

## Type Designations for Volvo P1800 and 1800S with B18 Engine

The type designation consists of six digits, each with a specific meaning.

### Meaning of the Digits in the Type Designation

Position	Meaning	Details
P	Passenger Car	The type designation always starts with "P" for passenger car.
First digit (1)	Body Type	All P1800 cars have the number 1 here.
Second digit (8)	Model	8 stands for the P1800 model.
Third digit (2 or 3)	Engine Variant	Originally, 2 stood for the B18B engine. Due to early problems with this engine, 2 may have referred to the B16B in some early cars. However, at the time of the 1961 sales launch, all cars had the B18B engine. Later, 2 was changed to 3, also referring to the B18B engine.
Fourth digit (9, 3 or 4)	Market or Specification	9 = Assembly kit shipped to an assembly plant abroad (e.g., England). 3 = Special version for all markets, except USA . 4 = US specification.
Fifth digit (4 or 5)	Gearbox	4 = 4-speed manual. 5 = 4-speed manual with overdrive.
Sixth digit	Left- or Right-Hand Drive	This digit was introduced after week 32, 1966. Before that, left- or right-hand drive was indicated with "V" or "H" after the type designation. 1=LHD “=RHD

### Additional Information

- Overdrive became standard in 1965. Therefore, the M40 (4-speed without overdrive) is not included in later model years.
- Exceptions may exist, especially for right-hand drive cars in the US market.