

Largest Known Collections: I

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We can hopefully accomplish two goals with this topic. You can get an idea of just how many different covers are available in your favorite categories...and I can update my database. Here's what I currently have as the largest collections in the hobby. I have no doubt that almost all of the numbers shown here can be superseded by larger collections that I am not aware of; I've never been able to canvas the entire hobby. I'm hoping that when you notice that you have a larger collection than what is noted here in a specific category, you'll contact me with your collection numbers. I will not use your name unless you give me permission to, so please include a year or near with the stats you send in. No estimates, please. These need to be exact counts. The figures here refer to 'all different covers,' although variations are OK. If you have categories not listed here,

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>COLLECTOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>AS OF</u>				
				Adam Hats	Warren Marshall, CA	322	10/88
				Advance Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	211	12/00
				Advance	Alma Adams, WI	51	3/96
				Mat.&Prtg.	Jim Moffett, CA	40	10/90
				Adveraps	Stuart Bergman, TX	423	6/93
				Advertizit	?, CAN	290	9/93
				MatchCo.	Ray Vigeant, CT	3708	1/99
				Affiliated	Bill Furlong, NV	906	10/90
				Nat.Hotels	Mike Prero, CA	410	12/00
				Agriculture	Win Lang, CA	489	6/97
				Airlines	Roy Buckley, WA	295	11/93
				Airplanes	Anonymous	204	4/93
				Airports	Don Marquette, AR	152	1/99
				Alabama	Win Lang, CA	316	6/97
				Alaska	John Nichols, NM	2195	5/93
				Albert Pick Hotels	Mike Prero, CA	44	12/00
				Albert Pick mm	Judi Wittwer, AZ	87	8/97
				Alberta	Mike Prero, CA	6	12/00
				Albuquerque	Clem Pater, OH	11400	5/00
				All-Trades	Mike Prero, CA	912	12/00
				Alligators	Mike Prero, CA	4	12/00
7-UP	Bob Oliver, FL	77	10/87				
10's (all)	John Williams, OH	8000	10/87				
10's (Ohio)	Andy Anderson, MO	384	7/96				
10's (Universal)	Andy Anderson, MO	2803	7/96				
12's	Anonymous	1714	4/93				
12-Up	Judi Wittwer, AZ	891	8/97				
21" Feature (strip'ed)	Dan Bitter, OK	2989	7/99				
	Milt Wolf, DE	292	5/93				
24's	Joe Onofri, PA	2000	10/88				
40's	Roy Buckley, WA	1	11/93				
80's	Roy Buckley, WA	5	11/93				
200's	Roy Buckley, WA	1	11/93				
220's	Roy Buckley, WA	48	11/93				
240's	Mike Prero, CA	4524	12/00				
AAA	Jim Moffett, CA	8	6/93				
Acey Ducey clubs	Mike Prero, CA	4	12/00				
Acme Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	2	1/97				
Acorn Match Co.	Joel Acus, OH	17	1/99				
