

Buescher Surviving Brass Instruments

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1894	Buescher Manufacturing Co. is established in Elkhart		
50	1895			
65	1895	Cornet		2 tuning slides in 3 turns; removable lead pipe
100	1896			
170	1897			
236	1897	Cornet	Epoch	middle valve longer
240	1898			
287	1898	Cornet		same as 65; "Buescher Mfg Co / True-Tone"
320	1899			
400	1900			
	1900	Buescher files for patent on the Epoch cornet design on October 20		
471	1900	Cornet	Epoch	middle valve longer; "Pat Pending" [Solomon collection]
500	1901			
	1901	receives patent #670,365 on March 19 for Epoch design; a larger factory is built		
608	1901	Cornet	Epoch	middle valve longer; patent marking not available
817	1901	Baritone		B Mfg Co; no union mark [NMM]
1123	1901	Alto		bell up
1144	1901	Cornet		double tuning slide lead pipe; Bb/A stop rod; (2)SWK
1200	1902			
1315	1902	Cornet	Epoch	middle valve longer
1339	1902	Cornet	Epoch	B. Mfg Co; valve 2 longer; pat 1901; no union [NMM]

1380	1902	Cornet	Epoch	valve 2 long, 3 shorter than 1 [Faust]
1469	1902	Cornet	Epoch	valve 2 long; valve 3 short (model 1 in 1909)
1854	1902	Cornet	Epoch	all valves same length
1884	1902	Mellophone		Eb, True Tone; B Mfg Co; no union label [NMM]
2200	1903			
2343	1903	Cornet	Epoch	no union [Eric]
2589	1903	Cornet	Epoch	pat 3-19-1901; valve 2 long & 3 shorter; no union [Patton]
2771	1903	Cornet	TT	Z lead pipe; RLP; Bb/A; B. Mfg Co; no union [NMM]
3200	1904			
3280	1904	Cornet	Epoch	Pat 1901; valves same length; pigtail tuning slide
3300	1904	Cornet	Epoch	Z LP; RLP; valve 2 longer; B. Mfg Co; no union [NMM]
3400	1904	Cornet	Epoch	valves same length; pigtail tuning slide
	1904	In April reorganized as Buescher Band Instrument Co and plans for a new factory are announced.		
	1904	file for patent on 11-19 for multi-pitch tuning with two quick change slides for Bb/A & HP/LP		
3633	1904	Cornet	Epoch	Pat 1901; valve 2 long; "The Buescher"; no union [NMM]
4500	1905			
5000	1905	Cornet	Epoch	Pat 1901; valve 3 is shorter; 1 & 2 are same length
5068	1905	Cornet	Epoch	same as 5000
5141	1905	Cornet	Epoch	same as 5000; The Buescher; pat 1901; no union
5258	1905	Cornet	Epoch	same as 5000
5500	1906			
5507	1906	Cornet	Epoch Model 1	
5758	1906	Cornet	Epoch	same as 5000
5900	1906	Cornet	Epoch	fixed lead pipe; 3 tuning slides following 1906 patent

	1906			receive patent #826,473 on July 17 for multi-pitch tuning slides
5907	1906	Cornet	Epoch	valve 3 is shorter
6214	1906	Cornet	Epoch	valve 3 is shorter
6252	1906	Alto		no union
6286	1906	Cornet	Epoch	pat 1901
6547	1906	Cornet	Epoch	“The Buescher”; short valve 3; no patent or union mark [Totman collection]
6550	1907	Buescher signs an agreement with the Metal Polishers & Platers Union in late 1906 and in an ad for their new model 7 cornet in January says that all instruments will be marked with the union stamp. They also say that there was a severe economic depression in 1907 that all but shut down the factory for a while then they gradually recovered to a four day work week by the end of the year.		
	1907	file for patent on 7-18 for Split-no-tone bell design		
	1907	receives patent #869,619 on 10-29 for Split-no-tone bell		
6563	1907	Cornet		Z LP; union stamp
6758	1907	Tuba	Eb	no union mark [NMM]
6908	1907	Trumpet	Herald	“The Buescher”; Bb; Pat 1901 & 1906; union mark
7000	1908	1,500 instruments made this year; new model 10 cornet		
7441	1908	Helicon	Eb	Union label; factory 35
8228	1908	Cornet	Epoch	Union label factory 35; Z LP w/stop rod
8500	1909	3,000 instruments made this year due to a factory addition and 100 workers		
8607	1909	Cornet		pat 1901; Z LP
8949	1909	Cornet	Epoch	vlv 3 short; union label [DeCarlis]
9840	1909	Cornet	12-Epoch	“Z” fixed lead pipe; quick change stop rod in top slide
9874	1909	Tuba	Eb	“The Buescher”; union label factory 35 [NMM]

