

## ENGINEERING BULLETIN

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### Hastings Filters Date Code Changes

Effective November 8th, Hastings Filters began using a new date code on all products and packaging that we manufacture. This was necessary to improve the traceability of our products.

The previous date code for filters was one of two formats, either a 3-digit code or a 10-digit code.

For those products which used a 3-digit code (most cartridges, sock-type, cotton-type, axial seal air and automotive air filters and all packaging, carton labels and shipper cases) the date code was as follows, mmy (month month year). This 3-digit code has been replaced by a 6-digit code. The 6-digit code is in the following format, mmddy (month month day day year year). For example, a filter produced on January 3, 2003, under the previous 3-digit code, would have been 013. Under the new code it will be 010303.

For those products which used a 10-digit code (spin-ons, some cartridges and radial seal air filters) the date code was as follows, mmddyhhmml (month month day day year hour hour minute minute line-number). This 10-digit code has been replaced by an 11-digit code. The 11-digit code is in the following format, mmddyhhmml (month month day day year year hour hour minute minute line-number). For example, a filter produced on January 3, 2003 at 2:30 pm on line 1, under the previous 10-digit code, would have been 0103314301. Under the new code it will be 01030314301.

All products were scheduled to be converted to the new date code format by December 31, 2002. Please keep in mind this is a running change and you will continue to receive product from our warehouse that has the old date code format.

**If you have further questions,  
please contact our  
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