

Corvair Air Conditioning Hose Markings

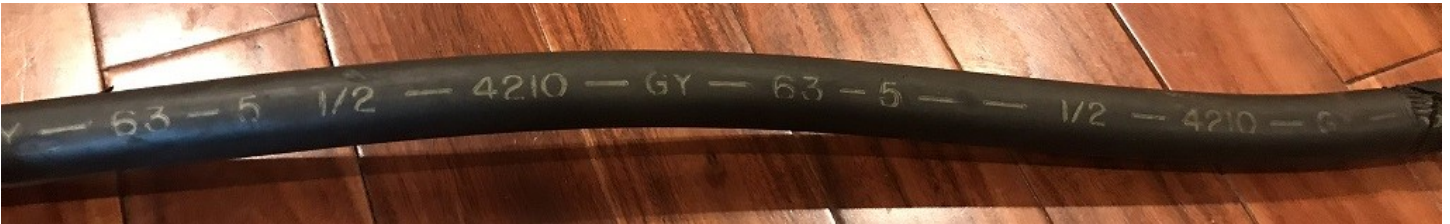
Corvair equipped with Factory A/C used 3 different sizes of hose, and each of these had markings which indicated the size and some other information, including, possibly, a date code. In every instance I have examined, the marking sequence follows the same pattern: hose size—4210—GY—(date code?) <longer dash> hose size—4210—GY—(date code?)

Let's examine these markings with photos.

This first set of hoses were originally installed on the John Glenn Car (Fisher Build date 09C)

Here is the first photo, the 1/2 inch hose from the 09C car which connects Compressor to Condenser The code reads as follows:

1/2—4210—GY—63—5 ——1/2—4210—GY—63—5



As this car was built in Sept 1963, if the date code 63-5 means May of 1963, that would mean the hose was made about 4 months before it was used, which is reasonable for a low production option

Next photo is the 5/8-inch hose from the 09C car. This hose connects Evaporator to Compressor This code reads:

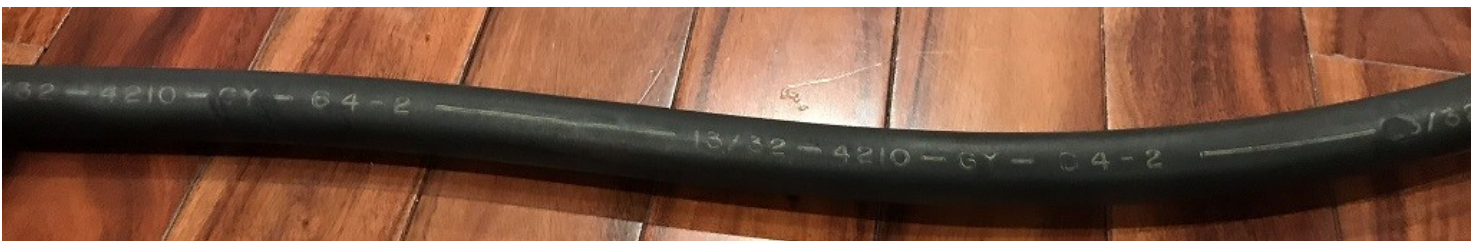
5/8—4210—GY—62—7 ——5/8—4210—GY—62—7



Again, If we are assuming the date code is 62-7 (July 1962?) it still could be correct, but the hose would've been over a year old. Still, given that Factory A/C was a low production option, it may be possible that these parts sat around that long. Anyway, it's what I pulled off the car, so I assume it was correct.

The last sized hose was 13/32 and it connects Condenser to Dehydrator to Evaporator This is where I run into a problem. The number on the hose I pulled off the 09C car reads:

13/32—4210—GY—64—2 ———13/32—4210—GY—64—2



Well, this clearly makes no sense if the car was made in Sept 63, the hose could not possibly have been dated Feb 64. Maybe the hose was replaced at some point in the car's past?

Let's look at another set of hoses—these came from another 1964 Factory A/C car with build date 03C (third week of March, 1964)

First is the 1/2 inch hose:

1/2—4210—GY—64—1 —1/2—4210—GY—64—1



OK, that's possible. Let's look at the other two

The 5/8 inch hose:

5/8 * 4210 * GY * 65 * 9 ***** 5/8 * 4210 * GY * 65 * 9



Nope! That doesn't work at all, unless the hose was changed.

How about the final hose—13/32? Well, I don't have it—it had been removed before I got the car.

So, I need more data— need people who still have access to original Factory A/C hoses with verifiable history to inspect and report their findings.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

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