



## FAQ's

***Q. My guitar says NJ, is it made in new jersey?***

A. No, the NJ's are imports, which were originally made in Nagoya Japan, hence where the NJ comes from, currently made in Korea.

***Q. My guitar has a single "r" on the headstock, it must be USA made right?***

A. Nope, Japan produced some of these also along with bolt on necks which also had the "r"

***Q. How can I check if its a USA or import?***

A. Generally all the imports will be, marked bronze, platinum, NJ etc series on the headstock although there are some which just say bc rich and nothing else.

If you suspect it's a USA then call the factory with the serial number.

***Q. Where can I find the serial number for my USA guitar?***

A. Normally on the rear of the headstock or on the last fret.

***Q. It says la California on the back plate so it must be USA?***

A. Nope, this is just a licensing plate, most of the bolt on guitars have them, including the imports.

***Q. How can I date it?***

A. No records are available for import guitars and accurate dating can only be done by calling someone at bc rich where the records are held.

Sadly all the import records were lost in a flood some years ago so only USA's are dateable.

As a rough guide when they started the serial numbers they were sequential, e.g., 74001 would be the first guitar made in 1974.

Production stepped up and by around the 1980 point the numbers were around 2 years ahead and by 85-87 they were about 4 years ahead, e.g., 87001 was probably made around 1983.

When Bernie took the company back in 1995 the numbers regained a logical course so if you have 97001 it was the first guitar made in 1997.

***Q. How old could it be then?***

A. Seagulls appeared in 72 in a prototype form, mockingbirds in 77, eagles in 76, warlock in

81,ironbird,wave,stealth and widow in 83,assasin in 86,st3,gunslinger,outlaw and innovator bass in 87,ignitor and vee (prototype) in 95 and beasts in 99.

***Q. What is class axe?***

A. Class axe were a company who had the rights to make BC rich guitars between 89-93 while Bernie had a holiday.

***Q. How can I tell a class axe?***

A. There are a few ways, mainly all the imports have a "tm" sign next to the BC rich on the headstock, the USA's ran sequential serial numbers so if you have 92001 the its a 1992.

***Q. Is my acoustic a USA or import?***

A. Any model that begins with a rw or bw is an import, the rw's although were made in Japan and were superb guitars, rw standing for rosewood.

Most others like the b28's, bc65d's, b38's etc are all made in the USA. If you have a semi acoustic warlock etc, then chances are that it'll be a class axe guitar.

Mag (mockingbird acoustics are USA made up until this point (Aug 2001) but there is talk of an import coming out along with slimline versions of mockingbird and warlock acoustics and a full sized eagle acoustic but these are just rumours at present.

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