Action	Dave Hampton, CA	91	10/88				

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Allis Press	Mike Prero, CA	135	12/00	Bingo	Mike Prero, CA	1835	12/99
American Ace	Bill Retskin, NC	20	10/88	Birds	Chester Crill, CA	59505	12/93
American Legion	Anonymous	35	4/93	Black /White Photo	Paul Moyer, CA	11447	12/93
American Match Co	Art Houser, NY	1160	5/93	Blacks	Paul Moyer, CA	97	1/01
American	Ellen Gutting, NV	240	9/00	Bonanza Sirl.	Wayne Eadie, NY	4288	12/93
Mat.&Prtg	Toby Messmer	107	11/97	Steak..	Paul Moyer, CA	217	9/93
American Quality	Mel Garrett, KS	163	6/93	Book Match Co.	?, CAN	106	8/97
Americana Hotels	Ellen Gutting, NV	137	10/00	Bowling	Judi Wittwer, AZ	95	8/97
Americana, Perkins	Chester Crill, CA	5528	6/93	Boxes	Judi Wittwer, AZ	1828+	12/00
Amusement Parks	Rich Greene, NJ	131	1/01	Boxes, Japanese	Ralph Arnold, MA	750	6/00
AMVETS	Judi Wittwer, AZ	36	8/97	Boxes,PlasticBr.The	Steve Weiner, NJ	500	9/00
Anchors	Chester Crill, CA	181	12/99	.	Ellen Gutting, NV	129	4/00
Angels	Chester Crill, CA	169	12/99	Boxes, Swedish-	Ed Brassard, WA	226	6/97
Animals	Win Lang, CA	1071	6/97	type	Win Lang, CA	36	1/99
Animals, Celebrity	Wing Lang, CA	557	6/97	Boxes, Wooden	Mike Samuels, DC	296	10/90
Anvils	Don Marquette, AR	1052	1/99	Branding Irons	Jim Moffett, CA	178	12/99
Apes & Monkeys	Warren Marshall, CA	267	10/88	Brands	Chester Crill, CA	70	6/93
Apples	Mike Prero, CA	6	12/00	Brazil	Chester Crill, CA	528	10/00
Arizona	Mel Garrett, KS	3	6/93	Brew Pubs	John Dockendorf, PA	470	12/99
Arkansas	Mike Prero, CA	5	1/97	Bridges	Chester Crill, CA	1705	1/99
Army Air Corps	Ed Brassard, WA	200	10/88	Bridges, Natural	Greg Lund, CA	337	5/93
Arrow Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	663	12/00	British Columbia	Jo Wilding, TX	6262	6/97
Art Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	22	12/00	Brit. War Relief	Win Lang, CA	2794	1/01
Art Quality	Win Lang, CA	510	6/97	Soc.	Dan Bitter, OK	5266	10/88
Atlantic Match Co.	Greg Lund, CA	14701	4/00	Brothels	James Zearfoss, PA	389	11/93
Atlas 4-Color	?, CAN	1799	9/93	Buffalo	Roy Buckley, WA	1591	4/93
Atlas Foil	Marie Harbison, PA	11	4/93	Bullfighting	Bill Furlong, NV	2889	9/93
Atlas Match Co.	Chester Crill,CA	243	12/99	Bus Lines	?, CAN	100	4/93
(old)	Dave Hampton, CA	93	10/88	Cactus	Anonymous	2794	4/93
Australian	Wing Lang, CA	155	6/97	Cafes	Marie Harbison, PA	35	1/99
Auto Dealers	Jo Wilding, TX	56	5/93	Cafeterias	Ray Vigeant, CT	9	6/93
Auto Parts	Ellen Gutting, NV	180	9/00	California	Jim Moffett, CA	196	8/95
Autographed Covers	Mike Prero, CA	32676	12/00	Camel 30s	Chester Crill, CA	222	5/93
Aztec-theme	Charlotte Hoffman,	130000	1/78	Cameo	John Nichols, NM	138	12/99
