

Courtois Surviving Brass Instruments

Updated on 5/1/25 based on bell markings, known dates, and claimed purchase dates.

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
		1844 Antione Courtois opened his shop at 21 rue du Caire, Paris.		
351	1850	Koenighorn		
		1851 Awarded London medal.		
712	1854	Cornet	Nouveau	
		1855 Awarded Paris medal.		
2355		Cornet	Koenig	Jullien & Co, Agents, London
2400		1856 Moved to 88 rue des Marais, Paris.		
2713	1857	Cornet	Koenig	
3200	1858	Cornet		
3460	1858	Cornet	Koenig	
4380	1859	Cornet		
4730	1860	Cornet	Koenig	
		1862 Awarded London medal.		
4998	1862	Cornet	Koenig	1862 London award; Chappell agent [N. Hausmann, Aus.]
5263	1862	Cornet	Koenig	1862 London award
6481	1863	Cornet		1862 award
6500	1863	Cornet		
		1867 Awarded Paris medal.		
7811	1870	Cornet	Koenig	

1872 Awarded Moscow medal.

8035	1872	Cornet		88 Rue de Marais
8072	1872	Cornet	Arban	1872 award
481	1872	Trumpet		1872 award
8226	1872	Cornet	Arban	Arban's presentation horn with 1867 date
8400	1873	Cornet		

1873 Bell marking changed from "Facteur Du Conservatoire Imperial" to "National."

9377	1873	Cornet		1872 last award; "National"
9985	1874	Cornet	Levy	
10022	1874	Cornet		1872 last award

1878 Awarded Paris medal.

11849	1879	Cornet	valves on left	1878 last award [ebay]
12000	1880	Cornet		
12166	1880	Cornet	Bb	1878 last award; no agent added
13213	1882	Cornet		1878 last award; "E M Jenkins" added on bell rim
13279		Cornet		1878 award [HUC]
13432		Cornet		1878 award; Arthur Chappel sole agent London [HUC]
13722	1882	Cornet	Bb	1878 last award

1883 Awarded Boston medal.

1885 Awarded London medal and Anvers diploma.

14717		Cornet		1885 award; echo attachment
15994		Cornet		1878 award; Foote US agent NY & Chicago
15548		Cornet	Arbuckle	

16522		Cornet		
	1889	Awarded Paris medal.		
16793		Cornet	Emerson	
17772		Cornet	Arbuckle	
18500		Cornet		
	1892	Mille was granted US patent #468,025 for a trombone slide.		
	1893	Awarded Chicago medal.		
19108		Cornet	Arban	
19773	1902	Cornet		1902 presentation date; Foote sole agent
19774		Cornet	Besson	
19812		Cornet	Levy	1889 Paris last award ; Sherman Clay US agent
	1900	Awarded Paris medal at the International Exposition that ended in November.		
20081	1900	Cornet	Levy	F. Bechtel Music Store, US agent [store closed in 1905]
20667	1900	Cornet	none	1900 last award Paris [J. Holt]
	1901	Reset serial number to zero? In order for the award markings to work, the yearly output would have been quite small. More examples are needed for this time period.		
89		Cornet	Levy	Emerson Band Inst Co, Boston agent; 1900 Paris award
154		Trombone	Brevete	1900 award last listed
155		Trumpet	Brevete	no awards listed
199		Trumpet	Brevete	1900 award but not 1904
275	1902			
550	1903			
559		Trumpet	in F	Met museum

663	Trumpet	in F	
800	Trumpet	Brevete	no H&A; early 1900s design
825	1904 Awarded St Louis honor at expo that ended in December.		
875	Trumpet	Brevete	no awards listed [Robb Stewart]
1100	1905 Awarded Liege grand prix [This date is not always shown on the bell.].		
1113	Trumpet	Bb	1900 last award; Marais [Meacham]
1127	Trumpet	Brevete	1904 last award; Marais address; Bb/A RV
1135	1906		
1150	Trumpet	Brevete	1904 last award; Marais
1160	Cornet	Brevete	1904 last award
1170	1907		
1205	1908		
1240	1909		
1275	1910 Awarded Bruxelles grand prix [This date is not always shown on the bell.].		
1336	Cornet		1904 last award; two RVs in tuning slide
1340	1911 Awarded in Turin expo ending in November.		
1390	1912		
1440	1913		
1490	1914		
1540	1915		
1575	Trombone	Brevete	1911 last award; Marais address [S. Pangaro]
1600	1916		
0	1917 Courtois was purchased by Gaudet and the serial numbers were reset to zero.		

