

# Ignition Parts for Airflow Cars

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*"I see by the Sears Roebuck catalogue that it is still possible to buy an axle for a 1909 Model T Ford, but I am not deceived.*

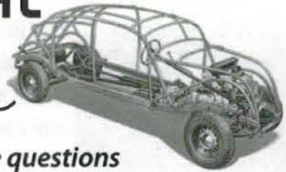
*The great days have faded, the end is in sight"*

From "Farewell To Model T" by Lee Strout White written in 1936 only 11 years after Model T production ended.

It is remarkable that, in 2016 nearly 80 years after Airflow automobile production ended, some replacement parts for these cars are still in production, albeit that these electrical and brake parts, roller bearings and seals etc. were used on other cars, as well as industrial, marine and farm equipment well after 1937. Nevertheless no doubt in our case today "... the end is in sight."

It's been some years since Sorensen, Filko, and other minor suppliers of aftermarket ignition parts departed the scene. Then some years ago Autolite/Prestolite and Delco Remy, OEM suppliers that also served the aftermarket discontinued their offerings. More recently Standard Motor Products (SMP) which supplied this market under the "Standard" and premium "Blue Streak" brands acquired the Borg Warner ignition parts line as well as Niehoff and Echlin the supplier to NAPA. SMP changed the "Borg Warner" brand to "BWD", and after awhile discontinued the "Niehoff" brand and products. Today SMP continues to provide the "Standard," "BWD" and "Echlin" product lines to the mar-

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ket place through different retail chains and independent outlets. These items appear in many cases to be identical, but in others, specifically contact sets, there are differences. SMP is slowly curtailing the "Blue Streak" line, however the "Standard" ignition contact sets for the Autolite distributors used on Airflow cars are still the superior "Blue Streak" design with its unique felt cam-oiling wiper. (This writer believes that the NAPA Echlin points, if not as good as the Blue Streak points, are superior to the BWD and ordinary "Standard" points as supplied for Airflow distributors.)

Airflow Distributors			
Car Make	Car Model	Distributor Make	Distributer Model
Chrysler	CU	Delco Remy	661S
"	CV, CX	"	661T
"	CW	"	661Z
"	C2, C3	"	665B, 665C
"	C1	Autolite	IGT4001, IGT4001B
"	C9, C10, C11	"	IGT4001C, IGT4001E
"	C17	"	IGT4001E
DeSoto	SE	Delco Remy	644W
"	SG	Autolite	IGS4001, IGS4001A-1
"	S2	"	IGS4006-1, IGS4006A-1

Airflow Spark Plugs	Aluminum Head	Cast Iron Head
Original Equip.		
CU,CV,CX,CW,CY, C2,C3,C10,C11	691690 AC# SL9	
C1		691672 AC# K9
C9	691690 AC# SL9	691672 AC# K9
C17	691673 Ch# H10	
SE, SG, S2		691672 AC# K9
2016 Aftermarket		
Autolite	216	295
Champion	844	841
	854 resistor type*	
AC	45L or C45L**	46 or C46**
	* use w/ radio	
	** These AC plugs are now obsolete. The C is for truck.	

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A very recent action I have noted in the SMP outfit is a new identical online catalog format for "Standard" and "BWD" parts. In both cases Airflow cars are no longer in the search system. NADA (Echlin) has its own online catalog which encompasses all NAPA's products and still brings up the Airflows in the search function at this time, but it seems to miss some items. NAPA also sells their parts on line. All SMP items carry a 3-year 36,000 mile warranty except those noted in the following chart as Economy level — these carry a 1-year 12,000 mile warranty. In the case of condensers the writer urges buyers to stick with the better quality since there are many reports today of short condenser life.)

Wells is an old independent company that was once a strictly OEM supplier (I believe). It claims that all its parts are OEM quality level. In addition to the "Wells" brand, they supply these parts to AutoZone under the "Duralast" private brand.

All spark plugs are non-resistor type except as shown. Only if your car has a radio should you require resistor-type plugs but these are available from Champion.

Include in this article are three charts showing distributor application, distributor parts and spark plugs listed by car model. Although these parts are all currently offered, they will sooner or later be discontinued, nevertheless these charts will remain helpful in searching e-Bay and other NOS sources.

