

BUFFET ~ CRAMPON

Buffet - Crampon Clarinets:

[Note: This series does not include Evette - Schaeffer models]

| Serial Numbers | Year Manufactured |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1A - 408 A | 1885 |
| 409A - 999A | 1886 |
| A1 - A886 | 1886 |
| A887 - A999 | 1887 |
| B1 - B999 | 1887 |
| 1B - 417B | 1887 |
| 418B - 999B | 1888 |
| 1C - 999C | 1888 |
| C1 - C300 | 1888 |
| C301 - C999 | 1889 |
| D1 -D999 | 1889 |
| 1K 5211D - 348D | 1889 |
| 349D - 999D | 1890 |
| E1 - E999 | 1890 |
| 1E - 316E | 1890 |
| 317E - 999E | 1891 |
| F1 - F999 | 1891 |
| 1F - 190F | 1891 |
| 191F - 999F | 1892 |
| G1 - G999 | 1892 |
| 1G - 58G | 1892 |
| 59G - 999G | 1893 |
| H1 - H999 | 1893 |
| 1H - 184H | 1893 |
| 185H - 999H | 1894 |

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| I1 - I665 | 1894 |
| I666- I999 | 1895 |
| 1I - 999I | 1895 |
| J1 - J617 | 1895 |
| J618 - J999 | 1896 |
| 1J - 999J | 1896 |
| K1 - K514 | 1896 |
| K515 - K999 | 1897 |
| 1K - 999K | 1897 |
| L1 - L561 | 1897 |
| L562 - L999 | 1898 |
| 1L - 999L | 1898 |
| M1 - M590 | 1898 |
| M591 - M999 | 1899 |
| 1M - 999M | 1899 |
| N1 - N440 | 1899 |
| N441- N999 | 1900 |
| 1N - 999N | 1900 |
| O1 - O521 | 1900 |
| O522 -O999 | 1901 |
| 1O - 999O | 1901 |
| P1 - P999 | 1901 |
| 1P - 374P | 1901 |
| 375P - 999P | 1902 |
| R1 - R999 | 1902 |
| 1R - 404R | 1902 |
| 405R - 999R | 1903 |
| S1 - S999 | 1903 |
| 1S - 999S | 1903 |
| T1 - T40 | 1903 |
| T41 - T999 | 1904 |
| 621T - 999T | 1904 |
| U1 - U999 | 1904 |
| 1U - 81U | 1904 |

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| 82U - 999U | 1905 |
| V1 - V999 | 1905 |
| 1V - 751V | 1905 |
| 752V - 999V | 1906 |
| X1 - X999 | 1906 |
| 1X - 999X | 1906 |
| Y1 - Y840 | 1906 |
| Y841 - Y999 | 1907 |
| 1Y - 999Y | 1907 |
| Z1 - Z999 | 1907 |
| 1Z - 812Z | 1907 |
| 813Z - 999Z | 1908 |
| 1A1 - 1A999 | 1908 |
| 2A1 - 2A999 | 1908 |
| 1B1 - 1B999 | 1908 |
| 2B1 - 2B60 | 1908 |
| 2B61 - 2B999 | 1909 |
| 1C1-1C999 | 1909 |
| 2C1- 2C999 | 1909 |
| 1D1 - 1D67 | 1909 |
| 1D68 - 1D999 | 1910 |
| 2D1 - 2D999 | 1910 |
| 1E1 - 1E901 | 1910 |
| 1E902 - 1E999 | 1911 |
| 2E1 - 2E999 | 1911 |
| 1F1 -1F999 | 1911 |
| 2F1 -2F763 | 1911 |
| 2F764 - 2F999 | 1912 |
| 1G1 - 1G999 | 1912 |
| 2G1 - 2G999 | 1912 |
| 1H1 - 1H500 | 1912 |
| 1H501 - 1H999 | 1913 |
| 2H1 - 2H999 | 1913 |
| 1I2 - 1I999 | 1913 |

