Kenwood serial numbers come in 2 formats.

The original format used from the initial production up until approx. August 2008 is as follows:
All numeric - First digit is Year code, add 1998 to get year. If first digit is 0 add 10 to 1998.
Next 2 digits are month code starting with April (beginning of Japanese tax year) as 01.
Months 10, 11 & 12 will be Jan, Feb March of the next year so add 1 to the year.

Examples:
701xxxxx = April 2005
711xxxxx = February 2006
909xxxxx = December 2007
910xxxxx = January 2008
001xxxxx = April 2008
005xxxxx = August 2008

The second format adopted from approx. August 2008 is alpha numeric.
The first character denotes the decade, the second character is the year within the decade, and the third character is the month within the year.

The first character:
A = 200x
B = 201x
C = 202x

The second character determines the least significant digit of the year.
0 = xxx0 (2010, 2020)
1 = xxx1 (2011, 2021)

Examples:
A8 = 2008
A9 = 2009
B0 = 2010
B1 = 2011
B2 = 2012 etc.

Third character the month. Runs from 1 Jan to C Dec.
1 = Jan
2 - Feb
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9 = Sep
A = Oct
B = Nov
C = Dec

Examples:
A88xxxx = August 2008
A8Axxxx = November 2008
A91xxxx = January 2009
A9Cxxxx = December 2009
B02xxxx = February 2010
B29xxxx = September 2012

None of the above is official Kenwood information, it is an interpretation based on serial numbers posted to various user groups.