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Q: What does my serial number mean?

A: Nothing is more frustrating than to know little or nothing about the firearm you own or are about to buy. Use the information in this page to help determine when your Olympic Arms firearm was produced. Please read THE ENTIRE PAGE before writing or calling for more information. Most of your questions can be answered with the following information.

FIRE: The Reason for our Limited Information Database:

As many of you already know, on the 7th of June, 2000, Olympic Arms experienced a devastating fire that destroyed our assembly area, inventory space, and sales offices. In those offices were housed our current as well as archival records with regards to manufacture, acquisition and distribution of firearms. The books that we, as well as all federally licensed firearms dealers are required to keep are commonly known as "Bound Books", or "A&D" (acquisition & distribution) books.

These books, over 25 years of Olympic Arms history and data (to that date), were completely and 100% destroyed in that fire. All A&D book records prior to the 7th of June, 2000 are **GONE**. Period. Agents of the BATFE were on site as the ashes cooled to verify that these records were in fact destroyed. This is an unfortunate situation that severely limits our ability to provide product information for any and all firearms produced by Olympic Arms including AR-15 lower receivers and/or complete AR products, as well as bolt-action rifles and receivers, as well as Safari Arms 1911 handguns and frames manufactured and sold prior to that date.

What we CAN Provide:

As a result all that we can provide is what you see below, a date "range" in which your serial number was manufactured.

What we CANNOT Provide:

- We **CANNOT** provide you with the EXACT date the serial number manufactured.
- We **CANNOT** provide the exact date the serial number was shipped.
- We **CANNOT** provide you with information determining whether a particular serial number

was a factory assembled firearm or sold as a stripped receiver.

- We **CANNOT** tell you into what configuration/model that your serial number was assembled into.
- We **CANNOT** determine whether or not your particular serial number is a legal grandfathered pre-ban firearm as it pertains to many current (unconstitutional) State laws.

What Does This List Show Me?

Below you will see a list of serial numbers. At Olympic Arms, we group our serial numbered lowers into "ranges". These serial number ranges are based on the first and last serial numbers as recorded in our hard copy A&D (Bound Book) ledgers. Each ledger has a start date and a start serial number that are recorded on the cover of each ledger. This is how these ranges are then categorized.

Prior to our fire, the process had begun to record all the information from our paper historical bound book ledgers into an electronic database. All that had been recorded to that date were simply the cover information (start date/start serial number, end date, last serial number) recorded in each ledger. This is the information you see listed below.

If you'll notice, all the serial number ranges have a letter prefix but one. The initial receivers made by Olympic Arms simply contain a 4 digit serial number, no letter prefix. Each subsequent serial number range (either beginning with 0001, or 1001) will show a 1 or 2 letter prefix. Coincidentally, you may note that these receivers were made from billet aluminum, making Olympic Arms the first manufacturer of billet lower receivers for the AR15.

Additionally, you will see several lines for serial numbers that begin with the same letter(s) prefix. These prefix series are divided by a date range to their right. These date ranges are the beginning and ending dates of the physical paper ledgers in which those numbers were recorded. In other words, the ledger books were not large enough to contain all of the numbers (0001-9999) from any particular serial number series in one book. For that reason, there is a beginning date and end date for each ledger. That is what you see below.

SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT NOTE: If your receiver's serial number or model number incorporates a 'date stamp', in either the serial number area or model number area, it is a **POST-BAN RECEIVER REGARDLESS OF THE DATES LISTED ON THE LIST BELOW**

This date-stamp when used in conjunction with the serial number will be seen in the form of "95.Hxxxx", "94.Vxxx", "95.BLXXXX", or similar. These date stamps may also be separated from the balance of the serial number by a 'dot' or dash. These numbers will look like: "95.xxxx", or "94-Vxxxx" or similar.

Date stamps may also be incorporated into the MODEL NUMBER of the unit. They would be seen in the formula of: "MFR 94" or "OA93-95" or similar.

