



## Standard Band Instrument Co. / Vega Co. Surviving Brass Instrument List

Serial #	Year	Instrument	Model	Comments
0	1884	The Standard Band Instrument Co is formed with the purchase of Quinby Brothers, Sudbury St, Boston.		
484		Cornet	Bb	Dual water key; removable LP [Meacham]
500		Cornet	Bb	Dual w-key; RLP
638		Cornet	Bb	Dual w-key; RLP
675		Cornet	Bb	Dual w-key; RLP
682		Cornet	Bb	DWK; RLP [saved]
800	1909	Vega buys the SBIC (they are at the same Sudbury address by the 1900 city directory) and both names are now on the bell. The valve design changes with the new ownership; perhaps sourced from a new supplier.		
935	1909	Cornet	Bb	RLP; Bb & A shanks [Meacham]
1169	1909	Cornet	Bb	Single wk; Vega inside star
1273	1909	Cornet	Bb	FLP; SWK; Vega inside Star
1415	1909	Cornet	Bb	FLP; SWK; Vega inside Star [saved]
1456	1909	Cornet	Bb	Fixed LP; Vega inside Star
1493	1909	Trombone		odd Vega Co logo without Star
1500	1910	Patent #963,272 from July now appears on all Vega valves, indicating that they are made by Blessing in Elkhart.		
1892	1910	Cornet	Bb	Fixed LP; Vega inside star; no patent mark [saved]
2062	1910	Cornet	Bb	Fixed LP, SWK; no July 1910 patent mark
2074	1910	Cornet	Bb	FLP; SWK; Vega in star; Bb; no 1910 patent
2500	1911			

3250	1912	Nelson applies for a patent on a "Z" lead pipe cornet design on March 12.		
3598	1912	Cornet	Bb	[Meacham]
3739	1912	Cornet	Bb	FLP; July 1910 patent; Forsell model mpc [saved]
3900	1912	Cornet	Bb	FLP; July 1910 patent
3909	1912	Cornet	Bb	FLP; July 1910 patent; Vega in star [Patton, 2022]
4000	1913	First year for Vega & SBIC on the brass workers' union list. Nelson receives patent #1,165,278 on 12-21 for his cornet design.		
4175	1913	Cornet	Bb	FLP; July 1910 patent; union label [saved]
4325	1913	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent; no union label
4392	1913	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent
4395	1913	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP [Meacham]
4500	1914			
4939	1914	Cornet	Bb	Standard [Woodruff coll.]
5000	1915			
5019	1915	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent; union label
5081	1915	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent; union label
5143	1915	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent; union label
5396	1915	Trumpet	Bb	Vega name only; pat 1910 valves
5500	1916			
5597	1916	Trombone	Tenor	SBIC / Vega
5962	1916	Cornet	Bb	Z-LP; matches 1915 patent; union label
6000	1917	Vega moves to 155 Columbus Ave and the SBIC name stops. They change to almost exclusively trumpets. Vega receives patent #1,232,069 on 7-3-1917 for a lead pipe design.		
6128	1917	Trumpet	George Special 1910 & 1915 pats; union [Meacham]	
6571	1917	Trumpet	George	1910 & 1915 pats; "SB 3" for sm. bore & #3 bell; union
6750	1918			
6788	1918	Trumpet	George	union; 1910 & 1915 pat; "SB 4"
7100	1918	Trumpet	George	union; Pat 1910

7117	1918	Trumpet	Standard	SB4
7141	1918	Trumpet	George	union; Pat 1910
7250	1919			
7269	1919	Trumpet	George	
7298	1919	Trumpet	George	2 bell
7449	1919	Trumpet	George	George 2S mpc [Meacham]
7576	1910	Trombone	Perfection	
7592	1919	Trumpet	George	union [Goodwill]
7715	1919	Trumpet	Standard	[T. Meade]
7717	1919	Trumpet	George	union; 1910 patent; SB4
7724	1919	Trumpet	George	
7818	1919	Trumpet	George	Pat 1910; Union stamp
7830	1919	Trumpet	George	SB4
8000	End of 1919 before gap in serial numbers to 20000 except for these odd exceptions.			
8316	19??	Trumpet	Commander	[HUC]
12855	19??	Trombone	Odell	[HUC]
14633	19??	Trumpet	Georgian	by Charles George; no Vega name; Pat 1910; micro-tuning in TS
14675	19??	Trumpet	Georgian	same as 14633
20000	1920	At this time I am going with the assumption that they reset to 20000 with the first two digits being the year made and the last three the sequence number. So far, this lines up with when new models were introduced up until the late 1930s.		
20197	1920	Cornet	Coloratura	1910 patent; 1915 Z-LP design; union [HUC]
20267	1920	Trumpet	George	1910 patent; union [Patton]
20349	1920	Trumpet	George	1910 patent; union
20352	1920	Trumpet	George	1910 patent; union
20427	1920	Trumpet	George	LB-5; Union; Pat 1910; Bb/A RV in LP before valves [saved]
20453	1920	Trumpet	George	LB-5 large bore; 4-5/8" bell
20460	1920	Trumpet	Standard	1910 patent; "LB 5"; worn valves; union

