

AMC 1968-80 VIN (serial number) decoder

Examples:

A 2 C 7 9 8 Z 1 23456

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- 2 = Year (1972)
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- 7 = car series (Javelin)
- 9 = body type (2 door hardtop)
- 8 = body class (Javelin AMX)
- Z = engine (401-4v)
- 1 = assembly location (Kenosha)
- 23456 = production sequence number

A 4 C 7 9 7 H 1 97173

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Manufacturer													
letter	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
A	American Motors Corporation												
other	brand X												
Year													
number	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
0			1970										1980
1				1971									
2					1972								
3						1973							
4							1974						
5								1975					
6									1976				
7										1977			
8	1968										1978		
9		1969										1979	
Transmission													
letter	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
A	3spd/auto/ column												
C	3spd/auto/ floor	3spd/auto/ console	3spd/auto/ floor										
D									3spd/man/				

						floor overdrive	
E				3spd/man/ floor full-synchro	3spd/man/ floor		
F	4spd/man/ console		3spd/man/ floor	3spd/man/ floor 2-3 synchro	3spd/man/ floor		
M	4spd/man/ floor						4spd/man/ floor
O	3spdOD/ man/ column					3spdOD/ man/ column	
S	3spd/man/ column	3spd/man/ column (or 3spd/man/ floor, Javelin)	3spd/man/ column or floor	3spd/man/ column			

Car Series

number	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
0	American	Rambler	Hornet							Concord			
1	Rebel			Matador 2 Door									
3	AMX												
4			Gremlin								Spirit		
6						Pacer							
7	Javelin												
8	Ambassador					Matador 4 Door/Wagon							
?													Eagle

Body Type													
number	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
3						2 door hatchback							
5	4 door sedan												
6	2 door sedan						2 door sedan (coupe)						
7	2 door convertible												
8	4 door wagon									station wagon			
9	2 door hardtop												
Group (Body Class) (Model)													
number	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
0	American, 550	Rambler, Rebel	Hornet, Rebel	Gremlin 2 seat, Hornet									
1				Hornet SC360									
2	Ambassador			Ambassador DPL									
4													
5	440, 770, DPL	440, Javelin, DPL	Javelin, DPL	Gremlin 4 seat, Javelin, Ambassador SST	Gremlin, Ambassador SST	Gremlin				Gremlin			
7	AMX, Rogue, SST			Hornet SST, Hornet wagon, Javelin SST, Matador, Ambassador Brougham.	Hornet SST, Hornet wagon, Javelin SST, Matador, Ambassador Brougham.	Ambassador, Hornet, Javelin, Matador,		Hornet, Matador, Pacer			Concord, Gremlin, Matador, Pacer		

8		Javelin AMX							Javelin AMX, Matador X					
9											AMX			
P							Police							
T							Taxi							
Engine														
letter	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	
A	199-1v		258-1v											
B	232-1v						258-1v L/C							
C	232-2v								258-2v					
E			232-1v											
G										121-2v				
H			304-2v											
K										121-2v				
M	290-2v		304-4v		?	304-4v								
N	290-4v		360-2v											
P			360-4v											
S	343-2v		390-2v											
T	343-4v													
W	390-2v													
X	390-4v													

Y		390-4v "Machine"*											
Z		401-4v											
Assembly Location													
number	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
0						Kenosha w/REABS							
1						Kenosha							
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7						Brampton							
8						Brampton w/REABS							
9						Brampton							
K						kit (export)							

* The Rebel "Machine" engine used a unique intake and exhaust.