Vega Artistone Trumpets

1925 - 1929

The Artistone model trumpet was introduced in 1925 sometime between their June ad in International Musician and this December one below. Examples start around #25500 yet despite advertisements up through 1929, examples only go through late 1926.

These have a unique "pitch-modulator rod" along the lead pipe for adjusting the main tuning slide while playing.



These are marked "SB-A" for small bore with "A" bell taper; a new bell design mentioned in the ad below.





Artistone #25539



Artistone #25548





This January 1926 International Musician ad gives details.



The photos at right are #25570. The bell inscription includes "Semper Facile Princeps" for "Always an Easy Leader."

Artistone #26001 from 1926.











March 1926 International Musician.

The two most popular models were the Standard SB-4 and the Artistone. #26353 (3 photos at right).



Artistone #26368 – one of the last examples found.



By this time, they used a thumb ring at the back to control the tuning slide. The ads show a ring at the front.









