

1931	-First 40-strike appeared, Advance Match Co.		peared.
1933	-First World's Fair covers appeared (Century of Progress), Chicago	1939	-First set of Madcap Maids issued, Match Corp.
1933	-First Group I Football sets, Diamond	1939	-First matchcover collectors' meeting, Henry Rathkamp's home, Newport, RI
1933	-First Petty Girl	1940	-First Display by Lion appeared
1934	-First CCC covers appeared, Maryland Match Co.	1940	-12Up first appears
1934	-First Midget appeared, Lion	1941	-First issue of RMS Bulletin
1934	-First Group I Baseball sets, Diamond	1941	-First Mirro-Gloss from Universal appeared
1934	-First Ten-Strike by Universal appeared	1945	-First Post-War Navy Ship covers appeared
1935	-First commercial matchcover albums - by Gromey of NY [date approximate]	1946	-First Outstanding Collector Award - Horace Rush was recipient
1936	-First Billboard 40-strike from Universal appeared	1946	-First Intercontinental Hotel covers appeared
1936	-First Manhattan Safety First footer appeared, Manhattan Match Co.	1948	-First matchcover exhibits at a convention
1936	-First Royal Flash from Universal appeared	1948	-First matchcover exhibits at a convention
1936	-First Giant appeared, Lion Match Co.	1948	-First Ever-Glo appeared, Maryland Match Co.
1937	-First collectors club appears in England.	1948	-First Hillbillies appeared, Chicago Match Co.
-		1948	-First Petty Girls appeared, Superior Match Co.
1937	-First contact set - Dickens Christmas Carol set	1948	-First Best Western covers appeared, by Diamond Match Co.
1938	-First 10-strikes (by Universal)	1948	-Perfect 36 by Diamond appeared
1938	-First wide appearance of reverse strikers, Ohio Match Co.	1949	-First Safe-T-Lite by Universal appeared
1938	-First Girlie set (Elvgren Girls), Superior Match Co.	1951	-First Lion Contour appeared
1938	-First Hilton Hotel covers appeared	1951	-First Universal 30-strike appeared
1939	-First ADVERAP from Universal ap-		

1951	-First Jewelite appeared, Universal Match Co.		(Canada)
1952	-First Convention auctions	1967	-First Foil-Fab appeared, American Match Co.
1953	-First Thompson Girls appeared, Superior Match Co.	1967	-First Bryant & May Sovereign trademark appeared, England
1954	-First Match shucking contest at RMS convention	1969	-First Universal Filigree appeared
1954	-First Animatches	1972	-First Camera Color appeared, Monarch Match Co.
1955	-First Holiday Inn covers appeared	1972	-First Granada appeared, Monarch/Superior
1955	-First Jewel by Universal appeared	1972	-First Orleans appeared, Monarch Superior
1956	-First Universal Matchoramas appeared	1972	-First Universal Uniglo appeared
1956	-First Model by Lion appeared	1972	-First disposable lighters introduced to US market
1956	-First Poster Feature by Lion appeared	1974	-First Atlas Lenticular appeared
1956	-First Lion True Color appeared	1975	-First Diamond Stop-Lites appeared
1956	-First AMCAL Convention ("AMCOC")	1976	-First Therm-O-Bossed covers from Strike-Rite Match Co., Canada
1957	-First Perkins Americana appeared, Ed Perkins, Maryland Match Co.	1977	-First Universal American Ace boxes appeared
1958	-First Universal Sticky Backs appeared	1979	-First Universal Rainbow appeared
1959	-First Diamond Pocketbox appeared	1979	-First Universal Matchtone appeared
1959	-First Lion Easel Back by Lion appeared	1980	-Atlas 45 first appeared, Atlas Match Co., TX
1962	-First Grant-Mann color covers appeared, Canada	1980	-First 24-strike appeared (Eagle 24), Columbia Match Co.
1963	-First Universal Signet appeared	1981	-First Pocketbox Slim introduced by Diamond
1964	-First Century Lite by Universal appeared	1982	-First Universal Extend-N-Ad appeared
1964	-First Universal Foilite appeared		
1964	-First plastic matchboxes appeared, Van Deylan, West Germany (never caught on)		
1965	-First RMS convention outside US		

1982	-First Hall of Fame inductees - Austin Benner, Russ Fink, Isabel Lord, Duke Rohrer	1984	-First RMS Area Awards?
1982	-First UES, Reading, PA	1985	-First Universal Classique 180 appeared
1983	-First Pocketbox Ultra-Slim appeared, Diamond Match Co.	1985	-First Universal Jupiter One-Eight appeared
		1995	-First appearance of Camel 30-strike singles