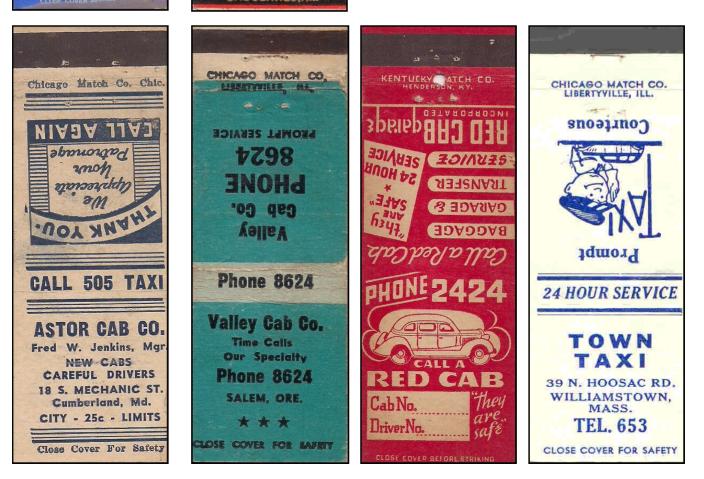
Taxis

How do you spell 'Taxi'?...'O - L - D'! Here's a category that wreaks of age. There *are* newer reverse-strikers, but the vast majority of Taxi covers are front-strikers and hark back to an era now long gone.

And just look at the variety of manumarks in the tiny sampling pictured here. While some categories are overwhelming dominated by Diamond, Universal, or one of the other large manufacturers, Taxis span the gamut—from giants such as Diamond to miniscule companies such as Kentucky Match Co. That's because 1) there were so many different cab companies, and 2) they were literally to be found in every town and city of any size in America. Hence, different companies turned to different sources for their matchbooks.

Always a popular category among collectors for the above reasons and more, it's a fairly large category, as well. Bill Bias, OH, had 3,300 in his collection as of December 2010.



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