

AUTOMOBILE VIN DECODING INFORMATION

A 17-digit combination of letters and numbers that identify an individual vehicle is called a Vehicle Identification Number or VIN number. It is located on the driver's side of the dashboard at the base where the windshield glass and the dashboard meet.

The following is a basic code description of some of the lettering and numbering found inside the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). For a more extensive list and explanation of a certain VIN and its components, please go to our website at <http://www.claimspages.com> and type the word "autovin" in the search box.

DIGIT	DESCRIPTION	CODES							
1	Manufacturer Country	1	United States	J	Japan	T	Switzerland	Y	Sweden
		2	Canada	K	So. Korea	T	Czechoslovakia	Y	Norway
		3	Mexico	K	Israel	T	Hungary	Y	Belarus
		3	Costa Rica	K	Sri Lanka	V	Austria	Y	Malta
		4	United States	L	China	V	France	Y	Finland
		5	United States	R	Taiwan	V	Spain	Y	Belgium
		6	Australia	R	Vietnam	V	Yugoslavia	Y	Ukraine
		9	Brazil	S	Great Britain	V	Croatia	Z	Italy
		9	Columbia	S	Germany	V	Estonia	Z	Slovenia
		9	Paraguay	S	Poland	W	Germany	Z	Lithuania
		(Not a complete list)							
2	Manufacturer Code	A	Audi or Jaguar	L	Lincoln	1	Chevrolet		
		B	BMW or Dodge	M	Hyundai or Mercury	2	Pontiac		
		C	Chrysler	N	Nissan	3	Oldsmobile		
		D	Mercedes Benz	P	Plymouth	4	Buick		
		E	Eagle	T	Toyota	5	Pontiac		
		F	Ford	V	Volkswagen or Volvo	6	Cadillac		
		G	General Motors	Y	Mazda	7	GM Canada		
		H	Honda	Z	Ford or Mazda	8	Saturn		
		(Not a complete list)							
3	Vehicle Type	Varies by Manufacturer							
4	Others	Varies by Manufacturer							
5	Product Line	Varies by Manufacturer							
6	Price Class/Series	Varies by Manufacturer							
7	Body Style	Varies by Manufacturer							
8	Engine Code	Varies by Manufacturer							
9	Check Digit	0 through 9 or X (<i>Roman Numeral for 10</i>) identifies the authenticity of the VIN							
10	Model Year	A	1980	J	1988	T	1996	4	2004
		B	1981	K	1989	V	1997	5	2005
		C	1982	L	1990	W	1998	6	2006
		D	1983	M	1991	X	1999	7	2007
		E	1984	N	1992	Y	2000	8	2008
		F	1985	P	1993	1	2001	9	2009
		G	1986	R	1994	2	2002		
		H	1987	S	1995	3	2003		
11	Assembly Plant	Varies by Manufacturer							
12	Serial Number	Assigned by Manufacturer							
13	Serial Number	Assigned by Manufacturer							
14	Serial Number	Assigned by Manufacturer							
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