

Mk2 & Mk3 CAPRI (1973 – 1980, pre-17 digit VIN) – CHASSIS IDENTIFICATION PLATE GUIDE



Typ / Type

G or B West German or UK built
E Capri
C 2-door coupe
P 197 (year of homologation)

(Note: on early models they also have a 5th character, the engine code, 1st letter (see table below) and a 6th character, version or type, eg. L=L, G=GT & T=Ghia)

Version

Intentionally left blank
(Used for Italian cars only apparently!)

Fahrgestell / Vehicle No.

Eg. GAECUJ08578 (as above)

G Country of Origin (G = West Germany)
(can also be B = UK)
A Assembly Plant (A= Cologne)
(can also be D = Halewood, if UK build
or C = Saarlouis, if German build)
E Model Type (E = Capri)
C Body Type (C = 2-door coupe)
U Production year (U = 1978)
(see next page for the full list of years)
J Month of production (J = May)
(see next page for the full list of months)
08578 Production sequence number

Gross Vehicle Wgt – kg

Perm Axle Ld. Front – kg

Perm Axle Ld. Rear - kg

(Note: All the above used only for German models)

Lenk / Drive - B

1 or A Left hand drive
2 or B Right hand drive

Motor / Engine - NE

Engine designation code.

J2 1300 ohv
J3 1300 ohv performance
LC 1600 ohc
LE 1600 ohc performance
NE 2000cc
YY 2300cc
PR 2800cc
HY 3000cc

Getr. / Trans - B

Transmission designation code.

B 4-speed manual
F 5-speed manual
D Automatic

Achse / Axle - S

Rear Axle

X	4:125:1	Z	3.545:1
N	4:111:1	S	3.444:1
C	3.889:1	R	3.222:1
W	3.778:1	L	3.091:1
B	3.750:1		

Farb / Colour - B

Exterior Paint Colour

A	Black 69
B	Diamond White 73
C	Sahara Beige 74/Oyster Gold 78
D	Carnival Red 75/Regency Green 78
E	Light Blue 74/Hawaiian Blue 78
F	Purple Velvet/Oyster Gold 78
G	Marine Blue 72/Royal Blue 75/Tuscan Beige 79
H	Signal Orange 77/Solar Gold 80
J	Sunset Red 71/Signal Green 78/Alaska Grey 78
K	Laurel Green 76
L	Signal Orange 76/Regency Red 78/Caspian Blue 80
M	Modena Green 72/Bitter Green 74/Hawaiian Blue 78
N	Sebring Red 73/Saturn Gold 77/Highland Green 78
P	Signal Green 76/Tropic Green 77/Cardoba Beige 80
Q	Arizona Gold 75/Fjord Blue 78
R	Venetian Red 77
S	Roman Bronze 76/Black 69 with Silver
T	Daytona Yellow 72/Peppermint Red 76 with Silver
U	Platinum 76
V	Phoenix Orange 75 with Silver
X	Midnight Blue 78
Y	Special Vehicle Order or Non-standard
1	Miami Blue 74/Cosmos Blue 79
2	Aquarius Green 747/Apollo Green 79
3	Aerosilver/Stardust 74/Jupiter Red 77/Sirius Red 80
4	Flame Orange 74/Bermuda Blue 77
5	Onyx Green 74/Jade Green 75/Cosmos Blue 79
6	Neptune Blue 77/Apollo Green 79
7	Copper Bronze 73/Jupiter Red 77
8	Nevada Beige 77
9	Signal Yellow 77/Signal Amber 78/Signal Orange 79

(Note: Some are followed by a single number representing the model year, eg. 4 = 1974, 5 = 1975, 6 = 1976, 1977=7, etc.)

Polst / Trim - H1

Trim colour type	
A	Black
B	Tan 79
C	Cloud 74
E	Medium Blue 74
F	Blue 79/Navy 83
G	Blue 81
H	Red 79
J	Chocolate 76
K	Light Tan 73/Indian Red 81
L	Saddle Brown 74
M	Green 77
N	Orange 77/Red
P	Chocolate 76/Bitter Chocolate 80
Q	Steel Grey 83
T	Saddle Brown 74/Shark Grey 80
U	Black
W	Light Tan 76
Y	Non-standard

Material type

1	Cloth L, GL, GT – Capri II
3	Cloth (Ghia) – Capri II
E	Vinyl
5	Sports Trim_ – Capri II/III
Y	Non standard
1	Cloth – Capri III
A	Vinyl – Capri III

K.D. Ref

Usually blank!

Bremesen / Brakes

Usually blank!

BS. AU. 48:1965

British standard, safety belts

Production codes. (Year, Month)

Year / Code	Month											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1973 = N	J	U	M	P	B	R	A	G	C	K	D	E
1974 = P	L	Y	S	T	J	U	M	P	B	R	A	G
1975 = R	C	K	D	E	L	Y	S	T	J	U	M	P
1976 = S	B	R	A	G	C	K	D	E	L	Y	S	T
1977 = T	J	U	M	P	B	R	A	G	C	K	D	E
1978 = U	L	Y	S	T	J	U	M	P	B	R	A	G
1979 = W	C	K	D	E	L	Y	S	T	J	U	M	P
1980 = A	B	R	A	G	C	K	D	E	L	Y	S	T
1981 = B	J	U	M	P	B	R	A	G	C	K	D	E

UK and German production figures (1973 – 1980)

Capri Model	1300	1600	2000	2300	2600	2800	3000	Kits	Total
1973 (UK)								1100	49392
1973 (G)	14669	34679	50480	4839	51387	25735	2144		183933
1974 (UK)	2222	28880	6133				1042	655	38932
1974 (G)	20827	33458	43910	6245		38376	3615		146429
1975 (UK)	3158	13271	2130				213	450	21225
1975 (G)	5889	16932	1095	30529		23568	813		78826
1976 (UK)	4030	15508	6432				1063		27033
1976 (G)	5661	21337	14250	10476		18229	4116		74069
1977 (G)	5448	35858	24991	10076		9659	5555		91587
1978 (G)	3070	25248	26412	9466			4916		69112
1979 (G)	3246	36329	31345	6534			7966		85420
1980 (G)	1348	19032	16228	3016			2131		41755

Note: No model split figures are available for 1973 UK.

Notes:

All of the above information has been gathered from various sources and publications and has been presented in this form, from an idea based upon the 'By The Numbers' articles from Australian Muscle Car Magazine.

If any errors, omissions or discrepancies are found they are purely unintentional and I'd ask that you contact me with the relevant information to allow corrections to be made. Enjoy your decoding!

I realise that this is probably not a definitive list, but it is a good starting point to help you to identify what you've got, or what you're looking at.

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