

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ILLUSTRATIONS ARE NOT TO  
SCALE!**

**Commentary gives size in mm's**



Pre 1924

AK19pre-24

41 x 25 mm approx



1924-on

AK18 24-35

41 x 20 mm approx

Early 531's had the green numbers in single quote marks. This continued until some time in the late '50's or early '60's. An exact date for when the quotes were removed is not known. Don't get too hung up on "should there be quotes or not". All reproductions are produced from a physical example – which may or may not have had those quote marks.



The earliest 531 transfer I've yet found.  
Very simple. Certainly used pre-war,  
maybe post-war too.

531AL35-48

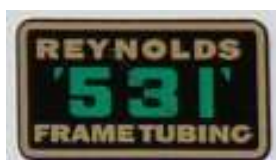
38 x 27 mm approx



A very early 531 transfer. Probably the  
precursor to ref "B". Very simple.  
Certainly used pre-war, and post-war to  
an estimated 1949 (?).

531BR37-48

27 x 10 mm approx



Main triangle only is 531 Plain Gauge.  
Used until at least 1965

531B48-65

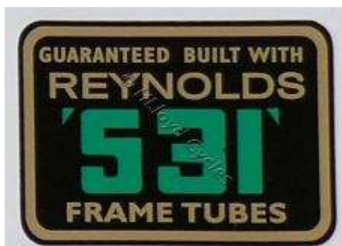
31 x 18 mm approx



Plain Gauge main triangle. Estimated use mid '50's to 1972

531Q53-72

39 x 27 mm approx



Plain gauge main triangle, why "tubes" rather than "tubing" I don't know. Estimated 1945-1953

531BP45-53

43 x 40 mm approx



ALL Tubing is 531, with butted main triangle. Probably used until items "G" and "D" were introduced.

531BT37-48

38 x 28 mm approx



Plain gauge tubing throughout, BUT I have NEVER seen this on a cycle. It WAS used on Norton and Beamish (Suzuki) Motorcycle frames

531AE NORTON

30 x 22 mm approx



Main triangle is 531 butted tubing. Certainly used in 1940's and 1950's

531P48-53

38 x 28 mm approx



Main triangle is 531 butted tubing. French version appears to be introduced a little later and ran to 1973

531PFRENCH

41 x 27 mm approx



Transfer for butted frame tubes, but other tubes and forks are ????? Used until 1973

531A53-73

39 x 27 mm approx



Early version of the one everyone recognises ! Estimated use 1948-1953

531G48-53

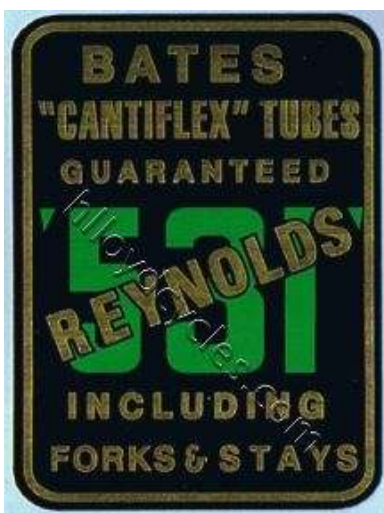
43 x 32 mm approx



All tubing is plain gauge. This one may have continued to late 1950's

531L48-53

43 x 32 mm approx



Unique to Bates "Cantiflex" machines. Please note though that early frames (pre-1945) appear to have used normal 531 transfers.

531BATES

30 x 40 mm approx



Smaller version of ref "D". "Unique" to Raleigh Record Ace, but apparently Gillott used them too.

531RALEIGH

20 x 13 mm approx



Smaller version of Ref L, probably released early 1950's and ran through to 1973

531BV53-73

39 x 27 mm approx



This is the one that must have graced many thousands of frames. Used 1952-1973 on most "Quality" lightweights. Overlap with ref "G" in early years

531D52-73

39 x 28 mm approx

A little word about early fork decals (pre '73). Some had "forks" and the little dot below, others said "fork blades" with the little dot below. There seems to be no break date and no rhyme or reason. In my collection I have decals printed at the same sort of period and **with the same part number** on the print. One has the dot, the other doesn't. Don't lose any sleep over this detail!



