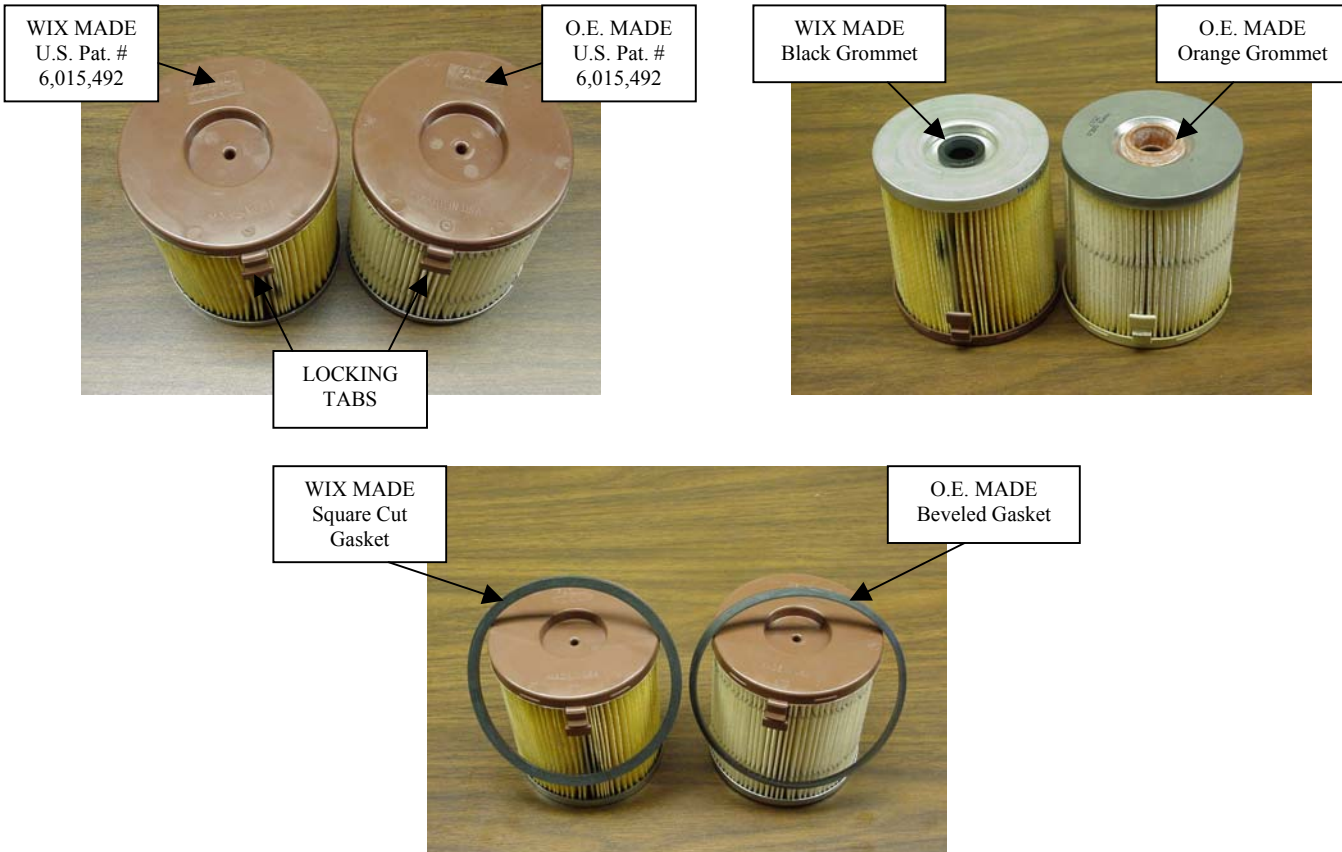
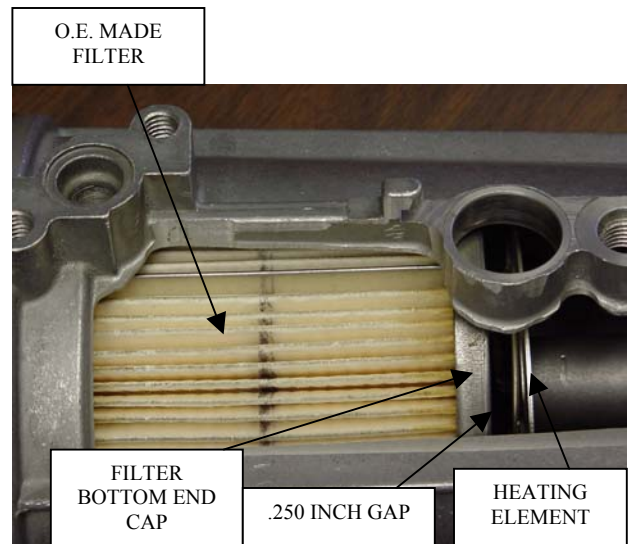
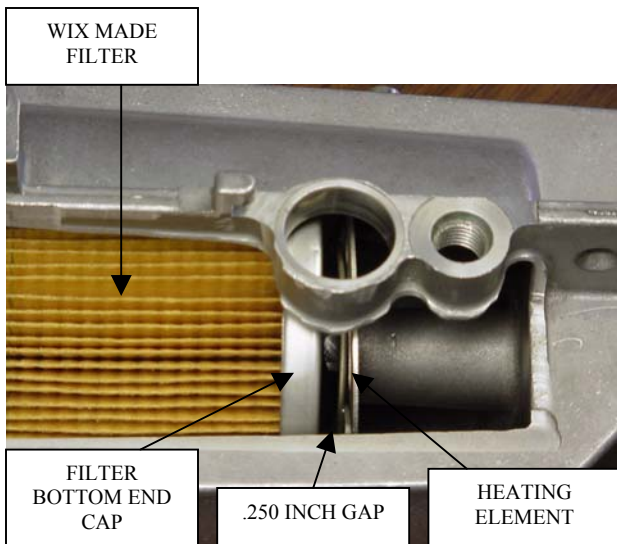
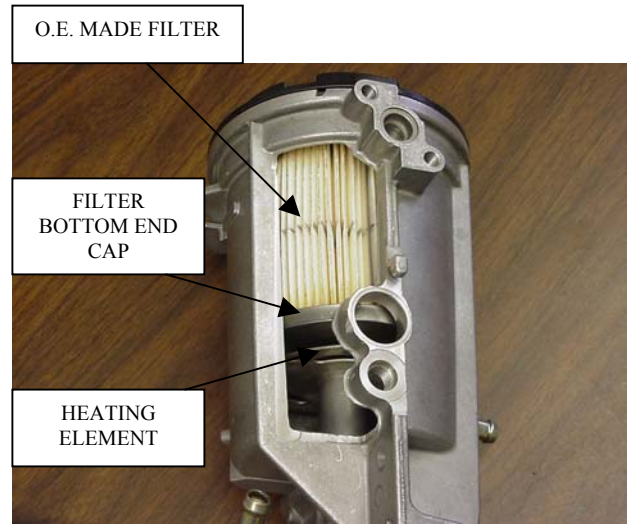
