

Largest Collections: I

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These are the actual counts of the largest collections ever assembled, as reported by collectors. We run an update of this listing every five years. It is not meant to be all-inclusive of every possible category.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>COLLECTOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>AS OF</u>				
7-UP	Bill Bias, OH	420	12/10	Alabama	Win Lang, CA	489	6/97
10's (all)	John Williams, OH	8000	10/87	Alaska	Helen Hollmann, PA	1009	11/10
10's (Ohio)	Andy Anderson, MO	384	7/96	Albert Pick Hotels	Ralph Brann, IN	206	3/04
10's (Universal)	Andy Anderson, MO	2803	7/96	Albert Pick mm	Don Marquette, AR	179	11/10
12's	Anonymous	1714	4/93	Albuquerque	John Nichols, NM	2195	5/93
12-Up	Judi Wittwer, AZ	107	8/03	All-Trades	Mike Prero, CA	51	12/10
21" Feature (empty)	Dan Bitter, OK	2989	7/99	Alligators	Chester Crill, CA	122	4/05
24's	Judi Wittwer, AZ	322	5/01	Allis Press	Mike Prero, CA	13	12/10
40's	Joe Onofri, PA	2000	10/88	American Ace	Toby Messmer, KY	13211	10/10
200's	Roy Buckley, WA	5	3/01	American Legion	Donna Longenecker, PA	2211	11/10
240's	Roy Buckley, WA	53	3/01	American Match Co	Don Marquette, AR	48	11/10
AAA	Mike Prero, CA	7056	12/10	American Mat.&Prtg	Mike Prero, CA	198	12/10
Acey Ducey clubs	Jim Moffett, CA	8	6/93	American Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	20	10/88
Acme Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	6	12/10	Americana, Perkins	Mike Prero, CA	1174	12/10
Acorn Match Co.	James Willard, MD	12	4/09	Amusement Parks	Ellen Gutting, NV	240	9/00
Action	James Benes, NJ	25	10/01	AMVETS	Toby Messmer	107	11/97
Adam Hats	Don Marquette, AR	224	5/01	Anchors	Mel Garrett, KS	163	6/93
Advance Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	322	10/88	Angels	Cheryl Crill, CA	221	4/05
Advance Mat.&Prtg	Tom Valachovic, FL	968	11/05	Animals	Chester Crill, CA	21280	4/05
Adveraps	Dan Bitter, OK	126	12/05	Animals, Celebrity	Rich Greene, NJ	131	1/01
Advertizit MatchCo	Dan Bitter, OK	132	12/05	Anvils	Judi Wittwer, AZ	41	5/01
Affil'ted Nat.Hotels	Stuart Bergman, TX	423	6/93	Apples	Donna Longenecker, PA	279	11/10
Agriculture	Tom Gray, IA	7297	11/05	Arizona	Judi Wittwer, AZ	25744	5/01
Airlines	Sid Barlow, ENG	4354	1/02	Arkansas	Lelan Roll, AR	1293	3/01
Airplanes	Bill Furlong, NV	906	10/90	Arrow Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	282	12/10
Airports	Mike Prero, CA	776	12/10	Art Match Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	20	12/05
				Atlantic Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	9	12/10
				Atlas 4-Color	Tom Valachovic, FL	526	11/05

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Atlas Foil	Mike Prero, CA	835	12/10	Bridges	Ellen Gutting, NV	500	9/00
