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MONTH OF MANUFACTURE
(Most Manufactures that use letters follow this letter to month pattern)

A = January, B = February, C = March, D = April, E = May, F = June, G = July, H = August,
J = September, K = October, L = November, M = December

Allied Air Enterprises six brands – Armstrong Air™, AirEase™, Concord™, Ducane™, Allied
Commercial and Magic-Pak™. Some imported some mfg’d http://www.alliedair.com/ 800-448-5872
Aire-Flow- 2nd two digits are the year followed by a letter for the month. Owned by Lennox International,
but has own manufacturing facility in Dallas, TX and Mexico. Lennox is an exclusive distributor for Aire-
Flo. Tech support can be reached at 1-800-982-2333. http://www.aireflo-hvac.com/

AirQuest: See ICP

Airtemp – was made by Chrysler. Fifth digit is the year (8= 1978) same as their cars. They were
purchased by Fedders in 1976

Amana: Purchased by Goodman, in 2003

B = 71, 81, 91, 01
L = 72, 82, 92, 02
A = 73, 83, 93, 03
C = 74, 84, 94, 04
K = 75, 85, 95, 05
H = 76, 86, 96, 06
O = 77, 87, 97, 07
R = 78, 88, 98, 08
S = 79, 89, 99, 09
E = 80, 90, 00, 10

American Standard – See Trane

Arcoaire: Arcoaire and Comfortmaker brands, now produced by International Comfort Products
Corporation, trace their roots back to the founding of a furnace company in St. Louis, Missouri in 1900 and
was bought from the Snyder-General Corporation in 1991 who had its residential HVAC operation in Red
Bud, IL. See ICP for serial number sequence, newer will work, older is unknown.

Armstrong: See Lennox – stumped? call 800-448-5872 ask for consumer division. Model number G6
was manufactured between the late 1950s and early 1960s. Now distributed by Allied Air owned by
Lennox

Armstrong (1974 - Present)

Date of Manufacture (1974 to Present): The manufacturing date code is the third, fourth, and fifth digits of
the serial number, and represents the year and month of manufacture.
For example: 5899A05231 indicate that this sample Armstrong unit was manufactured in January of
1999.
We have found some where the last three characters are the date and plant, example: A0346HKA
    H = August
    K = 1989
    A = Bellevue, Ohio

Armstrong (Before 1974)

Date of Manufacture (Before 1974): The manufacturing date code is the first, second, and third digits of
the serial number, and represents the year and month of manufacture.
For Example: 743xxxx indicate that this sample Armstrong unit was manufactured in March of 1974.

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**Bard** (see last page)
**Broan** – Nordyne as of 2005?
**Bryant**: See Carrier

**Burnham** (Boilers): no rhyme or reason for the numbers email info@burnham.com

**Carrier, Bryant, Payne, Day & Night**: Recently (since 1980?) the first four numbers in the serial number represent the week and year. Previously (1964 to 1979?), it was a complex series of letters and single digits. See below or call 905-672-0860 if you get stuck.

ANNNNNN This serial number was used from 1969 to 1990. The first alpha character is for the month of production.

Jan-Dec 1969-1979

Jan-Dec 1980-1990

'T' and 'O' are not used

The second digit, a numeric character is the production year

The balance of the numeric characters are the production sequence

e.g., A912345....this serial number would be a unit produced in Jan 1969

**Central Environmental Systems – See York**

**Clare (also known as Clare Brothers)** is a product line of oil furnaces, and is owned by International Comfort Products (ICP). Clare makes residential furnaces and is headquartered in Canada. Clare does not have a public website. Clare was founded in 1854. Clare was purchased by International Comfort Products at an unknown year. Contact: Clare Brothers Corporate Headquarters 258 McBrine Dr., Kitchener, Ontario N2R 1H8, Canada

**Coleman**: Serial numbers prior to April 1992=1st two numbers are month, then year (0392 = march 1992), then series. Sold the HVAC products subsidiary to Beacon Intl. (Canadian) which changed its name to Evcon Industries. Evcon since purchased by York International in 1992. Products now sold as Coleman-Evcon brand. After April 1992, 1st two numbers are year, then month, then series (9204 = 1992 April). Coleman is part of York/Unitary

