

HENRY DISTIN

Serial Number	Year Manufactured
391 (London)	1850
2371	1856 (Arnold Meyers)
3509	1857
6280	1867
10428 (10215)	1868
20722 (10688)	1869
21287 (22054)	1870
25021	1872
29394 (29733)	1874
Moved to New York	1877
266	1879
256 (261)	1880
551 (251)	1881
568	1882
Moved to Philadelphia	
1462	1883
5085 (5964)	1889
6285	1890
Moved to Williamsport	
8124	1891
8207 (8578)	1892
9119 (9021)	1893
11089	1894
14242 (15048)	1896
15233 (17496)	1897
15568	1898
15828	1899
16586	1900

16888	1901
17557	1902
17948	1903
22054	1909

The earliest Distin instruments were made by Adolphe Sax or other French makers. Distin was probably manufacturing brasswind instruments in London by 1858, which were stamped *Henry Distin, Maker*. When the firm was purchased in 1868, by Boosey and Son, the name was changed to *Distin & Co.*, and changed again sometime around 1874 to *Boosey & Son*. Distin was in business in New York city, once again under the name *Henry Distin, Maker*, by 1878.

When Henry Distin retired in 1890, the firm was called *The Henry Distin Manufacturing Co.*, and was managed by Brua C. Keefer, Jr., son of the major stockholder. In 1909, the Keefer family purchased the remaining interest, and the name was changed to *The Brua C. Keefer Mfg. Co.*, whose production continued until about 1942.

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