

ELMA 1934-2000

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1934					05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
1935	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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1938	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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1999	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
2000	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

ELMA stands for English Lamp Manufacturers' Association. They agreed a code in May 1934 to run on a 96-month (eight-year) cycle. This code was used to date the following lamps for the following periods.

Philips	1934-1963
Crompton	1934-2000 (lamps made in UK <i>except</i> by Philips from the 1970s)
Osram GEC	1934-1957
BTH Mazda	1934-1963*
Siemens	1934-end of brand
Ediswan	1934-end of brand
Metrovick	1934-end of brand

Other lamp manufacturers' brands will be added to this list as data is collated.

\* Thorn (Atlas Mazda Ekco) deployed a system similar to Elma but two years *behind* from the 60s through to 2005. This code seldom appeared on lamps but was used on outer cartons of lamps, occasionally appearing on GLS and decorative tungsten lamps in the 1970s/80s. Correct dates on Thorn's code are obtained by shifting the year back by two on this table – e.g. the code for 1982 on Elma refers to 1984 on Thorn.