

First-Generation XK8 & XKR Chassis and Engine Numbers, 1997-2006

Model Year Starting VIN

1997.....	001246
1998.....	018108
1998.75.....	024687
1999.....	031303 (ends at 042775)
2000.....	A00016
2001.....	A11051
2002.....	A24196
2003.....	A30645
2003.5.....	A35155
2004.....	A36874
2004.5.....	A40265
2005.....	A42348
2006.....	A44686

Engine Numbers

The engine number is located on a vertical rib on the left side of the block, just above the steering rack. The number can only be viewed from underneath. Engine numbers are ten digits long and break down as follows:

First and second digits: Year of manufacture

Third and fourth digits: Month of manufacture

Fifth and sixth digits: Day of the month of manufacture

Seventh and eighth digits: Hour of manufacture

Ninth and tenth digits: Minute of manufacture

If your engine number is prior to 000818xxx, it has Nikasil bores. These were extremely problematic and Jaguar switched to conventional iron liners thereafter.