

COMMERCIAL CHASSIS APPARATUS

1915 (un-numbered) to REGISTERED NUMBER B-1817 (12/30/46)

INTRODUCTION American-LaFrance equipment was being mounted on Brockway commercial truck chassis 7 years before the advent of "Brockway/LaFrance" fire apparatus. Originally, the equipment was shipped to the Brockway plant in Cortland, New York, where it was installed on Brockway-built bodies. Unfortunately, no American-LaFrance Registered Numbers were applied to these, and only a small number of Sales Order Numbers are available. In this book, those pieces are listed alphabetically, within each year of order, as they appeared in American-LaFrance sales literature in later years. I have applied a series of Registered Numbers for convenience sake, but they relate to no specific factory records. These Numbers begin with an asterisk (*), and are for general reference only. This part of the entire Registered Number List accounts for 328 units.

Later, Brockway chassis were shipped to Elmira, and American-LaFrance bodies and equipment were mounted there. This started as early as 1921, and ALF started applying their own Registered numbers. These Numbers were prefixed with the letter "B", obviously standing for "Brockway".

At the beginning of 1927, ALF dropped Brockway as the "chassis of choice", and started to use GMC as their commercial chassis. From that point the "B" Numbers started being applied to any commercial chassis, other than GMC, Ford or REO.

This list is made up from information from several different sources, since none of them are complete. Unfortunately, some of these conflict with one another. Wherever this occurs, the information appearing in the most sources is used. In questionable instances, the different information is noted.

There are a few pieces indicated by "X"s. These appear on some of the cards, but nowhere else. These may be apparatus that had been resold.

"00" in a date indicates that that part of the date is unknown. A date with an asterisk (*) after it, is an order date, not a delivery date.

Any corrections or additions would be greatly appreciated.