

McElroy Speed key Census.

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McELROY MAC-KEY SERIAL NUMBERS

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This list does not contain every Mac-Key serial number; just all of those I am aware of. It is based on over thirty years of collecting McElroy bugs (Mac-Keys) and accumulating information on the keys owned by others, or seen in various places (hamfests and eBay, for example). It updates and greatly expands the list at Appendix E of my book "McElroy, world's champion radio telegrapher" (Artifax Books, 1993; note, the book is out of print and no longer available).

The quantity of keys listed in each group give a good idea of the **relative scarcity of the models** and variations. The list may also be used to identify your Mac-Key model by using its nameplate type and material, base finish, and serial number, and comparing them to those on the list, but your key should also be verified by comparison to the photos.

Lately I have begun including **ownership information** on the bugs. A date after the owner's ID usually indicates when the owner acquired the bug (or sometimes when I added the bug to the list). An arrow --> indicates to whom it was transferred.

The various **key models** are illustrated alongside.

I have incomplete information on those models missing a variation letter (1936, 1938), so these may not be in their correct sequence.

Please read the NOTES at the bottom of the page. These will explain some differences and the variations in the bugs.

Nameplate styles The "small" plate says "T.R. McElroy." The Navy plate is self-evident. The "large" plate says "Theodore R. McElroy." The plate used on the late bugs (P-500, A-400 and Streamspeed) has no serial number; so these models are not listed. **For pictures** of the bugs and nameplates, see the Mac-Key page (referenced above).

A caution to collectors. All of the 1934, 35 and 36 models say "9-34" in the cast legend on the bottom of the base. This leads some to think that a 1936 model, for example, is a 1934 model. These bugs can only be differentiated by their design, plate material or (using the list below) serial number.

If your key does not appear here, or to correct a listing, please submit the following information (see home page for mail or email addresses):

..model, or better: photographs of the top, pivot, and left side of the bug.

..nameplate type (and material, if early small plate)

..serial number
..any other information, see list for examples

model SN comments

small brass plate

1934 5401 possibly... (hard to read) see ad QST Dec 1934 p. 88
1934 5406 Warren K2UV
1934 5450

The cast legend underneath the base includes "GAD" for "guaranteed." Starting in the later 1935 bugs, a hole was made through the base for the lower pivot screw; this eliminated the D leaving the letters GA.

Note, the mixing of shallow and deep vee models, and GAD and GA castings, in the 1935 models below show that McElroy did not consistently use the serialized nameplates in numerical order. The plates were mounted on the base longitudinally and facing (readable) from the left side.

1935 5402 shallow vee; GAD, one large weight. Later '35 with 2 paddle screws. Ted McElroy --> John KC1MI --> 1999 Tom W1IMQ --> 2013 Jan SM5LNE
1935 5510 shallow vee; GAD plated pivot, 2 small weights. Earliest '35: has one screw holding paddles. Tom W1IMQ
1935 5512 shallow vee; GAD plated pivot, 1 weight. Earliest '35 IZ0KRC 06/20018

1935 5515 shallow vee; GAD (Doug Palmer via ebay 10/08)
1935 5517 shallow vee; GAD (eBay 2/07) rust on hardware plate long. (eBay Feb'16)
1935 5527 shallow vee; GAD (eBay 2/07) Weight not Original, plate long. (eBay Mar'16)

1935 5535 Shallow Vee, GAD
1935 5548 Shallow Vee, GAD
1935 5555 shallow vee, GAD (info de Fred KT5X)
1935 5587 shallow vee, GAD
1935 5599 shallow vee, GAD K5VT estate, W2PM 7/11
1935 xxxx shallow vee, GAD nameplate replaced with plastic plate marked W2FCQ, terminals added to base (Tony HK4T Sept 2015)

1935 5621 deep vee, GA, One weight, complete. Few rust on the base, plate in long side - Ebay 07-2021 >>> Ian IK4EWX.

1935 5665 deep vee, GA, Larry N6LM 2/07.

1935 5669 deep vee, GA, Warren K2UV, 8/06

1935 5670 deep vee, GA, two not original weights, paddle not orig. Few rust on the base and more rust on alla Hardware, plate in long side - Ebay Gen'2023.

1935 5687 deep vee, GA, One weight. Two Speed-X paddles. Pete W2PM 01/2014 ==> Bill WA4OFN 7/2015

1935 5702 shallow vee, GAD, Missing knob and paddle (ebay 1/10; won by Gil Schlehman)

1935 5731 shallow vee, GA

1935 5751 Shallow Vee, GA, Richard Rhiger KF7UI bought new in 1934-35 at United Radio Supply, Portland OR, he carved the walrus ivory paddles ==> Tom W1IMQ 4/1992 ==> Bill WA4OFN 8/2015

1935 5754 Shallow vee (at <http://www.americanradiomuseum.org/site/> ; info from N7CFO)

1935 xxxx shallow vee, GA; plate missing

1935 5771 deep vee, GA

1935 5779 deep vee, GA

1935 5793 deep vee, GA (Lynn, N7CFO)

1935 5798 Deep Vee, GA nameplate is longitudinal and faces left (Claudio Ruggieri, IZ0KRC, Sept'14 from Tom French W1IMQ)

1936A: This has the cast brass pivot assembly as on earlier Mac-Keys, and a U-shaped bar holding the fixed dot and dash contact screws. Some will appear with the brass parts cad plated.

The early 1936A bugs have a two-piece, or "split", connector bar. These keys have the thin T-bar legs as on the earlier 1935 Mac-Keys. The wire terminals on this variation are nicely accessible on the right side of the key.

1936A 5033 two paddles, split conn bar. Broken damper casting. ebay March 2012, won by John W7COI [put again on Ebay AGO'21](#)

1936A 5060 two paddles, split conn bar. K5VT estate --> W1IMQ 2010 --> sold 2014

1936A 5081 [two paddles, split conn bar. Type 1 pivot, excellent shape \(Tim K4TJP-->now in collection of Don WB6BEE 12/2016\).](#)

1936A 5084 two paddles, split con bar, chrome weights. with original wood box. Stan N2YKT ==> May 1994 Tom W1IMQ

1936A 5089 two paddles, split con bar

1936A 5636 two paddles, split conn bar. One large chromed weight. May 1997 Tom W1IMQ ==> Oct 2015 Bill WA4OFN

1936A 5800 two paddles, split conn. bar, one weight. The lower pivot screw hole is beveled into the A of GA. ebay 12/2014

On the next variation with a one-piece U-bar, the ground wire terminal is at the damper, and the hot wire terminal hidden under the fixed dash contact.

1936A 5110 knob/paddle. One large, one small cad plated weights. Exc base finish. Tom W1IMQ ==> sept 2015 Bill A4OFN

1936A 5114 two paddles, set screws in weights, home-made wire dot stab. Ray W2SD estate --> Lou K2EAI 5/07 --> Johnny AC0BQ --> Jim W0EB 4/14

1936A 5117 two paddles, term holes in base, missing weights and feet

1936A 5118

1936A 5162 two paddles

1936A 5167

1936A 5173 two paddles ex K4TJP. The [Key in good condition, Knob and weight screw replaced \(IK4EWX July 2020\)](#)

1936A 5235 two paddles.

1936A 5243 connector bar repaired, 3 small holes in T bar. (K5VT estate, ebay 12/2011) [IZOKRC](#)

1936A 5269 pin jacks and extra holes added to base; paddles not original

1936A 5271 two paddles, complete, two plated steel weights. Bill, W4HEX, 10/08

1936A 5278 knob and paddle (paddle may not be original); one weight. (ebay Dec 2006)

1936A 5281 missing knob(?)

