

WHAT YEAR IS MY ROKON?

This is a general guide for determining what year your 2-wheel-drive Rokon was built.

Nethercutt

Nethercutt serial numbers are always lightly stamped and very difficult to read. The serial number is located on the engine/transmission mount and read from the right side of the bike. See photos at bottom.

- Pre-production Trail-Breakers

I have never seen one or heard of a survivor, if you know of one please email me at usn@comcast.net

- MK1

1962-1963

Serial numbers start with MK1. Examples: MK10315L, MK10012

- MK2

1963-1964

Serial numbers start with MK2 and end with a letter. Examples: MK20231J, MK22219D

- MKD

1964-1965

These are a MK2 shipped "knocked down" for assembly by the customer

Serial numbers start with MKD. Examples: MKD1013, MKD1199

Rokon

Rokon serial numbers are normally on the main frame tube under the seat. See photos at bottom.

- 1966

Serial number starts with MK3 followed by month of production and production number

Examples: MK306039 (06 = June, 039 = 39th MK3 built), MK302001 (03 = Feb, 001 = first MK3)

- 1967

Serial numbers start with 67 followed by production number

Examples: 6797, 67133

- 1968

Serial numbers start with 68 followed by production number

Examples: 6812, 68799

- 1969

Serial numbers start with 69 followed by production number

Examples: 69013, 69151, 691874

- 1970-1973

MK3

Here is where it gets confusing.

Serial numbers start with 01, 02, 03, 04. These numbers do not indicate the year.

There is no set "break" to indicate when annual production stopped or started, but I will provide a good guideline below.

I have never seen a Rokon with a "01" number below 01700. If you have a bike with a serial number between 01001 and 01700 please let me know. Most, but not all, "Automatics" will have a serial number prefixed with an "A".

Examples: 01709, 01996, 02031, 02844, 03006, 03945, 04785, A04788

Year guideline. There are huge overlaps, but this will give you a rough idea:

1970 01700 - 02500
1971 02501 - 03800
1972 03801 - 04200
1973 04201 – 04800

1970-1973

MK4

Serial numbers start with 41 or 42. Some “Automatics” will be prefixed with “A”.

Examples: 41005, 41987, 42312, A42327

Like with the 70-73 MK3's, there is no firm cutoff between years for the 70-73 MK4's. Here is a rough guideline:

1970 41001 – 41500
1971 41501 – 41800
1972 41801 – 42200
1973 42201 – 42400

1974 – 1981 Ranger, Scout, Pioneer and Brush Buster

These bikes started their serial number sequence at R1001, S1001, P1001 and B1001. In October, 1975 Rokon updated to the new "locked" driveline and serial numbers were reset to R2001/S2001. In 1977 serial numbers were reset again, this time to R3001/S3001.

R1000 are 1974 - 1975

R2000 are 1975 - 1976

R3000 are 1977

R3100 are 1977 – 1978

R3200/R3300 are 1978-1981

Examples: R1001, R3287, S2045, P2002, B1168

1976 Bicentennial Edition

Reportedly there were 50 built. They used a unique serial number sequence.

Example: R1776.1976.21

1982 – 1983 Ranger and Scout

Serial numbers prefixed with R/S 82 or 83.

Examples: R8205, R8373, S8236

1984 and newer.

17 digit VIN.

Example:

1Y9AS1018KA700012

1 Y 9 = world make identifier, 1YJ and 1RJ also have been used.

A= Weight category

S= Scout **T**=Trail-Breaker **R**=Ranger **D**=Diesel **A**=Aqua-Trac **B**=Brush Buster

1= Engine. 1= 2-stroke, 5= Honda/Diesel, 6= Kohler (hp rating 1 = 10hp, 5 = 5.5hp, 6 = 6hp Kohler)

0= not used

1= accessories code

8=Check digit

K=year (89)

A= Factory. **A**=Jaffrey. **P**= Portsmouth. **R**=Rochester

7=since 1984 it is always a 7. Don't know why.

00012=production number for that year. Most years started at 1001.

The 10th digit gives the year the bike was built. Use the following chart:

1981 B	1991 M	2001 1
1982 C	1992 N	2002 2
1983 D	1993 P	2003 3
1984 E	1994 R	2004 4
1985 F	1995 S	2005 5
1986 G	1996 T	2006 6
1987 H	1997 V	2007 7
1988 J	1998 W	2008 8
1989 K	1999 X	2009 9
1990 L	2000 Y	2010 A

1970-1973 RT140

Serial number starts with 14 or 15.

Examples: 14005, 14773, 15067

The oddballs

There are quite a few bikes with strange serial numbers. Extra digits in the sequence, or like the Pioneer with the unique 15116A serial number (there is also an existing RT140 with number 15116). Another good example is when Rokon went from using "N" for their 1992 bikes to using "O" for their 1993 bikes. By federal regulation, "O" is not to be used for the date designation in a VIN, they should have skipped and gone to "P" for 1993 but they built a whole batch of bikes that are incorrectly labeled with an "O" date code in the VIN. Don't be too surprised if you find a serial number that doesn't fit the pattern.

The Chinese Rokons

Example: LA1AM1032NT001006

LAI = Country of Origin

A = Weight under 300 Lbs

M = Mototractor

1032 = Manufacture specifics

N = Year

T = Plant location Tianjin

001006 = serial number

CSRB

I have no idea what CSRB stands for, if you know, please send me an email. The RT340 guys discovered some of their bikes stamped with CSRB and thought it meant Customer Service Race Bike, but that is definitely not correct.

Examples: CSRB 19, CSRB 26

If you have something that doesn't fit the mold or have comments or suggestions please feel free to email me at usn@comcast.net

If you have a Trail-Breaker with a serial number that varies from this list, please email the serial number and I will make an update. If anyone has insight into deciphering the Nethercutt numbers I would sure be interested. The Nethercutt numbers don't run sequentially. The letter designates the month of manufacture, but beyond that I haven't found any information.

As with everything "Rokon", there are exceptions to the rule. Bikes were often built in one year and sold the following year. They were also sold, then not titled for years (if ever). So it is common to find a bike with a 1969 serial number but titled as a 1973, etc.

Where to find the serial number



