

The people. The point of view.



THE BEGINNING

Hubert de Givenchy

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FOUNDED

1952

ORIGIN

Paris, France

WHY THE DETAILS MATTER

Givenchy product labels and retail records use style/product references. In addition, Givenchy's current care and repair guidance asks for a serial number from the back of the Givenchy leather tag inside an authentic handbag and a serial number stamped inside footwear when processing service requests. Treat those as category-specific identifiers, not a public date-decoding formula. Before 'decoding' anything, identify what kind of identifier it is: RN/business ID, style/article number, size code, supplier/production reference, serial, date mark, season code, inventory barcode, RFID/NFC or digital passport. Different identifier types answer different questions and are not interchangeable.

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Names, lines & relationships

Givenchy Parent House / Mainline Women's and men's ready-to-wear, couture heritage, leather goods, shoes and accessories.	1952
Parfums Givenchy / Givenchy Beauty Beauty and fragrance division Fragrance, cosmetics and beauty.	
Givenchy Kids Children's category / line Children's fashion and accessories.	

Givenchy main fashion house → Givenchy Parfums / Beauty → Givenchy Kids category.

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A story in chapters

1952

Givenchy

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COLLECTION CONTEXT

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04 / A WORKED EXAMPLE FROM OUR CATALOG

Read the label. Find the details.



THE COMPLETE ITEM

GIVENCHY Size 32 Dark Navy Denim Black Stripe Bar Jeans

Marked size = the item’s original label. As a US company, Sui Generis lists a US size comparison; use the relevant brand/category chart and actual measurements to check fit.

THE LABEL / MARKING DETAIL



01 / WHAT YOU CAN READ

GIVENCHY · PARIS

02 / HOW TO USE IT

The sewn label is the primary house-name record in this photo. Keep the loose retail tags as additional evidence with their attachment and full wording visible.

03 / WHAT TO CHECK NEXT

PARIS is branding here. A separate manufacturing and care label is needed before recording country, fiber percentages or a production reference.

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SIZING / HOW TO READ OUR CATALOG

Marked size & your US size

The marked size is the size printed on the item's original label. Sui Generis is a US company, so our catalog uses a US size comparison to help our customers shop. A US listing size may therefore differ from the number on the designer's tag; it does not change the item's original marked size.

READ THE SIZING SYSTEM

FR or F means French; IT, I or ITA means Italian; JP means Japanese; UK or GB means British; US or USA means United States. D or DE means German. EU (or UE on some labels) denotes a European size where the relevant brand and category chart uses it. French and Italian clothing numbers are not interchangeable, and a manufacturing country does not identify a sizing system.

JAPANESE & BRAND NUMBERED SIZES

Some Japanese designers use their own numbered sizes, such as 1, 2 or 3. These are brand sizes, not automatically US sizes or a universal Japanese conversion. Use the chart for the specific brand, line and item.

MATCH THE CATEGORY. CHECK THE MEASUREMENTS.

When a tag prints several national sizes, retain the brand's own size table instead of substituting a generic conversion. Women's clothing, men's tailoring and footwear need different charts. Letter sizes, denim and accessories also need their own fit information. Compare the original marking, the relevant chart and actual measurements. Vintage fit, alterations and cut can change the fit; a US comparison is a guide, not a guarantee.

If the sizing system or original marking cannot be confirmed from the available photograph, we say so rather than assigning a country or inventing a conversion.

REFERENCE READING

Nordstrom: designer clothing conversion reference

Maison Margiela: category-specific size guide

Yohji Yamamoto: measuring garments

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