1936A 5283 2 paddles, with Bayside St. box .. Ray WB6L

1936A 5288 2 paddles, large and small weights, exc cond. ex-W1IQH/W2DGV (1938-1995)

1936A 5296 2 paddles (ebay 11/05), ebay 8/2010 with a paddle and replacement knob (but "will be sold with original paddles").

1936A 5321

1936A 5335 cast damper support broken and missing (VT estate 2010, ebay 10/2011)

1936A 5371 2 paddles

1936A 5380 [Base had some rust, one paddle orig. lost knob and weighth, no terminals. From ebay Feb.2023.](#)

1936A 5390 cast left hand base; missing knob(?)

1936A 5400

1936A 5739 Nice condition. Phill N0OE 3/2012

1936A 5801

1936A 5812

1936A 5825 (1936A based on written descr)

1936A 5861 (on ebay from VT estate 2011)

1936A 5861 [Lost knob and FP, also feet and weight screw. \(on ebay Oct. 2019\)](#)

1936A 5887 paddle and knob, 2 large cad weights, cad plated parts, exc condition. Gerry W7ES --> Tom W1IMQ 5/2014

1936A 5890 [Knob replaced, also feet. \(on ebay July 2020\)](#)

1936A 5894 1 large cad plated weight (with correct slotted screw). Pigtails from levers to base. May 1990 Tom W1IMQ ==> Oct 2015 Bill WA4OFN

1936A 5896

1936A 5913 [complete, nice cond. W1IMQ Tom French → Michele Tortorella W2IY won an honorary auction by Tom French - 2019](#)

1936A 5917 one large cad. plated weight. John KC1MI (SK) ==> April 1999 Tom W1IMQ → [Mark KM4AHP](#)

1936A 5925 complete, nice condition Fred KT5X

1936A 5931

1936A 5958 missing knob
 1936A 5965 one weight, no pendulum clip. Otherwise very good. (on ebay nov 2012)
 1936A 5978
 1936A 5979
 1936A 5995 two paddles (home made?), one weight. Paul Mendes, P'town 9/08; on ebay 4/2010.

small aluminum plate

NOTE the 1936A and 1936B serial numbers intermix in some areas.

1936A 6548
 1936A 6518
 1936A 6569 Looks blue (completely painted) including nameplate (assumed to be aluminum) (ebay feb 2009)
 1936A 6573 Broken and repaired U-bar. Includes box. (VT estate 2010, on ebay 6/11)
 1936A 6597 HB terminals added, base letters damaged
 1936A 6603 Complete; repro pendulum clip by VK2IXV. (Herman Willemssen VK2IXV, ex-John K4NP)
 1936A 6624 two paddles
 1936A 6649
 1936A 6665 Complete, near mint. JEff KE0MT (11/07), on ebay 11/2011, 7/2012
 1936A 6694 Complete, but had lost weight. Little rust on the base - eBay, Gen.2020.
 1936A 6696 Missing weights and pendulum clip; on ebay 10/2012
 1936A 6727 One weight. VT estate, on ebay 7/2011
 1936A 6732 Complete; 1 piece u-bar. aluminum nameplate; knob and paddle reversed; 1 weight with lever clip. eBay, 2/2017. Baton Rouge, La.
 1936A 6737 Exc. condition, two large weights, with box. VT estate 2010; on ebay 8/2013
 1936A 6673 One weight, two non-original paddles. On ebay 2/2008
 1936A 6780 One weight, otherwise complete, original. On ebay 4/2010
 1936A 6831 (W1IMQ May 2006)
 1936A 6834 One weight, custom paddle (on ebay 7/2010)
 1936A 6856 has two added holes that go thru the "E" in "KEY" underneath (Ebay 10/05)
 1936A 6867
 1936A 6911 (model assumed from SN) missing pendulum and weights (Joe WA2USJ Dec 2011)
 1936A 6935 no weights. Jeff KE0MT
 1936A 6974 One weight, wrong paddle. K5VT estate, on ebay 7/2012
 1936A 6984 (VT estate 2010)
 1936A 6985 rusty screws. John Knowles railroadians auction NH 4/10; on ebay 5/10
 1936A 6994 Weight no original. Ebay Dic.2015 sell from Tony Rogozinsky HK4T
 1936A 7026
 1936A 7028 Given to Don Hawley W4ZU by Ted McElroy in September 1937 (W1IMQ collection)
 1936A 7037
 1936A 7044 Appears complete and in good condition. (on ebay may 2014)
 1936A 7049
 1936A 7051 pendulum removed (conv. to paddle?)
 1936A 7052
 1936A 7098 Pete W2PM
 1936A 7124 One weight. Otherwise appears complete, and nice. on ebay Feb 2008
 1936A 7129 terminals added at back left corner. (ex- SK w9nfk - w5few
 1936A 7161 One weight; missing knob. Includes box (ebay 11/2010)
 1936A 7191 paddle not original. On ebay 10/2012
 1936A 7254 terminals on base. T.R. McElroy --> John KC1MI (SK) --> W1IMQ 4/1999 --> Alex HB9DTA 4/2014
 1936A 7293 K5VT estate; ebay 8/2011
 1936A 7305 Good cond., one weight. Has rare tapped pendulum end with a threaded insert (6-32 thread) for an extension.
 Brad KA1GDG (now W1AY) --> Tom W1IMQ 8/1993 had 1.25" extension reproduced --> Greg G4YZX 5/2014
 1936A 7310

1936A 7340
 1936A 7345 rebuilt
 1936A 7355 one weight; with unmarked cord and wedge. On ebay March 2007
 1936A? 7356 pivot type assumed to be A
 1936A 7370
 1936A 7375 K5VT estate, ebay 7/2011
 1936A 7385
 1936A 7389 Complete, very good condition. On ebay 5/2012 (seller Dave Pennes?)
 1936A 7711 Complete, base in quite condition with some sliced on paint; aluminum nameplate 2 original weight and screw, paddle and knob replace - ebay, 12/2022. Baton Rouge, La. >>> Paolo Longhi IU2KBN Gen.2023.
 1936A 7412 entire key overpainted aluminum color
 1936A 7420 Missing knob, weights; plate worn. Dirk KB1HKN
 1936A 7460
 1936A 7553 knob (?)
 1936A 7650 (aluminum plate assumed) Bill K0CDJ
 1936A 7665
 1936A 7677 1 original weight plus a large homebrew weight (ebay 11/2011)
 1936A 7694 poor nameplate; hole in base and corner of plate; nonoriginal paddle (ebay 4/10)
 1936A 7777
 1936A 7819 John GORDO
 1936A 7849 complete except no weights (ebay 1/2012)
 1936A 7861 both weights, missing knob and paddle (VT estate, on ebay 10/2011); on ebay 8/2013 with replacement knob, Lionel paddle, feet.
 1936A 7862
 1936A 7878
 1936A 7880 Looks very nice; one original weight, small hole in top T-bar. Put on ebay April 2013 by George VE6CX, given to him in 1958 at age 18.
 1936A 7916
 1936A 7920 With box (hinges added to lid). K5VT estate, ebay 7/2011, Jim K5MSY
 1936A 7926 Good condition. One weight. (ex-WA2BCR, 11/08 Fabio IK0IXI K3QS)
 1936A 7930
 1936A 7938
 1936A 8127 Complete, original. Dave WA3LKN
 1936A 8130 Complete with both weights, VG condition. (Rick Royston, Santa Rosa Beach FL 7/2010; he put it on ebay 9/2014)
 1936A 8163 HB terminals at left rear
 1936A 8200
 1936A 8215 Good cond, complete, both weights, nameplate appears lifted on one side (ebay --> W1IMQ 4/2014)
 1936A 8208 One weight, nice condition. ebay 11/2010
 1936A 8257 original, complete, excellent. ex-Tom Stack WQ5J ... 5/2007 now Gary Harmon K5JWK
 1936A 8260 complete, original, vy nice condition. ebay feb 2014
 1936A 8281
 1936A 8283 very good cond., one weight. Has pendulum retaining clip. On ebay aug 2014, June 2015
 1936A 8291 one large weight. ebay jan 2015
 1936A 8356 complete, GD condition, Allum. plate. Carlo IK1XPB.
 1936A 8357
 1936A 8432 one weight, FP and Knob replace, Allum. plate. Base and paint in GD condition. Ebay- Lug'21
 1936A 8437 on ebay 3/2012, complete. Claudio iz0krc
 1936A 8441 homebrew damper arm
 1936A 8444 HB terms on left side
 1936A 8447 FP replace, Allum. plate. Hardware complete without chrome plate , Base sprayed brown colour aftermarket. Ebay- Lug'21
 1936A 8477 appears complete, nice cond., two large weights. (K5VT estate, ebay Dec 2012)
 1936A 8482
 1936A 8508
 1936A 8514
 1936A 8520 ckt closer and terminals added

