

The "Original 9" Weatherby Magnum calibers - Year of Introduction

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>First Year offered by Wby.</u>
240 WM	1968
257 WM	1945
270 WM	1945
7mm WM	1949
300 WM	1945
30-06 Sprg.	1967
340 WM	1962
375 WM	1945
378 WM	1956
460 WM	1958

Southgate (Mauser Action) Weatherby rifles - approximate serial number ranges.

Year	# This yr.	Total # made	Start Ser. No.	End Ser. No.
1948	0	0	0	0
1949	100	101	100	200
1950	299	401	201	500
1951	399	801	501	900
1952	499	1301	901	1400
1953	599	1901	1401	2000
1954	999	2901	2001	3000
1955	1499	4401	3001	4500
1956	2000	6402	4500	6500
1957	2599	9002	6501	9100
1958	1109	10112	9101	10210
1959	389	10502	10211	10600
1960	199	10702	10601	10800
1961	161	10864	10801	10962

Approximate serial number ranges for 1958 - 1972 Weatherby Mark V Rifles

YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	APPROX. SERIAL NUMBER RANGE	MFG. LOCATION
1958	15000 - 15500	Southgate, CA
1959	15500 - 162xx	Southgate, CA
1959	20001 - 22000	W. Germany
1960	22000 - 29000	W. Germany
1961	29000 - 34800	W. Germany
1962	34800 - 38700	W. Germany
1963	38700 - 43xxx	W. Germany
1964	P1000 - P8500	W. Germany
1965	P8500 - P14500	W. Germany
1966	P14500 - P21300	W. Germany
1967	P21300 - P27500	W. Germany
1968	P27500 - P34000	W. Germany
1969	P34000 - P36900	W. Germany
1970	P36900 - P44000	W. Germany
1971	P44000 - P54000	W. Germany
1972	P54000 - P70xxx	W. Germany

West German (J.P. Sauer) Varmintmaster Approximate serial number ranges.

Year	Approx. Serial No. Range	Mfg. Location
1963 - 64	S1000 - S3400 (see note below)	W. Germany
1965	S3400 - S4200	W. Germany
1966	S4200 - S5350	W. Germany
1967	S5350 - S5900	W. Germany
1968	S5900 - S6300	W. Germany
1969	S6300 - S6800	W. Germany
1970	S6800 - S7100	W. Germany
1971	S7100 - S7850	W. Germany
1972	S7850 - S8159	W. Germany

NOTE: There were also some German Varmintmasters produced without the "S" prefix on the serial number. These were made in the first few years of production.

NOTE: We do not have good data for the Japanese made Varmintmaster rifles. Their serial numbers started with S01000 in 1972. They were manufactured through about 1995, when Weatherby moved production back to the U.S.

Approximate serial number ranges for the Japanese made Mark V Rifles

NOTE: These serial numbers are very approximate, and cover the period 1972 through 1992, which is the year the book "Weatherby - The Man, The Gun, The Legend" was written by Gresham & Gresham. The data in the table below was derived from data contained in that book.

Year Range	Approx. Serial No. Range	Mfg. Location
1972 - 1974	00003 - 00400 & H15000 - H75015	Howa - Japan
1974 - 1981	H75015 - H122284	Howa - Japan
1981 - 1983	H122284 - H125625	Howa - Japan
1983 - 1984	H125625 - H156253	Howa - Japan
1984 - 1986	H156253 - H193207	Howa - Japan
1986 - 1987	H-193207 - H198377	Howa - Japan
1987 - 1989	H198377 - H210828	Howa - Japan
1989 - 1991	H210828 - H215743	Howa - Japan

The above data covers the majority of inquiries received on the WCA Forum. It is based on information collected from members of the Weatherby Collectors Association, as well as data from the Weatherby Book by Gresham and Gresham.

Remember that the data is approximate -- If you have a rifle that would help us update our records, please send the information to the WCA news editor at email jclark@weatherbycollectors.com

If you desire to have more exacting information about the history of your Weatherby rifle, contact the Weatherby Company, and have a Letter of Authenticity written. There is a fee for that service.