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# MAGNETOS



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Imitations of SPLITDORF magneto parts are handled by many Jobbers and Dealers and are sold with disappointing results to the user and untold harm to our reputation.

A few cents saved in the purchase of a spurious part—a careless acceptance of a poor replacement—can only lead to trouble.

If your Jobber or Dealer cannot supply Genuine Splitdorf Parts, our nearest branch carries a full stock and will be very glad to give your order prompt attention.

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## GUARANTEE

SPLITDORF MAGNETOS are guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from date of purchase from us, but are not guaranteed against misuse, neglect or improper installation. Parts covered by guarantee should be shipped, transportation charges prepaid.



## NOTE

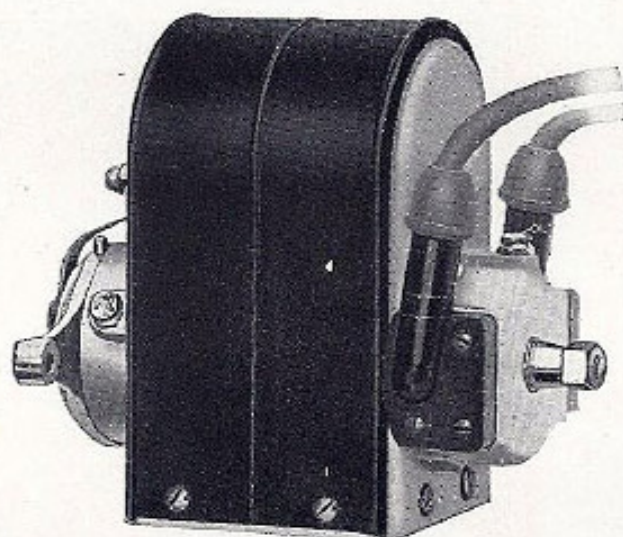
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## SPLITDORF MOTORCYCLE MAGNETOS



ALL the qualities that go to make ideal ignition possible with electrical science and exhaustive trials, are incorporated in SPLITDORF MAGNETOS, and they stand, to-day, strictly on their merits, typifying magneto ignition at once attractive and serviceable to the highest degree—staunch, rugged and manufactured to bear the hardest usage with minimum attention.



Side View of Model EV Magneto  
Showing Terminals

The Splitdorf Enclosed Magneto is made in the following types:

Model EU—Adapted to single cylinder motors.

Model EV—Adapted to the two cylinder V type motors, set at angles of 42, 45, or 50 degrees.

Model E 2—Adapted to motors having equally spaced firing periods, such as 180 degrees.

Model EU4—Adapted to motors having four cylinders.



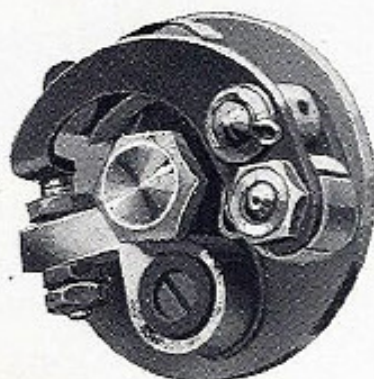
## CONSTRUCTION

The construction of these magnetos, embodies an aluminum base to which the pole pieces are secured, and between which revolves an armature on two annular ball bearings. The armature, after being wound, is impregnated with a suitable oil and heat proof compound, which renders the windings practically indestructible.

A condenser of suitable capacity is contained in the armature in close proximity to the circuit breaker.

The action of the condenser increases the intensity of the high tension spark and reduces the wear of the platinum points.

A pair of magnets of the best grade of Tungsten steel straddle the pole pieces, and a ribbed aluminum cover fitted tightly over the end plates, provides protection from dust, moisture, and effectually waterproofs the operating parts.



Circuit Breaker of Splitdorf  
Motorcycle Magneto

The circuit breaker is attached to one end of the armature shaft, and revolves with it. Owing to centrifugal action, the platinum points come in contact in a positive manner at high speed, thus permitting the use of a weaker spring and lessening the wear on the cam. One end of the breaker arm supports a fibre roller which is adjustable for wear. (These and other similar refinements are the subject of patents, and patent application, and are exclusive Splitdorf features.) This roller comes in contact with a steel cam, causing the platinum points to separate, thus breaking the primary circuit. Since the magneto is self-contained, having



both a primary and secondary winding on the armature, a powerful and hot spark follows the sudden separation of the platinum points.

The high tension winding of the armature is connected to a collector ring or segment, imbedded in a spool mounted on the driving end of the armature shaft. From the bronze segment a carbon brush leads the current through a waterproof brush holder, having a detachable plug to which the cable leading to the spark plug is connected.

A Cophite carbon button mounted on a phosphor bronze compression spring in the cam holder cover serves to carry the current to the cover spring for the purpose described below.