100	1918			
200	1919	George Bundy incorporated as H&A Selmer Inc in May.		
215		Trumpet	Brevete	matches H&A Selmer ad from 1919
223		Trumpet	Brevete	Marais; Bb/A RV [saved]
269		Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY
300	1920			
300		Trumpet		Bb/A RV in lead pipe; 1 st slide ring
372		Flugelhorn		[HUC]
377		Trumpet	Bb	Bb/A RV in LP; 1st slide ring; Selmer NY
391		Trumpet	Bb/A	Bb/A RV in LP; 1st slide ring, Selmer NY [D. Burr, saved]
450	1921			
595		Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; H&A Selmer, NY
600	1922			
663		Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; Selmer NY
677		Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY
680		Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; Selmer, NY
718		Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY; Marais address; 980 on RV [saved]
750	1923			
793		Trumpet	Brevete	
855		Trumpet		
885		Trumpet	Brevete	1911 Turin award; 1 st slide ring [Patton]
900	1924			
907		Trumpet		Bb/C; bottom 3 rd slide ring

1150	1925			
1245		Trumpet	Bb	1904 medal; Marais address
1300	1926			
1310		Fluegelhorn	Bb	Marais address; 1927 award but not 1930 [J. Curtis]
1343		Trumpet	in C	bottom 3 rd slide ring; Marais address
1450	1927			
1456		Trumpet		Bb/A RV in tuning slide; bottom 3 rd ring; Marais; no Geneva
		1927 Awarded Geneva grand prix; H&A Selmer moved to Elkhart.		
1500	1927	Start of Geneva award listed on bell engraving but still Marais address.		
1646		Cornet		no info
1700	1928			
1827		Cornet	A/Bb/C	double RV in TS [Dillons; saved]
1866		Trumpet		double RV in TS; Geneva 1927; Marais
1893		Trumpet		Bb/A RV in LP; top 3 rd slide ring; Geneva; Marais
1918		Trumpet	Bb	Geneva last award; Marais address
1930		Trumpet	in C	bottom 3 rd slide ring
2000	1929			
2175		Trumpet	Bb/C	RV in TS; bottom 3 rd slide ring
[3620]		Trombone		Marais address / 1927 award
[3716]		Trombone		Marais address / 1927 award
2300	1930	Courtois moved to 8 rue de Nancy, Paris. The following estimated dates are for trumpets only unless noted.		
2481		Trumpet		Nancy; narrow profile 1930s design, bottom 3 rd ring

2500 **1931**

2650 Trumpet Nancy address

2700 **1932**

2857 Trumpet Nancy; 1927 award

2900 **1933**

3100 **1934**

Cornets are said to be dated by the first digit of the serial number plus 1950. Leblanc started in 1946 importing woodwinds, then added Courtois brass in the early 1950s.

3229 Cornet Nancy; Geneva award [S. Shagin]

3284 **1953** **Cornet** Geneva award; Leblanc importer; **new in 1953** [S. Shagin]

3300 **1935**

3335 Trumpet Bb Nancy [J. Castleman]

3360 Trumpet Bb Nancy; Geneva award

3362 Cornet Leblanc importer

3368 Trumpet Nancy; Geneva award; Bb/A stop rod; bottom 3rd slide ring

3391 Trumpet Bb/C

3434 Trumpet Nancy; 1927 award

3470 1954 Cornet Nancy; Geneva award; Leblanc USA importer (after 1946)

