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NEW VEHICLE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Starting with the 1970 season, a new numbering system for both engines and frames is being used on all Harley-Davidson vehicles.

The new number is referred to as a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The same VIN is stamped into both the engine and frame. It consists of a model code, a serial number, a manufacturer's identification, and the model year, as shown in the following examples.

ELECTRA GLIDE (Model)	First Two Digits (Model)	Next Five Digits (Sequential Number)	Second Last Digit (Manufacturer)	Last Digit (Model Season)	
FLP	1Å	10000 1		0-1970	
FLH	2 A	10000 and up	H (Harley-Davidson)	1-1971 (etc.)	

Example:

1970 FLP (1A 12150HO)

1970 FLH (2A 12151HO)

The model code is the first two digits of the VIN, which replaces the former model identification. The new codes and the old identification for all Harley-Davidson models are shown below.

Model Identification	Model Code	Model Identification	Model Code		
FLP	1A	MLS	7 A		
FLH	2A	MS	8A		
XLH	3A	ERS	7B		
XLCH	4A	MSR	8B		
GE	5 A	XLRTT	9B		
SS	6A				

The serial number is the 3rd through 7th digit of the VIN. All serial numbers run consecutively regardless of model year.

The manufacturer's identification is the "H" in the 8th position of the VIN.

The model year is represented by the last digit of the VIN. All 1970 models are represented by a 0 in this position.

The VIN number is stamped on the engine crankcase and frame (see Owner's Manual for location). In addition to these numbers, an identification label is located on the frame giving the VIN number and date of manufacture. This label is required by law as a means of determining safety standards in effect at the time vehicle was manufactured.

The complete VIN must be used on Warranty Registration Cards, Warranty Claim Forms and all correspondence. A sample completed registration card and claim form are shown at the end of this bulletin.

IMPORTANT Press hard using ball point pen. Print information when filling out card.					
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. 2A1023	9н0	<u>-</u>	:		
OWNER'S NAME Thomas G. Smith					
ADDRESS 1234 Main Street			·		
CITY Anytown	STATE DC	ZIP CODE	9 60 83		
DEALER'S NAME Doe's Harley-Da					
CITY Anytown	STATE DC	ZIP CODE .	96087		
DEALER ACCOUNT NO. 0033	DATE OF DELIVERY	11-16-	69		

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						FOR FACTORY U	se only	
DEALER FIRM NAME				ADD FORMS		CRATES PKGS CTNS	REC D VIA	CHARGES
STREET ADDRESS						EDITED	DATE REC'D	
CITY STATE DEALER: — KEEP LAST SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS — PLACE REST OF SET INTACT			INITACT	FACTORY ORDER NO.		<u></u>	DATE ENTERED	
	E WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR THI ENT TO: HARLEY-I		OTOR CO.	CREDIT MEMO NO			DATE ENTERED	
1 30651-65A	Generator Ar	mature	MILEAGE 3142		• • •			
DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT	4A16938H0	7-3-69	10-1-69	INSP REPORT				
Armature is s	shorted							
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DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT	ENGINE NO	DATE SQLD	LIATE REPAIRED	INSP REPORT				
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