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PRODUCTION RECORDS SUMMARY

Date	Serial numbers	Cars	Date	Serial numbers	Cars
04-18-32	J0251(proto type)	1	10-25-32	J2475 - J2485	11
07-27-32	J2001	1	10-26-32	J2486 - J2497	12
07-29-32	J2002	1	10-27-32	J2498 - J2511	14
08-22-32	J2003 - J2005	3	10-28-32	J2512 - J2529	18
08-24-32	J2006 - J2011	6	10-29-32	J2530 - J2536	7
08-25-32	J2012 - J2014	3	10-31-32	J2537 - J2542	6
08-26-32	J2015 - J2019	5	11-01-32	J2543 - J2558	16
08-27-32	J2020 - J2024	5	11-02-32	J2559 - J2564	6
08-30-32	J2025 - J2030	6	11-04-32	J2565 - J2570	6
08-31-32	J2031 - J2034	4	11-05-32	J2571 - J2577	7
09-02-32	J2035 - J2038	4	11-07-32	J2578 - J2592	15
09-05-32	J2039 - J2057	19	11-08-32	J2593 - J2609	17
09-06-32	J2058 - J2064	7	11-09-32	J2610 - J2629	20
09-09-32	J2065 - J2077	13	11-11-32	J2630 - J2637	8
09-10-32	J2078 - J2082	5	11-14-32	J2638 - J2652	15
09-12-32	J2083 - J2094	12	11-15-32	J2653 - J2670	18
09-14-32	J2095 - J2114	20	11-16-32	J2671 - J2679	9
*09-08-32	J2115	1	11-17-32	J2680 - J2691	12
09-15-32	J2116 - J2125	10	11-21-32	J2692 - J2705	14
09-16-32	J2126 - J2140	15	11-22-32	J2706 - J2714	9
09-17-32	J2141 - J2150	10	11-23-32	J2715 - J2727	13
09-19-32	J2151 - J2170	20	11-25-32	J2728 - J2734	7
09-20-32	J2171 - J2180	10	11-26-32	J2735 - J2744	10
09-22-32	J2181 - J2200	20	11-28-32	J2745 - J2752	8
09-23-32	J2210	1	11-29-32	J2753 - J2760	8
09-24-32	J2202 - J2210	9	11-30-32	J2761 - J2769	9
09-26-32	J2211 - J2219	9	12-01-32	J2770 - J2775	6
09-27-32	J2220 - J2236	17	12-02-32	J2776 - J2782	7
09-28-32	J2237 - J2245	9	12-03-32	J2783 - J2789	7
09-30-32	J2246 - J2249	4	12-05-32	J2790 - J2795	6
10-01-32	J2250 - J2259	10	12-06-32	J2796 - J2800	5
10-03-32	J2260 - J2280	21	12-08-32	J2801 - J2805	5
10-04-32	J2281 - J2309	29	12-09-32	J2806 - J2810	5
10-06-32	J2310 - J2329	20	12-10-32	J2811 - J2815	5
10-07-32	J2330 - J2342	13	12-13-32	J2816 - J2817	2
10-08-32	J2343 - J2357	15	12-14-32	J2818 - J2821	4
10-10-32	J2358 - J2369	12	12-15-32	J2822 - J2826	5
10-12-32	J2370 - J2379	10	12-16-32	J2827	1
10-13-32	J2380 - J2395	16			
10-14-32	J2396 - J2409	14	01-13-33	J2828 - J2837	10
10-18-32	J2410 - J2425	16	01-17-33	J2838 - J2840	3
10-19-32	J2426 - J2444	19	01-30-33	J2841 - J2845	5
10-20-32	J2445 - J2446	2	02-02-33	J2846 - J2849	4
10-24-32	J2456 - J2474	17	02-07-33	J2850 - J2855	6

