

The Early Beatles

First appearance in trade magazines: April 3, 1965.

Label 62-01

Mono

T-2309

Black rainbow label without subsidiary print.

62A (Keystone print)

Factories: Scranton, Decca Gloversville, AudioMatrix

Early copies have semi-glossy labels; most labels are flat.



62B (Bert-Co print)

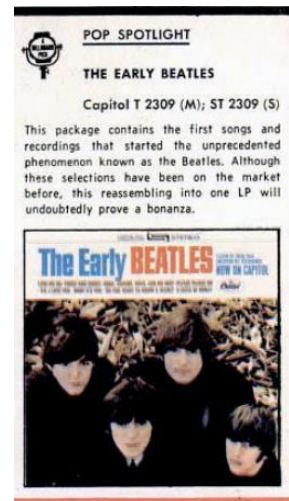
Factories: Los Angeles, Jacksonville

Early copies have semi-glossy labels; most labels are flat.

Label 62B(i) has wide space below the title, between the two lines of the artist credit, and between the catalog number and the song titles.

Label 62B(ii) has wide space below the title but not between the two lines of the artist credit.

Label 62B(iii) has less space below the album title.



Stereo

ST-2309

Black rainbow label without subsidiary print.



62A (Keystone print)

Factories: Scranton, Decca Gloversville, Columbia

Copies pressed in late 1967 at Scranton have glossy, raised labels.

62B (Bert-Co print)

The word "STEREO" is in narrow print with wide or narrow horizontal spacing.

Earlier copies from Los Angeles have semi-glossy labels.

Factories: Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Columbia (?)



Some copies 62B(i) have an additional blank line between the two lines of artist credits, and below the title. Other copies 62B(ii) have no additional line, but there is plenty of space. Still other copies have narrower space and narrow STEREO, 62B(iii). Finally, copies 62B(iv) have the least amount of spacing between the title and the group members' names. All copies from Jax came out later. See below.



Label 62x

Capitol ST-2309
Rainbow label with subsidiary information above color band.
Factory: Scranton
STEREO in tall, thin print; glossy label
Factories: Columbia Santa Maria, Jacksonville
STEREO in tall, thin print; flat label



Label 69

Capitol ST-2309
Lime green label with "C" logo.
Factory: Winchester, Los Angeles
Stereo (69L)
Factory: Jacksonville
Stereo (69J)
Label may have "TM" next to the Capitol logo, or may have ® under the "l" of "Capitol."



Label ac1

Apple/Capitol ST-2309
Apple label with Capitol logo
Factory: Los Angeles
Factory: Jacksonville



Label af1

Apple ST-2309
"MFD. BY APPLE" on the full side
Factory: Los Angeles
Label may be flat or glossy.
Factory: Jacksonville
Label may be glossy and yellowish or flat.
Factory: Winchester
Label may be flat or glossy.



Copies pressed in 1974-5 have "Mastered by Capitol" in the matrix.

Label as1

Apple ST-2309
"MFD. BY APPLE" on the sliced side
Factory: Winchester
Pressed late 1973 to early 1974.



Label ar1

Apple ST-2309
Rights information on one or both sides.

Factory: Los Angeles

Rights information appears in black across the label

Factory: Jacksonville

Rights information appears in the rim around the right side of the label.

Rights information appears below the manufacturing statement in the rim text.

Factories: Los Angeles, Winchester



Capitol's pressing plant in Jacksonville, Illinois, opened on July 12, 1965 – while *The Early Beatles* was still selling. Technically, this means that no copies from Jacksonville are true first pressings – since none of them were available on the first day of issue.

Capitol to Open a Pressing Plant in Illinois; Label's 3d

JACKSONVILLE, Ill.—Capitol Records opens its pressing plant here Monday (12). This is the third plant. The other two are in Los Angeles and Scranton, Pa.

The \$2,500,000 facility will employ more than 100, and occupy more than 100,000 square feet of floor space. According to George R. Jones, Capitol's vice-president of manufacturing and engineering, its capacity will be from 5 million to 6 million records a year.

Jones said that many of the manufacturing innovations were designed by Capitol engineers. Among these innovations, he added, is an automatic "airveying system" which insures that the first time the record is touched by human hand is on the inspection table.

The new plant, geared to service the label's Midwest distributors, is 80 miles from St. Louis and less than a day by truck from Chicago.

Next weekend, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce plans a festival to celebrate the plant's opening with a Saturday street dance. The Lettermen will put on two shows during the dance.

Two local radio stations—WJIL and WLDS—have been plugging the event and will air special broadcasts during the weekend. Television Station WGEM, Quincy, Ill., will have a special broadcast Friday night (9).

Capitol executives to be on hand for a Saturday (10) luncheon include Glenn E. Wallichs, chairman of the board; Alan W. Livingston, president, and Jones, Gov. Otto Kerner and Mayor Byron Holkenbrink of Jacksonville are expected to be among the guests.

Sunday (11) the plant holds an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a special souvenir disk presented to all visitors.

Label 72r

Capitol

ST-2309

Orange label with rights disclaimer

Factories: Los Angeles, PRC, Jacksonville, Winchester

Large side number at left. "Capitol" at bottom has a greenish tint, compared to tan for Winchester.

Factory: Jacksonville, MCA (Pinckneyville)

Stereo at left.



Possible covers:

Cardboard cover.

Posterboard cover.



Label 78

Capitol

ST-2309

Purple label with large logo

Factories: Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Winchester

Cardboard cover or posterboard cover.



Label 83

Capitol

ST-2309

Rainbow label with print in color band.

Factories: Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Winchester, Specialty

Posterboard cover. In 1986, Capitol promoted the inclusion of "Twist and Shout" in the movie, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, with a red and white hype sticker.

