

Courtois Surviving Brass Instruments

Updated on 12/26/24 based on bell markings, known dates, and claimed purchase dates.

Serial #	Date	Instrument	Model	Description
	1844	Antione Courtois opened his shop at 21 rue du Caire, Paris.		
351	1850	Koenighorn		
	1851	Awarded London medal.		
712	1854	Cornet	Nouveau	
	1855	Awarded Paris medal.		
2355	1855	Cornet	Koenig	Jullien & Co, Agents, London
	1856	Moved to 88 rue des Marais, Paris.		
2400	1856			
2713	1857	Cornet	Koenig	
3200	1858	Cornet		
3460	1858	Cornet	Koenig	
4380	1859	Cornet		
4730	1860	Cornet	Koenig	
	1862	Awarded London medal.		
6481	1863	Cornet		1862 award
6500	1863	Cornet		
	1867	Awarded Paris medal.		
7811	1870	Cornet	Koenig	
	1872	Awarded Moscow medal.		

8035	1872	Cornet		88 Rue de Marais
8072	1872	Cornet	Arban	1872 award
481	1872	Trumpet		1872 award
8226	1872	Cornet	Arban	Arban's presentation horn with 1867 date
8400	1873	Cornet		
	1873	Bell marking changed from "Facteur Du Conservatoire Imperial" to "National."		
9377	1873	Cornet		1872 last award; "National"
9985	1874	Cornet	Levy	
10022	1874	Cornet		1872 last award
	1878	Awarded Paris medal.		
11849	1879	Cornet	valves on left	1878 last award [ebay]
12000	1880	Cornet		
12166	1880	Cornet	Bb	1878 last award; no agent added
13213	1882	Cornet		1878 last award; "E M Jenkins" added on bell rim
13279		Cornet		1878 award [HUC]
13432		Cornet		1878 award; Arthur Chappel sole agent London [HUC]
	1883	Awarded Boston medal.		
	1885	Awarded London medal and Anvers diploma.		
14717	1885	Cornet		1885 award; echo attachment
15548	1885	Cornet	Arbuckle	
16522		Cornet		
	1889	Awarded Paris medal.		
16793	1889	Cornet	Emerson	

17772	1889	Cornet	Arbuckle	
18500	1890	Cornet		
	1892	Mille was granted US patent #468,025 for a trombone slide.		
	1893	Awarded Chicago medal.		
19108	1899	Cornet	Arban	
19773	1899	Cornet		1902 presentation date; Foote sole agent
19774	1899	Cornet	Besson	
	1900	Awarded Paris medal at the International Exposition that ended in November.		
20081	1900	Cornet	Levy	F. Bechtel Music Store, US agent [store closed in 1905]
20667	1900	Cornet	none	1900 last award Paris [J. Holt]
	1901	Reset serial number to zero? In order for the award markings to work, the yearly output would have been quite small. More examples are needed for this time period.		
89	1901	Cornet	Levy	Emerson Band Inst Co, Boston agent; 1900 Paris award
154	1901	Trombone	Brevete	1900 award last listed
155	1901	Trumpet	Brevete	no awards listed
199	1901	Trumpet	Brevete	1900 award but not 1904
223	1901	Trumpet	Brevete	Marais; Bb/A RV [saved]
275	1902			
550	1903			
559	1903	Trumpet	in F	Met museum
663	1903	Trumpet	in F	
825	1904	Awarded St Louis honor at expo that ended in December.		
1100	1905	Awarded Liege grand prix [This date is never shown on the bell.].		

