

Rootes and Chrysler U.K. Passenger Cars

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Chassis Codes issued

The list is not complete, but will be updated as information becomes available and time permits. The Avenger and Imp Ranges of Chassis Codes issued will also be added to complete the production history. Unless requested I will not include the Chrysler Simca or Rootes Commercial Vehicles data, but the information is available if anybody requires it. The production dates shown are of a general guide only, unless they include a month, then they are accurate.

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Up to and including Light Car Range of Vehicles

MODEL	COMMENCING CHASSIS NUMBER	ENDING CHASSIS NUMBER	PRODUCTION DATES
Hillman Minx Mk. 1			Approx. July 1945 to December 1947
Hillman Minx Mk. 11			December 1947 to September 1948
Hillman Minx Mk. 111	1900001		September 1948 to November 1949
Hillman Minx Mk. 1V	A1000001		November 1949 to October 1951
Hillman Minx Mk. V	A1100001		October 1951 to February 1953
Hillman Minx Mk. V1	A1300001		February 1953 to October 1953
Hillman Minx Mk. V11	A1400001		October 1953 to October 1954
Hillman Minx Mk. V111	A1500001		October 1954/
Hillman Minx Mk. V111 Special side valve model	A1570001		1955
Hillman Minx Mk. V111	A1583501		1955
Hillman Husky Mk. 1	A2400001		October 1954/1957
Hillman Minx Series 1 De-Luxe Special	A1600001 A1650001		May 1956 to August 1957
Hillman Minx Series 11 De-Luxe Special	A1800001 A1850001		August 1957 to September 1958
Hillman Minx Series 111 De-Luxe Special	A1900001 A1965001		September 1958 to September 1959
Hillman Minx Series 111A De-Luxe Special	B1000001 B0000001		September 1959 to August 1960
Hillman Minx Series 111B De-Luxe	B1100001		August 1960

Special	B0100001		to August 1961
Hillman Minx Series 111C De-Luxe	B0200001		August 1961 to
Hillman Minx Series V De-Luxe	B0300001 B03500001		1963 1964
Hillman Minx Series V1 De-Luxe	B006000001		1965
Hillman Husky Series 1	A28000001		January 1958 to March 1960
Hillman Husky Series 11	B2000001		March 1960 to 1962
Hillman Husky Series 111	B2100001 B21100001		1963 1964/1965
Hillman Super Minx Mk. 1	B1200001		October 1961 to
Hillman Super Minx Mk. 11	B1300001		1963
Hillman Super Minx Mk. 111	B14000001		1964
Hillman Super Minx Mk. 1V	B034000001		1965/1966
Humber Hawk Mk. 1			approx. July 1945 to September 1947
Humber Hawk Mk 11			September 1947 to October 1948
Humber Hawk Mk. 111			October 1948 to September 1950
Humber Hawk Mk. 1V			September 1950 to September 1952
Humber Hawk Mk. V			September 1952 to June 1954
Humber Hawk Mk. V1	A5400001		June 1954/1956
Humber Hawk Series 1	A5700001		May 1957 to October 1959
Humber Hawk Series 1A	B5000001		October 1959 to October 1960
Humber Hawk Series 11	B5100001		1961
Humber Hawk Series 111	B5200001		1962/1963
Humber Hawk Series 1V manual Automatic	B54000001 B054600001		1964/1965 1965/1966
Humber Snipe Chassis only Export R.H.D	4710001 4700001 4730001	4711209 4700015 4730016	August 1945 to
Humber Super Snipe Mk. 1 Export R.H.D. Export L.H.D. Chassis only C.K.D.	8710001 8730001 8740001 8700001 8770001	8711153 8730878 8740772 8700344 8770762	Approx July 1945 to September 1948
Humber Super Snipe Mk. 11 C.K.D.	8800001 8810001	8807287 8811074	September 1948 to August 1950
Humber Super Snipe Mk. 111 C.K.D. Heavy Duty	A8000001 A8010001 A8020001	A8007679 A8010324 A8020700	August 1950 to October 1952