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02-08-33	J2856 - J2860	5	07-24-33	J3488 - J3497	10
02-09-33	J2861 - J2867	7	07-26-33	J3498 - J3500	3
02-10-33	J2868 - J2874	7	07-27-33	J3501 - J3510	10
02-11-33	J2875 - J2880	6	07-28-33	J3511 - J3515	5
02-13-33	J2881 - J2887	7	07-31-33	J3515 - J3522	7
02-14-33	J2888 - J2894	7	08-01-33	J3523 - J3528	6
02-16-33	J2895 - J2909	15	08-03-33	J3529 - J3534	6
02-18-33	J2910 - J2912	3	08-04-33	J3535	1
02-21-33	J2913 - J2924	12	08-29-33	J3536 - J3537	2
02-22-33	J2925 - J2935	11	09-04-33	J3538 - J3545	10
02-25-33	J2936 - J2942	7	09-05-33	J3548 - J3557	10
02-27-33	J2943 - J2949	7	09-06-33	J3558 - J3572	15
02-28-33	J2950 - J2962	13	09-08-33	J3573 - J3580	8
03-01-33	J2963 - J2973	11	09-11-33	J3681 - J3592	12
03-03-33	J2974 - J2982	9	09-12-33	J3593 - J3601	9
03-06-33	J2983 - J2996	14	09-13-33	J3602 - J3610	9
03-08-33	J2997 - J2999	3	09-14-33	J3611 - J3619	9
03-10-33	J3000 - J3014	15	09-16-33	J3620 - J3630	11
03-14-33	J3015 - J3039	25	09-18-33	J3631 - J3640	10
03-15-33	J3040 - J3058	19	09-19-33	J3641 - J3642	2
03-20-33	J3059 - J3071	13	09-20-33	J3643 - J3650	8
03-21-33	J3072 - J3086	15	09-21-33	J3651 - J3660	10
03-22-33	J3087 - J3102	16	09-22-33	J3661 - J3672	12
03-27-33	J3103 - J3119	17	09-25-33	J3673 - J3692	20
03-28-33	J3120 - J3125	6	09-26-33	J3693 - J3702	10
03-29-33	J3126 - J3139	14	09-27-33	J3703 - J3712	10
03-30-33	J3140 - J3146	7	10-02-33	J3713 - J3732	20
03-31-33	J3147 - J3159	13	10-03-33	J3733 - J3748	16
04-01-33	J3160 - J3169	10	10-05-33	J3749 - J3750**	14
04-03-33	J3170 - J3178	9	**J4101 - J4112		
04-05-33	J3179 - J3198	20	10-07-33	J4113 - J4130	18
04-08-33	J3199 - J3213	15	10-09-33	J4131 - J4140	10
04-10-33	J3214 - J3227	14	10-11-33	J4141 - J4154	14
04-12-33	J3228 - J3242	15	10-13-33	J4155 - J4162	8
04-13-33	J3243 - J3257	15	*01-11-34	J4163	1
04-18-33	J3258 - J3276	19	10-14-33	J4164 - J4168	5
04-19-33	J3277 - J3292	16	10-16-33	J4189 - J4178	10
04-26-33	J3293 - J3302	10	10-17-33	J4179 - J4180	2
05-01-33	J3303 - J3323	21	10-18-33	J4181 - J4208	28
05-02-33	J3324 - J3327	4	*11-06-33	J4209 - J4210	2
05-08-33	J3328 - J3351	24	10-19-33	J4211 - J4214	4
05-12-33	J3352 - J3367	16	10-20-33	J4215 - J4225	11
05-15-33	J3368 - J3377	10	10-23-33	J4226 - J4233	8
05-20-33	J3378 - J3386	9	10-24-33	J4234 - J4240	7
05-22-33	J3387 - J3402	16	10-25-33	J4241 - J4250	10
06-09-33	J3403 - J3412	10	10-26-33	J4251 - J4258	8
06-13-33	J3413 - J3418	6	10-27-33	J4259 - J4262	4
06-14-33	J3419 - J3422	4	10-28-33	J4263 - J4275	13
06-29-33	J3423 - J3425	3	10-30-33	J4276 - J4282	7
06-30-33	J3426 - J3429	4	10-31-33	J4283 - J4292	10
07-03-33	J3430 - J3433	4	11-01-33	J4293 - J4301	9
07-13-33	J3434 - J3443	10	11-02-33	J4302 - J4310	9
07-14-33	J3444 - J3453	10	11-03-33	J4211 - J4312	2
07-18-33	J3454 - J3463	10	*11-11-33	J4313	1
07-19-33	J3464 - J3473	10	11-03-33	J4314 - J4317	4
*07-18-33	J3474 - J3475	2	11-06-33	J4318 - J4327	10
07-21-33	J3476 - J3487	12	11-09-33	J4328 - J4337	10

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DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	CAR	DATE	SERIAL NUMBER	CAR
11-10-33	J4338 - J4344	7	12-05-33	J4411 - J4412	2
11-11-33	J4345 - J4351	7	*12-15-33	J4413 - J4414	2
11-13-33	J4352 - J4363	12	12-08-33	J4415 - J4418	4
11-14-33	J4364 - J4369	6	12-14-33	J4419 - J4420	2
11-16-33	J4370 - J4380	11	12-16-33	J4421 - J4423	3
11-20-33	J4381 - J4392	12	12-18-33	J4424 - J4425	2
11-29-33	J4393 - J4403	11	-----	-----	-----
12-04-33	J4404 - J4410	7	01-08-34	J4426 - J4428	3
			01-10-34	J4429 - J4432	4

* The dates and cars listed :

09-08-32 --- This car was built ahead of its time, no reason.
 07-18-33 --- These two were built late, no reason.
 01-11-34 --- This car listed with those on OCT. was built late, no reason was indicated.
 11-06-33 --- These two cars were built late, no reason again.
 11-11-33 --- This car also was built late, no reason again.
 12-15-33 --- These two cars built late also, no reason again.

** Car J4101 followed car J3750. This space provided numbers for the J3's and J4's.

Although according to the listing above, there were only 7 cars built in 1934, J4163 was also built in 1934, so that equals 8 cars!

The production records are most confussing to me , especially having spent most of my working days in manufacturing. I do not know how the M.G. Car Company managed their assembly line. As you look at dates, I can find very few days where they built cars five (5) days in a row. Besides that, how did they "man" their assembly lines when the production shifted almost every day? I know that they were building J1's part of the time and J3's and nine (9) J4's sometime towards the end.

The K series came in with the six (6) cylinders with the L series right on it's tail. Oh, yes, the P series was there also with the N series all before 1936 when the M.G. TA was introduced, so maybe the assembly line was busy with other models ?

Oh, J0251, which has a J1 chassis number, I have been advised was a J1 with a J2 body on it. That means it had to have a J2 chassis also as the chassis was different in the rear section.

This listing could not include engine numbers as there was absolutely no sequence in engine numbers. The same engines were used in the J1 as the J2, but as I put those two list together, there was still no sequence. It appeared that they used what every engine that was stored close. If I reproduced 82 pages, I could have provided all J1 and J2 production records, including the inspector's signature!