Atlas Match Co, old	Dan Bitter, OK	48	12/05	Bridges, Natural	Ed Brassard, WA	152	11/10
Australia	Mike Hubbard, MI	5650	7/05	Brit. War Relief Soc.	Alan Grant, NH	119	7/05
Austria	Mike Hubbard, MI	1075	7/05	Brothels	Jim Moffett, CA	296	10/90
Auto Dealers	Greg Lund, CA	17827	11/05	Bryant & May	Sid Barlow, ENG	18455	1/02
Auto Parts	?, CAN	1799	9/93	Buffalo	Chester Crill, CA	243	4/05
Auto Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	445	11/05	Bullfighting	Chester Crill, CA	70	6/93
Autograph' Covers	Mark Quilling, MN	497	11/10	Bus Lines	John Dockendorf, PA	934	11/10
Aztec-theme	Chester Crill, CA	243	12/99	Cactus	Chester Crill, CA	611	4/05
Babies	Dave Hampton, CA	93	10/88	Cafes	Tom Valachovic, FL	18940	11/10
Bahamas	Helen Hollmann, PA	197	11/10	Cafeterias	Jo Wilding, TX	337	5/93
Bail Bonds	Donna Longenecker, PA	267	11/10	California	Win Lang, CA	6262	6/97
Ballons, Hot Air	Paul Spoff, OH	320	9/10	Camel 30s	Dan Bitter, OK	4397	11/05
Banks	Mike Prero, CA	37158	12/10	Cameo	James Zearfoss, PA	5266	10/88
Banks, S&Ls, CUs	Charlotte Hoffman, NJ	130000	1/78	Camp Grnds/RV Pks	Harold Cruson, CO	82	11/05
Barber/B'ty Shops	Donna Longenecker, PA	4283	11/10	Canada	Mike Hubbard, MI	11108	7/05
Barns	Loren Moore, CA	130	1/99	Canada Color	Roy Buckley, WA	567	3/01
Barrel boxes	Paul Spoff, OH	931	9/10	Canadian Excise	Pierre Dorval, CAN	12837	1/05
Bars	Jo Wilding, TX	3127	1/99	Canadian Pac. Hotel	Glen Anderson, CAN	450	1/06
Baseball	Win Lang, CA	778	6/97	Capitols, US	Marie Harbison, PA	2794	4/93
Bears	Toby Messmer, KY	5955	10/10	Car Rentals	Ray Vigeant, CT	35	1/99
Beavers	Chester Crill, CA	141	4/05	Cards, Playing	Chester Crill, CA	196	8/95
Beer	Jerry Glenn, OH	6183	11/10	Career Offers	John Nichols, NM	222	5/93
Bees	Chester Crill, CA	146	4/05	Carousels	Chester Crill, CA	138	12/99
Belgium	Mike Hubbard, MI	1465	7/05	Cars	Ray Vigeant, CT	4092	10/90
Bell Machine Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10/88	Cars (antique only)	Roy Buckley, WA	266	3/01
Bellboys	Chester Crill, CA	251	7/10	Casinos	Pat Flynn, NV	7891	11/00
Ben Franklin	Chester Crill, CA	130	4/05	Casinos, Atlantic City	Marie Harbison, PA	331	4/93
Benihana Rest.	Wayne Eadie, NY	186	1/01	Casinos, Foreign	Sid Barlow, ENG	698	1/02
Best Eastern	Frank Lawton, CA	23	7/93	Casinos, Louisiana	Bill Hubbard, TN	47	7/99
Best Western	Ken Riggs, MA	12000	10/88	Casinos, Mississippi	Bill Hubbard, TN	93	7/99
Best Western, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1265	10/87	Casinos, Nevada	Judi Wittwer, AZ	3646	3/06
Beverly Hills	Cheryl Crill, CA	430	4/05	Catalina Island	Chester Crill, CA	178	4/05
Bicentennial	Clem Pater, OH	8000+	10/87	Caterers	Jo Wilding, TX	291	5/93
Big Bands	Don Marquette, AR	185	11/10	Cats	Toby Messmer, KY	1914	9/10
Billboard	Andy Anderson, MO	9301	7/96	Cattle Brands	Roy Buckley, WA	153	3/01
