

FUJI Serial Number Identification 1971-1991

Most Serial Numbers are stamped on the underside of the bottom bracket shell. On some of the earlier models the Serial Number may be stamped on the backside of the seat tube toward the bottom. Models exist, presumably from the late 1960's and the early 1970's that have no Serial Number. These bicycles may have been imported by Fuji America in 1971 before they published their first catalog in the FAAaq334qall of 1971 for 1972.

Between the early 1970's and the 1990's FUJI utilized five unique Serial Number Formats. Each Format contains units from the following elements. The elements are combined in different positions depending upon the year of Manufacture.

- (A) a Prefix Letter indicating, presumably, a specific Manufacturing Facility
- (B) a Letter indicating the Month of Manufacture
- (C) a Number or Numbers indicating the Year of Manufacture

Following the first two or three units is a two to five digit number that indicates the Frame Number of that Specific Frame made in the Manufacturing Facility (A) in the Month of (B)

(C1) Japanese Imperial Calendar (Showa)

The number in the Middle Column is the Year Designation Number used in the Serial Number

Showa Calendar		Western Calendar
46	6	1971
47	7	1972
48	8	1973
49	9	1974

Note: The YEAR OF MANUFACTURE and the MODEL YEAR can be different depending upon the Month of Manufacture.

(A) Manufacturing Facility (assumed)

K
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(B) Month of Bicycle Frame Manufacture

A January Frames built in these months
B February are for the Catalog Year as
C March indicated by the Year of
D April Manufacture (C).

E May
F June
G July Occasionally a frame built in
H August July or August will be for the
 following year's catalog.

I September Frames built in these months
J October are for the following year's
K November Catalog.
L December

(C2) Last Two Numbers in Year

The First Column is the Year
Designation Number in the Serial
Number

	Western Calendar
75	1975
76	1976
77	1977
78	1978
79	1979

Note: These Formats have been compiled from over 300 Fuji Bicycle models from the years 1972 through 1991. The Serial Numbers and Model Years were compared to and verified by Fuji Catalog Model Photos. Throughout nearly all models and years there are variations within these formats. Most seem to be anomalies caused by employee inattention, transposed letters and numbers and a general unfamiliarity with the Latin Letters and Arabic Numerals. Toward the end of the 1980s and the early 1990s several formats have been noted that appear to be consistent but have not yet been determined to be a working format or an error.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Chinese and Japanese Numbers

(C3) last number in year

The First Column is the Year
Designation Number in the Serial
Number

	western calendar
0	1980
1	1981
2	1982
3	1983
4	1984
5	1985
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through 9	1989