

## Chassis number guide

You will be asked for your vehicle's chassis number if you purchase any of our archive products (including heritage certificates). It is important to quote the chassis number from the vehicle itself as opposed to any documentation (including logbooks) as these often contain errors. We have created this guide to provide you with further information relating to chassis numbers, including where to find them.

### What is a chassis number?

The 'chassis number' can also be referred to as the 'car number' or VIN (Vehicle Identity Number). This number is unique to the vehicle and can be used for identification purposes.

### Why the chassis number and not the registration mark?

All of our information comes from the original factory build and despatch records and these are recorded in chassis number order. Registration marks were allocated to the vehicles at the different dealerships once they left the factory and we do not hold the records for these.

### Where do you find the chassis number and what does it look like?

Please use the following list to find out more information relating to your vehicle. If you have any difficulty in locating the chassis number we recommend contacting a relevant car owners club for guidance.

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# MG

## MGA

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique five or six figure number. Examples of which are as follows:

MGA 1500: HD (roadster) or HM (coupe), followed by a letter and 2 numbers. For example:  
HDK13/.....  
HMR43/.....

MGA 1600: GHN (roadster) or GHD (coupe), these can also be followed by an L if left hand drive and/or the number 2 to indicate a Mark II. For example:  
GHD/.....  
GHNL/.....  
GHD2/.....  
GHNL2/.....

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis number can be found on the identification plate which is attached to the horizontal shelf behind the engine.

### Still can't find the chassis number?

Sometimes the chassis number can also be found on the frame. This is located on the horizontal top surface of the box section crossmember at the rear of the gearbox, at the right hand side of the gearbox cover tunnel (the number here will be the 5 or 6 figure number without any prefix).

## MGB

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to six figures. Examples of which are as follows:

MGB GT: GHD3/..... - GHD5/.....  
GHD3-L/..... - GHD5-L/..... for left hand drive  
GHD3-U/..... - GHD5-U/... for North American cars after 1967

MGB Roadster: GHN3/..... - GHN5/.....  
GHN3-L/..... - GHN5-L/..... for left hand drive  
GHN3-U/..... - GHN5-U/.....for North American cars after 1967

From 1967 onwards North American cars included an extra letter after the U to indicate the year of build, for example GHD5-UB/.....

NB. From 1967 onwards a G suffix was added to the chassis number, for example:

GHN5/.....-G this often gets misread as the number 6!

From June 1980 the chassis prefix changed to an eight character prefix, these are as follows:

Right hand drive MGB Roadster:	GVADJ1AG/.....
Right hand drive MGB GT:	GVGEJ1AG/.....
North American Roadster:	GVVDJ2AG/.....
Californian Roadster:	GVZDJ2AG/.....
Japanese Roadster:	GVJDJ2AG/.....(left hand drive)
	GVJDJ1AG/.....(right hand drive)
Left hand drive export Roadster:	GVADJ2AG/.....
Left hand drive export GT:	GVGEJ2AG/.....

[Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number can be found on the identification plate which is screwed on to the inner wing valence in front of the radiator on the left hand side (when looking from the front).

**MGB GT V8**

[What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number consists of a prefix of GD2D1/ followed by a unique number of up to four figures.

[Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number is located on the right hand wing valence behind the radiator and below the oil filter.

**MGC**

[What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to four figures. Examples of which are as follows:

MGC GT:	GCD1/.....	
	GCD1-L/.....	(left hand drive)
	GCD1-U/.....	(North America)
MGC Roadster:	GCN1/.....	
	GCN1-L/.....	(left hand drive)
	GCN1-U/.....	(North America)

[Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number can be found on the inner wing behind the radiator on the right hand side (when looking from the front).

## **MG Midget**

### [What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to six figures. The prefix for an MG Midget will be as follows:

GAN1/..... up to and including GAN6/.....  
GAN1-L/..... up to and including GAN6-L/..... for left hand drive  
GAN4-U/..... up to and including GAN6-U/..... for North American cars after 1967

From 1969 onwards North American cars included an extra letter after the U to indicate the year of build, for example GAN6-UJ/.....

### [Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

#### **Midget Mark I - II**

The chassis number can be found on a plate attached to the sloping 'chassis' rail beneath the air filter.

#### **Midget Mark III**

For home market cars the chassis number can be found stamped into the driver's side front foot well just in front of the jacking cross member.

For North American cars from January 1969 the chassis plate was riveted to the top of the scuttle adjacent to the windscreen demister slot on the driver's side. The number was also stamped into the front right hand shock absorber mounting just behind the shock absorber body. There is also a further plate riveted to the right hand B post door shut face.

