

## Technical Information regarding PZN Coding - Check Digit Calculations -

### Check digit calculation for the PZN

The check digit of the PZN is calculated based on Modulo 11. Each digit of the PZN is weighted with a different factor from one to nine. The sum is formed across the products and divided by 11.

The whole number remainder is the check digit.

If the remainder is the number 10, this digit sequence is not used as PZN.

Example - Formation of the check digit of a PZN:

For the PZN with the digit sequence of “2758089”, the check digit “9” is calculated as follows:

PZN	1st digit	2nd digit	3rd digit	4th digit	5th digit	6th digit	7th digit	check digit	
	2	7	5	8	0	8	9	9	
Weighting factor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Product from digit and weighting factor	2	14	15	32	0	48	63		
Sum	174								
Division	174 / 11 = 15 Remainder 9								

As a result, the complete PZN is: 27580899.

### Check digit calculation for the PPN

The check digit of the PPN is calculated based on Modulo 97. In the process, the decimal values of the ASCII table from 00 to 127 are assigned to the characters of the PPN. Each digit of the PPN is weighted with a factor. The product of the ASCII decimal values are added up and divided by 97. As a numerical value, the remainder forms the two-digit check digit from 00 to 99. A one-digit remainder is filled with a leading zero. The remainder is adopted as a numerical value and not represented by the corresponding ASCII character.

Therefore it is ensured that the check digit of the PPN consists of digits only. As a result, numeric sequences also remain numeric.

The weighting of the digits starts on the left with two and increases by one for each following digit. This algorithm provides the check digit for both purely numeric and alphanumeric PPNs.

[To the IFA PPN Check Digit Generator.](#)

For additional information on the PZN and PPN, see [www.ifaffm.de](http://www.ifaffm.de)

Example - Check digit generation for a PPN:

For the German market, the PPN contains the 8-digit PZN with the preceding Product Registration Agency Code (PRA Code) “11”. For the PPN with PRA Code “11” and PZN “03752864”, the check digit is calculated as follows:

PPN	PRA Code		PZN								check digits PPN	
	1	1	0	3	7	5	2	8	6	4	1	4
ASCII character value	49	49	48	51	55	53	50	56	54	52		
Weighting factor	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Product from decimal value and weighting factor	98	147	192	255	330	371	400	504	540	572		
Sum	3409											
Division	3409 / 97 = 35 remainder 14											

The check digit is the numeric remainder 14 and represents the last two digits of the PPN. As a result, this is the complete PPN: 110375286414.