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"A"		steel?	straight		said to be English; shaft does not taper to a point -- does this series of sizings, designated by alphabetical characters, matches only the unnamed circular pink
A.B.C.	Collingbourne, Dexter Yarns	wood	4xdp, SC	SEW CC 1545	stands for A.B. Collingbourne or America's Best Cottons - see Dexter Yarns in Fabrics.net
A.B.C. Make		nickle plated	SP	SEW CC2012	bought these from Scotland, along w very old bone and tigerwood. Don't know if they are any relation to the US A.B.C.
Ahncke, J.	See Jancke				Sandy Black (2012, p 54) uses this spelling, but the name is usually spelled as Jahncke
Abel Morrall's	Very early and innovative needlemaker of all types. Trademarks appearing on their knitting needles (including firms they amalgamated with) included Morralls, Flora MacDonald, Vulcanite, Castle, Cross Fox, Twin-pin, Aero, Flexiknit, Easyknit. As wholesalers, Abel Morrall's sold many other brands in their catalogues, eg, the MP Register and MP tip protectors. Also see Aero.			SEW CC 540, 587, 1321, 1265, 1415, 1506, 1070 (labelled wooden tube) 1182 (pressed tin case)	
			4xdp	SEW CC 994	In shiny black paper packet -- note the merchandising "safety stitched envelope" 
ACE or Ace	Critchley Bros, Stroud Celia Haby, Redditch.	metal shaft plastic tops. Also, sometimes with plastic coating	straight 4xDP, circular	GL/SEW CC 1117, 1288, 609 (box), 2524	
A.C.E.	Sears Roebuck			SEW CC 2318	Sears Roebuck catalogue, c. 1920's steel
Acier	Fondu			SEW	gift from Molly Pearce, translates as "molten steel", registered French manufacturer
Acorn Stoves	Jakne patent			SEW CC200	Similar to the four-compartment Mitrailieuse knitting needle case was CC200, sold for Acorn Stoves holding wax-tipped tapers to light gas stoves and without the vanes inside. The Acorn Stoves case was not actually a knitting needle case, but was often used to hold KN after the wax tapers were used up (per Sheila Williams 2015).
Addi	German firm, distributed originally in US by Skacel. Brand names include Turbo (a "condo" with different size needle on either side of the circular) linked with Skacel	bamboo	circular SP	CC2602 - name imprinted on nylon cord, CC3213.	CC 3213 has a clear resin cord with swirls inside 
Adrien Mei (sp?) or Mey					imported and sold Permal brand KN from France (1950's?)
Aero	Started as a brandname of Abel Morrall, but Aero became the firm's own name. Its associated brands included Featherlite, Crowley-Aero, Aero-Bernat (in the US and Canada), Morrall's Aero, Satinised, Tootal and Twinpin. See Abel Morrall. Brand name now owned by Inox (Rump & Prym). In Australia Aero was tied in with Tootle. Tootle plastic sleeve said "made in England"	All needles were metal except Tootal and later Twin Pin tips	4 x DP, Sp	JD, SEW CC549, 1655 (circular with instruction leaflet) CC3207 is a red box of 15" SP bought from Greece CC3042	Right, CC 3042 - 1930s? "The AERO nylonong circular knitting pin" - maybe 1940s, use of a single piece of nylon or plastic meant no hinderance where earlier metal shafts met the cable. Aero single points sold for 10% d in early 1950s. The clear-fronted red-backed plastic sleeve was introduced for Aero in 1967 (see inside back cover, <i>Vogue Knitting No. 2</i> , 1967 for 
Afghan-France			SP	SEW CC1005	

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Aiguilles à tricoter	French - translates as "knitting needles"			SEW - gift from Molly Pearce	
Aiguilles la Français			5xdp	SEW CC 2759	
Aiguillette, L'	fench brand	metal	circular	CC 3889	
Airborne		metal	4xdp	Poynter	British
Air-Flyte	Hero brand	metal	straight		
Airlite	Gold Seal	metal	straight	SEW	on some needles a flattened area on shaft reads "AIRLITE 3mm" on one side and "Gold Seal 11" on the other. Some have hexagonal stoppers, similar to Lewis's Wools, but these don't say Gold Seal. Also a pair without a paper wrapper says Airlite Gold Seal made in England. A 1950 Minerva Knitting Annual has a half page ad for Airlite Gold Seal knitting needles.
Ajax		metal	SP		US - photo on hardcopy file
AKP	brand name used by Avon Knitting Products	resin	SP, circular	SEW CC930 (inc. Box) Including a gift from Gay Lines - logo on stopper matches that on packaging for circulars, made in UK.	
Akra		aluminum	straight	Sew	European
Al-Gafeoi Baghdad	Iraqi ?	plastic	SP	SEW CC 2975	
ALA				SEW CC 2975	
Alda	contempory brand name	wood with sterling stoppers	SP	CC2551	too big and heavy to use easily