A pin, suitably located on the rim of the cam holder, comes in contact with the cover spring when the cam holder is in the extremely retarded position, thus grounding the primary current, and cutting off the spark.

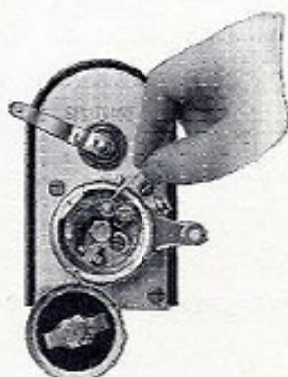
## CARE OF MAGNETO

The main bearings of the magneto are provided with oil cups, a few drops of light oil every 1,000 miles are sufficient to lubricate the same.

The breaker arm should be lubricated with a drop of light oil applied with a tooth pick to the hole in the bronze bearing pivoted on the steel pin.

The cams are lubricated by a felt packing, and a little oil applied to the holes in the edge of the cams will last a long time; any surplus oil should be removed and care taken to prevent any oil getting on the platinum points, as this will cause undue sparking, which will prevent the points from coming into the perfect electrical contact, essential to produce a hot spark at the spark plug.

The proper distance between the platinum points when separated should be .020 or  $\frac{1}{50}$  of an inch. A bronze gauge of the proper size is attached to the wrench furnished for the adjustment of the platinum screw and lock nut.



Method of Oiling





Terminal of  
Model EU  
Magneto

The fibre roller on the end of the breaker arm is held in position by a pawl spring. The wearing surface of the roller may be renewed by rotating the same a quarter turn, thus bringing a new surface to bear on the cam, and as there are four slots in the roller, four wearing surfaces are available.

Great care has been taken in the manufacture of the Splitdorf waterproof magneto to prevent any leakage of the high tension current in the connections and cables leading to the spark plug.

A soft rubber hood snugly encloses both the cable and the hard rubber terminal positively excluding moisture.

The end of the cable leading from the spark plug terminates within a brass plug, to which the cable is soldered after being inserted into a skirted insulating piece, which fits tightly into and over a socket moulded in the hard rubber brush holder. The brass plug should be pushed down until there is a perfect joint between the shoulder on the brush holder and terminal plug.

The brush holder may be detached by removing the screws holding the same in position, care being taken not to damage the silk gasket interposed between the joint. The collector ring may be cleaned if required with a clean piece of cloth dipped in gasoline and wrapped around a pencil inserted in the hole, at the same time rotating the shaft of the magneto to insure thorough cleaning.

Should the necessity arise of renewing the cables leading to the spark plugs, the brass plug should be drilled at the place where the copper wires in the cable are soldered to the plug and the cable then removed from the plug.

The new cable should be bared for  $\frac{5}{8}$  of an inch on one end, the copper strands twisted and



Cross  
Sectional View  
of Model  
EU Terminal





Terminal of  
Model EV  
Magneto

inserted in the hole of the terminal plug until the rubber covering reaches the bottom of the hole in the insulation. The copper strands now appear in the cross hole of the brass plug and the hole is then filled with solder. Remove all excess solder which might tend to prevent the plug from properly seating in the brush holder. The brass plug is split; a snug fit may be obtained by spreading the slit with a knife blade.

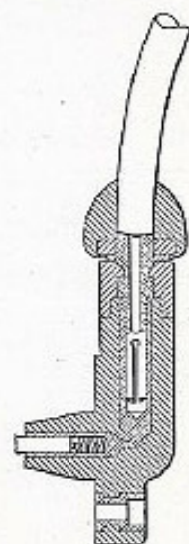
## TIMING

In order to obtain the utmost efficiency from the motor, the magneto must be correctly timed to the motor. This is done when the magneto is fitted at the factory. However, should the occasion arise to retune the magneto, the procedure for a single cylinder motor fitted with type EU Waterproof Magneto is as follows:—

Rotate the crank shaft so as to bring the piston  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch past the upper dead center of the compression stroke. With the timing lever fully retarded, the platinum points of the circuit breaker should be about to separate. Some motors may require an earlier setting in order to obtain the best results.

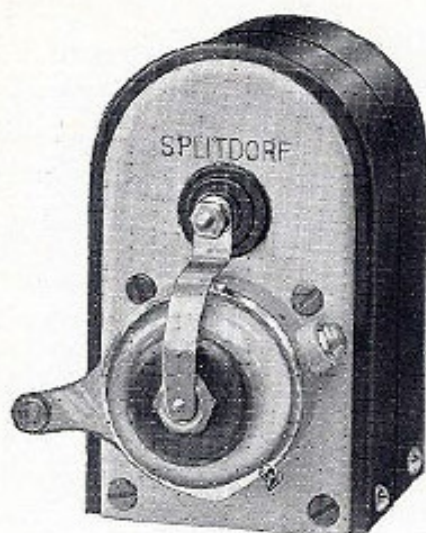
For motors of the twin cylinder type, equipped with our EV or E2 type of waterproof magneto, rotate the crank shaft so as to bring the piston of number 1 cylinder, which is usually the rear one (the first in the direction of rotation),  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch past the upper dead center of the compression stroke.

