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Year & Model	Axle Length	Notes
1965-1966 Mustang	57.25 inches	
1967-1970 Mustang	59.25 inches	
1971-1973 Mustang	61.25 inches	
1977-1981 Versailles	58.50 inches	
1967-1973 Mustang, Torino, Ranchero, Fairlane	59.25 inches to 61.25 inches	
1957-1959 Ranchero and station wagon	57.25 inches	
1966-1977 Bronco	58 inches	
1977-1981 Granada/Versailles	58 inches	
1967-1971 Comet, Cougar, Mustang, Fairlane	59.25 inches	
1971-1973 Mustang	61.25 inches	
1964 Falcon	58 inches	
1967 Cougar	60 inches	
1967 Fairlane	63.50 inches	coil springs
1972 Ford Van 3/4 ton	68 inches	
1973-1986 Ford Van 3/4 ton	65.25 inches	
1957-1959 Ranchero and station wagon	57.25 inches	narrowest 9" housing
1966-1977 Bronco	58 inches	5-on-5 1/2 inch diameter bolt circle
1967-1973 Torinos, Rancheros, Fairlanes	59.25 inches or 61.25 inches	
1967-1971 Comets, Cougars, Fairlanes	59.25 inches	
1975 Mustang II 8"	57.00 inches	
1974 Maverick 8"	56.50 inches	

Where To Find The Nine Inch Rear Axle

1967-1973 medium and big block Mustangs and Cougars 1966-1971 Fairlanes, Torinos, Montegos, Comets, and other Ford intermediates with big blocks.

1957-1959 V8 Fords and Mercurys

1977-1981 Lincoln Versailles & Trucks

Types Of Nine Inch Axle Housings

1967-1973 Mustang/Cougar - light duty, thinnest housing material, small axle bearings, 28 and 31 splines.

1957-1968 passenger car and 1/2 ton truck - medium duty, stronger than Mustang type, 28 and 31 splines.

Ranchero/Torino - heavy duty thick wall housing, 3.25 inch diameter axle tubes with flat tops.

1969-1977 Galaxies (coils), Lincolns (coils), and late pickups (leaf)- 3.25 inch diameter all the way to the backing plate, coil housings have upper control arm mount

How To Recognize Nine Inch Housing Centers

1957 - no dimples, flat center band up the center of the rear cover, bottom drain plug.
1958-1959 - two dimples on back of housing, flat center band, some had drain holes.
1960-1967 - two dimples, flat center band, oil level hole in back cover.
1963-1977 Lincoln, LTD, Thunderbirds had 9.375 inch centers, housings were cut away at the gasket surface for ring gear clearance, one curved rib at the front top portion of differential, strong but no gears.

Tip On Shortening Nine Inch Axles

1972 and earlier 31 spline axles have the ability to be shortened.

28 spline axles are tapered and cannot be shortened and re-splined.

1973 and later cars have a 5-on-5 bolt circle and the axles cannot be shortened.

1967-1973 Mustang axles can be identified by wheel flange:

Oval hole = 28 splines.

Two large holes and counter-sunk center = 31 splines.