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Ohio Match Co. - was a Wadsworth, OH-based company; 1895-1987. At one time, the Wadsworth plant was the largest in the world, making more than 300 million wood and paper matches a day; it was a 18-acre facility.

Founded by E.J. Young. It was purchased by Diamond in 1928; Diamond then sold half interest in the company to Ivar Krueger. When Krueger's empire collapsed in 1932, the company was reorganized by Diamond in 1936. By 1948, when it had again become independent, it was considered one of the three largest match manufacturers in the world. It became a subsidiary of Hunt Foods & Industries in 1957; purchased by Bradley Industries, Inc. in 1976. The company was listed as a foreign corp., indicating foreign ownership. It discontinued production of wooden matches in 1987, selling that portion of its operation to Universal.

