. The basic H/O's were still assembled at the Lansing Oldsmobile plant but then they were transferred via truck transport to Brighton for the Hurst transformation. The basic H/O was converted by installing the hood scoop, rear spoiler and air dam; install the Lightning Rod shifters in the original Oldsmobile console; applying the 15th anniversary decals and emblems.