

L. W. Shastock Co.

Cleveland, Ohio

- 1895 Aurel Shastock emigrates from Hungary to Cleveland
- 1899 son Louis William Shastock is born in Ohio (census)
- 1918 Louis, musician for the Hodge Minstrels, #145 W. 45th St., NYC; he is living in Cleveland (WWI draft)
- 1920 Louis is listed as a tool shop inspector (census)
- 1921 Louis is listed as a musician (Cleveland Directory)
- 1922 June article in *Music Trade Review* reports good sales of trombone mutes made of a special process black fiber; their office is at #218 Erie Building, Cleveland
- 1927 L.W. Shastock Co., #2570 Superior Ave., 2nd floor (dir); an article in *Music Trade Review* says that Shastock has a new orchestra music rack sold by J. Schwartz Music in New York (Schwartz was incorporated in 1923)
- 1930 L. W. Shastock Co., musical specialties, tools, dies, special machinery & general machine work (ad in dir)
- 1931 mutes for brass instruments, music stands & musical accessories (ad in dir)
- 1932 address changes to #2530 Superior Ave., 5th floor (dir)
- 1934 ad for Shastock "Voca-Tone" trumpet mute
- 1935 ad for Shastock "Megaphone" trumpet & trombone mutes
- 1936 granted patent #2,051,969 for telescoping tubing clamp; the *Presto-Times* lists L.W. Shastock Co., NYC, exhibiting in the Chicago Music Trades Convention
- 1938 granted patent #2,110,029 for making drum heads
- 1938 J. Schwartz Music Co. is incorporated as Micro Musical Products Corp. on December 5th
- 1940 now located at #1240 Ontario St. (moved after 1938 dir.); Shastock was sold to Micro Products (Roger Ingram)
- 1942 & 1943 Louis is not in the Cleveland directory
- 1951 L. W. Shastock Co., musical instrument manufacturer, #1665 E. 93rd St., Cleveland (directory)
- 1954 Louis Shastock, salesman (company not listed); Louis dies on July 12th at age 55



This unusual Shastock Wow-Wow mute appeared at an auction site in 2018.



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