20515	1920	Baritone	Standard	union
20614	1920	Trumpet	Standard	no union mark
20802	1920	Trumpet	Standard	SB-4; Pat 1910, Union
20849	1920	Trumpet	George	1910 patent; SB-3; 0.435" bore; union mark
21000	1921			
21067	1921	Trumpet	Georgian	Charles E George; Pat 1910 valves
21146	1921	Trumpet	Super-Tone	no union; 1910 patent; highly engraved [Woodruff coll.]
21160	1921	Trumpet	Super-Tone	no union [HUC]
21220	1921	Trumpet	Standard	SB 3 [ebay]
21448	1921	Trumpet	Standard	no union mark; SB4
2174x	1921	Trumpet	George	last union mark found; Pat 1910; SB4
22000	1922			
22333	1922	Trumpet	George	Pat 1910, no union; Bb/A RV [R. Zygula]
22338	1922	Trumpet	George	no union; pat 1910; Bb/A RV
22386	1922	Trumpet	George	no union; 1910 patent; "SB 3"
22416	1922	Trumpet	George	
22428	1922	Trumpet	Standard	
22514	1922	Trumpet	Standard	[T Meade]
22518	1922	Trumpet		
23000	1923	Vega applies for a valve guide patent on 7-30.		
23xxx	1923	Trumpet	George	
23229	1923	Trumpet	George	Pat 1917; SB 3
23279	1923	Trumpet	?	SB 3
23322	1923	Trumpet	Standard	Pat 1910; no union mark
23105	1923	Trombone	Premier American	
23343	1923	Trumpet	Standard	Bb/A RV [T Meade]
23378	1923	Trumpet	George	Pat 1910; no union

23541	1923	Trumpet	George	SB4
23566	1923	Trombone	Perfection	[saved]
24000	1924	The Standard model starts to appear with "Semper Facile Princeps" which is Latin for "always an easy leader."		
24059	1924	Trumpet	George	1910 & 1915 Patents; SB-3; no union
24130	1924	Trumpet	Standard	1915 & 1917 patents; SB 4
24152	1924	Trumpet	George	1915 & 1917 patents
24187	1924	Trumpet	George	"SB 1"; 1915&1917 pat [Meacham]
24198	1924	Trumpet	George	1917 patent; "SB 3"
24262	1924	Trumpet	George	in C; 0.434" bore [HUC]
2428x	1924	Trumpet	George	no union
24294	1924	Trumpet	George	1917 patent
24385	1924	Trumpet	George	1910 & 1915 pat; "SB 3"
24388	1924	Trumpet	George	1915 & 1917 patent; "4" bell
24493	1924	Trumpet	Standard	1915 & 1917 patent; "Semper F.P."
24501	1924	Trumpet	George	1917 patent; #4 bell
24554	1924	Trumpet	Standard	"Semper Facile Princeps"; SB4; gold plated [Phil Mele; father studied w/Schlosberg in NYC]
25000	1925	Vega receives patent #1,547,272 for their valve guide on 7-28. These have a pin to hold the spring in the center. Trumpets have a one-piece French brass bell and are made in models Small Bore 1, 3, & 4, and Large Bore 5. The numbers indicate the different bell designs, with SB-1 being the most brilliant in tone. Vega introduces the Artistone trumpet in late 1925.		
25010	1925	Trumpet		
25217	1925	Trumpet	Standard	Semper FP [HUC]
25277	1925	Trumpet	Standard	1915&1917 Pat.; SB-4; Semper FP
25548	1925	Trumpet	Artistone	pat 1910 & 1915; 1 <sup>st</sup> slide ring; Bb/A RV in LP before valves
25539	1925	Trumpet	Artistone	1 <sup>st</sup> slide ring; Bb/A RV in LP before valves
25565	1925	Trumpet	Standard	Pat 1915&17; Semper FP
2557x	1925	Trumpet	Artistone	1st slide saddle on bottom; 1910 & 1915 patents; "Semper Facile Princeps"

