Service-Information Motorcycle

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BMW NA
Service Department | Engine | 11 038 88 (2298) | For USA Only

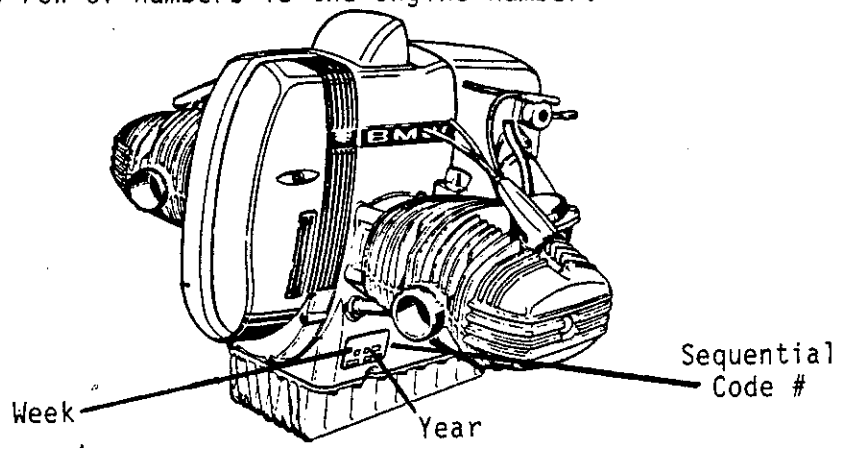
Engine Identification Numbers - Boxer Models

Some states require that the motorcycle engine number be recorded with the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Location of Stamping:

Each Boxer engine number is stamped on a machined surface on the crankcase. This surface is located on the forward lower left side of the engine, below the exhaust pipe and frame tubing.

The stampings are on two levels. The **upper level** is broken into 3 sections. This row of numbers is the engine number.



The **lower level** of numbers is the engine family designation for certification purposes; i.e., all R100 engines will have the same lower level numbers.

All identification numbers on the motorcycle, i.e., VIN, engine number, transmission number, and key numbers for each motorcycle produced, are recorded in our data processing equipment in our factory. Therefore, it is possible to assist law enforcement agencies or the National Automobile Theft Bureau **for theft inquiries only.** The VIN must be known to coordinate all other numbers requested.

Very truly yours,

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