

Höfner Serial Numbers 1986 to Current

Instruments built in Germany

From 1986 up to 1999 The Hofner instruments received new serial numbers with six digits:

The first digit means the year of manufacture, the second and third the month, the fourth and fifth the day, the sixth is the number of the guitar made this day.

Since the year 2000 the first digit has changed to a letter. "A" means 2000, "B" means 2001 and so on. Note that some letters are omitted.

The year 2024 brings us back to the letter A. The current instruments can easily be distinguished visually from the instruments of the 2000s. However, they can also be clearly differentiated from their predecessors by the labels on the inside.

A	2000
B	2001
C	2002
D	2003
E	2004
F	2005
G	2006
H	2007
J	2008
K	2009
L	2010
M	2011
N	2012
P	2013
Q	2014
R	2015
S	2016

T	2017
U	2018
V	2019
W	2020
X	2021
Y	2022
Z	2023
A	2024

Example. P03121 = Made 12th March 2013, first instrument of the model that day.

Ignition and HCT instruments

These may have a serial number but this does not provide date information. It is used only for manufacturing purposes.