

YEAR	DATE CODE		YEAR	DATE CODE	
1972	I		1997	I	1st Quarter only
1973	J		1997	J	2nd - 4th Quarter
1974	K		1998	K	
1975	L		1999	L	
1976	M		2000	M	
1977	N		2001	N	
1978	O		2002	O	
1979	P		2003	P	
1980	R	Skipped "Q"	2004	Q	
1981	S		2005	R	
1982	T		2006	S	
1983	U		2007	T	
1984	V		2008	U	
1985	W		2009	V	
1986	X		2010	W	
1987	Y		2011	X	
1988	Z		2012	Y	
1989	A		2013	Z	
1990	B		2014	A	In February, started adding month, such as "A2" for Feb 2014, etc.
1991	C		2015	B	"B1" = Jan 2015, "B2" = Feb 2015, etc. This is current method for pliers
1992	D		2016	C	
1993	E		2017	D	
1994	F		2018	E	
1995	G		2019	F	
1996	H		2020	G	
			2021	H	

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