

Boston Musical Instrument Manufactory Surviving Brass Instruments

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1869	Company is founded at 71 Sudbury St, Boston.		
	1877	Start of 1 Star Cornet and motto "Ne Plus Ultra" or none better.		
	1880	Estimated start of serial numbers.		
403		Alto	3 PV	bell forward
905		Cornet	Bb	SARV; serial number stamped on edge of bell
1701	1880	Cornet	3 Star	Bb/A
3221		Cornet	3 Star	Bb/A RV main slide; alternate C slide
4911	1881	Cornet	3 Star	highly engraved [Meacham]
7015	1881	Cornet	Eb	SARV
7325	1882	Cornet	3 Star	Bb
7384	1882	Tuba	3 PV	large logo
7403	1882	Alto	Solo	bell forward; Eb [Meacham]
7500	1883			
7614	1883	Cornet	Bb	SARV [saved]
7645	1883	Cornet	Eb	3 PV; compressed Bb wrap
7659	1883	Cornet	3 Star	Bb/A; RLP; DWK [Meacham]
7652	1883	Cornet	none	DWK; RLP
8000	1884			
8286	1884	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; FLP
8295	1884	Cornet	2 Star	DWK; RLP; Bb/A rotary valve in tuning slide

8500	1885			
9000	1886			
9027	1886	Alto	Eb	
9126	1886	Cornet	3 Star	Bb; DWK; RLP
9221	1886	Cornet		DWK; RLP
9294	1886	Cornet	Eb	SARV [York Master]
9367	1886	Trumpet		
9500	1887			
10000	1888			
10132	1888	Cornet	3 Star	Bb
10282	1888	Cornet	3 Star	“1”
10338	1888	Cornet	3 Star	0.470” bore
10383	1888	Cornet	3 Star	
10401	1888	Cornet	C	[saved]
10412	1888	Cornet	3 Star	BMIM
10500	1889			
105xx	1889	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP [ebay]
10766	1889	Tuba	Eb	[NMM (National Music Museum)]
10773	1889	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
10850	1889	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; highly engraved; 71 Sudbury [saved]
11000	1890			
11050	1890	Pocket Solo Alto	Eb	13.375” long; 6.5” bell [Meacham]
11056	1890	Baritone		BMIM [Brass Players’ Museum]

11284	1890	Trombone		BMIM
11334	1890	Cornet	3 Star	“1”; DWK, RLP; Manufactory
11500	1891			
11575	1891	Mellophone	3 vlv	
11720	1891	Euphonium	DB	
11819	1891	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; “Made for H. C. Brown”
11845	1891	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP [NMM]
12000	1892			
12096	1892	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
12303	1892	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
12305	1892	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
12345	1892	Cornet	SARV Eb	[JW Shin]
12414	1892	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
12499	1892	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
12500	1893			
12711	1893	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; Manufactory
13000	1894			
13041	1894	Cornet		Eb; 3PV
13333	1895			
13434	1895	Baritone	Bb	USQMD [NMM]
13666	1896			
13988	1896	Trombone		Mfy; large Boston logo
14000	1897			

14003	1897	Trombone		large logo
14009	1897	Trombone		
14125	1897			
14300	1898			
14544	1898	Cornet	3 Star	“1”
14650	1899	The Sudbury St factory burns in July and they move to 51 Chardon.		
14863	1899	Cornet	3 Star	BMIM; "51 Chardon" [Met]
14873	1899	Alto		large Boston logo; BMI Mfy
14911	1899	Cornet	3 Star	BMIM; highly engraved [Meacham; saved photos from CC]
15000	1900			
15300	1901			
15633	1901	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
15650	1902			
15828	1902	Trombone	Valve	with original case [eric @ horncollector]
15841	1902	Cornet	3 Star	BMICo; C/Bb/A; DWK; RLP [Meacham]
15904	1902	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; “Manufactory”
16000	1903	Change from Manufactory to Company on the bell engraving around 16000.		
16249	1903	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; “Company” [auction; estimated # hard to read]
16253	1903	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; “Co” on bell; “Mfy” on case banner; highly engraved
16314	1903	Cornet	3 Star	Dual water key (DWK) / Removable lead pipe (RLP)
16320	1904			
16368	1904	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; “Company”
16594	1904	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP [Ancient Point]

