

Reynolds Surviving Brass Instruments

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1936	Reynolds company starts in February		
500	1937			
518	1937	Trumpet		Brass w/NS top half of valve block
832	1937	Trumpet		Brass & NS; tuning slide lock [sold this one]
840	1937	Trumpet		Brass; tuning slide lock
10xx	1937	Trumpet		tuning slide lock
1100	1937	Trumpet		Sterling bell; tuning slide lock
1125	1937	Trumpet		Sterling bell; NS valve caps; slide lock, "00"
1500	1938			
1794	1938	Trombone		bought new c.1938
2395	1938	Trumpet		Brass body; Sterling bell; slide lock
2700	1939			
2861	1939	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe; slide lock
2868	1939	Cornet		Master copy [NMM]
3650	1939	Euphonium		
3925	1939	Cornet		Sterling bell; copy of King Master model
3942	1939	Cornet		King Master copy; brass & NS
4000	1940			
5042	?	Sousaphone	Contempora	later horn and confirmed serial so not sure why
5400	1941			
5617	1941	French Horn	Single	3 PV

6756	1941	Euphonium		4 vlv; bell up
7000	1942			
8374	1942	Trumpet		no slide lock
8555	1942	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe; no slide lock
8600	1943			
8928	1943	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe & caps; "00"
9322	1943	Trumpet		
9443	1943	Trumpet	Professional	Sterling bell [Gammon Brass]
9832	1943	Trumpet	Professional	[ebay]
10000	1943	Trumpet		Brass body; Sterling bell & lead pipe
10255	1943	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe & caps
10267	1943	Trumpet		Sterling bell & lead pipe; no slide lock
10300	1944			
11227	1944	Alto		silver plated; bell forward
12000	1945	purchased by Scherl & Roth		
12093	1945	Cornet		
12314	1945	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe & caps [ebay]
12547	1945	Trumpet		Brass body; NS lead pipe & caps
12854	1945	Trumpet		Brass w/NS lead pipe & caps
13184	1945	Trumpet		Silver plated; "US" added on bell
13242	1945	Trumpet		Brass w/NS lead pipe & caps
13350	1945	Cornet		Brass & NS
13550	1945	Cornet		Brass & NS; copy of King Master [Patton]

13733	1945	Cornet		copy of King Master [NMM]
13800	1946			
15700	1947	The Emperor model is started in November as an intermediate line		
17800	1948			
17801	1948	Trumpet		Brass & NS; Sterling bell
18003	1948	Trumpet	Medalist	Brass
18138	1948	Tuba	Eb	3 vlv
18607	1948	Mellophone	Eb	
18856	1948	Trombone	Tenor	
19113	1948	French Horn	Emperor	
19187	1948	Cornet		clone of King Master model; brass & NS
19261	1948	Trumpet		Sterling bell & lead pipe; no slide lock [mine]
19435	1948	Trumpet		Silver plated
20000	1949	The Contempora model starts in May as the top model and the Reynolds becomes the "Professional". Contempora model 40; 1 st slide trigger; 21.5" long; 4-5/8" bell Professional model 50; brass with NS lead pipe & trim		
20076	1949	Trumpet	Contempora	
20512	1949	Trumpet		Brass w/NS tubing & caps
20614	1949	Trumpet		Silver plated
20654	1949	Trumpet		
21047	1949	Trumpet		silver plated; "US"; "00"; new style caps & round bell braces
21535	1949	Alto		
22056	1949	Cornet		Brass & NS
22600	1950			

23xxx	1950	Mellophone	Regent	
23431	1950	French Horn		3 RV [ebay]
23579	1950	Mellophone		[ebay]
23808	1950	Trumpet		Brass & NS; sterling bell
24000	1950			
24xxx	1950	Cornet		Professional Sterling bell
24118	1950	Trumpet	Contempora	[ebay]
24169	1950	Cornet	Emperor	brass with NS bell flair
24264	1950	French Horn	Pottag	4 RV
24440	1950	Cornet	Professional	King Master copy
24577	1950	Trumpet	Emperor	
25300	1951			
25550	1951	Trumpet		Brass & NS
25594	1951	Trumpet	Contempora	
25706	1951	Trumpet	Contempora	LB [ebay]
26000	1951	Trumpet	Professional	Brass & NS
26234	1951	Cornet		Sterling bell
26800	1951			
268xx	1951	Trombone	Contempora	with RV
27xxx	1951	Trumpet	Contempora	1 st slide trigger
27193	1951	Trombone	Emperor	
27094	1951	French Horn	Pottag	Max Pottag, horn player for CSO; 4 rv
27978	1951	Trombone	78	