Humber Super Snipe Mk. 1V C.K.D. Heavy Duty	A820001 A8215001 A8250001	A820599 A8217508 A8251353	October 1952 to
Humber Super Snipe Mk. 1V A C.K.D. Heavy Duty	A840001 A8430001 A8450001	A8400651 A8430324 A8450025	
Humber Super Snipe Mk. 1V B C.K.D. Heavy Duty	A8410001 A8460001 A8450101	A8411272 A8460720 A8450460	September 1955 to October 1958
Humber Super Snipe Series 1	A8900001		October 1958 to October 1959
Humber Super Snipe Series 11	B8000001		October 1959 to October 1960
Humber Super Snipe Series 111	B8100001		October 1960 to
Humber Super Snipe Series 1V	B8200001		1962/1963
Humber Super Snipe Series V -	B84000001 B084600001		1964/1965 1965 onwards
Humber Pullman Mk. 11	9800001		1948/1949
Humber Pullman Mk. 111	A9000001		1950/1951
Humber Imperial	B84300001 B884400001		1964/1965 1965 onwards
Humber Sceptre Mk. 1	B3100001 B31200001		1963 1964
Humber Sceptre Mk. 11	B132000001		1965 onwards
Singer Hunter	H2567Z	H4770Z	- to September 1956
Singer Gazelle Series 1 C.K.D.	A7600001 A76750001	A7604344 A7675642	September 1956 to October 1957
Singer Gazelle Series 11 Pre Production	A7800001 A7700001	A7801582 A7700019	October 1957 to February 1958
Singer Gazelle Series 11A C.K.D.	A7850001 A7880025	A7853824 A7885324	February 1958 to September 1958
Singer Gazelle Series 111 C.K.D.	A7900001 A7950001	A7910929 A7951248	September 1958 to September 1959
Singer Gazelle Series 111A C.K.D.	B7000001 B7080001	B7012491 B7081776	September 1959 to August 1960
Singer Gazelle Series 111B Saloon Estate Car	B7035001 B7012432	B7043272 -	August 1960 to July 1961
Singer Gazelle Series 111C	B7150001	B7165115	July 1961 to September 1963
Singer Gazelle Series V - C.K.D.	B7300001 B73100001 B7360001	- B7311804 -	October 1963 To August 1965
Singer Gazelle Series V1 C.K.D.	B706000001 B706900001	B706014842 -	September 1965 to September 1966
Singer Vogue Mk. 1 C.K.D	B7100001 B7180001		July 1961 to September 1962
Singer Vogue Mk. 11 C.K.D.	B7200001 B7280001	B7220021 -	October 1962 to September 1964

Singer Vogue Mk. 111 C.K.D.	B7400001 B74750001		October 1964 to September 1965
Singer Vogue Mk. 1V C.K.D.	B774000001 B774900001	B774010329	October 1965 To September 1966
Talbot 10 1936 model	1001	2500	1936
Talbot 10 1937 model	3001	3350	1937
Talbot 10 1938 model	5001	6800	1938
Sunbeam Talbot 10 1939 model	40001	42752	1939
Sunbeam Talbot 10 1940 model	101(010)	952(010)	1940
Sunbeam Talbot 10	1001(010)	4719(010)	Approx. July 1945 to June 1948
Sunbeam Talbot 2 Litre 1940 model	101(200)	279(200)	1940
Sunbeam Talbot 2 Litre	301(200)	1425(200)	Approx. July 1945 to June 1948
Sunbeam Talbot 3 Litre type BP21	8001	9050	1938
Sunbeam Talbot 3 Litre type BX21	9051 9128	9097 9296	1939/1940
Sunbeam Talbot 4 Litre model BY	101(400)	200(400)	1939/1940
Sunbeam Talbot 4 Litre model BZ	201(400)	328(400)	1939/1940
Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk. 1	3800001	3804000	June 1948 to September 1950
Sunbeam Talbot 80 Mk. 1	2800001	2803500	June 1948 to September 1950
Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk. 11	A3000001	A3009708	September 1950 to September 1952
Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk. 11A	A3009709	A3016387?	September 1952 to October 1954
Sunbeam Mk. 111	A3500001	A3505249	October 1954 to
Sunbeam Alpine Mk. 1	A3011393		March 1953/1954
Sunbeam Alpine Mk. 111	A3500001	A3505249	1955
Sunbeam Rapier Series 1	A3600001		September 1956 February 1959
Sunbeam Rapier Series 11	A3800001		February 1959 to September 1959
Sunbeam Rapier Series 111	B3000001		September 1959 to April 1961
Sunbeam Rapier Series 111A	B3050001		April 1961/1962
Sunbeam Rapier Series 1V	B3300001 B33100001		1963 1964
Sunbeam Rapier Series V	B325000001		1965 onwards
Sunbeam Alpine Series 1	B9000001	B9011904	October 1959 to October 1960
Sunbeam Alpine Series 11	B9100001	B9119956	October 1960 to February 1963
Sunbeam Alpine Series 11 CKD	B9150001	B9150073	October 1960 to February 1963

