

## Emil K. Blessing Surviving Brass Instruments

<b>Serial #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Description</b>
	1906	Start of Blessing according to later ads. He is said to just have made cornet & trumpet valve assemblies for other makers.		
	1910	Patent valve guide design from July		
	1912	Blessing joins the metal workers' union.		
c1913		Vega Co, Boston, starts using Blessing valves with the 1910 patent. The serial number uses a different font so I am assuming it's not a Blessing number. Lowest found is cornet #3900.		
1013	1913	Cornet	Osgood Co.	Pat 1910 & #1013 on valve appears to be Blessing marked; labeled "CW Osgood Co" which incorporated in Jan, 1913; Union label which Osgood was also a member of
1297	1913	Cornet	Osgood Co.	Pat 1910; union label
1864	1913	Cornet	Osgood Co.	Pat 1910; union label
4005	1914	Cornet	Missenharter	Pat 1910; Miss. #12009 on bell; #4005 on valve with font style matching #10003
5019	1915	Trumpet	Nuss Mfg.	Pat 1910; serial # font matches #10003
6000	1915	Cornet	Missenharter	Pat 1910; Miss. #12084 on bell
7741	1916	Trumpet	Missenharter	Pat 1910; Miss. #12228 on bell
9xxx	1917	Trumpet	Junior	0.438" bore; possible stencil of Martin Dansant [HUC]
9317	1917	Trumpet	Junior	no union label; secondary TS with double brace; bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/no top rod
10003	1917	Cornet	?	Z lead pipe; Pat 1910; no Union label
12357	1918	Trumpet	Missenharter	Pat 1910; Miss. #12296 on bell
12362	1918	Trumpet	Missenharter	Pat 1910; Miss. #12295 on bell; last trumpet marked with Philadelphia before closing that location by 1919

12650	1918	Trumpet	Nuss Mfg	Supreme model; Bb/A; Pat 1910 vlv; Nuss #2062 [Meacham]
12694	1918	Trumpet	Hickernell	Bb/A; Pat 1910 [Meacham]
12698	1918	Trumpet	Hickernell	Pat 1910; Blessing valves with same font for serial number as Missenharter with #12362; made by Nuss c.1922 for Hickernell but could have used an older valve set
	1919	Last year for Blessing listed with the metal workers' union.		
13000	1919			
14000	1920			
14521	1920	Trumpet	?	Pat 1910; top post for lyre; no 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring
15000	1921			
15170 [HUC]	1921	Trumpet	?	secondary double brace TS w/small lock nut; lyre post
15552	1921	Cornet		1910 patent; "Made By E. K. Blessing"
16000	1922			
17000	1923			
18000	1924			
19000	1925			
20000	1926			
21000	1927			
22000	1928			
23000	1929			
24000	1930			
	1930	Patent lock nut on tuning slide		
24800	1931			

25600	1932			
26400	1933			
27200	1934			
27203 lock	1934	Trumpet	?	brace on TS; top 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring; Pat July 1910; 1930 patent TS
27968	1934	Trumpet	Artist	narrow 1930s peashooter design, bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring; lyre post; 1930 patent TS lock [ebay]
28000	1935			
28584	1935	Trumpet	Artist	seller says c.1935
29028	1935	Trumpet		“E K Blessing”; “1” on middle valve [ebay]
29600	1936	Now E. K. Blessing Band Instrument Co.		
29800	1936	Cornet	Artist	
30004	1936	Trumpet	Muck	stencil of Super Artist; no patent slide lock
30539	1936	Trumpet	Standard	secondary double brace TS w/small lock nut; no 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring
31200	1937			
32210	1937	Cornet	Artist	
32300	1937	Trumpet	Series 97	Muck stencil of Super Artist; no patent slide lock
32351	1937	Trumpet	Muck	Stencil of Super Artist; no patent slide lock
32462	1937	Trumpet	Muck	stencil of Super Artist; no patent slide lock
32800	1938			
33000	1938	Trumpet	Muck	stencil of Super Artist; no patent slide lock
33227	1938	Trumpet	Super Artist	1930 patent TS lock; bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/top rod; TS brace plus second one behind TS