28100	1952	"Roth-Reynolds" now marked on bells		
29867	1952	Trumpet	Emperor	silver bell flare
29894	1952	Cornet	Contempora	med bore
30280	1952	Trumpet	Contempora	medium 0.458" bore; 40-M; 4-5/8" bell; no triggers
31000	1953			
31284	1953	Trumpet	Professional	[ebay]
31436	1953	Baritone		
32xxx	1953	Trombone	Emperor	
32333	1953	Trombone	Emperor	valves
32431	1953	Trombone	70	Roth-Reynolds
32778	1953	Trumpet	Contempora	40-L; 0.462" bore; 4-5/8" bell; "Roth-Reynolds Inst Co"
33231	1953	Trumpet	40L	1 st & 3 rd slide triggers
33714	1953	Tuba	TB-11	BBb
34000	1954			
34178	1954	Trumpet	Contempora	
34629	1954	Trumpet	Emperor	
35822	1954	Trumpet	Emperor	NS bell flair
36827	1954	Cornet	Contempora	no trigger
37000	1955	New Hi-Fi model cornet this year or early 1956.		
37077	1955	Trumpet	Contempora	Brass & NS; large bore; no trigger
37113	1955	Cornet	Emperor	Roth-Reynolds
37712	1955	Trumpet	Emperor	
37722	1955	Trumpet	Emperor	[Patton]

37918	1955	Trumpet	Emperor	NS bell [ebay]
39044	1955	Cornet	Professional	model 61 w/Sterling silver bell; \$320 new [ebay]
39347	1955	Cornet	Hi-Fi	large bore
39430	1955	Trumpet	Contempora	
40000	1956			
41503	1956	Cornet	Hi-Fi	
41614	1956	Cornet	Emperor	no RMC
41902	1956	Trumpet	Contempora	Purchased in June 1956
42393	1956	Trombone		said to have been purchased new in 1956
43555	1956	Trumpet	Emperor	brass w/NS tubing
44000	1957			
45394	1957	Trumpet	Contempora	1 st slide trigger
45935	1957	Horn	Contempora	
45953	1957	Trumpet	Contempora	large bore [ebay]
46496	1957	Trumpet	Contempora	40-M; 3 rd slide trigger
48100	1958 start of James Chambers model French horn made from nickel silver			
48173	1958	French Horn	Contempora	Double; Pottag model
48564	1958	Cornet	Contempora	Leonard Smith; large bore
49362	1958	Baritone	Contempora	
49393	1958	Trombone		purchased new in 1956
49457	1958	Cornet	Contempora	Leonard Smith; large bore; 1 st slide trigger
49620	1958	Baritone	Contempora	
49xxx	1958	Trombone	Contempora	"R" counter-weight

49858	1958	Trumpet	Herald	large bore
50324	1958	Trombone	Contempora	Bass; Roth; 0.562" bore; 9.5" bell
50573	1958	Trombone	Contempora	valves; 7.5" bell
50617	1958	Trumpet	Professional	Sterling bell
50750	1958	Trumpet		
51627	1959	Cornet	Hi-Fi	Roth-Reynolds; Cleveland; LB
52116	1959	Trombone	Contempora	2 RV; Bb/F/G/Eb; Greenhoe conversion [ebay]
52300	1959 the Argenta trumpet and Hi-Fi Trumpet & Trombone are started			
53170	1959	Cornet	Contempora	20-S; Leonard Smith model; 0.462" bore
53080	1959	Cornet	Emperor	
545xx	1959	Trumpet	Argenta	
55206	1959	Cornet		Sterling bell
56089	1959	Trumpet	Argenta	1 st slide trigger; all Nickel silver
56600	1960			
56794	1960	Tuba	Contempora	4 RV; Bell forward
57128	1960	Trumpet	Contempora	
57291	1960	Cornet	Argenta	[Goodwill]
57472	1960	Trombone	Contempora	
57918	1960	Trumpet	Emperor	[ebay]
58401	1960	Tuba	170	BBb
59378	1960	Tuba	BBb	Roth-Reynolds; no RMC
59462	1960	Mellophone	Contempora	F/Eb
60434	1960	Trumpet	Contempora	

