

Reading UK number plates

Prior to 1963 number plates were just three letters & three numbers, silver on a black background- ABC 123, with the letters telling you where the car was first registered.

Starting in 1963 they were changed by adding a letter after the numbers, ABC 123 A - with the last letter telling you the year the car was first registered.

A- 1963 B- 1964 C- 1965 D- 1966 E- 1967 F- 1967-68 G- 1968-69
H-1969-70 J-1970-71 K- 1971-72 L- 1972-73 M- 1973-7 N- 1974-75 P- 1975-76
R- 1976-77 S- 1977-78 T- 1978-79 V- 1979-80 W- 1980-81 X-1981-82 Y- 1982-83

Numbers plates up until the letter K were silver numbers with black letters, starting with K they changed to white front plates & yellow rear plates.

Starting with the 1983-84 registering they were changed to putting the registering year letter in front of the rest of the characters, A 123 ABC. The three letters were randomly selected.

A- 1983-84 B- 1984-85 C- 1985-86 D- 1986-87 E- 1987-88 F- 1988-89 G- 1989-90
H- 1990-91 J- 1991-92 K- 1992-93 L- 1993-94 M- 1994-95 N- 1995-96 P- 1996-97
R-1997-98 S- 1998-99 T- 3/99-9/99 V- 9/99-3/00 W- 3/00-9/00 X- 9/00-3/01
Y- 3/01-9/01

Dates for registering ran from Aug. 1st to July 31st until the "T" registrations.

Personalize plates are available, you have to purchase them outright, but you must keep the registration character of the year- *** ### A, A ### ***.

Starting in Sept. of 2001 they were changed to a new system with two letters two numbers & three letters- AB 12 CDE, with the first letters telling where the car was first registered, the numbers telling you the year & the last letters being random selected.

51- 9/01-2/02	02- 3/02-8/02	52- 9/02-2-03	03- 3/03-8/03	53-9/03-2-04
04- 3/04-8/04	54- 9/04- 2/05	05- 3/05-8/05	55- 9/05-2/06	06- 3/06-8/06
56- 9/06-2/07	07- 3/07-8/07	57- 9/07-2/08	08- 3/08-8/08	58- 9/08-2/09
09- 3/09-8/09	59- 9/09-2-10	10- 3/10-8/10	60- 9/10-2/11	11- 3/11-8/11
61- 9/11-2/12	12- 3/12-8/12	62- 9/12-2/13	13-3/12-8/13	63- 9/13-2/14