UL APPROVED MACHINE SERIAL NUMBER DATE CODE

Machines that are UL approved have the production date coded in the first three positions of the eight digit serial number.

EXAMPLE: 80D01234

The date code for this serial number is 80D. The first two digits are the fiscal year of production. In this example, 80 = fiscal year 1980.

The letter in the third position represents the month of production according to the following code:

A = October  
B = November  
C = December  
D = January  
E = February  
F = March  
G = April  
H = May  
I = June  
J = July  
K = August  
L = September

Hence, a unit with the above serial number (80D01234) was built in January of fiscal year 1980 or January 1980.

Keep in mind that our fiscal year runs from October through September; hence, serial number 82B56789 would decode as November of fiscal year 1982, which was actually November 1981. Fiscal year 1982 started in October 1981.

In order to more readily identify manufacturing dates on units, it was decided that all serial numbers be standardized to the format shown above, now in use on the UL Listed units. This format went into use July 30, 1982, except Canada and Brazil, who are scheduled for March 1984 (84F)