

Match Manufacturers:

Columbia Match Co. (1938-1985)

This particular Columbia Match Co. (there was an earlier one), was founded by James H. Weaver, an employee of Diamond Match Co., in Mentor, OH. The company was changed into the Weaver Dissolution Company on Dec. 27, 1971 and was dissolved on that date, but reformed and continued. The company manufactured book matches only, and emphasized the specialty advertising market; however, match production halted in 1985; the company relocated to San Diego and now concentrates on match-making machinery.

The earlier company of the same name, which ran from 1915-c. 1930, may have also been founded by the Weaver family in 1915, which is why I mention it here, but there's no verification thus far. So, at this point, it's merely a possibility. It's production facility was in Marienette, WI, though, while the later company's factories were in Mentor and Cleveland, OH.

While I don't collect Columbia covers per se, I do collect the Columbia XL's (extra long). There are currently 59 of those listed.

Trademarks: Eagle 20, Eagle 24 (1980), Eagle 30; Columbia Match Co. also issued the first 24-strike (1980)

