

Summary of Tray Manufacturers in Rough Date Order															
Era	Manufacturer	Location	Copper	Brass	Enamel	Pre-WW2	Black-backed	Bakerlite	Alloy	Tin	Post-WW2				
						Chrome	Steel				Chrome	Aluminium	Wooden	Plastic	
1880's	H.J.Turner	Birmingham Moseley	Y	Y											
1880's	Tucker Johnson & Co	London Southwark	Y												
1890's to 1900's	Wm Brownlie Ltd	Glasgow Bridgeton	Y	Y		Y									
1890's	Art Metal Advertising	Birmingham		Y											
1890's to 1900's	W & A K Johnston Ltd	Edinburgh, Glasgow & London		Y			Y								
1890's	R.Mitchell & Sons	Edinburgh				Y									
1900's	Green & Knowles	Birmingham					Y								
1900's to 1970	Hancor Mitcham/Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd	London Mitcham			Y		Y		Y	Y			Y		
1900's	Griffiths & Browett Ltd	London & Birmingham			Y		Y								
1900's	Britionian Silver	Unknown				Y									
1900's to 1930's	C.E.Wilkins	Birmingham		Y	Y										
1910's to 1940's	B.A.T. Co Ltd	Smethwick					Y		Y						
1910's to 1920's	Prince of Wares	Unknown			Y										
1910's to 1940's	Sir Joseph Causton Ltd	London & Eastleigh					Y		Y			Y			
1920's	D.R.G.M Enamelworks (Foreign)	Germany			Y										
1920's	Orme, Evans & Co Ltd	Wolverhampton			Y										
1920's to 1930's	Barringer Wallis & Manners Ltd	Mansfield					Y								
1920's	W Davis & Sons	Birmingham					Y								
1930's	Reginald Corfield Ltd (Morden)	London Morden			Y		Y								
1930's	B.H.M. Ltd	Unknown					Y								
1930's	G.Van Hecke (Foreign)	Belgium Brussels					Y								
1930's to 1960's	Reginald Corfield Ltd (Lombard Road)	London S.W.19.					Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			
1930's	Rob Otten (Foreign)	Belgium Brussels					Y								
1930's	Woollen & Co Ltd	Sheffield					Y								
1939	E.T.J.Schuybroek (Foreign)	Belgium Antwerp					Y								
1939	Ste Ame Revetements (Foreign)	Belgium Brussels					Y								
1940's to 1970's	The Metal Box Co Ltd	Liverpool							Y	Y					
1950's to 1960's	Samuel Groves Ltd	Birmingham								Y	Y	Y	Y		
1950's to 1960's	Mermaid Aluminium	Birmingham											Y		
1950's to 1970's	HCW & Tunnicliffe	London Mitcham								Y					
1950's	Wessex	Surrey Surbiton								Y					
1950's	Tresises	Burton-on-Trent								Y					
1960's	Gerling (Foreign)	Germany												Y	
1960's	Frank Hawker Ltd	Birmingham								Y					
1960's	Woodmet	Cheshire Duckinfield								Y					
1970's to 1980's	Salesprint & Display Ltd	Burton-on-Trent								Y					
1970's	MB/HCW	Liverpool								Y					
1970's to 1980's	Salesprint Temple Group	Birmingham								Y					
1970's to 1980's	Wade PDM Ltd	Stoke-on-Trent								Y					
1980's	Supadry	Unknown													Y
1980's	Product Simplicity	Unknown								Y					
	Summary Notes														
Note 1	Copper	Early copper trays carried maker's marks in the 1880's & 1890's During the 1900's to 1920's copper trays were produced but carried no maker's marks The only known maker to produce both copper & brass trays was H.J.Turner based in Birmingham													
Note 2	Brass	The vast majority of brass trays were produced from the 1880's through to the 1920's The oldest known brass manufacturers were Wm Brownlie Ltd, Art Metal Advertising Co & W. & A.K.Johnston Ltd The only known maker to produce both copper & brass trays was H.J.Turner based in Birmingham													
Note 3	Enamel	The earliest enamel trays were prouced in the 1900's and continued to be manufactured until the 1930's. By and large enamel trays were limited to a maximum of three colours per tray.													