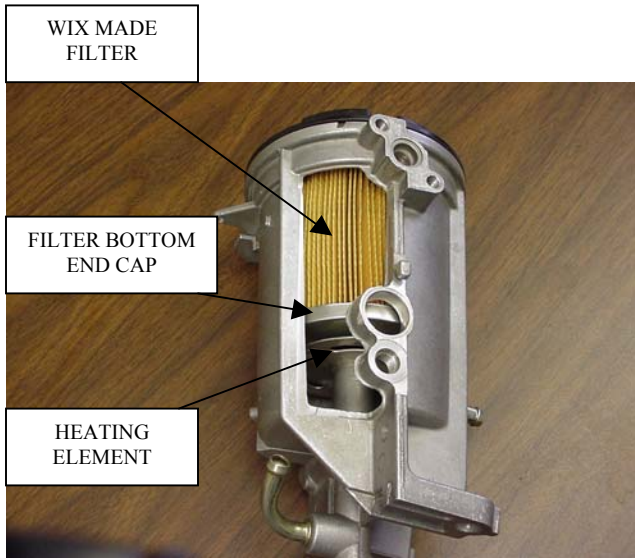
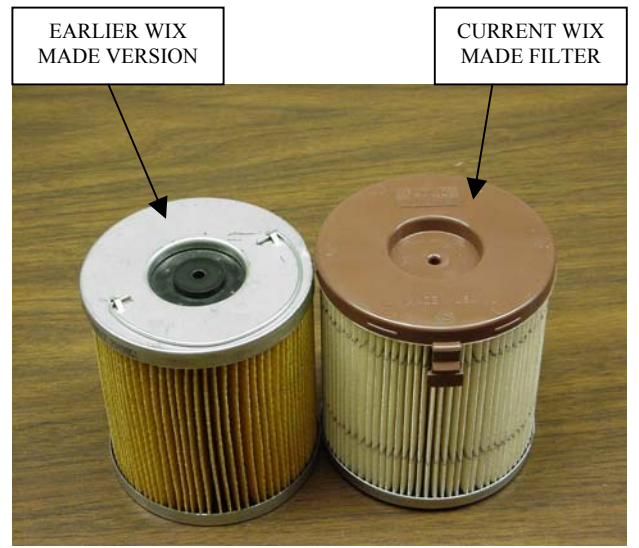
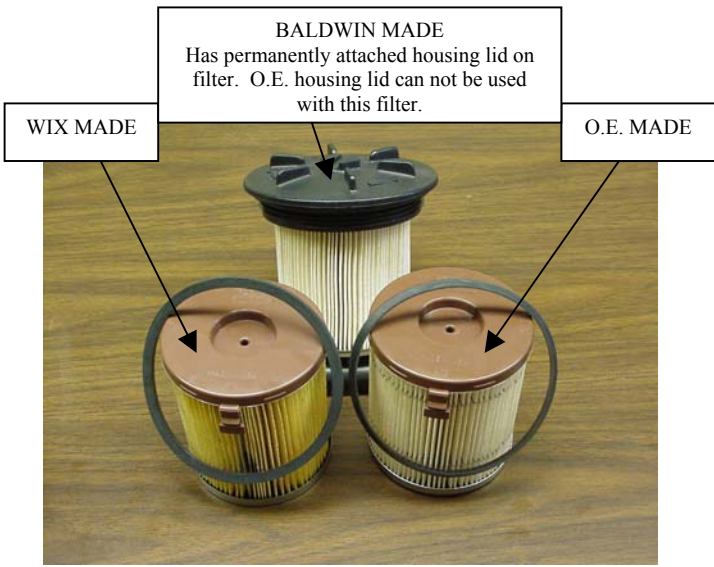