1936A 8524
1936A 8532 2 weights, missing knob
1936A 8544
1936A 8556 complete with 2 weights, brass parts cad plated. Mark M6BRN
1936A 8574 homebrew damper
1936A 8579 Complete and mint in original wood box, with some McElroy flyers.
Put on ebay by Rich KE1EV 8/2015
1936A xxxd Eves Radio decal (no plate), Eves was a dealer in England (Tom W1IMQ)

1936B: The pivot assembly uses folded steel stock, still with separate pivots for the main and dash levers. Wire terminals appeared on the base.

1936B 5931 late, with base terminals
1936B 5987 terminals on base
1936B 6534
1936B 6637 terminals on base
1936B 6652
1936B 6974 terminals on base
1936B 6976 terminals on base. Broken damper casting (factory? work-around added). Dave WA3LKN Oct 2007

1936B 6999 Base good shape, no terminals, weights not original, aluminum plate; two original paddle, no knob, (on ebay Gen 2023)

1936B 7008
1936B 7069 Base terminals. Excellent condition, with box. Pericle IK2UIZ Feb. 2011

1936B 7013 Base terminals. Good condition, complete. (on bay jan 2012)

1936B 7032 Disassembled key sell on Ebay Aug.'18 - Uncomplete

1936B 7073 "Scanlon" scratched on T-bar, circuit closer added. (On ebay 10/2010)

1936B 7075

1936B 7079 Base terminals, 3 weights, aluminum plate; one paddle, no knob, good condx (KY4Z collection, Feb 2017)

1936B 7085 Needs good cleaning. On ebay 9/2014

1936B 7089 (no base terminals) Rich W6UDS sold on ebay by 73vwsuperbug (Marilyn N6VAW) Jan 2014 --> Chris KJ4MPT Jan 2015 --> sold on ebay by 73vwsuperbug 4/2015

1936B 7091

1936B 7093 no weights

1936B 7096 Nice condition. Has lead for weights. Said to be from N&W RR Depot Pamplin VA (Phill N0OE 8/2012)

1936B 7225 thru pins for plate

1936B 7235 base terminals

1936B 7260 base terminals (VT estate, on ebay 4/11)

1936B 7268 base terminals, one weight, nice condition (ebay 6/08)

1936B 7381 base terminals, 2 weights, paddle appears to be older type

Vibroplex. Was offered on ebay 5/11 by Matt N7EG

1936B 7506 no terminals. Knob replaced with a paddle. (on ebay 11/2012, 7/2013, 2/2014)

1936B 7509 (VT estate 2010)

1936B 7510 base terminals; one weight, missing knob (ebay 5/06)

1936B 7583 repaint base with write "G. Voiles" engraved on the frame, some parts of hardware and also knob and Fp are replaced. no terminals, two weights, aluminum plate; (on ebay Gen 2019) >>> IU0ITX Silverio Sarra.

1936B 7655 Dave WA3LKN

1936B 7681 base terminals

1936B 7697 terminals on base

1936B 7768 zinc finished parts

1936B 7839 standard terminals. Gerry W7ES

1936B 7991

1936B 8115

1936B 8120 Nice condition, 2 weights. (ebay Dec. 2012)

1936B 8145 Very nice, both weights, terminals on base. (sold on ebay 6/2013 by G3TSS)

1936B 8223 All. Plate. No terminals. Screw weight not original, Key complete (on ebay Oct/2019)

1936B 8327 terminals on base; restored base finish and parts. (Tom W8FIB obtained 6/06 ebay)

1936B 8463 Mint cond, two weight no circuit closer, come with instruction and oak case ex W1IMQ --> on Ebay Oct.'17

1936B 8536 Base in good shape one orig. weights, aluminum plate; knob and paddle originals (IK1XPB Carlo Sobrero collection, Mar.2021)

1936B xxxx terminals on base; no plate, never had one. Richard Meiss WB9LPU and others

1936B xxxb terminals on base; no plate

1936B xxxc no terminals on base; brass finished parts

1936B xxxe base terminals

Navy plate

The nomenclature on the plate is CMK-26009; these keys have "property of U.S. Navy" cast on the left side.

NAVY 60 ckt closer, stay cord eye between terminals, damper repaired (Lynn N7CFO) --> (Don, WB6BEE collection Sept.'17)

NAVY 75 ckt closer, stay cord eye between terminals (Tom W1IMQ)

NAVY 176 ckt closer, stay cord eye between terminals - new discovery - (Claudio IZOKRC Feb.'17)

NAVY xx plate missing (Tony Rogozinski HK4T) →

small aluminum plate (Quotes give left side casting.)

This is the commercial version of the Navy bug. There are a few variations. Most common is the "property of" keys that have "US Navy" ground off; a few of these are cast blank after "property of" (if unstated below, I have no information). Some have "mfd in Boston Mass USA" cast on the side, while the rarest has the left side entirely cast blank. At least one of these keys has a circuit closer (if unstated, I have no information).

1937 393 "property of"; with large 38-deluxe nameplate, ckt closer, no dot stab. Poor finish. US Navy poorly ground off, end of pendulum rod threaded for 4-40 screw...extension? ebay 5/2015 (Gary, K8BN) --> Chris KJ4MPT

1937 6718 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)

1937 6789 "mfd in boston mass usa"

1937 6842 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off), very nice condition (sold on ebay 6/2013 by G3TSS to Jim GW0BBO)

1937 6846 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off), Hardware complete, had lost weight, little rust on left side of base (sold on ebay Apr/2019 by ddigalbo)

1937 6881 "mfd in boston mass usa" Lost dumper, rest of key are complete - IZOKRC Sept. 2019

1937 6925 "property of" remainder appears cast blank. One weight, two non-original paddles (ebay 1/2014)

1937 6964 "mfd in boston mass usa"

1937 7187 "property of" Has circuit closer. One weight, modern (phillips) paddle screws, 2 small screws on right side of base, unusual looking nameplate. ebay --> Greg G4YZX July 2014 --> ebay Apr 2020 Ian IK4EWX.

1937 7207 "mfd in boston mass usa"

1937 7212 "mfd in boston mass usa" no ckt closer. Gil ==> sept 2000 Tom W1IMQ

1937 7215 "mfd in boston mass usa" (John SM5EDX Sweden, March 2007)

1937 7423 "property of" (remainder appears cast blank, "W" stamped under paint) ebay 9/2012

1937 7480 "property of" (possibly remainder cast blank) ebay Feb 2012

1937 7489 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)

1937 7493 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)

1937 7561 no legend (cast blank) (Possibly T.R. McElroy --> John KC1MI --> oct 1991 Tom W1IMQ)

1937 7577 "mfd in boston mass usa"

1937 7633 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)

1937 7721 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off). John GORDO

1937 7726 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)

1937 7096 "property of" (Don, WB6BEE collection 12/2016)

1937 7754 "property of" remainder cast blank? (poor view). On ebay 5/2012

1937 7755 "property of" remainder cast blank?

