

How to locate your winches Gypsy number for identification

Winches are designed to take a range of chains, the range is usually quite small. What chain your winch requires is dictated by the gypsy fitted to it. Gypsies are also designed to take a specific physical size of chain. When you see a winch described as say 'Good for 8,10 and 11mm chains' that means the winch will run any of those chains well AS LONG AS THE GYPSY FITTED IS MATCHED TO THE CHAIN. It's like a car in you need to match the tyre size to the wheel size or bad stuff happens.

If the chain and winch gypsy do not match the chain you will get excess wear, fast wear, jamming, skipping, jumping and other not good things which will lead to your wallet a lot faster than is needed, worse case it could do serious damage to boat and crew. So matching chain to the gypsy is very important.

The 'Gypsy' is also known as a 'Chain wheel', 'Wildcat', 'Sprocket thingy', 'Chog' and a few others.

- Most gypsies have some identification, the odd older one doesn't.
- Some identification is the actual chain size the gypsy is designed for
- On some it is a code of which we have all the databases for.
- Some identification may also be a part number, we have those as well.
- On some gypsies you do need to search for it
- Years of work can wear or cover the identification so you may need to wire brush or similar



The format of the identification will be along the lines of - **P30, 6249, 002, 500M, 99, 8mm, 3/8**
There are quite a few options and most will look similar to those examples.

If you can find us that number we can make sure the correct match happens.

Any questions or whatever just contact us, we share the same bays as you so we're happy to help.