26000	1926	The "famous" Artistone model is mentioned. These were a variant of the Standard model with the same 0.435" bore but having a larger bell, fancier trim, and bottom first slide ring. They offer trumpets, trombones, altos, baritones, French horns made in Europe, and Bohemian-made bass horns including a Sousaphone.		
26001	1926	Trumpet	Artistone	1910 & 1915 patents; Semper FP
26081	1926	Trumpet	Artistone	
26180	1926	Trumpet	Standard	1915 & 1917 pat.; "Semper Facile Pr." [NMM]
26328	1926	Trumpet		1915&1917 pat; "Semper Facile Princeps"
26353	1926	Trumpet	Artistone	"A" at top of 2nd valve
26368	1926	Trumpet	Artistone	1915 & 1917 pat; Semper FP [saved, sold \$400]
26398	1926	Trumpet	Standard	1915 & 17; Semper FP
27000	1927	A September ad shows the Artistone model trumpet.		
27026	1927	Trumpet	Standard	Bb/A RV [Woodruff coll.]
27036	1927	Trumpet		
27176	1927	Trumpet	Standard	1915 & 1917 patents; "Semper F.P."
27214	1927	Trumpet	Standard	SB 4; "Semper F P"
27306	1927	Trumpet	Standard	"SFP"
28000	1928	A new "Medium Bore" model trumpet is advertised. They now have six trumpet models including the Artistone.		
28037	1928	Trumpet	Standard	"Semper Facile Princeps" [ebay]
28041	1928	Trumpet	Standard	"SFP"; Pat. 1915 & 1917
28117	1928	Trumpet	Standard	"Medium Bore" on bell
28454	1928	Trumpet	O'Dell	Pedler "American Triumph" stencil
28935	1928	Trumpet	Medium Bore	Pat 1915 & 1917; "MB" above serial [saved]
29000	1929	The new Triumphal model trumpet with a medium bore is introduced in October. They are still selling the Artistone model.		
29100	1929	Trumpet	Triumphal	new valve block design
29300	1929	Trumpet	Standard	"Semper Facile Princeps"; Pat 1915 & 1917
29800	1929	Trumpet		
30000	1930			
30035	1930	Trumpet	Triumphal	"MB"; Pat July 1917

30036	1930	Trumpet	Triumphal	"MB"
30900	1930	Tuba	Sousaphone	Standard; Semper F.P. [HUC]
31000	1931			
31035	1931	Cornet	Triumphal	Pat 1917; 15" L; 4.75" bell; "LB" [Patton]
32000	1932	The Advanced Triumphal trumpet is advertised in November.		
33000	1933			
33014	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	new valve block design; Pat Apld For [Patton]
33024	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	Pat. Apld. For
33091	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	new valve block design; "Pat. Apld. For"
33159	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	narrow profile [Meacham]
33181	1933	Trumpet	Odell	reversed 3 <sup>rd</sup> slide (probably a Pedler American Triumph stencil)
33184	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	new valve block design; Pat. Apld For
33195	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	
33319	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	
3357x	1933	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	
34000	1934			
34042	1934	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	Pat Apld For [ebay]
34064	1934	Trumpet	Advanced Tr.	Pat Apld For
34081	1934	Trumpet	Triumphal	
34102	1934	Cornet	Advanced Tr.	"LB"; "Pat. Apl'd for" [Meacham]
35000	1935			
35xxx	1935	Trumpet	Advanced Triumphal	"Pat Apld For"
35012	1935	Trumpet	Advanced Triumphal	"Pat Apld For" [J. Solomon]
35073	1935	Trumpet		
35137	1935	Trumpet	Advanced Triumphal	"Pat Apl'd For" [saved]
35165?	1935	Trumpet	Power	S-brace on lead pipe introduced in 1948; Fred Berman design [saved, serial not clear]
36000	1936	The new Power model trumpet is advertised in October.		

