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Sarbon		resin			English ?
Safety Knitting Pin Envelope, The		metal	DP	SEW CC401, 1415	made in England but bought in the US
Sail	Yarns Brunswick		straight		made in India 
Sara Hadley					This woman edited a lace making periodical in the early 1900's. The brand name must have been kept for notions, resulting in such things as the needle holder roll.
Sargent-Welch		metal	DP	SEW	
Sarron		resin	straight	GL	teal green resin, small firm in Stroud 
Schnellstricknadlen				SEW CC1127	UK op shop find 2007
Schoner Hakeln			straight		
Scoville	Now owns Hero (and Dritz?)	resin	circular straight		
Scotch Wool & Hosiery Stores	Chain of wool shops - up to 1930's - Bought by Patons & Baldwin in the 1950's; P&B kept the name		4xdp	SEW CC986	Name appears on some of Abel Morrall's "Safety Stitched Envelopes" of knitting needles with the Cross Fox trademark.
Seagul		annodised	straight	BS/ SEW CC1761	Grey pairs in white paper labels with red lettering. Small, flat self stoppers with size superimposed on top.
Seams Incredible			kit	SEW CC2612	devised by Lynn Frederickson
Sears	Brandname was Needlemaster, a kit with interchangeable heads, apparently made by Boye.		SP, circular, kits of interchangab les	SEW CC498, 2611	
Segic			kit	SEW CC1269	Cardboard needle gauge labelled "part of the 'Segic' knitting set"
Secil Wools		plastic/resin		Poynter SEW CC1078	Firm sold wool in 1950's
Semco	Brand name is "Fairy"	metal	SP, DP	GL, SEW	Australian firm established 1907, but needles were last made in India. Later, the stopper on these needles is the same as that on Sirdar.
Serendipity		wood	SP	SEW	novelty needles with resin animal stoppers. Current brand - made in Rhode Island for Serendipity Needles LLC
Sevendale		resin	SP	SEW	British
Sew Mate			SP		plastic needles in plastic sleeve



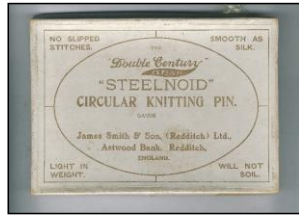
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Sewing Bee	distributed by Talon America. Plastic sleeve says made in Mexico	annodised aluminum?	straight	SEW CC 722	sold during 1980's (1982 noted on back of one packet) 
Shamrock	Shamrock is a graphic trademark - not sure of the firm's name	bamboo		CC 2786	
Sharples		nickel plated	5xDP		
S.H.C.&S.		metal	SP	SEW	CC 737 Flat ring stopper has SHC&S on one half and T225598 on lower half
Sharrington's & Co	early Redditch needle maker bought out by firm of John English. English continued to use the Sharrington's brand name			SEW CC2314	
Sheff, B. & Co		wood	straight		
Shellonite	Aussie brand	faux tortoiseshell	SP	GL, SEW	
Shield	bought in Australia	bamboo	SP	SEW CC1285	
Shipbrand or Ship Brand	Milward brand, 1930-50s ?	plastic	SP	SEW CC986, 1457	CC 986 - tempered steel needles on cardboard card -- these have a very short point, different to any other I've seen. CC 1457 has a paper wrapper with a graphic of a screw-on stopper and the words "cannot pull off". Also has Milward's name printed on the shaft.
Shirohato		bamboo	SP	SEW	front of the package says "Shirohato" and "trade mark" with a symbol that looks like a flying bird. "Packing P.A.T., No. 411642, No. 105787" is on the other end. The back of the packages has text in Japanese characters. 
Shrimpton, Alfred	Early needle manufacturer - brand names include Duralite (for aluminum needles). See listing and photos under As				Plus a number of bell gauges with slightly varying logo designs
SIA		metal	SP	SEW and CC 2975	gift from Christina Bertrand - (Scandinavian ? But....) bought by Christina's mother in Holland after WWII. 
Silver Queen		aluminum	SP	SEW CC 809, 659, 2235	Double points in a flat pressed tin case -- CC 659 
Silvergoose					modern craft manufacturer of quality needles with decorated ends.

