

Tandsticks Museet Jonkoping

“The world's only match museum in Jönköping. The museum is located at Vätterns south shore and is housed in the beautiful wooden building from 1848 that was the first match factory in the city.

The museum tells live match history. You meet people and machines that built up the match industry and developed it into a global company. Here you will find a match worker's accommodation, a great movie and thousands of boxes and labels. In the museum shop you can browse among boxes, labels and more.

The Match Museum is owned and operated by the municipality of Jönköping.”

Why is the museum in Jönköping? “In 1844-45, the brothers John and Carl Lundström started match industry in Jönköping. The first production was phosphorus matches. Safety matches were first produced in 1853 through the invention of the chemist Gustav Erik Pasch.

Johan Lundström, who was a chemist, took up Paschs patent and improved it. The dangerous white phosphorous was replaced. The stick was given a larger set bud and box a striking surface. The striking surface was the harmless red, amorphous rapids antiquity. Sale of phosphorus matches was banned in Sweden in 1901, but the production of phosphorus matches continued until 1920.

[<http://www.matchmuseum.se/>]

