

NEW GENERATION TRACTOR SERIAL NUMBER SEARCHES

It is important that the requester tell us as much about their tractor(s) as possible. Some of the later models do not have full descriptions in the records. For example, all 4620s are shown in the *Serial Number Register* as row-crop tractors, even though some were built as Standards. Without full information from the owner, it will show on the Official Document as a row-crop tractor. There are many such examples throughout the John Deere line, but especially so with some tractors built after 1960. Please take the time to fully describe your tractor when requesting research.

To be able to accurately research New Generation Tractors, we need all of the information contained on the serial number plate, not just the numerical digits. On Waterloo-built tractors prior to the 1965 model year, the serial number contains two digits followed by a "T", and then the actual serial number. For example, 22T 01337 is the serial number of a "4010" Standard. The first number, "2", is the series type (4000 Series); the second number, "2", denotes chassis type (Standard); the "T" stands for "tractor," and the final five digits represent the numerical order of the tractor. In and of itself, this group of five digits is not the complete serial number. To be able to correctly perform the research, we need all of the information, not just the final five digits, as just the numbers alone could apply to many different models.

Beginning with the 1965 model year, the information provided on the serial number plate was expanded. A three-digit code was used to denote series, chassis, and fuel type; a letter code was added to denote transmission type; and then came a six-digit series of numbers followed by an "R", such as 233R092080R. It is absolutely vital that all of this information is provided to be able to correctly identify the tractor and perform accurate Serial Number Research. From 1965-up, with some minor variations, the serial number plates of all Waterloo-built tractors were stamped in this manner. Some later versions have "SNT" as a prefix.

The Dubuque-built "10" Series Tractors used a different system of serial number identification. A serial number plate was riveted to the cylinder block of the engine. The type of tractor was indicated by a letter code consisting of one to three letters, followed by the sequence number, and ending with a "T". The "T" designates the Dubuque factory, while "R" designates Waterloo.

The serial number system at Dubuque was changed with the introduction of the "20" Series Tractors. The serial number plate on these tractors is located on the right side of the transmission case, just above the footrest. The serial number of a "1020", for example, looks like this: 4R1C-010001T. Without the first four numbers and letters, we cannot determine anything about the tractor, so including this information in your Serial Number Research request is absolutely necessary.

The Two-Cylinder Club can also do serial number researches on Waterloo-built Generation II Tractors up to about midway through the "50" Series, although some information is scattered. Generation II serial number sequences are different than the New Generation Tractors and, as before, we need all of the information provided on the serial number plate to accurately research these tractors. The same is true of Dubuque-built tractors, although the cut-off date of available records is yet to be determined. Certainly, however, records are available through the New Generation "30" Series.

New Generation Waterloo-Built Tractors Which Can Be Researched (with few exceptions)

All 10 Series New Generation Tractors
All 20 Series New Generation Tractors
All 30 Series Generation II Tractors
All 40 Series Generation II Tractors

The following 50 Series Tractors can be researched from the beginning (serial number 1000) up to the following:

4050 to s/n 5420
4250 to s/n 9434
4450 to s/n 19526
4650 to s/n 10859
4850 to s/n 8887

8450 to s/n 5204
8650 to s/n 7383
8850 to s/n 6077

Dubuque- and Mannheim-Built Tractors Which Can Be Researched (with few exceptions)

All Dubuque-built 10, 20, 30, and 40 Series Tractors

Mannheim-Built Tractors
820 s/n 57618L to s/n 67152L
830 s/n 97885L to s/n 172761L
1530 s/n 97885L to s/n 179297L
2030 s/n 140000L to s/n 162479L

Only shipping dates and Branch House destination are available on 20 and 30 Series Mannheim-built tractors.

Mannheim Built 40 Series
2040 s/n A179963L to s/n A4170038L
2240 s/n A179298L to s/n Q496786L
2840 s/n B197401L to s/n B339123L

2940 s/n A320152L to s/n T417274L

Note: Small and mid-sized 40 Series Tractors were built at Dubuque or Mannheim.

