Serial Number Chart
for Acoustic and Classical Guitars

In the following charts, you can determine the year of manufacture for a Yamaha acoustic or classical guitar.

The first step is to find the serial number—a combination of letters and/or numbers—and the "Made in..." label (Japan, Taiwan, or Indonesia) on the guitar. You should be able to find these near the soundhole label or the stamp inside the guitar.

Once you have those two pieces of information, find the country of origin and serial number in one of the following charts and, using the Letter-to-Number Reference Chart below, calculate the year of manufacture for your guitar.

**LETTER-TO-NUMBER Reference Chart**

Often, some of the letters in the serial numbers represent specific numbers which, in turn, stand for the month and year of manufacture. See the chart below for the code.

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<td>10</td>
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**SAMPLE**

Serial Number: IM705J  1991, July

I  M  7  0  5  J

Internal Production Code

This three-digit number represents the unit number

Month, June (M=6)

Year 1992 (I=2)

1941–1965  No documentation available

**System # A1**

1966–1985

Custom Shop

Made in Japan

Sequential Serial Numbers

#001–1042
System # A2
1986–1990
Custom Shop
Made in Japan

Serial Number: I6001  1986, February

I  6  0  0  1
Unit Number
Year, 1986
Month, February (I=2)

System # A3
1991–1996
Custom Shop
Made in Japan

Serial Number: HN701J  1991, July
Note: Each month started with 700.

H  N  7  0  1  J
Unit Number
Internal Code
Month, July (N=7)
Year 1991 (H=1)

System # A4
1997–2003
Custom Shop
Made in Japan

Serial Number: NH001  1997, January

N  H  0  0  1
Unit Number
Month, January (H=1)
Year, 1997 (N=7)
System # A5
2004–
Custom Shop
Made in Japan

Serial Number: QKX001C  2004, October

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Internal Code
Unit Number
Month, October (X=10)
Year, 2004 (Q=0, K=4)

System # A6
1946–1968
Tenryu/Wada Factory
Made in Japan

This is a five digit sequential system.
There is no specific year of manufacturing data available.

1 2 3 4 5

System # A7
1969–1984
Tenryu/Wada Factory
Made in Japan

Serial Number: 690301  1969, March

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Unit Number
Month, March
Year, 1969

System # A8
1985–1986
Tenryu/Wada Factory
Made in Japan

Serial Number: 850001  1985

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Unit Number
Year, 1985
System # A9
1971–2001
Kaohsiung Factory
Made in Taiwan

Serial Number: 11001001  1971, October 01

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Note: This system allows for duplicate numbers.

System # A10
2001–
Kaohsiung Factory
Made in Taiwan

Serial Number: QHY157001  2001, November 15

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Note: Y2K issue came into play here. "Q" indicates the number zero for 2000.

System # A11
1997–1999
Yamaha Music Craft
Made in Japan

Serial Number: NM501J  1997, June
Every month the number started with 500.

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Note: Same system as Custom Shop, System #A3
System # A12
1999–
Yamaha Music Craft
Made in Japan

Serial Number: PK201  1999, April
Starting in this year, each month the unit number started with 200.

System # A13
2001–
Yamaha Music Craft
Made in Japan

Serial Number: QIK001A  2002, April

System # A14
1990–1996
YMMI (Yamaha Music Manufacturing Indonesia)
Made in Indonesia

Serial Number: 00915001  1990, September 15
**System # A15**

1997–1999

YMMI (Yamaha Music Manufacturing Indonesia)

Made in Indonesia

Serial Number: 701150001  1997, January 15

7 0 1 1 5 0 0 0 1

- Unit Number
- Day, 15
- Month, January
- Year, 1997

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**System # A16**

2000–

YMMI (Yamaha Music Manufacturing Indonesia)

Made in Indonesia

Serial Number: 0001150001  2000, January 15

0 0 0 1 1 5 0 0 0 1

- Unit Number
- Day, 15
- Month, January
- Year, 2000

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**System # A17**

2001–

YMMI (Yamaha Music Manufacturing Indonesia)

Made in Indonesia

Serial Number: QIIH150001  2002, January 15

Q I H 1 5 0 0 0 1

- Unit Number
- Day, 15
- Month, January (H=1)
- Year 2002 (Q=0, I=2)

Note: The above charts include the majority of Yamaha acoustic (and acoustic-electric) and classical guitars manufactured. However, in some cases, the serial number information is no longer available and/or, for the lowest priced models, is not listed. Additionally, in some cases, exceptions to the rule will apply.