

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

CJ's & J-Series JEEPS 1981 - 1986

The following is an Example for a **CJ-8** of the Decoding of an Vehicle ID Number. Note that the serial number is found on a stamped metal tag under the hood on the driver's side firewall.

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12-17
Vehicle ID Number	1	J	C	C	M	8	8	A	X	B	T	123456

Character Position	Vehicle ID Number	Interpretation
1	1	Country of Manufacture 1 United States 2 Canada
2	J	Manufacturer B AMC Canada, Ltd. J Jeep Corporation
3	C	Vehicle Type C Multi-Purpose D Incomplete E Export, left hand drive F Export, right hand drive T Truck
4	C	Engine B GM, 4 cyl, 151 CID C 6 cyl, 258 CID F Diesel, 145 CID, Isuzu H V8 cyl, 304 CID L 6 cyl, 232 CID N V8 cyl, 360 CID P Diesel, 2.1 liter, Renault U AMC 4 cyl, 150 CID Y AMC 4 cyl, 150 CID , export
5	M	Transmission A 3 speed automatic, column shift, full time transfer case B Automatic transmission, floor shift, part time transfer case C Automatic transmission, floor shift, full time transfer case E Automatic transmission, column shift, part time transfer case F 5 speed manual, floor shift, part time transfer case G 4 speed manual, floor shift, full time transfer case H 4 speed manual, floor shift, part or full time transfer case J Automatic, column shift, part or full time transfer case K Automatic, floor shift, part or full time transfer case L 5 speed manual, floor shift, part time transfer case M 4 speed manual, floor shift, part time transfer case N 5 speed manual, floor shift, part time transfer case P 5 speed manual, floor shift, full time transfer case W 5 speed manual, floor shift, none X Part time transfer case

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Made in USA, by Jeep Corporation, a Multi-Purpose Vehicle, with a 6 Cyl, 258 CID engine, 4speed manual transmission, floor shift, part time transfer case, CJ-8, 2 door, Open Body, 3750 lb gross vehicle weight, 1981, built in Toledo, Ohio

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Character Position	Vehicle ID Number	Interpretation
6 & 7	88	Body Style 15 Wagoneer, 4 door station wagon, 109" wheelbase 16 Cherokee, 2 door station wagon, 109" wheelbase 17 Cherokee, 2 door station wagon, 109" wheelbase 18 Cherokee, 4 door station wagon, 109" wheelbase 25 J-10, pick-up truck, 119" wheelbase 26 J-10, pick-up truck, 131" wheelbase 27 J-20, pick-up truck, 131" wheelbase 85 CJ-5, 2door, open body 86 CJ-6, 2door, open body 87 CJ-7, 2door, open body 88 CJ-8, 2door, open body
8	A	Gross Vehicle Weight (GRV) Rating A 3750#, 5975#, 6200# C 6200# D 5975#, 6200# E 4150# H 4850#, non-regulated export L 5975# N 5975#, 6200# P 6800# S 7600# U 5200# Y 8400#
9	X	A single number, or the letter X or a check mark, is used to verify the transcription of the VIN
10	F	Model Year B 1981 C 1982 D 1983 E 1984 F 1985 G 1986
11	T	Plant Code B Brampton, Ontario, Canada T Toledo, Ohio
12-17	123456	Sequential Serial Number