With the timing lever in the fully retarded position, the platinum points of the circuit breaker should be about to separate, when the fibre roller of the breaker arm commences to ride on the steel cam marked No. 1.

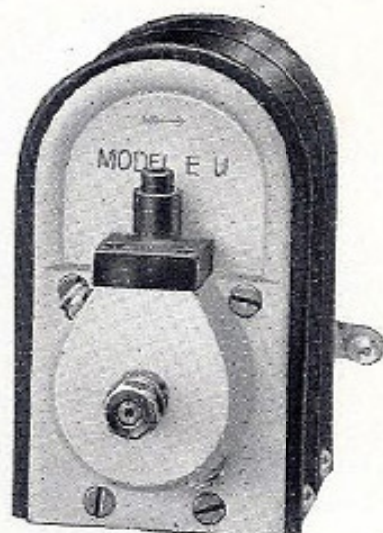


Cross  
Sectional View  
of Model  
EV Terminal





Front View



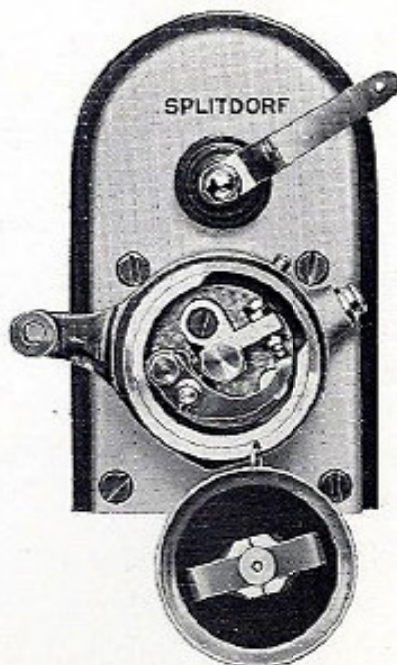
Rear View

## MODEL EU MAGNETO

Waterproof Construction

Price \$45.00

In ordering give direction of rotation looking at driving end and length of cable required. Also specify position of advance lever as shown in dimension cut on page 9.