Sunbeam Alpine Series 111	B9200001	B9205863	March 1963 to January 1964
Sunbeam Alpine Series 111 CKD	B9250001	B9250241	March 1963 to January 1964
Sunbeam Alpine Series 1V	B9400001 B94100001	B9407936 B94104470	January 1964 to September 1965
Sunbeam Alpine Series 1V CKD	B9450001	B9450055	January 1964 to September 1965
Sunbeam Alpine Series V	B395000001	B395019122	September 1965 to January 1968
Sunbeam Tiger 260	B9470001 B382000001		1964 1965 onwards
Sunbeam Tiger 11 289	B382100001		1967

Hunter Range of Vehicles

MODEL	COMMENCING CHASSIS NUMBER	ENDING CHASSIS NUMBER	PRODUCTION DATES
Hunter Mk. 1	B051000001		October 1966/1967
Arrow (North America only)	B051000001 B052000001		1966/1967 1967/1968
Hunter Mk. 11	B052000001 B053000001 LB053500001 LG053600001	- - - LG053610526	1967/1968 1969 1969/1970 1970/October 1970
Minx De-Luxe	B011000001 B012000001		January 1967/1968 1969
Minx Basic	B022000001		October 1968
Minx De-Luxe	LB012500001 LG012600001	- LG012610529	1969/1970 1970/October 1970
Arrow (North America only)	B011000001		1966/1968
Minx Estate	B081000001 B082000001 LB0825000001 LG082600001	- - - LG082610336	April 1967/1968 1969 1969/1970 1970/October 1970
Arrow Estate (North America only)	B081000001		1966/1968
Hillman G.T.	B041000001 LB041000001 LG41600001		October 1969 1969/1970 1970/1971
Sceptre	B111000001 B112000001 LB112500001 LG112600001 LH090600001 L3090600001		September 1967/1968 1969 1969/1970 1970/1971 1972 1972/73
Vogue Saloon	B751000001 B752000001 LB752500001	- - LB752502453	October 1966/1968 1969 1969/April 1970

