

SERVICE BULLETIN

DATE: 20 AUGUST 04

SERVICE BULLETIN #242

MODELS: ALL MODELS

SUBJECT: MANUFACTURE DATE CODE

THE ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER STAMPED INTO THE I.D. PLATE ATTACHED TO THE ENGINES EXHAUST MANIFOLD ON ALL WESTERBEKE AND UNIVERSAL MODELS MANUFACTURED BY WESTERBEKE CONTAINS A MANUFACTURE DATE CODE. THIS SHOWS THE YEAR AND MONTH THAT THE UNIT WAS MANUFACTURED AT WESTERBEKE CORPORATION.

THE MANUFACTURE DATE IS A FOUR DIGIT SUFFIX AFTER THE ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER. IT CONSISTS OF A LETTER THAT REPRESENTS THE DECADE WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY THREE NUMBERS THAT REPRESENT, IN ORDER, THE YEAR IN THAT DECADE AND THEN THE MONTH IN THAT YEAR.

THE MANUFACTURE DATE CODE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN THE 1960'S USING THE LETTER "A" DESIGNATING THE DECADE OF THE 60'S. THE 1970'S USED "B", THE 1980'S USED "C", THE 1990'S USED "D" AND THE NEW CENTURY STARTING WITH 2000'S WE ARE USING THE LETTER "E".

AN EXAMPLE OF THE MANUFACTURING DATE CODE:

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER: 62978-E408

SERIAL NUMBER BREAKDOWN: 62978 IS THE ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER
E408 IS THE MANUFACTURE DATE CODE

E – THE DECADE OF 2000

4 – THE YEAR IN THE DECADE 2000. THE YEAR 2004

08 – THE MONTH IN THAT YEAR. AUGUST

LOOKING AT THE MANUFACTURE DATE CODE FOUND WITH THE ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER ONE CAN DETERMINE WHEN THE UNIT WAS MANUFACTURED.

THIS SERVICE BULLETIN SUPERCEDES SERVICE BULLETIN #132 DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1983.