



The most common mistake when determining a vehicle's model year (MY) is looking at the build date on the door sill VIN placard.

Using a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe as an example, the first models rolled off the assembly line in December 2005 so the build date was 12/05 for some 2007MY trucks. The 2007 Tahoe was then produced through the summer of 2007.

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S = 1995	2 = 2002	9 = 2009	G = 2016
T = 1996	3 = 2003	A = 2010	H = 2017
V = 1997	4 = 2004	B = 2011	J = 2018
W = 1998	5 = 2005	C = 2012	K = 2019
X = 1999	6 = 2006	D = 2013	L = 2020
Y = 2000	7 = 2007	E = 2014	M = 2021
1 = 2001	8 = 2008	F = 2015	N = 2022

There are two easy ways to determine the model year:

- The 10th digit of the VIN translates to the model year of the vehicle. See the chart on the left.
- Under the hood from the factory, there is a prominent emissions label that displays the model year.

On certain vehicles, you may need to know where the vehicle was made, the exact build date, the production number, whether it has a "Smart Key" or "Intelligent Key", or what frequency the TPMS is.

If the vehicle can be unlocked and started while the fob is in your pocket, it has a passive-entry system, also known as Smart-Key or I-Key.

To determine a sensor's frequency without removing the tire you will need a TPMS diagnostic tool with an RF listening mode, commonly referred to as an RKE Test. With the tool listening, a pressure drop of 10psi will force most sensors to transmit within one minute.