If a fork transfer was fitted then this was the one until 1973.

531H48-73

PAIR

26 x 21 mm approx



Quite an unusual version of ref "D". Appears to be limited to 1951 and 1952 only !

531BW51-52

32 x 19 mm approx



French version of "Ref D"

531T53-73

39 x 28 mm approx



French version of ref "H"

531U48-73

PAIR

23 x 19 mm approx



Unique to Raleigh Lenton series

531LENTON

18 x 13 mm approx



The break date when Reynolds added the gold box and address at the bottom has been the subject of much correspondence and conjecture. I have finally found an official Reynolds publication that gives 1<sup>st</sup> July 1973 as the date. HOWEVER there would still have been a lot of old print stock knocking about that would have gone onto later-built frames, and I have seen frames warranted from mid-'80's with pre-'73 decals on them.

Similarly the date at which the "R" was added to the right of the "531" is open to discussion, but a May 1975 advert shows decals with the "R" in place. To save duplication I have added the "R" to all post '73-type decals.

Yet another note on post-'73 decals! There seem to have been AMERICAN versions too! On these the gold box at bottom is a little taller and the whole design a little "squarer" as a result. I refer to these as "American", but I have seen TWO frames definitely built in the UK with this type of decal on them. At the moment they are not listed as I don't like the way they look AND it cuts down on duplication.



Follow on transfer from ref "D". Used 1973-1977

531J73-77

42 x 34 mm approx



Fork transfer used with Ref "J"

531E73-77

PAIR

36 x 27 mm approx



Follow on transfer from ref "A"

531AF73-77

42 x 34 mm approx



French version of Ref "J"

531J FRENCH

41 x 31 mm approx



French version of ref "E"

531EFRENCH  
PAIR

36 x 27 mm approx

Although Reynolds were part of TI earlier than 1977 they didn't change the contents of the gold box at bottom until 1977. That said they must have started the change earlier than this as a Feb 1976 advert for 531SL and 753 showed the decals for those tube-sets WITH the TI logo. In general thought the break date for the change should be taken as 1977



Used 1977 – mid-'80's. All tubes are 531, with butted main tubes.

531F77-82

42 x 32 mm approx



Fork transfer used with Ref "F"

531M77-82  
(PAIR)

33 x 28 mm approx



Hmmm. My French aint so good, but this seems to be the French version of Ref "P", but used after 1977, when the "TI" was added. In other words, butted main tubes with ????? forks/stays

531AG77-82

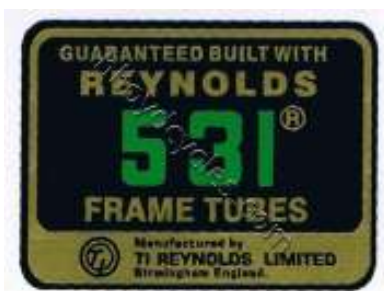
41 x 31 mm approx



Plain gauge main triangle. Medium spec cycles. Used 1977 to 1982

531W77-82

42 x 32 mm approx



Plain Gauge main triangle. Medium spec cycles. Used 1977 to 1982. Same as "Ref W" in meaning, but different wording.

531BX77-82

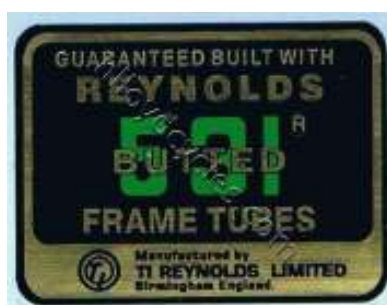
42 x 31 mm approx



See item Ref "L", but this is the version for 1977 onward

531AH77-82

42 x 34 mm approx



See item Ref "A", but version for 1977 onward

531AM77-82

42 x 32 mm approx



Introduced in about 1981 this was the re-hash of Ref "F" apparently because Columbus moaned that the previous version implied that the forks and stayed were butted too – which they weren't

531AJ81-82

46 x 37 mm approx

NOTE this is the FIRST time that the "531" moved from the diagonal for double butted frames.