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Simplicity	Simplicity used their own name and also the brand name Loving Touch		straight		
Sirdar	Founded in West Riding town of Ossett in 1880 as Harrap Brothers.	metal	SP	SEW	The Sirdar name was adopted in the early years, being chosen to reflect the aura of Lord Kitchener's appointment as Sirdar or leader of the Egyptian army. It was in the 1930's that the name was used to brand the company's range of hand knit yarns which were sold exclusively through retailers. Needle is a gift from Gay Lines. Note the stopper on these Sirdars is the same as that on Semco. 
Silvalume	Susan Bates brand	metal	SP	SEW	"special process aluminum" - advertising blurb on wooden SB shop stand. "whisper smooth"
Silverado	Susan Bates brand		straight		nickel plated
Singer					Poorly stamped : Made in Mexico "Super smooth points and finish for easy knitting"
Siskin		bamboo	straight		plastic pack with beige backpiece and clear front printed with work Bamboo, etc.
Skacel	see Addi				Skacel web site says they are the US distributors of Addi 
Smart-Glo	Coates & Clark Susan Bates brand				made of light weight plastic that glows in the dark
Smooth-Point		metal	5xDP	SEW CC601	name on paper packet
Snoball		bakelite	5xDP		
Snodrop		rigid plastic	straight	BW	old cream with black stoppers -- "snod..." in faint lettering on shaft.
SoCCosi		steel	straight	BW	marked "foreign" . Steel stoppers
So-Rite		metal	straight 4xDP		
Special		resin	SP		UK
SPEED-E-KNIT		metal	4xDP	SEW	"made in England" on wrapper (CC 748)
Speedstitch			circular	CC696	Photo on hardcopy purchase file. Seller lost this item (!) and then never managed to send a refund. Patent No on the packaging was 01286125; internet records date this to 26/11/1918
Speedwell	Australian brand?	resin	SP		
Sphinx	brand name of A.G. Bayliss & Sons	steel	4xDP	SEW	paper wrapper includes text in French and Spanish. 
Spinnerin		resin	straight	SEW CC1747	green shaft, white stopper
Stancraft	MP says this company seems to have specialised around 1960 in needles and other materials particularly suitable for children's handicrafts.		4xdp		Cardboard cased packet of 4xdp sold as part of an introductory kit. 

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Standard	Originally a stand-alone company or a Diadem brand (I think), then taken over by Hero Manufacturing Co. See also Millimeter.	celluloid or casein, aluminum	SP, DP, cardboard gauge.	SEW	<p>These very early celluloid needles had a small oval label pasted on shaft with the size number in the centre and word STANDARD or the word MILLIMETER around the bottom of oval -- I think this is a Diadem brand -- see photo and see notes under Diadem. They were very hard to slip the stitches over, so this form of merchandising did not last long.</p>   
The Standard Knitting Needle and Pin Case	manufactured by Kirby, Beard and Co, Redditch	metal	set		
Stanwood Crafting		bamboo		SEW	bought at Handknitters Guild wool fest 2008.
Starine		metal	SP	SEW	op shop find - European ?
Steel-tapered Knitting Needles				SEW CC872	Manilla packet from USA
Steeloid	Double Century trademark, originally owned by James Smith & Son, then by Milwards	steel	SP ? Circulars	SEW CC 1186	<p>Steeloid was a trademark of Double Century - boxed circular cable with aluminum pins is still marked James Smith & Son -- see also Double Century. Steeloid circular needle has twisted wire cable with "erinoid" purple ends and was sold in a box (similar to Abel Morrall), say, 1920-30's, as the term erinoid came in after World War I.</p> 
Stephens, R.R.					KN manufacturer, taken over in 1907 by Morris & Yeoman, Milwards, and William Hall (NN No. 10)
Sticksteel				JP	brandname used by Bradbury's Aldergate
Stork		metal	SP	SEW CC1117	



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Stratnoid	This brand name was used in the UK by John Stratton & Son, and also in Australia by Stratton's subsidiary Rainsford. All the photos here are for needles sold in Australia.	metal only	SP DP	GL / Poynter / SEW CC737	needles with Stratnoid on shaft were also made in Sydney by Rainsford. Also metal shaft with blue resin mitre stopper and blue plastic slip-on label band (CC 737).    
Stratton	brand name of John Stratton & Co. The firm used Stratton as a brand name and then Stratnoid.	metal	straight	SEW	name and size embossed on shaft. Dark grey metal wearing off at tips. Probably the earliest brand name for this firm
Stratwood			straight		
Streamline			4xdp	SEW CC2777	gift of Molly Pearce - made in England
Strumpfstricknadeln			4xdp	SEW	in paper packet (gift from Heike Belker)
Strutt, W.G. & J.					Cotton manufacturer from late 18th to early 20th century. Mills were in Belper. Made sewing, knitting, crochet, tatting and macrame cotton.
Stuttafords		plastic	4 x dp	BW	Paper labels marked "Stuttafords Gauge"
Suisses		annodised aluminum	straight	SEW	European. "Suisses" embossed on flattened shaft, with flat stopper extruded from shaft
Sullivans	www.sullivans.net.	metal, bamboo	straight	SL / SEW	Australian manufacturer of window furnishings, yarns and craft items. Needles made in India, plastic stopper; I have the sleeve only
Sultana	Sultana was a brand name of Walkers, taken over by Barleets (CB/NN p 134). But it was also a Canadian brand.	aluminum	SP, DP	SEW CC1851, 2531	stamped on shaft "SULTANA made in Canada". These are similar to Perfecto, etc.
Sunlight		plastic	SP	SEW 1019	Name and size written on shaft (Diadem needles also in the group I bought, so I assume Sunlight brand is quite old.)
Super Cristal			SP	SEW	related to Rhodo Cristal ?
Superfine or Super fine "Superfine Knitting Pins"	Swallow brand ?	nickel plated metal	SP, DP	JD /BW/ SEW CC1109, 1643	Packet says "British Empire Product". Swallow name doesn't appear on the packet but the logo does. MP says, "to anyone of WWII or pre-WWII generations, the terms "British Empire Product" or "Empire Made" meant made in Hong Kong."   <p>THIS RUST-PROOF ENVELOPE CONTAINS 4 BEST QUALITY STEEL-TAPERED KNITTING PINS THESE PINS ARE MADE IN ALL LENGTHS AND GAUGES</p>
Superaida			SP	SEW CC2197	French
Superior		metal	set of 4 DP	GL / SEW CC 1347	Paper packet with size No. 18. Not sure if "Superior" is a brand name or just a (marketing) description. Very old - "made in United States Nickel Plated"
Superyarn			circular	SEW CC2236	1930's ? New York