3500 **1936**

35xx Trumpet Balanced Bb earliest example recorded of balanced model

3556 Flugelhorn Nancy; Geneva 1927

3700 **1937**

3738 Flugelhorn Nancy address; Geneva 1927

3800	1938	Paul Gaudet went to war and the factory shut down.		
3800	1945	The factory opened after the war.		
4000	1946			
4063		Flugelhorn		Nancy; no awards so updated logo
4200	1947			
4398		Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award [saved]
4400	1948			
4541		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; no awards; 0.438" bore
4600	1949			
4629		Trumpet	in C	Nancy; new AC pinky ring; Geneva award
4638		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore 0.460" [saved]
4800	1950			
48xx		Trumpet	Balanced	0.472" bore
4800		Trumpet	Balanced	Bb; Nancy address; 1927 award
4898	1950	Trumpet		said to be purchased new in 1951
4941		Trumpet		Nancy
4966		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; ML; Paris
4969		Flugelhorn		Nancy
5000	1951			
5029		Flugelhorn	Bb	Nancy; no awards; plain pinky hook
5054		Trombone		Nancy; 1927 award
5097		Trumpet	Bb/A	balanced model; ML bore [Meacham]
5204		Trumpet	C	Nancy; 1927 award

5261		Trumpet	Balanced	ML [saved]
5262		Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
5386		Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award; said to be purchased in 1948
5398		Trumpet	Bb	1927 award
5500		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; new AC pinky hook
5538		Trumpet	Balanced	L bore [saved]
5557		Trumpet		said to be from 1956
5566		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring
5600	1952			
5613		Trumpet	Bb	1927 award; ML
5619		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring; oval logo [ebay]
5632		Trumpet	Bb	ML; 1927 award
5659		Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award
5665		Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award
5666		Trumpet	Bb Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore; serial not certain [Patton]
5701		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore [ebay; saved]
5764		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore 0.468" [Patton, 2025]
5795		Trombone		Nancy address
5879		Trumpet		Nancy address, 1927 award; Leblanc sole US importer
6017		Cornet		Nancy; no awards
6200	1953			
6304		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award, AC ring [saved]
6329		Trumpet	Balanced	L bore [Ayick]

6390		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring [saved]
6474		Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
6569		Trumpet	Balanced	0.452" [saved]
6701		Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring [saved]
6721		Trumpet	Bb/C	Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring; bottom 3 rd slide ring
6800	1954			
6935		Trumpet	Bb	Nancy, 1927 award; AC Paris; Bb tuning slide extension
7000		Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
7400	1955			
7653		Flugelhorn		c.1950
8000	1956	A new factory in Amboise opens.		
8084		Flugelhorn		modern logo "Antoine Courtois Paris"
8223	1956	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; Paris; no awards; AC ring; "1956" & "121" on bell "A Courtois Paris" stamp [saved]
8600	1957			
8713		Cornet		modern logo
9008		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address; no awards listed; AC pinky ring [saved]
9175		Trumpet	Balanced	L bore; stencil for Leblanc
9400	1958			
9627		Flugelhorn		modern logo
10005		Trumpet		L bore; Nancy address; no awards [saved]
10016		Trumpet	ML	[A. Brodrip; England]
10041		Trumpet		[Ayick]

10100	1959			
10131		Flugelhorn		modern logo
10700	1960			
10700		Trumpet	Bb	A. Courtois / Paris; Nancy address
10724		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address [J. Raymond]
11153		Trumpet	in C	AC Paris logo
11300	1961			
11385	1961	Trumpet	Brevete	Nancy, Paris; no awards; “1961” on bell [saved]
11407		Trumpet	Bb	listed as 1955
11510		Trumpet		Nancy; no awards [saved]
11944		Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address, no awards; AC ring [saved]
12000	1962			
12312		Flugel		
12530	1976	Flugel		modern logo; said to be from 1976
12714		Trumpet		Nancy address; no awards; Paris on valves
13298		Trumpet		Nancy; Brevete
13300	1963			
13487	1985	Flugelhorn	154	original owner purchased older store stock in 1986
14023		Trumpet	Balanced	
14102		Trumpet	Balanced	no awards on bell; Nancy address; 0.458” bore [saved]
14504		Trumpet	Bb	new script logo; bottom 3 rd ring; AC ring
14600	1964			
14609	1964	Trumpet		said to be from 1964

