

# Dating Technics SL-1200/1210

## How to read the serial number



### The evolution of serial numbers in chronological order

#### Examples Data

#### SL-1200 Turntable history :

- 1972 - SL-1200 - Europe, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Oceania, North America - Silver only
- 1979 - SL-1200 MK2 - World - Silver
- 1979 - SL-1210 MK2 - Switzerland, Scandinavia, Germany, Holland - Black
- 1989 - SL-1200 MK3 - Japan only - Black
- 1995 - SL-1200 LTD - Europe, Germany, Italy, Great Britain - Black only (ltd. 5000 pcs.)
- 1996 - SL-1200 MK4 - Japan only - Black
- 1997 - SL-1200 MK3D - Japan only - Silver
- 1997 - SL-1200 M3D - USA, Canada - Silver
- 2000 - SL-1200 MK3D - Japan only - Black
- 2000 - SL-1210 M3D - Europe, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Oceania - Black
- 2002 - SL-1200 MK5G - Japan only - Black only
- 2002 - SL-1210 M5G - Europe, Great Britain, Oceania, North America - Black only
- 2002 - SL-1200/1210 MK5 - Europe, Great Britain, Oceania, North America - Silver & Black
- 2004 - SL-1200 GLD - Europe, Great Britain, Oceania, North America - Black only (ltd. 3000 pcs.)
- 2007 - SL-1200 MK6 - Japan only - Black (35th anniversary ltd. 1200pcs.)
- 2008 - SL-1200 MK6 - Japan only - Silver (S) & Black (K)
- 2015 - SL-1200 GAE - World - Silver only, Aluminium brushed finish (50th anniversary ltd. 1200 pcs.)
- 2016 - SL-1200 G - World - Silver only, Aluminium brushed finish
- 2017 - SL-1200/1210 GR - World - Silver & Black with brushed Aluminium finish
- 2019 - SL-1210 MK7 - World - Black
- 2020 - SL-1210 GAE - World - Black only, Aluminium brushed finish (55th anniversary ltd. 1210 pcs.)
- 2020 - SL-1210 MK7R - World - Black only (Red Bull BC One ltd.)
- 2021 - SL-1200 MK7 - World - Silver
- 2021 - SL-1210 G - World - Black only, Aluminium brushed finish
- 2022 - SL-1200 M7L - World - Black, Blue, Red, White, Green, Yellow & Beige (50th anniversary ltd.)
- 2023 - SL-1200/1210 GR2 - World - Silver & Black with brushed Aluminium finish

#### Identifying and observations :

- The serial number is generally found on a white label located either on the back of the deck or on the bottom for the older versions.
- Old format serial numbers begin with DA, NH, MJ, MU, AG, CG.
- GE and NH format use the same reading method.
- CG, AG, MJ, MU and DA format use the same reading method.
- In earlier versions, the rubber base cover comes as one piece. It is more hollow and there is a full access to the bottom tonearm cover. Also the dust cover hinges had a thin slot. The decals are much thinner.
- In the back of the tonearm there is a hole with a rubber cap on it. Pitch slider had 3 legs on each side instead of 4 for the later models. The PCB boards had a dark brown color.
- Around 2000 a cutout appeared in the chassis, under the platter in the 9 to 11 o'clock positions.
- Post 2000, PCB main board connectors changed to different type and white color.
- Around 2008, a complete date of manufacture is stamped on the tonearm base cover.
- Post 2015, brass-milled, gold-plated phono and ground terminals for detachable cables are provided below the tonearm.
- AC input terminal for pluggable power cable.
- Dip switch under the platter allows for LED colour setting, reverse playback setting, 78 rpm setting, torque and brake setting.
- Post 2019, the S-shape tonearm is black on 1210 models and mostly anodised gold on limited edition models.
- GR2 models with improved motor-drive circuit centered on the newly developed ΔΣ-Drive (Delta Sigma Drive)

#### SL-1200 examples of serial numbers chronology :