Babies	NJ	944	7/96	Canada Color	Chester Crill, CA	4092	10/90
Bahamas	Andy Anderson, MO	130	1/99	Canadian	Ray Vigeant, CT	235	11/93
Bail Bonds	Loren Moore, CA	181	7/96	Canadian Excise	Roy Buckley, WA	7891	11/00
Ballons, Hot Air	Andy Anderson, MO	3127	1/99	Canadian	Pat Flynn, NV	331	4/93
Banks	Jo Wilding, TX	778	6/97	Pacif.Hotel	Marie Harbison, PA	47	7/99
Banks, S&Ls,CUs	Win Lang, CA	721	12/99	Capitols, US	Bill Hubbard, TN	93	7/99
Barber Shops	Chester Crill, CA	1120	7/96	Car Rentals	Bill Hubbard, TN	3431	10/88
Barns	Andy Anderson, MO	114	12/99	Cardinals	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	121	12/99
Barrel Matches	Chester Crill, CA	3000	10/88	Cards, Playing	Chester Crill, CA	291	5/93
Bars	Bill Retskin, NC	308	6/97	Career Offers	Jo Wilding, TX	450	6/93
Baseball	Win Lang, CA	50	10/88	Carousels	Cheryl Crill, CA	53	11/93
Bears	Bill Retskin, NC	159	12/99	Cars	Roy Buckley, WA	280	12/00
Beauty Salons	Chester Crill, CA	186	1/01	Cars (antique only)	Ed Brassard, WA	235	10/90
Beavers	Wayne Eadie, NY	23	7/93	Casinos	John Williams, OH	350	10/87
Beer	Frank Rawton, CA	12000	10/88	Casinos,Atlantic	Pat O'Keefe, AZ	321	7/93
Belgium	Ken Riggs, MA	1265	10/87	City	Warren Marshall, CA	78	6/93
Bell Machine Co.	Bob Oliver, FL	8000+	10/87	Casinos, Louisiana	Mel Garrett, KS	9	4/93
Bellboys	Clem Pater, OH	375	7/99	Casinos, Mississippi	Judi Wittwer, AZ	295	1/01
Benihana Rest.	Mike Samuels, DC	9301	7/96	Casinos, Nevada	Riche Greene, NJ	219	12/00
Best Eastern	Andy Anderson, MO	34	9/93	Catalina Island	Mike Prero, CA	292	1/01
Best Western	?, CAN	1208	6/93	Caterers	Rich Greene, NJ	2047	12/99
Best Western, N/S	Mel Garrett, KS	2500	10/88	Cats	Chester Crill, CA	1554	11/98
Bicentennial	Bill Retskin, NC	1149	4/93	Cattle Brands	Greg Lund, CA	544	8/93
Big Boy Restaurants	Opal Calhoun, CA	465	6/97	Caves	Anonymous	2195	7/93
Billboard	Tom Gray, IA	8	12/00	CCC Camps	Warren Marshall, CA	20	6/93

Cement Co.'s	Jim Moffett, CA	3505	12/00	Convention,RMS'9	Chester Crill, CA	810	7/96
Central Match& Lab.	Mike Prero, CA	11	4/93	2	Win Lang, CA	111	12/99
Champion	Opal Calhoun, CA	806	10/89	Convention,RMS'9	Andy Anderson, MO	6	11/93
Sp'kPlugs	Judi Wittwer, AZ	1758	10/87	3	Cheryl Crill, CA	194	10/89
Chapman Match Co.	Bob Oliver, FL	474	7/96	Coronations/Royalty	Roy Buckley, WA	5000+	10/90
Characters, Cartoon	Andy Anderson, MO	68	12/00	Correspond. Schls	Judi Wittwer, AZ	500	10/88
Characters,Historica	Mike Prero, CA	33	6/93	Cotton Bolls	Harry Branchaud, CA	300	10/88
l	Jim Moffett, CA	62	7/96	Country Clubs	Bill Retskin, NC	676	10/88
Characters, Literary	Andy Anderson, MO	49	7/93	County Seats	Ed Brassard, WA	113	6/93
Chefs	Cheryl Crill, CA	311	12/00	Cowboys	Joe Onofri, PA	289	7/93
