

## Assistance For Identifying Common VIN Errors

Nation of Origin	VIN Pos. 1
USA	1
Canada	2
Mexico	3
USA (Diamond-Star Motors / Mazda, Isuzu)	4
USA	5
Australia	6
Japan	J
Korea	K
Taiwan	L
England	S
Europe	V
Europe: France (Renault)	V
Europe: Yugoslavia (Yugo)	V
West Germany	W
Sweden	Y
Italy	Z

\* Most commonly used "Nation of Origin" codes.

Manufacturer	VIN Pos 2	Manufacturer	VIN Pos 2
Acura	H	Plymouth	P
Audi, Alfa Romero	A	Suzuki	G
American Motors	A	Suzuki	S
American Motors Canada	C	Toyota	T
Chrysler	C		
Daewoo	L		
Dodge	B		
Eagle	E		
Ford	F		
Manufacturer	VIN Pos 1-3	Manufacturer	VIN Pos 1-3
GM of Canada	C	Mazda	JM3
General Motors	G	Mitsubishi	JA7
Honda	H	Range Rover	SAL
Jeep	J	Volkswagon	WVW
Lincoln	L	Volvo	YV1
Mercury	M		
Nissan	N		

\* Not a comprehensive list and may change based upon model year.

Incomplete Vehicle Make Codes	Identified By VIN Pos. 1-3
<b>Chrysler</b> (Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Plymouth)	
Dodge: 1B6, 2B6, 3B6	Jeep: 1JD, 2BD
<b>Ford</b> (Ford, Lincoln, Mercury)	
Ford: 1FC, 1FD, 2FC, 2FD, 3FC, 3FD, 4F3, 9BF, JC4	
Lincoln: 1LJ, 1NJ	Mercury: 1MH, 2MH, 4M3
<b>General Motors</b> (Buick, Cadillac, Chev, GMC, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Saturn)	
Buick: 4GL	Cadillac: 1GE
Chevrolet: 1GB, 2GB, 4G1, J8B, J8Y	
GMC: 1GG, 2GG, J8D, 1GD, 2GD	
<b>Isuzu:</b> 4S5, JAL, JAM	
<b>Nissan:</b> 4N3	
<b>Toyota:</b> 1T5, 4T5	

From ISO Standard Software Information Kit:

This list is manufacturer/make code specific. There may be a situation where one of the make codes listed above is valid for another manufacturer, however, this will not occur in the same model year.

Common VIN Errors - Typos		
1, L	7, 9	D, 0
2, Z	8, 9	E, T
3, 8, B, E	9, P	F, P, R, T
4, 9, Y	0, O	G, C
5, S, 6	A, H, K, R	M, N
6, 5	C, 0, G, L	U, V, W
<b>These alpha characters are never used in VINs: I, O, or Q.</b>		

Model Year	VIN Pos 10	Model Year	VIN Pos 10
1981	B	2000	Y
1982	C	2001	1
1983	D	2002	2
1984	E	2003	3
1985	F	2004	4
1986	G	2005	5
1987	H	2006	6
1988	J	2007	7
1989	K	2008	8
1990	L	2009	9
1991	M	2010	A
1992	N	2011	B
1993	P	2012	C
1994	R		
1995	S		
1996	T		
1997	V		
1998	W		
1999	X		

**MODEL YEAR codes should always conform to this format.**

Beginning with the 1981 model year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, required manufacturers selling over-the-road vehicles in the US to produce the vehicles with a 17-character vehicle identification number (VIN).