Note 4	Chrome (Pre-WW1)	Only a very few pre WW2 trays were produced using chrome, seven in total within this collection.													
Note 5	Black Backed Heavy Tin Plate	Black backed trays were produced between 1900 to 1939. The outbreak of WW2 saw the last use of really heavy tin plate used in the manufacture of trays. The most prolific manufacturers of black backed trays were Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd, B.A.T Co Ltd, Reginald Corfield Ltd & Sir Joseph Causton Ltd.													

Note 6	Bakerlite	All bakerlite trays were manufactured in the 1950's, about seven in total, not one displaying a maker's mark.
Note 7	Alloy	The production of alloy trays between 1945 to 1955 was a result of manufacturers under an obligation to use excess materials from WW2. The weight of alloy trays are by far the lightest in all the years of manufacturing trays. For some unknown reason two-thirds of alloy trays did not include the maker's mark. Most alloy trays without maker's marks were known to have been produced by The Metal Box Co Ltd, Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd and Reginald Corfield Ltd.
Note 8	Tin	Tin was allowed to be used in the manufacture of trays from 1955 onwards although must lighter than the pre-war items. Three manufacturers dominated the period 1955 to 1969 these being Reginald Corfield Ltd, The Metal Box Co Ltd and Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd. The mass production of square tin trays started from 1955 onwards. Tin trays continued to become lighter in weight after the 1970's when MB/HCW (a newly merged Metal Box & Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd) became the main maker.
Note 9	Aluminium & Chrome	The 1950's and 1960's were responsible for arguably the most boring trays which were monochrome and of limited design. Mermaid Aluminium, Samuel Groves Ltd and Frank Hawker Ltd were the main manufacturers of these trays.
Note 10	Wooden	Bass Worthington Ltd commissioned a German manufacturer, Gerling, to produce a set of six different trays made from Sanewood in the early 1960's. The only other known wooden trays are a pre-WW2 Bass item, another Sanewood tray produced for the Worksop Brewery Ltd and a rough Guinness tray depicting a Lepicorin.
Note 11	Unknown	31% of trays in the collection do not bear a maker's mark. Of the above 31%, the highest probability is that Reginald Corfield Ltd, Hancock Corfield & Waller Ltd & Metal Box Co Ltd account for about 85% of these items.
Note 12	Other known Manufacturers	In an article titled "This craze for trays" written by Andrew Cunningham in Collectors Mart in 1985 two other manufacturers were mentioned: John Bart of Sheffield & J.Tite of London.
	Full Summary	Trays in Collection %
1	Art Metal Advertising Co	1 0%
2	B.A.T. Co Ltd	29 3%
3	B.H.M. Ltd	1 0%
4	Barringer Wallis & Manners	10 1%
5	Britoninan Silver	1 0%
6	C.E.Wilkins	5 0%
7	Sir Joseph Causton Ltd	11 1%
8	D.R.G.M Enamelworks	1 0%
9	E.T.J.Schuybroek	1 0%
10	Frank Hawker Ltd	2 0%
11	G.Van Hecke	1 0%
12	Gerling	6 1%
13	Green & Knowles	1 0%
14	Griffiths & Browett Ltd	3 0%
15	H.J.Turner	2 0%
16	Hancock, Corfield & Waller Ltd	163 14%
17	HCW & Tunncliffe	7 1%
18	MB/HCW	4 0%
19	Mermaid	8 1%
20	The Metal Box Co Ltd	106 9%
21	Reginald Corfield Ltd	370 33%
22	Orme, Evans & Co Ltd	1 0%
23	Prince of Wares	3 0%
24	Product Simplicity	1 0%
25	R.Mitchell & Sons	1 0%
26	Rob Otten	1 0%
27	Salesprint & Display	6 1%
28	Salesprint Temple	3 0%
29	Samuel Groves	12 1%
30	Ste Ame Revetements	1 0%
31	Superdry	1 0%
32	Tresises	1 0%
33	Tucker Johnson	1 0%
34	Unknown	352 31%
35	W & A K Johnston Ltd	2 0%
36	W Davis & Sons	1 0%
37	Wade	8 1%
38	Wessex	1 0%
39	Wm Brownlie Ltd	5 0%

