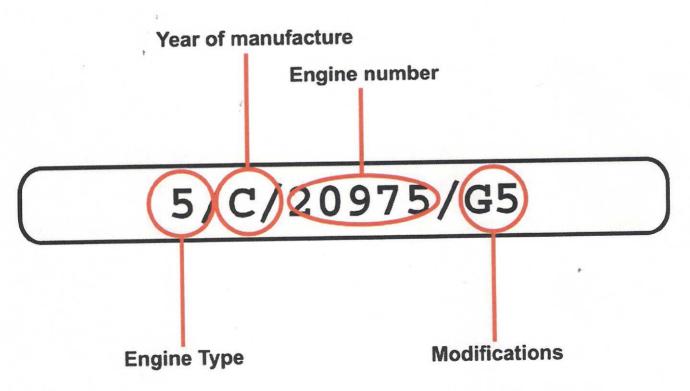
JAP Engine Numbers

What age is your Iron Horse? A question we get asked a lot and have struggled to find a definitive answer to. The following guide will help give you at least a year of manufacture.

To attempt an illustration we have used an actual Iron Horse engine number...

5/C/20975/G5

and here's what those numbers mean...



Deciphering your Horse engine number centres on the second digit. This is your year of manufacture and the letters run in twenty year cycles, remembering that JAP years actually start in the September of the previous year. In the example above the year is 1948 but theoretically it could have been made in September 1947 but not after September 1948.

The first digit is the model number, in this case the Horse used the Mk 5 engine and is so denoted here. Then comes the year, then the engine number (which we have no details of, it is just a factory record), and lastly the modifications. These are what the factory called deviations from the standard specifications and could denote cam spec, piston type etc. We have the codes for motorbikes but unfortunately the Horse engines were designated as industrial motors and the codes we have don't apply.

Code Year of Manufacture

P	1920	1940
N	1921	1941
E	1922	1942
U	1923	1943
M	1924	1944
A	1925	1945
T	1926	1946
I	1927	1947
С	1928	1948
S	1929	1949
W	1930	1950
Н	1931	1951
Υ	1932	1952
Z	1933	1953
D	1934	1954
R	1935	1955
V	1936	1956
F	1937	1957
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G	1939	1959

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