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| 2I1 - 4I3I1 | 1913 |
| 225J1 - 999J1 | 1914 |
| 414I1 - 999I1 | 1914 |
| 1J1 - 1J999 | 1914 |
| 2J1 - 224J1 | 1914 |
| 2J225 - 2J999 | 1915 |
| 1K1 - 1K341 | 1915 |
| 1K342 - 1K999 | 1916 |
| 2K1 - 2K460 | 1916 |
| 2K461 - 2K999 | 1917 |
| 1L11 - 1L521 | 1917 |
| 1L522 - 1L999 | 1918 |
| 2L1 - 2L661 | 1918 |
| 2L662 - 2L999 | 1919 |
| 1M1 - 1M800 | 1919 |
| 1M801 - 1M999 | 1920 |
| 2M1 - 2M999 | 1920 |
| 1N1 - 1N515 | 1920 |
| 1N516 - 1N999 | 1921 |
| 2N1 - 2N999 | 1921 |
| 1O1 - 1O193 | 1921 |
| 1O194 - 1O999 | 1922 |
| 2O1 - 2O168 | 1922 |
| 2O169 - 2O999 | 1923 |
| 1P1 - 1P999 | 1923 |
| 2P1 - 1P536 | 1923 |
| 2P537 - 2P999 | 1924 |
| 1R1 - 1R999 | 1924 |
| 2R1 - 2R226 | 1924 |
| 2R227 - 2R999 | 1925 |
| 1S1 - 1S876 | 1925 |
| 1S877 - 1S999 | 1926 |
| 2S1 - 2S999 | 1926 |
| 1T1 - 1T508 | 1926 |

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| 1T509 - 1T542 | 1927 |
| 1 - 2500 | 1928 |
| 2501 - 4999 | 1929 |
| 5000 - 7499 | 1930 |
| 7500 - 9999 | 1931 |
| 10,000 - 12,500 | 1932 |
| 12,501 - 15,000 | 1933 |
| 15,001 - 18,000 | 1934 |
| 18,001 - 20,000 | 1935 |
| 20,001 - 22,000 | 1936 |
| 22,001 - 24,000 | 1937 |
| 24,001 - 26,000 | 1938 |
| 26,001 - 27,000 | 1939 |
| 27,001 - 28,000 | 1945 |
| Approx. 3000 per Year | 1945 - 1957 |
| 58,835 - 59143 | 1958 |
| 58,835 - 59143 | 1958 |
| 59,144 - 62,457 | 1959 |
| 62,458 - 65,958 | 1960 |
| 65,959 - 69,717 | 1961 |
| 69,718 - 75,319 | 1962 |
| 75,320 - 78,093 | 1963 |
| 78,094 - 93,203 | 1964 - 1966 |
| 93,204 - 99,331 | 1967 |
| 99,332 - 105,617 | 1968 |
| 105,618 - 114,416 | 1969 |
| 111,417 - 117,747 | 1970 |
| 117,748 - 126,209 | 1971 |
| 126,210 - 133,903 | 1972 |
| 133,904 - 143,517 | 1973 |
| 143,518 - 153,323 | 1974 |
| 153,324 - 163,567 | 1975 |
| 163,568 - 173,826 | 1976 |
| 173,827 - 183,901 | 1977 |

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| 183,902 - 191,872 | 1978 |
| 191,873 - 201,531 | 1979 |
| 201,532 - 210,652 | 1980 |
| 210,653 - 221,260 | 1981 |
| 221,261 - 234,695 | 1982 |
| 234,696 - 250,371 | 1983 |
| 250,372 - 266,396 | 1984 |
| 266,397 - 277,482 | 1985 |
| 277,483 - 292,267 | 1986 |
| 292,268 - 302,623 | 1987 |
| 302,624 - 312,699 | 1988 |
| 312,700 - 324,769 | 1989 |
| 324,770 - 337,910 | 1990 |
| 337,911 - 352,250 | 1991 |
| 352,251 - 367,799 | 1992 |
| 367,800 - 379,340 | 1993 |
| 379,341 - 394,000 | 1994 |
| 394,001 - 408,000 | 1995 |
| 408001 - | 1996 |

Buffet E-13 Clarinets:

| Serial Numbers | Year Manufactured |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 10,109 - 16,377 | 1961 - 1966 |
| 16,378 - 23,007 | 1966 - 1969 |
| 23,008 - 29,623 | 1969 - 1973 |
| 29,624 - 32,167 | 1973 - 1975 |
| 32,168 - 42,803 | 1975 - 1977 |
| 42,804 - 49,092 | 1977 - 1979 |
| 49,093 - 56,536 | 1979 - 1981 |
| 56,537 - 62,684 | 1981 - 1983 |
| 62,685 - 70,191 | 1983 - 1987 |

