UCSB Cylinder Identification Guide

American Commercial Cylinders

MATERIAL

WAX

Brown

2M Edison & Columbia

Is there text on the surface (not rim)?

YES

NO

Black

Note the company name on the rim

Is a company announced?

YES

NO

万股 Edison

Indestructible

4M Edison Blue Amberol

2M Indestructible

4M Edison (Royal Purple)

4M US Everlasting

2M Indestructible

Is 4M text on the rim?

YES

NO

2M Molded Columbia

4M Indestructible

2M Lambert

2M US Everlasting

2M Indestructible

CELLULOID

Black Fiberboard

Metal Collar & Fiberboard

Is 4M text on the rim?

YES

NO

Cylinder core description

No Core

Is 4M text on the rim?

YES

NO

Is 4M text on the rim?

YES

NO

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YES

NO

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YES

NO

NOTES

1. For standard (2") cylinder identification only. Non-commercial (e.g. instructional) cylinders, some client labels and other uncommon labels and cylinder colors are omitted.

2. Some cylinders have the releasing company embossed on the rim.

3. Numerous companies—including Edison and Columbia—released brown wax records without company identification.

4. Black wax cylinders without printing on the rim must be identified by their announcement or the catalog number in the wax.

5. Indestructible Record Co. cylinders are not branded but are identified by the July 29, 1902, patent date on their rims. They were sold under other brand names (e.g. Columbia, Oxford).

6. These cylinders have indented, uncolored text. Some were sold under other labels which may appear on the rim (e.g. Lakeside).

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