Miata VIN Decoder

0 = HIROSHIMA
1 = HOFU
CAR NUMBER

JM1NB3538Y0153757

J = JAPAN

M = MAZDA

1 = CAR

NA = MODEL M1

NB = MODEL M2

NC = MODEL M3

35 = CONVERTIBLE (90-95)

25 = CONVERTIBLE (96-9X)

1 = 1.6 DOHC B6P 1597 CC (90-93)

3 = 1.8 DOHC BP   1839 CC (94-05)

4 = 1.8 DOHC MASDASPEED (04-0X)

F = 2.0 DOHC L4 1992 CC (06-0X)

CHECK DIGIT—NO MEANING

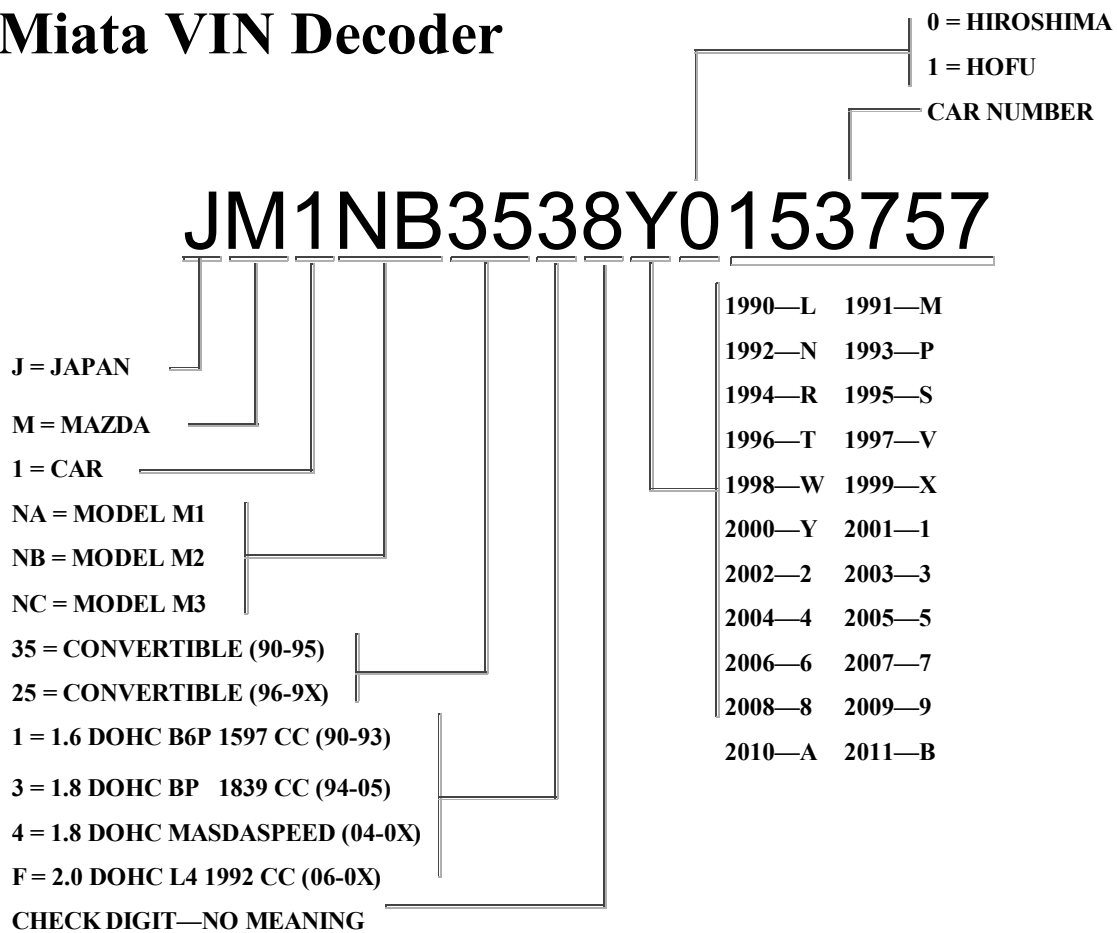|	
1990—L	1991—M
1992—N	1993—P
1994—R	1995—S
1996—T	1997—V
1998—W	1999—X
2000—Y	2001—1
2002—2	2003—3
2004—4	2005—5
2006—6	2007—7
2008—8	2009—9
2010—A	2011—B

Here is an explanation of how to read your VIN number based on my VIN number shown above, a 2000 Highlight Silver base model. For Mazda cars and trucks there could be all sorts of other codes, but for a Miata, these are the only ones used, some for obvious reasons e.g. all Miata's are convertibles.

J - Country of Origin, J = Japan
M - Car Manufacture, M = Mazda
1 - Vehicle type,1 is for cars, 2 is for trucks, & 3 for MPVs etc. (All Miata's are cars)
NB - Model Generation NA = M1 built from 90-98, NB = M2 from 99-05, NC = M3 from 06-0x
35 - is the code for convertible body (90-05), 25 - is the code for convertible body (06-0X)
3 - Engine size, 1 = 1.6 liter, (90-93) 3 = 1.8 liter (94-05), 4 = 1.8 liter Turbo(04-0x), F = 2.0 liter (06-0x)
8 - is a check digit, 0 thru Z, but has no meaning
Y - Model Year Y is for a 2000 (yes there are a few W 's out there)

1990=L	1995=S	2000=Y	2005=5
1991=M	1996=T	2001=1	2006=6
1992=N	1997=V	2002=2	2007=7
1993=P	1998=W	2003=3	2008=8
1994=R	1999=X	2004=4	2009=9
2010=A	2011=B		

0 - **Manufacturing Plant. 1990 and all Miata's after 1993 have a 0 and 1991-1993's have a 0 or a 1 for Hofu, but according to Mazda Information Center in Japan, *all* Miata's have always been built in Hiroshima and no where else.**
153757 - is the car production number, each new model year starts with 100000, so this was the 53757th. car built in 2000.

My VIN says I have a 2000 Mazda Miata, built at the Hiroshima Japan Plant, it is a second generation M2 with a 1.8 engine and it's a convertible. Bottom line, except for the year of the car, all the other information in the VIN is obvious. The VIN has no information about model (LS or Base), specific factory options or packages nor the car's color.