16640	1905			
16826	1905	Trombone	Bb	[NMM]
16864	1905	Cornet	3 Star	BMICo [Brass Players Museum]
16960	1906			
17280	1907			
17312	1907	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; w/case & C crook; mint [saved]
17326	1907	Cornet	3 Star	[TH]
17346	1907	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP [Quinn]
17600	1908			
17645	1908	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
177xx	1908	Cornet	3 Star	
17779	1908	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; Bb/A RV tuning slide
17835	1908	Trumpet	3 Star	USQMC [Meacham]
17920	1909			
18xxx	1909	Trumpet		
18004	1909	Trumpet	3 Star	USQMC
18039	1909	Tuba	Eb	[Simonetti]
18118	1909	Trombone		
18240	1910			
18282	1910	Cornet	3 Star	
18303	1910	Cornet	3 Star	RLP [Meacham]
18344	1910	Cornet	3 Star	Faust collection
18435	1910	Trumpet	3 Star	USQMC; large Boston name

18443	1910	Cornet	3 Star	w/case [saved]
18516	1910	Cornet	3 Star	
18560	1911			
18607	1911	Trumpet	3 Star	odd late engraving; variation on large logo
18714	1911	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP
18747	1911	Cornet	3 Star	DWK; RLP; Bb/A rotary valve in tuning slide
18758	1911	Cornet	3 Star	RLP; DWK; A shank [saved]
18795	1911	Cornet	3 Star	[ebay]
18859	1911	Cornet	3 Star	Long trumpet-like model with tuning slide loop in bell [ebay]
18880	1912			
18977	1912	Cornet	3 Star	FLP; SWK
19000	1912	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; HP/LP slides
19008	1912	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP
19089	1912	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; "A"
19133	1912	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; "A"; "H. A. Vortisch" added on bell
19200	1913			
19273	1912	Cornet	3 Star	Bb; "USQMD" [changed to USQMC in 1912]
19419	1913	Cornet	3 Star	Bb; SWK, FLP
19426	1913	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP
19458	1913	Trumpet	none	large logo
19511	1913	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; Bb
19520	1914			
19651	1914	Tuba	Helicon	Eb [Humbell House of Horns]

19753	1914	Cornet	3 Star	"A" under serial; SWK; FLP
19840	1915			
19848	1915	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; "A"
19910	1915	Trombone		"Exchanged for new Beuscher 7687" [Bue #7687 = 1908]
20137	1916	Cornet	3 Star	"A"
20160	1916			
20176	1916	Cornet?		large logo; extra turn in LP before 3rd valve [parts only]
20187	1916	Cornet	3 Star	orig. owner Eva Marie Hawkins (1893-1999) [BrassRescue]
20310	1916	Trumpet		large Logo; extra turn in LP before 3rd valve [saved] [The seller reports that it has a receiver with a trumpet taper.]
20312	1916	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; "A"
20387	1916	Cornet	3 Star	FLP
20480	1917			
20616	1917	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP; narrow 2nd lead pipe loop
	1917	Start of Boss-Tone trumpet model.		
20740	1917	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
20784	1917	Cornet	3 Star	SWK; FLP
20807	1917	Tuba	Helicon	USQMC; large logo
20810	1917	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	USQMC [saved]
20847	1917	Trumpet		[Meacham]
21038	1917	Baritone	3 PV	large logo
21100	1918			
21113	1918	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	USQMC; very worn [J. Castleman]

