

VIN Code

Meets NATEF Task: (A8-A-4) Locate and interpret vehicle identification numbers. (P-1)

Name _____ Date _____ Time on Task _____

Make/Model/Year _____ VIN _____ Evaluation: 4 3 2 1

- The first number or letter designates the **country of origin** = _____

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| 1 = United States | 6 = Australia | L = China | V = France |
| 2 = Canada | 8 = Argentina | R = Taiwan | W = Germany |
| 3 = Mexico | 9 = Brazil | S = England | X = Russia |
| 4 = United States | J = Japan | T = Czechoslovakia | Y = Sweden |
| 5 = United States | K = Korea | U = Romania | Z = Italy |

- The model of the vehicle is commonly the fourth or fifth character. **Model?** _____
- The eighth character is often the engine code. (Some engines cannot be determined by the VIN number.) **Engine code:** _____
- The tenth character represents the year on all vehicles. See the following chart.

VIN Year Chart (The pattern repeats every 30 years.)

Year? _____

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| A = 1980/2010 | J = 1988/2018 | T = 1996/2026 | 4 = 2004/2034 |
| B = 1981/2011 | K = 1989/2019 | V = 1997/2027 | 5 = 2005/2035 |
| C = 1982/2012 | L = 1990/2020 | W = 1998/2028 | 6 = 2006/2036 |
| D = 1983/2013 | M = 1991/2021 | X = 1999/2029 | 7 = 2007/2037 |
| E = 1984/2014 | N = 1992/2022 | Y = 2000/2030 | 8 = 2008/2038 |
| F = 1985/2015 | P = 1993/2023 | 1 = 2001/2031 | 9 = 2009/2039 |
| G = 1986/2016 | R = 1994/2024 | 2 = 2002/2032 | |
| H = 1987/2017 | S = 1995/2025 | 3 = 2003/2033 | |