	LB35300001 LG35360001	- LG353610522	April 1970/ 1970/October 1970
Vogue Estate	B78100001 B78200001 LB78250001 LB38350001 LG38360001	- - LB782500391 - LG383610385	April 1967/1968 1969 1969/1970 April 1970/ 1970/October 1970
Gazelle	B71100001 B71200001	- B712006800	January 1967/1968 up to April 1970
Rapier	B34100001 B34200001 LB34250001 LG34260001 LH19060001 L319060001		1967/1968 1969 1969/1970 1970/1971 1972 1972/1973
Rapier H120	B39100001 LB39150001 LG39160001 LH12060001 L312060001		1969 1969/1970 1970/1971 1972 1972/1973
Arrow (North America only)	B35900001		1969/1970
Alpine Coupe (North America only)	B38900001		1969
Alpine G.T. (North America only)	B39900001		1969
Alpine	LB389502571 LG38960001 LH10060001 L310060001		1969/1970 1970/1971 1971/1972 1972/1973
Hunter De-Luxe Saloon Estate	LG06360001 LG08560001		October 1970/1971
Hunter Super	LG07460001		
Hunter G.L. Saloon Estate	LG05860001 LG08760001		
Hunter G.T.	LG83060001		
Hunter De-Luxe Saloon	LH06460001 L306460001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter De-Luxe Estate	LH16060001 L316060001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter Super	LH07560001 L307560001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter G.L.	LH05960001 L307560001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter G.L. Estate	LH15060001 L315060001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter GLS	LH04060001 L304060001		1972 1972/1973
Hunter G.T.	LH83160001 L383160001		1972 1972/1973

Interpretation of Chassis No. coding

Earlier Chassis numbering system

(Not applicable to Avenger Range)

The chassis numbering in use before the introduction of the new format described later consists of a numerical sequence of seven or more digits with a prefix letter, together with letter and/or letter and number suffix combinations. The suffixes are not detailed in the reference pages, as these indicate production variations not necessarily associated with all vehicles of one particular type.

Exception - Hillman Minx 111 has no prefix letter.

Prefix letters

Other than in the case of the 1949 Sunbeam Talbot 90 Mk.11 and early Mk. 11A, which are prefixed 'A', no prefix letter denotes model period prior to 1950.

Prefix letter 'A' denotes model period 1950 - 1959

Prefix letter 'B' denotes model period 1960 onwards

(Note) Late production Hunter Range vehicles incorporated within this period carry prefix letters 'LB' to indicate Linwood manufacture.

For many years it has been practice to build into the chassis number an indication of model and year of manufacture,

e.g. A 1300001

A = 1950 - 1959

1 = Hillman Minx

3 = Minx Mk. V1, 1953

However, owing to the many changes to the original coding it is necessary for the whole to be treated as a manufacturing serial number as the original method of identification cannot always be applied.

Suffix letters

These fall into two main headings, one of a combination of three letters, or two letters and one numerical digit, in certain instances preceded by another of one to six letters.

When two combinations are present the first indicates:-

B.W. - Borg-Warner Automatic Transmission

P.O.S. - Power Operated Steering

E - Easidrive Automatic Transmission

O.D. - Overdrive Transmission

L - Low Compression Engine

M - Medium Compression Engine

H - High Compression Engine

The final combination indicates:-

First letter

H - Home

R - R.H.D. Export

L - L.H.D. Export

E - C.K.D. Export Home Specification

W - C.K.D. R.H.D. Export
X - C.K.D. L.H.D. Export

Second Letter

C - Convertible
H - Hardtop
L - Limousine
R - Roadster
S - Saloon
P - Pick-up
U - Estate Car
V - Van
X - Chassis only

Third letter or number

M - Ministry of Supply
O - Standard
X - Non-Standard
P - Police Specification
3 - Small bore engine for Bermuda (reduced capacity)

Example

B084600001 H/OD/POS HSM

Series V Super Snipe, High Compression Engine, Overdrive, Power Steering, Home Specification, Saloon Body, Ministry of Supply.

Avenger Range

(Original chassis numbering system)

Vehicles of the Avenger Range produced before the introduction of the new format must be considered separately from the earlier numbering system, owing to prefix and suffix differences. Later production conforms to the new format which is described later.

