

# What are the 1963-64 Avanti Inspection Tickets?

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The Avanti inspection tickets are pre printed forms on 8 1/2"x11", double sided yellow card stock. One form is titled "The Avanti Vehicle Inspection Check off inspection report Chassis." The other preprinted form is titled "Avanti Vehicle Inspection Check Off Inspection Report Body"

W732 Studebaker		Date
<b>CAR AND TRUCK ASSEMBLY INSPECTION RECORD</b>		Serial No.
INSTRUCTIONS: Made in original by inspector. After necessary repairs, inspector and repairman will enter clock numbers in proper space. Filed for future reference.		Model
Section One	Check all parts and rivets assembled to frame. Check springs, axles, brake and hub assemblies. Check special equipment.	CLOCK NO. Inspector
Section Two	Check brake lines. Check propeller shaft and universal joints. Check motor mounting in frame and all connections. Check special equipment.	Repairman
Section Three	Check all units, brackets and assemblies to frame. Check body mounting. Check body record ticket. Check Car Order and Inspection Record for special equipment.	
Section Four	Check all connections of cab to motor. Check fender and radiator installations. Check electric assembly. Check special equipment. Check all instruments, controls, pedals, etc.	

These double sided forms are photo copied on yellow card stock, but will be single sided. You might also get some half sheets with written information on the back side of a "Studebaker Car and Truck Assembly Inspection Record" (see copy of the front side of this pre printed form, above).

Each double sided form will have five to six categories. These categories have items listed that must be inspected, as the vehicle is being built. If something was found wrong, the inspector used "X" marks, check marks, circles and etc. to identify the problems for correction, that would be made later. They also wrote up items that may not be listed in these pre printed categories. You will also see a number written after the items listed by the inspectors. These numbers are the badge or employee numbers of the repair person that did the repairs.

These copies of the original inspection tickets show just how problematic the Avanti was to build, as most have a lot of extra written in problems, that were outside of the pre printed check off selections space and criteria.

At right, in the next column, is a sample of the early style Inspection Ticket Forms, used up to about 63R-1452, with a total different look than the forms used after about 63R-1452.

I have included all the original copies of 63R-4330, which I own, 63R-4330 was inspected in May of 1963 It's a very low option car, but is an extremely rare 3-speed, standard shift, to the best of my knowledge only 78, 3 speed standard shifts were built behind the R-1 engine for 1963-1964.

A copy of the early style inspection ticket form used up to about Avanti 63R-1452, with a totally different look from later forms.

A copy of the front side of the later style Chassis Inspection ticket form for Avanti 63R-4330.

It doesn't make any difference whether it was an early 1963 or a late 1964 they just all had a lot of extra repairs written up. The penmanship is sometimes very difficult to read. They may have paint over spray, grease smears, wrinkle marks and smudges on them. After all they are almost 60 years old.

The original inspection tickets are a very rare item to find for any vehicle from any manufacturer, actually the original Avanti inspection tickets are the only ones that I know of that still exist from any vehicle ever manufactured.

The inspection documents for most, if not all the manufacturers, were typically destroyed when the vehicle was ready for shipment. They had served their purpose and were now no longer any value.

On these original documents up in the top right corner it will show a date that the particular car had its final inspection, a serial number, line number and body number, but this space was not always filled out completely. It's also quite interesting to note on the top of the second page of "The Avanti Vehicle Inspection Check Off Inspection Reports Chassis." It is noted on most copies that 8 gallons of gasoline were put in the gas tank.

These very rare copies of the original inspection tickets will help document the way an Avanti was born and are available exclusively from Nostalgic Motor Cars.

The original inspection tickets and the original build sheets that I have were probably the very last pieces of paper to be handled by that last Studebaker employee, before the Avanti was driven outside for its trip to the waiting Studebaker dealerships through out the world.

A copy of the front side of the later style Body Inspection ticket form for Avanti 63R-4330.

A copy of the back side of the later style Body Inspection ticket form for Avanti 63R-4330.

A copy of the back side of the later style of Chassis Inspection ticket form for Avanti 63R-4330.