15476		Trumpet	Delmotte	Bb/C; AC ring
15600		Trumpet		said to be new in 1970
15924		Trumpet	Bb standard	[saved]
16000	1965			
164xx		Trumpet	Balanced	last balanced model found
16563	1965	Trumpet	Delmotte	letter from Courtois stating 1965 manufacture date
16847		Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
17400	1966			
17513		Trumpet	Gaudet	A Courtois / Ambroise on stamp
The Gaudet model is said to have been made on the same assembly line as the higher-priced Courtois models but the less-than-perfect ones got labeled as Gaudet.				
18800	1967			
19070		Trumpet	Delmotte	Bb
20144		Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
20200	1968			
21600	1969			
21766		Piccolo Trumpet	Delmotte	said to be new in late 1970s
22129		Trumpet	in C	
23000	1970			
23165	1970	Trumpet		letter from Courtois stating made in February 1970
25000	1971			
25046		Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
25725		Flugel	155	

25830		Trumpet		Script logo; double TS section; bottom 3rd ring
25873		Flugel	154R	
26376		Trumpet	L bore Bb	Script logo [saved]
26800	1972			
28133		Trumpet	Grand Siecle	in C; 0.458"; said to be c.1975
28246		Trumpet	R. Delmotte	[saved]
28600	1973			
28743		Trumpet	C	4.8" bell; 0.498" bore
28790	1973	Trumpet		sales receipt dated 12-25-74
29292		Trumpet		said to be new in early 1970s
29376	200?	Flugel	154R	owner says early 2000s
298xx		Trumpet	in C	Roger Delmotte
30499		Trumpet	Gaudet	Amboise; Bb
31000	1974			
31191		Trumpet	Bb/ML	first & third triggers; modern logo [saved]
31453		Trumpet		
33000	1975			
34836		Cornet	Gaudet	
36000	1976			
36783		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
36944		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
38688		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
39000	1977			

39136	Trumpet	Direct Air	[O. Cardona]
39457	Trumpet	?	Paris; script logo on bell; rev. 3rd slide; 1st trigger
39470	Trumpet		
39916	Trumpet	?	

Where are the 40-41k instruments?

42500 1978

43253	Trumpet	216L	modern logo; Paris
43313	Trumpet	216L Delmotte	in Bb/C; modern logo; Paris

46000 1979

46852	Cornet		AC Paris; modern logo
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50000 1980

52000	Trumpet	708 Sonic	
52xxx	Trumpet	707 Sonic	same as Leblanc but with AC medallion
520xx	Trumpet		1 st slide trigger
52238	Trumpet	Gaudet	Bb/C [T. Theijssen]
52740	Trumpet	Al Hirt	[saved]

54000 1981

1980s Courtois offers the Phantom model trumpet with dark gray finish.

54097 1983 Cornet C purchased new in 1983 in Paris

54209	Trumpet	Gaudet	Bb/C
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58000 1982

58294 1982 Trumpet warranty dated 1982

58784	Trumpet	213	
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58805		Trumpet		script logo; “A Courtois Paris” in oval on 2 nd vlv
600xx		Trumpet	Gaudet	
62000	1983			
62861		Trumpet	in C	
64548		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
66000	1984			
68470		Trumpet	113M	
68739		Trumpet	Gaudet	
69500	1985			
72200	1986			
72839		Trumpet	113M	[saved]
74406		Trumpet	Gaudet 512	[saved]
75000	1987			
76630		Trumpet	312L Prestige	Paris [saved]
77500	1988			
78483		Trumpet	Al Hirt 20	Bb
787xx		Trumpet	Al Hirt 419	
80000	1989			
80374		Trumpet	520	[saved]
82000	1990			
82145		Trumpet	420	Paris
82621		Trumpet	Prestige	
82797		Trumpet	311 ML	0.463” [model said to be made in 80s & 90s]

84000	1991			
84246		Trumpet	Prestige 311ML	
84611		Trumpet	420	Paris; script logo [saved]
85800	1992			
86370		Trumpet	111 ML	Made in France
86632		Trumpet	111ML	
86659		Trumpet		owner says purchased in 1990 [TH]
86786		Trumpet	111ML	Made in France
86966		Trumpet	BA-argent	311 Prestige w/interchangeable beryllium lead pipe
86979		Trumpet	111 ML	
87500	1993			
88176		Trumpet	Phantom	Prestige Series; Copper bell; 8A on receiver [O. Cardona] Owner says purchased in mid-1990s.
89000	1994			
89129		Trumpet	311ML	Prestige Series; “A” on receiver
90500	1995			
90535		Trumpet	420	Paris; script logo [saved]
90727		Trumpet	520	Paris
92000	1996			
93300	1997			
94415		Trumpet	203	0.463” [Gamon Brass, saved]
94500	1998			
94562		Trumpet	303	Prestige [saved]