Billiards	Tom Valachovic, FL	1973	11/10	Caves	Ed Brassard, WA	528	11/10
Bingo	?, CAN	34	9/93	CCC Camps	James Willard, MD	310	4/09
Birds	Chester Crill, CA	8464	4/05	Cement Co.'s	Pat O'Keefe, AZ	350	10/87
Black /White Photo	Bill Retskin, NC	2500	10/88	Central Match /Label	Warren Marshall, CA	321	7/93
Blacks	Toby Messmer, KY	3945	10/10	Century Lites	Roy Buckley, WA	2	10/01
Blimps	Paul Spoff, OH	48	9/10	Champ. Spark Plugs	Bill Longenecker, PA	519	11/10
Bonanza Sir. Steak..	Tom Gray, IA	465	6/97	Chapman Match Co.	Judi Wittwer, AZ	9	4/93
Book Match Co.	Dan Bitter, OK	32	12/05	Characters, Cartoon	Riche Greene, NJ	295	1/01
Bowling	Donna Longenecker, PA	4062	11/10	Characters, Historical	Mike Prero, CA	1224	12/10
Boxes	Paul Moyer, CA	59505	12/93	Characters, Literary	Mike Prero, CA	477	12/10
Boxes, Japanese	Les, Good, NY	22700	11/10	Chef Hats	Mike Schwimmer, MA	2637	11/10
Boxes, Lipstick	Les Good, NY	2100	11/10	Chefs	Chester Crill, CA	2047	12/99
Boxes, Pillow	Anonymous	9	8/93	Chevy Dealer	Greg Lund, CA	3760	11/05
Boxes, Plastic	Wayne Eadie, NY	134	11/05	Chez Paree	Seymour Shedlow, IL	94	5/01
Boxes, Swedish-type	Paul Moyer, CA	4288	12/93	Chicago Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	602	12/10
Boxes, Swedish foil	Terry Rowe, OH	4000	9/05	Chi'ken-In-Th-Rough	Dan Bitter, OK	60	1/10
Boxes, Wooden	?, CAN	217	9/93	Chickens	G. Hofacker	4926	11/10
Boxing	John Clark, FL	162	11/00	Chicks & Feed	Leland Roll, AR	112	3/10
Branding Irons	Judi Wittwer, AZ	129	5/01	Chimney Sweeps	Jim Moffett, CA	20	6/93
Brands	Judi Wittwer, AZ	125	5/01	Christmas	Mike Prero, CA	6976	12/10
Brazil	Ralph Arnold, MA	1828+	12/00	Christmas, Giant	Judi Wittwer, AZ	83	5/01
Brew Pubs	Steve Weiner, NJ	750	6/00	Christmas, N/S	Judi Wittwer, AZ	1299	5/01

Cigars	Andy Anderson, MO	474	7/96	Dated Auto	D. Schroeder, CAN	4616	1/01
Clarke Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	1	1/97	Dave & Busters	Mark Quilling, MN	104	11/10
Classic Collectible	Judi Wittwer, AZ	172	8/03	David Lionel Press	Mike Prero, CA	127	12/10
Classique	Jim Moffett, CA	33	6/93	Deer	Chester Crill, CA	620	4/05
Click	Cheryl Crill, CA	195	4/05	Delaware	Win Lang, CA	237	6/97
Clocks	Cheryl Crill, CA	49	7/93	Dept. Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	810	7/96
Clothing	Dan Bitter, OK	5434	1/06	Devils	Cheryl Crill, CA	161	4/05
Clowns, Circus	Judi Wittwer, AZ	341	3/06	Diamond 1892	Clem Pater, OH	8	12/05
Clowns, Rodeo	Judi Wittwer, AZ	102	3/06	Diamond 40-stick	Roy Buckley, WA	6	3/01
Clubs (all)	Andy Anderson, MO	4819	7/96	Diamond Appr. No. 7	Clem Pater, OH	21	12/05
Clubs, Athletic	Bill Longenecker, PA	263	11/10	Diamond Four-Color	Judi Wittwer, AZ	194	10/89
Coal Co.'s	Larry Bell, CAN	2231	10/90	Diamond Lic. Match	Clem Pater, OH	5	12/05
Coast Book Match Co	Clem Pater, OH	14	12/05	Diamond Match	Mike Prero, CA	2	12/10