A note on 531AJ style. In Reynolds literature these decals are detailed as being used on AMERICAN built frames and there are also illustrations of this decal with the old-style pre-TI gold box at bottom, and even with no gold box at all! (i.e. pre 1973). As this is intended to be a BRITISH listing of events and the post-'77 style of "AJ" was DEFINITELY used in Britain I've just concentrated on these and not earlier versions that may have been used overseas



Reynolds began to tailor the 531 range in about 1976. This is the Special Lightweight version. Please note that the "531" is in red, the first time that there was a change from the green.

531SL80-82

40 x 33 mm approx





Fork Transfer used as Reynolds began to tailor the 531 range, around 1980. This is for "SL" tubing

531Y80-82  
PAIR  
30 x 29 mm approx



Another 531 speciality in the shape of "Speedstream". Although it was heavy it was meant to give aerodynamic advances. No firm date for introduction, but 1982 seems about right for this particular version.

531BJ1982  
53 x 32 mm approx



This special decal was issued in 1935 to celebrate 50 years of 531 production. It is often seen used with an additional 531 that actually gives the tubing spec.

531 50<sup>th</sup>  
49 x 49 mm approx



In about 1982 Reynolds added the "wing" to their logo. First there was 531 "C" plus "ST" and "Professional" (see below)

531N82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx



Post 1982 "Special Tourist" (ST). All 531 DB

531ST82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx



Butted frame tubes transfer post-1982. Only the main triangle is butted.

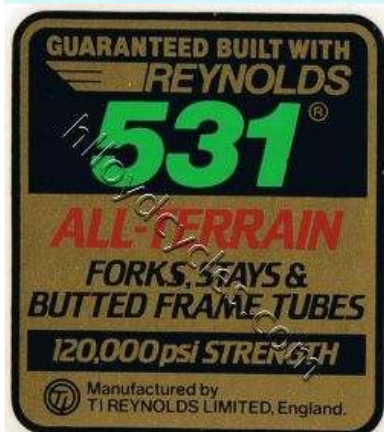
531AZ82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx





Plain gauge tubing transfer post 1982,  
used on frames with main triangle only of  
531

531X82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx



All Terrain “ATB” 531 tubing. The first  
time that Reynolds had entered the  
specific ATB market

531BB82-89  
53 x 47 mm approx



Tandem Tubing post 1982. “Butted  
tandem Tubes”

531BA82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx



Fork transfers to match “N”, “AN”, “X” etc,  
all post 1982

531V82-89  
PAIR  
30 x 22 mm approx



Released some time in mid ‘80’s the  
“Club Sport” tubeset never really seemed  
to catch on as I have only ever seen ONE  
on a frame! Forks and stays were  
chrome moly, not 531.

531CS82-89  
40 x 47 mm approx



531 "Professional" post 1982. Please note that the 531 is in RED

531AX82-89

40 x 47 mm approx



531 "Professional" fork transfer for use with item "AX". Post 1982

531AY82-89  
PAIR

30 x 22 mm approx



As the fork transfer became "less important" Reynolds "dummed down" its design. Please note there are "red" and "green" versions of this.

531Z82-89

20 x 14 mm approx



Newer version of "BJ" with the wing added and some colours changed.

