

# New Date Code for Osram and OsramSylvania

## 1<sup>st</sup> Character - Factory Identification

This letter denotes the lamp factory as follows, check for lower case or upper case and underlined symbols:

a	Berlin	Germany	Incandescent
<u>A</u>	Hillsboro, NH	USA	Automotive lamps
b	Manchester, NH	USA	American HID
<u>b</u>	Tangerang	Indonesia	GLS, CFL-I (takeover of PT Cometstar, April 1999)
C	Radium factory	Germany	Special lamp factory
d	Berlin	Germany	Incandescent projectors (closed down)
<u>d</u>	Tungsram	Nagykanizsa	Imported Linear FL
<u>D</u>	Winchester, KY	USA	Halogen, Studio Halogen
e	Madrid	Spain	Incandescent
<u>E</u>	Versailles, KY	USA	Fluorescent
f	Milan	Italy	Incandescent
F	Foshan	China	GLS, Halogen, SON, Mercury, Electrodeless
<u>G</u>	St. Mary's, PA	USA	GLS, décor incandescent
h	Molsheim	France	GLS, candles, reflectors (Est. 1923 "Neolux")
<u>H</u>	Drummondville	Canada	Endura, GLS, fluorescent (Est. Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup> 1949)
i	Eichstatt	Germany	Tungsten Halogen
<u>J</u>	Juarez	Mexico	Mains voltage halogen
k	Osasco	Brazil	Incandescent, HID. Factory established 1955
l	Rome	Italy	Incandescent
m	Portugal	Portugal	Incandescent
n	Treviso	Italy	Formerly incandescent, now ECG
N	Philips	Any	Mainly PAR38, T12 LFL, New SOX
o	Shaw	England	SOX, SON, HMI, Mercury, Special HID, Vac. GLS
q	Spandau	Germany	SON, HQI, Low Watts Mercury, PAR38
r	Augsberg	Germany	Linear & Compact Fluorescent
s	Mexico City	Mexico	IR R-40, F-15, Mogul 3-Way, T5, FL-U
T	Tesla Nove Zamky	Slovakia	GLS, Reflectors, Mercury
<u>t</u>	Taipei	Taiwan	Decorative incandescent
u	Maybrook	USA	Compact Fluorescent (closed down in 2003)
v	Vienna	Italy	Special Incandescent
V	Tesla Praha	Czech Republic	GLS
w	Herbrechtingen	Germany	Miniature incandescent & glass halogen
z	Bari	Italy	Compact fluorescent, Vacuum GLS
	Drammen	Norway	High wattage & long-life GLS, established 1916
	Novi Sad	Yugoslavia	GLS, Halogen
	Gurabo	Puerto Rico	GLS (all transferred to Juarez, 1995)
	Kakegawa	Japan	Linear & Compact FL, Mitsubishi MELCO JV
	Ansan	Korea	Linear FL, CFL, HBO (former JV with Sungsan)
	Athens	Greece	GLS plant of Hellenic Lighbulb Industry A.E.
	Malanpur	India	JV with Surya Roshni
	Panyu	China	Electronic control gear

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Character - Year Code

This is a number which is taken from the last digit of the year, and runs on a 10-year cycle e.g.

4 = 1994 / 2004, 8 = 1998 / 2008 etc.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Character - Month Code

There are two systems in use - the monthly code (left block) and the quarterly code (right block), as follows:

1	January	7	July	1	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
2	February	8	August	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter
3	March	9	September	3	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
4	April	a	October	4	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter
5	May	b	November		
6	June	c	December		

## 4<sup>th</sup> Character - Code type

8 means that the third character follows the monthly system.

9 means that the third character follows the quarterly system.