

Bellaire (Bell-Air)

Unknown maker

Bellaire mouthpieces are found in both “Rite Cup” and “Dynamic” models. The maker and source are as yet unknown. Some are spelled “Bell-Air”.

A Bellaire mouthpiece was used by trombonist Frank Rosolino who had Terry Warburton make a copy for him back in the 1970s (below). The Rosolino model mouthpieces are still made by Warburton today.

They are said to have been all the rage with Hollywood session musicians in the 1940s and still popular with other players in the late 1950s.

Photos are Rite Cup 27 (1), 27 (2), & 35 (3), Dynamic 33 (4) & 37 (5 & 6), and French Horn 3 (7)

