

This date code applies to the following Sylvania HID lamp plants:

Manchester NH	USA
Shipley	England
Tienen	Belgium
Lyon	France
Vinhedo	Brazil

The date of manufacture is disclosed in coded information either marked on the brand stamp, embossed into the rim of the base, or stamped into a small metal tab just above the base, inside the bulb neck.

Following the sale of Sylvania's USA, Canadian, Mexican and Puerto Rican operations to Osram GmbH, the affected factories adopted the new Osram 4-digit date code system. There was a brief overlap period but by 1994 the system detailed here had been phased out at Osram-Sylvania plants. The remaining HID lamp plants of Sylvania around the world continue to use the original date code system.

The code takes the form of a 3 digit, 10 year (120 month) system starting with January 1961 as 001 and ending with December 1970 as 120. The system repeats itself every ten years and is detailed in the table below.

1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010

January	01	13	25	37	49	61	73	85	97	109
February	02	14	26	38	50	62	74	86	98	110
March	03	15	27	39	51	63	75	87	99	111
April	04	16	28	40	52	64	76	88	100	112
May	05	17	29	41	53	65	77	89	101	113
June	06	18	30	42	54	66	78	90	102	114
July	07	19	31	43	55	67	79	91	103	115
August	08	20	32	44	56	68	80	92	104	116
September	09	21	33	45	57	69	81	93	105	117
October	10	22	34	46	58	70	82	94	106	118
November	11	23	35	47	59	71	83	95	107	119
December	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120