FIAT SERVICE LETTER

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

VEHICLES: ALL 1981 MODELS

SERIAL NO: Starting with September production

NOTE: 1981 models built prior to September have the same serial number prefixes as the 1980 models.

GENERAL
INFORMATION

In compliance with Federal Regulation, FMVSS No. 115, 49 CFR 571.115, a new method of reporting the vehicle identification number has been adopted for the 1981 models.
The new number is made up of 17 digits which are sub-divided into three sections. The explanation of the new designations is attached.

Example of a new 1981 Fiat U.S.A. V.I.N =
-ZFADD20A8B2512615

Service Manager	Parts Manager	Service Writer	Technician

1981 FIAT VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

The new vehicle identification numbers are made up of 17 digits, subdivided into three sections. The explanation of the new number/letter designations is as follows.

NOTE: Examples given after each digit will illustrate a typical V.I.N. for a 1981 Strada.

Section I – made up of 3 digits (alphabetic) to identify manufacturer – Fiat S.p.A.
- ZFA – code for passenger vehicles
- ZFB – code for multipurpose passenger vehicles

Section II – made up of 6 digits
> NOTE: Although each digit designation in this section must be specified, the order in which they are listed may vary with each manufacturer.

- #1 Digit – alphabetic letter to identify vehicle.
  - A = Spider 2000
  - B = X1/9
  - C = Brava 2 litre
  - D = Strada

  Example: USA VIN – ZFA<u>D</u>

- #2 Digit – alphabetic letter to identify body type
  - A = 2 door Sedan
  - B = 4 door Sedan
  - C = Fastback
  - D = 3 door Sedan (Hatchback)
  - E = 5 door Sedan (Hatchback)
  - S = Convertible

  Example: USA VIN = ZFAD<u>D</u>

- #3 Digit = number to identify model
  - 0 = Basic
  - 1 = Luxury
  - 2 = Comfort Luxury
  - 3 = Super
  - 4 = Special

  Example: USA VIN = ZFADD<u>2</u>

- #4 Digit – number to identify the restraint system installed in vehicle
  - 0 = Manual seat belts
  - 1 = Automatic seat belts
  - 2 = Air bags

  Example: USA VIN = ZFADD2<u>0</u>

- #5 Digit - Alphabetic/numeric designation to identify engine type. (4 cylinder in line, fuel injection)
  - A = 1500 cc
  - B = 2000 cc

  Example: USA VIN = ZFADD20<u>A</u>

USA Check
Digit

- #1 Digit - number prescribed by USA, determined by an equation involving assigned values/weight factors for each digit in V.I.N.

  Example: USA V.I.N. = ZFADD20A<u>8</u>

Section III - made up of 8 letters and numbers

- #1 Digit - alphabetic letter to identify model year
  - A - USA MY 1980
  - B - USA MY 1981
  - Consecutive letters, i.e., C = 1982, etc.

  Example: USA VIN = ZFADDZ08<u>B</u>

- #2 Digit - number to identify production plant
  - 0 = Mirafiori
  - 1 = Mirafiori
  - 2 = Rivalta
  - 8 = Lingotto

  Example: USA VIN = ZFADD20AB<u>2</u>

- #3 through #8 Digit - Chassis numbers

  Example: ZFADDZ0A8B2<u>512615</u>

MAKE   MODEL
FIAT   STRADA

1st SECTION	2nd SECTION	3rd SECTION
ZFA	D D 2 0 A 8	B 2 512615

MANUFACTURER'S CODE ASSIGNED TO FIAT S.P.A.
VEHICLE
BODY TYPE
MODEL
RESTRAINT SYSTEM

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
PLANT OF MANUFACTURE
MODEL YEAR
U.S.A. CHECK DIGIT
ENGINE TYPE