The Serial Number of a Briggs & Stratton Engine: What Does It Reveal?



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Briggs and Stratton engines have serial numbers that reveal many things about the engine. First, you must locate the place of the serial number. It will tell you what model, type, and the code of the engine. The serial number can be found in many places. My serial number was located on the side of the metal shroud.

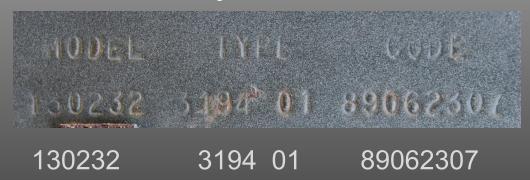




I used a 5 HP Briggs & Stratton Water Pump.



Here is my serial number.



I found out information about my engine using the Briggs & Stratton Model Numbering System. This system uses the number of your engine model to describe what features your engine has.

The <u>model number</u> is the first set numbers. It usually consists of five or six digits.



- The first two digits tell the displacement of the engine. My engine is 13 cubic inches.
- . The next number is the basic design series. My series is two.
- The fourth number is the crankshaft orientation. I have a horizontal shaft.
- The fifth number shows that I have a ball bearing, flange mounting splash lube.
- The sixth number is the type of starter. My starter is a rewind.

The <u>type number</u> tells you about the engines mechanical parts, color of paint, decals, governed speed, and the O.E.M. (original equipment manufacturer).



The code numbers tell you the date it was made (year, month, day) and manufacturing plant and assembly line.



My engine was made on June 23, 1989. It was made in the manufacturing plant 07.

References

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