1937 7790 "property of" (Lynn Cannady 5/06)
 1937 7803 "mfd in boston mass usa" no ckt closer (Pete W2PM 5/2010)
 1937 7884 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off)
 1937 7899 "property of" remainder appears cast blank. (Derek G3HSV 8/09)
 1937 7947 "property of" rest probably cast black (poor photo) very nice condition. (ebay may 2010)
 1937 7996 "property of" (Alex, XE1CK, he put it on ebay 2/07, 1/09)
 1937 8038 "property of" (Jim, KY4Z) painted RED, clear plastic paddles, original weights (may 2016, ebay purchase)
 1937 8142 "mfd in boston mass usa". No ckt closer. Repainted. (Dave WA3LKN, from ebay 10/08)
 1937 8262 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off); has ckt closer
 1937 8264 "property of" rest cast blank. Unusual nameplate appears stripped of color. Odd pivot frame, it has no ears, similar to A-400 frame but no humps. Has ckt closer. (on ebay 8/2014)
 1937 8270 "property of" (rest cast blank, "James R. Holt" printed in the space.) Has ckt closer. Hole drilled in base nicks nameplate. (W1IMQ 2007 --> William A. Campbell, FL, 2014)
 1937 8363 "property of" (then stamped by owner "L.O.
 1937 8371 "property of" rest cast blank. Apear complete e great shape Ebay March. 2016
 1937 8380 "property of" remainder appears cast blank, name lightly stenciled there. No ckt closer. Nice condition, one weight. On Ebay 5/2012, 2/2014
 1937 8397 "property of" remainder cast blank; no ckt closer. (W1IMQ 1991 --> Claudio IZOKRC 2014)
 1937 8402 "property of" ("US Navy" ground off) ebay 5/07

large plate models

Notations on the bugs below re dot stabilizers or circuit closers is for informational purposes. No conclusion should be drawn from the lack of a notation.

The 1938 and 39 deluxe models have the marbleite base, the standard models have a black wrinkle base. However on some early 1938A deluxe models the marbleite overfinish is poor or non-existent and the base appears black. The best and most beautiful marbleite finishes are on the later 1939 deluxe models.

The 1938 deluxe models typically came with a circuit closing switch and a dot stabilizer. The early dot stabilizer (a pre-loading device on the pendulum dot spring) was the large type; later a thin type was used.

1937 391 This unique 1937 (Navy) type key has "James Michael Kane" cast on left side, and a 1938 "deluxe model" large plate. Possibly a McElroy employee had this made, or Mac made it for a friend. Considering the nameplate and that it was found with a metal McElroy carrying case (rare) it probably dates to early 1938. Bought on ebay July 2010 by Merv K9FD.

variation unknown (A or B type pivot lever):

1938 604 deluxe; dot stab; check pivot type
 1938 1500 deluxe, thin dot stab
 1938 1712 deluxe, shorting switch

The 1938A has separate pivots for the dot and dash levers.

1938A 214 deluxe, poor finish, large dot stab (K5VT estate, ebay ==> W1IMQ 7/2011 ==> Alex HB9DTA 4/2014)
 1938A 225 deluxe, black, dot stabilizer
 1938A 229 deluxe, black, large dot stabilizer
 1938A 237 deluxe, large dot stabilizer (VT estate 2010) Feb. 2016 "Depotel"
 1938A 238 deluxe, Marbleite, large dot stab. Not orig paddle; one weight (Bob KB1JJD; ebay 10/09; now Greg DF2IC)
 1938A 342 deluxe, Marbleite, dash bar gone, large dot stab.
 1938A 347 deluxe, poor Marbleite, large dot stabilizer (K2UFT)
 1938A 392 deluxe, ckt closer, black crackle
 1938A 1730 deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stab, U-bar cut and rewired. "W4PCO" scratched on bottom. (KClMI)
 1938A 5220 Standard

On the 1938B the dot lever has lugs which fold over the dash lever, to share one pivot (as on the later Vibroplex bugs).

1938B ---- Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab; no number on plate (more than one known; including one without a stablizer)
1938B 321 Deluxe, large dot stab/. one weight. Gerry W7ES
1938B 420 Deluxe; large dot stab.; no ckt closer (sold by W1IMQ on ebay 6/2013)
1938B 426 Deluxe, no ckt closer. Has large dot stab
1938B 485 Deluxe, with ckt closer and large dot stabilizer
1938B 497 deluxe
1938B 503 deluxe
1938B 508 Deluxe, large dot stab.
1938B 509 Deluxe. Found in the crawl space of a house in Edgerton MO. Appears to have a large dot stab. No knob, paddle, weights.
1938B 517 deluxe, with ckt closer. No dot stab. One weight. On ebay July 2015.
1938B 540 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab
1938B 550 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab (2008: Fabio, IK0IXI)
1938B 565 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab, all chrome + nameplate; no knob or paddle, 1 weight (2012 Fabio IK0IXI)
1938B 618 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab. Homebrew paddles. Wedge Nut of weight not original. Nice Marbleite. (Ebay Fe'2020)
1938B 646 deluxe, no ckt closer, large dot stab. Homebrew paddles. Nut of weight not original. Varuous rust on the Marbleite. (Ebay 01-2023)
1938B 651 deluxe, ckt closer, dot stab type unknown, missing weights and knob (ebay Dec 2006)
1938B 672 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab. Homebrew paddles. Brass weight & term nuts. Nice Marbleite. (W1IMQ 4/09)
1938B 689 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab
1938B 703 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab (F. Skinner KA4JQZ 6/06)
1938B 731 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab
1938B 760 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab. Homebrew paddles. (Wayne VE1BAB 5/2014)
1938B 769 deluxe, large dot stabilizer, NO circuit closer. (John, GORDO)
1938B 788 deluxe, ckt closer; thin (?) dot stab
1938B 802 deluxe, large dot stab
1938B 811 Deluxe, large dot stab. Appears mint. (sold on ebay by G3TSS 6/2013)
1938B 819 Deluxe, thin dot stabilizer
1938B 823 Deluxe, thin dot stabilizer. No weights (ebay3/09 ex Don Iverson)
1938B 830 Deluxe; large dot stab. No shorting switch (ebay 10/07)
1938B 839 Deluxe; large dot stabilizer; complete, nice (ebay March 2007)
1938B 850 ? Deluxe, thin dot stab., circuit closer. Poor (or dirty) nameplate. Ebay 12/2014
1938B 851 Deluxe; no circuit closer, large dot stab. Missing one terminal nut, otherwise complete. ebay 7/2015
1938B 852 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stabilizer
1938B 853 Deluxe, large dot stab; missing ckt closer
1938B 854 Deluxe, no dot stab; missing ckt closer and connector bar; main spring broken; finish worn badly; missing finger & thumb pieces (KY4Z acquired 8/2016).

