

The people. The point of view.



THE BEGINNING

Neil Barrett

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FOUNDED

1999

ORIGIN

Milan, Italy

WHY THE DETAILS MATTER

Style/product references on care labels and retail records can identify model, print and season. Use exact codes for matching and do not assume they are unique serials or dates unless a reliable source documents the format. 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. Read the Neil Barrett care label literally before trying to date it.

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Names, lines & relationships

Neil Barrett1999

Parent designer label / mainline

Menswear, womenswear, outerwear, footwear and accessories.

BLACKBARRETT by Neil Barrett

Diffusion / sportswear-activewear line

Casual sportswear, activewear, footwear and accessories.

Neil Barrett mainline is the parent designer label. BLACKBARRETT by Neil Barrett is an archive-relevant diffusion/sportswear identity with multiple phases, including earlier Asian-market product and a 2017 global activewear relaunch.

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A story in chapters

1999

Neil Barrett

House origins · Neil Barrett

COLLECTION CONTEXT

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04 / A WORKED EXAMPLE FROM OUR CATALOG

Read the label. Find the details.



THE COMPLETE ITEM

NEIL BARRETT Size M Gray Glenplaid Wool Blend Fedora Hat

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

NEIL BARRETT · made in Italy

02 / HOW TO USE IT

The brown label gives the house name and manufacturing wording. Record the country as printed and retain the label’s position within the garment.

03 / WHAT TO CHECK NEXT

The smaller adjacent markings need a close, focused photograph. Do not derive composition or a collection year from the name label alone.

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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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