## SERVICE BULLETIN

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## 17 DIGIT VIN — ALL MODELS

The new 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is used on all 1981 models including the Classic Sidecar (CLE). This new nationwide system is designed to provide improved theft protection and more specific vehicle information to Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc. and government agencies.

While the number itself is different, its location has not changed. The complete VIN is located on the steering head of the motorcycle frames and on the main frame

tube of sidecars in front of the rear connection. VIN labels are still applied to the right front downtube of motorcycles, but VIN labels are no longer used on sidecars.

Although an abbreviated VIN is stamped on the engine, as shown in Figure 1, only the full 17 digit number should be used in all correspondence with the factory.

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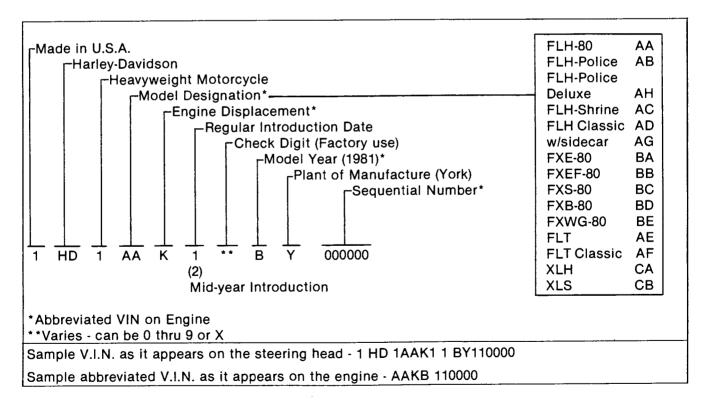


Figure 1. 1981 Motorcycle VIN Chart

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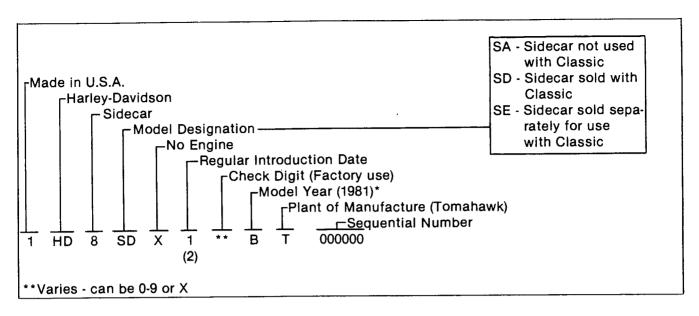


Figure 2. 1981 Sidecar VIN Chart