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to  
Auto Country Codes**



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## **International Traveller Guide to Auto Country Codes**

**Y**ou've seen those county code signs on motor vehicles. Now here is your guide as to what they mean.

The country in which a motor vehicle's vehicle registration plate was issued is indicated by an international licence plate country code, formerly known as an International Registration Letter or International Circulation Mark displayed in bold block uppercase on a small white oval plate or sticker near the number plate on the rear of a vehicle.

**When the distinguishing sign is incorporated into the registration plate, it will also appear on the front registration plate of the vehicle, and may be supplemented with the flag or emblem of the national state, or the emblem of the regional economic integration organization to which the country belongs.**

**The distinguishing sign is displayed on the far left or far right of the registration plate. When a symbol, flag or emblem is also displayed, the distinguishing sign is placed on the far left of the plate.**



**In some countries, for example Switzerland, many cars have a oval sticker, because the license plate does not include the international vehicle registration code.**

**Note, this is different to the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) code which is not generally displayed on the outside of the vehicle. The first character of a VIN is the VIN number country code. It is used to identify the country or region where the car was manufactured. The country may be represented either by a digit or letter. For example, AH means South Africa, J means Japan, etc and 1, 4, or 5 means United States, 2 means Canada, 6 means Australia and 7 means New Zealand.**

# A

A	Austria
ADN	Yemen
AFG	Afghanistan
AL	Albania
AND	Andorra
AUS	Australia

# B

B	Belgium
BDS	Barbados
BG	Bulgaria
BH	British Honduras
BR	Brazil
BRN	Bahrain
BRU	Brunei
BS	Bahamas
BUR	Burma

# C

CDN	Canada
CH	Switzerland
CI	Ivory Coast
CL	Ceylon
Co	Columbia
CR	Costa Rica
CS	Czechoslovakia
CY	Cyprus

# D

D	Germany
DA	Denmark
DOM	Dominican Republic
DY	Dahomey
DZ	Algeria

# E

E	Spain
EAK	Kenya
EAT	Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika)
EAU	Uganda
EC	Ecuador
ET	Egypt

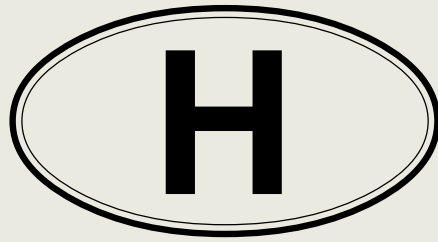


F	France
FJI	Fiji
FL	Liechtenstein

# G

GB	Great Britain
GBA	Alderney
GBG	Guernsey
GBJ	Jersey
GBM	Isle of Man
GBZ	Gibraltar
GCA	Guatemala
GH	Ghana
GR	Greece
GUY	Guyana

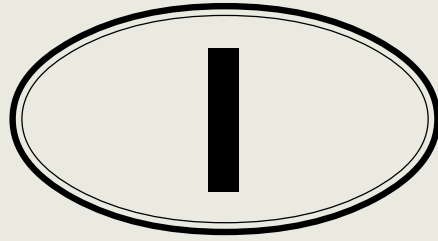




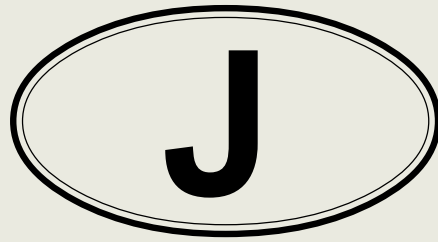
H Hungary

HK Hong Kong

HKJ Jordan

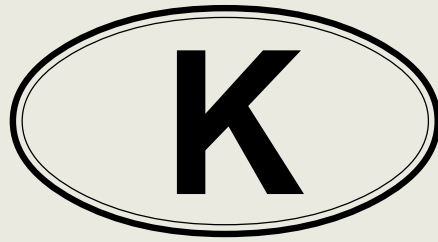


I	Italy
IL	Israel
IND	India
IR	Iran
IRL	Ireland
IRQ	Iraq
IF	Iceland



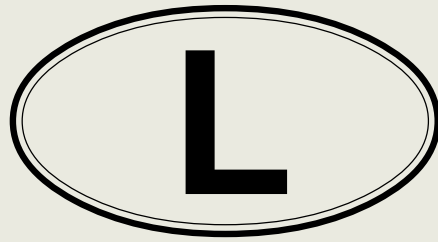
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JA                     Jamaica