# PRODUCT AND CATALOG INFORMATION BULLETIN

## Part Number 33517 (all brands):

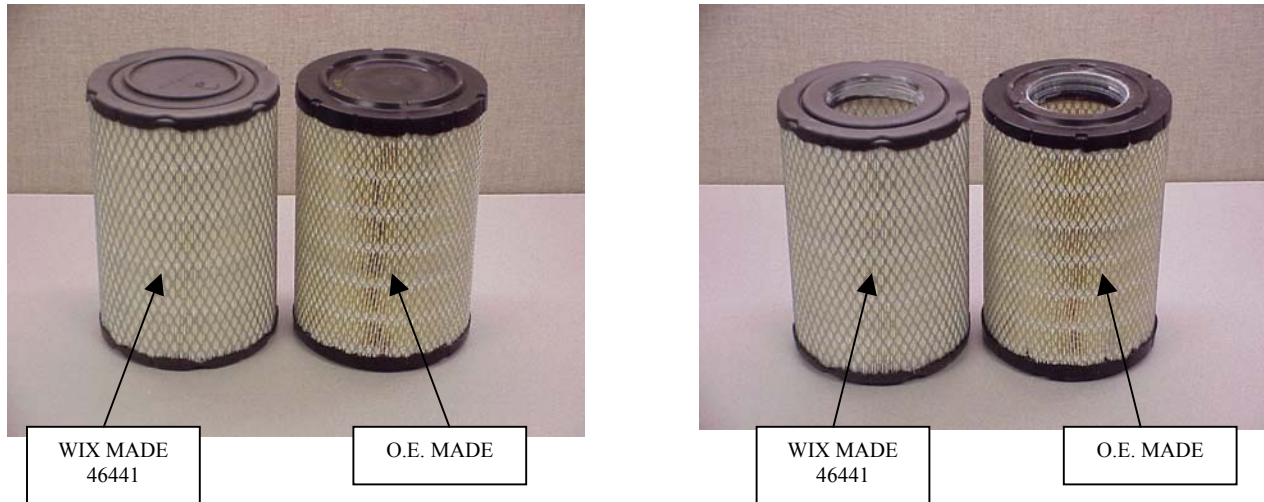
We have recently started manufacturing this part number for all brands using the O.E. plastic top end cap assembly. This design has been thoroughly tested and meets all performance requirements for this application. The following pictures detail and answer any appearance questions as well as the issue regarding alleged interference with the heating element in housings so equipped.