Front View  
Showing Breaker Box Cover  
Removed



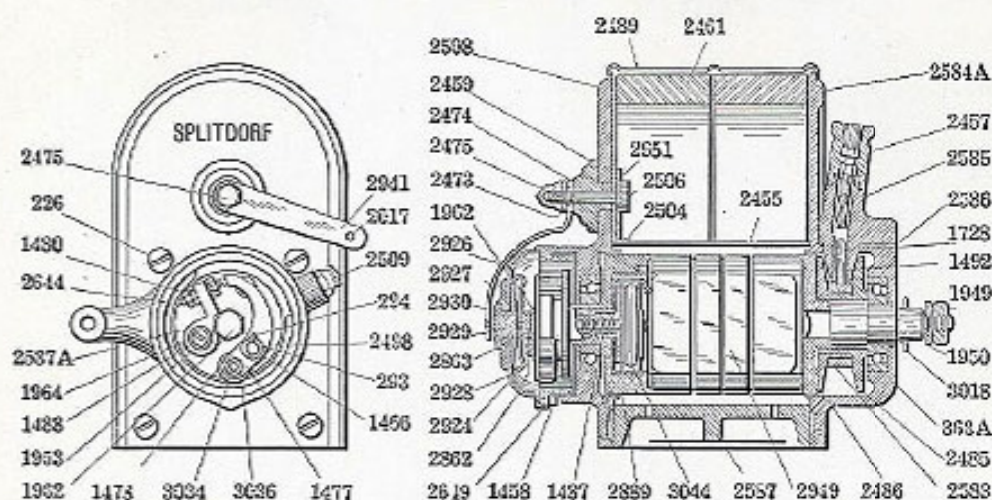


Diagram of Cross Section of Model EU Magneto

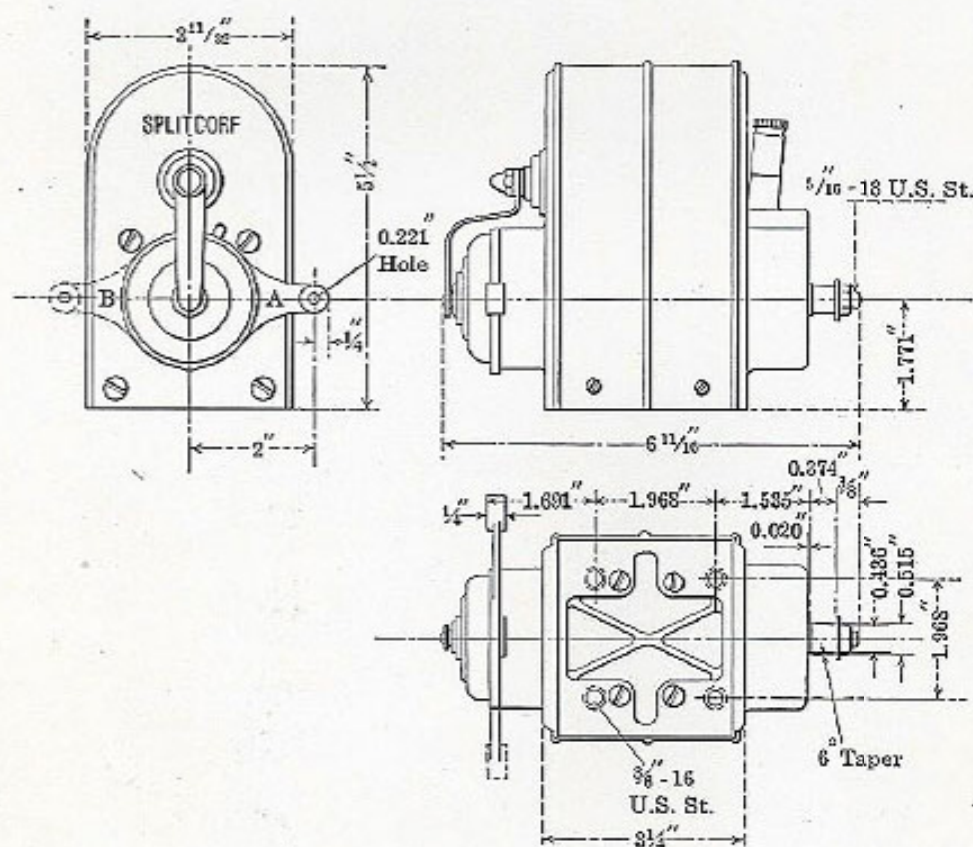
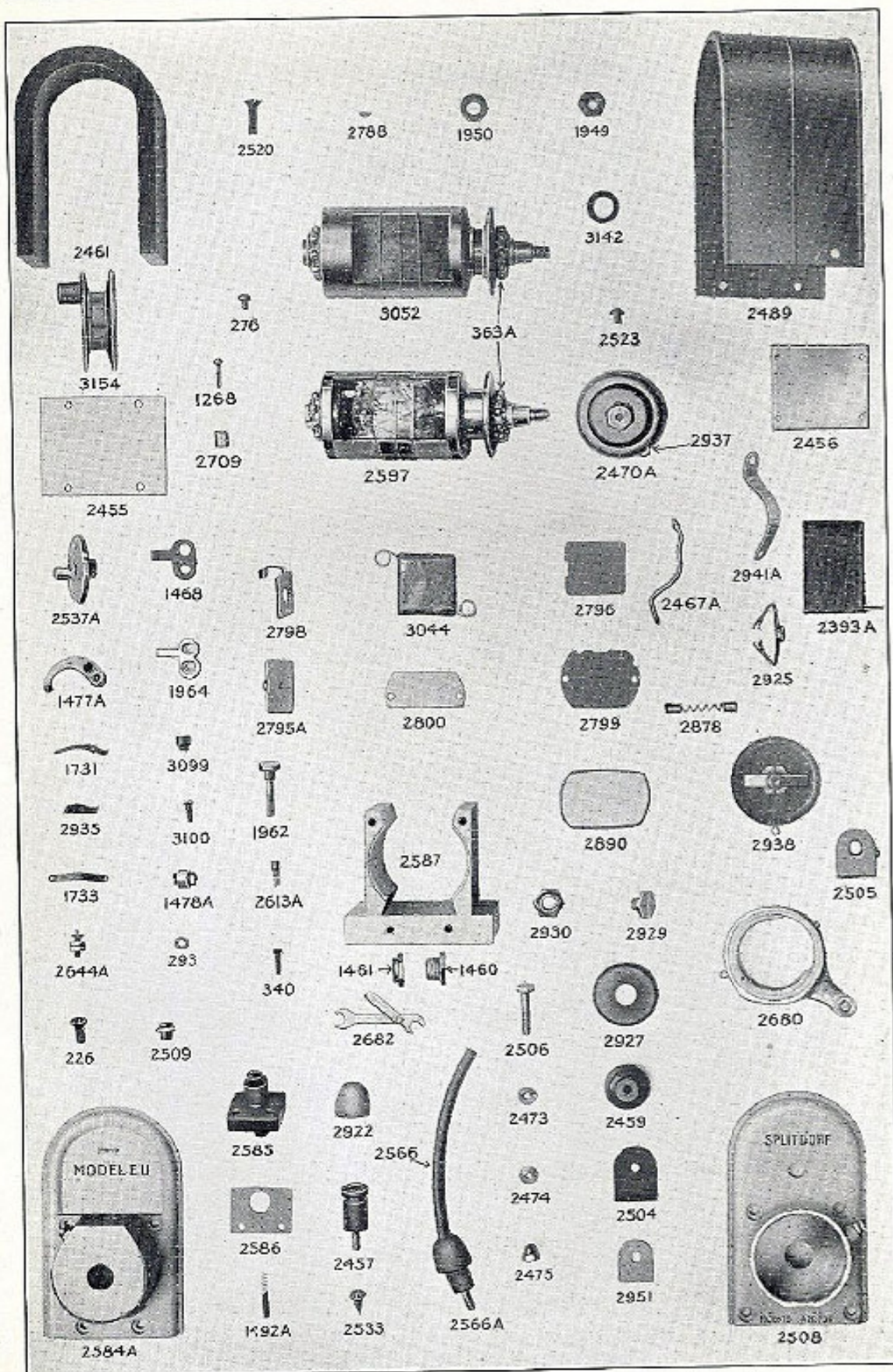