Evette - Schaeffer Clarinets:

| Serial Numbers (Approx.) | Year Manufactured |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 19,500 - 19,999 | 1910 |
| 20,000 - 20,499 | 1911 |
| 20,500 - 20,999 | 1912 |
| 21,000 - 21,499 | 1913 |
| 21,500 - 21,999 | 1914 |
| 22,000 - 22,499 | 1915 |
| 22,500 - 22,999 | 1916 |
| 23,000 - 23,499 | 1917 |
| 23,500 - 23,999 | 1918 |
| 24,000 - 24,499 | 1919 |
| 24,500 - 24,999 | 1920 |
| 25,000 - 25,499 | 1921 |
| 25,500 - 25,999 | 1922 |
| 26,000 - 26,499 | 1923 |
| 26,500 - 26,999 | 1924 |
| 27,000 - 27,499 | 1925 |
| 27,500 - 27,999 | 1926 |
| 28,000 - 28,499 | 1927 |

Buffet Harmony Clarinets:

| Serial Numbers | Year Manufactured |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 19,506 - 19,578 | 1950 |
| 19,579 - 19,638 | 1951 |
| 19,639 - 19,680 | 1952 |
| 19,681 - 19,781 | 1953 |
| 19,782 - 19,965 | 1954 |
| 19,966 - 20,091 | 1955 |
| 20,092 - 20,154 | 1956 |
| 20,155 - 20,237 | 1957 |
| 20,238 - 20,401 | 1958 |
| 20,402 - 20,502 | 1959 |

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| 20,503 - 20,511 | 1960 |
| 20,512 - 20,692 | 1961 |
| 20,693 - 20,775 | 1962 |
| 20,776 - 20,854 | 1963 |
| 20,855 - 20,911 | 1964 |
| 20,912 - 21,054 | 1965 |
| 21,055 - 21,209 | 1966 |
| 21,210 - 21,358 | 1967 |
| 21,359 - 21,432 | 1968 |
| 21,433 - 21,500 | 1969 |
| 21,501 - 21,557 | 1970 |
| 21,558 - 21,627 | 1971 |
| 21,628 - 21,702 | 1972 |
| 21,703 - 21,796 | 1973 |
| 21,797 - 21,953 | 1974 |
| 21,954 - 21,999 | 1975 |
| 22,000 - 22,114 | 1976 |
| 22,115 - 22,233 | 1977 |
| 22,234 - 22,350 | 1978 |
| 22,351 - 22,461 | 1979 |
| 22,462 - 22,535 | 1980 |
| 22,536 - 22,692 | 1981 |
| 22,693 - 22,859 | 1982 |
| 22,860 - 23,059 | 1983 |
| 23,060 - 23,374 | 1984 |
| 23,275 - 23,462 | 1985 |
| 23,463 - 23,619 | 1986 |
| 23,620 - 23,875 | 1987 |
| 23,876 - 24,190 | 1988 |
| 24,191 - 24,508 | 1989 |
| 24,509 - 25,221 | 1990 |
| 25,222 - 26,077 | 1991 |
| 26,078 - 26,734 | 1992 |

Buffet Oboes:

| Serial Numbers | Year |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 10 - 248 | 1885 |
| 250 - 809 | 1886 |
| 810 - 1409 | 1887 |
| 1410 - 1969 | 1888 |
| 1970 - 2549 | 1889 |
| 2550 - 3049 | 1890 |
| 3050 - 3589 | 1891 |
| 3590 - 4129 | 1892 |
| 4130 - 4599 | 1893 |
| 4600 - 5129 | 1894 |
| 5130 - 5959 | 1895 |
| 5960 - 6789 | 1896 |
| 6790 - 7959 | 1897 |
| 7960 - 8699 | 1898 |
| 8700 - 9159 | 1899 |
| 9160 - 9779 | 1900 |
| 9780 - 028 | 1901 |
| 029 - 080 | 1902 |
| 081 - 0122 | 1903 |
| 0123 - 0166 | 1904 |
| 0167 - 0188 | 1905 |
| 0189 - 0264 | 1906 |
| 0265 - 0309 | 1907 |
| 0310 - 0358 | 1908 |
| 0359 - 0405 | 1909 |
| 0406 - 0475 | 1910 |
| 0476 - 0526 | 1911 |
| 0527 - 0578 | 1912 |
| 0579 - 0655 | 1913 |
| 0656 - 0660 | 1914 |
| 0661 - 0677 | 1915 |
| 0678 - 0701 | 1916 |
| 0702 - 0737 | 1917 |
| 0738 - 0788 | 1919 |
| 0789 - 0792 | 1920 |

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| 0793 - 0831 | 1921 |
| 0832 - 0842 | 1922 |
| 0843 - 0851 | 1923 |
| 0852 - 0853 | 1924 |
| 0854 - 0863 | 1925 |
| 0864 - | 1926 |

