

Until 2005, Rolex was engraving the serial number between the lugs and under the bracelet. In 2005, Rolex began engraving the serial number on the flange between the dial and the crystal, practice that continues to the current day. In 2008 Rolex stopped engraving the serial number between the lugs altogether.

SERIAL #, DATE

28,000 1926
30,430 1927
32,960 1928
35,390 1929
37,820 1930
40,250 1931
42,680 1932
45,000 1934
63,000 1935
81,000 1936
99,000 1937
117,000 1938
135,000 1939
164,600 1940
194,200 1941
223,800 1942
253,400 1943
283,000 1944
348,100 1945
413,200 1946
478,300 1947
543,400 1948
608,500 1949
673,600 1950
738,700 1951
803,700 1952
868,900 1953
934,000 1954
1,012,000 1955
1,090,000 1956
1,168,000 1957
1,246,000 1958
1,324,000 1959
1,402,000 1960
1,480,000 1961
1,558,000 1962
1,636,000 1963
1,714,000 1964
1,792,000 1965
1,871,000 1966

2,163,900 1967
2,426,800 1968
2,689,700 1969
2,952,600 1970
3,215,500 1972
3,741,300 1973
4,004,200 1974
4,267,100 1975
4,539,000 1976
5,006,000 1977
5,482,000 1978
5,958,000 1979
6,434,000 1980
6,910,000 1981
7,386,000 1982
7,862,000 1983
8,338,000 1984
8,814,000 1985
9,290,000 1986
9,766,000 1987
R 000,001 1987 1/2
L 000,001 1989
E 000,001 1990 1/2
X 000,001 1991 3/4
N 000,001 1991 3/4
C 000,001 1992 1/4
S 000,001 1993 3/4
W 000,001 1995
T 000,001 1996
U 000,001 1997 3/4
A 000,001 1998 1/2
P 2000
K 2001-2002
Y 2002-2003
F 2003-2004
D 2005
Z 2006
M 2007
V 2008
G 2009
Mixed/Random 2010