Diagram of Principal Dimensions of Model EU Magneto







## MAGNETO PARTS—MODEL EU

## CRADLE:

Part No.	List.	Part No.	List.
276 Armature cover screws...each	.05	2489 Magneto cover .....	.75
1268 Condenser clamp stud screw..	.05	2520 Magnet screws .....	.05
2393A Condenser .....	.50	2523 Magneto cover screws...each	.05
2456 Armature cover .....	.05	2587 Cradle .....	5.00
2456 Condenser clamp .....	.05	2709 Condenser clamp stud.....	.05
2461 Magnets .....	5.00		

## FRONT PLATE:

226 Plate screws short with lock washers .....	.05	2504 Condenser terminal lock insulation .....	.05
363A Standard annular bearing 15 m/m for armature shaft.....	2.50	2505 Condenser terminal lock.....	.05
2459 Terminal insulation .....	.25	2506 Condenser terminal screw....	.05
2473 Condenser terminal spanner nut .....	.05	2508 Front plate with oiler.....	3.00
2474 Cover spring hinge nut.....	.05	2508A Front plate with bearing and oiler .....	5.50
2475 Ground connection nut.....	.05	2509 Oil cup complete.....	.25
		2951 Condenser terminal lock.....	.05

## ARMATURE:

1949 Armature shaft nut.....	.05	2799 Condenser insulation top....	.05
1950 Armature shaft washer.....	.05	2800 Condenser clamp .....	.05
2516 Armature driving end.....	1.75	2830 Armature cam end.....	1.50
2525 Armature cam end.....	1.50	2890 Condenser insulating tube....	.05
2597 Armature complete with spool and bearings .....	21.25	3044 Condenser .....	.35
2597A Armature with spool.....	16.25	3052 Armature complete with spool bearings and condenser.....	21.50
2597B Armature only .....	15.00	3052A Armature with spool and condenser .....	16.50
2788 Woodruff key .....	.05	3052B Armature with condenser....	15.25
2795A Fastening screw plate.....	.25	3142 Armature felt washer.....	.05
2796 Condenser insulation bottom..	.05	3154 Secondary spool .....	1.25
2798 Condenser connection strip...	.05		

## BREAKER BAR FACE PLATE:

214 Ground spring screw.....	.05	1733 Breaker bar ground spring...	.05
293 Spring washer .....	.05	1962 Face plate fastening screw...	.05
294 Spring washer cotter pin.....	.05	1964 Contact screw bracket.....	.35
1110 Spring fastening screw.....	.05	2637A Breaker bar face plate only..	.75
1468 Contact screw bracket insulating strip .....	.05	2618A Ground brush and spring....	.20
1477A Breaker bar complete with platinum .....	2.00	2644A Platinum contact screw complete with platinum.....	1.75
1478A Breaker bar roller, screw and lock nut .....	.15	2682 Wrench .....	.10
1731 Breaker bar spring.....	.05	2935 Breaker bar spring stop.....	.05
		3099 Screw insulating bushing....	.05
		3100 Bracket fastening screw.....	.05

## BACK PLATE:

226 Plate screws with lock washers each .....	.05	2509 Oil cup complete.....	.25
363A Standard annular bearing 15 m/m for armature shaft.....	2.50	2533 Safety gap screw.....	.05
		2584 Back plate with oiler.....	2.00
		2584A Back plate with bearing & oiler	4.50

