

Archifacts

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This column will not necessarily appear in each issue of the *Model T Times* but rather may appear occasionally to present an *Archifact* - a piece of authentic (perhaps useless) Model T information that the author has found in some company or library archives.

This issue I will pick up again on the choke pull rod. The drawings this time are of T2000 which replaced the T2354 earlier choke rod. The T2000 was adopted on August 2, 1911. Like the T2354 this rod was copper plated cold rolled Bessemer steel.

On January 25, 1912 the carburetor end of the rod was simplified somewhat to remove the awkward bend at the end. This was done to simplify the manufacture of the rod itself and was not caused by a change in the car.

On March 22, 1912 the design called for the end of the finger loop to be wrapped around the rod for 1 complete turn. This was done to solve the problem stated as "After these rods have been used a few times, the ring starts to spread..." **Only 1 turn of wire was used from here on to wrap the end of the choke rod during all T production through 1927.**

On May 10, 1912 the overall length was increased by 1/8".

On May 20, 1912 this part officially replaced T2354 for use on all cars.

March 7, 1913 design change called for the carburetor end to have an offset in the end of the rod. The pull ring diameter was also changed to 1-1/16" diameter and the drawing noted that this was a case of where the drawing

was being changed to reflect the part as it was already being supplied. The material was also changed at this time from cold rolled Bessemer to Basic Wire. The part was still copper plated.

On May 3, 1913 the rod was lengthened by 1/4" overall.

On December 27, 1913 the rod was lengthened again by another 1/4" overall.

On March 28, 1914 the part was now made from Soft Bessemer Wire instead of Basic Wire.

On August 17, 1916 the part finish was changed from COPPER PLATED to RAVEN finish. This was the end of the copper plated choke rods!

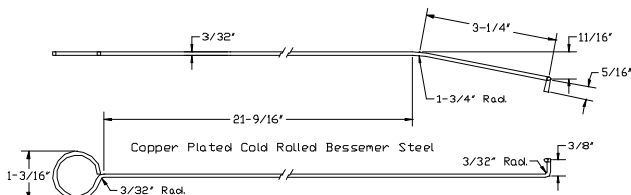
On March 29, 1921 the part material was changed from Soft Bessemer Wire to Cold Drawn Bright Bessemer Wandersee Wire. OK what is Wandersee Wire? Part is still Raven finished.

On April 14, 1925 the offset was removed from the end of the rod and a simple right angle bend was substituted.

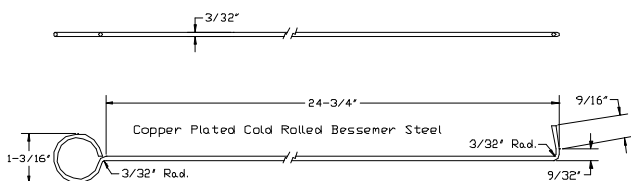
On May 23, 1925 the material specification was changed to indicate "No. 1 Bessemer" as being the correct material.

On July 9, 1926 the notation of 2000AR was placed on the drawing because a new part designated as 2000B was adopted for use with the vaporizer Carb. The 2000B was a bit shorter and its dimensions are shown below as 21-5/8" but was otherwise the same as the 2000AR.

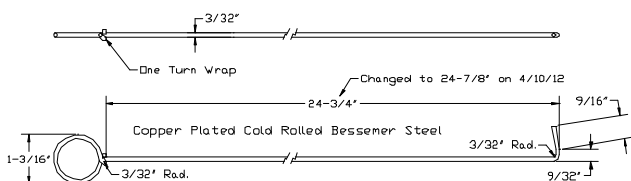
On July 23, 1926 the part finish for both parts was changed from Raven to BLACK ENAMEL and the material changed again on August 13, 1926 from "No. 1 Bessemer" to Cold Drawn Wire. **At last - just plain wire - still painted - guess what color??**



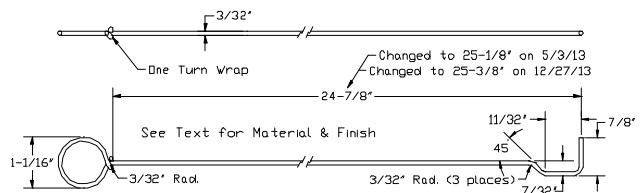
August 2, 1911



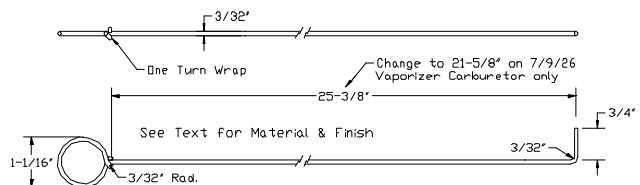
January 25, 1912



March 22, 1912



March 7, 1913



April 14, 1925