1938B 858 Deluxe, thin dot stabilizer, ckt closer, both weights. Not much marbleite finish, non-original paddles. (Richard Sharisky 4/08)
1938B 863 Deluxe; large dot stab, ckt closer. One weight, broken paddle, 1 wire nut missing. Otherwise nice (ebay oct 2014)
1938B 881 Deluxe; large dot stab. One weight (on ebay 5/2012)
1938B 882 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stabilizer (ebay 9/2006)
1938B 893 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stabilizer. Nice, original, both weights. (ebay 9/2014)
1938B 910 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stabilizer, nice, original, both weights. Ex-Rudolph Frantik --> daughter Karen Corzine
1938B 919 Deluxe, large(?) stab., missing knob, paddle, one weight, fair finish (Denton, W3KS, Dec 2008)

1938B 928 Deluxe. large ckt closer. Replacement paddles Y, terminal nuts Y, added weights Y. (VT estate; on ebay 6/2012 - iz0krc
 1938B 933 Deluxe; base finish needs restoration. (Tom WA0POD 5/07)
 1938B 953 deluxe, thin dot stab., exc. cond, wrong paddle (VT estate, on ebay 4/11)
 1938B 960 dekuxe, ckt closer, thin dot stab., complete, nice. John VE2EQL 4/2013
 1938B 961 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab, poor plate, poor finish, one weight (on ebay 2/2014)
 1938B 968 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab., Plate on upside down (Randy, AA2U May 2007)
 1938B 969 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab. (Tom French W1IMQ)
 1938B 971 Deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab. Nice, complete. (Lyle WB0MHH 5/2014)

 1938B 1024 Deluxe, large dot stab, ckt closer. (Barney W1QA, Joe W1RRN about 1978, to Neil K6SMF 2008, to Mel W6 ?, to John K2TQN 2010)
 1938B 1036 Deluxe. No wgts, damaged damper
 1938B 1037 Deluxe. Thin dot stab, ckt closer. No weights. (Rick, KE7UXE, Aug 2008)
 1938B 1045 Deluxe. Large dot stabilizer. On ebay 10/2010
 1938B 1046 Deluxe; ckt closer, large Stab, RCMP owner's tag
 1938B 1098 Deluxe; thin stab; ckt closer
 1938B 1100 deluxe; ckt closer
 1938B 1112 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab; 3 incorrect wire terminals. K5VT estate, ebay 10/2011
 1938B 1115 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab. Complete, original, few chips on T-bar. (on ebay July 2014)
 1938B 1120 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab ?
 1938B 1123 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stabilizer
 1938B 1126 deluxe. Quite condition, some sliced on paint, one weight, circuit closer, dot stabilizer. eBay Oct.'17
 1938B 1129 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab
 1938B 1149 deluxe, ckt closer, large dot stab; poor finish, one weight, replaced paddle (12/2013 Nick 2E0BPU)
 1938B 1158 deluxe, ckt closer, dot stab. (Dave WA3LKN)
 1938B 1165 deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stab. Wrong paddle, otherwise nice cond. (Nick 2E0BPU 10/2014)
 1938B 1176 deluxe; dot stablizer; main spring ground down; finish had one blow on mid base Sx - ckt closer, Fp lost, one weight without nut (eBay 12/2019)

 1938B 1199 deluxe; ckt closer, dot stab.
 1938B 1219 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab.
 1938B 1231 deluxe; ckt closer, dot stab. Two weight. Mint condition. On Ebay Dic.2019
 1938B 1246 Deluxe, ckt coser, thin stab. Both weights, chipped finish (broken paddle ebay 9/10;) (ES paddle ebay 6/12)
 1938B 1253 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab.; 3 holes in T-bar (factory?)
 1938B 1264 deluxe; ckt closer; no dot stabilizer; poor finish; missing knob. (ebay 4/09)
 1938B 1269 deluxe; ckt closer; no dot stab; chips on tee-bar; two Speed-X or Vibro paddles (5/09 Alex T77Z)
 1938B 1282 deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer. Complete, nice. Ron McMullen from ebay Aug 2006
 1938B 1297 deluxe; closer; thin stab; hole in nameplate
 1938B 1305 deluxe; thin stabilizer
 1938B 1308 deluxe; thin stabilizer
 1938B 1313 deluxe, thin stabilizer
 1938B 1316 deluxe; no dot stab, wrong paddle (ebay 6/11)
 1938B 1321 deluxe; no dot stab, otherwise complete, scratch on plate? (on ebay 3/10 with box)
 1938B 1337 deluxe; ckt closer, both wgts, thin stab, with box (no lid) ebay 7/2012
 1938B 1338 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab, with metal McElroy carrying case! (David N1EA 7/2013 "I used this bug during SOS of Prinsendam in 1980")
 1938B 1371 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stabilizer (lynn n7cfo put it on ebay 1/2008)
 1938B 1386 deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stab, replaced paddle and one weight, top left of bar chipped. (Cap W0CCA)

1938B 1398 deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stab. (missing finger?). Replaced paddle, one weight. (ebay 8/06)

1938B 1402 deluxe; dot stablizer; main spring ground down; finish nice; thin dot stabilizer (eBay 2/2017, North Tonawanda, New York)

1938B 1425 deluxe; thin stabilizer; broken paddle

1938B 1446 deluxe; with stabilizer

1938B 1452 deluxe. Good condition, two sliced on paint, have two weight, circuit closer, dot stabilizer. Ebay Oct.'17

1938B 1458 no stabilizer

1938B 1463 deluxe; thin stabilizer, 2 paddles, 2 weights (one screw incorrect). Nice plate and finish. (David KK4DW) On Ebay Apr'19

1938B 1469 deluxe. (thin stab? Yes) Complete. ex Louise Moreau collection (VT estate, on ebay 1/2012) iz0krc

1938B 1475 deluxe, with box, exc. cond. Thin stab. Leon ON6ZJ estate ==> 6/2011 Tom ON4TOM ==> 5/2015 Jos ON6WJ

1938B 1515 deluxe; ckt coser, thin stab. Nice cond. (on ebay by W3SJ Oct 2010; by K7PKG oct 2011; bought on ebay by Jim N5KY 6/2013)

1938B 1517 deluxe; ckt closer, thin stabilizer

1938B 1525 deluxe; ckt closer, no dot stabilizer. Nice condition (Ebay 1/07)

1938B 1546 Deluxe, thin dot stab, vg condition. (G3TSS put it on ebay 7/2013)

1938B 1554 Deluxe; thin dot stab, vg condition, unusual Marbleite. Don WB6BEE 4/2014

1938B 1595 Deluxe; thin stab (? hard to see in photo)

1938B 1596 Deluxe; thin stab, ckt closer. Missing paddle. W1UK estate, on ebay 9/2010

1938B 1569 Left handed Deluxe factory mod. No stab or closer

1938B 1605 Deluxe. ckt closer (has thin stab. ?) (ebay Nov 2011)

1938B 1607 deluxe. ckt closer, thin dot stab. One weight orig. one add aftermarket. Good condition. ebay 11/2014 --> KM4AHP Mark --> IK4EWX July 2020.

1938B 1611 Deluxe (refinished black crinkle) no closer, no stab.

1938B 1613 Deluxe

1938B 1633 Deluxe (on QTH.com for sale by NR1R) B version not verified

1938B 1638 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer

1938B 1640 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab., very poor finish and plate

1938B 1658 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer

1938B 1666 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer (ebay June 2007)

1938B 1672 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab, K5VT estate (ebay July 2011)

1938B 1679 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stab. nice cond. On ebay 12/14

1938B 1717 Deluxe, ckt closer, orig knob and paddle missing. Thin stabilizer. (sold on ebay 6/2013)

1938B 1721 Deluxe, thin stab, dupe SN at top of plate

1938B 1728 De Luxe, Faded Plate one weight. Ebay Feb.2015, sell from Tony Rogozinsky HK4T

1938B 1731 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab, one weight, with box. Ex-Jan Edwards W5EV, ebay 8/10 by K5EF

1938B 1738 Deluxe, thin stab, 175 Congress on box

1938B 1739 Deluxe, no dot stabilizer, one replacement weight, terminal nuts are brass replacements, some paint loss. Springfield, Mo. ebay 2/2017

1938B 1741 Deluxe, dot stabilizer, one orig. weight, some paint loss on the frame. ebay Feb/2023.

