
Match Manufacturers:

PACIFIC MATCH CO. (1924-1964)

There were actually three Pacific Match companies. The first ran from c. 1886-1896. It was founded by Nelson Whitaker and later purchased and closed by Diamond Match Co. in 1896. It was the first match company in Tacoma.

The second Pacific Match Company existed from 1911-? The only reference I've found for this one is a 1911 Tacoma Daily Tribune article referring to the company being about to open. It, also, was located in Tacoma.

The third Pacific Match Company is the one we're actually concerned with here. It was founded by O.V. Snyder and associates, who had relocated to Tacoma from Wheeling, WV, where he had apparently worked in the match industry previously. There was no relationship to the previous Tacoma companies. The high cost of labor and materials eventually forced the closure of the company in 1964.

Production center: Tacoma, WA

Trademarks: Sunset (box, c. 1920s), De-Lite (?), Fire Chief (?), Dependable (box, ?), Lite King Safety (box, ?), Tacoma (?), Red Head (?), Strike-Out (wooden match), Junior (?), Ideal (?), Favorite (?)

Shown here is the only Pacific Match Company cover I have. It's interesting that it's a Military cover.