36000	1936	Cornet	Power	
36045	1936	Trumpet	Advanced Triumphal	Pat Apld For
36146	1936	Trumpet	Power	[Patton, 2008]
36169	1936	Trumpet	Power	
36171	1936	Trumpet	Power	
36183	1936	Trumpet		Pat'd
36229	1936	Trumpet	Power	
36267	1936	Trumpet	Power	[Woodruff coll.]
36279	1936	Trumpet	Odell	Pedler AT stencil?
36320	1936	Cornet	Odell	Pedler valves [saved]
37000	1937			
37027	1937	Trumpet	Power	
37161	1937	Trumpet	Standard	Pat'd
37227	1937	Cornet	Power	Pat'd [A. Safavi]
37247	1937	Trumpet	Power	Pat'd [Ayick]
37292	1937	Trumpet	Power	Pat'd
38000	1938			
38010	1938	Trumpet	Standard	
38057	1938	Trumpet	Power	
38067	1938	Trumpet	Power	Pat'd; original style Power
38509	1938	Trumpet	Power	updated valve block design; lead pipe with S-brace
39000	1939			
39033	1939	Trumpet	Standard	used for lessons in 1938 [statement may be off by a year]
39062	1939	Trumpet	Power Bore	
39092	1939	Trumpet	Standard	Pat'd [saved]
39581	1939	Trumpet	Power	updated valve block design; LP w/S-brace; Fred Berman model [saved]
40000	1940			



40037	1940	Trumpet	Power	older style valve block; "Pat'd"; has 1925 patent valve guides [Patton]
40047	1940	Trumpet	Power	
40143	1940	Trumpet	Hi-Voice	Power model with 10-sided bell crease (only known example)
41000	1941			
41004	1941	Trumpet	Standard	
41053	1941	Trumpet	Power	older style valves; 2-section tuning slide; "Pat'd" [saved]
41068	1941	Trumpet	Power	older style valves; 4.75" bell
41160	1941	Trumpet	Standard	newer S-brace on TS; 0.458" bore
41441	1941	Trumpet	Standard	same design as Power model
1942 - 1945 Assumed break or limited production during WWII.				
42232	1942	Trumpet	Standard	odd high valve casing joint [saved]
42270	1942	Trumpet	Odell Vega Co Boston	(Pedler AT stencil; should date to c.1945 if Pedler serial number)
42583	1942	Trumpet	Power	newer valve block; LP w/S-brace
43x99	1943	Cornet	Standard	bad photos so not certain of serial #
46204	1946	Trumpet	Power Special	newer valve block; S-brace
46222	1946	Trumpet	Power Special	newer valve block; LP w/S-brace [saved]
46405	1946	Trumpet	Power Special	S-brace LP
47000	1947	The new Fred Berman Power model trumpet is advertised. This has a new design with an "S" brace before the tuning slide.		
48000	1948			
49000	1949			
49598	1949	Trumpet	Power Special	S-brace
50000	1950			
51000	1951			
52000	1952			
52186	1952	Trumpet	Odell	stencil of Pedler AT model (perhaps 1947 if Pedler serial #)
53674	1953	Trumpet	Standard	high valve casing joint; S-LP brace
55038	1955	Cornet		

55182	1955	Trumpet	Power	
55283	1955	Trumpet	Power Special	S-brace
55534	1955	Trumpet	Power Special	S-Brace LP
55954	1955	Trumpet	Power Special	0.456" bore [HUC]
	1961	Vega moves from 155 Columbus Ave to 40 Leon St, Boston.		
63197	1963	Trumpet	Standard	
An assortment of higher serial numbers that don't fit any pattern.				
71473		Trumpet	Power Special	S-brace on LP; new valve casing design
74122	1951	Trumpet	Odell	Pedler AT stencil c.1951
86317		Trumpet	Standard	single band on valve casing; looks like an imported stencil
86808		Cornet	Triumphal	[Patton, 2010]
89219		Trumpet	Odell	
97525		Trumpet	Power Special	S-brace on LP; same valves as 71473
103284	1958	Trumpet	Odell	0.445"; 4.625" bell; rev 3 <sup>rd</sup> slide location; possible Pedler AT stencil c.1958
144251		Trumpet	Triumphal	1950s case [saved, sold for \$103 in 2023]
146407		Trumpet	Thompson & Odell	possible Pan American stencil c.1940 [saved]
148195	1931?	Trombone	Moderne	valves; Columbus Ave, Boston; advertised in 1931 [HUC]
210448		Trumpet		
7309		Trumpet	Bb	Odell; has Couesnon pinky ring
	1966	Vega moves to a residence at 155 Reservoir Rd, Chestnut Hill, and possibly ends all brass sales.		
673178	1967	Cornet	Triumphal	Bohm & Meinl stencil c.1967; same valves as Muck & York [saved]
	1970	Vega is purchased by CF Martin Co for their banjos.		

At this point [in 2024], I have reverted to my original theory that the first two digits of the serial number represent the year made and the last three the sequence. This fits with the statement about #39033 that was said to have been used in 1938 (possibly 1939 to match the serial). Also, since there are few examples in the 43k to 45k range, this would fit with limited production during WWII, and that they are continuing in the pattern of the year being the first two digits. More examples are needed before I can be certain of dates.