

Date Code mystery unlocked

Every product has its own characteristics. Even when it comes to date codes. And every product has a different date code. Sometimes, figuring out each product's date code is like trying to solve a mystery. The following table is the key to unlocking that mystery when it comes to batteries.

Company	Where to find the Date Code	How to read the Date Code
ACDelco - Freedom, Voyager, and some Sears brands	The date codes are stamped on the cover, usually near the posts.	The first character represents the year (0-9) and the second shows the month (A-M, skipping I). The third character is a letter that stands for the battery plant that built the battery. For example, C=Anaheim, CA; G=Fitzgerald, GA; I=Muncie, IN; K=Olathe, KS
JCI - Interstate - Interstate Batteries, Motorcraft, East Penn - Deka, GNB - Champion, Stowaway	The letters and numbers are on a sticker affixed to the battery or hot-stamped into the case cover along the top edges of the battery.	The ship date codes begin with a letter: "A" stands for January, B for February and so on (some shipping codes skip the letter "I," so it cannot be confused with the numeral "1." In those cases, J would represent September, K - October, L - November and M-December.
Douglas - Farmland	Find the date codes stamped near the terminals or occasionally on a sticker affixed to the battery.	Only the first five characters of a multi-character code are significant to measuring freshness. Douglas uses the letters in their name to indicate the year of manufacture in the first character; the following characters, 1 through 12, represent the month.
Exide - NAPA Legend, Edge, Power-Tron and Titan	The date codes are stamped on the cover, usually near the posts.	The fourth or fifth character may be a letter code for the month and the following character a number code for the year (i.e. RO8F3B stands for June 1993).
Accumex- GES America	The date codes are stamped on the cover, usually near the posts.	Each digit provides information of where, when and how the battery was manufactured. For Example: 153493167 First position (1) represents manufacturing plant(1,2,3); second (5) represents day of week (1-7) battery made; third and fourth (34) represent week (01-52) of the year; fifth (9) represents the last digit of the year; sixth (3) represents the production line; seventh and eighth (16) represent the number of-plates per cell; and ninth (7) represents the supervisor's number.