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Kodak Edge Codes

The following table has compiled by Robin Williams of the East Anglian Film Archive. Codes are located outside the perforations of Kodak motion picture film stock and refer to the date the film was manufactured. When possible, codes are taken from Eastman Kodak documentation. When Kodak lists are not available, alternative markings have been established by examining films with known dates.

When attempting to arrive at a plausible date for a given stock mark, bear in mind the following variable factors:

The dates refer only to the date the film was manufactured and may have been exposed at a later date.

Films are often not stored in their original boxes.

Films of different dates are often edited together at a later date

The “expose by” date on the original box is about two years after the date of manufacture.

Inscriptions on boxes are helpful but may be inaccurate.

This is a work in progress from the East Anglian Film Archive and should not be considered a definitive list.

8mm

	US	UK
1932	●	
1933 January to June	■	◐
1933 July to December	▲	└
1934 January to June	●●	—
1934 July to December	■■	◐◐
1935 January to June	▲▲	└└
1935 July to December	●■	— —
1936 January to June	●▲	◐└
1936 July to December	▲■	—└
1937 January to June	▲●	└◐
1937 July to December	■●	└—
1938 January to June	■▲	—◐
1938 July to December	++	◐—
1939 January to June	+●	+
1939 July to December	+■	++
1940 January to June	+▲	+◐
1940 July to December	●+	+└
1941 January to June	■+	+—
1941 July to December	▲+	◐+

Date codes from 1942 to 1953 have been determined by cross-referencing ten film collections of the period, comparing them with symbol sequences from previous and subsequent decades. This list is not reliable for the purpose of absolute accuracy, but is intended for guidance only, in the absence of a definitive list from Kodak.

1942	+ (uncertain)	└— (possible)		
1943	◐ (possible)			
1944	■■ (uncertain)			
1945	— — (uncertain)	+ — (possible)		
1946	◐+ (possible)	◐└ (possible)	▲■ (possible)	
1947	└— (probable)	▲● (probable)	■● (probable)	
1948	+ (probable)	++ (possible)	◐— (possible)	■▲ (possible)
1949	+◐ (probable)	+■ (possible)	+● (possible)	
1950	+└ (probable)	●+ (possible)		
1951	■+ (probable)	▲+ (possible)		
1952	+ (probable)			
1953	■ (probable)			

Kodak documentation exists for date codes from 1954 to 1954 but alternative marking systems have also been determined, based upon the examination of film collections.

	Established	Alternative
1954	●●	■ ■ (probable)
1955	▲▲	● ■ (probable)
1956	●▲	▲ ■ (possible)
1957	▲●	■ ● (probable)
1958	■▲	++ (possible)
1959	+●	+ ■ (possible)
1960	+▲	■ ■ (possible)
1961	■+	▲▲ (possible)
1962	+	● ■ (probable)
1963	■	●▲ (probable)
1964	●●	▲ ■ (probable)

After 1964 symbols are the same as for 16mm NOTE: Super 8 production began in 1965

1965	■●
1966	▲●
1967	■▲
1968	++
1969	+
1970	▲+
1971	●+
1972	■+
1973	+▲
1974	+●
1975	+■
1976	●
1977	■
1978	▲
1979	●●
1980	■ ■
1981	▲▲
1982	●■×
1983	×▲×
1984	▲■▲
1985	■●▲
1986	▲●▲
1987	■▲▲
1988	++▲
1989	×+▲
1990	▲+▲
1991	×+×
1992	■+▲
1993	+▲▲

1994	+●▲
1995	+■▲
1996	×●▲
1997	×■▲
1998	×▲▲
1999	●×▲
2000	■ ■▲
2001	▲▲●
2002	●■●
2003	●▲●
2004	▲■●
2005	■●●
2006	▲●●
2007	■▲●
2008	++●
2009	×+●
2010	▲+●
2011	●+●
2012	■+●
2013	+▲●
2014	+●●
2015	+●■
2016	×●●
2017	×●■
2018	×▲●
2019	●●●
2020	■ ■●
2021	▲▲▲

16mm

	US	UK	CANADA	FRANCE	GERMANY
1925	■●	☪	●L		
1926	▲●	☪	●☪		
1927	■▲	L☪	●☪		
1928	●●●	L☪	L●		
1929	+	+	☪●		
1930	▲+	☪☪	☪●		
1931	●+	☪L	◆		
1932	■+	☪☪	◆●		
1933	☪▲	☪☪	◆☪		
1934	☪●	L☪	◆L	☪☪☪	■■
1935	☪■	☪+	◆☪	☪■☪	●■●
1936	●	☪	●L	■☪☪	■●●
1937	■	L	●☪	☪☪■	●●■
1938	▲	☪	●☪	■☪☪	■●■
1939	●●	☪☪	L●	☪■	■●●
1940	■■	LL	☪●		
1941	▲▲	☪☪	☪●		
1942	●■	☪L	◆		
1943	●▲	☪L	◆●		
1944	▲■	☪☪	◆☪		
1945	■●	☪☪	◆L		
1946	▲●	L☪	◆☪		
1947	■▲	L☪	●L		
1948	●●●	+	●☪		
1949	+	☪☪	●☪		
1950	▲+	L	L●		

1951	●+
1952	■+
1953	☪▲
1954	☪●
1955	☪■
1956	●
1957	■
1958	▲
1959	●●
1960	■■
1961	▲▲
1962	●■
1963	●▲
1964	▲■

1965	■●
1966	▲●
1967	■▲
1968	☪☪
1969	+
1970	▲+
1971	●+
1972	■+
1973	☪▲
1974	☪●
1975	☪■
1976	●
1977	■
1978	▲

1979	●●
1980	■■
1981	▲▲
1982	●■×
1983	×▲×
1984	▲■▲
1985	■●▲
1986	▲●▲
1987	■▲▲
1988	++▲
1989	×+▲
1990	▲+▲
1991	×+×
1992	■+▲
1993	+▲▲
1994	+●▲
1995	+■▲
1996	×●▲
1997	×■▲
1998	×▲▲
1999	●×▲
2000	■■▲

2001	▲▲●
2002	●■●
2003	●▲●
2004	▲■●
2005	■●●
2006	▲●●
2007	■▲●
2008	++●
2009	×+●
2010	▲+●
2011	●+●
2012	■+●
2013	+▲●
2014	+●●
2015	+■●
2016	×●●
2017	×■●
2018	×▲●
2019	●●●
2020	■■●
2021	▲▲▲