

# Added and Removed Firestone Part Numbers from Catalog

## Items Removed From the Previous Catalog

Bellows No.	Assembly No.	Notes	Bellows No.	Assembly No.
1T15L-2	W01-358-8907		1T15V-3	W01-358-9576
1T15M-4	W01-358-9691		1T15VLT-10.5	W01-358-9580
1T15M-6	W01-358-9084		26C	W01-358-7503
1T15M-9	W01-358-9130	USE 9394	22C	W01-358-6850
1T15M-9	W01-358-9241	USE 9394	233-2	W01-358-7784
1T15TQ-1	W01-358-5774		203C	W01-358-7510
1T15TQ-5	W01-358-5800			

# **Cross References**

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### Items Added to the Current Catalog

Bellows No.	Assembly No.	Bellows No.	Assembly No.
1T14CB-1	W01-358-8872	1T15M-11	W01-M58-9668
1T14C-5	W01-358-5336	1T15T-1	W01-358-9651
1T14C-6	W01-358-5439	1T15TQ-1	W01-358-5789
1T15AA-3	W01-358-9553	1T15TQ-1	W01-358-5792
1T15CCR-6	W01-358-8184	1T15VP-4	W01-358-9579
1T15LA-(-0)	W01-358-9547	1T15VMW-8	W01-358-6258
1T15LA-0	W01-358-9541	1T15ZR-6	W01-358-9780
1T15LA-0	W01-358-9675	1T15ZR-6	W01-358-9781
1T15L-1.5	W01-358-8886	1T15ZR-6	W01-358-9782
1T15L-2	W01-358-9562	1T15AEZR-3	W01-358-8632
1T15LP-2	W01-358-9554	1T17B-5	W01-358-8723
1T15L-4	W01-358-8942	1T17B-5	W01-358-8782
1T15M-0	W01-358-8971	1T17C-3	W01-358-8733
1T15M-0	W01-358-8972	1T17C-3	W01-358-8737
1T15M-0	W01-358-9505	1T17C-3	W01-358-8738
1T15M-2	W01-358-7667	1T17CA-3	W01-358-8614
1T15M-2	W01-358-8207	1T17CD-3	W01-358-8617
1T15M-2	W01-M58-8650	1T17CA-6	W01-358-8623
1T15M-2	W01-358-8878	1T17C-8	W01-M58-8712
1T15M-2	W01-358-8935	1T17CL-9.5	W01-358-9580
1T15M-2	W01-358-9556	1T17CL-9.5	W01-358-9581
1T15MT-3	W01-358-9774	1T19F-3	W01-358-8761
1T15M-4	W01-358-8813	1T19F-3	W01-3588787
1T15M-4	W01-358-8816	1T19LF-7	W01-358-8774
1T15M-4	W01-358-8817	1T19F-7	W01-358-9811
1T15M-4	W01-358-9507	1T19L-11	W01-358-8796
1T15M-6	W01-358-8824	1T19LE-12	W01-358-8793
1T15M-6	W01-358-9474	1T19ZK-5.7	W01-358-8050
1T15M-6	W01-M58-6260	255-1	W01-358-6831
1T15MPW-7	W01-358-6262	264	W01-358-3420
1T15M-7.5	W01-358-8888	26C	W01-358-7705
1T15M-7.5	W01-358-9971	20F	W01-358-6856
1T15M-7.5	W01-358-9972	20F	W01-358-6884
1T15MT-8	W01-358-9654	20F	W01-358-7686
1T15M-9	W01-358-8842	20F	W01-358-7892
1T15M-9	W01-358-8864	20F-2	W01-358-5900
1T15M-11	W01-358-9538	21D	W01-358-8171

# Firestone Airide Air Springs

# Air Spring Warranty Evaluation Criteria



Firestone air springs are designed to provide years and thousands of miles of trouble free service. The durability of Firestone air springs is such that they will often outlast other maintenance items on your suspension, such as bushings, shocks, leveling valves or regulators.

Airide<sup>®</sup> springs by Firestone are warranted to be free of material defects and/or workmanship for various periods of time, depending upon the application. Free replacements may be provided by the original manufacturer, manufacturer's representative or dealer, or by any Firestone air spring distributor. All labor and incidental costs associated with replacing the defective air spring are the responsibility of the purchaser, or end user.

Firestone Industrial Products Company offers a complete line of Airide springs, with replacement springs available for virtually every vehicular air suspension system.

Since each individual air spring is closely examined and pressure tested at the factory, the vast majority of premature failures and consequent warranty returns are found not to be defective, but fail because of abuse caused by other problems associated with the suspension.

