

Mk3 CAPRI (Post 1980, with 17 digit universal VIN) – CHASSIS IDENTIFICATION PLATE GUIDE



Located on the right hand side of the front slam panel.

MAIN BOX (Black outline)

Type Approval Number – 00204T

W 3.778:1 L 3.091:1
B 3.750:1

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN)

Eg. *WFOCXXGAECFB78488* (as above)
(Note: Digits 1 & 19 are constant asterisks)

Interior Trim/Garn. - Q5

Trim colour
A Black B Tan
C Cloud E Medium Blue
F Navy G Blue
H Red J Chocolate
K Indian Red L Saddle Brown
M Green N Red
P Bitter Chocolate Q Steel Grey
T Shark Grey U Black

WF0 Ford Werke A.G. – West Germany
C Capri
XX Constant X (Fillers only)
G Country of Origin (G = West Germany)
A Assembly Plant (A= Cologne)
E Model Type (E = Capri)
C Body Type (C = 2-door coupe)
F Production year (F = 1985)
(see next page for the full list of years)
B Month of production (B = May)
(see next page for the full list of months)
78488 Production sequence number

Material type
1 Cloth 5 Sports trim
A Vinyl Y Non-standard

Gross Vehicle Mass - 1550 kg

Gross Train Mass - 2750 kg (indicates combined mass of vehicle & trailer or caravan)

Permitted Axle Load. Front - 730 kg

Permitted Axle Load. Rear - 825 kg

BOTTOM LINE of plate (left to right)

Type - GECB

G-German built, E-Capri, C- 2-door coupe, P-1974
(Year of homologation)

Version Usually blank!

LEFT SIDE of plate (top to bottom)

Drive/Cond./Steering - 2

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

Engine/Motor - PR

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

Body Colour/Couleur & Year – 7 4 (where 4 = 1984)

Exterior Paint Colour (A letter or number followed by a number indicating the year of introduction, eg. 1981=1, 1982=2, etc)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C 1 Dove Grey | D 2 Sienna Brown |
| D 3 Glacier Blue with Caspian Blue | |
| E 1 Forest Green with Crystal Green | |
| G 3 Polar Grey | G 2 Cardinal Red with Silver |
| H 3 Pine Green | H 1 Crystal Green with Silver |
| J 2 Caribbean Blue | K 2 Jasmine Yellow |
| K 4 Silver with Nimbus Grey | |
| L 1 Meadow Green | L 5 Lacquer Red |
| M 1 Graphite Grey with Silver | |
| N 4 Ocean Blue | N 2 Titan Blue with Silver |
| P 1 Sunburst Red | Q 4 Harara Brown |
| R 2 Cardinal Red | S 5 Mineral Blue |
| U 3 Caspian Blue with Silver | |
| Y SVO/Non-standard | Z 1 Forest Green with Silver |
| 1 1 Tibetan Gold | 1 2 Venus Gold |
| 1 3 Champagne | 2 3 Imperial Red |
| 3 1 Cobalt Blue | 3 2 Titan Blue |
| 3 3 Caspian Blue | 3 5 Paris Blue |
| 4 1 Forest Green | |
| 5 2 Champagne Gold | 5 3 Glacier Blue |
| 5 5 Mineral Blue | 6 1 Crystal Green |
| 7 2 Celtic Bronze | 7 4 Nimbus Grey |
| 8 3 Jade Green | 9 1 Graphite Grey |
| 9 2 Champagne Gold | |

Trans./Trans. - F

Transmission designation code.
B 4-speed manual
F 5-speed manual
D Automatic

Axle PT. AR - L

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

K.D.SVC. Ref Usually blank!

Production codes. (Year, Month)

| Year / Code | Month | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| 1981 = B | J | U | M | P | B | R | A | G | C | K | D | E |
| 1982 = C | L | Y | S | T | J | U | M | P | B | R | A | G |
| 1983 = D | C | K | D | E | L | Y | S | T | J | U | M | P |
| 1984 = E | B | R | A | G | C | K | D | E | L | Y | S | T |
| 1985 = F | J | U | M | P | B | R | A | G | C | K | D | E |
| 1986 = G | L | Y | S | T | J | U | M | P | B | R | A | G |

German production figures (1981 – 1986)

(Note: ALL UK production ceased in October, 1976.)

| Capri Model | 1300 | 1600 | 2000 | 2300 | 2800 | 3000 | Total |
|-------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1981 (G) | 582 | 16162 | 9567 | 1669 | 5747 | 931 | 34658 |
| 1982 (G) | | 12659 | 7650 | 1432 | 4091 | | 25832 |
| 1983 (G) | | 11483 | 8793 | 1575 | 5767 | | 27618 |
| 1984 (G) | | 7709 | 5818 | 1366 | 4615 | | 19508 |
| 1985 (G) | | 4373 | 3175 | | 1714 | | 9262 |
| 1986 (G) | | 4608 | 3444 | | 2658 | | 10710 |

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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Addendum

The photo's below show the vehicle whose ID plate was used for this decoding exercise. It is a RHD vehicle that found its way to the USA and was for sale in that country recently.

