

Footers...by Manufacturer: Part I

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If you're interested in footers [*and what self-respecting collector isn't? !*], here's a handy listing of which footers were used by which companies. It's not necessarily exhaustively complete, but I've gone through a lot of my covers, especially the older ones, and the results are presented here. A "footer," by the way, in case you're new to the hobby, is the text at the very bottom of the cover—"close cover before striking," etc.

If you find any I've missed, please let me know.

****NOTE:** "Manufacturer," here, also includes printers and major distributors

****NOTE:** "None" indicates some covers issued on a regular basis with no footers

****NOTE:** Some of the companies that are listed as "Corp." were originally "Co." and later changed (i.e. Atlas Match Corp. was originally Atlas Match Co.) and visa versa

AASCO Int'l Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER
- CLOSE COVER STRIKE ON BACK
- CLOSE COVER STRIKE ON BACK

Acme Match Co:

- FOR SAFETY - CLOSE COVER
- None

Acorn Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Admatch Corp:

- BE SAFE [star] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Advance Match & Prtg Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- Close Cover For Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Advance Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- CLOSE COVER-STRIKE

Advertizit Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- SAFETY FIRST—CLOSE OVER

All-Trades Match:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Allis Press:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

America Match

- ALWAYS STRIKE A MATCH AWAY FROM YOU
- None

American Match & Prtg. Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

American Match Co (old):

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- FOR SAFETY - CLOSE COVER

- FOR CLOSE AMERICAN QUALITY SAFETY COVER

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- Safety First — Close Cover

American Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Arrow Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Art Match Co:

- ART MATCH SAFETY FIRST
QUALITY CLOSE COVER
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Safety First — Close Cover

Atlantic Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Atlantis Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER · STRIKE ON BACK

Atlas Match Corp (old):

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- *Safety first Close Cover*
- Safety First — Close Cover
- SAFETY FIRST · CLOSE COVER

Atlas Match Corp (Texas):

- BE SAFE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE [R/M] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE [star] KEEP COVER CLOSED
- CLOSE COVER
- CLOSE COVER [star] BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Keep away from children. [star]
Tenir hors de la portee des enfants.
- [star] Keep away from children.

Tenir hors de la portee des enfants.

Atlas/Diamond

- BE SAFE [logo] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Banner Match:

- BE SAFE [a/m] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Bell Machine Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Book Match Co:

- Close Cover For Safety
- None

Book Match Mfrs:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Brown & Bigelow:

- BE SAFE [star] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE [R/M] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER [star] BEFORE STRIKING

Calif. Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER · STRIKE ON BACK
- CLOSE COVER · · STRIKE ON BACK
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- *PLEASE STRIKE ON BACK COVER*

Canada Match:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING - FERMEZ
AVANT D'ALLUMER [all one line]

Central Match & Label Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE SAFETY
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

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Chapman Match:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

Chicago Match Co:

- BREAK MATCH FORWARD
- Close Before Striking
- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Close Cover for Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY
- None
- Strike on back of cover

Cincinnati Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Circle Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Coast Book Match Co:

- Close Before Striking

Columbia Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Close Cover Before Striking Match
- FOR SAFETY - CLOSE COVER
- FOR SAFETY - - CLOSE COVER
- FOR SAFETY — CLOSE COVER
- FOR SAFETY · CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- FOR SAFETY [logo] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- REFERMEZ S.V.P - CLOSE COVER

Consumers Press:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Continental Match Co. (Chicago):

- None

Cougar Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER

Crown Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- None

D.D. Bean & Sons Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- STRIKE ON BACK COVER

David Lionel Press:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Diamond Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING [4]
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
ABCDEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
-ABCDEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
ABCDEF G -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
BCDEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
CDEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
DEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- DEF GH -
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
MATCH.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 5
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
MATCH.