Chevy Dealer	Bill Evans, MI	293	9/00	Cows/Steers	Mel Garrett, KS	140	1/99
Chicago Match (old)	Ellen Gutting, NV	4819	7/96	Crabs	Cheryl Crill, CA	119	12/99
Chickens	Andy Anderson, MO	2231	10/90	Credit Unions	Mike Samuels, DC	404	10/90
Chimney Sweeps	Larry Bell, CAN	162	1/01	Crests	Chester Crill, CA	87	12/99
Christmas	Wayne Eadie, NY	195	8/95	Crown Match Co.	Hank Northam,CA	200	4/93
Christmas, Giant	Chester Crill, CA	214	7/96	Dams	Chester Crill, CA	310	4/93
Christmas, N/S	Andy Anderson, MO	323	1/99	Dated	Marie Harbison, PA	27	1/99
Cigarettes	Greg Lund, CA	600	10/87	Dated Auto	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	3600	10/90
Cigars	John Williams, OH	206	10/88	Dave & Busters	Ray Vigeant, CT	209	12/99
Classic Collectible	Dave Hampton, CA	3000	10/87	David Lionel Press	Manny Silverstein, CA	436	12/99
Classique	Anonymous	1021	6/97	Deer	Chester Crill, CA	23	10/90
Click	Win Lang, CA	11	12/00	Delaware	Chester Crill, CA	70	4/93
Clocks	Mike Prero, CA	6	6/95	Dept. Stores	Jim Moffett, CA	423	12/99
Clothing	Walt Wecker, IL	69	4/93	Devils	Anonymous	1624	7/96
Clowns	Marie Harbison, PA	78	4/93	Diamond 40-stick		157	4/93
Clubs	Marie Haribison, PA	89	10/88	Diamond Four-Color	Chester Crill, CA	48	5/93
Coal Co.'s	Dave Hampton, CA	159	4/93	Diamond Quality	Andy Anderson, MO	305	12/99
Coca-Cola	Marie Harbison, PA	85	12/99	Diamond Q.(full-bk)	Anonymous	3390	7/96
Cocktail Glasses	Chester Crill, CA	465	6/97	Diamond Safety-1st	John Nichols, NM	324	12/00
Coffee	Win Lang, CA	112	12/99	Diners	Chester Crill, CA	776	12/99
Coffee Shops	Chester Crill, CA	251	8/97	Diners, Full-length	Andy Anderson, MO	1112	7/99
Colgate	Judi Wittwer, AZ	916	11/00	Dining-Dancing	Mike Prero, CA	103	10/90
Colgate Bridge Sets	John Clark, FL	465	9/93	Cpls	Chester Crill, CA	663	10/88
Colleges	?, CAN	12060	6/93	Diplomatic	Mel Garrett, KS	50	10/87
Colorado	Anonymous	11109	6/97	Discos	Jim Moffett, CA	136	12/99
Columbia Match Co.	Tom Gray, IA	234	4/93	Disney	Larry Bell, CAN	444	12/99
(old)	Marie Harbison, PA	85	4/93	Disneyland, Near	Bill Retskin, NC	5002	12/00
Columbia, XL	Marie Harbison, PA	164	4/93	Disneyworld	Chester Crill, CA	2	11/93
Combos	Marie Harbison, PA	17	4/93	Display	Chester Crill, CA	12210	6/93
Combos, Casino	Mike Prero, CA	30	1/97	Dog Tracks	Mike Prero, CA	3	10/88
Combos, Holiday Inn	Andy Anderson, MO	60	10/00	Dogs	Roy Buckley, WA		
Combos, Navy Ship	Ellen Gutting, NV	8505	7/00	Dolphins	Mel Garrett, KS	2392	6/97
Combos, Railroad	Milt Wolf, DE	3093	10/89	Donkeys/Burros	Bill Retskin, NC	1963	7/00
Comedy Clubs	Tom Valachovic, NY	172	10/88	Douglas Match Co.	Win Lang, CA	51	4/93
Connecticut	Warren Marshall, CA	1523	12/99	Downtowner Motor Inn	Marie Harbison, PA	55	10/90