1113	1905	Trumpet	Bb	1900 last award; Marais [Meacham]
1127	1905	Trumpet	Brevete	1904 last award; Marais address; Bb/A RV
1135	1906			
1150	1906	Trumpet	Brevete	1904 last award; Marais
1160	1906	Cornet	Brevete	1904 last award
1170	1907			
1205	1908			
1240	1909			
1275	1910	Awarded Bruxelles grand prix [This date is never shown on the bell.].		
1336	1910	Cornet		1904 last award; two RVs in tuning slide
1340	1911	Awarded in Turin expo ending in November.		
1390	1912			
1440	1913			
1490	1914			
1540	1915			
1575	1915	Trombone	Brevete	1911 last award; Marais address [S. Pangaro]
1600	1916			
0	1917	Courtois was purchased by Gaudet and the serial numbers were reset to zero.		
100	1918			
200	1919	George Bundy incorporated as H&A Selmer Inc in May.		
215	1919	Trumpet	Brevete	matches H&A Selmer ad from 1919
269	1919	Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY
300	1920			

300	1920	Trumpet		Bb/A RV in lead pipe; 1 st slide ring
372	1920	Flugelhorn		[HUC]
377	1920	Trumpet	Bb	Bb/A RV in LP; 1st slide ring; Selmer NY
391	1920	Trumpet	Bb/A	Bb/A RV in LP; 1st slide ring, Selmer NY [D. Burr, saved]
450	1921			
595	1921	Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; H&A Selmer, NY
600	1922			
663	1922	Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; Selmer NY
677	1922	Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY
680	1922	Trumpet		Bb/A RV; 1 st slide ring; Selmer, NY
718	1922	Trumpet	Brevete	H&A Selmer Inc, NY; Marais address; 980 on RV [saved]
750	1923			
793	1923	Trumpet	Brevete	
800	1923	Trumpet	Brevete	no H&A
855	1923	Trumpet		
875	1923	Trumpet	Brevete	no awards listed [Robb Stewart]
885	1923	Trumpet	Brevete	1911 Turin award; 1 st slide ring [Patton]
900	1924			
907	1924	Trumpet		Bb/C; bottom 3 rd slide ring
1150	1925			
1245	1925	Trumpet	Bb	1904 medal; Marais address
1300	1926			
1343	1926	Trumpet	in C	bottom 3 rd slide ring; Marais address

1450	1927			
1456	1927	Trumpet		Bb/A RV in tuning slide; bottom 3 rd ring; Marais; no Geneva
	1927	Awarded Geneva grand prix; H&A Selmer moved to Elkhart.		
1500	1927	Start of Geneva award listed on bell engraving but still Marais address.		
1646	1927	Cornet		no info
1700	1928			
1866	1928	Trumpet		double RV in TS; Geneva 1927; Marais
1893	1928	Trumpet		Bb/A RV in LP; top 3 rd slide ring; Geneva; Marais
1918	1928	Trumpet	Bb	Geneva last award; Marais address
1930	1928	Trumpet	in C	bottom 3 rd slide ring
2000	1929			
2175	1929	Trumpet	Bb/C	RV in TS; bottom 3 rd slide ring
[3620]	1929	Trombone		Marais address / 1927 award
[3716]	1929	Trombone		Marais address / 1927 award
2300	1930	Courtois moved to 8 rue de Nancy, Paris. The following estimated dates are for trumpets only unless noted.		
2481	1930	Trumpet		Nancy; narrow profile 1930s design, bottom 3 rd ring
2500	1931			
2650	1931	Trumpet		Nancy address
2700	1932			
2857	1932	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award
2900	1933			
3100	1934			

Cornets are said to be dated by the first digit of the serial number plus 1950. Leblanc started in 1946 importing woodwinds, then added Courtois brass in the early 1950s.

3229	1953	Cornet		Nancy; Geneva award [S. Shagin]
3284	1953	Cornet		Geneva award; Leblanc importer; new in 1953 [S. Shagin]
3300	1935			
3335	1935	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy [J. Castleman]
3360	1935	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; Geneva award
3362	1953	Cornet		Leblanc importer
3368	1935	Trumpet		Nancy; Geneva award; Bb/A stop rod; bottom 3 rd slide ring
3391	1935	Trumpet	Bb/C	
3434	1935	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award
3470	1954	Cornet		Nancy; Geneva award; Leblanc USA importer (after 1946)
3500	1936			
35xx	1936	Trumpet	Balanced Bb	earliest example recorded of balanced model
3556	1936	Flugelhorn		Nancy; Geneva 1927
3700	1937			
3738	1937	Flugelhorn		Nancy address; Geneva 1927
3800	1938	Paul Gaudet went to war and the factory shut down.		
3800	1945	The factory opened after the war.		
4000	1946			
4063	?	Flugelhorn		Nancy; no awards so updated logo
4200	1947			
4398	1947	Trumpet	Bb	1927 award