Airflow Distributor Parts					
	Cap	Rotor	Points	Condenser	Breaker Plate Lead Wire
<b>CU, CV, CX, C2, C3</b>					
Delco Remy	1837974	1836893	1871869	1869704	—
Delco short #	DR196	DR142	?	D218	—
Standard	DR196	DR142	DR1823	DR60	—
BWD	C12	D80	A61	G102A	—
NAPA Echlin	RR100	RR99	CS779A	RR174	—
NAPA Mileage + <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	RR174SB	—
Wells, Duralast	DR928	DR905	DR1066MV <sup>3</sup>	U1505	—
<b>C1, C9, C10, C11, C17</b>					
Autolite	IGP1003	IGP1016	IGP3028A	IG2671G C17 IG3927	IGT11A
Standard	AL493	AL99	AL5661X	AL111	ADL18
Standard Economy <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	AL111T	—
BWD	C124	D104	A70	G124	DL76
BWD Economy <sup>1</sup>	—	D104P	—	—	—
NAPA Echlin	AL66	AL65	CS709	AL869	LW43
NAPA Echlin HD	—	AL6500	—	—	—
NAPA Mileage + <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	AL869SB	—
Wells, Duralast	AL944	MA903	AL1022MV <sup>3</sup>	AL1531	F810
Wells Premium	—	AL923	—	—	—
<b>SE</b>					
Delco Remy	824735	820445	1857957	1869704	—
Delco Short #	D301	—	—	D218	—
Standard	DR413	DR158	DR227P <sup>2</sup>	DR60	—
BWD	C16	D10	A40	G102A	—
NAPA Echlin	RR95	RR83	CS63A	RR174	—
NAPA Echlin HD	—	—	CS763A	—	—
NAPA Mileage + <sup>1</sup>	—	RR83SB	CS763SB	RR174SB	—
Wells, Duralast	DR944	DR937	DR1050MV <sup>3</sup>	U1505	—
<b>SG, S2</b>					
Autolite	IGC1107S	IGS1016	IGP3028A	IG3927G	?
Standard	AL96	AL98	AL5661X	AL111	?
Standard Economy <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	AL111T	—
BWD	C123	D103	A70	G124	?
NAPA Echlin	AL63	AL62	CS709	AL869	?
NAPA Mileage + <sup>1</sup>	AL63SB	—	—	AL869SB	—
Wells, Duralast	AL930	AL923	AL1022MV <sup>3</sup>	AL1531	?

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Item	CV	C-2	C-10	C-17
Points				
Delco	1871869	1871869		
Autolite			IGP3028A	IGP3028A
Echlin	CS779A	CS779A	CS709	CS709
Condenser				
Autolite			IG3927	IG3927
Delco	1869704	1869704		
Niehoff	DR-30	DR-30	AL-88	AL-88
Echlin	RR-174	RR-174	AL869	AL869
Rotor				
Autolite			IGP1016B	IGP1016B
Delco	1836893	1836893		
Niehoff	DR-45	DR-45	AL-86	AL-86
Echlin	CS779A	CS779A	AL65	AL65
Distributor Cap				
Autolite			IGP1003	IGP1003
Delco	1837974	1837974		
Niehoff	DR-27	DR-27	AL-87	AL-87
Echlin	RR-100	RR-100	AL66	AL66
Coil				
Autolite			CE3224JS	CE3224JS
Delco	1855557	1855557		
Niehoff	Type C	Type C	Type O	Type O
Echlin			IC-85	IC-85
Generator				
Autolite			GAR4608B5	GC04801-C
Delco	935G	935G		
Echlin			U9330 or U9320	9325
Wiper Motor				
Echlin		KSB 334 (Rt)	KSB 334 (Rt)	KSB 289 (Rt)
		KSB 333 (Lt)	KSB 333 (Lt)	KSB 290 (Lt)
Light Bulbs (all)				
Headlights	Mazda	2331		
Parking		55		
Stop & Tail	1158			
Instrument		63		
Reading		87		

*This parts list was supplied through the collection of Don Seeley.*