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Washington, D.C. 20590

SUBJECT: Announcement on change in 7th character digit in the
Yamaha V.I.N.

Dear Mr. Erickson:

This letter is for announcement on change of V.I.N. for coming
1988 and subsequent model year motorcycles.

Enclosed, please find our two explanation sheets for the
17-character V.I.N. and Engine/Frame Number.

Attachment A: Current formal material to our dealer.

Attachment B: Draft for coming 1988 and the subsequent
model year motorcycles.

You will notice the only change between the two sheets is in the
7th character. The change is as follows:

- Current 7th character

This is of no concern to your dealership.

- 7th character for 1988 and subsequent model year motorcycles

This alphabetical character represents the destination.

Destination Identities:

A = 50 states in U.S.A., E = 49 states in U.S.A.
C = The state of California in U.S.A.
N = Canada, W = World

We trust that this change in the 7th character will comply with
CFR49, Part 565 or FMVSS 115 for Vehicle Identification Number.

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17-CHARACTER VIN AND ENGINE/FRAME NUMBERS

This bulletin replaces M80-081.

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has developed a uniform method of motor vehicle identification that will play an important role in the registration of **street-legal** motorcycles in each state. It is the 17-character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Yamaha has complied with this federally mandated program by affixing the new 17-character VIN label to its street-legal motorcycles manufactured after September 1, 1980. The 17-character VIN label, which is located on the steering head, will be printed on the owner's identification card and on the Registration and Setup/Predelivery Checklist. It does not, however, require any changes in paperwork on the part of your dealership. The 17-character VIN is to be used on vehicle registration forms, insurance forms, and overseas purchase requests. It will also play a role in administering recalls more effectively and as an investigative tool in police work.

The 17-character VIN, while necessary for vehicle registration, does not entirely replace the nine-character engine/frame number. This nine-character number, which is stamped on all Yamaha motorcycles in its usual locations, is still also used on warranty claim forms, transfer of ownership cards, and claim correction forms.

Using the QT50H-R as an example; the letters and numbers that compose the 17-character VIN represent the following information:

JYA - 4L4 00 - () B A - 240567

- JYA — This is a constant that identifies the country of origin and the manufacturer. This code was assigned to Yamaha by the federal government.
- 4L4 — These three characters identify the model. In most cases, this model code will be the same as the engine/frame prefix.
- 00 — These two place holders are of no concern to your dealership
- () — The parenthesis designates the check digit. This number plays an important role in registering the unit, and will change with each individual unit. It is the product of a special government computing procedure.
- B — This letter designates the model year. It is for government use only. For 1981 the designator is the letter B. However, the current model year designator (QT50H for example) is used when filling out a warranty claim.
- A — This letter is the plant of manufacture code. The letter A is used.
- 240660 — These last six numbers designate the production serial number. This number will be the same as the last six numbers of the engine/frame number and is used when filling out warranty claims.

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We will submit the formal explanation sheet along with 1988 Model Year Yamaha Motorcycle Identifier Code List at an appropriate time next year.

If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (714) 761-7353.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A.



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Enclosure

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1988 17-CHARACTER VIN AND ENGINE/FRAME NUMBERS

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Using the QT50U as an example, the letters and numbers that compose the 17-character VIN represent the following information:

JYA - 5U9A0 - () J C - 220101

- JYA - This is a constant that identifies the country of origin and the manufacturer. This code was assigned to Yamaha by the federal government.
- 5U9 - These three characters identify the model. In most cases, this model code will be the same as the engine/frame prefix.
- A - This alphabetical character represents the destination. Destination Identity: A=50 states in USA, E=49 state in USA, C=the state of California in USA, N=Canada, W=World
- 0 - This place holder is of no concern to your dealership.
- () - The parenthesis designates the check digit. This number plays an important role in registering the unit, and will change with each individual unit. It is the product of a special government computing procedure.
- J - This letter designates the model year. It is for government use only. For 1988 the designator is the letter J. However, the current model year designator (QT50U for example) is used when filling out a warranty claim.
- C - This letter is the plant of manufacture code.
- 220101 - These last six numbers designate the production serial number. This number will be the same as the last six numbers of the engine/frame number and is used when filling out warranty claims.

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