

Rene Duval

Made in Italy

An Italian forum suggested that this is a stencil by Orsi.

The “Made in Italy” mark would imply that this was sold in the US market. The 157 to 159 valve numbers on this trumpet example implies a manufacturer who built valves in large batches.

The fonts for “Made in Italy” and serial numbers for Orsi trumpet #1323 match Duval trumpet #1807.

A number of saxophone owners say that their Duvals are stencils made by Orsi.

Instruments found are mostly marked “Italy” with a few woodwinds marked “US”. One internet forum poster said that her Duval flute was purchased new from a local dealer in 1986. Most trumpet cases match those from the late 1940s to 1950s and match with an influx of cheap imports from Italy after WWII.

Duval trumpet #1807 (auction photos)



1950s era case for #1807



The US distributor for these instruments is not known.