**Comfortmaker**: Arcoaire and Comfortmaker brands, now produced by International Comfort Products Corporation, trace their roots back to the founding of a furnace company in St. Louis, Missouri in 1900 and was bought from the Snyder-General Corporation in 1991 who had its residential HVAC operation in Red Bud, IL. See ICP for serial number sequence, newer will work, older is unknown. (International Comfort) uses the first letter for the month (skipping I) and the first two digits are the year or See Heil


**Consolidated Industries Corporation** – Lafayette, IN. It is believed the first two digits are the year. Out of business about 2000? Designs ended up at Texas Furnace (www.texasfurnace.com) and they may have the same parts Consolidated used. Note: Reason behind the company's decision to close down; Total net worth of class-action lawsuits filed against the company for selling defective products. Attic mount horizontal furnaces caught fire.

**Dayton** - Dayton Customer Service Phone # 888-361-8649. Owned by Grainger. Dayton was founded in 1937 and acquired by Grainger in 1966.

**DuCane**: Division of Lennox / Armstrong – Was part of Excel comfort systems, as of 200? Part of Allied Air Enterprises. Last four digits of the S/N indicate year and week of manufacture of both furnace and A/C unit – 800-515-3501 for techical assistance. The following was an email from Ducane: “Ducane uses two different formats on serial numbers. All of their serial numbers are ten characters. The most common format is all ten characters are numeric. In this format the last 4 numbers indicate the year and the week of the year. An example is XXXXXX9933 where the 99 is 1999 and the 33 is the 33rd week of the year (1999). The more recent format is ten characters and the format is the first 4 characters are numeric, the fifth character is alpha, and the last 5 characters are numeric. The year code is determined from the
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3rd and 4th characters that would be the last 2 digits of the calendar year (93=1993 and 06=2006). The fifth character which is alpha represents the month with A=January and M=December and but we do not use the letter I.”

Empire – (wall/Space heaters)
Emerson – See Fedders
Fedders - Fedders makes residential and commercial room air conditioners, portable air conditioners, central air conditioners and heat pumps. Fedders sells air conditioners and heat pumps under the brand names Airetemp, Climatrol, Eubanks, Emerson and Fedders. Airwell-Fedders is headquarters in the United States. www.fedders.com

Fraser Johnston– Became part of Westinghouse. Name dropped in 1978 with end of Westinghouse HVAC products. Name now used by York International. See York
Frigidaire - see Nordyne. Frigidaire brand name for HVAC created in 1998 by Nordyne.
General Electric: was GE before 1981. Sold entire division to Trane in 1981. Prior to 1981, even though several phone calls were placed to different divisions, Serial number sequence seems to be unknown. Try: “For General Electric, the date is coded in the last three digits in the serial number”. This is supposed to be a letter corresponding with month code shown at top then year. However I have discovered that this is not an “always” situation two examples follow: Examples: S/N 555707 326 assume 26th week of 1973 – potentially 1983 (house was built in early 70’s). Example: S/N 582001 247...assume 47th week of 1962 – 1972 or 1982 (house was built in early 70’s). Example: S/N 54289T07 was the 7th week of 1981 based on the Trane letter = number sequence, beginning of the Trane takeover.
Gibson – See Nordyne. Purchased by Nordyne in 1999? Unverified

Goodman: First two digits of the serial number are the year. Second two are the week of manufacture. Goodman started in 1975
Website: http://www.goodmanmfg.com/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx
Btu rating is model number..i.e.; GMP075-3 (75,000 bonnet input)
Compressor is same: serial # 970908872 (yr1997 wk 09) Tonnage is model # CK361C The first two numbers after the CK (letters) divided by 12 is tons. i.e.: 36 div by 12= 3 tons.
HEIL: Heil was established in 1962. See ICP
HEIL QUAKER – See ICP - HEIL-QUAKER was purchased by Inter City Gas, Toronto, from Whirlpool Corp. Tempstar name added to replace Whirlpool name. HVAC division now part of International Comfort Products. In 1999, ICP was purchased by United Technologies. 1999 on: First digit is the month and the next two are the year.

Style 1
Heil-Quaker – (1994 to present) (not sure when “present” is)
Serial Number format: L943321238
(This serial number is from an actual furnace).

Date of Manufacture: Using the second, third, fourth and fifth digits of the serial number L9433 21238 you will find the year and week of manufacture. The second and third digits are the year of manufacture and the fourth and fifth digits are the week. This unit was manufactured in the 33rd week of 1994.