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Sure-fit - this brand name was used by both Bucilla and Fleischers	"Surefit" circular has a hole drilled in each tip (so knitter can attach yarn and stretch out the knitting to try on the circular garment whilst still being knitted). Surefit is in a cellophane sleeve, but the cardboard backing is similar to Fleischer, to brand called Circular Knitting Pin, and to French brand Record. CB says made in Germany.	metal	circular		
Surina		wood	5 x DP		made in India
Susan Bates	Originally a brand name of, then the trading name for C.J. Bates & Son, founded in 1873. Now owned by Clarks. Other brand names include Circlon, Crystalite, Jeanne Damon Flower Power, Luxite, Flex, "No Glare", Smartglo, Marcia Lynn (1961), Zephr, Quicksilver, Silvalume, Silverado, Tonewood.	metal	kit		The brand name Susan Bates was launched in 1942 and first appeared in the "patriotic" red/white/blue needles that C.J. Bates created for the war effort in WW2. See several entries above for Bates. 
Susanne's	Martha Stewart brand		straight		square stoppers
Susanne's	brand name owned by Klass & Gessmann, made in Germany	resin	4 x DP		
Suss Cousins	Suss is a designer in California, who markets her designs (inc needles) under her own name	bamboo	straight		
Suzie					"Manufactured solely by the SUZIE Knitting Pins (1921) Ltd" - ad appeared in 1923 Weldons - found by Joyce Poynter
Swaloid	Swallow brand	metal, also yellow resin		GL/SEW	GL -- Swallow logo on label. SEW -- no logo on label 
<Swallow> trademark		bamboo		CC 2786	

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Swallow Needle Manufacturing Company	Australian firm in Melbourne. Brand names include "Tortoiseshell", "Pearl", Marblitone, Timbergrain, Superfine, Ivore, "Superfine Knitting Pins". For earlier SPs, plastic sleeve includes a cardboard insert with "the Swallow story". Also made metal needles. Compare the Japanese packaging with that on Swan brand.	casein	straight	SEW/ GL	 <p>Images showing Swallow Needle packaging: a box with Japanese characters and 'SWALLOW', a plastic sleeve with 'Bamboo Knitting Needles', and a cardboard insert with 'Bamboo SWALLOW Knitting Needles'. A separate image shows a needle in its packaging with 'SWALLOW NEEDLE MFG. CO. 1-5 CHANDOS ST. MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3182 AUSTRALIA PH. 983 5977'. Another image shows a needle with a red tag that says 'THE SIGN OF QUALITY PRODUCTION BUY BRITISH!' and 'THESE NEEDLES ARE GUARANTEED TRUE TO GAUGE & MANUFACTURED FROM FINEST BRITISH MATERIALS.'.</p>
Swan	Japanese brand post WWII	bamboo	SP	SEW CC2604	 <p>Images showing Swan brand knitting needles: two bamboo needles in their original packaging, and a separate image of a needle in a white plastic sleeve with a red and blue label.</p>
"The Swan"		resin coated metal	SP	SEW	black egg-shaped stoppers
Swift	Aussie brand - made in South Australia ?	resin	SP	BW/SEW CC1548	Transparent amber coloured needle, matt yellow stopper. "Swift 9" marked in black on shaft. (CC1548 arrived broken - Grrrr). CC2156 - needles are held in a metal clasp  <p>Image showing a single Swift brand knitting needle with a transparent amber shaft and a matt yellow stopper. The shaft is marked with "SWIFT 9".</p>
Symak			sp	SEW	cased set CC 528
Symco		resin coated metal	straight	SEW	pewter coloured shaft with cream button stopper, embossed on shaft SYMCO Patent No 185220-21