



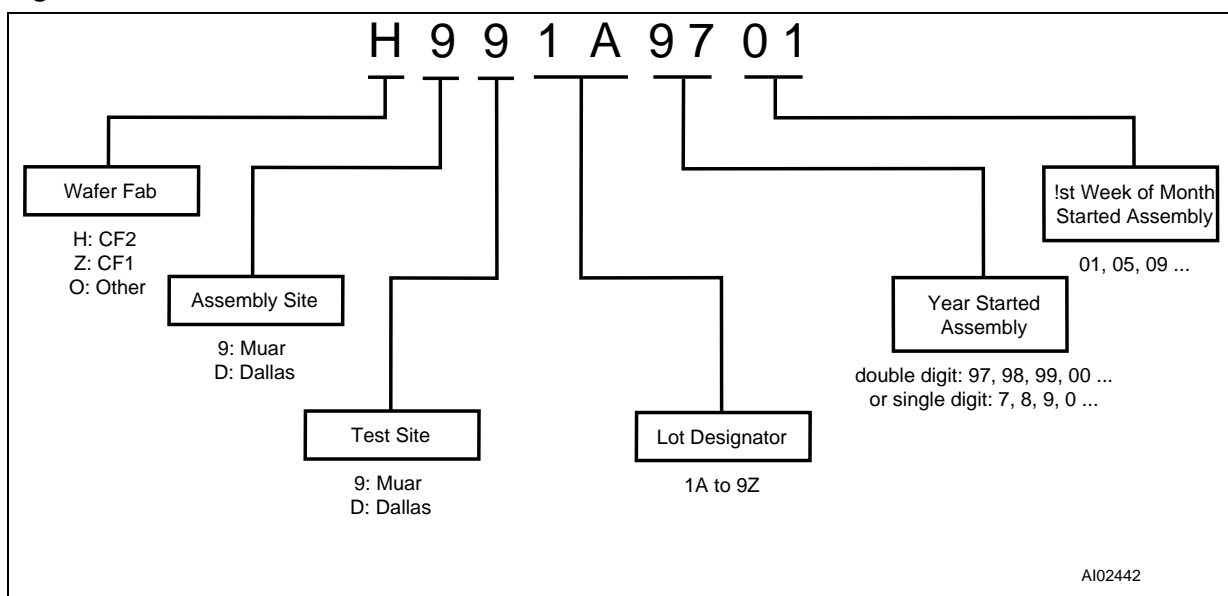
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Brand Traceability with NVRAM and TIMEKEEPER®

To insure traceability to specific assembly and test operations, ST clearly brands a date code on every device, and also an encapsulation code on Caphat™ products.

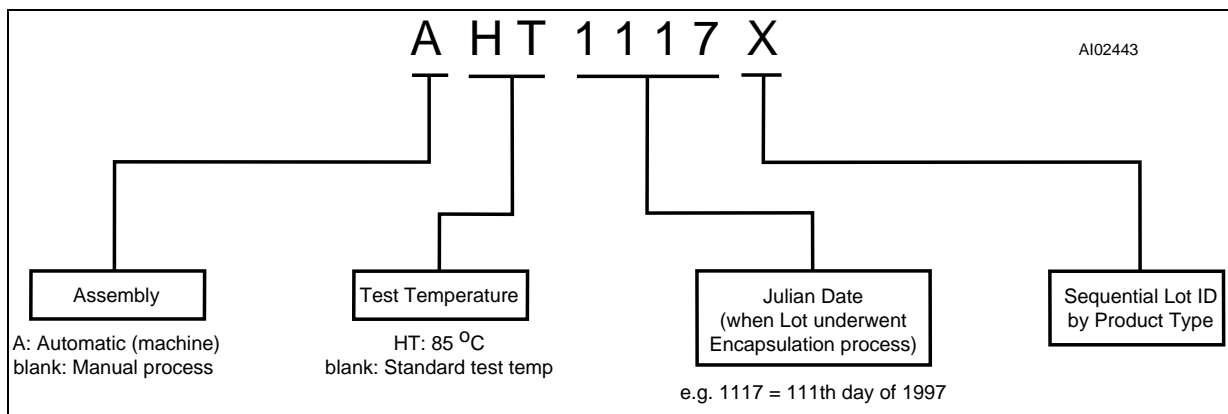
The 9-character date code (Figure 1) is positioned at the top of the label, beside the ST logo. This presents a complete facility identification, as well as a final-test time-line of the device's manufacturing process.

Figure 1. Date Code



The 5- to 8-character encapsulation code (Figure 2) is positioned at the end of the device and is placed perpendicularly to the date code. It summarises details of the encapsulation process.

Figure 2. Encapsulation Code (CAPHAT only)



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