

Elgin National Watch Company					
Serial Numbers and Production Dates					
Year	S/N	Year	S/N	Year	S/N
1867	9000	1897	7,000,000	1927	30,050,000
1868	25,001	1898	7,494,001	1928	31,599,100
1869	40,001	1899	8,000,000	1929	32,000,000
1870	50,001	1900	9,000,000	1930	32,599,001
1871	185,001	1901	9,300,000	1931	33,000,000
1872	201,001	1902	9,600,000	1932	33,700,000
1873	325,001	1903	10,000,000	1933	34,558,001
1874	400,001	1904	11,000,000	1934	35,000,000
1875	430,000	1905	12,000,000	1935	35,650,000
1876	480,000	1906	12,500,000	1936	36,200,000
1877	520,000	1907	13,000,000	1937	36,978,001
1878	570,000	1908	13,500,000	1938	37,900,000
1879	625,001	1909	14,000,000	1939	38,200,000
1880	750,000	1910	15,000,000	1940	39,100,000
1881	900,000	1911	16,000,000	1941	40,200,000
1882	1,000,000	1912	17,000,000	1942	41,100,000
1883	1,250,000	1913	17,339,001	1943	42,200,000
1884	1,500,000	1914	18,000,000	1944	42,600,000
1885	1,855,001	1915	18,587,001	1945	43,200,000
1886	2,000,000	1916	19,000,000	1946	44,000,000
1887	2,500,000	1917	20,031,001	1947	45,000,000
1888	3,000,000	1918	21,000,000	1948	46,000,000
1889	3,500,000	1919	22,000,000	1949	47,000,000
1890	4,000,000	1920	23,000,000	1950	48,000,000
1891	4,449,001	1921	24,321,001	1951	50,000,000
1892	4,600,000	1922	25,100,000	1952	52,000,000
1893	5,000,000	1923	26,050,000	1953	53,500,000
1894	5,500,000	1924	27,000,000	1954	54,000,000
1895	6,000,000	1925	28,421,001	1955	54,500,000
1896	6,500,000	1926	29,100,000	1956	55,000,000

In the 1930s Elgin began using a letter prefix to replace the millions digits on their serial numbers. If the Elgin watch has a serial number starting with a letter, the millions digits must be referenced from the table below in order to determine the full serial number.

Letter	Millions Digits	Letter	Millions Digits
X	38 or 39	N	48
C, E, T or Y	42	F	49
L	43	S	50
U	44	R	51
J	45	P	52
V	46	K	53
H	47	I	54