10105	1909	Cornet		Z fixed LP; no stop rod; union stamp
11000	1910			
11000	1910	Cornet	12-Epoch	same as 9840
11214	1910	Cornet	Epoch	“Z” fixed lead pipe; no stop rods
11342	1910	Trombone		Pat Appld For; Bb; no union mark (1912?) [NMM]
11363	1910	Cornet	7	Pat 1906 & 1907; Bb/A stop rod
11415	1910	Cornet	American Grand	double loop TS w/Bb/A stop rod; FLP; no union [Patton] 0.458” bore; 4.75” bell; 13.625” long
11723	1910	Cornet	Epoch	Long Model; Z LP; FLP; valves equal; union factory 39 [NMM]
11973	1910	Alto	American	bell up
12687	1910	Helicon	Eb	
13000	1911	By February it was reported that Buescher was done with union support so stamp should end.		
13101	1911	Mellophone		F/Eb/D; no union [NMM]
13556	1911	Trombone		no union mark [NMM]
14324	1911	Cornet	14	“Z” lead pipe; no stop rods
14354	1911	Cornet	10-Epoch	
14465	1911	Cornet	14	
14469	1911	Cornet		no union mark
14833	1911	Trombone	Grand Model 1	Pat Oct 1907 [NMM]
14930	1911	Trumpet	5-Epoch	shepherd’s crook bell
14961	1911	Cornet		Pat Oct 1907; Z LP w/stop rod [NMM]
15223	1912	Tuba	64	Eb; pat 1901; no union mark [NMM]
15400	1912	Cornet	Epoch	
16000	1912	filed for patent on trombone tuning slide in slide section on 3-19		

16401	1912	Cornet		Rotary Bb/A valve in tuning slide
17698	1912	Cornet	3	Epoch [Varner]
18xxx	1912	Trumpet	?	
19000	1913	received patent #1,060,779 for trombone tuning slide; In February, Buescher is back on the union label list after being off in 1912.		
19165	1913	Cornet		Bb/C; no union label [NMM]
19912	1913	Cornet		Z LP [ebay]
20092	1913	Cornet		Z LP [ebay]
20239	1913	Cornet		
21689	1913	Alto	20	bell forward
22000	1914	Buescher is on the union list this year.		
22350	1914	Cornet	16	
23729	1914	Trumpet	8	New England; Bb/A RV; LP [ebay]
24616	1914	Trombone	Grand Model X	Pat Oct 29-97; Bb [NMM]
24802	1914	Tuba	Helicon	Eb
25000	1915	Buescher is on the union list this year.		
25468	1915	Cornet	Bb	Z LP
25860	1915	Sax	who cares?	union label
27170	1915	Euphonium		Bb; Union label [NMM]
27412	1915	Mellophone	C/D/Eb/F	2 RV [ebay]
28000	1916	Buescher may have ended union marking by February when 500 workers in the industry went on strike. The band instrument industry was thrown into disorder and the strikes continued into 1917 and 1918. Carl Greenleaf at Conn was the major force in getting most makers out of the union.		
30146	1916	Trumpet	8	New England model
31000	1916	Trumpet	8	

