Appendix 4

EIA-J Date Code System

The EIA-J date code system uses twenty-four letters, omitting I and O, to indicate the month when a product was made. This system works on a four year cycle. Capital letters are used for the first two years and lower case letters are used for the next two years. This system was started in 1977 and follows the table below.

Year	Month	Letter	Year	Month	Letter	Year	Month	Letter	Year	Month	Letter
	1	A		1	N		1	a		1	n
	2	B		2	P		2	b		2	$\wp$
1977	3	C	1978	3	Q	1979	3	$\overline{c}$	1980	3	q
1981	4	D	1982	4	R	1983	4	d	1984	4	r
1985	5	E	1986	5	S	1987	5	e	1988	5	s
1989	6	F	1990	6	T	1991	6	f	1992	6	t
1993	7	G	1994	7	U	1995	7	g	1996	7	u
1997	8	H	1998	8	V	1999	8	h	2000	8	v
2001	9	J	2002	9	W	2003	9	j	2004	9	w
2005	10	K	2006	10	X	2007	10	k	2008	10	x
	11	L		11	Y		11	ℓ		11	y
	12	M		12	Z		12	m		12	z

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