



## Identification – Tattoos, Tags & Microchips

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This is where the most problems occur with registration applications so we'll go into some detail here. Before we begin, here are a few items to note:

1. No two animals, regardless of percentage, can be tattooed exactly alike.
2. All animals must have permanent (tattoo, microchip) identification in order to be registered. Microchips are not external, and tags are not permanent please tattoo.
3. Right and left are determined by standing behind the animals.
4. Old tattoos can sometimes be read by wetting and shining a light through the ear.
5. The ABGA does not recommend ear notches – as ID.

### **Tattoos: Right ear = Herd Prefix Left ear = Year code and animal's number**

Confused? OK, if the animal has a tattoo and you can read it, write the existing tattoo on the application and go on.

If the animal has not been tattooed or it is illegible, tattoo your herd prefix in his Right ear ( you can't use someone else's prefix without their written permission) and in the Left ear tattoo the letter that stands for the year they were born followed by this animal's identifying number.

All goats presented for registration must be permanently identified by tattooing before application for registration is made. A breeder must not use the same permanent markings on more than one animal during a 20 year period. The breeders Herd prefix should be placed in the Right Ear and the Year letter and breeder assigned number in the Left Ear. (For example the first 3 kids born in 1998 to breeder with herd prefix of XYZ should be tattooed as follows: (Right XYZ Left ear K1: Right ear XYZ Left ear K2: Right ear XYZ left ear K3.) Year letters are assigned as follows:

2015-E	2016-F	2017-G	2018-H	2019-J	2020-K	2021-L
2022-M	2023-N	2024-P	2025-R	2026-R	2027-S	2028-T
2029-V	2030-W	2031-X	2032-Y	2033-Z	2034-A	2035-B

The digits I, O, Q and U are not used.

If by accident the animal is tattooed incorrectly, please fill out application exactly as the animal is tattooed. We all make mistakes sometimes, but the certificate must reflect the animal's actual identification.