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Dear Mr. Younger

Subject: VIN Codes

Excelsior-Henderson Motorcycles has made a change to our VIN code breakdown. We are adding country codes for USA, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Japan to prepare for future production geared towards these countries. This is covered in position 4 of the VIN. We are also adding Introduction types for Inaugural, Normal Introduction, Mid year Introduction, and Deadwood Special Edition. This is covered in position 8 of the VIN. I have attached a revised VIN Code Breakdown for your records. The production configuration of the motorcycles changes only in aesthetics for the Deadwood Special Edition.

If you have question, or need further information, please contact me at (612) 873-5728, Fax (612), 873-5951, or e-mail [D\\_Bowman@excelsiorhenderson.com](mailto:D_Bowman@excelsiorhenderson.com).

Best Regards,

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# Excelsior-Henderson Motorcycles

## VIN Breakdown

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Positions 1, 2, 3 are the World Manufacturer Identifier assigned by the SAE	Position 4 is the country.	Position 5 & 6 are the type of motorcycle.	Position 7 is the engine type.	Position 8 is Introduction Type.	Position 9 is the check digit.	Position 10 is the Model Year	Position 11 is the plant location	Position 12 to 17 is the sequential number
5EH	1 = USA 2 = Canada 3 = Mexico 4 = Europe 5 = Japan	HC = Heavyweight Cruiser  RC = Road Crew	X = X-Twin	0 = Inaugural 1 = Normal Intro 2 = Mid-Year Intro S = Deadwood Special Edition	Mathematical Formula	X = 1999 Y = 2000  1 = 2001 2 = 2002 3 = 2003 4 = 2004 5 = 2005	B = Belle Plaine	000001, 000002, etc.

First VIN	Road Crew VIN Sample	Model Year 2000 example	Deadwood Special Edition example
5EH1HCX00XB000001	5EH1RCX04XB000127	5EH1HCX16YB001316	5EH1HCXS9YB001425

Rev. A 10-26-98  
 Rev. B 6-10-99      Added Road Crew  
 Rev. C 8-18-99      Added Country Codes and Deadwood Special Edition