31066	1916	Cornet	16 Grand	Z lead pipe; Bb/A; no union mark [NMM]
35000	1917			
36722	1917	Cornet	15	Bb/A; Z LP; FLP; "USQMC" [NMM]
37xxx	1917	Trumpet	5-Epoch	rotary valve in tuning slide
37218	1917	Baritone	Bb	no Union label [NMM]
38886	1917	Helicon	BBb	no union label
39383	1917	Cornet		
40005	1917	Cornet	15	parts horn; missing LP; bell crushed; no union [Patton]
40387	1917	Helicon	BBb	USQMC; no union mark [NMM]
42000	1918			
46xxx	1918	Trumpet	?	
47002	1918	Cornet	57C	[ebay]
47750	1918	Trombone	Grand	Bb [NMM]
48133	1918	Cornet	16	Grand [Varner]
48268	1918	Mellphone		F/Eb/D/C [NMM]
50000	1919	New model 9 "Grand" trumpet		
5548x	1919	Trumpet	9	[ebay]
55709	1919	Trombone	Bb	
58034	1919	Cornet		
61000	1920			
61000	1920	Cornet		"Z" lead pipe; no stop rod
73270	1920	Cornet	Slide	
74953	1920	Cornet		same as 61000
76710	1920	Cornet	15	[ebay]

78000	1921			
81514	1921	Trumpet		three slide braces
82183	1921	Trumpet	37B	
86864	1921	Cornet	16	"Z" lead pipe, no stop rods
88145	1921	Cornet		
88450	1921	Cornet	56C	
88459	1921	Cornet	C-15	Z LP; A/Bb/C, no union mark [ebay]
94177	1921	Trumpet	9	Grand [ebay]
96165	1921	Cornet	16	
98307	1921	Tuba	BBb	HP [NMM]
99000	1922	New model 10-22 trumpet is introduced.		
99379	1922	Trumpet		"36B" on valve 2
100xxx	1922	Cornet		in line rotary valve
100161	1922	Trumpet	9	[ebay]
112001	1922	Cornet		Bb/A w/RV
112035	1922	Mellophone	25	True-Tone [NMM]
119477	1922	Trumpet	12	in line rotary valve
120186	1922	Trumpet	9	[ebay]
120965	1922	Trumpet	10-22-B	[Varner]
122384	1922	Cornet	16	
125000	1923			
126xxx	1923	Trumpet	10	
126956	1923	Trumpet	11	Bb/A RV [ebay]
128859	1923	Trombone	38	Grand [ebay]

130305	1923	Trumpet	13	
138037	1923	Trumpet	12	Bb/A RV [ebay]
138511	1923	Mellophone	25	[NMM]; pat 1907
138991	1923	Trumpet	10-22B	bottom 1 st slide ring [ebay]
140000	1923	Cornet		in line rotary valve
140261	1923	Cornet	14-22	[ebay]
143458	1923	Trumpet	11	[ebay]
143751	1923	Trumpet	10-22-A	1 st slide saddle on bottom
144465	1923	Cornet		
144690	1923	Trumpet	10	
146930	1923	Trumpet	9	[ebay]
149942	1923	Trumpet	9	
150000	1924			
150xxx	1924	Trumpet	9	
152768	1924	Trumpet	14-22	
153812	1924	Cornet	14-22	[ebay]
153819	1924	Cornet	14-22	Bb/A RV [ebay]
154060	1924	Trumpet	9	[ebay]
154245	1924	Mellophone	25	[NMM]
159104	1924	Trumpet	10-22-A	[ebay]
162041	1924	Trumpet	9	
162373	1924	Trumpet	10-22	[Etsy]
164544	1924	Trumpet	10-22-A	
167262	1924	Sousaphone		[ebay]

167438	1924	Trumpet	9	
169285	1924	Trumpet	C-13	
173393	1924	Trombone	Grand	Bb [NMM]
173757	1924	Trumpet	10	
175000	1925			
177206	1925	Trumpet	10	
177340	1925	Cornet		
1777xx	1925	Trumpet	9	0.448"; 4.325" bell; extensively engraved [ebay]
181516	1925	Trumpet	13	
187208	1925	Trumpet	9	Gold plated; with warranty card [ebay]
18780x	1925	Trumpet	9	
191387	1925	Trumpet	10	
191866	1925	Trumpet	Bass	Pat Oct-29-07 (hybrid horn using Buescher valves)
192000	1925	Trumpet		Bottom 3 rd slide ring; reversed 3 rd slide
195727	1925	Cornet	C-15	FLP; SWK; Z LP; 0.486" bore; 4.75" bell; 15.75" long [Scott S]
198331	1925	Trumpet	11	very worn out [ebay]
200000	1926			
203873	1926	Trumpet	10	with case; parts only [Goodwill]
206735	1926	Trumpet	9	
206769	1926	Cornet	15	[ebay]
210525	1926	Trumpet	10-22-R	in line rotary valve
214000	1926	Trumpet	9	
216682	1926	Alto	Eb	
219540	1926	Trumpet	10	

