

One of the better descriptions of Speaker and other Manufacturer Codes

Speaker Manufacturer Codes:

24 Becker	277 Emerson	748 Russell
67 Eminence	280 Raytheon	756 Universal
101 Admiral	285 ROLA	767 Quincy
119 Automatic Manufacturing	286 Ross	787 Sonatone
125 Bendix	296 Solar	789 McGregor
130 Matsushita	308 Stromberg	794 Harman Kardon
130 Panasonic	328 Utah	795 Atlas
137 C.T.S.	336 Western Electric	828 Midland
145 Cinaudagraph	343 Zenith	840 Ampex
145 Consolidated	371 Best	847 University
150 Crescent	391 Altec Lansing	918 Oaktron
169 Hitachi	416 Heath	1056 Fisher
185 Motorola	433 Cleveland	1059 Channel
188 General Electric	449 Wilder	1098 Pyle
220 Jensen	465 Oxford	1113 Acoustic Fiber Sound
232 Magnavox	466 Delco	1149 Curtis Mathes
240 JW Davis	549 Midwest	1191 Micro Magnet
245 National	575 Heppner	1279 WeberVST
252 Operadio	589 Bogen	
252 Dukane	649 Electro-Voice	
260 Philco	706 Pioneer	
270 Quam-Nichols	719 Carbonneau	
274 RCA	742 Esquire	
277 Radio Speaker		



The speaker reads C10N C7438 5 on the right: which describes the model and its construction. But what about the 6-digit code 220438 to the left? That's the code that reveals the manufacturer as Jensen and the production date as the 38th week of 1964.

Speaker companies, along with other electrical manufacturers, were assigned EIA (Electronics Industry Alliance) codes which were used to identify their equipment. The 220*** portion of the rim code is the number assigned to **Jensen**. Other speaker companies were assigned different prefix codes as follows (to name the main ones of our hobby).

The last three digits of the rim code, ***438 display the production date. The "4" gives the last digit of the year of production. I knew the cabinet from which this speaker came and knew the decade to be the 1960's - therefore this speaker was made sometime in 1964. The "38" refers to the calendar week.

Therefore the C10N speaker above was made in the 38th week of 1964. Right about the time The Kinks were in the #1 spot w/ *You Really Got Me*. Neat huh?

A speaker with the code 285312 would be.....a Rola made in the 12th week of 1963 (or '53). Still helps to know the equipment from where it came to make a spot on age determination.

Knowing these codes will help you spot some good deals on auctions that haven't advertised the brand name - **and** - they can help you spot errors if a Seller is incorrectly advertising something it's not.