

TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLE VIN DECODING

Triumph Twins 1950 - Mid 1969	Year	Unit 350cc & 500cc	Pre-Unit 500 & 650cc
Engine & frame numbers on these models were all the same and were preceded by the model code. The 'N' suffix was used in 1950 and 'NA' for 1951 and 1952.	1950		From 100 N onward
	1951		101 NA – 15808 NA
	1952		15809 NA – 25000 NA, 25000 - 32302
	1953		32303 – 44134
	1954		44135 - 56699
The 350cc and 500cc twins used an 'H' prefix. The pre-unit 650cc models with the duplex frame (1960 – 1962) used a 'D' prefix while the unit 650cc used a 'DU' prefix until mid 1969	1955		56700 - 70929
	1956		70930 - 82799, then 0100 - 0944
	1957	H101 - H760	0945 - 011115 650cc only
	1958	H761 - H5484	011116 – 020075 650cc only
	1959	H5485 - H11511	020076 – 029363 650cc only
Additional suffixes were used to designate model type such as the competition racing TT models type, 'C' & TT and 'P' police model.	1960	H11512 - H18611	029364 - 030424, then D101 - D7726
	1961	H18612 - H25251	D7727 - D15788 650cc only
	1962	H25252 - H29732	D15789 – Onward 650cc only
Some models only appeared in certain regions of the world.	1963	H29733 - H32464	Unit Construction 650cc DU101 - DU5824
	1964	H32465 - H35986	DU5825 - DU13374
	1965	H35987 - H40527	DU13375 - DU24874
	1966	H40528 - H49832	DU24875 - DU44393
	1967	H49833 - H57082	DU44394 - DU66245
	1968	H57083 - H65572	DU66246 - DU85903
	1969	H65573 - H67331	DU85904 - DU90282

Unit Construction 650cc

Triumph Singles, Twins & Triples 1969-1983

During 1969, a new numbering system was introduced which used a two-letter prefix indicating Month and Year followed by the model type & the serial number. The first letter is represented by the Month, the second the Year. Example: AH 24335 T140V would be a 1973 year model made in January.

From July 1980 onward a third letter A was added to allow the system to keep going. Many model types included a 'V' which designates a 5-speed gearbox.

For example: T140V HK 12345 is a 5 speed T140 model built in July of 1975.

Also, T140E NDA12345 is a T140E model built in October of model year 1982.

Letter	Month	Model Year
A	January	1979
B	February	1980
C	March	1969
D	April	1970
E	May	1971
G	June	1972
H	July	1973
J	August	1974
K	September	1975
N	October	1976
P	November	1977
X	December	1978
KDA	1981 models	1981
EDA	1982 models	1982
BEA	1983 models	1983
T140V AEA34393 - Last model Jan 21st, 1983		

Les Harris Twins, 1985 - 1988

The same serial numbers were used for both Bonneville & Tigers. For insurance reasons, no models were officially imported into the USA even though John Calicchio, now of Triumph Classic Motorcycles was appointed the US distributor.

Year	Engine & Frame Number
1985	FN000002 - FN000191
1986	GN000192 - GN000788
1987	HN000789 - HN001176
1988	JN001177 - JN001258