Coca-Cola	Wayne Eadie, NY	461	11/05	Diamond Quality	Harry Branchaud, CA	5000+	10/90
Cockt'l Glas's N/S	Chester Crill, CA	528	4/05	Dia. Quality (full-bk)	Bill Retskin, NC	500	10/88
Coffee	Andy Anderson, MO	214	7/96	Diamond Safety-First	Ed Brassard, WA	300	10/88
Coffee Shops	Greg Lund, CA	652	11/05	Diners	Greg Lund, MD	1124	11/05
Colgates	John Williams, OH	2150	11/05	Diners, Full-length	Dan Bitter, OK	158	12/05
Colgate Bridge Sets	Dave Hampton, CA	206	10/88	Dining /Dancing Cpls	Cheryl Crill, CA	289	7/93
Colleges	Anonymous	3000	10/87	Dinosaurs	Chester Crill, CA	49	4/05
Colorado	Win Lang, CA	1021	6/97	Diplomatic	Mike Samuels, DC	208	11/05
Columbia Match (old)	Mike Prero, CA	13	12/10	Discos	Chester Crill, CA	227	4/05
Columbia, XL	Mike Prero, CA	9	12/10	Disney	Hank Northam, CA	404	10/90
Combos	Walt Wecker, IL	1600	10/87	Disneyworld/EPCOT	Joe DeGennaro, NY	342	7/05
Combos, Casino	Marie Harbison, PA	69	4/93	Display	Jimmy Calhoun, CA	310	4/93
Combos, Holiday Inn	Marie Harbison, PA	78	4/93	Dog Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	142	11/05
Combos, Navy Ship	Dave Hampton, CA	89	10/88	Dogs	Cheryl Crill, CA	4376	4/05
Combos, Railroad	Marie Harbison, PA	159	4/93	Dolphins	Chester Crill, CA	252	4/05
Comedy Clubs	Chester Crill, CA	108	4/05	Donkeys/Burros	Chester Crill, CA	601	4/05
Connecticut	David Barbieri, CT	1874	11/10	Donkeys/Burros	Chester Crill, CA	601	4/05
Conquistadors	Chester Crill, CA	112	12/99	Douglas Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	23	10/90
Consumer Press	Mike Prero, CA	11	12/10	Downtowner Motor Inn	Ralph Brann, IN	70	4/93
Contact	Judi Wittwer, AZ	348	5/01	Dragons	Chester Crill, CA	672	4/05
Contours	Toby Messmer, KY	1917	10/10	Drinks (Alcoholic)	Andy Anderson, MO	1624	7/96
Convention	Anonymous	12060	6/93	Drive Ins (theatres)	Ralph Brann, IN	157	4/93
Conv., RMS	Tom Gray, IA	12059	11/05	Driving Schools	John Nichols, NM	48	5/93
Conv., RMS(1948)	Jim Spector, FL	1	7/01	Ducks	Chester Crill, CA	463	4/05
Conv., RMS(1950)	Jim Spector, FL	5	7/01	Drug Stores	G. Hofacker/L.Cole	3767	11/10
Conv., RMS(1951)	Jim Spector, FL	3	7/01	Duncan Hines	Mike Prero, CA	713	12/10
Conv., RMS(1952)	Jim Spector, FL	8	7/01	E-Award (WWII)	Mike Samuels, DC	79	11/05
Conv., RMS(1953)	Jim Spector, FL	26	7/01	Eagles	Chester Crill, CA	1719	4/05
Conv., RMS(1954)	Jim Spector, FL	5	7/01	Eagles (F.O.E.)	D. Longenecker, PA	2008	11/10
Conv., RMS(1990)	Marie Harbison, PA	234	4/93	Easel Back	D. Longenecker, PA	176	11/10
Conv., RMS(1991)	Marie Harbison, PA	85	4/93	Eddy Penny Boxes	Larry Bell, CAN	663	10/88
Conv., RMS(1992)	Marie Harbison, PA	164	4/93	Eddy Quality	Bill Retskin, NC	50	10/87
Conv., RMS(1993)	Marie Harbison, PA	17	4/93	Edward I. Plottle	Mike Prero, CA	85	12/10
Coronations/Royalty	John Clark, FL	194	11/10	Eiffle Tower	Chester Crill, CA	210	4/05
