

Barrel Matches

Well, you can see why they're called Barrel matches. They're more or less the modern version of match safes, only these are barrel-shaped and made of cardboard.

Barrel matches have never been all that popular, probably, I assume, because they're more expensive than matchbooks and traditional matchboxes. They're designed for the customer who's looking to be chic. So, you'll see some from the larger hotel chains, usually their posh restaurants (I have one from a Hilton). I can't see your average guy carrying around something this bulky.

They make a great category, and they're great for displays. I have several around, just for show, but I don't collect them. You can't put these in albums, but, if that doesn't bother you, I could certainly see someone collecting them.