This is important, as several serial number series were in production when the 1994 Clinton Era Crime Bill went into effect September 13, 2004. For this reason SOME of those serial numbers were grandfathered in as "Pre-ban" serial numbers, and some were not. Those that were not grandfathered, then received a DATE STAMP that was incorporated into the model number or serial number as explained.

If you have any questions regarding the interpretation of the markings on your lower, please feel free to send a picture of the left side of the receiver or any and all of the markings on your lower to tom@olyarms.com. We'll be happy to take a look at the pics and give you some assistance.

Match your receiver up with the letter prefixes on the chart below. Each line is separated into 5 columns.

Column 1: The serial number itself (including prefix).

Column 2: The beginning serial number in that book.

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Column 3: The beginning date for that book. If there is only one date listed after the serial numbers in column 2 and/or 2, all of those numbers were manufactured on that same day.

Column 4: End date for that book.

Column 5: Comments regarding that range of serial numbers. The comments as listed would apply to all of the serial numbers with the prefix listed to the left.

SN Range	1st Date	End Date	Special Notes
0001	0004	03/14/79	Prototypes
1000	8845	03/14/79	06/04/82
X1001	X2987	07/02/1982	06/01/1983
X2988	X3484	06/02/1983	09/01/1983
X2988	X3484	06/02/1983	09/01/1983
P0001A	P0588A	12/17/1982	07/18/1988
Z0001	Z2002	09/08/1983	08/24/1984
Z2003	Z3955	05/29/1984	02/08/1985
Z3956	Z6007	02/14/1985	12/12/1985

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Z6008	Z8018	12/17/1985	09/10/1986
Z8019	Z9985	09/15/1986	03/09/1988
Z9986 W1001	Z9999 W2957	03/09/1988 03/09/1988	05/08/1989
V0001	V0716	12/02/1986	10/01/1987
NAMV1	NAMV100	03/20/1985	08/28/1986
USMC1	USMC320	01/21/1986	04/05/1993
U1001	U1597	08/18/1987	11/28/1989
F1006	F3000	04/27/1989	08/25/1989
F3001	F5052	08/25/1989	12/14/1989
F5053	F9109	12/14/1989	08/10/1990
F9110	F9999	08/10/1990	10/03/1990
T1001	T2119	10/03/1990	01/08/1991
T2120	T3758	01/08/1991	04/05/1991
T3759	T7480	04/05/1991	01/31/1992
T7481	T9532	01/31/1992	08/12/1992

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T9533	T9999	08/13/1992	09/24/1992
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AA001	09/24/1992	PROTOTYPE	
AA1001	AA2297	09/24/1992	12/23/1992

AA2298	AA2425	12/23/1992	01/04/1992
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GG1000	GG1009	02/01/1993	07/05/1993
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OA1001D	OA1039D	10/07/1991	10/31/1991
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OAD1040	OAD1067	03/16/1992	10/09/1992
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OAS1042	OAS1138	03/18/1992	10/13/1992
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AC10000	AC10058	02/08/1993	
C0001	C5000+	06/01/1989	12/15/1990

LL0001	LL0267	01/05/1993	01/22/1993
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BL1000	BL2784	02/01/1993	05/26/1993
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BL2785	BL4814	05/26/1993	12/03/1993
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BL4815	BL6861	12/03/1993	02/24/1994
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BL6862	BL8799	02/25/1994	06/18/1994
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BL8800	BL9533	06/20/1994	07/20/1994
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BS0001	BS0699	08/27/1994	08/27/1994
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BS0700	BS0825	08/27/1994	08/27/1994
NF0001	NF1999	01/03/1994	05/21/1994
NF2000	NF3999	05/21/1994	08/27/1994
NF4000	NF4055	08/27/1994	May be Date Stamped
94NF1000	95NF2587	11/14/1994	01/24/1995
UK0001	UK0448	08/27/1994	08/27/1994
E1001	E2099	09/01/1991	04/24/1997
E2100	E2290	04/24/1997	03/08/1990
CA0001	CA0690	02/21/1994	08/09/1994
TBOR1791	TBOR1991	1991	1991
CIA0001	CIA3402	10/28/1996	07/14/1997
<u>Century International Arms</u>			
H1300	H3299	08/27/1994	Any "H" series number
H3300	H3354	08/17/1994	09/13/1994
95H1112	95H3340	06/06/1995	07/07/1995
V1000	V1499	05/05/1994	05/11/1994
V1500	V2755	05/11/1994	08/05/1994

