

# MacBook Pro: How to find the serial number

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## Summary

Learn how to find the serial number of your MacBook Pro.

## Products Affected

MacBook Pro

You can find your serial number in several places:

- In Mac OS X
- On the surface of the computer
- On the original product packaging
- On the original receipt (or invoice)

## In Mac OS X

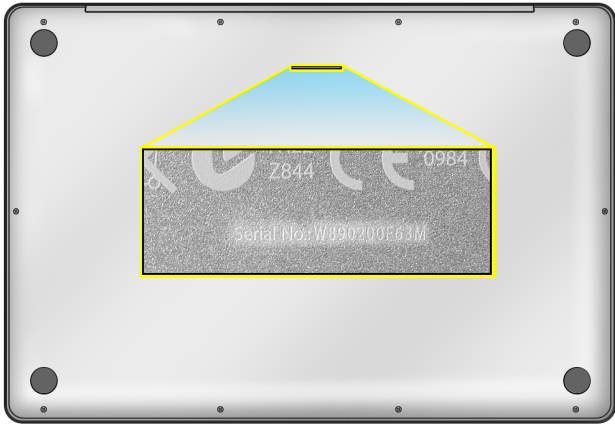
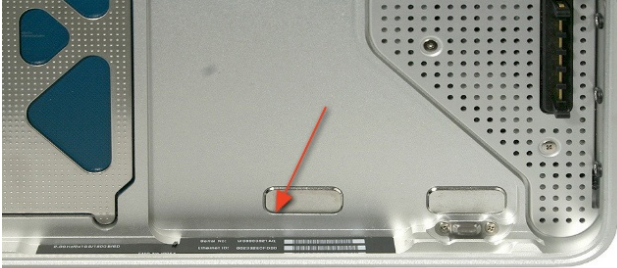

On most computers with Mac OS X, you can find the serial number in the About This Mac window.

**Note:** A limited number of MacBook Pro computers shipped with a different serial number on the computer label than the one that appears in the About This Mac window. If the About This Mac window says that the computer's serial number is something like 23456VJ0LL, follow the instructions in the next section to check the serial number in the battery bay—if the two differ, use the serial number in the battery bay instead of the one in About This Mac. MacBook Pro computers of model MA463LL/A with serial numbers W8612xxxxxx may be affected.

## On the surface of the computer

Depending on your model of computer, you can find the serial number either on the back of the case or inside the battery bay.

Model	Instructions
MacBook Pro (13-inch, Early 2011) MacBook Pro (15-inch, Early 2011) MacBook Pro (17-inch, Early 2011)	The serial number for these models is laser etched on the back of the computer, just below the agency approval icons.

<p>MacBook Pro (15-inch, Mid 2010)  MacBook Pro (17-inch, Mid 2010)  MacBook Pro (13-inch, Mid 2009)  MacBook Pro (15-inch, 2.53GHz, Mid 2009)  MacBook Pro (15-inch, Mid 2009)  MacBook Pro (17-inch, Mid 2009)  MacBook Pro (17-Inch, Early 2009)</p>	 <p>The image shows the back of a silver MacBook Pro. A yellow rectangular box highlights a label in the center. The label contains the text 'Z844' and '0984' at the top, and 'Serial No.: W090200F63M' in the center.</p>
<p>MacBook Pro (15-inch, Late 2008)</p>	<p>Turn off the computer and open the computer's battery bay. For instructions, refer to How to remove or install the battery.</p> <p>The serial number and Ethernet ID (also called a MAC address) are located on the front wall of the battery bay, as shown in the image below.</p>  <p>The image shows the front wall of the battery bay. A red arrow points to a small rectangular label on the wall. The label contains the serial number and Ethernet ID.</p>
<p>MacBook Pro (17-inch, Late 2008)  MacBook Pro (15-inch, 2.4/2.2GHz)  MacBook Pro (17-inch 2.4GHz)  MacBook Pro (15-inch, Core 2 Duo)  MacBook Pro (17-inch, Core 2 Duo)  MacBook Pro (15-inch, Glossy)  MacBook Pro (17-inch)  MacBook Pro (Original)</p>	<p>Turn off the computer and open the computer's battery bay. For detailed steps, refer to How to remove or install the battery.</p> <p>The serial number and Ethernet ID (also called a MAC address) are located on the bottom of the computer, underneath the battery in the battery bay, as shown in the image below.</p>  <p>The image shows the bottom of the computer with the battery bay open. A yellow rectangular box highlights a label on the bottom wall of the bay. The label contains the serial number and Ethernet ID.</p>

### On the original product packaging

If you still have the original packaging for your MacBook Pro, you can find the serial number on the barcode label that is affixed to the packaging.

### On the original receipt (or invoice)

Some retailers may include the serial number of your MacBook Pro on the receipt.

### Additional Information

Learn how to find the serial number on other Apple hardware products.



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