



Golf Cart Tips

What Year Is My Harley Davidson Golf Cart? A Comprehensive Guide

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Harley Davidson golf carts are highly sought after as collector's items. The parts are rare and costly. So, it is VITAL to know the year and model of the cart you are working on.

Finding The Serial Plate On A Harley Davidson Golf Cart

Harley Davidson's golf carts had a unique feature that the **back section** of the cart could be lifted up. This part was attached with a hinge and could be raised for the owner to conduct any necessary maintenance on the engine or the frame of the cart. Around this time, the company was starting to make golf carts that ran on batteries, but these didn't gain as much popularity as those that ran on gas. The hinge feature was convenient for dealing with both types of power sources.

Another rare model is the earlier HD version that came with a steering wheel as opposed to the shiny tiller bar that had become a staple on golf courses. The most sought-after carts were those with three wheels. The earlier models that carried the Harley Davidson brand are now considered very valuable collectibles, although finding parts for them has become quite a challenge.

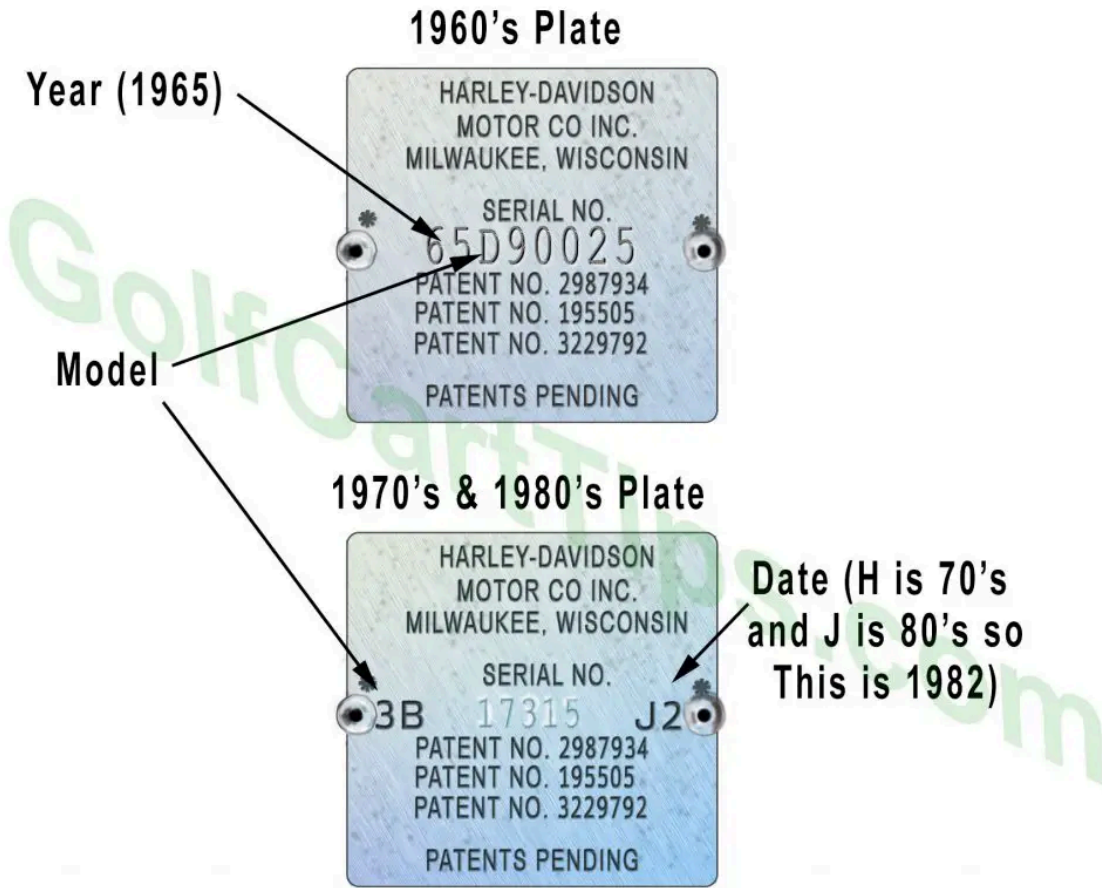
To determine the year of your cart you will need to find the **serial number**. On carts with a **lift-up body**, the specific information is located on a **data plate** mounted on the upper frame rail on the **right** or **left** side near the **rear tire**. On **electric models, DE40** and **MGIV** without **lift-up bodies**, the serial number is located on a **data metal plate** under the **driver's seat** towards the **passenger side**.



