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Bassoons

Serial Number	Year Manufactured		Serial Number	Year Manufactured
1	1893		7411	1933
3000	1877		7500	1933
3001	1877		7501	1934
3048	1880		7585	1934
3273	1886		7586	1935
3332	1886		7658	1935
3333	1887		7702	1935
3374	1887		7755	1935
3435	1889		7756	1936
3494	1889		7985	1936
3495	1890		7986	1936
3521	1890		8000	1936
3555	1890		8066	1937
3556	1891		8087	1937
3616	1891		8127	1937
3617	1892		8137	1937
3677	1892		8138	1938
3678	1893		8204	1938
3714	1893		8285	1938
3738	1893		8286	1939
3739	1894		8413	1939
3799	1894		8414	1940
3800	1895		8422	1940
3857	1895		8520	1940

3858	1896		8521	1941
3918	1896		8580	1941
3919	1897		8581	1942
3979	1897		8638	1942
3980	1898		8639	1943
4000	1898		8684	1943
4038	1898		9000	1943
4039	1899		9013	1944
4097	1899		9065	1944
4100	1900		9067	1945
4188	1900		9143	1945
4189	1901		9147	1946
4265	1901		9194	1946
4266	1902		9200	1947
4269	1902		9232	1947
4341	1903		9233	1948
4376	1903		9282	1948
4402	1903		9283	1949
4403	1904		9299	1949
4481	1904		9300	1950
4482	1905		9334	1950
4531	1905		9424	1951
4563	1905		9436	1951
4564	1906		9449	1951
4613	1906		9524	1951
4614	1907		9525	1952
4686	1907		9564	1952
4687	1908		9639	1952
4769	1908		9640	1953
4770	1909		9772	1954
4814	1909		9872	1954
4870	1909		9873	1955
4871	1910		9890	1955
4887	1910		9991	1955

4956	1910		9993	1955
4957	1911		9994	1956
5000	1911		10000	1956
5029	1911		10055	1956
5030	1912		10082	1956
5065	1912		10083	1957
5117	1912		10210	1957
5118	1913		10211	1958
5125	1913		10311	1958
5203	1913		10312	1959
5204	1914		10307	1960
5268	1914		10353	1960
5287	1914		10410	1960
5308	1915		10411	1960
#	1916		10442	1961
#	1917		10534	1961
5310	1918		10535	1961
5319	1918		10641	1961
5325	1918		10650	1962
5552	1919		10669	1962
5560	1919		#	1963
5565	1920		10800	1964
5621	1920		10904	1965
5625	1921		11000	1965
5705	1921		#	1966
5710	1922		#	1967
5711	1922		#	1968
5729	1922		11170	1969
5812	1922		11214	1970
5817	1923		11376	1970
5898	1923		11614	1971
6000	1924		#	1972
6011	1924		11898	1973
6012	1924		#	1974

6124	1924		12000	1975
6131	1924		#	1976
6175	1924		#	1977
6181	1925		#	1978
6184	1925		12394	1979
6188	1925		#	1980
6271	1925		12578	1981
6295	1926		#	1982
6353	1926		#	1983
6425	1926		#	1984
6500	1927		13000	1985
6591	1927		#	1986
6650	1927		#	1987
6651	1928		#	1988
6785	1928		#	1989
6808	1929		#	1990
7000	1929		#	1991
7001	1930		#	1992
7053	1930		#	1993
7170	1930		#	1994
7180	1930		#	1995
7181	1931		#	1996
7183	1931		#	1997
7250	1931		#	1998
7251	1932		#	1999
7410	1932			

Contra Bassoons

Serial Number	Year Manufactured		Serial Number	Year Manufactured
1	1877		100	1879
400	1927		500	1935

Heckelphones

Serial Number	Year Manufactured
Terz Heckelphone in Eb	
3519	1915
Piccolo Heckelphones in F	
1-5	1904
6-12	1905
15-16	1906
17	1916
Heckelphones in C	
1-2	1904
3-52	1905-1912
3414-4055	1913-1928
4855-4895	1956-1957
4918-4976	1957-1962
4977-4985	1978-1984
4986-4992	1984-1990
4993-5001	1991-1996

Established in 1831 by Johann Adam Heckel and Karl Almenrader and went independent in 1838. They collaborated on a Boehm system clarinet in the mid 1840's with Iwan Muller and were soon offering Clarinets, Bassoons, Basshorns, Serpents, Flutes, Piccolos, and Oboes. In 1879 Heckel began lining the wing sections with vulcanized rubber and in 1901 patented the *whisper key*. Heckel manufacturers Bassoons in batches of seven, fitting the key sets individually to each body section. After the keys are fit (mounted), they are each stamped with the unique number of the bassoon and sent on to be plated. On each section (joint) of Heckel Bassoons you will find a *manufacturing number* in the form of five "dots" which are usually hidden somewhere beneath the key mechanism. The Boot Section has this number imprinted adjacent to the serial number (remove the Bb key from the Bell Section and examine the area between the two posts). On the Bass Section (long joint) this "number" is usually located beneath the Low B Key. On the Wing Section may be located beneath the 3rd finger Ring Key, between the posts of the C# Key, or under the hinge of the F# Trill Key. (Puchner does the same thing, however they manufacture in batches of 15 and "number" their Bassoons with Roman Numerals) Inconsistencies in the *serial number to year of manufacture* correlations may be due in part to the fact that numbers were assigned to instruments at the time they were ordered. It is unclear whether or not Heckel manufactured instruments during World War 2. There is an absence of serial numbers in

the high 8000's, since they stopped making instruments when the WW2 started, and Heckel was only in the mid 8000's at that time. The 9000 series went into production in 1946.

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 very much!

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