Year of manufacture: L9439 21238
Week of manufacture: L9733 21238

Style 2

Serial Number format: H55116328
(This serial number is from actual air-conditioning unit).

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Date of Manufacture: Using the first and second digits of the serial number H55116328 you will find the year of manufacture. The first digit (Always the letter “H” for the 1980’s) is the decade of manufacture and the second digit is the individual year of the decade. This unit was manufactured in 1985.

Decade of manufacture: H55116328
Year of manufacture: H55116328

HQCO – Heil/Quaker Company now part of ICP. See above.
ICP, Inter City Products was renamed International Comfort products (ICP) sometime after 1997
ICP, International Comfort Products manufactures Airquest, Arcoaire, Comfortmaker, Heil, Keeprite, Kenmore, ICP Commercial, and Tempstar all made by International Comfort Products LLC, of Lewisburg, Tenn. ICP is owned by Carrier, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation. First digit is an indication of which plant the unit was manufactured in and the next two are the year the following two digits are the week of manufacture.
ICESCO- is a Division of Rheem, usually marketed as Weatherking.
Some of the ICECO products are identical to Rheem except for the sticker. Some of the Weatherking is builder model units made in Mexico, the model & serial number will tell you when & where it was made.

Janitrol: Goodman used to market residential and commercial central air conditioners, furnaces and heat pumps under the Janitrol brand. However, they have discontinued use of the Janitrol brand name and have consolidated the Janitrol line under the Goodman brand name instead (Time line is unknown).
Keeprite: See ICP, The KeepRite brand has been a major brand in Canada for 50 years.
Kenmore: See ICP and/or Heil Quaker previous to 10/2002. In October 2002 ICP became an exclusive original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of Kenmore brand residential, central heating and cooling equipment for Sears, Roebuck and Company.
Lennox & Armstrong: Either the first two or second two digits are the year, it varies by era, but most of them actually have a separate sticker somewhere that has the year printed on it. Newer units are first two equals manufacturing plant #, 2nd are year and letter in fifth slot is month (A thru M minus I). So 5898G 07568 would be Plant # 58, Year of MFR would be 98 and month would be July.
G9D-82-M were made from 1964 to 1968
(Lennox) Still Need Answers?
If you’re unable to find the information you need, call our support professionals for assistance: 972-497-5799 Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm CST
(I have found them to be very helpful just be prepared to be on hold for a while)
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When there are three or four letters at the start of the serial number, the third letter is the year. A is 1992, B is 1993, C is 1994, D is 1995, E is 1996 and F is 1997, G is 1998, H is 1999, J is 2000, K is 2001, L is 2002, M is 2003, N is 2004, P is 2005, etc.

**Magic-Pak** – See Armstrong/Lennox

**Maytag** – As of 2002 made by Nordyne.

(Contact Maytag: Maytag Heating & Cooling, 8000 Phoenix Parkway, O’Fallon, MO 63146 Phone: (866) 262-9824)

Serial Number format: GSD020700023 (All Nordyne Brands have serial numbers that are 12 digits long and start with a letter).

(This serial number is fictitious).

Using the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh digits of the serial number GSD020700023 you will find the year and month of manufacture. The fourth and fifth digits are the year of manufacture and the sixth and seventh digits are the month. This unit was manufactured in July, 2002.

- **Year of manufacture:** GSD020700023
- **Month of manufacture:** GSD020700023

**Metzger** - "ThermoFlo" furnaces with model number 1401 first appear in 1967 and run through 1981. Model numbers that end with "S" run from 1978 through 1981. A forum determined that Model # 1204-E13 (not ending in “S”) Serial# 12776 was made between 1978 and 1982

**Moncrief** – See Luxaire

**Monogram**: monogram went out of business in 1976 See GE..........good luck on this one.


**Nordyne** - Third letter equals month and next two digits are the year – unverified 7/2008

**Payne**: See Carrier

**Peerless**: Prior to 1984 there was not a date code included as part of the serial number. Starting in 1984, there was a four digit date code following the serial number that was month and year. Example – JO-12345-1084, this unit was built in October of 1984. Starting in the year 2000, same idea only it was a six digit date code following the serial number that is year and month. Example – 1234567-200105, this would...
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have been built in May of 2001. Anything without the addition to the serial number would have been made before 1984 and would require contact with the factory.