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All carts made in the 1960s use the first two digits of the serial to denote the year and the next two are the model as in this example:

65D90025

This VIN would indicate that the cart was made in 1965 and is a model D (Gas Cart)-Three-Wheeled Models. If your cart was built in the 1970s or 1980s, it will reflect this format:

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Harley Davidson Gas and Electric Carts

D	Gasoline Golf Cart	3-Wheel
DE	Electric Golf Cart	3-Wheel
DF	Gasoline Personnel Carrier	3-Wheel
DEF	Electric Personnel Carrier	3-Wheel
DC	Gasoline Utilicar	3-Wheel
DEC	Electric Utilicar	3-Wheel
D4	Gasoline Golf Cart	4-Wheel (DX4 '82 on)
DE4	Electric Golf Cart	4-Wheel (DEX4 '82 on)
MG IV	Electric Master Glide IV	4-Wheel
Model	Year	Type
1963-1969	First 3 Digits XXD	3 Wheel Gas
	First 4 Digits XXDE	3 Wheel Electric
1970-1979	Hx (i.e. H1=1971, H3=1973, etc.)	
3B		3 Wheel Gas D3
4B		'71-76= 3-Wheel Electric D3
		'77-83= 3-Wheel Electric DE3
7C		4 Wheel Gas D4
8C		4-Wheel Electric DE4
8D		4-Wheel Electric DE-40 76-78
1980-1982	Jx (i.e. J1=1981, J2=1982, etc.)	
3B		3 Wheel Gas D3

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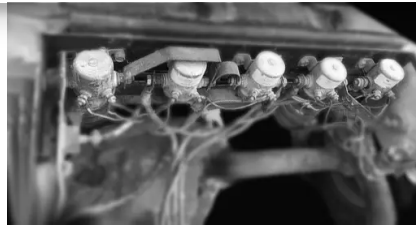
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3B		3-Wheel Gas D3
4B		3-Wheel Electric DE3
5K		4-Wheel Gas DX4
6K		4-Wheel Electric DEX4
7K		Gas Utility
8K		Electric Challenger
9K		Electric Utility DE4
2L		4-Wheel Gas P4G
3L		4-Wheel Electric P4E
1990-1995	Dx (i.e. D4=1994)	
2L		4-Wheel Gas P4G
3L		4-Wheel Electric
5K		4-Wheel Gas Classic
6K		4-Wheel Electric Classic
7K		4-Wheel Gas Utility
9K		4-Wheel Electric Utility
2M		4-Wheel Electric Shuttle
3M		4-Wheel Gas Shuttle
1996-PRESENT		
BE		4-Wheel Gas
4F		4-Wheel Electric

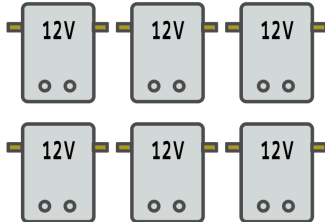
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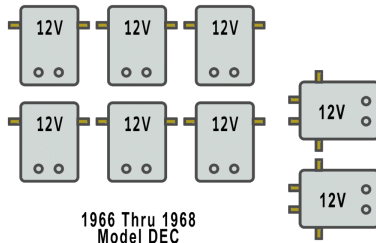


