

Ernst Modl & F. X. Hüller & Co

Germany

- 1880 (or 1882) Franz Xaver Huller (1856-1936) establishes his musical instrument business in Graslitz (*NLI*) (photo 1 from Horn-u-copia.net)
- 1920 sons-in-law Anton Riedl and Ernst Modl (1892-1972) join the business with Modl being the craftsman (*NLI*); name now F.X. Huller & Co.; they use the tradename "World" (photo 2, Horn-u-copia.net)
- 1926 granted German patent #995,305 for Jazzphone
- 1929 granted German patent #1,087,753 for Jazz trumpet
- 1936 Huller dies and Modl becomes the proprietor
- 1940 Modl granted German patent #730,876C for rotary valves
- 1945 the company is ended following the war
- 1946 Ernst Modl moves to Diespeck, West Germany and starts a repair shop (*NLI*)
- 1950 Modl begins making trumpets under the EMO name using "Champion", "Professional" & "World" model names (Horn-u-copia.net); Louis Armstrong played an EMO World model trumpet at one time
- 1959 Trumpet #5120 is said to have been purchased in 1959
- 1973 EMO closes after the death of Ernst; Franz Riedl (1927-2008), son of Anton, begins production of EMO brand mutes still in production in 2018 (Horn-u-copia)

Photos from Horn-u-copia.net and auction sales

