

All models have chassis numbers (VIN) in the same range of numbers

All numbers have VIN type prefixes, starting with:

First three letters	SAJ	Jaguar	from March 1981 onwards
	SAD	Daimler	from March 1981 onwards, to April 1987 only
Fourth letter	J	Jaguar	
	D	Daimler	
Fifth letter	A	Jaguar XJ6	
	B	Jaguar XJ12	
	C	Daimler Sovereign 6 cyl 4.2	
	D	Daimler Double Six or Jaguar Sovereign V12	

from	1978/04	
1978	300001	
1979	300171	
1980	311501	approx
1981	324523	approx SAJ/SAD code from approx 327000?
1982	337368	337470 in "Glass's Guide"
1983	355831	355894 in "Glass's Guide"
1983/03	360000	end of manual records

Following information from "Glass's Guide":

1983/09	370458	model change over
1983/11	375742	model change over
1984/01	378916	
1984	400000	chassis number series "jumps"
1984	410001	
1985/01	415940	
1985/08	431602	start of 1986 model year
1986/01	445769	
1986/10	477824	six cylinder models discontinued
1987/01		
1987/09	478383	
1988/01		
1989/01		
1989/09	481680	
1990/01	482992	"millionth" car around 482871 30 Nov 1989?
1990/09	483818	
1991/01	484748	
1992/01	486299	
1992/03	486552	last Jaguar V12
1992/12	487641	last Daimler V12

(487640 was a 'one-off' Jaguar)