

Rootes Vehicle Identification Schedule - from Steve Williams

I've recently acquired a copy of Rootes Publication No 6601336, Nov 1966, which gives details of how to interpret the Chassis Coding. The 'Passenger Cars' section tells us:

NO Prefix Letter before the Chassis No denotes Model Manufactured prior to 1950.
Prefix Letter '**A**' to the Chassis No denotes Model Manufactured from 1950 to 1959.
Prefix Letter '**B**' to the Chassis No denotes Model Manufactured 1960 onwards.

Singer Cars Prior to 1956:

The commencing letter in front of Numericals denotes the year of Manufacture:

Q - 1947	U - 1951	
R - 1948	V - 1952	Y - 1955
S - 1949	W - 1953	Z - 1956
T - 1950	X - 1954	

Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam Cars and additional Singer Cars (after 1956):

For many years it was the practice to build into the numerical chassis number an identification of model and year of manufacture, eg in A1300001 'A' denotes - 1950 to 1959; '1' denotes Hillman Minx; '3' denotes 1953; '00001' completes the manufacturing Serial Number. Immediately following these digits may be found two 'Alpha' groupings. These indicate:

B.W.	- BorgWarner Automatic Gearbox (Transmission)
P.O.S.	- Power Operated Steering
E.	- Easidrive / Automatic Transmission
O.D.	- Overdrive Transmission
L.	- Low Compression Engine
H.	- High Compression Engine or Heavy Duty Suspension on Humber.
M.	- Manumatic Transmission or Medium Comp Engine on Humber
HP.	- High Performance
SB.	- Sealed Beam Headlamps
FE.	- FORD Engine

The last group of three letters gives the following information:

First Letter:	H. - Home	R. - RHD. Export.	L. - LHD. Export	
	E. - CKD Export (Home Spec).	W. - CKD RHD Export	X. - CKD LHD. Export	
Second Letter:	C. - Convertible	D. - Sedanca de Ville	H. - Hardtop	
	L. - Limousine	P. - Pick-up	R. - Roadster	S. - Saloon
	U. - Estate Car	V. - Van	X. - Chassis only (eg Ambulance)	
Third Letter:	M. - Ministry of Supply	X. - Non-Standard (eg, USA		
	O. - Standard	P. - Police	3. - Small Bore OHV Engine for Bermuda	

Example: - **B084600001 H/OD/POS HSM** denotes:

Series V Super Snipe, High Compression Engine, Overdrive, Power Operated Steering Home Specification, Saloon Body, Ministry of Supply.

The table overleaf shows the Chassis Numbers, Year of Manufacture and Model Name for Singer cars from 1946 to the end of production in 1970.

Commencing Chassis Number	Year of Manufacture	Model	
A101Q-A533Q	1946 - 1947	9 H.P. Roadster	
B101Q-B4429Q		10 H.P. Super 10	
C101Q-C164Q		12 H.P. Super	
A534R-A1578R	1948	9 H.P. Roadster	
B4430R-B9361R		10 H.P. Series	
C165R-C730R	1949	12 H.P. Series	
A1579S-A2600S		9 H.P. Roadster	
B9362S-B10800S		10 H.P. Series	
C731S-C1201S		12 H.P. Series	
D101S-D530S		S.M. 1500	
4A2601S - 4A2657S		4A Roadster	
D531T-D5410T		1950	SM 1500
4A2658T - 4A5972T	1951	4A Roadster	
D5411U-D9999U		SM 1500	
D1V-D1774V			
4A5973U-4A6722U	1952	4A Roadster	
4AB7001U-4AB7714U		4AB Roadster	
4AD.1U-4AD417U		4AD Roadster	
D1775V-D6108V		SM1500	
4AB7715V-4AB8001V		4AB Roadster	
4AC.1V-4AC.13V		4AC Roadster	
4AD418V-4AD1963V		4AD Roadster	
D6109W-D7666W		1953	SM1500
4AD1964W-4AD2869W			4AD Roadster

Commencing Chassis Number	Year of Manufacture	Model
D7667X	1954	SM1500
4AD2870X		4AD Roadster
H.I.X.-H51X		1½ Litre Hunter
H52Y-H2566Y		1½ Litre Hunter
H2567Z-H2700Z	1956	1½ Litre Hunter
A7600001	1956 - 1957	Gazelle Series 1
A7800001	1958	Gazelle Series 11
A7850001	1958	Gazelle Series 11A
A7900001	1959	Gazelle Series 111
B7000001	1960	Gazelle Series 111A
B7035001	1961	Gazelle Series 111B
B7012432		Gazelle Series 111B Estate.
B7150001	1962	Gazelle Series 111C
B7300001	1963	Gazelle Series V
B706000001	1965 - 1966	Gazelle Series V1
B711000100	1967 - 1970	Gazelle Series V11
B7100001	1961	Vogue Mark 1
B7200001	1962 - 1963	Vogue Mark 11
B74000001	1964	Vogue Mark 111
B774000001	1965 - 1966	Vogue Mark 1V
B751000100 (Sal)	1966 - 1970	Vogue Mark V
B78100001 (Est)		
B431000001	1963 - 1965	Chamois Mark 1
B732000001	1965 Onwards	Chamois Mark 11

Note: Data for Gazelle Series VII and Vogue Mark 5 (Saloon & Estate) has been added for completeness.

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Absolutely No Comment! **Ed.**