

Chapter 4: Batteries

(III) Production month information of SEIKO batteries

Using batteries that have been stored for more than two years is not recommended.

SHK Parts Department ensures that only fresh batteries are used by monitoring stock in storage.

Batteries' production month information

An abbreviation code, which represents the production month, is on the battery cell and the package of the batteries.

The code consists of 2 digits. The first digit is the production year and the second digit is the production month.

However, 4 or 5 digits can appear in the code. In such cases, only the first 2 digits represent the production year and month. The latter digits represent the production lot number which is for internal use by manufacturer only.

Below are the decode tables for your reference.

Either one of the combinations is used to indicate the production month.

These combinations cycle through and start over every 10 years.

Combination 1		Combination 2	
Year	Month	Year	Month
A = 2010	B = January	1 = 2011	1 = January
B = 2011	C = February	2 = 2012	2 = February
C = 2012	D = March	3 = 2013	3 = March
D = 2013	E = April	4 = 2014	4 = April
E = 2014	F = May	5 = 2015	5 = May
F = 2015	G = June	6 = 2016	6 = June
G = 2016	H = July	7 = 2017	7 = July
H = 2017	I = August	8 = 2018	8 = August
I = 2018	J = September	9 = 2019	9 = September
J = 2019	K = October	0 = 2020	0 = October
	L = November		Y = November
	M = December		Z = December

Remark: For the decoding method of the rechargeable battery, please refer to SEIKO SERVICE GUIDELINES Part 2: Repair and servicing manual, Chapter 4 (IV) - Battery replacement.

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Examples of the production month information on the battery cell



Fig. 8

"4" stands for 2014;
"0" stands for October.



Fig. 9

"7" stands for 2017;
"9" stands for September;
"22" is the manufacturer internal production lot number.

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Examples of the production month information on the battery package

For bulk packages, the production month information is printed on a separate sheet.



Fig. 10

"7" stands for 2017;
"3" stands for March;
"01" is the manufacturer internal production lot number.



Fig. 11

"7" stands for 2017;
"9" stands for September;
"01" is the manufacturer internal production lot number.

For box packages, the production month information is printed on the bottom of small inner box only. The blister package does not have any indication.



Fig. 12

"H" stands for 2017;
"K" stands for October.

For tear-strip type blister package, the production month information is printed on the individual blister package only.

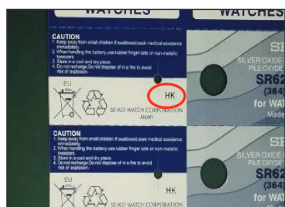


Fig. 13

"H" stands for 2017;
"K" stands for October.

For the procedures of battery replacement, please refer to SEIKO SERVICE GUIDELINES Part 2: Repair and servicing manual, Chapter 4 (IV) - Battery replacement.

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(IV) Battery engraving and origin

Engraving information

Our batteries usually have SEIKO marking engraved on the battery cell.
However, some batteries listed below are not engraved with SEIKO marking.

Battery item	Engraving on the battery cell
CR1216	Maxell
CR1220	Maxell
CR1616	Maxell
CR1620	Maxell
SR1116SW	Maxell
CR2012	Panasonic
BR2325	Panasonic
CR2430	SONY

Origin information

Usually, the batteries we supply are made in Japan. However, there are a few Lithium Batteries listed below where the production site has changed from Japan to Indonesia since June 2009 production.

As the production site was changed, the country of origin engraved on the below battery cell is "MADE IN INDONESIA"

Battery item	Origin engraving on the battery cell
BR2325	MADE IN INDONESIA
CR1025	
CR2012	
Other than the above 3 batteries	MADE IN JAPAN