

Jet-Tone Musical Products Co., Inc.

Fairfield, CT

- 1950s Ray Amado works with Bill Ratzenberger (1914-1983) to develop the Jet-Tone mouthpiece design with Ray later getting out of the business (Tony Scodwell). Original examples have hand-stamped name with the two Ts joining on the top. Bill owned the Continental restaurant which had a lot of jam sessions as well as music stores in the area.
- 1957 Trademark "Jet-Tone" filed by William Ratzenberger on May 16th and published on November 12th, 1957; dba Jet-Tone Musical Products, Bridgeport, CT
- 1970s Jet-Tone adds the MF, Al Hirt, Studio, & Symphony models to the original T1 & T2. (Bill Barnes)
- 1974 catalog has address at #226 Kings Highway, Fairfield; possibly later catalog has #1255 Kings Highway East
- 1978 Trademark #1,107,200 published on 9-5 for Jet-Tone Musical Products Co. Inc., Fairfield, CT
- 1983 William A. Ratzenberger, divorced, music proprietor, #1255 Kings Highway (death cert., Oct 5)
- c1984 Jet-Tone Inc. sold to Leon Merian Mouthpieces in Elkhart, IN
- 2004 still listed in Elkhart
- 2009 Re-make of Jet-Tone mouthpieces being made by Jim New at Kanstul Musical Instruments in CA; address on one box is at Thousand Oaks, CA
- 2012 supplier says in January that the Jet-Tone mouthpieces are no longer being made and sales are from old stock
- 2020 the Jet-Tone mouthpieces are being re-created by Legends Brass, Lenoir City, TN

