

The FC Hidden VIN
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Often when there is question about Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) tampering, the vehicle's hidden VIN (aka Confidential Vehicle Identification Number) can be inspected. The hidden VIN is a copy of the VIN, or a version of it, stamped onto the frame, engine, transmission, or other part of the vehicle. For the Corvair 95, the hidden VIN consists of the Assembly plant single letter abbreviation (S for St Louis, or F for Flint) plus the vehicle serial production number. Thus, if the VIN were 2R124F101410, "F101410" would be the hidden VIN. The location of the hidden VIN was specified in the engineering drawing L-52313 (of which a copy is not known to still exist) and is on the front under body left side outer rail, approximately parallel to the position of the relay (boomerang arm). The position is shown in the picture, showing a series of closer views of the location. The hidden VIN, in this vehicle, is partially obscured by the brake line.

