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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

ATTN: VIN Coordinator

To Whom It May Concern:

The following information is submitted to your attention regarding a modification to the VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER format for 1990 model year Saab passenger cars.

Specifically, due to the mid-model year introduction of a new model, position #8 in the VIN is modified to now include the letter "B" as a possible identifier of an engine variant.

Thank you for updating your records accordingly. Enclosed for your information is a complete description of the 1988-1990 model year Saab VIN coding format.

Sincerely,

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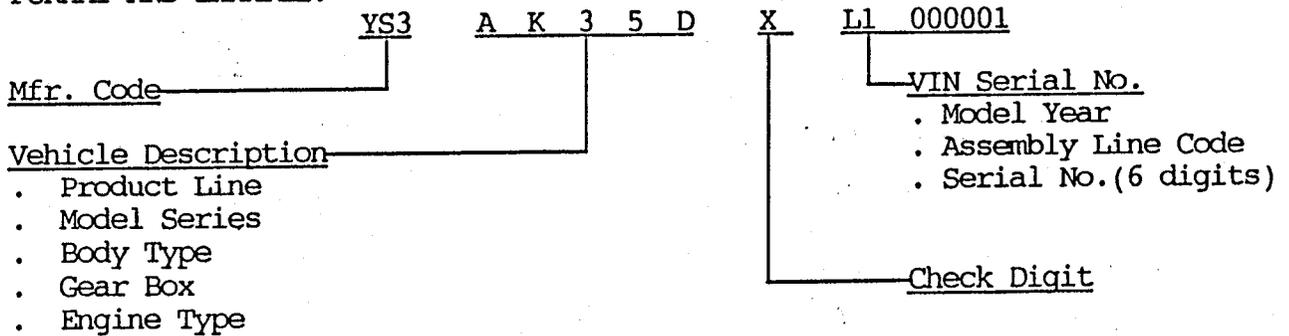
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APPLICATION: Model year 1990

NUMBER OF CHARACTERS: 17 (Alpha-Numeric, complies with Federal Regulations)

FORMAT AND EXAMPLE:



Position

1-3 Mfr. Code: YS3 = Saab

4 Vehicle Description:

. Product Line: A = Saab 900
C = Saab 9000

5 . Model Series & Restraint System:* Passive (std.)

Base J
"S" K
Turbo L

6 . Body Type: 3 = 3-Door Hatchback (900)
4 = 4-Door Sedan
5 = 5-Door Hatchback (9000)
7 = Convertible (900)

7 . Gearbox: 5 = 5-Speed Manual
6 = 3-Speed Automatic (900)
8 = 4-Speed Automatic (9000)

8 . Engine: B = Fuel Injected, 16 Valve 2.3 Liter, Nat. Asp.**
D = Fuel Injected, 16 Valve 2.0 Liter, Nat. Asp.
L = 16 Valve 2.0 Liter, Turbocharged & Intercooled

9 Check Digit: Numeric or "X" (calculated)

VIN Serial No.:

10 . Model Year: L = 1990

11 . Assembly Line: 1 = Trollhattan, 9000 Line A
2 = Trollhattan, 9000 Line B
3 = Arlov, Sweden, 900 Line
4 = Malmo, Sweden, 9000 Line
5 = Malmo, Sweden, 900 Line
7 = Nystad, Finland, 900 Line
8 = Nystad, Finland, 9000 Line

12-17 . Serial Number: Begins with 000001 for each assembly line,
each product line, each model year

***NOTE:** Position 5 designations are unique to U.S. cars. Canadian cars use U, V, W and all other markets use B, C, D.

****REVISION:** Code B added for 1990 9000S/CD with 2.3l engine.

VIN CODE EXCEPTION SHEET - 1989-90 SAAB 900

The following code deviations occurred in production affecting the fifth position, Model Series & Restraint System:

1989 models, Line 3 - reverse the passive and active designators for base, S and Turbo models between serial nos. K3008674 and K3012710.

1989 models, Line 7 - base models designated by S instead of R (all have active restraints) between serial nos. K7000001 and K7005889.

1990 models, Line 7 - S models designated by S instead of K and Turbo models designated by T instead of L (all have passive restraints) between serial nos. L7000001 and L7000921.