Understanding Arizona Produced Manufactured Home Serial Numbers

Manufactured Housing production plants are required to stamp the full serial number onto the front frame cross member on each section of the unit. To distinguish which home was produced by each manufacturer; corporations create and utilize a variety of codes so that homes built at production plants within the same corporation can be identified by the serial number.

Every manufactured housing plant within Arizona has their own unique code serial number, often identifying the manufacturer, plant, and year it was built. The following are examples of the types of serial numbers one would expect to see coming from each production plant in Arizona.

Cavco

CAV110AZ20-19379A: CAV110AZ is the code for Cavco Industries built in Arizona at the Durango plant. 20 identifies the year of manufacture, 2020. 19379 is the sequential serial number. A indicates the section of the home, each section being identified by a letter (A, B, C, etc.). A single section home would be identified with the letter A only.

CAV130AZ20-24009A: CAV130AZ is the code for Cavco Industries built in Arizona at the Litchfield plant. 20 identifies the year of manufacture, 2020. 24009 is the sequential serial number. A indicates the section of the home, each section being identified by a letter (A, B, C, etc.). A single section home would be identified with the letter A only.

Clayton, Schult, Marlette

BUC011284AZAB: BUC is the code for CMH West (Clayton) in Buckeye. 011284 is the sequential serial number. AZ indicates the home was built in Arizona. AB indicates that there are two sections of the home. A single section home would have not letter (example: BUC011284AZ).

Champion

157-OOP-H A000090AB: 157 is the code for the Champion plant in Arizona. OOP identifies that the home needs perimeter blocking (ACP in place of OOP would indicate an Alternate Construction requiring perimeter blocking). H identifies the home as a HUD program Manufactured Home. A identifies that these homes are built under the new license of Champion Home Builders Inc. which restructured in early 2010. The absence of the A before the serial number would indicate that the home was built at the same plant, called, Champion/Redman Homes before the new name change. 000090 is the sequential serial number. AB indicates a two section home. Each section being identified by a letter (A, B, C, etc.). A single section home would be identified with the letter A only.

Additional codes which may be found added to any of the above manufacturer serial numbers:

AC – A manufacturer may submit a request to HUD for alternative construction of a manufactured home. Alternative construction would be for purposes of research, testing or development of new techniques or designs, and allows a manufacturer to implement new ideas or technologies not currently incorporated into the Manufactured Housing Constructions and Safety Standards. When permission is granted to a manufacturer to utilize alternative construction, the letters AC must be included in the home's serial number.

R – An R following the serial number in most manufacturers but in very rare cases indicates that this is a complete home or section of home that was built to replace one that got severely damaged, stolen in transit, or from other extenuating factors which required a rebuild.

Some Historic Plant Serial Number Codes:

CEM007945AZA – Clayton Homes, El Mirage AZFL821B14588 – Fleetwood Homes, Glendale LCHAZ001288A – Laurel Creek Homes Arizona PH0230998ABC – Palm Harbor, Tempe PH195434A – Palm Harbor, Casa Grande CEAZ0310470A/B – Chariot Eagle West, Arizona