

Al Cassinelli

Milford, MA

- 1923 Alfred S. Cascianelli born in Milford, MA
- 1935 Al starts playing the trumpet
- c.1937 Al forms his own orchestra to play locally
- 1943 Al enlists in the war, serving in the Pacific
- c.1950 after touring with his orchestra (photo 1), Al returns to Milford and starts developing his mouthpieces in the garage at #12 Short St. (photo 2)
- 1959 Al is granted patent #2,917,964 for mouthpieces that can play in multiple instruments
- c.1963 Al starts producing his Fast valve oil
- c.1966-68 Al Cass mouthpieces are licensed to Boosey & Hawkes for production while Al makes the oil. They are marked "Made in England". This ends with a lawsuit due to lack of payments due to Al.
- 1981 mouthpiece production ends with Al's diagnosis of liver problems and the oil business is taken up by his son Stephen (b.1968)
- 1989 Al dies and his wife Vera is left in charge of the business
- 1990 Vera incorporates as All Cass, Inc. on January 30th
- 1997 son Stephen leaves the company and starts making his own "Steve Cass Ultra Fast" valve oil
- 1999 Vera sues Stephen for use of the name and logo
- 19?? A new facility is built at #25 Depot St., Milford (below)



Trumpet mouthpieces are in series 1 to 4

In the 1 & 2 series, the second number is for the bore.

In the 3x and 4x series, the second number is for the cup depth with the lower number (3x1) indicating a deeper cup going up to a very shallow 3x5. The 4x series are the symphony models with the 4x1 and 4x2 being close to a Bach 3C and 5C.



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