Philco – See Nordyne

Rheem & Rudd: in the middle of the serial number will be a letter "F" or "M" the following four numbers are the week and year. Ruud is owned by Rheem. If you compare their product line model #’s the only difference is Ruud begins with a ‘U’ and Rheem begins with an ‘R’. Equipment is virtually the same.

Sears – See ICP

Snyder General: used to be 401 Randolph St. Red Bud, IL 62278-1098, out of business since the 1990’s. We think Comfortmaker is the replacement, is a division of ICP, and ICP does not publicly disseminate its literature. This supports the Authorized Dealer/Contractors - builds in brand loyalty where you must use X to get Y information/support/repair.

Tappan – See Nordyne. Tappan brand name created for HVAC industry in 1998

Tempstar: See ICP. Tempstar name was used to replace Whirlpool name when Inter City Gas purchased Heil-Quaker. See Heil for history.

Thermal Zone - 2127 Pleasant Parkway, Clearwater, FL 33764-4899. (727) 452-6585. Thermal Zone is a trade brand owned by united refrigeration. They contract with different manufacturers to make their product. Primarily the two sources they have used are ICP and Rheem

Thermofo – Manufactured By: Weil-McLain. also see Metzger

Weil-McLain used CP numbers to identify the date of manufacture of its HVAC units. The only way I have found to decipher their coding is to call or email Weil-McLain. Phone: (219) 879-5661 or (866) 783-9276 ask for Technical Services.

Thermo Pride - Thermo Products, LLC, PO Box 217, North Judson, IN 46366 574-896-2133. http://www.thermopride.com/ for age of unit email tpmarketing@thermopride.com Following direct from an email from thermo pride: “Thank you for contacting us. Unfortunately, there is no dating system built into our serial numbers. If you have a question about one, please feel free to contact us and we'll look it up.” It took over a week to get an answer.

Trane: Previous to 1987, through a phone call to Trane in Tyler, I discovered that they really don't know. Newer models may have the mfg date right on the model number sticker. Trane uses alpha codes in their serial numbers to determine year of manufacture. They started this in 1987 with the letter B and skipped a couple of letters during the years....... The first letter of the serial number gives the year of manufacture as follows:

In 2002 they started their serial numbers with the year it was built. In 2002 the first character of the serial number is 2, in 2003, 3 and so on.

9=2009
8=2008
7=2007
6=2006
5=2005
4=2004
3=2003
2=2002
Z=2001
R=2000
P=1999
N=1998
M=97
L=96
K=95
J=94
H=93
G=92
F=91

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E=90
D=89
C=88
B=87
S=86
Y=85
X=84
W=83
U=82(seventh digit)
T=81(seventh digit)
O, A=80(seventh digit)
H=1993
G=1992
F=1991

Unitary Products – Parent company for York, Luxaire and Coleman
Vaillant – UK based boiler manufacture. Contact: technical@vaillant.co.uk

Weil-McLain: Look on the outside jacket of the boiler for a CP Serial Number. It will have a bar code on it. Call (or email) Wiel McLain and they will tell you the date of manufacture. Phone: 219-879-6561 ask for Technical Services. http://www.weil-mclain.com/contact/index.html

Westinghouse: Westinghouse was only in the business from 1974 to 1981. In 1981, Westinghouse was sold to Borg-Warner which is York. Sale rights included names Moncrief, Luxaire, Fraser-Johnston all now used by York International. Website still sells Westinghouse, assume mfg. by York but unable to verify, one source says Nordyne.

Whirlpool: pre 1999 owned by Heil Quaker: first digit equals the decade H=1980 2nd digit is the year, next two are the week. i.e. s/n H402 35728 equals 2nd week of 1984

York: (Unitary Products since 1984)
Note: they skip the letters I, O, Q, U, Z.
Fraser- Johnston, and Luxaire were purchased by York in 1980

SECOND LETTER – MONTH OF MANUFACTURE
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J = September, K = October, L = November, M = December

Year of assembled indicated by 3rd & 4th letter in the serial number up to 1980, however a note form York indicated that prior to 1980 point of manufacture (1st digit) and month assembled (2nd digit) was not used.
After 1980 they went to a four letter prefix starting with N but some start with E for the Elyria, Ohio Plant.