Buffet Saxophones:

| Serial Numbers (Approx.) | Year |
|--------------------------|------|
| 244 - 791 | 1868 |
| 792 - 1059 | 1870 |
| 1060 - 1970 | 1872 |
| 1971 - 2492 | 1875 |
| 2493 - 2787 | 1876 |
| 2788 - 2924 | 1877 |
| 2925 - 3444 | 1878 |
| 3445 - 3819 | 1879 |
| 3820 - 4118 | 1880 |
| 4119 - 4653 | 1881 |
| 4654 - 5223 | 1882 |
| 5224 - 5775 | 1883 |
| 5776 - 6226 | 1884 |
| 6227 - 8199 | 1885 |
| 8200 - 8499 | 1889 |
| 8500 - 9499 | 1890 |
| 9500 - 10499 | 1892 |
| 10500 - 10999 | 1894 |
| 11000 - 11499 | 1895 |
| 11500 - 11999 | 1896 |
| 12000 - 12499 | 1897 |
| 12500 - 13499 | 1898 |
| 13500 - 13999 | 1900 |
| 14000 - 14999 | 1901 |
| 15000 - 15499 | 1903 |

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| 15500 - 16499 | 1904 |
| 16500 - 16999 | 1905 |
| 17000 - 17499 | 1906 |
| 17500 - 17999 | 1907 |
| 18000 - 18499 | 1908 |
| 18500 - 19499 | 1909 |
| 19500 - 19999 | 1910 |
| 20000 - 20499 | 1911 |
| 20500 - 21999 | 1912 |
| 22000 - 22499 | 1913 |
| 22500 - 22999 | 1914 |
| 23000 - 23499 | 1916 |
| 23500 - 23999 | 1917 |
| 24000 - 24499 | 1919 |
| 24500 - 24999 | 1920 |
| 25000 - 25999 | 1921 |
| 26000 - 26499 | 1922 |
| 26500 - 26999 | 1923 |
| 27000 - 27999 | 1924 |
| 28000 - 28499 | 1925 |
| 28500 - 29423 | 1926 |
| 29424 - | 1927 |
| 2925 - 3114 | 1952 |
| 3115 - 3389 | 1953 |
| 3390 - 3762 | 1954 |
| 3763 - 4225 | 1955 |
| 4226 - 4816 | 1956 |
| 4817 - 5391 | 1957 |
| 5392 - 6171 | 1958 |
| 6172 - 6807 | 1959 |
| 6808 - 7415 | 1960 |
| 7416 - 8655 | 1961 |
| 8656 - 9668 | 1962 |
| 9669 - 10,063 | 1963 |

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| 10,064 - 11,748 | 1964 |
| 11,749 - 12,777 | 1965 |
| 12,778 - 13,775 | 1966 |
| 13,776 - 14,486 | 1967 |
| 14,487 - 15,346 | 1968 |
| 15,347 - 16,322 | 1969 |
| 16,323 - 17,318 | 1970 |
| 17,319 - 18,454 | 1971 |
| 18,455 - 19,786 | 1972 |
| 19,787 - 21,440 | 1973 |
| 21,441 - 22,686 | 1974 |
| 22,687 - 24,416 | 1975 |
| 24,417 - 26,150 | 1976 |
| 26,151 - 27,279 | 1977 |
| 27,280 - 28,732 | 1978 |
| 28,733 - 30,189 | 1979 |
| 30,190 - 31,538 | 1980 |
| 31,539 - 32,960 | 1981 |
| 32,961 - 33,923 | 1982 |
| 33,924 - 34,663 | 1983 |
| 34,664 - 35,732 | 1984 |
| 35,733 - | 1985 |

Jean Louis Buffet was already making musical instruments as early as the 1840's. In 1871, Leon Crampon became a partner. If you come across an "F" preceding the serial number of an R13, this indicates that the instrument has been built to an A442 - A444 and is intended for use by European ensembles. The R13 was designed by Robert Carree, the head acoustician for Buffet (c. 1950). This may have been the first intentional use of the so-called "poly-cylindrical" bore design of the Buffet clarinet. It became the prototype for all future Buffet clarinet designs from that point onward. As a result, it may be safely assumed that anything from #61,000 was manufactured with this design in mind. Many of the documents which contained accurate information regarding serial numbers have been lost and as a result, there is a gap from 1946 - 1957. Buffet states, however, that approximately 3000 units per year were manufactured during this period.

If you note any discrepancies, or have additional information concerning this company, we would appreciate it VERY much if you would pass it on to The Music Trader. Thank you!

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