**Part Number 46441 (all brands):**

**This part number will now be manufactured in our Oklahoma City facility instead of being purchased from the O.E. supplier. This change will result in only minor cosmetic changes as illustrated in the pictures. This change does not affect the performance of this product.**



**Part Number 46418 (all brands):**

**We are the O.E. first-fit suppliers for this part number for Ford Motor Co. In March 2000, Ford approved the design of this product. This design included the thickness of the urethane sealing flange. We have received calls stating the flange was too thick to allow for proper installation in the housing on the vehicle. Based on the calls we have received, we have installed this product in several housings. While the installation is snug, the filter can be installed properly with no damage to the housing or the housing clamp. Also, we have almost completed a project to thin this area slightly and we are awaiting Ford's approval.**

**Media Design Change for Certain Inner Air Filters (all brands):**

**The following inner air filter elements have been moved to our Oklahoma City facility for production. Their process uses a matte-style media instead of pleated cellulose paper. Because of this, the physical appearance of the product is very different. However, its performance capability is still the same, for the performance required of an inner air filter. The FMC's TSB-99-2 covers the purpose and use of inner air filters. Just a reminder, all of the FMC's Technical Bulletins are available on the FMC link at [www.mema.org](http://www.mema.org). Part numbers affected: 42519, 42632, 42648, 42655, 42679, 42769, 46376, and 46407.**

**Part Number 51607 (all brands):**

AERA, a national engine re-builders association, has released a technical bulletin, TB 1859, dated February 2001, regarding oil filter problems on the 5.9L Cummins diesel engines used by Chrysler. A copy of their bulletin is enclosed for your reference. Copies of our bulletins, dated 1999, regarding this issue are also enclosed along with a copy of our response to their bulletin. Wix Filtration Products Div. had addressed this potential problem in its original design of our 51607 and we have experienced no performance issues with our 51607 part number. Also, this engine has been assigned many different VIN numbers, but "G" hasn't been one of them.

**2001 Master Catalog Alert (all brands):**

**OIL FILTER WARNING FOR 2001 DODGE STRATUS / CHRYSLER SEBRING**

For 2001, these vehicles have four possible engine configurations depending on their body style. Of great concern are the correct oil filters for the 2.4L 4 cylinder engines not the 2.0L 4 cylinder or the 2.7L, 3.0L 6 cylinder engines. The bad news: based on VIN number, the 2.4L 4 cylinder engines take either our 51356 or our 51348 part numbers. The 8<sup>th</sup> digit in the VIN is the engine code. Please note, part number 51356 contains 20 x 1.5 mm threads and part number 51348 contains 3/4 - 16 standard threads. The physical size of these threads will allow them to be installed on each others mounting stud, but the 20mm will be loose and will most likely either start leaking immediately or fall off after a short amount of use.

The good news: the correct filter can be identified by using the VIN code, by knowing the number of camshafts the engine has, or, this is the easiest, by determining if it is a 2 door or 4 door vehicle. Our part number 51356 is to used on vehicles with VIN G, a single overhead camshaft and 2 doors. Our 51348 is to be used on vehicles with VIN X, a dual overhead camshaft and 4 doors. The discovery of this situation was well after the 2001 master catalogs were printed so only the VIN X applications are shown. The VIN G information will be added to our 2001 dealer and value line catalogs when they are published.

**2000 – 01 Saturn L Series L4 2.2L 134 CID DOHC engine oil filter (all brands):**

Part number 51838 will be available in approximately 8 weeks for this application. Just a reminder, part number 57033 IS NOT TO BE USED for this application. Also, please remember the 2001 master catalog supercedes the information in the 2000 version. For CARQUEST customers using CCI/Triad electronic cataloging, they have listed part number 84033 in error for this application. We did not furnish this information to them. Any claims that arise from this error are the responsibility of CCI/Triad. Details of exactly how these will be handled are being worked out now and CARQUEST DSM's will be informed of the exact procedure in the near future.

**E.S.I. Coolant Products Update (all brands):**

**International Truck and Engine Corp. has announced that their vehicles equipped with International, Caterpillar or Detroit diesel engines, from 7/14/2000 on, will come factory filled with Texaco Extended Life Coolant (TELC). For all 91/92/94/9900i Chatham built models, this change was effective 1/4/99. For International DT466E and 530E engines built after 8/29/98 and engine serial number 1123308 and up, TELC can be used. Any of these engines produced before this time should not use TELC. For the International T444E engines built since 2/2/99 with engine serial number 940614 and up, TELC can also be used. This change has not been approved for trucks equipped with Cummins diesel engines. These applications will continue to use S.S.I. products as factory fill. All vehicles that have TELC in them will have a large label on the de-aeration tank next to the filler tube informing the technician of what to do and what not to do with this coolant.**

**As the use of extended life or extended service coolant additives continues to grow, we are very happy to announce that our current E.S.I. product line is totally compatible with the Texaco brand product and other organic acid based long life coolants. These products include the orange Dexcool used by General Motors and the red coolant used by Caterpillar. Also, our E.S.I. products can be used in all Cummins applications. We continue to offer our customers a total package of coolant system products to meet all their needs.**