

Match Manufacturers:

American Match Co.

(1920-1930's)

There have actually been four manufacturers with the name of American Match Co.

- American Match Co. (1867-c. 1869) - Production center: Amsterdam, NY
- American Match Co. (1869-c. 1875) - Production center: Cleveland, OH
- American Match Co. (1920-1930's) - Production centers: Chicago, IL; Lynchburg, VA
- American Match Co. (1956-1975) - Production centers: Zanesville, OH (closed 1976?); Reno, NV (closed 1976); Denver, CO (closed 1976)

Realistically, most collectors are only going to run into the products of the last two companies, and it's the third such company that concerns us here. The American Match Co. of the 1920s and 1930s produced covers that are very sought after and popular with collectors today, but they're rarely found. The covers may sport any of three footers that bring oohs and ahs from treasure seekers": *For Safety (ooh!)* (1920s-1930s), *Safety First (ah!)* (1920s-1930s?), *American Quality (ooh!)* (1922-1930's). For most collectors, that means these covers would be kept simple because of the footers. These are also XL covers (extra-large or tall), as so many Pre-War covers are. Although, I do have a cover from this company, apparently, that looks much newer and bears none of these footers....something to ponder over later.