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 5	
- CLOSE COVER · STRIKE MATCH ON BACK	
- DIAMOND MATCH	CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- DIAMOND QUALITY	CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- MADE IN U.S.A.PAT. NO. 2,101,111 THE DIAMOND MATCH CO. N.Y.C.	
- MFG'D EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL MATCH CORP. 350 MADISON AVE., N.Y.C.	
- None	
- SAFETY FIRST	CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- STRIKE MATCH ON BACK COVER	
- STRIKE ON BACK COVER	
- SUPERBA QUALITY	CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
Douglas:	
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY	
- None	
E.I. Plottle Co:	
- CLOSE COVER · STRIKE ON BACK	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING	
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY	
Eddy Match Co:	
- BE SAFE · CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN	
- CLOSE COVER	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH	
- CLOSE COVER - REFERMEZ S.V.P	

- EDDY QUALITY	CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN TENIR HORS DE LA PORTEE DES ENFANTS	
- None	
- REFERMEZ AVANT D'ALLUMER	
- REFERMEZ S.V.P.	
- TENIR HORS DE LA PORTEE DES ENFANTS KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN	
Empire Book Match Corp:	
- Close Cover Before Striking Match	
Federal Match Corp:	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING	
Federal Prtg. Co:	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING	
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY	
Fleming Calendar Co:	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING	
Florida Match Co:	
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY	
Geiger Bros:	
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY	
Gem Match Co:	
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING	
General Match Co:	
- BEFORE LIGHTING—CLOSE COVER	
Gopher Match Co:	

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- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

Hamilton Match Co:

- BEFORE LIGHTING CLOSE COVER
- BEFORE LIGHTING—CLOSE COVER

Harrison Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Hayes Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Hellman Match Co:

- None

Henseleit Match Co:

- BE SAFE CLOSE COVER 91[union logo]

Hercules Match Corp:

- SAFETY FIRST CLOSE COVER
 STRIKE LIGHTLY

Home Safety Match Co:

- BREAK MATCH
 FORWARD

Hub Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Imprint Book Match:

- Close Cover Before Striking Match

Indiana Match Co:

- None

Inter-State Press:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Interstate Printing Service:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Jersey Match Co:

- CIERRESE ANTES DE FROTAR
- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Safety First - Close Cover
- SAFETY FIRST-CLOSE COVER
- SAFETY FIRST - CLOSE COVER
- SAFETY FIRST — CLOSE COVER

Kaeser & Blair:

- Before Lighting Close Cover
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Close Cover for Safety
- CLOSE COVER ·· STRIKE ON BACK
- FOR SAFETY STRIKE ON BACK

Kentucky Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

King Midas Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- *Close Cover Before Striking*
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE FOR SAFETY
- None

Lion Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER . CLOSE COVER
 BEFORE STRIKING . BEFORE STRIKING

- GREEN HAT SAFETY
 BOOK MATCH
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- LET OP! SLUITEN ALVORENS
LUCIFER AAN TE STRYKEN

- None
- ® [union logo] 323

- SAFETY FIRST CLOSE COVER BEFORE
STRIKING MATCH

- SLUIT ALVORENS LUCIFER TE STRIJKEN
DEKSEL

- STRIKE ON BACK COVER
- STRIKE ON THE BACK COVER

Lite-Rite Corp (Minn.):

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Lone Star Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Los Angeles Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- None

Lucky Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Manhattan Match Co:

- SAFETY FIRST - CLOSE COVER
- SAFETY FIRST — CLOSE COVER

Maryland Match Co:

- BE SAFE CLOSE COVER BEFORE
STRIKING
- BE SAFE [star] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE [star] KEEP COVER CLOSED

- CLOSE COVER
- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER [star] BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER -STRIKE ON BACK
- PLEASE CLOSE COVER-STRIKE ON BACK
- STRIKE ON BACK COVER

Match Corp. of America:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Merchants Industries:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- None

Merchants Match Co:

- Close Cover For Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Merchants Standardized

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Safety First - - Close Cover
- SAFETY FIRST - CLOSE COVER