K Cambodia

KWT Kuwait



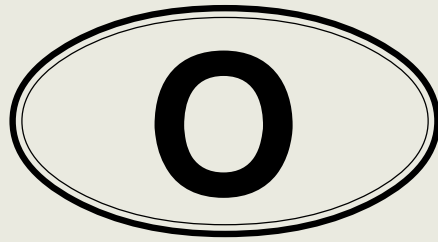
L	Luxembourg
LO	Laos
LAR	Libya
LB	Liberia
LS	Lesotho (formerly Basutoland)

# M

M	Malta
MA	Morocco
MAL	Malaysia
MC	Monaco
MEX	Mexico
MS	Mauritius
MW	Malawi (formerly Nyasaland)

# N

N	Norway
NIC	Nicaragua
NIG	Niger
NL	Netherlands
NZ	New Zealand



No codes for O yet



# P

p	Portugal
PA	Panama
PAK	Pakistan
PE	Peru
P1	Philippines
PL	Poland
PY	Paraguay



No codes for Q yet

# R

R	Rumania
RA	Argentina
RB	Botswana (formerly Bechuanaland)
RC	National Republic of China (Formosa)
RCA	Central African Republic
RCB	Congo

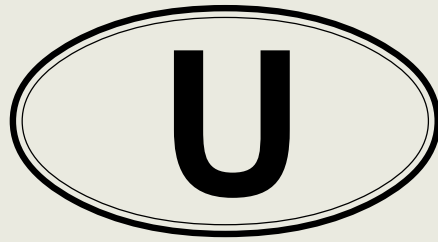
RCH	Chile
RH	Haiti
RI	Indonesia
RIM	Mauritania
RL	Lebanon
RM	Malagassy Republic (formerly Madagascar)
RMM	Mali
ROK	Korea
RSM	San Marino
RSR	Rhodesia
RU	Burundy
RWA	Rwanda

# S

S	Sweden
SD	Swaziland
SS	Finland
SGP	Singapore
SNE	Surinam
SN	Senegal
SU	Soviet Union
SY	Seychelles
SYR	Syria

# T

T	Thailand
TG	Togo
TN	Tunisia
TR	Turkey
TT	Trinidad and Tobago



U

Uruguay

USA

United States



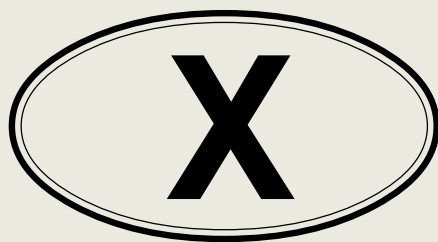
V                      Vatican

VN                     Viet-Nam

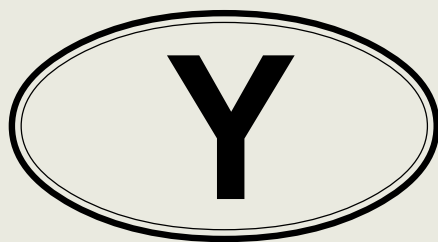


# W

WAG	Gambia
WAL	Sierra Leone
WAN	Nigeria
WD	Dominica
WG	Grenada
WL	St Lucia
WS	Western Samoa
WV	St Vincent



No codes for X yet

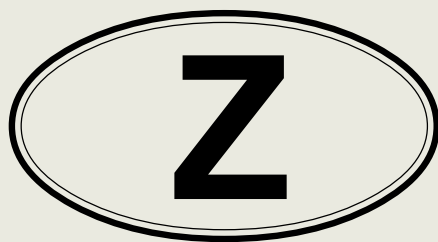


YU

Yugoslavia

YV

Venezuela



Z

Zambia

ZA

South Africa

ZR

Zaire

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