

RCA microphone catalogs - MI numbers and suffixes by year. (Note 1)

Model	MI number	Year	1936	1939	1941	1945	1948	1950	1955	1957	1959	1962	1967	1972	1976
RIBBON MICROPHONES			Note 2	Note 2										Note 5	Note 5
PB 90 / 44A series															
PB31	3101?	Note 7													
PB90	MI 4000 AF		YES												
PB140	MI 4003	Note 7													
PB144	MI 3015 MI 3021	Note 7													
44A	MI 4025 A-D	1933													
44 B / BX series															
44B	MI 4026 A		YES												
44BX	MI-4027 H, J, K			YES	Y (B)	Y (B)	Y (D)	Y (G)	YES						
Junior / 74 series															
Junior	MI 4010 A	Note 7													
74A	MI 4035	Note 7													
74B	MI 4036		YES	YES	Y (K)	Y (K)	Y (AA)								
KU series															
KU2-a	MI 3043	Note 6													
KU3-a	MI 10001											Y (C)	Y (C)		

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77 Series															
77A	MI 4040		YES												
77B	MI 4042			YES											
77C	MI 4042 A/B			YES											
77B1	MI 4043				YES										
77C1	MI 4044				YES										
77D	MI 4045 A-E					YES	Y (A)	Y (B)	Y (E)						
77DX Chro.	MI 4045 F								YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
77DX Grey	MI 11006 C								YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Varacoustic	MI 6203					YES	Y (C)								
SK50*	MI 12034							Note 6							
BK and other series															
BK-4B	MI 11005								YES						
BK-5 (B)	MI 11010								YES	YES	YES	Y (A)	Y (A)	YES	Y (A)
BK-10	MI 11018										Y (A)				
BK-11A	MI 11019											YES	YES	YES	YES
KB-2 A, B	MI 12002, 3														
KB-2C	MI-11001						YES	YES							
SK-35	MI 12035								YES	YES	YES				
SK-46	MI 12046									YES	YES	YES.	YES	YES	YES

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Dynamic Microphones															
50 A	MI 4030		YES												
Aerodynamic	MI 6226		YES	YES	Y (D)	Y (H)									
88A	MI 4048			YES	YES	Y (C)	Y (D)	Y (E)							
Talkback	MI 4015/6/7			YES	YES										
Aeropressure	MI 6206						Y (G)	Y (E)							
KN-1A	MI 12081						B & C	Y (C)							
Aerodynamic	MI 12016								Y (H)						
SK-39A	MI 12039 A										YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SK-45	MI 12045								Y (A)	Y (A)	Y (B)	YES	Y (B)		
SK 30	MI 11030													YES	YES
BK-1A	MI 11007								YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
BK-6B	MI 11017								YES	YES	Y (A)	Y (A)	Y (A)	YES	YES
BK-12	MI 11024												YES	YES	YES
BK-14	MI 11042													YES	YES
BK-16	MI 11048													YES	YES
Carbon Microphone															
Double Button	MI 6225-A		YES												

Notes.

1. The MI number is the Master Item number. All RCA products had an MI number.
The 1955 catalog clearly states Master ITEM and not Master Index.
Lost History give a list of MI numbers at <https://losthhistory.net/k-bay106/doc.htm>
2. The years indicate the first documented date if earlier than 1936. The 1936 and 1939 catalogs do not (always) give MI numbers.
3. YES or Y means that this model appears in the catalog from the give year in the top row.
Y followed by a letter suffix indicates that this letter is appended to that model in the given year.
For example. In the 1941 RCA catalog, model 74B is assigned as MI-4036-K.
These letters usually indicate small revisions to the design.
4. The 44A manual is dated 1933.
<https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-Catalogs/RCA/Mics/RCA-44-A-MI-1933.pdf>
5. From 1972 onwards RCA used a new logo.
6. Varacoustic SK-50 does not appear in these catalogs except as a repair option in 1964. KU2a is also absent.
7. Models PB31, PB140, PB144, MI-4010 and 74A do not appear in any of these catalogs and are assumes to predate 1936.

Links.

1936 RCA / Eastern Catalog: <https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-Catalogs/RCA/RCA-Catalog-211-1936.pdf>

1939 to 1962 RCA Catalog collection: https://www.worldradiohistory.com/Archive-Catalogs/Equipment_Catalogs_RCA.htm

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