Osram Date Codes 1994 to Present

General Structure
There are three systems that allow for lamps to be marked with a daily, monthly or quarterly code according to the below structure:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Quarterly</th>
<th>aY90</th>
<th>a=Factory</th>
<th>Y=Year</th>
<th>Q= Quarter</th>
<th>9 = quarterly system</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>aYM8</td>
<td>a=Factory</td>
<td>Y=Year</td>
<td>M= Month</td>
<td>8 = monthly system</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>aYWDS</td>
<td>a=Factory</td>
<td>Y=Year</td>
<td>W= Week</td>
<td>D = day</td>
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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 number may be applied instead of the usual single-character letter.

- a Berlin, Germany: Incandescent
- A Hillsboro, USA: Automotive lamps (ex-Sylvania)
- A Danvers, USA: Fluorescent (ex-Sylvania)
- A3 Shaw, England: Old code superseded by ‘o’ in 1993/94
- b Manchester, USA: American HID (ex-Sylvania)
- b Tangerang, Indonesia: GLS, CFL (ex-PT Cometstar, April 1999)
- C Radium factory, Germany: Special lamp factory
- d Leuci, Italy: Incandescent (formerly factory code 04?)
- d Thorn, UK: Fluorescent
- D Winchester, KY, USA: Halogen, Studio Halogen (ex-Sylvania)
- D5 Vicenza, Italy: SIVI Illuminazione
- e Madrid, Spain: Incandescent
- E Versailles, USA: Fluorescent (ex-Sylvania)
- f Milan, Thailand: Incandescent
- f Foshan, China: GLS, Halogen, NAV, Mercury, CFL
- G St. Mary’s, PA, USA: GLS, décor incandescent (ex-Sylvania)
- h Molsheim, France: GLS, candles, reflectors (Est. 1923 “Neolux”)
- H Drummondville, Canada: Electrodeless, GLS, fluorescent (Est. Apr. 6th 1949)
- HL Hankge Opto, China: LED Filament
- i Eichstätt, Germany: Tungsten Halogen, XBO, Special HID
- l Rome, Italy: Incandescent
- L SLI Lighting, 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, HMI, HQI≥250W, Special HID, Vac. GLS
- φ Narva Berlin, Germany: SON 1kW
- O Iskra, Ukraine: Incandescent
- O Smolensk, Russia: Linear Fluorescent, Starters
- P Tungsram, Hungary: Fluorescent, PAR38
- q Berlin Spandau, Germany: NAV, HQI, HQI≤125W, PAR38
- r Augsburg, Germany: Linear fluorescent, Dulux, Dulux EL
- R China, China: VIP Beamer lamp assembly
- S Mexico City, Mexico: IR R-40, F-15, Mogul 3-Way, T5, FL-U, NAV (ex-Syl.)
- T Tesla Nove Zamky, Slovakia: GLS, Halogen, Reflectors, Mercury
- t Taipei, Taiwan: Decorative incandescent
- t2 Sonopat, India: CFL non-integrated
- U Narva Berlin, Germany: Special Incandescent
- v Vienna, Italy: Miniature automotive, hardglass halogen, CFL
- V Tesla Praha, Czech Republic: GLS
- W Herbrechtingen, Germany: CFL Integrated
- W Sri Lanka, CFL Integrated
- W Czech Republic, Czech Republic: HMI
- W- Xiamen, China: CFL Integrated
- X Narva Brand-Erbisdorf, Germany: Linear Fluorescent
- z Bari, Italy: Compact fluorescent, Vacuum GLS
- z Drammen, Norway: High wattage & long-life GLS, established 1916
- z Guabo, Puerto Rico: GLS (all transferred to Juarez, 1995)
- z Kakegawa, Japan: Linear & Compact FL, Mitsubishi MELOCO JV
- z Ansan, Korea: Linear FL, CFL, HBO (former JV with Sungsan)
- z Athens, Greece: GLS plant of Hellenic Lightbulb Industry A.E.
- 03 BLV Steinhoring, Halogen
- 04 Leuci, Italy: Incandescent (later factory code d?)
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.

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

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

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

t 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. For Week 53, there is no marking.

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 Z

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

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

Examples
1429  h = Molsheim  4 = 1994  2 = 2nd quarter  9 = quarterly system
0538  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  3 = Wednesday
z7a1c  z = Bari  7 = 1997  a = Week 1  1 = Monday  c = 3rd shift