## CAM HOLDER:

1458 Advance stop screw.....	.05	2498 Cam .....	.50
2496 Cam screw .....	.05	2680 Cam holder complete with cam	3.00
2497 Grounding screw .....	.05		

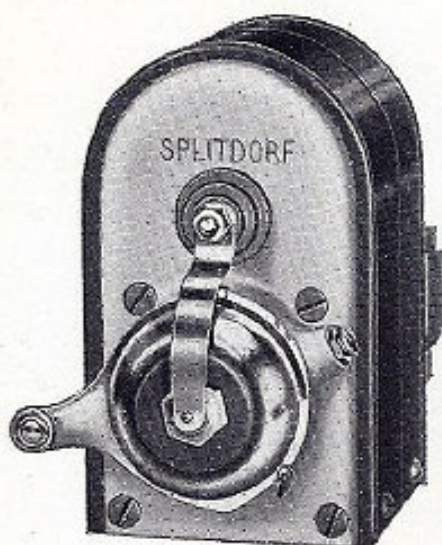
## CAM HOLDER COVER:

1460 Brush holder .....	.15	2928 Brush holder washer.....	.05
1461 Brush holder cap.....	.10	2929 Brush holder stud.....	.05
2467A Cover spring .....	.25	2930 Brush holder stud nut.....	.05
2470A Cam holder cover with two brushes .....	1.00	2937 Cam holder cover ring.....	.05
2878 Gauze brushes with spring...	.20	2938 Cam holder cover complete with brush holder and brush..	1.00
2925 Brush holder .....	.25	2941A Cover spring .....	.25
2927 Brush holder insulation.....	.25		

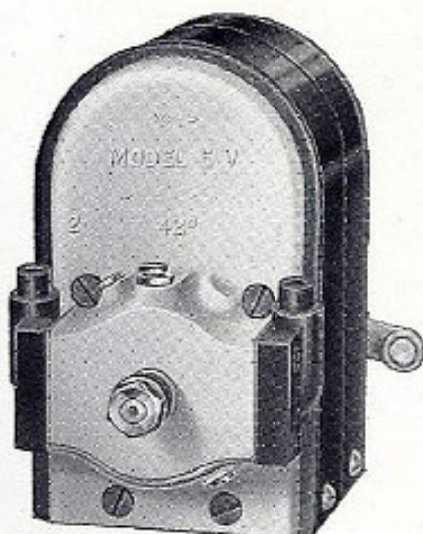
## BRUSH HOLDER:

340 Brush holder screws.....each	.05	2566A Cable with terminal plug.....	.60
1492A Carbon brush with spring....	.10	2585 Brush holder with brushes...	.60
2457 Terminal and plug.....	.25	2586 Brush holder gasket.....	.05
2566 19" Cable .....	.25	2922 Terminal hood .....	.05





Front View



Rear View

## MODEL EV MAGNETO

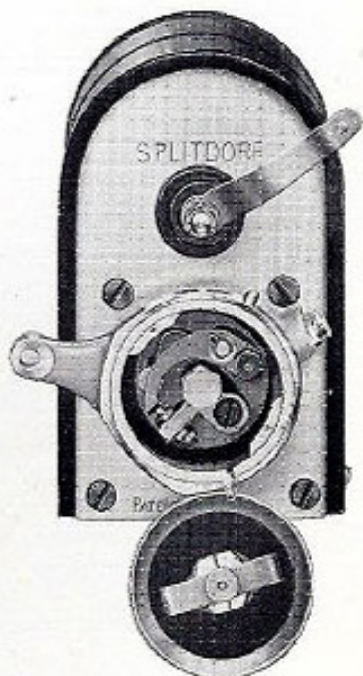
Waterproof Construction

Price, \$48.00

This model is made for motors having cylinders set at  $42^{\circ}$ ,  $45^{\circ}$  and  $50^{\circ}$ .

In ordering give direction of rotation looking at driving end, angle of cylinders and length of cables required. Also specify position of advance lever as shown in dimension cut on page 13.