60728	1960	Trumpet	Argenta	0.462" bore
	1961	Reynolds is purchased by RMC on December 30, 1960 and should be marked with their shield. The Medalist student line replaces the Roth models and are made in Elkhart by Blessing.		
	1961	Chambers no longer endorses his French horn model due to a dispute with RMC.		
61000	1961			
61283	1961	Trombone	Argenta	RMC
61372	1961	Cornet		
61769	1961	Trumpet	Contempora	large bore Leonard Smith model; RMC; silver plated
653xx	1961	Trombone	Contempora	Tenor; 7.5" bell; "R" counter weight
65530	1961	French Horn	Contempora	RMC
66000	1962			
66179	1962	Tuba	Contempora	Eb
66260	1962	Trumpet	Hi-Fi	large bore
67222	1962	Trombone	Emperor	
67479	1962	Baritone	Contempora	3 valve; RMC
68917	1962	Baritone		no RMC on case; bell not shown
69114	1962	Cornet	Emperor	0.456" bore; no RMC
69x22	1962	Trombone	Argenta	RMC
69860	1962	Horn		RMC
69897	1962	Baritone		RMC
70485	1962	Trombone	71	RMC
71000	1963			
71573	1963	Tuba	Contempora	Bb; Abilene (possibly 271573; could not verify)
74018	1963	Cornet	Contempora	large bore; 1 st slide trigger

74261	1963	Cornet	Roth	Roth-Reynolds
76000	1964			
76877	1964	Trumpet	Argenta	
76954	1964	Cornet	Emperor	
77972	1964	Tuba	BBb	3 vlv; bell forward
78277	1964	Cornet		Roth
796xx	1964	Trombone	Argenta	0.515" bore; 8.5" bell
79000	End of Reynolds in Cleveland in August with move to Abilene			
85459	1964	Highest number found probably made in Abilene from Cleveland parts		

Medalist instruments were made by Blessing and use their serial numbers.

101448	1961	Cornet	Medalist	RMC
103430	1961	Trumpet	Medalist	RMC
105058	1961	Cornet	Medalist	
105627	1961	Trombone	Medalist	RMC
106944	1961	Trumpet	Medalist	RMC [Goodwill]
109869	1961	French Horn	Single	RMC
109040	1961	Trumpet	Medalist	
109910	1961	Trumpet	Medalist	TU-58 on inlet; RMC case [ebay]
115765	1962	Cornet	Medalist	RMC; "CR 58" on lead pipe
116926	1962	Trumpet	Medalist	LB; RMC [ebay]
116978	1962	Trumpet	Medalist	
118021	1962	Trumpet		Brass & NS
122455	1962	Cornet	Medalist	RMC; Blessing made?

124925	1962	Trumpet	Medalist	
125715	1962	Trombone	Medalist	RMC
130086	1963	Trumpet	Medalist	
130512	1963	Cornet	Medalist	Elkhart Blessing plant
135008	1963	Trumpet		no RMC or Abilene
136632	1963	Trombone	Medalist	[Goodwill]
137577	1963	Trumpet	Medalist	
139068	1964	Trumpet	Medalist	
186428	?	Cornet	Medalist	no RMC marking

1964 RMC finalizes bankruptcy on June 26th and is later sold to CMI.

1964 CMI moves production to the Olds plant in Fullerton, CA and a new factory in Abilene, Texas.

Serial numbers change to a start around 200000; end of Chambers model French horn

200000	1964	Production started in August with open house in April 1965		
203380	1965	Trombone	Medalist	Abilene [ebay]
209637	1965	French Horn	Emperor	single F; 3 RV
210000	1966			
213316	1966	Baritone	Emporer	Abilene
216102	1966	Alto		Abilene; 8" bell
216600	1966			
218481	1966	Trombone	Contempora	Bass; 10" bell
220000	1967			
223780	1967	Trombone		Abilene
224073	1967	Trumpet		Abilene; seller says 1966 [ebay]

224900	1967			
225787	1967	Tuba	BBb	
226670	1967	French Horn	Contempora	FE-01; double; Abilene
227933	1967	Cornet	Medalist	
228499	1967	Trombone	Medalist	Abilene
228590	1967	Trombone	Medalist	
230000	1968			
230302	1968	Trumpet	Medalist	Abilene
231629	1968	Cornet	Medalist	Abilene
232832	1968	Trumpet	Medalist	Abilene
232981	1968	Trumpet		Brass & NS
233794	1968	French Horn	Contempora	double; NS body; Abilene
234499	1968	Trumpet	Medalist	Abilene
236037	1968	Cornet	Medalist	M bore; Abilene
236770	1968	Cornet	Argenta	Abilene; 0.464" bore; 1 st slide trigger
238050	1968	Trumpet	Medalist	
239501	1968	Cornet		Abilene
240000	1969			
242000	1969	Trombone	Contempora	Bb & F; 10" red brass bell
242398	1969	Baritone	Emperor	Abilene
249032	1969	Trumpet	Medalist	Abilene
250000	1970	Catalog lists Contempora, Emperor & Medalist as the three models. All production transfers to Fullerton in early 1970 and the Abilene plant is sold to Conn.		
254230	1970	Trumpet	Medalist	Abilene; 0.460" bore

