

"Thingummybob"/"Yellow Submarine"

John Foster & Sons Black Dyke Mills Band

First appearance in trade magazines: September 7, 1968

Label as1

Apple

1800

Apple label "MFD. BY APPLE" on the sliced side.



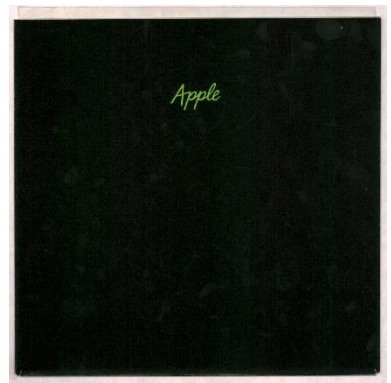
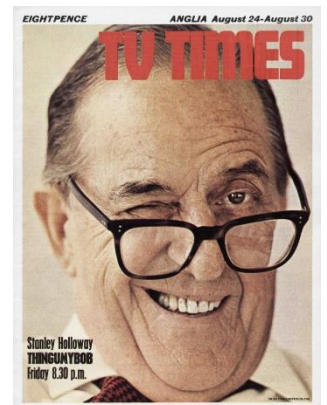
Factories: Scranton



Factories: Los Angeles

The print on LA singles is slightly larger than the print on Scranton singles, and the printing is positioned slightly differently. For example, on side A the "y" in "McCartney" in the production credit is over the N in JOHN on the east-coast labels; that "y" is over the F in FOSTER on the west-coast labels.

The A-side is the theme song from "Thingummybob" (also written as "Thingummy Bob") – a television series starring Stanley Holloway; the lead character's name is Bob.



WSAI Radio has started a promotion to assist England's Black Dyke Mills Band in winning the yearly award of the National Champion Band of Great Britain. WSAI listeners are being requested to send their votes for the Black Dyke Mills Band to WSAI. The votes will be sent to Paul McCartney, who, in turn, will cast the votes in the National Champion Band of Great Britain event to be held in October. The Black Dyke Mills Band has held the title seven times since 1945. The single released by the Black Dyke Mills Band on the Beatles' Apple label is entitled, "Thingummybob" backed with "Yellow Submarine."

Theme music to the comedy series "Thingummybob" starring Stanley Holloway has been written by Paul McCartney, and Don Partridge has written the theme for LWT's first program, "We Have Ways of Making You Laugh" which will be transmitted at 7 p.m. on Aug. 2.

Label as2

Apple

1800

Apple label "MFD. BY APPLE" on the sliced side.

From this point on, the A-side and B-side have been switched.



Factories: Los Angeles (with a black star on the full side)

Reissued late 1970 or early 1971.

Label af1

Apple

1800

Apple label with "MFD. BY APPLE" on the full side.



Factories: Los Angeles (with a black star on the full side)

Reissued spring 1971.

JOHN FOSTER & SONS LTD. BLACK DYKE MILLS BAND—Thingumybob (Prod. Paul McCartney) (Writers: Lennon-McCartney) (Maclean, BMI)—Penned by McCartney and Lennon and produced by McCartney, this rhythm winner of the First World War vintage should grab much air play and sales. Funny idea with an outdoor band concert sound. Apple 1800

Label af2

Apple

1800

Apple label with "MFD. BY APPLE" on the full side.



Factories: Los Angeles (matte labels)

Reissued c. 1973



The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band

When Paul McCartney wrote "Thingumybob" for a television series of the same name, he said he wanted to get a true brass band sound.

So what did he do. He used the best band in the land – The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band.

They won the title in October last year. Conducted by Geoffrey Brand they've held this title 7 times since 1945.

Back to "Thingumybob". On the "B" side there's "Yellow Submarine" like you've never heard it played before.

The sound is beautiful and brassy. Just what Paul wanted.

You'll want it too, once you've heard it.

**The Black Dyke Mills Brass Band: Thingumybob (b/w Yellow Submarine)
An Apple Single. Number 1800**