Mercury Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking

Merit Match Co:

- Safety First—Close Cover

Metro Printing Service:

- Safety First—Close Cover
- SAFETY FIRST—CLOSE COVER

Meyerson Press:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Michigan Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Milwaukee Match Co:

- None

Monarch Match Co:

- CLOSE · COVER · BEFORE · STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- Close Cover for Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY
- CLOSE COVER [union logo] FOR SAFETY
- *PLEASE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING*

Monomatches:

- CLOSE COVER [union logo] FOR SAFETY

National Match Co:

- Safety First - Close Cover
- SAFETY FIRST - CLOSE COVER

National Press:

- CLOSE COVER 30-B[union logo]182-B BEFORE STRIKING [all one line]
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Northwestern Prtg:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY
- CLOSE COVER FOR S ETY [error]

Ohio Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- *for* CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- *Safety* STRIKING MATCH

- None
- TURN OVER TO STRIKE

Owname Products Corp:

- None

Pacific Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Pageant Match

- BE SAFE [R/M] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- BE SAFE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- *PLEASE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING*

Pana Match Corp:

CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Perfect Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Perfume Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Premier Matches:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Premium Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Publix Printing Corp:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Regal Book Match Co:

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- Close Cover Before Striking

Regal Match & Prtg. Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Regal Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Republic Match Corp:

- Close Cover for Safety
- Close Cover For Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Rex Match Co:

- None

Royal Match Co:

- SAFETY FIRST - CLOSE COVER

Security Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking

Sheboygan Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Southern Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Southwestern Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Standard Adv. & Printing Co:

- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY

Standard Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Star Match Co:

- Close Cover Before Striking Match
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

Strike Rite Matches:

- Close Cover Before Striking
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- Frottez au verso
Strike On The Back Cover
- Refermez avant d'allumer
- Refermez avant d'allumer · Close Cover Before Striking
- STRIKE ON BACK COVER
- Strike On The Back Cover
- STRIKE ON THE BACK COVER

Superior Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING*
- *CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER [union logo] BEFORE STRIKING
- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH
- Close Cover For Safety
- CLOSE COVER FOR SAFETY
- Close Cover [union logo]61 For Safety
- CLOSE COVER [union logo]61 FOR SAFETY
- FOR SAFETY · STRIKE ON BACK*
- For Safety Strike on Back

Superior/Monarch:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- FOR SAFETY [union logo] STRIKE ON BACK

Texas Match Co:

- FOR SAFETY - - CLOSE COVER

U.S. Match Corp:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
- None

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Union Match Co:

- TRADE MARK ABSORBS MOISTURE
blot-r match KEEPS MATCHES DRY

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- None

- UNION QUALITY CLOSE COVER
MATCH BEFORE

- UNION QUALITY CLOSE COVER
BEFORE

- UNION QUALITY CLOSE COVER BEFORE
STRIKING MATCH

United Eng. Corp:

- Close Cover Before Striking

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

Universal Match (Canada):

- BE SAFE · CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN

Universal Match Corp:

- BE SAFE-CLOSE COVER
BEFORE STRIKING

- BE SAFE - CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- CLOSE COVER
BEFORE STRIKING

- Close Cover Before Striking

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- Close Cover Before Striking Match

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

- None

- PLEASE CLOSE COVER
BEFORE STRIKING

- Please Close Cover Before Striking

- PLEASE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- SAFETY FIRST — CLOSE COVER

Universal/Atlas:

- BE SAFE [a/m] CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Universal/Eddy Match:

- BE SAFE · CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING
KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN

Utah Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Vista-Lite:

- Close Cover Before Striking

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- Refermez Avant d'Allumer

Close Cover Before Striking

Wagner Match:

- None

Western Match Co:

- CLOSE COVER

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

- None

- *PLEASE CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING*

Willats Ptg. Co:

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING

Willens & Company:

- Close Cover Before Striking

- CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING