

[Reference mainly from Jeff West and http://forums.vintageamps.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=27047](http://forums.vintageamps.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=27047)

GEC/MOV (eg. KT66, KT88) date codes prior to 1969 were two digits using letters = year, month. From 1969: YYWW
The year started at A for 1945, and the months started at A for January, but the letters I and O were skipped.

1945	A	January	A
1946	B	February	B
1947	C	March	C
1948	D	April	D
1949	E	May	E
1950	F	June	F
1951	G	July	G
1952	H	August	H
1953	J	September	J
1954	K	October	K
1955	L	November	L
1956	M	December	M
1957	N		
1958	P		
1959	Q		
1960	R		
1961	S		
1962	T		
1963	U		
1964	V		
1965	W		
1966	X		
1967	Y		
1968	Z		
1969	A		

KT66

the black bases were consistent and lasted through about the first quarter of 1953, then switched to brown.
Change from "smoked"/grey/ coated to clear bulb starting in 1/62

Marconi-Osram branded (shipping label is usually within a year of actual manufacture) items appear to use a 2 lettercode (eg. K8 would be late 1968).

One cup getter normally

dual halo getter arrangement started very end of 1964

L MO Valve Co. (prior to Oct.1951)

P GEC Shaw (prior to Aug.1948)

U MO Valve Co. (prior to Oct.1945)

X MO Valve Co. Springvale (prior to Oct.1951)

Y MO Valve Co. Moray (prior to Apr.1945)

Z MO Valve Co. Hammersmith

ZA MO Valve Co. Gateshead (prior to Mar.1957)

ZB MO Valve Co. Perivale

ZC MO Valve Co. Springvale (prior to Aug.1957)

ZD MO Valve Co. Dover (prior to Dec.1956)