1938B 1751 Deluxe, no dot stabilizer, one weight, missing knob (ebay feb 2013)

1938B 1753 deluxe, thin dot stabilizer (VT estate 2010)

1938B 1764 Deluxe, ckt closer, (dot stab?), poor condition

1938B 1772 Deluxe; no circuit closer; thin dot stab;

1938B 1779 Deluxe; base Gd condition. Circuit closer, thin dot stab - Lost terminal, weight screw and paddle-Ebay May'19.

1938B 1776 Deluxe, ckt closer, dot stab. W1IMQ --> sold

1938B 1794 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer. With box (ebay 8/06) → W0CCA Cap

1938B 1804 deluxe, thin dot stabilizer. Poor finish (VT estate; ebay 1/13)

1938B 1808 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer, with box, mint! Tom K4NCG

1938B 1823 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab, 175 congress

1938B 1842 Deluxe, ckt closer, thi stab. Chip in T-bar, otherwise very nice. Ebay 8/2014

1938B 1851 Deluxe, no dot stab, on weight, wrong paddle, otherwise nice, ebay 3/11

1938B 1886 Deluxe, thin dot stab

1938B 1896 Deluxe, base in Good shape, no circuit closer, dot stab - paddle and knob is replace, 2 weight and screw orig. F9WT Chris >>> Aug.2022 I1XPB Carlo.

1938B 1903 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stab, Customized w/red fittings! (ebay 5/07 & 9/07 from France)

1938B 1908 Deluxe, thin dot stab, wrong paddle & knob . Graham, Scotland, ex?-GM6JEQ, June 2006

1938B 1934 Deluxe, thin dot stab

1938B 1935 Deluxe, thin dot stab, ckt closer, clear (replaced) paddles . Phil VE3LNE

1938B 1939 Deluxe, thin dot stab, ckt closer, broken replacement paddle; 2 original weights, minimal paint loss, original box, excellent shape. (eBay 2/2017 Winnipeg, Can).

1938B 1941 Deluxe, thin dot stab, ckt closer. ex-Murray Willer collection

1938B 1979 Deluxe, thin dot stab, ckt closer. One weight, Vibroplex knob and paddle. (eBay 1/08)

1938B 1996 deluxe

1938B 2000 deluxe, thin dot stab, ckt closer. wrong paddle & weight. (ebay nov 2014)

1938B 2006 deluxe, shorting sw., thin stabilizer, VE5WO label

1938B 2016 Deluxe; no dot stab

1938B 2027 deluxe; ckt closer; thin dot stab. Paint loss on plate, otherwise like new. (Murray Willer ---> 1992 Tom French W1IMQ)

1938B 2045 deluxe, ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer

1938B 2048 Maybe Deluxe - Repaint base black. 2 weight. Dot stab, clk closed. (ebay 09/2018).

1938B 2068 Deluxe; ckt closer; dot stab.

1938B 2113 Deluxe; thin dot stabilizer. Poor finish (Jan/2014 Rich W6UDS --> on ebay 1/2015 --> Chris KJ4MPT)

1938B 2122 deluxe; ckt closer; thin dot stab, complete, nice Marbelite, one chip. (David Arnold's father, WWII, RCAF)

1938B 2124 Deluxe; ckt closer; no dot stab

1938B 2158 Deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stab. Complete, original, 2 weights. (ebay 4/2014)

1938B 2172 Deluxe

1938B 2200 Deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stabilizer John Snell GORDO

1938B 2209 Deluxe, clk closer, dot stab. Two weight, GD cond. Lost FP and knob. Michele Tortorella W2IY Ago'21

1938B 2210 Deluxe; ckt closer; thin stab; one weight; no knob, also no FP - Move on Ebay Oct.2019.

1938B 3182 Deluxe; ckt closer, thin stab. Complete, poor finish on base and nameplate

1938B 3234 Deluxe; ckt closer, thin dot stab, both weights, paddle tip missing. Jeff KE0MT 11/07, on ebay 7/2012

1938B 3215 Delxue, ckt closer, thin stab, one weigh, no paddle (ebay 5/11)

1936B 3240 complete, Time worn paint under T bar. Ebay Lug'21

1938B 3250 Deluxe, ckt closer, thin stab

1938B 3251 Deluxe

1938B 3431 left-handed Deluxe (factory modified right-hand casting); ckt closer, no dot stabilizer, FP aftermarket. (ex-T.French W1IMQ) KY4Z Oct.2019

1936B 3643 De Luxe complete wit orig. oak case. Base in good shape, two orig. weight, closed circuit, no dot stabilized. From ebay Feb. 2023.

NOTE, the 1938 standard did not come with a dot stabilizer or a circuit closing switch. Any notes to that effect below are merely for confirmation.

1938B 5018 Standard cosmetically only fair (ebay sept 2012)

1938B 5033 Standard (Peter, SM5HUA -- he added a homemade dot stabilizer)

1938B 5039 Standard base with few rust on the left side of frame. Complete with orig. paddle and knob, no closed circuit, no dot stabilized. From ebay Gen. 2021.

1938B 5068 Standard. Appears complete, original, good condition (ebay 8/2014)

1938B 5077 Standard pivot shaft is a drill bit! John KO4XJ, June 2008

1938B 5125 Standard, Weight not original and paddle+knob replaced. Ebay Jan. 2016

1938B 5133 Standard. Complete, original, excellent. Harold Kramer WJ1B, ex-Dave Ingram K4TWJ

1938B 5136 standard, very good, complete except for weight screws, Jim KY4Z, June 2012

1938B 5151 standard

1938B 5152 standard, good condition, hot connector strip replaced with wire, otherwise complete. (ebay feb 2014)

1938B 5189 Standard Complete, nice. (On ebay Dec 2011)

1938B 5205 standard Rough condition. Rich WB9LPU July 2006

1938B 5225 standard (VT estate 2010, ebay 8/2011, Fabio IK0IXI)

1938B 5236 Standard. Gil ==> sept 1991 Tom W1IMQ

1938B 5261 Standard

1938B 5268 standard Paddle and bar contact of terminal sob. with wire Ebay, Jan. 2016

1938B 5272 Standard Compete, 2 weights, original but for the weight screws (ebay 12/09, 2/10)

1938B 5274 Standard One weight. (Knob and paddle reversed) Walt Jones KOEYN ex-ebay 1/08

1938B 5282 standard

1938B 5306 standard incorrect weight screw and damper, otherwise nice condition (Pete N8PR 12/2012)

1938B 5319 standard Complete, 2 weights; paddle and knob reversed

1938B 5320 standard - Bobbi KB9GKX

1938B 5330 standard Nice condition, but missing both weights. On ebay 5/08

1938B 5369 standard. Complete, Good cond. one weight, no circuit closer, fingerpieces broken.

1938B 5355 standard

1938B 5376 standard

1938B 5378 standard Missing paddle, knob. K5VT estate, ebay 7/2011

1938B 5377 standard missing weights, paddle and knob, wrong dot spring screw; on ebay june 2015 with one weight, replacement paddle

1938B 5378 standard (K5VT estate 2010)

1938B 5404 standard, no dot stab, no ckt closer few rust on the frame, two weight one with not original screw (ebay wolfsban - Apr/19)

1938B 5436 standard, Base in good shape, no dot stab, no ckt closer, one weight with not original screw (ebay Gen. 2023)

1938B 5439 standard complete, surface rust (charles gagnon KC200D aug 05: purchased by my father in law, John F. Tatlock VE2GY, probably in the late 30s. He thinks it was purchased brand new.)

1938B 5444 Standard. Al W1XH bought it in 1980s from Ken Pratt W1KRJ (SK) who was the original buyer (info 9/2015).