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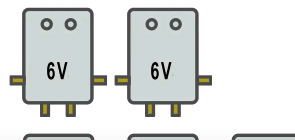
1963 Thru 1966 Model DE

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1966 Thru 1968 Model DEC

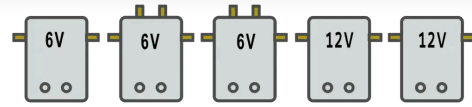
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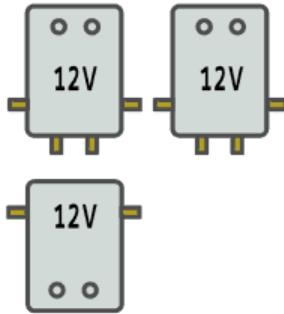


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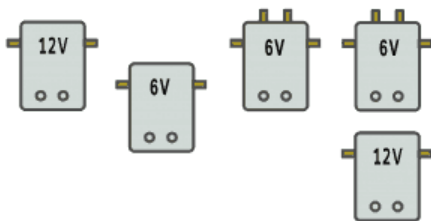
1972 Thru 1975 Models DE and DE4
1977 Thru 1982 Model DE-3

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1976 Thru 1978
Model DE-40

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1979 Thru 1982 Model MGIV

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Dimensions

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Dimensions

D 1963-66	59.5	92.5	45.25	42.5 36 – 1965 only	4.6	624
D 1967-76	60.5	91.0	46.0	40.25	4.5	694
D 1977 and Later	60.5	91.0	45.25	47.0	4.5	693
D4 1972-76	67.0	102.0	45.2	42	4.5	821
D4 1977 and Later	67.0	102.0	45.25	47.0	4.0	821

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Elvis Presley owned a Harley Davidson golf car, not for playing golf, but to navigate the Graceland property acreage in Memphis.

Elvis Presley's Harley-Davidson Golf Cart

Elvis Presley's Harley-Davidson golf cart was a 1967 model (purchased before AMF bought H-D) that was auctioned along with a 1976 Electra Glide bike to benefit Elvis Presley's Foundation. This was a three-wheel model that was succeeded by the permanent adoption of the 4-wheel through the remainder of their cart production.

The golf bag holder on the rear of the cart was a bit of a failure in design. The clubs were mounted at a 45-degree angle out the back and had a tendency to dump the clubs when driving uphill.

In 1969 Harley Davidson's company was acquired by American Machine and Foundry Company (AMF) and in 1971 they changed their name to AMF. Carts were first labeled with the AMF logo in 1972. AMF continued production until 1981 when Columbia ParCar purchased the Harley Davidson golf car division. Columbia dropped the Harley Davidson Name in 1982.

[Read More about The History Of The Golf Cart Here](#)

What else does Columbia own? In 1951 Merle and Peggy Williams started manufacturing golf carts under the name Marketeer and sold the company to Westinghouse in 1965. Westinghouse sold this division to Nordskog in 1978 and following the death of Bob Nordskog in 1993, the company was sold to U.S.Electricar. Legend Electric Vehicles purchased U.S.Electricar in 1996 and was in turn purchased by Columbia ParCar in 1999.

What Year Is My Columbia Par Car Golf Cart?

After The Harley Davidson name was dropped, Columbia continued with the ParCar.

The serial number can be found above the rear wheel under the body or under the dash on the passenger side. The year is in the last digits of the serial number.

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Letter codes are

C-1980

D-1990

E-2000

The last number is the year in the decade. For example: 7K21190-C5 = 1985

or 3L14456-D1 = 1991

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About the author

Chuck began working on golf carts after relocating to a golf community in Arkansas, and acquired an interest in vintage "barn finds". Even with the internet community as a resource for parts and references, there are some searches that need additional information. Many results are incorrect. He compiles corrected diagrams and drawings to simplify the hobbyist's quest for identifying and restoring their golf cart. He uses his personal experiences to bring you useful and current info to get the best out of your cart.



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