



## LOTUS ENGINEERING

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The statement "All Lotus Europa Type 74 cars with a full VIN (as shown on the bulkhead plate) beginning with the digits 73 and suffixed R were manufactured in 1973" would seem to be correct. The first four characters denoted the year and month of manufacture ie 7301 = January 1973, the R denotes a Federal (USA) specification vehicle. It would appear that back in 1972/74 the vehicles VIN changed on the 1st January.

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