

## Match Manufacturers:

### FEDERAL MATCH CO. (1923-1941)

Formed in 1923 by merger of 9 companies. Absorbed Bean & Symonds Co. and New Hampshire Co. in 1928. In 1931, Federal became part of Ivar Kreuger's International Match Corp. when it was purchased by Vulcan Match Co., one of Kreuger's subsidiaries. Purchased by Pan American Match Corp. (a Diamond holding company) in the Kreuger bankruptcy auctions in July, 1937. Merged with Union Match Co. in 1938, and both were consolidated into Federal Match Corp. Both Federal and West Virginia Match Corp. merged into Universal in 1941.

Earlier covers are noticeably longer than later issues, leading to the distinction between "Federal longs" and "Federal shorts." Many pre-War Navy Ship issues.

**Production centers:** Bloomsburg, PA (closed 1937); Bellefonte, PA; Duluth, MN; Joliet, IL (closed 1939), Spokane, WA; Crawfordsville, IN (closed 1929); Cleveland, OH (closed 1929); Ashland, OH (closed 1929); Cloquet, MI.

**Trademarks:** Economy (box, c. 1920s), Federal Pacific (box, 1930s), Moderne (box, 1930s), National Safety Match (box, 1930's), Reliance (box, 1930's), Staylit, Pride (box, 1930's), Winner (box, 1930s)

3,312 Federal covers are current listed, and one collector reported having 3,502 in November 2004).

