

MERCEDES BENZ VIN DESCRIPTION

1960-1983

Position 1-6 - chassis number

Position 7 - 1=LH Drive, 2=RH Drive

Position 8 - 0=Standard transmission, 1=Hydraulic clutch, 2= Automatic transmission

Position 9 -14 - Construction serial number

August 1983 - present

Positions 1-3, World Manufacturer Identifier:

- WDB Daimler-Benz (Daimler-Chrysler after 1999)

Position 4, model or series:

- A W123
- B W102 (also W107, SL class)
- D W201
- C W126 S-Class
- E W124 E-Class
- F R129 SL-Class
- K R170 SLK-Class
- G W140 S-Class
- H W202 C-Class
- J W210 E-Class
- N W220 S-Class
- P W215 CL-Class
- R W203 C-Class
- S R230 SL-Class
- U W211 E-Class
- W R171 SLK-Class

Position 5, body style:

- A = Roadster (at least for the W107)
- B = Long Body
- F = Sedan
- G = Sedan Long WB
- H = Wagon
- J = Coupe
- K = Cabriolet/Roadster
- M = AMG (no longer used)
- R = Uncertain, but applies to the W463

On older models, this indicated the engine type:

- A = gasoline
- B = diesel
- D = 4matic Gasoline

Positions 6-7, model within the series:

Position 8, safety restraint system:

- C seat belt + emergency pretensioners
- D seat belt + emergency pretensioners, driver front air bags
- E seat belt + emergency pretensioners, driver and passenger front air bags
- F seat belt + emergency pretensioners, driver and passenger front and side air bags

Position 9, check digit

Position 10, model year:

- Model Year Encoding

Position 11, production plant:

- A-E Sindelfingen
- F-H Bremen
- J Rastatt
- X Graz
- T Karmann
- M Woking, England (SLR)

Positions 12-17, chassis number