

Osram Date Codes from 1994 (except Automotive & Photo-Optic)

General Structure

There are 5 systems that allow for marking with a daily, monthly, quarterly, weekly or yearly code according to below structure:

Yearly	αY	α=Factory	Y=Year		
Quarterly	αYQ9	α=Factory	Y=Year	Q= Quarter	9 = denotes quarterly system
Monthly	αYM8	α=Factory	Y=Year	M= Month	8 = denotes monthly system
Weekly	αYW	α=Factory	Y=Year	W= Week	
Daily	αYWD(S)	α=Factory	Y=Year	W= Week	D = Day (S=Shift)

α - Factory Identification

This letter denotes the factory according to the table below. Check for lower case or upper case and underlined symbols. In case of lamps sourced from some competitors, a two-digit code may be applied instead of the usual single-character letter.

a	Berlin Wedding	Germany	Incandescent
A	Hillsboro, NH	USA	Automotive lamps (ex-Sylvania)
<u>A</u>	Danvers, MA	USA	Fluorescent (ex-Sylvania)
b	Manchester, NH	USA	American HID (ex-Sylvania)
<u>b</u>	Tangerang	Indonesia	GLS, CFLi (ex- PT Cometstar, April 1999)
C	Radium factory	Germany	Special lamp factory
d	Leuci	Italy	Incandescent (formerly factory code 04?)
<u>d</u>	Thorn	UK	Fluorescent
<u>D</u>	Winchester, KY	USA	Halogen, Studio Halogen (ex-Sylvania)
D5	Vicenza	Italy	SIVI Illuminazione
e	Madrid	Spain	Incandescent
<u>E</u>	Versailles, KY	USA	Fluorescent (ex-Sylvania)
f	Milan	Italy	Incandescent
<u>f</u>	Foshan	China	GLS, Halogen, NAV, Mercury, CFL
<u>G</u>	St. Mary's, PA	USA	GLS, décor incandescent (ex-Sylvania)
h	Molsheim	France	GLS, candles, reflectors (Est. 1923 "Neolux")
<u>H</u>	Drummondville	Canada	Electrodeless, GLS, fluorescent (Est. Apr. 6 th 1949)
HL	Hankge Opto	China	LED Filament
i	Eichstätt	Germany	Tungsten Halogen, XBO, Special HID
I		Korea	Miniature Fluorescent
<u>J</u>	Juarez	Mexico	Mains voltage halogen (ex-Sylvania)
k	Osasco	Brazil	Incandescent, HID. Factory established 1955
l	Rome	Italy	Incandescent
L	Sylvania	Erlangen	Fluorescent T5 Long, T12
m	Portugal	Portugal	Incandescent
n	Treviso	Italy	Formerly incandescent, now ECG
N	Philips	Any	PAR38, SOX
o	Shaw	England	SOX, SON, HQL, HMI, Special HID, GLS (formerly A3)
<u>o</u>	Narva Berlin	Germany	SON 1kW
O	Iskra	Ukraine	Incandescent
O	Smolensk	Russia	Linear Fluorescent, Starters
P	Tunggram	Hungary	Fluorescent, PAR38
q	Berlin Spandau	Germany	NAV, HQI, HQL≤125W, PAR38
r	Augsberg	Germany	Linear Fluorescent, Dulux, Dulux EL
<u>R</u>	China	China	VIP Beamer lamp assembly
s	Mexico City	Mexico	IR R-40, F-15, Mogul 3-Way, T5, FL-U, NAV (ex-Syl.)
S	Sylvania	Tienen	Halogen PAR
T	Tesla Nove Zamky	Slovakia	GLS, Halogen, Reflectors, Mercury
<u>t</u>	Taipei	Taiwan	Decorative incandescent
t2	Sonepat	India	CFL non-integrated
u	Maybrook, NY	USA	Dulux, Halostar MR16, (closed down in 2003)
U	Narva Berlin	Germany	
v	Vienna	Italy	Special Incandescent
V	Tesla Praha	Czech Republic	GLS
w	Herbrechtingen	Germany	Miniature & automotive, hardglass halogen, CFL
W		Sri Lanka	CFL Integrated
<u>W</u>		Czech Republic	HMI
x	Xiamen	China	CFL Integrated
X	Narva Brand-Erbisdorf	Germany	Linear Fluorescent
z	Bari	Italy	Compact fluorescent, Vacuum GLS
	Drammen	Norway	High wattage & long-life GLS, established 1916
	Gurabo	Puerto Rico	GLS (all transferred to Juarez, 1995)
	Kakegawa	Japan	Linear & Compact FL, Mitsubishi MELCO JV
	Ansan	Korea	Linear FL, CFL, HBO (former JV with Sungsan)
	Athens	Greece	GLS plant of Hellenic Lightbulb Industry A.E.
03	BLV	Steinhoring	Halogen
04	Leuci	Italy	Incandescent (later factory code d?)

Y - Year Code

This is a number which is taken from the last digit of the year, and runs on a 10-year cycle e.g.

4 = 1994 / 2004
8 = 1998 / 2008 etc.

Q - Quarter Code

The quarters of the year are identified either numerically or with oblique lines, as detailed below:

1	1 st quarter	///	1 st quarter
2	2 nd quarter	//	2 nd quarter
3	3 rd quarter	/	3 rd quarter
4	4 th quarter		4 th quarter

M - Month Code

The months of the year are identified by a digit that may be a letter or a number, according to the table below:

1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
a	October
b	November
c	December

W - Week Code

The weeks of the year are identified by a letter. The first 26 weeks of the year are indicated sequentially by the lower case letters a to z, the second 26 weeks by upper case letters A to Z according to the table below.

1	a	27	A
2	b	28	B
3	c	29	C
4	d	30	D
5	e	31	E
6	f	32	F
7	g	33	G
8	h	34	H
9	i	35	I
10	j	36	J
11	k	37	K
12	l	38	L
13	m	39	M
14	n	40	N
15	o	41	O
16	p	42	P
17	q	43	Q
18	r	44	R
19	s	45	S
20	t	46	T
21	u	47	U
22	v	48	V
23	w	49	W
24	x	50	X
25	y	51	Y
26	z	52+53	Z

D - Day Code

The days of the week are identified by a number, running from 1 to 7 and commencing with 1 = Monday.

S - Shift Code

May be indicated as a suffix and is factory-specific. For instance a, b, c or 1, 2, 3 etc.

Examples

h429	h = Molsheim	4 = 1994	2 = 2 nd quarter	9 = quarterly system
o538	o = Shaw	5 = 1995	3 = March	8 = monthly system
q6b8	q = Spandau	6 = 1996	b = November	8 = monthly system
r8E3	r = Augsburg	8 = 1998	E = Week 31	
z7a1c	z = Bari	7 = 1997	a = Week 1	1 = Monday (c = 3 rd shift)