Cotton Bolls	Ellen Gutting, NV	60	10/00	Elephants	Chester Crill, CA	611	4/05
Country Clubs	Milt Wolf, DE	8505	7/00	Elks (B.P.O.E.)	John Bachochin, OK	6862	12/10
County Seats	Tom Valachovic, FL	3093	10/89	Embassies	D. Longenecker, PA	16	11/10
Cowboys	Warren Marshall, CA	172	10/88	Embossed	Mel Garrett, KS	12210	6/93
Cows/Steers	Chester Crill, CA	2631	4/05	Empire Book MatchCo	Dan Bitter, OK	7	12/05
Crabs	Cheryl Crill, CA	349	4/05	England	Mike Hubbard, MI	3686	7/05
Credit Unions	Mel Reese, WI	5922	11/10	Errors	Mike Prero, CA	3021	12/10
Crests	Mike Prero, CA	2104	12/10	Eskimos	Ellen Gutting, NV	102	12/00
Crown Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	3034	10/87	Executive Inns	Ralph Brann, IN	51	4/93
Dams	John Clark, FL	56	11/11	Extend n' Ad	Jim Moffett, CA	55	10/90
Dated	Mike Prero, CA	11466	12/10	Eyeglasses	Billijo Piper, KY	156	7/05
				Fairs (not World)	Judi Wittwer, AZ	250	5/01

Famous Places	Paul Moyer, CA	6000	10/87	Gem Match Co.	Warren Marshall, CA	66	10/88
Feature mm20,empty	Dan Bitter, OK	3212	1/06	General Match Co.	Everett Hoy, OH	500	10/88
Features (all)	Joel Acus, OH	4774	11/05	George Washington	Chester Crill, CA	202	4/05
Features, 15-strike	Joel Acus, OH	2231	11/10	Georgia	Win Lang, CA	1043	6/97
Features, 21-strike	Joel Acus, OH	1860	11/10	Germany	Mike Hubbard, MI	4050	7/05
Features, 22-strike	Joel Acus, OH	96	11/10	Ghosts	Cheryl Crill, CA	18	12/99
Features, 30-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	3057	1/06	Giants	Mel Garrett, KS	626	6/93
Features, 33-strike	Joel Acus, OH	5	11/10	Giraffes	Chester Crill, CA	66	4/05
Features, 40-strike	Dan Bitter, OK	85	1/06	Girlies (all)	Walter Hubbard, CA	29061	4/93
Features, Contour	Joel Acus, OH	69	5/01	Girlies (sets)	Walter Hubbard, CA	3889	4/93
Features, Display	Joel Acus, OH	141	5/01	Girlies (singles)	Mike Prero, CA	3029	12/10
Features, Full	Joel Acus, OH	4614	8/03	Girlies(stk, not listed)	Walter Hubbard, CA	2659	4/93
Features, Giant	Joel Acus, OH	554	11/10	Gold Panners	Jim Moffett, CA	230	6/93
Features, Knothole	Joel Acus, OH	100	5/01	Golf Clubs	Win Lang, CA	6235	6/97
Features, Odd-Strkr	Joel Acus, OH	36	5/01	Gondolas	Chester Crill, CA	267	4/05
Features, Poster	Joel Acus, OH	28	11/10	Gopher Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	5	12/10
Federal Prtg.	Mike Prero, CA	5	12/10	Grant-Mann	Mike Prero, CA	90	12/10
Federals	Dan Bitter, OK	3502	7/99	Greet Hat, Lion	Joel Acus, OH	28	11/10
Federals, short	Dan Bitter, OK	2453	7/99	Grocery Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	4317	7/96
Federals, XL	Dan Bitter, OK	1049	7/99	Group I	Charles Specht, IL	1500	11/10
Filigree	Helen Hollmann, PA	11318	11/10	Group I Baseball	Bob Borton, OH	681	11/10
Filigree-Type	G. Bruckman, CO	11040	5/93	Group I Sports	Charles Specht, IL	1340	11/10
Finance Co.'s	?, CAN	243	9/93	Gum	Andy Anderson, MO	137	7/96
