

KNOW YOUR COVERS!

DIAMOND CLOSE COVER BEFORE
QUALITY STRIKING MATCH

Diamond Quality's constitute one of the true treasures of the hobby...Why, I'm not exactly certain! They're old...They have a distinctive footer... Everyone goes after them...But, there are older, rarer footers, and these were issued in relatively large numbers for an 'oldie'. Still, I admit, I certainly grab them whenever I come across them!

Known affectionately as "DQ's", Bob Oliver's research showed that they were issued by Diamond from 1923-1936 (although I have a dated one from 1938); There are currently 3,549 listed, although the late Harry Branchaud's collection numbered 5000+.

The earlier DQ's are XL's (Talls), while the later ones are standard sized.