Conquistadors	Chester Crill, CA	308	12/99	Dragons	Ellen Gutting,NV	40	12/00
Contact	Cheryl Crill, CA	5700	11/00	Drinks (Alcoholic)	Anonymous	6000	10/87
Contours	Mel Reese, WI	1306	4/93	Drive Inns (theatres)	Jim Moffett, CA	83	6/97
Contractors	Marie Harbison, PA	3034	10/87	Driving Schools	Mike Prero, CA	1134	12/00
Convention	Jim Moffett, CA	14	11/93	Ducks	Paul Moyer, CA	4300	10/88
Convention, RMS	Roy Buckley, WA	6700	12/00	Drug Stores	Tom Gray, IA	28	4/00
Convention,RMS'90	Mike Prero, CA	4616	1/01	Duncan Hines	Mike Prero, CA	5	6/95
Convention,RMS'91	David Schroeder, CAN	48	4/00	Eagles	Bill Retskin, NC	3502	7/99
	Mark Quilling, MN	84	12/00	Eagles (F.O.E.)	Joel Acus, OH	2453	7/99
	Mike Prero, CA	420	12/99	Eez-L Back	Mike Prero, CA	1049	7/99
		237	6/97		Anonymous	7565	1/01
					Anonymous	11040	5/93

Eddy Penny Boxes	Anonymous	243	9/93	Gem Match Co.	Andy Anderson, MO	32	4/00
Eddy Quality	Helen Hollmann, PA	144	6/97	General Match Co.	John Nichols, NM	192	7/96
Eiffle Tower	George Bruckman,	88	10/88	Georgia	Mike Prero, CA	1036	1/99
Elephants	CO	145	5/00	Germany	Ellen Gutting	401	10/89
Elks (B.P.O.E.)	?, CAN	300	10/88	Ghosts	Joe DeGennaro, NY	3763	10/88
Embassies	Win Lang, CA	2428	4/93	Giants	Andy Anderson, MO	29	6/93
Embossed	Dave Hampton, CA	1	1/97	Girlies (all)	Jo Wilding, TX	4	6/93
Empire Book Match	Carmine Arpino, CT	581	6/97	Girlies (sets)	Jim Moffett, CA	29	10/88
Co.	Everett Hoy, OH	1182	4/93	Girlies (singles)	Dave Hampton, CA	2	12/00
England	Win Lang, CA	429	6/93	Girlies(stock	Jim Moffett, CA	2161	10/88
Errors	Mike Prero, CA	7000	7/93	unlisted	Stuart Bergman, TX	3521	10/88
Eskimos	Jo Wilding, TX	256	5/93	Gold Panners	Bill Retskin, NC	611	10/89
Executive Inns	Opal Calhoun, CA	20212	12/00	GoldenGate	Mike Prero, CA	22	10/87
Extend n' Ad	Chester Crill, CA	+	9/97	Expo'39	Frank Lawton, CA	1016	5/93
Fairs	Verna Troxel, WA	170	1/01	Golf/Country Clubs	Frank Lawton, CA	778	10/00
Famous Places	John Nichols, NM	1904	12/99	Golf Clubs	Jim Moffett, CA	105	9/93
Features, Giant	Ralph Arnold, MA	403	6/97	Gondolas	Bob Oliver, FL	117	10/88
Features (stripped)	Art Houser, SC	1369	6/93	Gopher Match Co.	Al Kilburn, PA	23000	10/88
Features, Full	Wayne Eadie, NY	7893	12/00	Grant-Mann	Ellen Gutting, NV	530	6/88
Features, Poster	Chester Crill, CA	81	6/93	Greet Hat, Lion	?, CAN	611	1/01
Federal Prtg.	Win Lang, CA	151	6/97	Greyhound Racing	Ken Riggs, MA	3400	1/01
Federals	Mel Garrett, KS	644	4/93	Grocery Stores	Ken Riggs, MA	425	4/93
Federals, Short	Mike Prero, CA	58	11/96	Group I	Frank Lawton, CA	2703	1/99
Federals, XL	Stuart Bergman, TX	221	7/96	Group I Sports	Janet Penny, PA	480	8/97
