

# Jet-Tone Musical Products Co., Inc.

Fairfield, CT

- 1950s Ray Amado worked 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 16<sup>th</sup> and published on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1957; dba Jet-Tone Musical Products, Bridgeport, CT.
- 1970 Amado started working with Getzen on their Eterna trumpet and adds his patented water key.
- 1970s Jet-Tone added the MF, Al Hirt, Studio, & Symphony models to the original T1 & T2 (Bill Barnes).
- 1974 Catalog had 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. was sold to Leon Merian Mouthpieces in Elkhart, IN.
- 2004 Jet-Tone was still listed in Elkhart.
- 2009 Re-make of Jet-Tone mouthpieces were being made by Jim New at Kanstul Musical Instruments in CA. The address on one box is at Thousand Oaks, CA. [The name may have been owned by Dick Akright at this time.]
- 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 were being re-created by Legends Brass, Lenoir City, TN. The company was founded in 2010 (owner Leslie Saidak).