254787	1970	Trumpet	TU-38	
255812	1970	Cornet	Medalist	Abilene [ebay]
2559xx	1970	Trumpet	Medalist	[ebay]
257000	1971			
260771	1971	Trumpet	Medalist	seller says bought in 1970
264000	1972			
265853	1972	Trumpet	Medalist	no Abilene; seller says 1971 [ebay]
266216	1972	Trumpet	Emperor	
267161	1972	Trumpet	Argenta	
270695	1972	Cornet	Medalist	no Abilene [ebay]
271000	1973			
272416	1973	Trumpet	Medalist	USA; no Abilene
273211	1973	Cornet	Medalist	
277569	1973	Trumpet	Ranger	copy of Olds Pinto with interchangeable valves
278000	1974			
278559	1974	Trumpet	Emperor	silver plated
280xxx	1974	Trumpet	Medalist	brass & NS
284753	1974	Cornet		no Abilene
285000	1975			
285376	1975	Trumpet	Medalist	
287390	1975	Trumpet	Professional ERA	Fullerton
2873xx	1975	Trumpet	Professional ERA	
288814	1975	Trumpet	Contempora	in C

288836	1975	Trumpet	Clarin Professional ERA (Extended Range Altissimo) with tunable bell the same as Olds Custom model	
289973	1975	Trumpet	Medalist	
292000	1976			
294068	1976	Trumpet	Emperor	
295292	1976	Trumpet	Medalist	brass & NS
295830	1976	French Horn	Contempora	double; no Abilene mark
296624	1976	Cornet	Onyx	0.468" bore
297xxx	1976	French Horn	FE-01	double F/Bb
297327	1976	Trumpet	Medalist	no Abilene
298604	1976	Trumpet	Medalist	
299030	1976	Cornet	Medalist	
300000	1977			
300037	1977	Trumpet	Ranger	
300240	1977	Trumpet	Ranger	
300374	1977	Trumpet	Ranger	
301000	1977	Trumpet	Medalist	[ebay]
302090	1977	Trombone	Medalist	
302820	1977	Trumpet	Contempora	40M; 0.458" bore; 4-5/8" bell; 21.5" long
303461	1977	Trumpet	Medalist	no Abilene mark
303798	1977	Cornet	Medalist	USA
304135	1977	Trombone	Medalist	
305351	1977	Mellophone	Contempora	bell forward marching horn

305870	1977	Trombone	Professional	
307025	1977	Trombone	Onyx	with RV
307316	1977	Cornet	Medalist	
312089	1977	Cornet	Medalist	
312629	1977	Cornet	Medalist	
479606	?	Tenor	Contempora	

Low Brass generally use an Olds number from 1970 on and were mostly made in Fullerton.

723676	1970	Tuba	BBb	
746556	1971	Euphonium	Emperor	
765373	1971	Euphonium	Contempora	Abilene
765556	1971	Euphonium	Emperor	3 vlv; bell forward
780791	1972	French Horn	Emperor	3 RV
828155	1973	Baritone	Emperor	Abilene
839733	1973	French Horn	Emperor	single
859080	1973	French Horn	Emperor	single
921619	1975	Baritone	Contempora	
921624	1975	Baritone	Contempora	
921627	1975	Baritone	Contempora	
964989	1976	Tuba	Contempora	4 vlv; Bell up
999647	1977	Flugelhorn	Emperor	FU-52; Olds stencil

1977 All Olds and Reynolds serial numbers are merged in October.

A23976	1978	French Horn	Emperor	
A31699	1978	Cornet	Medalist	0.468" bore

A41211	1979	Trombone	TO-01	Bass
A47510	1979	Trombone	Superstar	
A52219	1979	Trombone	Medalist	8.5" bell

1979 business is sold and closed by July

Roth brass instruments:

377xx		Trombone	Roth	valve
50215		Alto	Roth	
52041	1952	Baritone	Roth	Roth-Reynolds
53565		Trombone	Roth	Ohio Band Inst Co
53660		Trombone	Roth	Ohio BIC
55696	Last Ohio Band Inst. Co. / Roth instrument.			
65307		Euphonium	Roth	
81775		Trumpet	Roth	Roth-Reynolds; 1950s/60s case
81xxx		Cornet	Roth	Roth-Reynolds
84186		Trumpet	Roth	1950s/60s case; made by Roth-Reynolds
87278		Cornet	Roth	Roth-Reynolds
87592	1959	Trumpet	Roth	Reynolds Co
89695	Oct 1959	Warranty card		
92252		Cornet	Roth	no RMC
95400		Trumpet	Roth	Roth-Reynolds
98722		Tuba	Roth	Roth-Reynolds