



Sylvania Date Codes – Fluorescent 1950s-70s

The code runs on a ten year cycle and consists of a two groups of dots. The left hand group represents the production month, the right represents the year. The second half of each decade is denoted by a bar under the letter S of SYLVANIA.



Month Code

— ······	January
— ·····	February
— ·····	March
— ···	April
— ··	May
— ·	June
······	July
·····	August
····	September
···	October
··	November
·	December

Year Code

·····	1951	1961	1971
····	1952	1962	1972
···	1953	1963	1973
··	1954	1964	1974
·	1955	1965	1975
— ······	1956	1966	1976
— ·····	1957	1967	1977
— ···	1958	1968	1978
— ··	1959	1969	1979
— ·	1960	1970	1980

Despite the 10-year cycle of this code, it is often difficult to identify the decade of production. The use of aluminium caps was introduced around 1955, prior to this the material was Bakelite or brass. The position of the etch was changed from inside to outside marking around 1952.

After approximately 1980, this system was superseded by a slight variant in which the position of the month and year codes was reversed.