

# Accusonic Corp.

## Grand Rapids, MI

- 1961 Accusonic Corp. is registered on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids, MI. Eugene A. Pilczuk (1918-1992), #6986 Baumhoff Rd. NW (photo 1).
- 1950s – 60s Gene was developing his lead pipe design while working for York in Grand Rapids (Carl Fischer owned).
- 1970s Gene perfected his stepped lead pipe while working for the original Yamaha plant in Grand Rapids (established in 1974). He works on them at his home shop.
- 1983 Gene applies for a patent on his stepped design.
- 1985 Granted patent #4,559,859 on December 24<sup>th</sup> (photo 2).
- 1989 Accusonic Corp. is automatically dissolved on May 15.
- 1992 Gene dies at age 73 in Grand Rapids on March 30.
- 1999 Rich Ita of the Brass Instrument Workshop, Marietta, GA, buys the patent, tools, and stock of Accusonic and continues to build them.



LENGTH	I. D.	PITCH
.4584	.3450	Bb
.4957	.3545	A
.5145	.3641	G#
.5452	.3737	G
.5775	.3833	F#
.6118	.3929	F
.6466	.4024	E
.6958	.4120	Eb
.7275	.4216	D
.7706	.4312	C#
.8167	.4408	C
.8656	.4503	B
	.4600	Bb



Early examples have a code number which refers to the amount of taper. Later ones have a two-number code denoting the taper. No charts exist for these although a later example like 45-58 is probably the bore size.