Example - If a Chassis Plate shows this:-

Chassis No.	R F 211 000115 R - 5 - 2
Colour Code	108 - 701 - H

The letters and numbers of the Chassis number refer to:-

1st letter R = Plant **(1)**
2nd letter F = Series Year **(2)**
1st 3 numbers 211 = Product Code **(3)**
Next 6 numbers 000115 = Serial Number **(4)**
Next letter R = Indicates Right or Left Hand Drive (in this case R.H.D.) **(5)**
Next letter (or number) 5 = Engine Code **(6)**
Next number 2 = Gearbox Code **(7)**

The letters and numbers of the Colour Code number refer to:-

1st 3 numbers 108 = Paint Code **(8)**
2nd 3 numbers 701 = Trim Code **(9)**

Last letter H = Market Indicator **(10)**

Variations

(1) Plant Indicator - R = Ryton

(2) Series Year - (Internal model year indicator code)

(3) Product Code (Three digits)

211 = De Luxe (Export, Sunbeam 1250/1500)

221 = Super (Export, Sunbeam 1250/1500 De Luxe)

231 = G.L. (Export, Sunbeam 1250/1500 Super)

(4) Serial Number (six digits)

000,001 onwards

(5) Right or Left hand Drive

R = Right hand Drive

L = Left Hand Drive

(6) Engine Code

B = 1250cc. High Compression

5 = 1500cc. High Compression

6 = 1500cc. Low Compression

(7) Gearbox Code

2 = Manual Transmission

4 = Automatic Transmission

(8) Paint Code - See Paint and Trim Codes under New format chassis numbering.

(9) Trim Code - See Paint and Trim Codes under New format chassis numbering.

(10) Market Indicator

H = Home

E = Export

New Chassis Number Format

A new vehicle identification format was introduced in July 1970.

New chassis plate example:-

Chassis No.	R G 211 000115		
Service Code	H AA H	Paint Code	108
Trim Code	701	Type Code	211 H 4

Breakdown of details shown in Chassis No. box:-

1st digit is the Plant Indicator (one letter)

L = Linwood

R = Ryton

2nd digit is the Series Year (one letter or figure)

H = H Series

G = G Series

3 = 3 Series

Next 3 digits indicate Product Code (group of three numbers)

IMP RANGE	G SERIES	H & 3 SERIES
Hillman Imp Basic	423	423
Hillman Imp De-Luxe	413	413
Hillman Imp Super	443	443
Sunbeam Sport	593	593
Singer Chamois	543	-
Sunbeam Stiletto	302	302
Hillman Husky	482	-
Hillman Imp Van	463	-

ARROW RANGE	G SERIES	EARLY H SERIES	LATER H & 3 SERIES
Hillman Minx	012	-	-
Hillman Minx Estate	082	-	-
Hillman Hunter	053	-	-
Hillman GT	041	-	-
Singer Vogue	353	-	-
Singer Vogue Estate	383	-	-
Hunter De-Luxe Saloon	-	063	064
Hunter De-Luxe Estate	-	085	160
Hunter Super	-	074	075
Hunter GL Saloon	-	058	059
Hunter GL Estate	-	087	150
Hunter GLS	-	-	040
Hunter GT	-	830	031
Humber Sceptre	112	112	090*
Sunbeam Alpine	389	389	100
Sunbeam Rapier	342	342	190*
Rapier H120	391	391	120

* On cars for France these numbers are replaced by L2S (Sceptre) and LSR (Rapier) for H Series and AAE (Sceptre) and AAD (Rapier) for 3 Series.

AVENGER RANGE	G SERIES	H & 3 SERIES	3 SERIES
Avenger Basic Saloon	-	201	-
Avenger De-Luxe Saloon (Export - Sunbeam 1250/1500)	211	211	-
Avenger De-Luxe Estate	-	280	-

Avenger Super Saloon (Export - Sunbeam 1250/1500 De-Luxe)	221	221	-
Avenger Super Estate	-	283	-
Avenger G.L. (Export - Sunbeam 1250/1500 Super)	231	231	-
Avenger G.T. (Export - Sunbeam 1500 G.T.)	251	251	-
Cricket Sedan	219	219	-
Cricket Sedan (with options)	239	239	-
Cricket Wagon (Estate)	-	289	-
Sunbeam 1250 S.C. (E.E.C.)	-	-	226
Sunbeam 1250 T.C. Saloon (E.E.C.)	-	-	236
Sunbeam 1250 T.C. Estate (E.E.C.)	-	-	286
Sunbeam 1500 T.C. (E.E.C.)	-	-	256
Avenger G.L.S.	-	-	252

Next group of six numbers is the SERIAL No.

