

Understanding Arizona Produced Manufactured Housing 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.

CAVAZD 10-0254XU - CAVAZD is the code for Cavco Industries built in Arizona at the Durango plant. 10 identifies the year 2010. 0254 is the sequential serial number. XU indicates that there are two sections of the home. CAVAZLP would indicate the home was built at the Litchfield Park plant, main line. CAVAZL2 would indicate the home was built at the Litchfield Park plant, 2nd line. The absence of X or U letters would identify the home as a single-wide, XXXU is a triple wide, XXXUUU is a quad, and so on. A or B letters following the serial number identifies the home as a modular, not a HUD.

CEAZ0310470A/B – CEAZ is the code for Chariot Eagle West built in Arizona. 0310 indicates the month and year. 470 is the sequential serial numbers. A/B indicates that there are two sections of the home. Chariot Eagle uses an X to identify their singlewides.

PH0230998ABC – PH02 is the code for Palm Harbor in Tempe, Arizona. 30998 is the sequential serial number. ABC indicates that there are three sections of the home. The absence of A-E letters would identify the home as a singlewide.

BUC002799AZ A/B – BUC is the code for CMH West (Clayton) in Buckeye. 002799 is the sequential serial number. AZ indicates the home was built in Arizona. A/B indicates that there are two sections of the home. S/W would identify the home as a single-wide.

157-OOP-H A000090AB – 157 is the code for the Champion plant in Arizona. OOP identifies that the home needs a perimeter blocking. ACP in place of OOP would indicate an Alternate Construction requiring perimeter blocking. H identifies the home as a HUD. 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. Champion utilizes an A to identify singlewides.

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

AC – Indicates Alternate Construction, to include: vent pipe extensions through hinged roofs, two story construction, site installed siding not limited to the mating of sections, deletion of insulation in any part of the home's thermal envelope, shipment of home without a water heater, dormer roofs, accessible shower stalls, high slope roofs (Cape Cod Design), whole house ventilation, roof ridge interconnection (e.g. hinged roof, ridge caps), and tank-less water heater. AC homes do not follow typical plans and standards, therefore design plans must be individually approved by a third party inspection/design agency, such as PFS, TRA, HWC, RADCO, or NTA.

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.

Recently Closed Plant Serial Number Codes:

CEM007945AZA – Clayton Homes, El Mirage
AZFL821B14588 – Fleetwood Homes, Glendale
LCHAZ001288A – Laurel Creek Homes Arizona
PH195434A – Palm Harbor, Casa Grande