21333	1918	Cornet	3 Star	FLP
21384	1918	Trombone		large Boston logo
2160x	1918	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	worn out parts horn
21750	1919			
21775	1919	Trombone		USQMC added on bell; large logo [A. Barnard collection]
21875	1919	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	old logo
22001	1919	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	Silver plated; damaged bell with patch [ebay]
22230	1919	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
22343	1919	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	old logo; 4.5" bell, 0.456" bore [Virtuosity Musical Inst.]
22400	1920			
22412	1920	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	Gold pl; highly engraved; 0.452"; 4.5" bell; 18.5" L [Patton]
22542	1920	Flugelhorn	Bb	17" L; 5.75" bell [Meacham]
22865	1920	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
22943	1920	Trumpet	Herald	[Dillon Music]
23000	1921			
23052	1921	Cornet	3 Star	Fixed Lead Pipe (FLP) / Single water key (SWK) / Double loop LP
23069	1921	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
23097	1921	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
	1921	Introduction of 3 Star Model 11 Trumpet in September.		
23182	1921	Trumpet	11	single TS brace
23210	1921	Trumpet	11	#2 bore; large Boston logo; single TS brace
23252	1921	Trumpet	11	#2 bore; large Boston logo; single tuning slide brace
23300	1922			

23302	1922	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	traditional logo
23303	1922	Trumpet	Boss-Tone	
23349	1922	Trumpet	11	#2 bore, large logo; single tuning slide brace
23394	1922	Trumpet	11	#2 bore = 0.454"; large logo; single TS brace [Patton]
23402	1922	Trumpet	11	Medium #2 bore; 4.5" bell; 19.5" long; large logo; single TS brace
23500	1923	June ad for 3 Star trumpet shows a single tuning slide cross brace.		
23533	1923	Trumpet	11	large logo
23568	1923	Flugelhorn	Bb	5.625" bell [Meacham]
23580	1923	Trumpet	11	#1 bore 0.438"; large logo; single TS brace [Patton, 2023]
23691	1923	Trumpet	11	3 Star; large logo; "2"; 0.450" bore; 4.5"; double TS brace [Patton] The bore is slightly smaller than on #23394.
23700	1924			
23709	1924	Trumpet	11	double brace in TS [Meacham]
23900	1925			
24000	1925	Cornet	3 Star	FLP; triple lead pipe; two SWK
24025	1925	Trumpet	3 Star	fully engraved [Meacham]
24100	1926			
24252	1926	Cornet	3 Star	long model; Bb; FLP; 4.5" bell; 16" long [Meacham]
24300	1927			
24381	1927	Trumpet	1 Star	model 11; single TS brace; arched serial; "USQMC"
24473	1927	Cornet	1 Star	large logo; double lead pipe loops; SWK
24500	1928	Boston gets US Army Band contract for 3 Star Trumpets and Cornets (USQMC).		
24580	1928	Trumpet	11	double TS brace; large logo [Ayick]

24587	1928	Cornet	3 Star	FLP; two SWK; triple loop lead pipe; USQMC [Patton, 2016]
24773	1928	Trumpet	11	#2 bore; double tuning slide brace
24887	1928	Trumpet	11	3 Star; #2; double TS brace; serial # in arch
25000	1929			
25024	1929	Trumpet	11	3 Star; C/Bb/A
25036	1929	Trumpet	11	double tuning slide brace; large logo
25083	1929	Trumpet	11	3 Star; "1"; double TS brace
25179	1929	Trumpet	11	3 Star; double TS brace; "3" large bore
25500	1930			
25505	1930	French Horn		3 RV; large logo
25547	1930	Trumpet	11	3 Star; TS missing; large logo
25576	1930	Trumpet	11	3 Star; double TS brace; large logo
25596	1930	French Horn		4 RV; large logo; USQMC
25627	1930	Trumpet	?	no photos shown
25700	1930	Trumpet	11	single TS brace; large logo; serial in arc
25720	1930	Trumpet	11	single tuning slide brace; large logo
6602	1930	Trumpet	?	late stencil not made by Boston; odd engraving; 1930s?

Dates are estimated based on the 1880 start date, 1903 change to "Company", 1917 introduction of the Boss-Tone trumpet, 1921 change to Model 11 trumpet, and 1928 USQMC contract.

1936 "The Cundy-Bettoney Company still makes some of these cornets and trumpets which had no real competition until 1915." [quote from Ayers interview with C-B in 1936 which would throw off the dating above]

1939 A Mr. V. G. Latham of Boston is mentioned as the president of BMIC. A brochure for the Model 11 three star trumpet has a stamp "For Sale By The Cundy-Bettoney Company, Bradlee St, Hyde Park, Boston" which would date this to the late 1930s when they moved to that location.

1955 The company was officially dissolved on March 23rd.