



Date Code

2.1. Sequence of characters: (6 characters) 4 required, 2 optional for products and packaging

2.1.1. 1st Character: Month of Manufacture (Required)

January	R	July	T
February	A	August	E
March	Y	September	S
April	O	October	H
May	L	November	U
June	I	December	M

2.1.2. 2nd Character: Year of Product Manufacture (20 year cycle) (Required)

B	1989	G	1990	W	1991	F	1992	J	1993
A	1994	E	1995	I	1996	O	1997	U	1998
R	1999	T	2000	N	2001	X	2002	M	2003
K	2004	S	2005	D	2006	Y	2007	P	2008

B	2009	G	2010	W	2011	F	2012	J	2013
A	2014	E	2015	I	2016	O	2017	U	2018
R	2019	T	2020	N	2021	X	2022	M	2023
K	2024	S	2025	D	2026	Y	2027	P	2028

2.1.3. 3rd Character: Day of Month of Product Manufacture (Required – except lighting products)

1	A	9	I	17	Q	25	Y
2	B	10	J	18	R	26	Z
3	C	11	K	19	S	27	2
4	D	12	L	20	T	28	3
5	E	13	M	21	U	29	4
6	F	14	N	22	V	30	5
7	G	15	O	23	W	31	6
8	H	16	P	24	X		

2.1.4. 4th Character: Manufacturing Source Code (Required)

Reference Rayovac Specification S1002120

2.1.5. 5th Character: Manufacture Shift Code (Optional, but advised for packaging)

1	1 st Shift	4	1 st Shift and QR released
2	2 nd Shift	5	2 nd Shift and QR released
3	3 rd Shift	6	3 rd Shift and QR released

2.1.6. 6th Character: Special Variation Code (Optional, but advised for packaging)

2.1.6.1. Alpha characters recommended (A through Z).

2.1.6.2. Plants using this option will keep records of character definition.

2.1.7. Example: YNAF2X

Y – Month of Product Manufacture	March
N – Year of Product Manufacture	2001
A – Day of Month of Product Manufacture	1 st
F – Manufacturer Code (S1002120)	Fennimore
2 – Shift	2 nd
X – Special Variation (LPR, etc)	Plant Special