1938B 5449 standard (K5VT estate 2010)

1938B 5460 standard

1938B 5517 refinished gray hammertone by John C. McElroy (Ted's son)

1938B 5526 Standard. Nice condition. (ebay oct 2011)

1938B 5535 standard,

1938B 5541 standard, four weights

1938B 5545 standard (AWA 2005 Bob)

1938B 5548 standard, one weight

1938B 5578 standard complete, Ebay Gen 2016

1938B 5606 standard, Fahnestock clips on terminals, knob replaced by a second paddle (ebay Feb 2009)

1938B 5614 standard,

1938B 5615 standard, one weight, no dot stab. Stamped W.R. Crooks on damper (ebay 9/08, Fabio IK0IXI)

1938B 5628 standard, (SK estate purchase by Ken, G0ORH in the UK, 2/2017)

1938B 5644 standard, complete, looks good (ebay jan 2012)

1938B 5647 standard,

1938B 5649 standard, nice condition (non-original paddle). John Schouten 9/2014

1938B 5671 standard (K5VT estate 2010)

1938B 5676 Standard; chromed parts, 1/4" deluxe contact screws (3/16" contacts). John GORDO

1938B 5685 standard complete, one weight. Ebay Gen 2016 sell "depotel"

1938B 5705 Standard; large weight and small weight

1938B 5716 Standard.

1938B 5735 standard.

1938B 5747 standard. Nice condition, one weight. Ebay 11/2010. ebay 4/2012 by Del Clouser

1938B 5752 Standard. John K4NP (8/06) Paddle replaced.

1938B 5773 Standard. Original, complete, nice condition. (For sale on ebay by "we300b" 6/09)

1938B 5795 Standard; no dot stab. ... Ebay 11/06, 12/14. Appears complete and nice.

1938B 5803 Standard

1938B 5832 Standard Mike VE3FGU

1938B 5848 Standard Exc. condition (Lou W8SSI who bought it prior to WWII, info 2/10 via Don WA8TWM)

1938B 5850 Standard, no damper or ground terminal, 1 weight, broken paddle (ebay 3/09 ex-Don Iverson)

1938B 5862 Standard; wrong paddle

1938B 5876 Standard; nice condition

1938B 5878 standard; In England

1938B 5889 standard; complete in nice condition, two weight, Michele Tortorella W2IY Ago'21

1938B 5884 standard; good cond., 2 weights (paddle may be early Vibroplex). ebay June 2010, Sept 2010

1938B 5907 standard; modified into a paddle; in England 10/05

1938B 5925 standard; missing paddle. Has both weights and pendulum extension (?) On ebay Aug 2014

1938B 5935 standard;

1938B 5939 standard; (ebay June 2007)

1938B 5941 standard,

1938B 5946 Standard; complete, nice condition. (sold on ebay 6/2013 by G3TSS to G0IIK → 06/2018 IZ2FME)

1938B 5970 Standard; many missing parts (parts key). Wire terminals are on left side of base. (ebay 8/2014)

1938B 6003 standard (K5VT estate 2010)

1938B 6024 Standard, one weight, no paddle, base has surface rust. on ebay sept 2010

1938B 6025 Standard, one weight, home-made paddle. K5VT estate, on ebay 7/2-12

1938B 6018 standard, exc base finish and plate, two large eights, very nice. Nov 1996 Tom W1IMQ (#275) --> Sept 2015 Donnie WA9TGT

1938B 6043 standard, two original weights, small dot stabilizer, on eBay Aug. 2017.

1938B 6045 Standard

1938B 6069 standard, nice cond, wrong paddle, one weight (K5VT estate 2010, Del Clouser, ebay 7/2011)

1938B 6052 Standard; homebrew ckt closer

1938B 6123 Standard, no ckt closer or dot stab. One weight. ebay 10/2014 (finish appears gray on photos)

1938B 6149 Standard. No ckt closer or dot stab. Complete, nice nameplate, base finish discolored. (ebay 6/09)

1938B 6164 Standard. No ckt closer or dot stabilizer. Appears complete (ebay 3/10)

1938B 6167 Standard. No ckt closer or dot stab. nice cond., both weights, with box (ebay 8/2013)

1938B 6172 Standard

1938B 6174 Standard, no dot stabilizer. Dave WA3LKN, oct 2007

1938B 6190 Standard

1938B 6195 Standard

1938B 6226 Standard

1938B 6230 Standard, no dot stab, no ckt closer (ebay 10/08)

1938B 6267 Standard, for parts: no damper, one weight, pivot covered with RTV(?). ebay 6/2015 --> Chris KJ4MPT.

1938B 6273 Standard; same parts of part of, rust on hardware, paddle not original, one weight. (eBay 10/2018)

1938B 6274 Standard; nameplate appears stripped, is affixed to base with screws (eBay 10/06)

1938B 6292 Standard, 1 weight, 2 homebrew paddles, otherwise excellent (RADIO 44 Westford MA show 2013)

1938B 6335 standard

1938B 6359 standard nice cond, all original, both weights. On ebay 12/2013 by WB4KQN

1938B 6369 standard

1938B 6873 standard Rust, bent arm, lost terminal, extra hole on the base and hole on the plate - Ebay Oct.'17

Note, a circuit closer was normal on the 1939 Deluxe models, but they typically did not have a dot stabilizer. Notations on the Deluxe or Standard 1939s below re "no dot stab" or "no ckt closer" is for informational purposes. No conclusion should be drawn from the lack of a notation.

1939 xxxx Deluxe; no nameplate, bought at Ft. Monmouth

1939 3233 Deluxe. Missing paddle and cc knob. (Steve, KZ2I, Jan. 2010)

1939 3235 Deluxe, no (never had) ckt closer

1939 3239 Deluxe. Thin dot stabilizer. Complete, near mint. (Max M0GHQ; Sept 2007)

1939 3243 Deluxe, thin stab, complete, near mint. W1IMQ (ex K5VT estate) ==> John AA4MX sept 2015

1939 3244 Deluxe, thin stabilizer. Exc. condition; chip on right T-bar (ebay 2/11)

1939 3270 Deluxe. Complete, perfect finish and nameplate. (W1IMQ collection)

1939 3286 Deluxe. Perfect condition. Single weight. (WB6BEE collection 12/2016)

1939 3300 Deluxe. Complete. Has thin dot stabilizer.

1939 3301 Deluxe. Complete, white knobs and paddle. Thin dot stabilizer. (ebay 6/08)

1939 3323 Deluxe. Paddle missing. 2 weights + large brass weight. No dot stab? (ebay 12/09)

1939 3324 Deluxe, Complete, 2 weights, good condition, no dot stabilizer. (ebay 2/2014 sold \$60 1 bid)

1939 3348 Deluxe; missing pendulum, knob, terminal nuts. Nice base... (ebay 12/7)

1939 3349 Deluxe. One weight, otherwise complete and near mint. May 2006 Tom W1IMQ

1939 3355 Deluxe. K5VT estate, ebay 7/2011

1939 3367 Deluxe. No stabilizer, no weight, paint of left side of T-bar ebay 10/2018

1939 3388 Deluxe

1939 3461 Deluxe. No stabilizer. Excellent condition, complete. With box. Stamped on the box is 'JOSEPH GENERAL 35 PARK STREET CAMBRIDGE MASS' (on ebay Feb, July 2014)

1939 3480 Deluxe. wrong paddle, no knob or ckt closer, otherwise nice.

1939 3487 Deluxe. Presented to Bill Burgess W1BDS by Ted McElroy, Spring 1939 --> Tom W1IMQ 1991 --> Mike N1MX 2014

1939 3498 Deluxe. Very good condition, one weight. No stabilizer. K5VT estate; on ebay 3/2015

1939 3506 Deluxe. One weight, wrong paddle. Otherwise very good (ebay 8/2010)

1939 3538 Deluxe. Complete, nice. No dot stab.