**CAUTION:**—Be sure that terminal No. 1 is connected to Spark Plug on rear Cylinder.



Front View  
Showing Breaker Box Cover  
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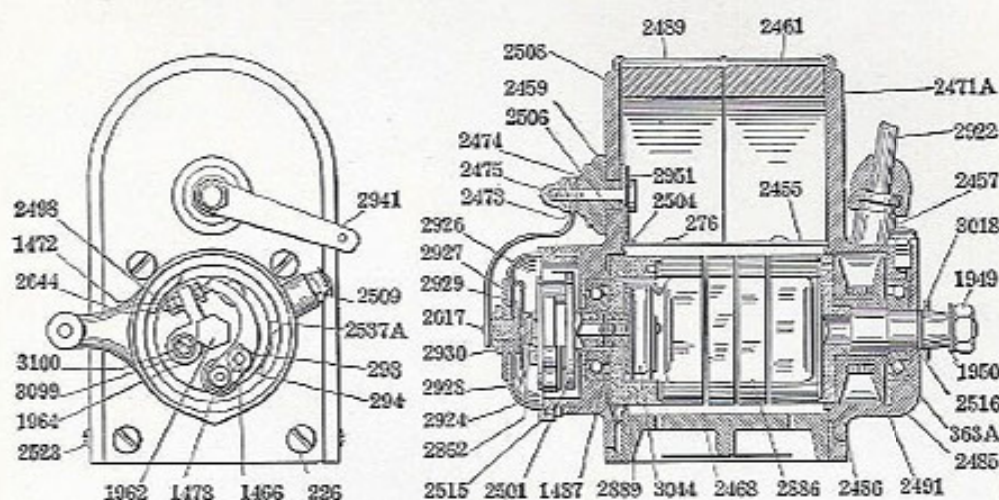


Diagram of Cross Section of Model EV Magneto

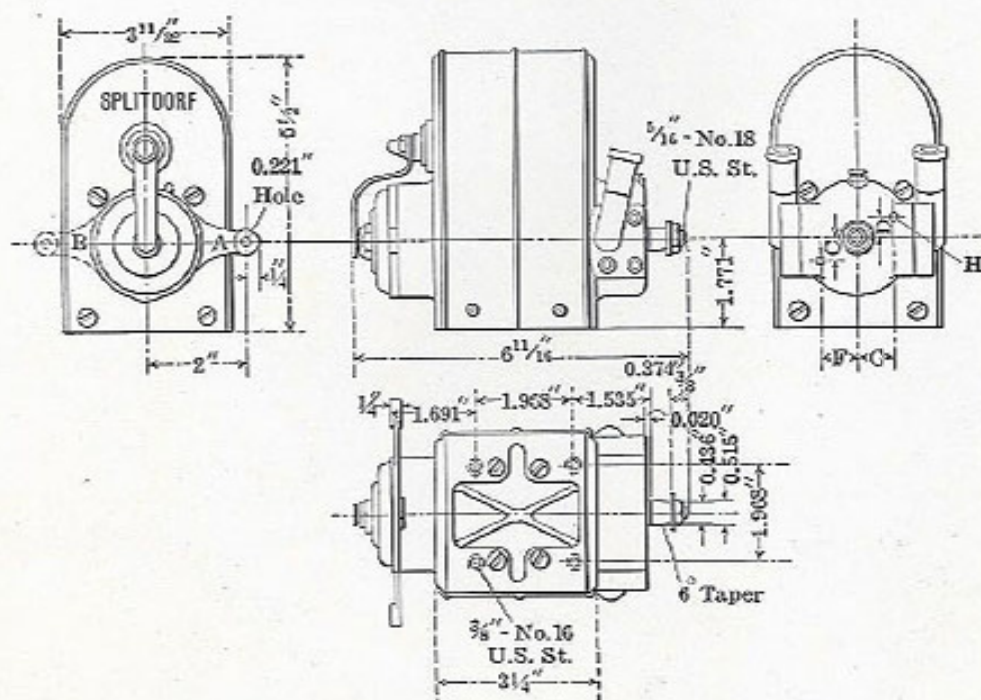


Diagram of Principal Dimensions of Model EV Magneto







## MAGNETO PARTS—MODEL EV

## CRADLE:

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1268 Condenser clamp stud screw..	.05	2489 Magneto cover .....	.75
2393A Condenser .....	.50	2520 Magnet screws .....	.05
2455 Armature cover .....	.05	2523 Magneto cover screws...each	.05
2456 Condenser clamp .....	.05	2709 Condenser clamp stud.....	.05
2461 Magnets .....	5.00		

## FRONT PLATE:

226 Plate screws short with lock washers .....	.05	2504 Condenser terminal lock insulation .....	.05
363A Standard annular bearing 15 m/m for armature shaft.....	2.50	2505 Condenser terminal lock.....	.05
2459 Terminal insulation .....	.25	2506 Condenser terminal screw....	.05
2473 Condenser terminal spanner nut .....	.05	2508 Front plate with oiler.....	3.00
2474 Cover spring hinge nut.....	.05	2508A Front plate with bearing and oiler .....	5.50
2475 Ground connection nut.....	.05	2509 Oil cup complete.....	.25
		2951 Condenser terminal lock.....	.05

