



Singer Featherweights

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Dating Your Featherweight

The Singer company has long propounded the myth that it can pinpoint the very day of manufacture of its machines. Not true. The date given as a "birthdate" is simply the day on which vast batches of serial numbers were released to the various factories.

The dates given here are the days on which those batches were started, together with the number of machines in each consignment. By checking when the next batch was started, it's possible to get a fairly accurate date of when any particular machine might have left the assembly line.

No attempt has been made to include data for the white/green machines or the few Featherweights made in Canada as there is no accurate data for these available at the present time.

I cannot guarantee the dates given. They are simply the best available from my records and those supplied by the Singer company.

I'd be pleased to receive any comments or corrections but, please be aware, most of the seeming anomalies come from inaccurate reading of the serial numbers which are, sometimes, poorly stamped.

221 Flatbed Machines

	From	To	No. made	Date
AD-	541546	- 551545	10000	Oct 3 1933
AD-	720746	- 730745	10000	Sept 10 1934
AD-	781846	- 791845	10000	Nov 27 1934
AD-	880156	- 890155	10000	Mar 18 1935
AD-	937406	- 947405	10000	June 24 1935
AD-	996956	- 999999	3044	Sept 23 1935
AE-	000001	- 007000	7000	Sept 23 1935
AE-	054366	- 064365	10000	Dec 30 1935
AE-	076516	- 086515	10000	Mar 25 1936
AE-	207616	- 222615	15000	July 13 1936
AE-	294041	- 309040	15000	Nov 5 1936
AE-	407941	- 422940	15000	Mar 15 1937
AE-	536641	- 556640	20000	June 11 1937
AE-	770591	- 790590	20000	Dec 8 1937
AE-	973541	- 993540	20000	May 24 1938
AF-	070706	- 090705	20000	Oct 10 1938
AF-	161806	- 181805	20000	Feb 15 1939
AF-	244106	- 264105	20000	July 11 1939
AF-	371856	- 391855	20000	Dec 5 1939
AF-	477181	- 497180	20000	Apr 10 1940
AF-	571881	- 596880	25000	Aug 15 1940
AF-	740751	- 760750	20000	Jan 7 1941
AF-	863951	- 883950	20000	Apr 1 1941
AF-	998251	- 999999	1749	July 1 1941
AG-	000001	- 018250	18250	July 1 1941
AG-	526101	- 546100	20000	Sept 19 1945
AG-	602856	- 622855	20000	Feb 18 1946
AG-	689391	- 709390	20000	June 4 1946
AG-	804771	- 824770	20000	Sept 16 1946
AG-	848346	- 858345	10000	Oct 25 1946
AG-	869446	- 889445	20000	Nov 22 1946
AG-	970946	- 990945	20000	Feb 19 1947
AH	050371	- 070370	20000	Apr 22 1947
AH	111971	- 131970	20000	June 26 1947
AH	193771	- 223770	30000	Aug 19 1947
AH	316071	- 346070	30000	Oct 28 1947

AH	413571 - 443570	30000	Jan 22 1948
AH	550921 - 580920	30000	Apr 20 1948
AH	640321 - 670320	30000	June 18 1948
AH	799121 - 829120	30000	Oct 1 1948
AH	973921 - 999999	26079	Dec 9 1948
AJ-	000001 - 013920	13920	Dec 9 1948
AJ-	103721 - 143720	40000	Mar 15 1949
AJ-	189171 - 229170	40000	Nov 18 1949
AJ-	348371 - 388370	40000	Jan 23 1950
AJ-	552721 - 592720	40000	Mar 31 1950
AJ-	615621 - 655620	40000	June 1 1950
AJ-	781321 - 821320	40000	Aug 22 1950
AJ-	887721 - 937720	50000	Oct 26 1950
AK-	071321 - 121320	50000	Jan 29 1951
AK-	389576 - 439575	50000	May 10 1951
AK-	576776 - 626775	50000	Oct 31 1951
AK-	745676 - 795675	50000	Feb 20 1952
AK-	984876 - 999999	15124	Aug 11 1952
AL-	000001 - 034875	34875	Aug 11 1952
AL-	158501 - 208500	50000	Dec 12 1952
AL-	389361 - 439360	50000	May 4 1953
AL-	524941 - 574940	50000	Oct 14 1953
AL-	689041 - 739040	50000	Apr 22 1954
AL-	900891 - 950890	50000	Jan 17 1955
AM-	137761 - 187760	50000	June 10 1955
AM-	361036 - 411035	50000	Feb 27 1956
AM-	652586 - 702585	50000	Jan 29 1957
AM-	771106 - 821105	50000	Sept 27 1957
EE-	152 - 152720	500	Aug 25 1947
EE-	452721 - 453220	500	Dec 24 1947
EE-	573424 - 578423	5000	May 14 1948
EE-	802479 - 807478	5000	Sept 21 1948
EE-	853479 - 863478	10000	Dec 10 1948
EF-	154176 164175	10000	May 23 1949
EF-	278731 288730	10000	Aug 17 1949
EF-	558931 568930	10000	Nov 7 1949
EF-	688016 698015	10000	Feb 14 1950
EF-	700569 710568	10000	Apr 24 1950
EF-	907629 917628	10000	July 19 1950

