

Boosey – Bessons & Co Brass

India

I am putting together this brief information sheet due to the number of brass instruments showing up with the Boosey trademark along with the “Bessons & Co” name. They are marked “London” but don’t be fooled by that as they are really made in India.

The first clues are in the stamping. The original Boosey trademark stamp is a close copy but not quite the same. Photo 1 at left is the copy and photo 2 the original. This also illustrates the second problem; the fact that two different companies are on the fakes. The Boosey trademark always goes with Boosey & Co.

The next issue is that the other company on the fakes, Besson, is wrongly spelled “Bessons” (or perhaps done on purpose to avoid lawsuits).

The fourth problem is that all the fakes have the same serial number “H.75983” on the bell.

The last clue is the hexagonal finger buttons that come on all the fakes whether they are cornets, trumpets, or pocket cornets.



Reports are that the quality ranges from poor to unplayable. Don’t waste your money!

