17 DIGIT VIN — ALL MODELS

The new 17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is used on all 1981 models including the Classic Sidecar (CLE). This new nationwide system is designed to provide improved theft protection and more specific vehicle information to Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc. and government agencies.

While the number itself is different, its location has not changed. The complete VIN is located on the steering head of the motorcycle frames and on the main frame tube of sidecars in front of the rear connection. VIN labels are still applied to the right front downtube of motorcycles, but VIN labels are no longer used on sidecars.

Although an abbreviated VIN is stamped on the engine, as shown in Figure 1, only the full 17 digit number should be used in all correspondence with the factory.

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*Abbreviated VIN on Engine
**Varies - can be 0 thru 9 or X

Sample V.I.N. as it appears on the steering head - 1 HD 1AAK1 1 BY110000
Sample abbreviated V.I.N. as it appears on the engine - AAKB 110000

Figure 1. 1981 Motorcycle VIN Chart
SA - Sidecar not used with Classic
SD - Sidecar sold with Classic
SE - Sidecar sold separately for use with Classic

Made in U.S.A.
- Harley-Davidson
- Sidecar
- Model Designation
  - No Engine
  - Regular Introduction Date
    - Check Digit (Factory use)
    - Model Year (1981)*
  - Plant of Manufacture (Tomahawk)
    - Sequential Number

**Varies - can be 0-9 or X

Figure 2. 1981 Sidecar VIN Chart