## ARMATURE:

1949 Armature shaft nut.....	.05	2800 Condenser clamp .....	.05
1950 Armature shaft washer.....	.05	2886 Armature complete with spool bearings and condenser.....	21.50
2516 Armature driving end.....	1.75	2886A Armature with spool and condenser .....	16.50
2525 Armature cam end.....	1.50	2886B Armature with condenser....	15.25
2569 Armature only .....	15.00	2889 Armature cam end.....	1.50
2569A Armature complete with spool and bearings .....	21.25	2890 Condenser insulating tube...	.05
2569B Armature with spool.....	16.25	2903L Secondary spool left hand...	1.25
2788 Woodruff key .....	.05	2903R Secondary spool right hand..	1.25
2795A Fastening screw plate.....	.25	3044 Condenser .....	.25
2796 Condenser insulation bottom..	.05	3142 Armature felt washer.....	.05
2798 Condenser connection strip..	.05		
2799 Condenser insulation top.....	.05		

## BREAKER BAR FACE PLATE:

214 Ground spring screw.....	.05	1733 Breaker bar ground spring...	.05
293 Spring washer .....	.05	1962 Face plate fastening screw...	.05
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1468 Contact screw bracket insulating strip .....	.05	2613A Ground brush and spring....	.20
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1478A Breaker bar roller, screw and lock nut .....	.15	2682 Wrench .....	.10
1731 Breaker bar spring.....	.05	2935 Breaker bar spring stop.....	.05
		3099 Screw insulating bushing....	.05
		3100 Bracket fastening screw.....	.05

## BACK PLATE:

226 Plate screws with lock washers each .....	.05	2471 Back plate with oiler.....	2.50
363A Standard annular bearing 15 m/m for armature shaft.....	2.50	2471A Back plate with bearing & oiler	5.00
		2509 Oil cup complete.....	.25
		2533 Safety gap screw.....	.05

## CAM HOLDER:

1458 Advance stop screw.....	.05	2515 Cam holder complete with cams .....	3.00
2496 Cam screw .....	.05	3051 Cams .....	.25
2497 Grounding screw .....	.05		

## CAM HOLDER COVER:

1460 Brush holder .....	.15	2928 Brush holder washer.....	.05
1461 Brush holder cap.....	.10	2929 Brush holder stud.....	.05
2467A Cover spring .....	.25	2930 Brush holder stud nut.....	.05
2470A Cam holder cover with two brushes .....	1.00	2937 Cam holder cover ring.....	.05
2878 Gauze brushes with spring...	.20	2928 Cam holder cover complete with brush holder and brush.	1.00
2925 Brush holder .....	.25	2941A Cover spring .....	.25
2927 Brush holder insulation.....	.25		

## BRUSH HOLDER:

340 Brush holder screws.....each	.05	2562 Brush holder gasket.....	.05
1492A Carbon brush with spring....	.10	2566 19" cable .....	.25
2457 Terminal and plug.....	.25	2566A Cable with terminal plug....	.60
2483 Brush holder with brush (left)	1.00	2922 Terminal hood .....	.05
2490 Brush holder with brush (right)	1.00		

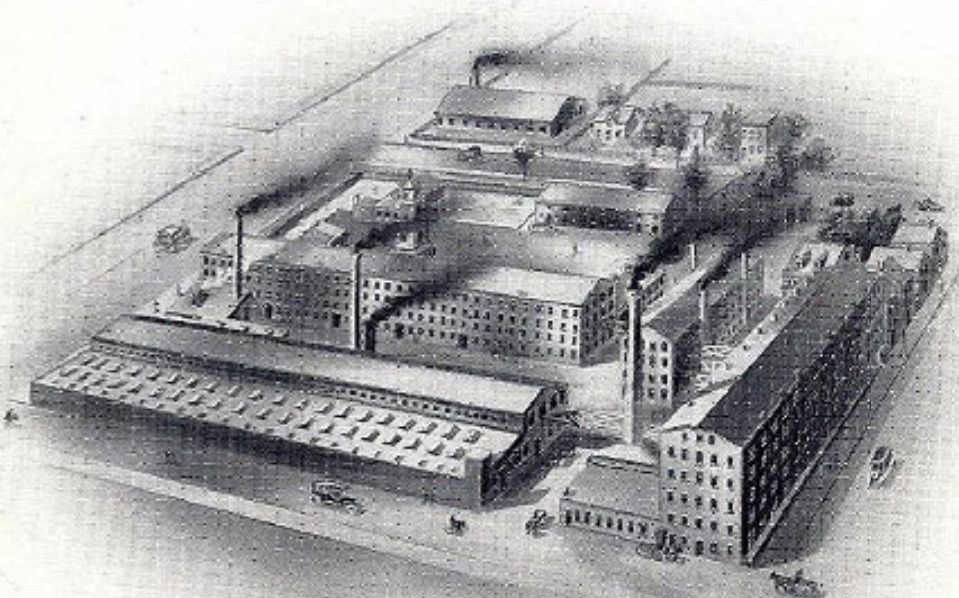


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