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V2757	V3195	09/26/1997	11/25/1997
SA961000	SA961975	03/21/1996	09/18/1996
SA1975	SA3500	04/15/1997	01/02/1998
SA3501	SA5150	01/01/1998	06/18/1998
SA5151	SA6550	06/18/1998	09/28/1998
SA6551	SA8199	10/05/1998	05/10/1999
SA8200	SA9800	05/11/1999	10/07/1999
SA9801	SA9999	10/07/1999	10/18/1999
AUS1000	AUS1049	05/06/1998	02/01/1999
JJ0001	JJ1600	10/09/1999	02/18/2000
JJ1601	JJ2059	02/18/2000	03/22/2000
JJ2060	JJ4182	03/22/2000	10/03/2000
JJ4183	JJ5439	10/03/2000	02/07/2001
JJ5440	JJ6920	03/08/2001	12/04/2001
JJ6921	JJ8713	12/04/2001	08/06/2001

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JJ8714	JJ9999	08/07/2001	01/29/2003
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KX0001	KX1601	11/04/1998	05/10/1999
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KX1700	KX2935	05/10/1999	08/20/1999
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KX2936	KX4735	08/23/1999	01/20/2000
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KX4736	KX5760	01/20/2000	03/31/2000
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KX5761	KX7668	04/01/2000	07/20/2001
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KX7669	KX9590	07/20/2001	04/03/2002
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SGW0001	SGW1045	02/15/2000	04/10/2001
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SGW1046	SGW2043	04/10/2001	02/14/2002
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SGW2044	SGW3878	03/25/2002	04/05/2003
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SGW0473	SGW5889	7/19/2000	7/23/2004
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MX1001	These receivers are match-grade quality Maxhard® treated Aluminum forged receivers.		
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BT0001	BT1853	05/24/2002	01/20/2003
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BT1854	BT3654	01/21/2003	07/11/2003
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BT3655	BT5453	07/11/2003	12/01/2003
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BT5454	BT7300	12/02/2003	05/02/2004
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BT7301	BT7301	BT9999	11/05/2004
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M0001	M0198	02/20/200203	04/01/2002
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LP0001	LP0577	05/02/2001	02/19/2004
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SM0001	SM8096	02/3/2003	6/22/2005
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SM8097	SM9999	7/29/2005	10/31/2005
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TB0001	TB4990	12/06/2005	8/11/2006
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TB4991	TB9999	8/15/2006	6/17/2007
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KJ0001	
KJ5010	4/20/2007
12/27/2007	

Series named after Karl Jergens. Thanks Karl for your years of service!

KJ5011	KJ9999	12/27/2007	6/30/2007
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JF0001		
JF5000		
6/10/2008	1/29/2009	Series named after long time employee John Fischer
JF5001	JF9999	1-28-2009

11/04/2009

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04/07009	5/21/2010	Series named after long time employee Walt Dziady
WZ5011	WZ9999	5/21/2010

10/09/2012	CH0001	CH5010	9/30/2009	6/20/2011	Series named after long time employee Chris Holeman. Thanks for your service!	CH5011	CH9999	6/21/2011	5/04/2012
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SB0001	SB5010	10/08/2012	3/08/2013	Series named after long time employee Shane Bark	SB5011	SB9999	4/08/2013
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07/06/2013	AW0001	AW3810	7/16/2013	10/08/2013	AW3811	AW5010	11/14/2013	03/02/2014
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AW5011	AW9999	3/03/2014	5/06/2015	TS0001	TS2730	12/09/2015	02/15/2017
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