Mannheim-built 50 Series
2150 to s/n 540224
2350 to s/n 540056
2550 to s/n 540187
2750 to s/n 540218
2950 to s/n 541086

Shipping date and final destination recorded in most cases.

Yanmar-built 50 Series
All 650, 750, 850, 950, 1050, and 1250 Series

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS for SERIAL NUMBERS

- Documents may be personalized to whomever the requester specifies.
- Only so much information can be derived from the serial number. For the most complete document possible, please describe your tractor accurately. Include original paint color, if not John Deere green and yellow.
- Have you included all of the information contained on the serial number plate, not just the numerical digits? Have you listed transmission type? Refer to the New Generation Tractor Serial Number Searches guidelines. It is the requestor's responsibility to provide accurate tractor serial number(s) information.
- Include the model configuration (ie: Standard, Row-Crop Utility, V, S, T, etc.). Be sure to also include what type of front end the tractor has (ie: wide front, narrow front, etc.).
- Describe the operator's station: Does it have a factory cab? If so, does it have air conditioning? Roll-Gard? Etc. It is extremely important to include this information when requesting New Generation Tractors up through the 50 Series. For the most part, cab information is not listed until mid-1974. If you know the brand name of the cab, please include that as well.
- Include fuel type.
- If available, include the complete engine serial number if the tractor is post-1960. This includes all digits, including type, etc.
- Please note the two-cylinder tractor models (first paragraph below) for which there is no serial number information. Also, refer to the guidelines which describe what New Generation Waterloo, Dubuque, and Mannheim tractor serial numbers can be researched.
- These guidelines and instructions should help you to fill out the request form properly; however, if you have any questions, please call the Club office at 1 319 824-6060 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- Model "W-111" and Model "E" Engines, for the most part, can be researched. There is extremely limited information on "R"-type Engines (#213565-#222900), and "H" Engines (#16001-#235000). Scattered information on various engines exists from the very early 1900s but sometimes cannot be verified. Unfortunately, the serial number records for the "LUC", "LUS", and "LUW" Power Units built at Dubuque no longer exist, so production numbers for these models are unknown.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION and GUIDELINES for SERIAL NUMBERS

Production information is available for nearly all vintage John Deere Tractors, from the Waterloo Boy through Generation II. There are some exceptions, as no production information is known to exist for Model "L" Tractors prior to serial number 625000, or for the Model "62" and Model "Y" Tractors. There also are no records for Model "M" Tractors prior to serial number 52542, for Model "W" Power Units after serial number 5289, or for Model "840" Tractors after serial number 8400848.

The production information available varies considerably from model to model, and sometimes from tractor to tractor within a given model. For example, shipping destinations are not available for any tractors built at the Dubuque Tractor Works, specific shipping destinations (other than the Branch House Territory) are sometimes not available for Waterloo-built tractors, optional equipment is typically not available for most Waterloo tractors built in the 1950s (and is inconsistently available for earlier tractors), and a "build" date is not necessarily the date a tractor was built as much as it is the date that the tractor was entered into inventory.

Below is the list of tractors that are contained on an electronic database. Because these can be done in-house, processing time is generally between two to four weeks. Please note: Shortened processing time applies only to the models listed below.

Two-Cylinder First Numbered Series Tractors: "50" • "60" • "70" • "80"

Two-Cylinder "20" Series Tractors: "320" • "520" • "620" • "720" • "820"

Two-Cylinder "30" Series Tractors: "330" • "430" • "530" • "630" • "730" • "830" • "840"

Two-Cylinder Lettered Series Tractors: "A" (Unstyled) (#410000-#476222) • "B" (Unstyled) (#1000-#59999)
"AOS" • "AR"/"AO"/"AI" • "BR"/"BO"/"BI" • "D" • "G" • "GP" • "GPO" • "GPWT" • "GPWT" Series "P" • "H" • "R"