531BK82-89

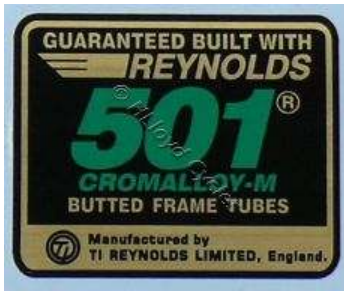
63 x 39 mm approx

## IMPORTANT NOTE!

Sometime in 1989 Reynolds added "531" to their name as in "TI Reynolds 531 Limited". ALL of the post-1982 transfers were issued with this change in the address box at the bottom. No references are given for this minor change, but all can be referenced via the normal reference, with 531 added, e.g. Ref "AY"531

## NOTE ON FRENCH 531's

MOST of the 1982-1989 531's were issued in French version as well. These can be referred to by adding "French" to the reference, e.g. Ref "AY French"



501 tubing. A lower spec than 531, but still "good". C. 1982 – on. This one has 501 butted main triangle only

501AP82-89



501 tubing THROUGHOUT with butted main triangle and stays

501CA82-89



501 fork blade decal, to go with "AA", "AP" etc

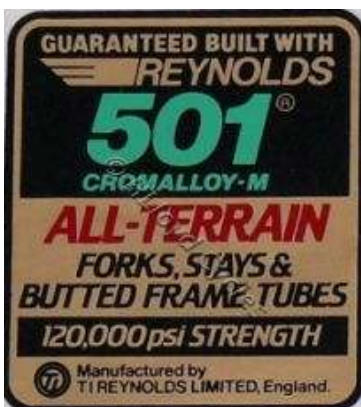
501AR82-89  
PAIR

501 SL (!!!) it was actually quite good too!

501SL82-89

501 SL fork decal

501AV82-89  
PAIR



501 All terrain butted main triangle only

501AW82-89

#### NOTE ON FRENCH 501'S

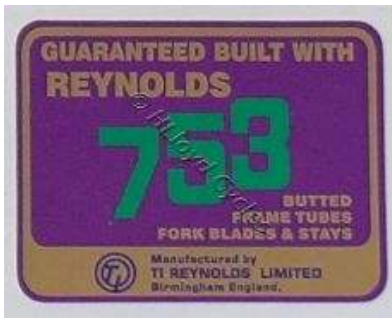


MOST of the 1982 – 1989 501's were issued in French versions as well. These can be referred to by adding "FRENCH" to the main reference

501CA82-89 FRENCH  
&  
501AR82-89 FRENCH







753. We have to start somewhere. The very first 753's had the numbers running on an uphill "base line" 753 started life only in-house to TI Raleigh. These first transfers were issued to SOME top-class builders, but very few are found on anything but Raleighs. Not sure what accepted wisdom is on intro date of 753 but this type of decal appeared in ads as early as Feb 1976

753BC77-82



753 Fork transfer, the first type

753BD77-82



753 post-1982. The wing was added, as per 531, and the numbers were relocated onto a straight base-line. 753 "R" for "Race" PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DECAL LOOKS LIKE IT'S BLACK – IT'S PURPLE!

753R82-89



Track 753, 753 "T". Issue details as 753R

753T82-89



753 fork transfer, used post-1982 with both "R" and "T" versions

753BG  
PAIR



Alternative 753 fork decal which post-dates 753BG

753Z82-89

NOTE

The addition of "531" to the Reynolds address at the bottom of the transfer was made on 753's leading up to 1989 (see important note on 531's, above)





653. I have no date for the introduction of 653, but I would guess about 1988 or 89.

It sat between 753 and 531, with a tubeset quoted as only 50g heavier than 531. This is the first version – sometimes with “531” in the address box too. See similar notes on 531 and 753 above.

653BH88-89  
(set of 3 only)

Post 1989 Reynolds significantly revamped their transfer design, making them a lot more simple. At the same time they introduced lower spec tubing like 500, 525 and just plain “CROMOLY

Post '89 decals are not generally covered by the scope of the licence for reproduction signed with Reynolds UNLESS Reynolds themselves are not able to supply and have agreed a resultant extension to the licence (there is a link to RTL on my website). Only post '89 decals that DO form part of that agreement are detailed here.



525 TRIATHLON. A specific tubing set for Triathlon with slightly changed chain/seat-stay wall thicknesses

525TRI 89+

525 Forks. ONLY available when supplied with 525 Triathlon

525TRI fork 89+

531 Super tourist post 1989  
531 forks post '89. ONLY available when ordered with matching 531 frame decal

531BL89+  
531 Fork 89+