Per a conversation with a rep from York (April 2009) he indicated the second letter is the month and the third letter indicates the year. Fourth letter is either an “M” for Manufactured or “P” for purchased. Example: EMV P Happened to be a Fraser Johnston Furnace made in Elyria in December (“M”) of 1988 (“V”) and the “P” meant that the Fraser Johnston was owned by York but still in the old plant therefore was purchased (“P”). However I recently (11/2009) found a Furnace and A/C unit contradictory to this so they may have changed again. This indicated the third letter as the month and the fourth digit as the year. Example: W0D9729054 & W0B9609119

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**BARD** 1962 to March 1980

Sample Number 123456 A D

1st six digits are the Unit Identity Number. In this example they are represented by the numbers 123456.

7th digit is the month of manufacture. (The letter A in the Sample represents January).

- A = January
- B = February
- C = March
- D = April
- E = May
- F = June
- G = July
- H = August

Letter "I" was not used.

- J = September
- K = October
- L = November
- M = December

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8th digit is the year of manufacture. (The letter D in the sample represents 1964).
1962 = B
1963 = C
1964 = D
1965 = E
1966 = F
1967 = G
1968 = H
Letter "I" was not used.
1969 = J
1970 = K
1971 = L
1972 = M
1973 = N
1974 = O
1975 = P
Letter "Q" was not used.
1976 = R
1977 = S
1978 = T
1979 = U
1980 = V

Bard April & May 1980
Sample number 123 D A 123456
1st three digits are the Compressor Part Number.
4th digit is the month of manufacture. In this sample D represents April.
D = April
F = May
5th digit is the year of manufacture. In this sample A represents 1980.
1980 = A
This serial number style was only used during the months of April & May 1980.
6th thru 11th digits represent the Unit Identity Number.

Bard June 1980 to Current
Sample number 123 H80 1234567 02
1st three digits = Compressor Part #
4th digit = Month
A = January
B = February
C = March
D = April
"E" was not used
F = May
"G" was not used
H = June
"I" was not used
J = July
K = August
L = September
M = October
N = November
"O" was not used
P = December
5th & 6th digits = Year
80 = 1980
81 = 1981
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82 = 1982
right on thru. The year 2000 started the numerical numbering from 00.
00 = 2000
01 = 2001
02 = 2002
right on thru to current date.

7th thru 13th digits = Unit Identity #
14th & 15th digits = Factory Code (01=OH; 02=
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The date of production/manufacture or age of an YORK® furnace or other YORK® HVAC manufactured equipment can be determined from the serial number. Serial number styles/formats found:

**Style 1:** W0K5896070

**Style 2:** 97104119

**Style 3:** 018812345
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Style 4: EDDM129413

Style 5: HM409295

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Style 1: York® Serial Number Format
Sample Serial #: W0K5896070

The Date of Manufacture is coded in the 2nd thru 4th digits of the serial number and represent month and year of manufacture.

W0K5896070

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The 2nd & 4th digits of the serial number represent the year of manufacture. Combine the two digits to determine the year. For example: The 2nd digit “0” and the 4th digit is a “5” in the sample number. Combined they read “05” which is equivalent to the year 2005.


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York® Style 1 Data Plate
Serial #: W0K5896070

The use of dates from government regulations can often be useful in narrowing down and determining the date of manufacture or age of HVAC equipment. These regulations historically change every 2 - 3 years.

York® is a registered trademark of York International. – A Johnson Controls Company.
Johnson Controls Company includes Coleman®, EVCON®, Fraser-Johnson®, Guardian®, Luxaire® & York®. Manufactured by Unitary Groups, Inc.

[Image of York® data plate]

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Style 2: York® Serial Number Format
Sample Serial #: 97104119

The Date of Manufacture is coded in the 1st four digits of the serial number and represent the year and month of manufacture.

97104119

Production Year Production Month Sequence Number


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Style 3: York® Serial Number Format
Sample Serial #: 018812345

The Date of Manufacture is coded in the 1st four digits of the serial number and represent the month and year of manufacture.

[Image of serial number format]

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Style 4: York® Serial Number Format
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Serial WAKM011379

The use of dates from government regulations can often be useful in narrowing down and determining the date of manufacture or age of HVAC equipment. These regulations historically change every 2 - 3 years. This photo is not from the tag to the right but is from a newer unit.
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