How to Read a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
Vehicle Security Code
Serial number for the vehicle
Plant that assembled the vehicle

Vehicle Manufacturer:
- B, C or D: Chrysler/Dodge
- FA, FB, FC, FD, FM, FT: Ford
- Starts with G: General Motors
- J4: Jeep
- L: Lincoln USA
- ME: Mercury USA
- NX: NUMMI USA
- P3: Plymouth USA
- YV: Mazda USA (AutoAlliance)
- ZV: Ford (AutoAlliance)

Vehicle Year
- Model years 1981-2000 used Letters B to Y
- Model years 2001-2009 used numbers 1 to 9
- Model years 2010-2030 will use letters again

Where the vehicle was built:
- 1, 4, 5 made in United States
- 2 made in Canada
- 3 made in Mexico
- 6 and 7 made in Oceania
- 8 and 9 made in South America
- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H made in Africa
- J, K, L, M, N, P, and R made in Asia
- S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z made in Europe