Water Heaters:

American- 1st two digits equal the year, next to the week.

AO Smith- 1st letter equals the month and the next two digits are the year.

Bradford-White- 1st letter in the s/n is the year of manufacturer with A being 1964, 1984 or 2004 (They use a 20 year cycle) They skip the letters I, O, Q, R, U, V to make the full cycle. The second letter is the month A=January through M = December (I is left out)

FIRST LETTER - YEAR OF MANUFACTURE

A = 2004 F = 1989 L = 1994 T = 1999

B = 2005 G = 1990 M = 1995 W = 2000

C = 1986 H = 1991 N = 1996 X = 2001

D = 1987 J = 1992 P = 1997 Y = 2002

E = 1988 K = 1993 S = 1998 Z = 2003

SECOND LETTER - MONTH OF MANUFACTURE

A = January E = May J = September

B = February F = June K = October

C = March G = July L = November

D = April H = August M = December

Rheem - 1st two digits equal the month, next to the year.

State/Reliance/Sears- Letter that equals the month followed by the year.

HVAC:

Rheem & Rudd: in the middle of the serial number will be a letter "F" the following four numbers are the week and year.

Carrier, Bryant, Payne, Day & Night: Recently (last 20 years or so) the first four numbers in the serial number represent the week and year. Previously, it was a complex series of letters and single digits. Call 905-672-0860 if you get stuck.

Lennox: Either the first two or second two digits are the year, it varies by era, but most of them actually have a separate sticker somewhere that has the year printed on it. Newer ones are first two equals manufacturing plant #, 2nd two are year and letter in fifth slot is month (A thru M minus I). So 5898G 07568 would be Plant # 58, Year of MFR would be 98 and month would be July.

Amana: BLACKHORSE. B=1971 or 1981. (Of course, now that they've been bought by Goodman, who knows what'll happen.)

Goodman: First two digits of the serial number are the year. Second two are the month. Btu rating is model number..ie; GMP075-3 (75,000 bonnet input)
Compressor is same :serial # 9709088872 (yr1997 wk 09) Tonnage is model # CK361C
The first two numbers after the CK (letters) divided by 12 is tons. ie: 36 div by 12= 3

tons.

York:

Note: they skip the letters I, O, Q, U, Z.

Year of make indicated by 3rd letter in the serial number.

1971 - A 1992 - A

1972 - B 1993 - B

1973 - C 1994 - C

1974 - D 1995 - D

1975 - E 1996 - E

1976 - F 1997 - F

1977 - G 1998 - G

1978 - H 1999 - H

1979 - J 2000 - J

1980 - K 2001 - K

1981 - L 2002 - L

1982 - M

1983 - N

1984 - P

1985 - R

1986 - S

1987 - T

1988 - V

1989 - W

1990 - X

1991 - Y

Trane: How do I verify when my Trane equipment was manufactured? The first letter of the serial number gives the year of manufacture as follows:

Z=2001

R = 2000

P=1999

N=1998

M = 97

L=96

K=95

J=94

H=93

G=92

F=91

E=90

D=89

C = 88

B=87

S = 86

Y=85

X=84 W=83 U=82(seventh digit) T=81(seventh digit) O, A=80(seventh digit)