1939 3543 Deluxe

1939 3550 Deluxe

1939 3560 Deluxe. Missing knob and paddle. (on ebay jan 2012)

1939 3566 Deluxe

1939 3570 Deluxe Complete. (ebay June 2006)

1939 3573 Deluxe in nice shape, two weight, no dot Stab. (ebay from Gen. 2018 to)

1939 3581 Deluxe. One weight, fingerpieces missing. Oversprayed with odd green finish. On ebay July 2015.

1939 3582 Deluxe. From estate of Ed Combs K7VYX, now owned and rebuilt by Frank Geisler W7IS

1939 3593 Deluxe in nice shape, two weight, no dot Stab. Fp e Knob not original - Jacques Scholtz ZS6JPS.

1939 3598 Deluxe Wrong paddle otherwise complete (K5VT estate, ebay sept 2012)

1939 3602 Deluxe.

1939 3607 Deluxe. Home-made paddle (no knob). A couple chips on top of T-bar, otherwise nice finish. (ebay 6/2014)

1939 3616 Deluxe. Complete. (ebay 2/07)

1939 3619 Deluxe

1939 3639 deluxe, two weights, non-orig. paddle. On ebay feb, march 2015

1939 3642 Deluxe, missing knob, no ckt closer

1939 3645 Deluxe. One weight & screws by W2GFF. Vibroplex paddle. Marbelite finish is gone. Terry K4RX 11/07

1939 3657 deluxe. Excellent condition, both weights etc. (sold on ebay 9/2013)

1939 3661 deluxe (ex-Murray Willer; ex-KK4DW; now Fernando N2FQ)

1939 3663 deluxe; missing knob

1939 3666 deluxe

1939 3676 deluxe

1939 3683 deluxe, complete, nice condition (K5VT estate 2010)

1939 3708 deluxe

1939 3710 deluxe, complete, both weights, excellent condition. With box. Jan. 2015 N3CTC

1939 3727 deluxe, one weight (missing screw). on ebay jan, feb, april 2015

The Standard models did not have a circuit closer or dot stabilizer. Notes to that effect are only for confirmation.

1939 ---- standard; no serial number on plate (NR5Q)

1939 ---- standard; no serial no. on plate; one weight. Good cond. (Bryan, KB0A, Jan 2013)

1939 6299 standard; complete, GD condition, Ebay Giu'21.

1939 6306 standard. Good condition, both weights. ebay nov 2014. Gary W5GNB 4/2015. Del W8KJP, sold on ebay 4/2015

1939 6317 standard

1939 6405 standard

1939 6419 Standard; one weight, missing knob. on ebay 3/2012

1939 6421 standard; on ebay 2/07 by the Pavak Museum. Nice, complete, chipped paddle at forward screw.

1939 6460 standard. Thos Nelson W6EO, purchased 1939 in Bakersfield CA at a shop owned by Cletis, a ham, Mac was the only brand bug he carried.

1939 6494 Standard. complete; broken paddle, some rust. KN1K 9/07. Restored, very nice, Paul G4AFU 3/2015 --> Ed K2ZE (estate) --> Bryan K2BLC, on ebay 4/2015

1939 6502 Standard, no dot stab or ckt closer. Replacement paddle, otherwise complete. (ebay 5/09)

1939 6523 Standard; thin dot stab, no ckt closer. One weight, custom paddle. With steel McElroy carrying case both tagged W7EQC Fred Kistler from 1940s (W1IMQ collection)

1939 6538 Standard; no dot stab, no ckt closer (ex-Tom Perera W1TP, now Boris Svagelj S57LO)

1939 6577 Standard. no dot stab. 1 weight, wrong paddle (ebay 3/09 ex-Don Iverson)

1939 6600 Standard, no dot stab, had ckt closer. One small weight not original. Paint and hardware in great shape, paddle and knob original (ebay 09/20189).

1939 6602 Standard, no dot stab. nice cond, both weights, with box. (ebay 8/2013 --> Jim N5KY)

1939 6618 Standard

1939 6673 Standard; w/box & modern? cord

1939 6676 Standard; w/ box and adv paper / on ebay 12/2011 with box

1939 6679 Standard

1939 6692 Standard. Nice condition. Chipped paddle. W1IMQ 5/2012 #512BRG; Fabio IK0IXI 7/2012

1939	6727	Standard, excellent condition. Pete W5PEH (ex-Richard Maxwell Jr K3BL SK, his widow put it on ebay 6/08; on ebay 8/09)
1939	6736	Standard. Exc. condition, weight screws missing. Ebay 2/2013 -> Mark M6BRN
1939	6737	Standard, complete, good condition, crack in paddle (ebay 8/2010)
1939	6743	Standard
1939	6756	Standard
1939	6758	Standard, Mint w/ box (Randy AG4NA)
1939	6775	Standard, one weight, non-original paddles (serial no. 5 stamped over a 4) W1IMQ 4/1993
1939	6799	standard
1939	6811	standard, one weight, missing knob and orig. paddle. On ebay feb.2015, april 2015
1939	6851	standard, one weight, chipped paddle (Ron W9EOA)
1939	6861	standard, one weight. Ground terminal added. Extra hot wire run to other wire terminal. Otherwise nice. ebay 9/2015
1939	6863	standard
1939	6881	Standard, nice condition. K5VT estate (on ebay 5/12)
1939	6886	Standard (Dave WA3LKN)
1939	6890	Standard, one weight, no circuit closer. On ebay July 2015
1939	6911	Standard. Pendulum (and weights) totally missing. On ebay 5/2010

NOTES: (See the Mac-Key page for identification photos)

--A. 1935 models: The "shallow vee" is the earlier model with the fixed contact connector bars meeting high on the frame, forming a shallow (large) included angle. On the late 1935 "deep vee" variation the bars meet low on the frame forming a deep or smaller included angle.

--B. GAD, GA: During the 1935 model run the lower lever pivot hole in the base, previously a blind hole accessed from above, was extended fully thorough the base, obliterating the final letter in the abbreviation of "guaranteed" in the cast lettering under the base. Originally reading GAD, it then read GA followed by the hole.

--C. The 1934, 1935 and early 1936 bugs had two paddles. Later bugs had the usual thumb paddle and finger knob.

--D. 1936A split conector bar: The U-bar holding the fixed contacts was in two pieces (each "L" shaped) on the very early 1936 models.

--E. 1936A, B: Early bugs through the 1936A had a cast brass lever pivot assembly. During the 1936 model run, the main (or dot) and dash levers were cut from steel bar stock, creating the 1936B and later models. It still retained separate pivot points for the main (dot) and dash levers. (See 1938B, below.)

--F. The "x" (as in 1936x) indicates that I am lacking information to fully classify the key.

--G. The "1937" models are civilian models of the Navy bug. There are three (possibly four) known variations, which are identified by the legend on the left side.

--H. 1938A, B: Part way through the 1938 models McElroy changed the steel-bar pivot from having separate pivot points for the main (dot) and dash levers, to the Vibroplex "bent-lug" design having a common pivot for both levers, resulting in the 1938B and following models.

--(H, cont'd) 1938B Standard: Notations that it has no dot stabilizer or circuit closer does not mean that it should, it merely serves to verify that this model was not so supplied.

--J. The "dot stabilizer" (dot spring pre-tensioner) used on the 1938 Deluxe models came in two styles. The early large style has the tensioning finger set in a block on the pendulum and the dot contact attached to the block. The later thin style holds the tensioning finger only, the dot contact is separately attached to the pendulum.

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