

**DATE CODE YOUR BUICK**  
**For Month, Day of the Month**

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This dating system, used on mid-60s through to early 70s cars, uses a letter and number to designate the month and day a part was cast. The letters run from A through to M, bypassing the letter "I" and decode as follows:

A	-	January
B	-	February
C	-	March
D	-	April
E	-	May
F	-	June
G	-	July
H	-	August
J	-	September
K	-	October
L	-	November
M	-	December.

Note: The letter "I" is not used so there is no confusion with the number "1". Using this information the above example of "K 13" would decode as October 13<sup>th</sup>.

This type of dating system is commonly found on Buick cast iron pieces such as large engine components, brake drums etc. Common locations where these codes can be found on Buick V-8 engines are as follow.

## **Buick V-8 Engines.**

Engine blocks: On the front of the engine where the front cover bolts to the block or inside the engine, on the top surface of the lifter valley.

Heads: On the top inside surface, between the valves.

Intake manifolds: On the top centre area, just forward from the carburettor.

Exhaust Manifolds: On the outward facing surfaces.

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