220000	1927			
220018	1927	Trumpet	10-22-A	[ebay]
223655	1927	Trumpet	10-22-A	[ebay]
227020	1927	Trumpet	9	
227295	1927	Trumpet	10-22-A	
227373	1927	Trumpet	9	
231975	1927	Tuba	BBb	[NMM]
232496	1927	Trumpet	235	Aristocrat (possible wrong serial #) [ebay]
235000	1928	New model 212 trumpet		
236100	1928	Trumpet	8	
239133	1928	Trumpet	10-22	
239344	1928	Trumpet	11	
245000	1929	New Aristocrat cornet & trumpet in December.		
247824	1929	Alto		bell up
253970	1929	Trumpet	232	Aristocrat
254057	1929	Trumpet	232	[Varner]
255000	1930			
256204	1930	Mellophone	300	[NMM]
258082	1930	Trumpet	232	Aristocrat
260000	1931			
260533	1931	Cornet		
261053	1931	Trumpet	2	[ebay]
261079	1931	Trumpet	2	reversed 3 rd slide; union label [ebay]
261410	1931	Trumpet	2	reversed 3 rd slide

264000	1932			
266897	1933	Trumpet	237	
268000	1933			
268633	1933	Trumpet	235	
269904	1933	Trumpet	237	reversed 3 rd slide with top ring
270000	1933	Trumpet	235	reversed 3 rd slide with top ring
272000	1934			
275500	1935			
27635x	1935	Trumpet	236	Aristocrat Custom Built
276600	1935			
276960	1935	Trumpet	236	Aristocrat Custom Built
277554	1935	Trumpet	235	Aristocrat Custom Built
279000	1936			
280000	1936	Cornet	Aristocrat	
282041	1936	Cornet	Aristocrat	
283000	1937			
283178	1937	Cornet	265	Custom Aristocrat; 0.460" [ebay]
	1937	filed for patent on 2-13 for "The 400" style valve block for cornet & trumpet		
284115	1937	Cornet	400	Pat Applied For [ebay]
285xxx	1937	Trumpet	225	The 400
286525	1937	Trombone	The 400	
287416	1937	Trumpet	The 400	
287505	1937	Cornet	The 400	"Pat Applied For"
287671	1937	Trumpet	225	400

288000	1938			
289054	1938	Trumpet	225	400
289181	1938	Trumpet	225	400; "Pat Applied for"
289451	1938	Trumpet	225	400; "Pat Applied For" [ebay]
289650	1938	Cornet	275	"The 400"; "pat applied for" so pre-October
291057	1938	Cornet	266	
291286	1938	Cornet	275	The 400; Pat Applied for [ebay]
291288	1938	Cornet		
	1938 received patent #2,132,329 for "The 400" valve block design on October 4			
291xxx	1938	Trumpet	220-Aristocrat	reversed 3 rd slide with bottom ring; peashooter design
292290	1938	Cornet	266	Aristocrat; rare model
293189	1938	Trumpet	225	400
294000	1939			
294358	1939	Trumpet	225	The 400; patented [ebay]
295xxx	1939	Trumpet	225	The 400
296778	1939	Trombone	Bb	[NMM]
298000	1940			
298016	1940	Trumpet	225	400
298024	1940	Cornet	275	400; pat. Applied for (older valve set?) [ebay]
299833	1940	Cornet	245	
300228	1940	Cornet	400	Lightweight
300253	1940	Trumpet	205	[ebay]
300488	1940	Trumpet	225	400
302000	1941			