4400	1948			
4541	1948	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; no awards; 0.438" bore
4600	1949			
4629	1949	Trumpet	in C	Nancy; new AC pinky ring; Geneva award
4638	1949	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award
4800	1950			
48xx	1950	Trumpet	Balanced	0.472" bore
4800	1950	Trumpet	Balanced	Bb; Nancy address; 1927 award
4898	1950	Trumpet		said to be purchased new in 1951
4941	1950	Trumpet		Nancy
4966	1950	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; ML; Paris
4969	19??	Flugelhorn		Nancy
5000	1951			
5029	19??	Flugelhorn	Bb	Nancy; no awards; plain pinky hook
5054	1951	Trombone		Nancy; 1927 award
5097	1951	Trumpet	Bb/A	balanced model; ML bore [Meacham]
5204	1951	Trumpet	C	Nancy; 1927 award
5262	19??	Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
5386	1951	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award; said to be purchased in 1948
5398	1951	Trumpet	Bb	1927 award
5500	1951	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; new AC pinky hook
5557	1951	Trumpet		said to be from 1956
5566	1951	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring

5600	1952			
5619	1952	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring; oval logo [ebay]
5659	1952	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award
5665	1952	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; 1927 award
5666	1952	Trumpet	Bb Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore; serial not certain [Patton]
5701	1952	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy; 1927 award; L bore [ebay; saved]
5795	1952	Trombone		Nancy address
5879	1952	Trumpet		Nancy address, 1927 award; Leblanc sole US importer
6017	1952	Cornet		Nancy; no awards
6200	1953			
6304	1953	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award, AC ring
6329	1953	Trumpet	Balanced	L bore [Ayick]
6390	1953	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring
6474	1953	Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
6569	1953	Trumpet	Balanced	0.452"
6701	1953	Trumpet		Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring
6721	1953	Trumpet	Bb/C	Nancy; 1927 award; AC ring; bottom 3 rd slide ring
6800	1954			
6935	1954	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy, 1927 award; AC Paris; Bb tuning slide extension
7000		Flugelhorn		Nancy; Paris
7400	1955			
7653		Flugelhorn		c.1950
8000	1956	A new factory in Amboise opens.		

8084		Flugelhorn		modern logo “Antoine Courtois Paris”
8223	1956	Trumpet	Bb	Nancy; Paris; no awards; AC ring; “1956” & “121” on bell “A Courtois Paris” stamp [saved]
8600	1957			
8713		Cornet		modern logo
9008	1957	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address; no awards listed; AC pinky ring
9175	1957	Trumpet	Balanced	L bore; stencil for Leblanc
9400	1958			
9627		Flugelhorn		modern logo
10005	1958	Trumpet		L bore; Nancy address; no awards [saved]
10016	1958	Trumpet	ML	[A. Brodrip; England]
10041	1958	Trumpet		[Ayick]
10100	1959			
10131		Flugelhorn		modern logo
10700	1960			
10700	1960	Trumpet	Bb	A. Courtois / Paris; Nancy address
10724	1960	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address [J. Raymond]
11153	1960	Trumpet	in C	AC Paris logo
11300	1961			
11385	1961	Trumpet	Brevete	Nancy address; no awards; “1961” on bell ; Paris on valves
11407	1961	Trumpet	Bb	listed as 1955
11510	1961	Trumpet		Nancy; no awards [saved]
11944	1961	Trumpet	Balanced	Nancy address, no awards; AC ring