Finland	Mike Hubbard, MI	3718	7/05	Gum/Candy	Judi Wittwer, AZ	144	3/06
Fire Co (+related)	Mike Samuels, DC	374	11/05	Hamilton Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	7	12/10
Fishing	Mike Samuels, DC	178	11/05	Hangers	Ellen Gutting	32	9/00
Flamingos	Chester Crill, CA	246	4/05	Hard Rock Cafe	Joe DeGennaro, NY	300	7/05
Flats	M. Schwimmer, MA	5427	11/10	Hardware Stores	Andy Anderson, MO	1036	7/96
Florentine	Everett Hoy, OH	300	10/88	Hats	Jo Wilding, TX	401	1/99
Florida	Fred Houk, FL	23203	11/10	Hawaii	Jim Moffett, CA	3763	10/89
Florida Match Co.	Mike Prero, CA	2	12/10	Hawaii, T.H.	Helen Hollmann, PA	204	11/10
Florists	Jo Wilding, TX	581	6/97	Hearts	Dave Hampton, CA	29	10/88
Flowers	Opal Calhoun, CA	1182	4/93	Hellman Match Co.	Jim Moffett, CA	4	6/93
Flowers, N/S	Chester Crill, CA	429	6/93	Hemisphere '68	Stuart Bergman, TX	29	6/93
Foilite	Verna Troxel, WA	7000	7/93	Henseleit Match Co.	Mel Reese, WI	86	9/06
Food Products	John Nichols, NM	256	5/93	Hercules Match Co.	Bill Retskin, NC	2	10/88
Foreign	Mike Hubbard, MI	70196	7/05	Hillbilly	D. Longenecker, PA	4937	11/10
Fork Lifts	Art Houser, SC	170	9/97	Hiltons	Frank Lawton, CA	3521	10/88
Four Seasons	Wayne Eadie, NY	1940	11/05	Hiltons, Foreign	Frank Lawton, CA	611	10/88
Foxes	Chester Crill, CA	546	4/05	Hiltons, Mini-Max	Jim Moffett, CA	22	10/89
France	Barry Turner, MI	4728	11/10	Hiltons, N/S	Bob Oliver, FL	1016	10/87
Fraternal	Mel Garrett, KS	7893	6/93	Hiltons, Stock	Al Kilburn, PA	778	5/93
Fraternities	Mike Prero, CA	117	12/10	Hobos	Ellen Gutting, NV	105	10/00
Fred Harvey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	498	1/10	Hockey	Judi Wittwer, AZ	149	5/01
Friendship Inns	Tom Gray, IA	644	6/97	Holiday Inn	Ken Riggs, MA	23000	10/88
Frogs/toads	Chester Crill, CA	190	4/05	Holiday Inn Boxes	Ken Riggs, MA	530	10/88
Fruit	Chester Crill, CA	661	4/05	Holiday Inn, Foreign	Frank Lawton, CA	611	6/88
Fuel Co.'s	Andy Anderson, MO	1435	7/96	Holiday Inn, N/S	Janet Penny, PA	3733	9/05
Full-Frontals	Mike Prero, CA	622	11/05	Holiday Inn, N/S For.	Janet Penny, PA	425	9/05
Full-length (20s)	Dan Bitter, OK	7056	2/06	Holiday Inn, Stock	Marie Harbison, PA	2703	4/93
F-L Bank Checks	D. Longenecker, PA	375	11/10	Holland	Mike Hubbard, MI	1620	7/05
Funeral Homes	D. Longenecker, PA	5470	11/10	Hong Kong	Mike Hubbard, MI	475	7/05
Gambling Ships	Jim Moffett, CA	21	6/93	Horse Racing	Mike Samuels, DC	707	11/05
Garages	Andy Anderson, MO	2032	7/96	Horses	Judi Wittwer, AZ	7389	8/97
Gas Stations	Greg Lund, MD	27127	11/05	Horseshoes	Judi Wittwer, AZ	149	5/01
Gasoline/Oil Brands	Andy Anderson, MO	2206	7/96	Hospitals	Mike Prero, CA	740	12/10
Geese	Chester Crill, CA	125	12/99	Hospitals, Army	Bill Longenecker, PA	202	11/10
Geiger Bros.	Mike Prero, CA	121	12/10	Hospitals, Navy	Bill Longenecker, PA	113	11/10