

Saxophone Serial Numbers

The serial number on a saxophone is usually located on the opposite side of the body tube from the low D key. This is just above the body to bow brace. Some saxophones, like the early Selmer's, had the serial number in both places, on the bell and back of the body tube. In this case use the serial number on the bell to date your saxophone. [🔗](#)

| SML SAXOPHONES | |
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| Serial# | Year |
| 1? - 3000 | 1934 to 1940 |
| 3000 - 5500 | 1940 to 1945 |
| 5500 - 8000 | 1945 to 1950 |
| 8000 - 12000 | 1950 to 1955 |
| 12000 - 16000 | 1955 to 1960 |
| 16000 - 19000 | 1960 to 1965 |
| 19000 - 22000 | 1965 to 1970 |
| 22000 - 24000 | 1970 to 1975 |
| 24000 - 26000 | 1975 to 1980 |
| 26000 - >27000 | 1980 to 1982 |