12000	1962			
12312		Flugel		
12530	1976	Flugel		modern logo; said to be from 1976
12714	1962	Trumpet		Nancy address; no awards; Paris on valves
13298	1962	Trumpet		Nancy; Brevete
13300	1963			
13487	1985	Flugelhorn	154	original owner purchased older store stock in 1986
14023	1963	Trumpet	Balanced	
14102	1963	Trumpet	Balanced	no awards on bell; Nancy address; 0.458" bore
14504	1963	Trumpet	Bb	new script logo; bottom 3 rd ring; AC ring
14600	1964			
14609	1964	Trumpet		said to be from 1964
15476	1964	Trumpet	Delmotte	Bb/C; AC ring
15600	1964	Trumpet		said to be new in 1970
16000	1965			
164xx	1965	Trumpet	Balanced	last balanced model found
16563	1965	Trumpet	Delmotte	letter from Courtois stating 1965 manufacture date
16847	1965	Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
17400	1966			
17513	1966	Trumpet	Gaudet	A Courtois / Ambroise on stamp
The Gaudet model is said to have been made on the same assembly line as the higher-priced Courtois models but the less-than-perfect ones got labeled as Gaudet.				
18800	1967			

19070	1967	Trumpet	Delmotte	Bb
20144	1967	Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
20200	1968			
21600	1969			
21766	1969	Piccolo Trumpet	Delmotte	said to be new in late 1970s
23000	1970			
23165	1970	Trumpet		letter from Courtois stating made in February 1970
25000	1971			
25046	1971	Trumpet	Delmotte	in C
25725	1996	Flugel	155	
25830	1996	Trumpet		Script logo; double TS section; bottom 3rd ring
25873		Flugel	154R	
26800	1972			
28133	1972	Trumpet	Grand Siecle	in C; 0.458"; said to be c.1975
28246	1972	Trumpet	R. Delmotte	[saved]
28600	1973			
28743	1973	Trumpet	C	4.8" bell; 0.498" bore
28790	1973	Trumpet		sales receipt dated 12-25-74
29292	1973	Trumpet		said to be new in early 1970s
29376	200?	Flugel	154R	owner says early 2000s
298xx	1973	Trumpet	in C	Roger Delmotte
30499	1973	Trumpet	Gaudet	Amboise; Bb
31000	1974			

31453	1974	Trumpet		
33000	1975			
34836		Cornet	Gaudet	
36000	1976			
36783		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
36944		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
38688		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
39000	1977			
39136	1977	Trumpet	Direct Air	[O. Cardona]
39457	1977	Trumpet	?	Paris; script logo on bell; rev. 3rd slide; 1st trigger
39916	1977	Trumpet	?	

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42500	1978			
43313	1978	Trumpet	216L Delmotte	in Bb/C; modern logo; Paris
46000	1979			
46852	1979	Cornet		AC Paris; modern logo
50000	1980			
52000	1980	Trumpet	708 Sonic	
52xxx	1980	Trumpet	707 Sonic	same as Leblanc but with AC medallion
520xx	1980	Trumpet		1 st slide trigger
52238	1980	Trumpet	Gaudet	Bb/C [T. Theijssen]
52740	1980	Trumpet	Al Hirt	[saved]
54000	1981			

	1980s	Courtois offers the Phantom model trumpet with dark gray finish.		
54097	1983	Cornet	C	purchased new in 1983 in Paris
58000	1982			
58294	1982	Trumpet		warranty dated 1982
58784	1982	Trumpet	213	
58805	1982	Trumpet		script logo; "A Courtois Paris" in oval on 2 nd vlv
600xx	1982	Trumpet	Gaudet	
62000	1983			
62861	1983	Trumpet	in C	
64548		Cornet	Gaudet	Amboise
66000	1984			
68470	1984	Trumpet	113M	
68739	1984	Trumpet	Gaudet	
69500	1985			
72200	1986			
72839	1986	Trumpet	113M	[saved]
74406	1986	Trumpet	Gaudet 512	[saved]
75000	1987			
76630	1987	Trumpet	312L Prestige	Paris [saved]
77500	1988			
78483	1988	Trumpet	Al Hirt 20	Bb
787xx	1988	Trumpet	Al Hirt 419	
80000	1989			

