

Year Identification / Serial Numbers

Serial Number Prefix Digit -Year Codes

The first digit is the last number of the production year, followed by the sequential number of guitars produced to that date. For example - 6 2557 would be a guitar manufactured in 1986 and was the 2,557th set-in neck guitar made while 6 29584 would be a guitar manufactured in 1996 and was the 29,584th set-in neck guitar made.

Prefix Number	Year or Years	
0	1990	2000
1	1991	2001
2	1992	2002
3	1993	2003
4	1994	2004
5	1995	
6	1996	
7	1997	
8	1998	
9	1999	

Set-Neck Sequential Serial Numbers

The year of manufacture of any set-in neck PRS Guitar can be determined by the serial number located on the back of the headstock. The series of numbers that follow the year prefix is the sequential number of guitars produced to that date.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
0001 0400	1985
0401 – 1700	1986
1701 – 3500	1987
3501 – 5400	1988
5401 – 7600	1989
7601 – 10100	1990
10101 – 12600	1991
12601 – 15000	1992
15001 – 17900	1993
17901 – 20900	1994
20901 – 24600	1995
24601 – 29500	1996
29501 – 34600	1997
34601 – 39100	1998
39101 – 44499	1999
44500 – 52199	2000
52200 – 62199	2001
62200 – 72353	2002
72354 – 82254	2003
82255 –	2004

CE Models: Sequential Serial Numbers

The year of manufacture is determined the same way for the CE bolt-on neck models however the serial number is located on the neck plate on the back of the guitar. The following number determines the model: 7 or CE for the Classic Electric models, then the sequential number for that particular model.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
0001 – 0270	1988
0271 – 1830	1989
1831 – 3200	1990
3201 – 4540	1991
4541 – 7090	1992
7091 – 8820	1993
8821 – 10700	1994
10701 – 13000	1995
13001 – 14680	1996
14681 – 17130	1997
17131 – 19580	1998
19581 – 20749	1999
20750 – 21599	2000
21600 – 23199	2001
23200 – 25389	2002
25390 – 26399	2003
26400 –	2004

EG Models: Sequential Serial Numbers

The year of manufacture is determined the same way for the EG models. Like the CE models the serial number is located on the neck plate on the back of the guitar. The following number determines the model: 5 or EG for the EG models, then the sequential number for that particular model.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
0001 – 0920	1990
0921 – 1290	1991
1291 – 2070	1992
2071 – 2870	1993
2871 – 3190	1994
3191 - 3300	1995

Swamp Ash Special Models: Sequential Serial Numbers

The year of manufacture is determined the same way for the Swamp Ash Special. Like the CE and EG models the serial number is located on the neck plate on the back of the guitar. The following number determines the model: 8 or SA for the Swamp Ash Special, then the sequential number for that particular model * *the first 200 Swamp Ash Specials were given a CE serial number.*

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year

00001 – 00410	1997
00411 – 00760	1998
00761 – 00969	1999
00970 – 01179	2000
01180 – 01399	2001
01400 – 01899	2002
01900 – 02099	2003
02100 –	2004

Bolt-On Bass: Sequential Serial Numbers

The PRS Bass models produced between 1986 and 1991 will be numbered with the year as the first number, followed by the prefix 4 indicating a bolt-on neck model bass, then the sequential number for that particular model. The serial number will be located on the neck plate on the back of the bass.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
0001 – 0030	1989
0031 – 0140	1990
0141 – 0200	1991

Set-Neck Bass: Sequential Serial Numbers

The PRS Bass models produced between 1986 and 1991 will be numbered with the year as the first number, followed by the prefix 9 indicating a set-neck model bass, then the sequential number for that particular model. The serial number will be located on the back of the headstock.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
0001 – 0230	1986/87
0231 – 0350	1988
0351 – 0680	1989
0681 – 0730	1990
0731 – 0800	1991

Electric Bass: Sequential Serial Numbers

The PRS Electric Bass models introduced in 2000 will also be numbered with the year as the first number, followed by the prefix EB indicating Electric Bass, then the sequential number for that particular model. The serial number will be located on the back of the headstock.

Approximate Serial Numbers	Year
00007 – 00072	2000
00073 – 00199	2001
00200 – 00422	2002
00423 – 00501	2003
00502 –	2004

SE Model Serial Numbers

The SE line of guitars manufacture year can be determined by the letter prefix prior to the sequence

of numbers that follow. The Serial number on SE model guitars can be found on the back of the headstock.

Prefix Letter	Year
A	2000
B	2001
C	2002
D	2003
E	2004