

# INTRODUCTION

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate is attached to the top left side of the instrument panel. The VIN contains 17 characters that provide data concerning the vehicle. Refer to the decoding chart to determine the identification of a vehicle. The Vehicle Identification Number is also imprinted on the:

- Body Code Plate.
- Equipment Identification Plate.
- Vehicle Safety Certification Label.
- Frame rail.

### VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DECODING CHART

POSITION	INTERPRETATION	CODE = DESCRIPTION
1	Country of Origin	1 = United States or Austria
2	Make	J = Jeep
3	Vehicle Type	4 = MPV
4	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	G = 5001-6000 lbs.
5	Vehicle Line	X = Grand Cherokee 4X2 (LHD) Z = Grand Cherokee 4X4 (LHD)/(RHD)
6	Transmission	B = 4 Speed Auto N = 5 Speed Manual
7	Body Style	8 = 4dr Sport Utility
8	Engine	M = 2.5 Liter Diesel S = 4.0 Liter Y = 5.2 Liter
9	Check Digit	
10	Model Year	W= 1998
11	Assembly Plant	Y = Steyr Assembly (Graz, Austria)
12 thru 17	Vehicle Build Sequence	

GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

E-MARK LABEL

An E-mark Label (Fig. 1) is located on the rear shut face of the driver's door. The label contains the following information:

- Date of Manufacture
- Month-Day-Hour (MDH)
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Country Codes
- Regulation Number
- Regulation Amendment Number
- Approval Number

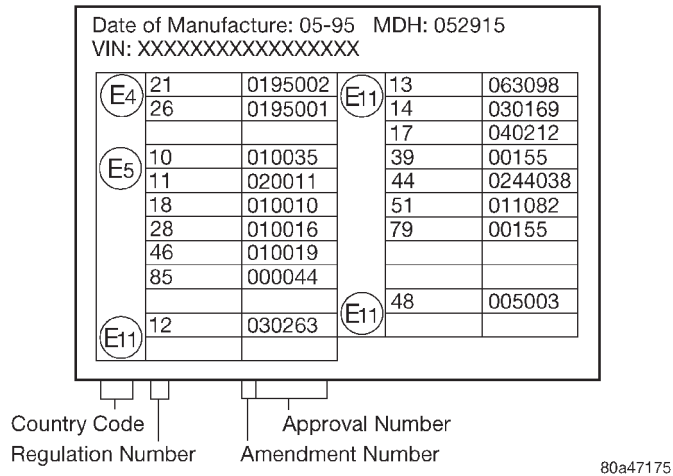


Fig. 1 E-Mark Label

MANUFACTURER PLATE

The Manufacturer Plate (Fig. 2) is located in the engine compartment on the radiator closure panel crossmember adjacent to the Body Code Plate. The plate contains five lines of information:

1. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
2. Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)
3. Gross Train Mass (GTM)
4. Gross Front Axle Rating (GFAR)
5. Gross Rear Axle Rating (GRAR)

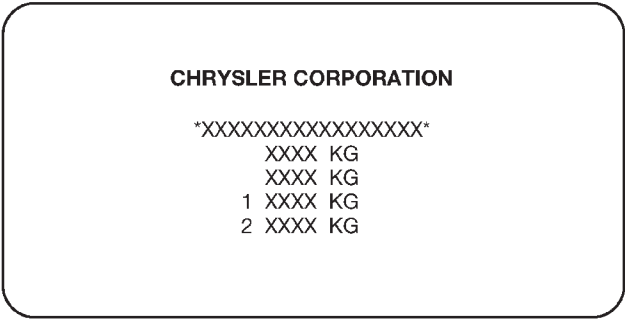


Fig. 2 Manufacturer Plate

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