Filigree	Tom Gray, IA	1435	12/00	Gum	Janet Penny, PA	7389	1/97
Filigree-Type	Shirley Hospers, TX	159	7/99	Gum/Candy	Marie Harbison, PA	686	4/93
Finance Co.'s	Chester Crill, CA	6113+	7/00	Hamilton Match Co.	Mike Samuels, DC	17	4/93
Finland	Andy Anderson, MO	192	7/96	Hangers	Judi Wittwer, AZ	368	9/00
Fire Companies	Mike Prero, CA	2506	6/93	Hard Rock Cafe	Mike Prero, CA	134	12/00
Flamingos	Dan Bitter, OK	21	7/96	Hardware Stores	Anonymous	203	10/89
Florentine	Milt Wolf, DE	2032	4/00	Hats	Win Lang, CA	110281	12/00
Florida	Andy Anderson, MO	20047	7/96	Hawaii	Ellen Gutting, NV	8229	12/00
Florida Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	2206	12/99	Hearts	Ed Brassard, WA	584	4/93
Florists	Andy Anderson, MO	125	10/88	Hellman Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	111	1/01
Flowers	Greg Lund, CA	66	10/88	Hemisphere '68	Bill Evans, MI	818	1/01
Flowers, N/S	Andy Anderson, MO	500	6/97	Hercules Match Co.	Bill Evans, MI	43	4/93
Foillite	Chester Crill, CA	1043	6/97	Hillbilly	Neal Hospers, TX	137	12/00
Food Products	Warren Marshall, CA	666	12/99	Hiltons	Bob Smith, KY	1	7/96
Foreign	Everett Hoy, OH	18	6/93	Hiltons, Foreign	Wayne Eadie, NY	641	10/88
Fork Lifts	Win Lang, CA	626	4/93	Hiltons, Mini-Max	Anonymous	585	12/99
Four Seasons	Win Lang, CA	29061	4/93	Hiltons, N/S	Mike Prero, CA	279	6/97
Foxes	Cheryl Crill, CA	3889	4/93	Hiltons, Stock	Andy Anderson, MO	595	6/97
France	Mel Garrett, KS	2437	4/93	Hobos	Frank Lawton, CA	2884	4/93
Fraternal	Walter Hubbard, CA	2659	6/93	Hockey	Chester Crill, CA	194	6/97
Fraternities	Walter Hubbard, CA	230	1/99	Holiday Inn	Win Lang, CA	846	4/93
Fred Harvey	Walter Hubbard, CA	62	10/88	Holiday Inn Boxes	Win Lang, CA	127	4/93
Friendship Inns	Walter Hubbard, CA	12768	6/97	Holiday Inn,	Anonymous	1833	5/93
Frogs	Jim Moffett, CA	6235	12/99	Foreign	Win Lang, CA	608	
Fruit	Mike Samuels	185	12/00	Holiday Inn, N/S	Anonymous	362	
Fuel Co.'s	Joe Onofri, PA	3	12/00	Holiday Inn, N/S	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	3155	
Full-Frontals	Win Lang, CA	76	1/99	For	Bill Evans, MI	300	
Full-length	Chester Crill, CA	7	1/99	Holiday Inn, Stock	Chester Crill, CA	447	
Full-l. Bank Checks	Mike Prero, CA	82	7/96	Horse Racing	Andy Anderson, MO	65	
Funeral Homes	Mike Prero, CA	4317	10/87	Horses	Ed Brassard, WA	901	
Gambling Ships	Joel Acus, OH	726	1/99	Hospitals	Tom Gray, IA	2121	
Garages	Mike Samuels, DC	247	7/96	Hospitals, Army	Mike Prero, CA	3608	
Gas Stations	Andy Anderson, MO	137	5/93	Hospitals, V.A.	Win Lang, CA	195	
Gasoline/Oil Brands	Jim Moffett, CA	130	12/00	Hot Dogs	Opal Calhoun, CA	8688	
Geese	Don Marquette, AR	5	9/00	Hot Springs	?, CAN		

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