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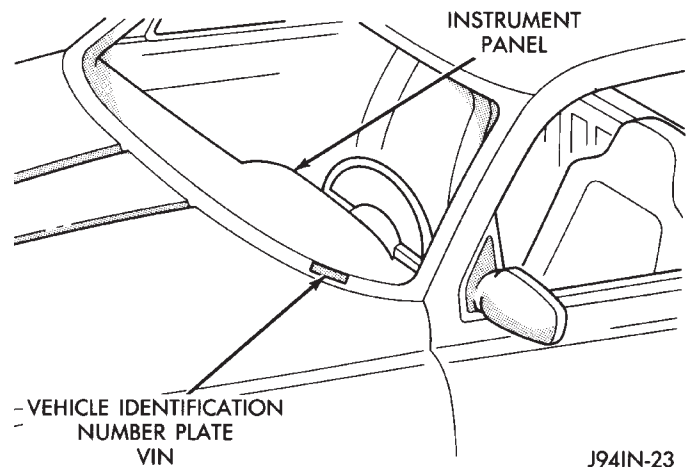
GENERAL INFORMATION

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate is located on the lower windshield fence near the left A-pillar (Fig. 1). The VIN contains 17 characters that provide data concerning the vehicle. Refer to the VIN decoding chart to determine the identification of a vehicle.

The Vehicle Identification Number is also imprinted on the:

- Body Code Plate.
- Equipment Identification Plate.
- Vehicle Safety Certification Label.
- Frame rail.



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Fig. 1 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Location

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To protect the consumer from theft and possible fraud the manufacturer is required to include a Check Digit at the ninth position of the Vehicle Identification Number. The check digit is used by the

manufacturer and government agencies to verify the authenticity of the vehicle and official documentation. The formula to use the check digit is not released to the general public.

POSITION	INTERPRETATION	CODE = DESCRIPTION
1	Country of Origin	1 = United States 3 = Mexico
2	Make	B = Dodge
3	Vehicle Type	4 = Multipurpose Passenger 5 = Bus 6 = Incomplete 7 = Truck
4	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	H = 6001-7000 J = 7001-8000 K = 8001-9000 L = 9001-10,000 M = 10,001-14,000 W = Hydraulic Brakes
5	Vehicle Line	C = Ram Cab Chassis/Ram Pick Up (4x2) F = Ram Cab Chassis/Ram Pick Up (4x4)
6	Series	1 = 1500 2 = 2500 3 = 3500
7	Body Style	2 = Club Cab 3 = Quad Cab 6 = Conventional Cab/Cab Chassis
8	Engine	6 = 5.9L 6cyl. 24 Valve Diesel D = 5.9L 6cyl. 12 Valve Diesel W = 8.0L 10 cyl. MPI X = 3.9L 6 cyl. MPI Y = 5.2L 8 cyl. MPI Z = 5.9L 8 cyl. MPI-LDC 5 = 5.9L 8cyl. MPI-HDC
9	Check Digit	
10	Model Year	W = 1998
11	Plant Location	J = St. Louis North S = Dodge City G = Saltillo M = Lago Alberto Assembly
12 thru 17	Vehicle Build Sequence	