33304	1938	Trumpet	Muck	stencil of Super Artist, no patent slide lock
33664	1938	Cornet	Super Artist	
34000	1938	Trumpet	Muck	stencil of Super Artist, no patent slide lock
34400	1939			
35436	1939	Cornet	Super Artist	
36000	1940	New factory at #1301 West Beardsley		
36115	1940	Trumpet	Super Artist	same as 33227
37600	1941			
39500	1942	Name change to EK Blessing Inc.		
40355	1942	Trumpet	Super Artist	[ebay]
40800	1942	Trumpet	Super Artist	same as 33227 but no brace on TS
40900	1942	Trumpet	Artist	bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring; top lyre post, single brace behind TS
40928	1942	Trumpet	Artist	seller says 1941; 4-5/8" bell [ebay]
1943 to 1945 assumed break for WWII				
41000	1946			
41478	1946	Trumpet	Super Artist	4-5/8" bell [ebay]
42000	1946	Trumpet	Artist	
42500	1947			
42533	1947	Trumpet	Super Artist	1930 patent slide lock; bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/top rod; single Brace behind TS
42514	1947	Trumpet	Super Artist	1930 patent slide lock; bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/top rod [ebay]
43134	1947	Trumpet	Super Artist	bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/top rod matching early Muck; 1930 patent TS lock; single brace behind TS [HUC]

43298	1947	Trumpet	Super Artist	same as 43134 [ebay]
43306	1947	Trumpet	Super Artist	1930 patent TS lock; 4-5/8" bell; single brace behind TS; Bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/top rod; 1 <sup>st</sup> slide ring (possibly added)
43544	1947	Cornet	Super Artist	
44287	1947	Trumpet	Standard	seller says Dec, 1947 [ebay]
	c1947	Last year for Vega using Blessing valves on their Standard and Power model trumpets. These end in the 41000 range so it's possible they are using Blessing serial numbers as Vega sold almost exclusively trumpets and cornets.		
44500	1948			
47000	1949			
47607	1949	Trumpet	Super Artist	
48496	1949	Trumpet	Artist	1930 patent TS lock; single brace behind TS; bottom 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring
50000	1950			
50644	1950	Trumpet	Super Artist	
53300	1951			
54435	1951	Trumpet	Standard	no 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring or TS brace [ebay]
54949	1951	Trumpet	National	no 3 <sup>rd</sup> slide ring or tuning slide brace [HUC]
55196	1951	Cornet	Super Artist	
55329	1951	Trumpet	Standard	seller says 1951; 0.468" bore
55967	1951	Trumpet	Standard	[ebay]
56157	1951	Trumpet	Super Artist	
56900	1952			
59323	1952	Trumpet	Hamilton Supreme stencil of Super Artist	
60800	1953			

65000	1954			
65xxx	1954	Trumpet	Standard	seller says 1954; no 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring or TS brace [ebay]
69500	1955			
69786	1955	Trumpet	Standard	matches 1950s catalog image [HUC]
70069	1956	Cornet	Standard	[ebay]
71013	1956	Trumpet	Standard	[ebay]
71355	1956	Trumpet	National	no 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring or TS brace [ebay]
73000	1956	Trumpet	Super Artist	seller says 1956; 1930 patent TS lock; single brace behind TS; top 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring w/bottom rod [ebay]
74041	1956	Trumpet	Standard	[ebay]
74300	1956			
79400	1957			
84800	1958			
85101	1958	Trumpet	Standard	seller says 1958; top 3 <sup>rd</sup> ring; no TS brace [ebay]
89713	1958	Trumpet	Standard	seller says 1959; 3 <sup>rd</sup> top ring w/bottom rod; no TS brace
90500	1959			
93000	1959	Trumpet	Standard	seller says c.1960 [ebay]
94156	1959	Trumpet	Standard	3 <sup>rd</sup> slide ring on top; no TS brace [ebay]
96500	1960			
102800	1961	Now part of RMC		
109400	1962			
116300	1963			
123500	1964	Ending with RMC		

131000	1965			
136264	1965	Trumpet	Silvertone	Sears stencil of Super Artist [Patton]
138800	1966			
146900	1967			
155300	1968			
163700	1969			
168xxx	1969	Trumpet	Masterpiece	0.468" bore; more expensive than SA; yellow brass body with nickel trim; red brass bell; 1&3 slide rings [HUC]
172700	1970			
182000	1971			
191600	1972			
201500	1973			
211700	1974			
211970	1974	Trumpet	Scholastic	1970s [ebay]
212655	1974	Trumpet	Scholastic	
222200	1975			
233000	1976			
244100	1977			
255307	1977	Trumpet	Alpha BK	seller says 1977
255500	1978			
268000	1979			
280000	1980			
292200	1981			

304400	1982			
316600	1983			
329000	1984	Blessing builds 100 model B-175 herald trumpets for LA Olympics.		
337323	1984	Trumpet	ML-1	seller says 1980s [ebay]
341000	1985			
353500	1986			
365600	1987			
378000	1988			
390000	1989			
390231	1989	Trumpet	Scholastic	seller says 1989 [ebay]
393664		Trumpet	Scholastic	“Elkhart USA”
467637		Trumpet	Scholastic	“Elkhart USA”
473135		Trumpet	XL	“Blessing USA” [ebay]
485428		Trumpet	B125	[ebay]
573xxx		Trumpet	B135	“Blessing USA” [HUC]