

Automotive Battery Part Numbers and Date Codes

In Australia, batteries and cars are imported from all around the world so we have a large mix of Japanese, European and American part numbers and some only used in Australia.

Japanese Part Numbers

	AH	Terminal	Battery Length (cm)	Polarity
55D23L -	55	D	23	L

First numbers represent the amp hours: **55** = 55AH, **165** = 165AH etc.

Next the letter represents the terminal size: **D** = standard terminal, **B** = small terminal, **E** is for long batteries like an N100, **F** & **G** is for terminals down one end like N120, N150 and N200.

Next numbers represent the battery length: **23** = 23cm long, **51** = 51cm long etc. This is the most important number as it tells the physical size of the battery.

Last letter represents the battery polarity: **R** is for negative terminal on the right, **L** is for negative terminal on the left, although it is an industry standard to ask which side of the battery is the positive terminal when both terminals are closest to you.

Sometime the number may have an **S** at the end; this is for terminal size and is always a standard terminal, eg S55B24LS. It seems the **S** at the end overrides the **B** in the middle; remember usually the **B** in the middle is for a small terminal battery.

Other common numbers we use like these are: 40B20L, 95D31R, 165G51L.

American Part Numbers

American part numbers use battery group sizing, many are used here in Australia. Common numbers used are:

Group Size	Common Equivalent
22NF	N41/N43
22F	NS50P
24	N50ZZ/M24
27	N70ZZ/M27
31	31-900/M31
4D	N150
8D	N200

European Part Numbers

The vast majority of European vehicle manufactures use DIN style batteries, these are usually a 5 digit number, the larger the number the bigger the battery. Some common part numbers used in Australia are:

Part number	Common equivalent
56220	DIN55
56030	DIN55 High case
57412	DIN66 High case
58515	DIN88
60038	DIN88 High case

Date Codes

All batteries should have a date the battery was manufactured; the hard part is deciphering how to read them. Most battery companies will use a letter for the month and a number for the year.

Typically somewhere in the date stamp it will stand for:

- A** – January
- B** – February
- C** – March
- D** – April

And so on... Some manufacturers leave out the **I** to avoid confusion with 1.

- 9** – 2009
- 0** – 2010
- 1** – 2011
- 2** – 2012

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This is how we date all of our batteries; they are stamped into the top of the case on the edge of the battery close to the positive terminal.

AC Delco Pre 2014 or batteries manufactured by Global

KS2K14, the bolded letters are the important ones, 2K is November 2012, ie 14/11/2012

KJ9D03, this is 03 April 2009, ie 03/04/2009

The last two numbers are the day of the month it was manufactured.

Delkor date code and AC Delco Post 2014

2CR22, the bolded letters are the important ones, 2C is 22nd April 2012, 22/04/2012

8AR13, 13th January 2008, 13/01/2008

The last two numbers are the day of the month it was manufactured.

Delkor skip using the "I" to avoid confusion with 1, so J = September, K = October.

Fullriver date code

Ignore the first letter, first two digits are the year, next two are the week of production and the last two the day of month.

K120802 is 2nd day of the 8th week of 2012.

K104924 is 24th day of the 49th week in 2010.

Motobatt date codes

Motobatt date codes are the easiest, they are basically the date. First two are the day of the month, the next two are the month and the last two are the year.

MB041011 04/10/2011

MB280114 28/01/2014

Optima Date Codes

First number is the year and the next three are the day of the year it was made.

4025 - 25th Jan 2014

7130 - 130th day of the year works out to be 10th May 2017

Challenge/Dong Ah

First number for the year, next letter for the month and next two numbers are the day of the month.

2E09CH 09th May 2012

9J24CH 24th October 2009

Odyssey

For most sizes the 5 numbers after the first letter are the year and day of the year.

1280G121240087 124th day of 2012