Commencing 000001 = Ryton

Commencing 600001 = Linwood

Commencing 900001 = C.K.D.

The letters and numbers from the SERVICE CODE box reveal the following:-

1st letter is the ENGINE CODE and tells you which engine is fitted.

A = Imp, 875 c.c. Low Compression

B = Imp, 875 c.c. High Compression

E = Avenger, 1250 c.c., twin carb. High Compression

F = Avenger, 1250 c.c., single carb. High Compression

G = Avenger, 1500 c.c., single carb. Low Compression

H = Avenger, 1500 c.c., single carb. High Compression

K = Avenger, 1500 c.c., twin carb. High Compression

L = Avenger, 1500 c.c., twin carb. Low Compression

M = Arrow, 1500 c.c. Low Compression

N = Arrow, 1500 c.c. High Compression

P = Arrow, 1725 c.c. Low Compression

Q = Arrow, 1725 c.c. High Compression

The 2nd letter or number is the TRANSMISSION CODE and tells you which transmission is fitted:-

A = Automatic transmission with standard axle, Avenger H Series

B = Manual transmission with 3.70 : 1 axle, Arrow

C = Automatic transmission with 3.70 : 1 axle, Arrow

D = Overdrive with 3.70 : 1 axle, Arrow

E = Manual transmission with 3.89 : 1 axle, Arrow

F = Auto transmission with 3.89 : 1 axle, Arrow

G = Overdrive with 3.89 : 1 axle, Arrow

H = Manual transmission with 4.22 : 1 axle, Arrow

J = Automatic transmission with 4.22 : 1 axle, Arrow

K = Overdrive with 4.22 : 1 axle, Arrow

N = Manual transmission with standard axle, Avenger H Series

S = Standard transmission, Imp

W = Manual transmission with non-standard axle, Avenger H Series

X = Automatic transmission with non-standard axle, Avenger H Series

1 = 4.37 : 1 axle with Manual transmission, Avenger 3 Series

2 = 4.37 : 1 axle with Automatic transmission, Avenger 3 Series

- 3 = 4.11 : 1 axle with Manual transmission, Avenger 3 Series
- 4 = 4.11 : 1 axle with Automatic transmission, Avenger 3 Series
- 5 = 3.89 : 1 axle with Manual transmission, Avenger 3 Series
- 6 = 3.89 : 1 axle with Automatic transmission, Avenger 3 Series

The 3rd letter is the OPTION CODE and indicates the vehicle was fitted with the following:-

- A = No other option
- B = Servo brakes
- C = Servo brakes and radio
- D = Servo brakes and heavy duty suspension
- E = Servo brakes, heavy duty suspension and radio
- F = Radio
- G = Radio and heavy duty suspension
- H = Heavy duty suspension

The 4th letter is the MARKET AREA the vehicle was intended:-

- H = Home, R.H.D.
- E = Export, R.H.D.
- X = Export, L.H.D.

The PAINT CODE box contains a group of three numbers which refer to the colour of paint used on the vehicle. (a full list of the colour codes will be added at a latter date).

The TRIM CODE box contains a group of three numbers which indicate the colour of trim used in the vehicle and they are as follows:-

- 000 = Non-standard
- 701 = Black
- 707 = Eucalyptus Green
- 708 = Saddle
- 709 = Red
- 713 = Light Blue
- 714 = Vellum
- 715 = Green Opalescent
- 716 = Pewter Opalescent
- 717 = Tan Opalescent
- 718 = Blue Opalescent
- 719 = Olive Opalescent
- 720 = Turquoise Opalescent
- 721 = Block Opalescent
- 722 = Beige Opalescent
- 724 = Vellum Print

The TYPE CODE box repeats the Product Code, and Engine Code, with the addition of transmission alternatives:-

- 2 = Manual
- 3 = Overdrive
- 4 = Automatic