

Subject DATE CODE FOR THORN (EUROPEAN) T8 & T12 FLUORESCENT TUBES

The date code shall consist of three groups of dots and a dash in a horizontal line.

The first group shall consist of five dots to denote the year of manufacture and a dash to denote the first half of the year. The second group of dots shall consist of six dots to denote the month of manufacture. The last group of dots shall consist of four dots to denote the week of manufacture within the factory month.

The arrangement is as follows:-

First group of dots:-

5 dots	1979	84	89
4 dots	1980	85	90
3 dots	1981	86	91
2 dots	1982	87	92
1 dot	1983	88	93

The cycle then repeats starting at five dots for 1994.

Second group of dots:-

6 dots	April or October
5 dots	May or November
4 dots	June or December
3 dots	July or January
2 dots	August or February
1 dot	September or March

First half of any year with dash.

Second half of any year without dash.

Last group of dots:-

4 dots	-	First week of factory month
3 dots	-	Second week of factory month
2 dots	-	Third week of factory month
1 dot	-	Fourth week of factory month
No dots	-	Fifth week of factory month

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