

Narva Date Scheme

Months are laid out as per table below. The letter “I” is a “quarter stamp” marker – the number of “I’s” denotes the quarter, and is *never* used to denote the year.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
IIIJJJ	IIIJJ	IIIJ	IIJJJ	IIJJ	IIJ	IJJJ	IJJ	IJ	JJJ	JJ	J

Year letters listed below: Using the table above, replace “J” with the year letter, in the number that it appears on the tube etch, making sure to match the number of “I’s” as well for example May 2006 would appear as II CC

Year	Letter	Actual Lamp Observations
1991	N	Polamp Brand – Older Cap
1992	O	No Specimens
1993	P	Etch C
1994	Q	Etch C
1995	R	Polamp Brand
1996	S	Etch C
1997	T	Etch C
1998	U	Etch C
1999	V	Etch C
2000	W	Etch C
2001	X	Etch C
2002	Y	Etch C
2003	Z	Etch C
2004	A	Crompton Brand
2005	B	No Specimens
2006	C	Etch B
2007	D	Etch B
2008	E	Etch B
2009	F	Etch B
2010	G	Etch B
2011	H	Etch B all of III, then Etch A
2012	J	Etch A
2013	K	Etch A
2014	L	Etch A
2015	M	

Four stamps used each year

1st Quarter III

2nd Quarter II

3rd Quarter I

4th Quarter No marker

Three year letters on each quarterly stamp, one is removed each month.

Current etch A appears the newest, and placing lamps in order suggested by the month table pinpoints a change of etch in the second quarter of 2011 on all European lamps.

Etch A:

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LT36W/015 red2
www.narva-bel.de CE Crossed Bin
Made in Germany III JJJ

Etch B:

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LT30W/640-020 cool white
www.narva-bel.de Crossed Bin
CE Made in Germany I D

Etch C:

NARVA

LT15W/025 universalwhite
CE Made in Germany III YYY