

Daimler DS 420

First chassis number by production year, all bodies

Year	Right Hand Drive	Left Hand Drive
1968	1M 1001 (April)	
1969	1M 1041	1M 20001 (February)
1970	1M 1373	1M 20009
1971	1M 1825	1M 20041
1972	1M 2085	1M 20066
1973	1M 2349	1M 20082
1974	1M 2645	1M 20095
1975	1M 2915	1M 20115
1976	1M 3195	1M 20131
1977	1M 3392	1M 20139
1978	1M 3556	1M 20149
Last	1M 3616 (April 1978)	1M 20151 (April 1978)

First short VIN (last five/six digits) production year, all bodies

Year	Limousine	Supplied as Chassis Only
1978	10001 (March)	
1979	10091	400001 (May)
1980	200001 (February – some higher VINs built in January)	400021
1981	200117	400063
1982	200275	400082
1983	200374	400110
1984	200505	400136
1985	200645	400170
1986	200811	400217
1987	200935	400268
1988	201074	400306
1989	201200	400339
1990	201365	400362
1991	201503	400390
1992	201611	400411
Last	201631 (October 1992)	400425 (June 1992)

Change Points by model year, all bodies

Date	Short VIN	Comment
November 1979	10209	Last Vanden Plas-built limousine
February 1980	200001	First Browns Lane-built limousine
Feb 1980	400021	First Browns Lane-built chassis-only
Feb 1981	200129	First limousine to have the "SAD" prefix added to the VIN
Feb 1981	400064	First chassis-only to have the "SAD" prefix added to the VIN
March 1983	200400	End of manual records for limousines
March 1983	400118	End of manual records for chassis only
Feb 1987	200949	"SAD" VIN prefix replaced by "SAJ"
Feb 1987	400272	"SAD" VIN prefix replaced by "SAJ"

- Engine prefix: 7M, engine numbers from 1001
- Body prefix: 4M, body numbers from 1001
- Until November 1979, all DS 420 limousines were built at Vanden Plas, Kingsbury, London.
- Vanden Plas-built cars also carry a "Vanden Plas job number".
- LHD and RHD vehicles are intermingled in the sequence of VINs.

Please note the information relating to the various change points, model years and dates are approximate. There may be minor discrepancies with specific vehicles due to manufacturing processes. This information must be treated as a guide only.