EG-	072001 - 082000	10000	Oct 9 1950
EG-	302861 - 312860	10000	Dec 18 1950
EG-	343861 - 353860	10000	Feb 15 1951
EG-	433821 - 444820	11000	Mar 29 1951
EG-	637821 - 647820	10000	May 16 1951
EG-	703321 - 713320	10000	July 17 1951
EG-	957781 - 967780	10000	Oct 17 1951
EH-	001027 - 011026	10000	Dec 18 1951
EH-	132547 - 142546	10000	Feb 29 1952
EH-	236097 - 246096	10000	Apr 28 1952
EH-	370347 - 380346	10000	July 22 1952
EH-	625778 - 635777	10000	Oct 8 1952
EH-	890433 - 900432	10000	Mar 4 1953
EJ-	211989 - 216988	5000	Sept 4 1953
EK-	203139 - 213138	10000	Feb 14 1955
EK-	986373 - 991372	5000	Dec 20 1955
EL-	537735 - 542734	5000	June 13 1956
EM-	016257 - 021256	5000	Jan 8 1957
EM-	596007 - 601006	5000	Aug 2 1957
EN-	235134 - 238133	3000	Apr 17 1958
EN-	826834 - 829333	2500	Oct 27 1958
EP-	256021 - 257520	1500	May 18 1959
ES-	170544 - 175543	5000	Nov 3 1960
ES-	239244 - 249243	10000	Jan 10 1961
ES-	648144 - 658143	10000	May 15 1961
ES-	873744 - 883743	10000	Aug 19 1961
ET-	061345 - 071344	10000	Nov 2 1961

222 Frearm Machines

	From	To	No. made	Date
EJ-	142734	- 142833	100	July 23 1953
EJ-	211839	- 211988	150	Sept 2 1953
EJ-	219989	- 220138	150	Sept 22 1953
EJ-	223639	- 223838	200	Oct 1 1953
EJ-	225839	- 226038	200	Oct 14 1953
EJ-	226039	- 226438	400	Oct 21 1953
EJ-	236439	- 236638	200	Oct 29 1953
EJ-	266639	- 271638	5000	Nov 18 1953
EJ-	616272	- 626271	10000	Mar 31 1954
EJ-	908425	- 918424	10000	Sept 10 1954
EK-	319939	- 329938	10000	Mar14 1955
EK-	628163	- 638162	10000	Aug16 1955
EL-	176520	- 186519	10000	Mar 2 1956
EL-	681756	- 686755	5000	Sept 17 1956
EM-	234470	- 239469	5000	Feb 26 1957
EM-	601007	- 606006	5000	Aug 2 1957
EM-	957021	- 962020	5000	Nov 15 1957
EN-	134513	- 139512	5000	Mar17 1958
EP-	131001	- 133500	2500	Mar 3 1959
EP-	541572	- 544071	2500	Sept 22 1959
EP-	758473	- 760972	2500	Dec 18 1959
ER-	022034	- 024533	2500	Mar15 1960
ER-	316034	- 318533	2500	May 30 1960
ER-	900043	- 902542	2500	Sept 7 1960
ES-	165344	- 167843	2500	Oct 19 1960
ES-	352344	- 357343	5000	Jan 31 1961
ES-	522944	- 527943	5000	Mar 30 1961

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