

Old Kraftsman Instruments

Spiegel Catalog - Chicago

Brass band instruments with the “Old Kraftsman” label appear occasionally and may have been a brand sold through Spiegel of Chicago. Catalogs from the 1930s and 1940s have “Old Kraftsman” guitars made by the Kay Musical Instrument Co. Spiegel also sold electric guitars from the 1950s with that label.

A 1963 Spiegel catalog had three grades of trumpets and cornets, but no brand given. Some Old Kraftsman cornets have a logo with a man engraving the horn (photo 1 & below). The serial number and construction implies that these were made by Bohm Meinl in Germany. Styling would put these in the 1950s or 1960s.



Other examples have no engraver (photo 2 & below) and appear to have been made by Amati of Kraslice in the Czech Republic.



Trumpet #120013 by Amati (photo 3 & below).