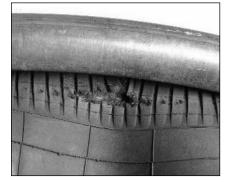
Before you install a new air spring, you should carefully examine the old one to determine what caused it to fail. If it was due to a defect in the suspension system, then the new air spring will also fail unless you correct the problem.

The information on the next two pages was developed to illustrate the types of failures that may occur, and to assist you in determining the cause and corrective action required.

# AIRIDE AIR SPRINGS FIFestone

Airide<sup>®</sup> springs can provide thousands of miles of trouble-free service. Most failures are caused by a lack of suspension maintenance or improper application. This is a guide to common air spring failures that are *not* covered by warranty.

## MISALIGNMENT





#### Appearance or Condition

- Off-center bumper contact
- Same as abrasion or bottoming out

#### **Possible Causes**

- Worn bushing
- Improper suspension installation

## LOOSE GIRDLE HOOP



#### Appearance or Condition

Rubber bellows distorted and girdle hoop torn loose

**Possible Causes** Running at extended positions with low air pressure

### **BOTTOMING OUT**

8 40 42 44 46 48 50 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 8 POINT

75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130 135 140 145 150 155 160 165



#### **Appearance or Condition**

- Bead plate concave
- Internal bumper loose
- Hole in girdle hoop area (convoluted)
- Hole in bead plate junction area
- Leaking around blind nuts

#### **Possible Causes**

- Broken or defective shock
   absorber
- Defective leveling valve
- Overloaded vehicle
- Pressure regulator set too low
- Wrong air spring (too tall)

# WARRANTY EVALUATION CRITERIA

# ABRASION



#### **Appearance or Condition**

- Hole rubbed into side of bellows
- Hole in bellows area that rolls over piston (reversible sleeve style)
- Possible Causes
- Structural interference, such as: -broken shock
   -loose air line
   -misalignment
   -worn bushings
- No air pressure (reversible sleeve style)
- Foreign material (sand, rocks, etc.)
- Wrong air spring

# CIRCUMFERENTIAL CUTS



#### **Appearance or Condition**

- Bellows cut in circle at bead
  plate junction
- Bellows cut in circle at piston junction (reversible sleeve style)

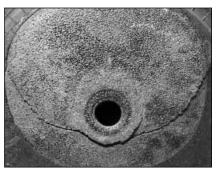
# Possible CausesHigh pressure, fully extended for

- long periods of time
- Impact in compressed position

## OVER EXTENSION







#### **Appearance or Condition**

- Bead plate convex, especially around blind nuts or studs
- Rubber bellows separated from bead plate
- Leaking at blind nuts or studs
- Leaking at end closure (reversible sleeve)
- Loose girdle hoop on convoluted style

#### Possible Causes

- Broken or wrong shock absorber
- Defective leveling valve
- Ride position too high
- Defective upper stop (lift)
- Wrong air spring (too short)

isted below are items that can be checked when the vehicle is in for periodic maintenance.

Never attempt to service the air suspension on a truck or trailer with the air springs inflated.

Inspect the O.D. of the airspring. Check for signs of irregular wear or heat cracking.

2 Inspect air lines to make sure contact doesn't exist between the air line and the O.D. of the air spring. Air lines can rub a hole in an air spring very quickly.

**3** Check to see that there is sufficient clearance around the complete circumference of the air spring while at its maximum diameter.

Inspect the O.D. of the piston for buildup of foreign materials. (On a reversible sleeve style air spring, the piston is the bottom component of the air spring). **5** Correct ride height should be maintained. All vehicles with air springs have a specified ride height established by the O.E.M. manufacturer. This height, which is found in your service manual, should be maintained within 1/4". This dimension can be checked with the vehicle loaded or empty.

G Leveling valves (or height control valves) play a large part in ensuring that the total air spring system works as required. Clean, inspect and replace, if necessary.

Make sure you have the proper shock absorbers and check for leaking hydraulic oil and worn or broken end connectors. If a broken shock is found, replace it immediately. The shock absorber will normally limit the rebound of an air spring and keep it from overextending.

B Check the tightness of all mounting hardware (nuts and bolts). If loose, re-torque to the manufacturer's specifications. Do not over-tighten.

### CLEANING

APPROVED Approved cleaning media are soap and water, methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol and isopropyl alcohol.

#### **NON-APPROVED**

Non-approved cleaning media include all organic solvents, open flames, abrasives and direct pressurized steam cleaning.

The total inspection process described on this page can be done in just a matter of minutes. If you find one of the above conditions exists, please take corrective action to ensure that it is fixed properly. It will save you both time and money.

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# **Alignment Definitions**

Alignment is based on the orientation of the lower bead plate or piston compared to the upper bead plate. Alignments other than those shown are noted in the bottom view.