80374	1989	Trumpet	520	[saved]
82000	1990			
82145	1990	Trumpet	420	Paris
82621	1990	Trumpet	Prestige	
82797	1990	Trumpet	311 ML	0.463" [model said to be made in 80s & 90s]
84000	1991			
84246	1991	Trumpet	Prestige 311ML	
84611	1991	Trumpet	420	Paris; script logo [saved]
85800	1992			
86370	1992	Trumpet	111 ML	Made in France
86632	1992	Trumpet	111ML	
86659	1992	Trumpet		owner says purchased in 1990 [TH]
86786	1992	Trumpet	111ML	Made in France
86966	1992	Trumpet	BA-argent	311 Prestige w/interchangeable beryllium lead pipe
87500	1993			
88176	1993	Trumpet	Phantom	Prestige Series; Copper bell; 8A on receiver [O. Cardona] Owner says purchased in mid-1990s.
89000	1994			
89129	1994	Trumpet	311ML	Prestige Series; "A" on receiver
90500	1995			
90535	1995	Trumpet	420	Paris; script logo [saved]
90727	1995	Trumpet	520	Paris
92000	1996			

93300	1997			
94500	1998			
94563	1998	Trumpet	303	Prestige [saved]
95787	1998	Trumpet	203	
95800	1999			
96xxx	1999	Trumpet	305 Elite	
960xx	1999	Trumpet	Elite 305	
96766	1999	Trumpet	Elite 305	
97000	2000			
98000	2001			
98383	2001	Trumpet	Elite 305	[saved]
986xx	2001	Cornet	Chambord II	new c.2000
98800	2002			
99000	2005			
99110	2002	Trumpet	Elite 305R	Paris
99200	2003	The Elite 305 was replaced by the 307 “a few years ago.” [TH]		
99xxx	2003	Cornet	106 XLR Special Bicentennial model 2003 [K. LaPorte]	
99500	2004			
99800	2005			
100000	2006			
100125	2007			
100250	2008			
100375	2009	The AC333ML was introduced this year.		

100408	2009	Trumpet	334ML	used in 2020; Made in France [saved]
100463	2009	Trumpet	333L	
100500	2010			
100518	2010	Trumpet	334ML	
100526	2010	Trumpet		owner says 2010 [TH]
100625	2011			
100750	2012			
100875	2013			
100898	2013	Trumpet	334 Xtreme	L bore [saved]
101000	2014			
012621	?	Trumpet	522	B&S stencil of Challenger II
	2000	The Evolution model was started [Apparently with a separate serial number sequence].		
170		Trumpet	Evolution IV	
3xx	2006	Trumpet	Evolution II	owner says c.2006 [Trumpet Herald]
325		Trumpet	Evolution II	0.458" bore [saved]
330		Trumpet	Evolution II	
365		Trumpet	Evolution I	
444		Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]
499		Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]
726		Trumpet	Evolution I	
848		Trumpet	Evolution I	[saved]
990		Trumpet	Evolution II	Paris
1072		Trumpet	Evolution III	

1143		Trumpet	Evolution IV	Paris
1145		Trumpet	Evolution IV	
1278		Trumpet	Evolution IV	new model; End of Elite models
1379		Trumpet	Evolution IV	
1397	2008	Trumpet	Evolution IV	purchased new in January 2009 in NYC
1598		Trumpet	Evolution IV	ACEV4B
1695		Trumpet	Evolution III	ACEV3B; 0.459" bore [saved]
1751		Trumpet	Evolution IV	serial number hard to read; 0.459"; 5" bell
18xx		Trumpet	Evolution IV	ACEV4B
1870	2015	Trumpet	Evolution IV	seller says 2015
1882		Trumpet	Evolution IV	

2012 Courtois was sold to Buffet Group in December and production moved to Markneukirchen, Germany at the B&S factory. They stopped cornet production.

2013 The Evolution II model trumpet is no longer made [TH].

2014 Courtois ended all trombone production in Ambroise by December and moved to Germany. They said it was due to the large demand for their professional models.

2016 The "Courtois Paris" name ended on November 7.

2023 A new Confluence line of trumpets was discussed in February. These were made in Germany. AC335 in Bb or C was for sale in 2024 on the Courtois website. Parent company was Buffet Crampon. [Trumpet Herald & Courtois website]