

Perkins Diesel Engine Serial Number

Understanding Your Perkins Engine Serial Number

Most Perkins engines fall into two categories: pre-1978 (1966-1978—another numbering method was used before that) and post-1978 (including current engines in production).

In pre-1978 engines, the ESN consisted of a max of 13 digits, beginning with its cubic inch capacity, then its manufacturing country, the OEM, the serial number, followed by letters indicating any special features. This system of numbering is no longer followed.

Post-1978 ESN Format

This format begins with two letters indicating the Engine Family/Type Code. The next five numbers make up the build number or engine order reference.

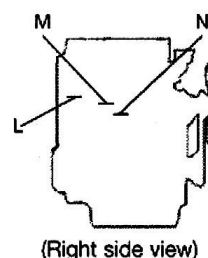
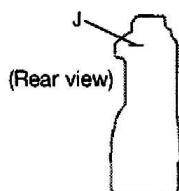
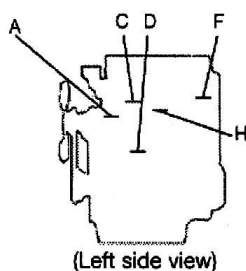
Next is a letter indicating country of origin:

Perkins Engine Country of Manufacture Letter Code					
A	Argentina	HK	Iraq	S	India
B	Brazil	HU	Uruguay	SA	South Africa
C	Australia	J	Japan	T	Turkey
D	Germany	K	Korea	U	UK
E	Spain	L	Italy	V	Pakistan
F	France	M	Mexico	W	Iran
G	Greece	MX	Mexico	X	Peru
H	Group	N	USA	Y	Yugoslavia
HC	China	P	Poland		
HM	Indonesia	R	China		

The next set of numbers is your engine number and is unique to your engine. The last letter indicates the year your engine was manufactured:

Perkins Engine Manufacturing Year Code							
A	1974	M	1985	B	1996	N	2006
B	1975	N	1986	C	1997	P	2007
C	1976	P	1987	D	1998	R/S	2008
D	1977	S	1988	E	1/1/99-3/31/99	T	2009
E	1978	T	1989	F	4/1/99-12/31/99	U	2010
F	1979	U	1990	G	2000	V	2011
G	1980	V	1991	H	2001	W	2012
H	1981	W	1992	J	2002	X	2013
J	1982	X	1993	K	2003	Y	2014
K	1983	Y	1994	L	2004		
L	1984	A	1995	M	2005		

Where to Find Your Perkins Engine Serial Number



Engine Type	Position	Engine Type	Position	Engine Type	Position	Engine Type	Position
3.152	M	4.203	J or N	4.236	C or L	6.354	D
4.108	A	4.212/4.248	C	4.318	F	1000 / 1100 (A/B/C) Series	H or J

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