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RegO® Field Topics

Regulator Date Codes

Field Topics are intended to provide useful information to the network of authorized LP-Gas and Anhydrous Ammonia distributors regarding the proper use of RegO® products.

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For more information on LP Gas system requirements, refer to Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code (NFPA 58), National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54), National Propane Gas Association Safety Handbook, the RegO LP-Gas Serviceman's Manual L-545, RegO catalogs L-500/L-102/NH3-102, ANSI K61.1 Safety Requirements for Storage and Handling of Anhydrous Ammonia, as well as any applicable local codes and ordinances.

Regulator Date Codes

This field topic is designed to help aide in identifying RegO regulators, whether current or past models. It is important to identify the regulator date code to determine the life of the regulator. The environment and conditions of use will determine the safe service life of these products. Periodic inspection and maintenance are essential. The recommended service life of an ECII/RegO® regulator (except single stage) manufactured after 1995 is 25 years.

Over the years with continued improvement RegO has continued to create clearer visibility on product numbers and date codes. During our 2017 and 2018 regulator refresh program, RegO has established our laser engraved bonnet on the LV4403, LV3403 and LV404 series. The laser engraved bonnet provides clear visibility to all pertinent information including the date code.

Regulator Date Coding

Regulator manufactured after 1990 can be identify with a 3-part date code

First part in date code is the month

1 – January
2 – February
3 – March
4 – April
5 – May
6 - June
7- July
8 – August
9 – September
10 – October
11 - November
12 - December

Second part in date code is the week

A – 1st week
B – 2nd week
C – 3rd week
D – 4th week
E – 5th week

Third part in date code is the year

11 – 2011
12 – 2012
13 – 2013
14 – 2014
15 – 2015
16 – 2016
17 - 2017
18 – 2018
19 – 2019
20 or 2020*
21 or 2021*
Etcetera...

*Laser Engraved regulators will list the full year as of June 2020

Example 1

01A2021

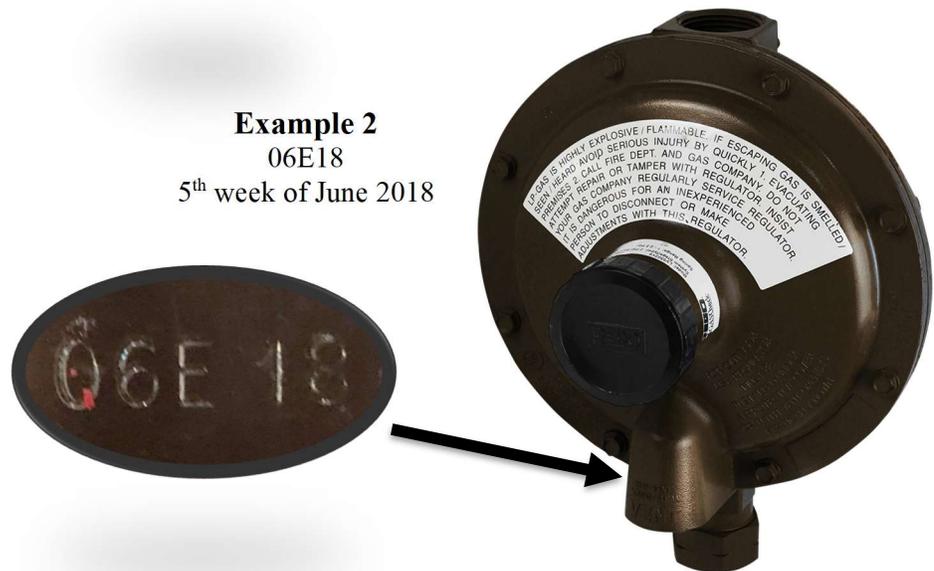
1st week of January 2021



Example 2

06E18

5th week of June 2018





Inspect the inlet for obsolete Twin and Single Stage Series regulators for the date code. Additionally, the date code could be found on the side of the vent.



Inspect the inlet on 1st & 2nd Stage Series regulators for the date code. Additionally, the date code could be found on the side of the vent.



Inspect the outlet wrench flat of compact 1st Stage regulators for the date code.



Regulators with date codes prior to 1990 should be replaced and would be past their expected safe service life. They can be identified as their date code listed as:

From 1985 to 1990 – 2-Part Date Code

First part in date code is the month

1 – January	7 – July
2 – February	8 – August
3 – March	9 – September
4 – April	10 – October
5 – May	11 – November
6 – June	12 – December

Second part in date code is the year

86 - 1986	89 - 1989
87 - 1987	90 - 1990
88 - 1988	

EXAMPLE: 5-87 = May of 1987

From 1960 to 1985 – 2-Part Date Code

First part in date code is the month

A – January	G - July
B – February	H – August
C – March	I – September
D – April	J – October
E – May	K - November
F - June	L - December

Second part in date code is the year

R – 1960	A – 1969	J – 1978
S – 1961	B – 1970	K – 1979
T – 1962	C – 1971	L – 1980
U – 1963	D – 1972	M – 1981
V – 1964	E – 1973	N – 1982
W - 1965	F – 1974	O – 1983
X – 1966	G – 1975	P – 1984
Y – 1967	H - 1976	Q - 1985
Z - 1968	I – 1977	

EXAMPLE: AW = January of 1965



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