

KNOW YOUR COVERS!

Machine Scoring

Machine Scoring is the production process which adds the creases (or folds) in the matchcover. In a matchbook that has been so scored, you can see the two folding “grooves” on either side of the saddle. Compare the more recent cover on the right to this World War I Safety First cover on the left.

Early covers were simply bent over at the saddle, giving the closed matchbook a rounded appearance at the saddle. The saddle on a closed machine scored matchbook is flat.

There may be some production value to scoring of which I’m unaware, but it does make it more convenient for the user in that it’s a little easier to use. In any event, machine scoring has been standard now for decades.