### [Still can't find the chassis number?](#)

From the middle of 1969 the chassis plate was omitted altogether, the number was then stamped into the left hand upper foot well panel near the battery.

# Austin Healey

## Austin Healey 100

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique six figure number. The prefix for an Austin Healey 100 will be as follows:

BN1/..... or BN1-L/..... for left hand drive

BN2/..... or BN2-L/..... for left hand drive (also applies for the Austin Healey 100M)

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis number can be found on a plate on the right hand side of the bulkhead behind the engine.

### Still can't find the chassis number?

For early 100s the car (chassis) and engine numbers can be found on a plate on the scuttle side casing in the foot well on the right hand side, just in front of the door.

## Austin Healey 100-6

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to six figures. The prefix for an Austin Healey 100-6 will be as follows:

100-6 four seater:        BN4/..... or BN4-L/..... for left hand drive

100-6 two seater:        BN6/..... or BN6-L/..... for left hand drive

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis number can be found on a plate on the rear bulkhead of the engine compartment. Near the chassis number plate there will also be the body number plate.

## Austin Healey 3000

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to five figures. The prefix for an Austin Healey 3000 will be as follows:

3000 Mk I & Mk II 2-seater:    H-BN7/.....or H-BN7-L/.....for left hand drive

3000 Mk I & Mk II 4-seater:    H-BT7/..... or H-BT7-L/.....for left hand drive

3000 Mk II convertible:        H-BJ7/..... or H-BJ7-L/..... for left hand drive

3000 Mk III convertible:        H-BJ8/..... or H-BJ8-L/..... for left hand drive

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis number can be found on a plate on the rear bulkhead of the engine compartment. Near the chassis number plate there will also be the body number plate.

## **Austin Healey Sprite**

### [What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number consists of a prefix followed by a unique number of up to five figures. The prefix for an Austin Healey Sprite will be as follows:

Sprite Mk I:	AN5/..... or AN5-L/..... for left hand drive
Sprite Mk II – IV:	HAN6/.... up to and including HAN10/.... HAN6-L/.. up to and including HAN10-L/...(for left hand drive)
1971 Sprite:	AAN10/..... or AAN10-L/..... for left hand drive

### [Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

#### **Sprite Mark I – III**

The chassis number can be found on a plate attached to the sloping 'chassis' rail beneath the air filter.

#### **Sprite Mark IV**

For home market cars the chassis number can be found stamped into the driver's side front foot well just in front of the jacking cross member.

For North American cars from January 1969 the chassis plate was riveted to the top of the scuttle adjacent to the windscreen demister slot on the driver's side. The number was also stamped into the front right hand shock absorber mounting just behind the shock absorber body. There is also a further plate riveted to the right hand B post door shut face.

### [Still can't find the chassis number?](#)

From the middle of 1969 the chassis plate was omitted altogether, the number was then stamped into the left hand upper foot well panel near the battery.

# Triumph

Note on Triumph chassis numbers: The vehicle identity number for this marque is known as the 'commission number'.

## TR2/3/3A

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a TR2/3 consists of a two letter prefix TS, followed by a unique number of up to five figures. It may also include a suffix of L, O, or LO depending on the vehicle. For example:

TS/..... For a home market vehicle  
TS/.....-O for a home market vehicle with overdrive  
TS/.....-L for a left hand drive vehicle  
TS/.....-LO for a left hand drive vehicle with overdrive

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis or 'commission' number can be found on a plate riveted to the front bulkhead under the bonnet.

## TR4/4A

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a TR4/4A consists of a two or three letter prefix CT (TR4) or CTC (TR4A) followed by a unique number of up to five figures. It may also include a suffix of L, O, or LO depending on the vehicle. For example:

CT/.... for a home market vehicle  
CT/.....-O for a home market vehicle with overdrive  
CT/.....-L for a left hand drive vehicle  
CT/.....-LO for a left hand drive vehicle with overdrive

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis or 'commission number' can be found on a plate riveted to the bulkhead/scuttle panel under the bonnet adjacent to the windscreen wiper motor.

## TR5/TR250

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a TR5/250 consists of a two letter prefix either CP, or CD, followed by a unique number of up to five figures. It may also include a suffix of L, O, or LO depending on the vehicle. For example:

CP/.... for a home market vehicle  
CP/.....-O for a home market vehicle with overdrive  
CP/.....-L for a left hand drive vehicle  
CP/.....-LO for a left hand drive vehicle with overdrive

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis or 'commission number' can be found on a plate riveted to the front wheel arch top (usually the nearside on right hand drive cars) under the bonnet.

