

Indiana Band Instrument Co. Brass

Elkhart, Indiana

- 1928 Fred Holtz and James State incorporated the Indiana Band Instrument Co. in December to make low-priced instruments at the Martin factory (MTR).
- 1942 The Indiana Band Inst. Co. merged with Martin and became their student model (Chris Holtz).
- 1953 Robert L. Stahr was president & GM of Martin. Holtz the same for Pedler. F.A. Holtz Jr. was sales manager for Martin and H. J. Martin was comptroller (Reed). Cases were made by the Pedler Co (Reed's history of Elkhart makers).
- 1961 Martin was purchased by RMC (Roundtable of Musical Craftsmen / Richard's Music Co).
- 1964 RMC finalized bankruptcy on June 26th and Martin was purchased by Wurlitzer. The Indiana models ended.

Trumpet #5624 c.1930 matching the Martin Troubadour.



Cornet #6874 c.1930 (Horn-u-copia.net)



Baritone #7699 c.1931 (photos 2 & 3 at right).

Trumpet 7263 c.1931 below.



Trumpet #11698 c.1934 (below & top right).



Cornet #12413 c.1935 (below & 2nd on right)



Trumpet #12506 c.1935 (below & 3rd on right).

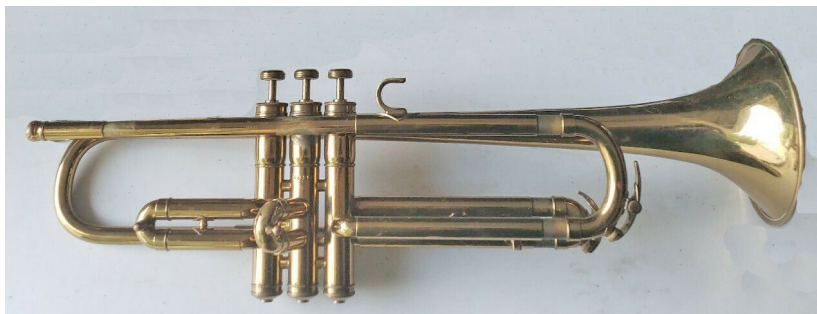


Trumpet #20160 c.1939 (below)



After WWII, the Indiana Band Instrument Co name was dropped.

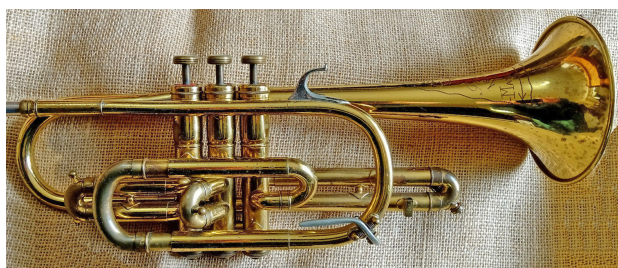
Trumpet #48340 c.1953.



Trumpet #50791 c.1954 (below & top right).



Cornet #60713 c.1956.



Trumpet #6666x c.1958 (below & top right).



Cornet #69319 c.1958 (below & 2nd on right).



The 1956 to 1959 price lists refer to these as Chieftans.



Trumpet #76477 c.1960 (below & top right).



Trumpet #76982 c.1960.



Trumpet #78927 c.1960 (below & 2nd on right).



1962 Indiana Cornet CR-55 catalog image.



CR-55 Martin Indiana Cornet

1962 Indiana Trumpet TR-55 catalog image.



TU-55 Martin Indiana Trumpet



The 1961 to 1964 cornets and trumpets were made by Blessing following the RMC ownership.

Trumpet #113276 c.1962



Trumpet #127183 c.1963.



Cornet #129603 c.1963 (below & right).



Trumpet #131000 c.1964.



Trumpet #132876 c.1964.

