

# RADIUM Date Codes

This code consists of two digits in case of lamps manufactured at Radium's own Wipperfurth factory, or three digits in case of lamps produced under the Radium brand by other factories. It appears to have been in use since the 1960s.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Digit – Factory Identification

This is always a number, according to the partial listing detailed below:

No mark	Radium Wipperfurth
0	Narva Brand-Erbisdorf, Germany (may also be printed as letter O)
1	Osram Berlin (Wedding & Spandau), Germany
2	Osram Augsburg, Germany
3	Osram Eichstätt, Germany
4	Osram Bari, Italy
16	Sylvania Drummondville, Canada
17	LAES, Spain
24	Narva or BLV
27	Sylvania Tienen, Belgium

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Digit – Month Code

The always a lower case letter, and denotes the month of production according to the table below:

o	January
p	February
q	March
r	April
s	May
t	June
u	July
v	August
w	September
x	October
y	November
z	December

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Digit – Year Code

This is always a number and denotes the last digit of the decade according to the table below. The cycle repeats itself every decade. To identify the decade of production other markings must be verified – for instance, the addition of the RoHS rubbish bin logo during the 2000s.

0	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
1	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
2	1962	1972	1982	1992	2002	2012
3	1963	1973	1983	1993	2003	2013
4	1964	1974	1984	1994	2004	2014
5	1965	1975	1985	1995	2005	2015
6	1966	1976	1986	1996	2006	2016
7	1967	1977	1987	1997	2007	2017
8	1968	1978	1988	1998	2008	2018
9	1969	1979	1989	1999	2009	2019

Examples: y0 December 1970  
w3 September 1993  
1x4 October 1994, made by Osram Berlin