304000	1942			
304xxx	1942	Trumpet	205	
305xxx	1942	Trumpet	225	400
305084	1942	Cornet	275	400
306807	1942	Trumpet	235	Aristocrat
307308	1942	Trumpet	225	The 400
307350	1942	Trumpet	225	400
	1943-1945 break for WWII			
308000	1945			
308668	1945	Cornet	275	The 400, patented
309630	1945	Trumpet	225	400
309854	1945	Trumpet	225	400
310000	1945	Cornet	275	400
310100	1945	Trombone	404	
311044	1945	Trumpet	205	[ebay]
311611	1945	Cornet	245	Aristocrat [ebay]
312000	1946			
313014	1946	Trumpet		
313235	1946	Trombone	Aristocrat	[ebay]
313332	1946	Cornet	275	400
315022	1946	Trumpet	205	[ebay]
315827	1946	Trumpet	225	400 [ebay]
315888	1946	Trumpet	Custom Built	[NMM]
316000	1947			

316xxx	1947	Trumpet	225	400
319082	1947	Trumpet	225	400
320000	1948			
320xxx	1948	Trumpet	215	Aristocrat
320800	1948	Trumpet	228	LW 400
320906	1948	Trumpet	215	Aristocrat
321074	1948	Trumpet	228	LW 400
322790	1948	Cornet	266	Custom Built Aristocrat
323545	1948	Trumpet	215	Custom Built
324000	1949			
324970	1949	Trumpet	205	
325xxx	1949	Trumpet	228	LW 400
326730	1949	Trumpet	245	Aristocrat
328000	1950			
332000	1951			
332148	1951	Trumpet	228	LW 400
332149	1951	Trumpet	228	Lightweight 400
332329	1951	Trumpet	228	Lightweight 400
332657	1951	Trumpet	225	400 [ebay]
332817	1951	Trombone	Aristocrat	[ebay]
336000	1952			
340000	1953			
341061	1953	Cornet	275	400
344000	1954			

348000	1955			
348324	1955	Cornet	264	Aristocrat
348454	1955	Cornet	Custom	
349xxx	1955	Trumpet	244	Custom
352000	1956			
352651	1956	Trumpet	225	400
352809	1956	Cornet	Aristocrat	Custom Built
353858	1956	Cornet	275	400
354xxx	1956	Trumpet	Super 400	
356000	1957			
359825	1957	Trumpet	Super 400	260
360000	1958			
360022	1958	Trumpet	Super 400	seller says 1960
360057	1958	Trumpet	Super 400	T-160N [ebay]
360065	1958	Trumpet	Super 400	
361700	1958	Trumpet	400	[ebay]
364000	1959			
364206	1959	Trombone	400	
368000	1960			
372000	1961			
373348	1961	Trumpet	Super Aristocrat	brass w/NS bell & slides
375509	1961	Cornet	Aristocrat	
376000	1962			
378681	1962	Cornet	Aristocrat	

380292	1962	Trumpet	Aristocrat	[ebay]
381000	1963	Buescher is bought by Selmer		
381882	1963	Cornet	275	400
382xxx	1963	Trumpet	236	Aristocrat
385359	1963	Cornet		
389372	1963	Trumpet	Super Aristocrat	[ebay]
395000	1964			
399791	1964	Trumpet	Aristocrat	
409000	1965			
413832	1965	Trombone	Aristocrat	
414701	1965	Trumpet	225	400
431000	1966			
434156	1966	Cornet		
423727	1966	Trumpet		0.458" bore; no model # [Patton]
453000	1967			
461637	1967	Cornet		
463768	1967	Trumpet	225	400
464631	1967	Cornet	Aristocrat	
475000	1968			
486030	1968	Trumpet	Aristocrat	
493179	1968	Cornet	Aristocrat	[ebay]
493251	1968	Cornet	Aristocrat	[ebay]
497000	1969			
498532	1968	Trumpet	Aristocrat	[ebay]

512xxx	1969	Trumpet	Aristocrat	
520000	1970			
542000	1971			
558825	1971	Cornet	Aristocrat	[ebay]
564000	1972			
577825	1972	Trumpet	Aristocrat	ML bore [ebay]
586000	1973			
608000	1974			
630000	1975			
661000	1976			
663242	1976	Cornet	Aristocrat	Eb
692000	1977			
702051	1977	Alto	Aristocrat	bell forward
723000	1978			
754000	1979			
785000	1980			
815000	1981			
845000	1982			
875000	1983			

1983 production ends at around 875000