95787		Trumpet	203	[saved]
95800	1999			
96xxx		Trumpet	305 Elite	[saved]
960xx		Trumpet	Elite 305	
96766		Trumpet	Elite 305	
97000	2000			
98000	2001			
98182		Trumpet	Elite 305	
98383		Trumpet	Elite 305	[saved]
986xx		Cornet	Chambord II	new c.2000
98800	2002			
99000	2003			
99110		Trumpet	Elite 305R	Paris
99200		The Elite 305 was replaced by the 307 “a few years ago.” [TH]		
99xxx	2003	Cornet	106 XLR Special Bicentennial model 2003 [K. LaPorte]	
99500	2004			
99800	2005			
100000	2006			
100125	2007			
100250	2008			
100375	2009	The AC333ML was introduced this year.		
100408		Trumpet	334ML	used in 2020; Made in France [saved]
100463		Trumpet	333ML	Made in France; “ML”

100500	2010			
100518		Trumpet	334ML	
100526	2010	Trumpet		owner says 2010 [TH]
100625	2011			
100750	2012			
100875	2013			
100898		Trumpet	334 Xtreme	L bore [saved]
101000	2014			
012621		Trumpet	522	B&S stencil of Challenger II
068657		Trumpet		
	2000 The Evolution model was started [Apparently with a separate serial number sequence.].			
0	2000			
100	2001			
170	2001	Trumpet	Evolution IV	
225	2002			
3xx	2002	Trumpet	Evolution II	owner says c.2006 [Trumpet Herald]
325	2002	Trumpet	Evolution II	0.458" bore [saved]
330	2002	Trumpet	Evolution II	
350	2002	Trumpet	Evolution II	
365	2002	Trumpet	Evolution I	
375	2003			
444	2003	Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]
499	2003	Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]

550	2004			
726	2004	Trumpet	Evolution I	
730	2005			
848	2005	Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]
861	2005	Trumpet	420 in C	
900	2006			
939	2006	Trumpet	Evolution III	
990	2006	Trumpet	Evolution II	Paris
1072	2006	Trumpet	Evolution III	
1097		Trumpet	Evolution III	seller says c.2005; 0.459" bore
1100	2007			
1143	2007	Trumpet	Evolution IV	Paris
1145	2007	Trumpet	Evolution IV	
1278	2007	Trumpet	Evolution IV	new model; End of Elite models
1300	2008	Trumpets became stencils by B&S of Germany.		
1378	2008	Trumpet	Evolution IV	ACEV48
1379	2008	Trumpet	Evolution IV	
1397	2008	Trumpet	Evolution IV	purchased new in January 2009 in NYC
1400	2009			
1470	2010			
1540	2011			
1598	2011	Trumpet	Evolution IV	ACEV4B
1610	2012	Courtois was sold to Buffet Crampon.		

1680	2013			
1695	2013	Trumpet	Evolution III	ACEV3B; 0.459" bore [saved]
1750	2014			
1751	2014	Trumpet	Evolution IV	serial number hard to read; 0.459"; 5" bell
1800	2015			
18xx	2015	Trumpet	Evolution IV	ACEV4B
1870	2015	Trumpet	Evolution IV	seller says 2015
1882	2015	Trumpet	Evolution IV	

2012 Courtois was sold to Buffet Group in December and production moved to Markneukirchen, Germany at the B&S factory. They stopped cornet production.

2013 The Evolution II model trumpet is no longer made [TH].

2014 Courtois ended all trombone production in Ambroise by December and moved to Germany. They said it was due to the large demand for their professional models.

2016 The "Courtois Paris" name ended on November 7.

2023 A new Confluence line of trumpets was discussed in February. These were made in Germany. AC335 in Bb or C was for sale in 2024 on the Courtois website. Parent company was Buffet Crampon. [Trumpet Herald & Courtois website]

6227	2023	Trumpet	Confluence AC335-BM	medium bore [saved]
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