

Hardy Bamboo Rod Manufacturing Dates

(These are approximate)

The numbering system is arcane, but there is a system to it. After 1965, the '?' is substituted by a letter representing the month in which the rod was made.

Jan	F	July	H
Feb	B	August	J
Mar	C	September	J
Apr	D	October	K
May	E	November	L
Jun	G	December	M or N

So a rod made in March 1966 would be identified by the letters C/A, and one made in March 1986 as 1 C/A.

Year	Serial No.	Year	Serial No.	Year	Serial No.
1890-1891	13452-17196	1925	D5932-D7375	1961	H35184-H48465
1892	17197-19000	1925	E1045-E2030	1962	H48466-H52737
1893	19001-21660	1926	E2031-E5882	1963	H52738-H58199
1894	21661-27498	1927	E5883-E9435	1964	H58200-H62932
1885	27499-31705	1928	E9436-E13508	1965	H62933-H69100
1896	31706-34956	1929	E13509-E17685	1966	?/A
1897	34957-40187	1930	E17868-E20904	1967	?/S
1898	40188-43929	1931	E20905-E22530	1968	?/J
1899	43930-49019	1932	E22531-E25275	1969	?/B
1900	49020-55066	1933	E25276-E28278	1970	?/K
1901	55067-59440	1934	E28279-E31422	1971	?/Z
1902	59441-95552	1935	E31423-E35277	1972	?/O
1903	95553-101390	1936	E35278-E39798	1973	?/C
1904	101391-101679	1937	E39799-E45174	1974	?/Y
1904	A1028-A5631			1975	?/L
1905	A5632-A12935	1938	E45175-E49492	1976	?/D
1906	A12936-A19313	1939	E49493-E52331	1977	?/X

1907	A19314- A27256	1940	E52332- E53644	1978	?/M
1908	A27257- A35341	1941	E53645- E55130	1979	?/Q
1909	A35342- A44905	1942	E55131- E56090	1980	?/H
1910	A44906- A55752	1943	E56091- E56399	1981	?/V
1911	A55753- A66152	1944	E56400- E56855	1982	?/E
1912	A66153- A76109	1945	E56856- E57900	1983	F/W
1913	A76110- A86335	1946	E57901 E60708	1984	?/G
1914	A86336- A94721	1947	E60709- E63386	1985	?/T'?
1915	A94722- A100041	1948	E63387- E67200	1986	1 ?/A
1916	A100042- A100158	1949	E67201- E70990	1987	1 ?/S
1916	B1021-B7889	1950	E70991- E75100	1988	1 ?/J
1917	B7890- B12146	1951	E75101- E81000	1989	1 ?/B
1918	B12147- B16425	1952	E81001- E86200	1990	1 ?/K
1919	B16426- B23556	1953	E86201- E91000	1991	1 ?/P
1919	C11-C186	1954	E91001- E96202	1992	1 ?/O
1920	C187-C10405	1955	E96203-E98999 H101-H4600	1993	1 ?/C
1921	C10406- C16732	1956	H4601-H10121	1994	1 ?/Y
1922	C16733- C25725	1957	H10122- H14127	1995	1 ?/L
1922	D171-D2041	1958	H14128- H20678	1996	1 ?/D
1923	D2042-D3399	1959	H20679- H27533	1997	1 ?/X
1924	D3400-D5930	1960	H27534- H35183	1998	1 ?/M

The rod number was usually stamped on the butt cap of all rods up to 1966; thereafter it was hand-written in ink just above the handle. From that year on a lettering system has been used to distinguish the year of manufacture. In addition to the rod number, *Palakona* rods also displayed the Registration Number 246936. Some of the early rods had Reg. 16.8;73 stamped on the 'W' reel fitting. This has nothing to do with the manufacturing date of the rod. It refers to the registration date of the 'Weeger' winch fitting only.

Rods were not necessarily finished in numerical order and sometimes one year's numbers could overlap into the next. No records can be found prior to March 1890 and some subsequent numbers cannot be traced.