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Understanding Ford Meter Box Part Numbers *A Guide to Simplicity and Precision*

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At Ford Meter Box, the catalog part numbering structure is not just a set of arbitrary characters but a thoughtfully designed system to help customers easily identify the exact product they require. Each product code is more than a label; it's a blueprint that describes many aspects of the part, from the type of connection to its size and features.

Each segment represents key information about the product. Typically, the first segment indicates the product type, whether it's a Corporation Stop or a Dismantling Joint. The following segments identify details such as inlet and outlet connection types (or pipe diameter in larger product lines), with the size segment often following. Additional segments represent the optional features or specific configurations, such as coatings, materials, or other product-specific details. This logical, step-by-step approach ensures that each identifier offers a comprehensive description, making it easier to select the appropriate item from the catalog.

The numbering system often uses consistent digits to represent sizes across a product line. For example, brass corporation stops and curb stops use the same indicator for valve size (fig. 1). Once the size indicators are learned, they may be applied to multiple products.

For more information on part numbers, Ford has added a new channel on FMB.TV called "Understanding the Product Part Numbering System." Launch fordmeterbox.tv to explore the channel and receive the most from our product catalog.

1 = 1/2"
2 = 5/8"
3 = 3/4"
4 = 1"
5 = 1-1/4"
6 = 1-1/2"
7 = 2"

fig.1

