This document will look at identification of Lucas distributors.

Background: All Lucas distributors have identification numbers stamped on the side. These numbers include two important pieces of information: the service number and date of manufacture.

The distributor manufacture date is in week/year format and can give a rough guide to the date of manufacture of the vehicle it came from.

Deciphering the codes:

40897 is the service number for the 25D4 used in early MGB’s, 163 is the date code for 1st week of 1963

40819 is the 23D4 for all early Mini Cooper S models, this one manufactured 8th week of 1966

This information is relevant to all Ferguson Lucas distributors.

 

The same identification is also used on some capacitors.