## **TR6**

### [What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number for a TR6 consists of a two letter prefix either CP, CR, CC, or CF followed by a unique number of up to five figures. It may also include a suffix of L, O, or LO depending on the vehicle. For example:

CP/.... for a home market vehicle  
CP/.....-O for a home market vehicle with overdrive  
CP/.....-L for a left hand drive vehicle  
CP/.....-LO for a left hand drive vehicle with overdrive

NB in late 1971 the L suffix changed to U.

### [Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number can be found on a plate riveted to the front wheel arch top (usually the nearside on right hand drive cars) under the bonnet.

### [Still can't find the chassis number?](#)

CR and CF series TR6s had the plate riveted to the 'B' post on the left hand side, visible when the door is opened.

## **TR7**

### [What is the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number for a TR7 consists of a three letter prefix, either ACG, ACH, ACL, ACN, ACT, ACW, TCG, TCT, TCW, followed by a unique number of up to six figures. It may also include a suffix of UCF depending on the vehicle. From the 1980 model year the chassis number changed to new style VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) with an eight character prefix. For example:

TPAEJ7AT/.....  
TPADJ7AA/.....

### [Where do you find the chassis number?](#)

The chassis number can be found in the boot near the hinge.



# Morris

## Morris Minor

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number consists of a prefix code consisting of letters and numbers, followed by a unique identification number. Examples of which are as follows:

#### 1952 – 1957:

The letter F, followed by 2 letters and two numbers. For example:

FBE11/.....

FAA43/....

#### 1958

The final number in the prefix was discontinued. For example:

FBE1/....

FAA4/....

#### Mid 1958 – onwards

A new system was introduced which is as follows:

MAS3/.... – Morris A series engine 4 door saloon, series 3

MA2S3/.... – Morris A series engine 2 door saloon, series 3

MAT3/.... – Morris A series engine Tourer, series 3

MAW3/.... – Morris A series engine traveller, series 3

\* Followed by 'L' on cars with left hand drive, (eg. MAS3-L/...)

\* Followed by 'D' on deluxe models, (eg. MA2S3-D/....)

#### 1962 - 71

Later 1098cc vehicles have a letter suffix after the car number indicating the assembly plant, either 'M' for Cowley or 'F' for Adderley Park in Birmingham

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The identification plate can be found on the right hand side of the bulk head near the wiring harness, or on the left hand tie plate between the radiator and the inner wing.

# Mini

## **Mini Cooper and Cooper S Mark I**

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a Mark I Mini Cooper consists of a five or six character prefix followed by a unique number of up to seven figures. Examples of which are as follows:

C-A2S7/..... for Austin Coopers  
C-A2S7-L/..... for Austin Coopers (left hand drive)  
K-A2S4/..... for Morris Coopers  
K-A2S4-L/..... for Morris Coopers (left hand drive)

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis plate is secured to the top of the radiator cowl between the radiator and inner wing.

## **Mini Cooper and Cooper S Mark II**

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a Mark II Mini Cooper consists of a five or six character prefix followed by a unique number of up to seven figures. Examples of which are as follows:

C-A2SB/..... for Austin Coopers  
C-A2SB-L/..... for Austin Coopers (left hand drive)  
K-A2S6/..... for Morris Coopers  
K-A2S6-L/..... for Morris Coopers (left hand drive)

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis plate is secured to the top of the radiator cowl between the radiator and inner wing. For later Mark IIs the plate was relocated to the top of the bonnet locking platform, adjacent to the horn.

## **Mini Cooper and Cooper S Mark III**

*Please note that if you are requesting a certificate for a Mark III Mini we will only be able to supply you with a build date. This is due to the nature of the records held.*

### What is the chassis number?

The chassis number for a Mark III Mini Copper consists of a four or five character prefix followed by a unique number up to seven figures. Examples of which are as follows:

X-A2S1/..... Mini 850 saloon  
X-A2S1-N/..... Mini 1000 saloon  
X-A2S2/..... Mini clubman saloon  
X-A2W2/..... Mini clubman estate  
X-AD1/..... Mini Cooper S  
X-AD2/..... Mini 1275 GT

### Where do you find the chassis number?

The chassis plate can be found on the bonnet locking platform.

\*all of the information provided has been taken from 'The Original...' series