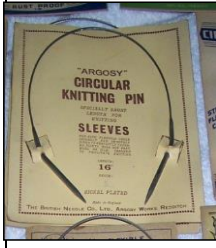



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Aldermanbury	Originally we thought this was an Olney Amsden brand, as this haberdasher was located in the Aldermanbury district of the City of London. However, Molly Pearce has identified the vertical boar's head as the trademark of Tubbs, Hiscocks & Co, 16022 Milton St EC	metal	4x dp	SEW CC994	
Alfred Shrimpton	Originally in Long Crendon, the factory moved in 1860 to Redditch, with the American depot being 273 Church St, New York City. Trademark was a Britannia. UK brands included packets of double points in the company name, plus Celia Haby, Duralite, and The "Cable" flexible knitting pin. One tip on each of The "Cable" paired needles was	metal	4x dp and circular. The brand also had a bell gauge	SEW CC802 paper packet; CC 1400 cream packet; CC 1395 - buff coloured paper packet, so 1920's at earliest ? CC1763	  <p>Black packets say "warranted by Alfred Shrimpton & Sons"; cream packets like that above say "manufactured by Alfred Shrimpton & Sons". Did AS buy out a KN making firm or perhaps even set up their own makers?</p>
Alice Maynard					1940 brand name or probably a NYC retailer
Alipins	wrapper says Canadian reg made in England	annodised metal	4 x dp	GL SEW CC670,n 1447	
Allwood, William & Sons			4 x dp		sold in black packet
Alma			SP	SEW CC723	CC 723 small paper wrapper says ALMA aluminum knitting needles - distinctive US crimped stoppers with size but no name on needle
Alox		aluminum	straight	SEW	
Amalgamated Needles & Fishhooks Ltd	took over Morris & Yeoman in 1958 (NN-10)				
Amano	Italian silversmiths	.801 silver	SP	CC 3074	CC 3074 - silver SP KN and matching stitch holder and crochet hooks, all in individual gift boxes
Ambiance	Diktex		5x dp SP	SEW CC 1609	French
America	see also Diamond brand for same box			SEW CC 1050	
"American", The		metal	circular		
American Jewellers Findings Corporation, Pawtucket, RI	this firm sold "Superior Knitting Pins in Full Wire size" - see entry under S for further information.				

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American Needle Co, The	One case says "Finest Spring Steel, American Needle Co.'s Superfine Knitting Needles". I assume this is not the same company as the entry noted above for The "American".			SEW CC2653	
Analox	logo is crossed fish, maker is T Hess & Co, Redditch	coated aluminum	SP 4xdp boxed set	SEW CC967, 1578 (boxed set), 1806	CC 1578 - boxed set, includes 4xdp in blue paper packets which say "no cellulose, lacquer, or enamel. Will not soil. Light as Erinoid, strong as steel." Erinoid was first made after WWI.
Andes		metal	SP	SEW	bought in Peru 2006
Andy			4xdp	SEW CC907	British
Anlaby		resin	straight	SEW CC1974 (box child's needles), 839, 1060, 410,	clear yellow resin, black stopper ANLABY inscribed on shaft
Anni			SP		
Aotea	NZ - Roslyn Mill, 1935, Mosgeil, 1968, Alliance,	coated steel	SP, DP	ET	Stopper shape of Aero's - see NZ section for further details
Aotea	NZ - then NZ Needle Manufacturers		circular	EG	one of six NZ brands in similar paper sleeves. 
Apex	same pressed metal case as Cross Fox - this label reads "The Apex Steel Knitting Pin Set"	metal	4 x DP	SEW	
API		resin	SP	SEW	French CC 606
Apple	Stricknadlen		circular SP	SEW CC1553	bought in Chili 2006 -- plastic sleeve says "made in India"
Arc en Ciel	French	metal	SP, circular	SEW CC938, 1919, 2001	means "rainbow"
Archer	eventually became a Milward brand	metal	straight 4xDP	BW SEW CC 1117	"made in England" on shaft; small stoppers 4xdp nickel plated CC 431; brand name originated with Walker, then to Bartleet, then to Milwards NN p 134 
Archerite	Milward brand	Faux Tortoiseshell	straight	SEW CC 583, 998, 413, 1036	 
Ardee	Packaging reads "made in W Germany for Ardee Merchandise Corp of South Hackensack, NJ and Toronto Canada". Other brand name Ardee Inoxal	nickle-plated tips	circular		
Ardee Inoxal	See Inoxal and Ardee				
Argental		metal	SP	SEW	French CC471, 761, CC 213 in cellophane sleeve with 1920's provenance

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Argosy	brand name of British Needle Co (CB - NN). Also used the names Argosy Knitting Wools and Argosy Wools Ltd.		circular, 4xdp in wooden tube	GL, SEW	 
Argyll	alternate spelling Argyle				yarn producers? Also see needle brand Cashmilon
Ariel		metal	straight	sew	French CC 434 CC1343 is a salesman's sample case. CC 2755 is SP in hard plastic clasp.
Armour	Australian	resin		SEW	bought at Bairnsdale op shop. Also CC 12871 - unglued label
Art Vita	Australian	wood	SP		made in Tasmania - red/white polka dot knobs
Artcraft	US brand	metal	circular	SEW CC1457	"manufactured by Aircraft Manufacturing Co", Oklahoma City - have distinctive tips
Aspasia	this is the place of manufacture		straight		shaft marked "made in Aspasia, Chez"
Atan		metal	straight circular	BW/SEW CC1248	French with coloured shafts with change to silver near points in 11" and 15" lengths. Black curved rectangular stoppers with size in gold. Plastic packets with paper labels.
Athena		wood	SP	SEW CC762	"Athena 11 USA non-inflamable" inscribed on shaft. CC762
Atlas		metal	SP	SEW/CB	self-stopper -- bought by Christina's mother in Holland after WWII
Au Coq-Nicalum		metal	SP	SEW	separate metal button stoppers crudely affixed CC 471 . Au Coq is a French jeweller
Au Petit Moulin	see also Petit Moulin P.J.			SEW CC761	
Aurora	French - being sold before WWII			Ineke Halsman	
Aviation Products Co	makers of Fingertip				Montreal
Avon	also used AKP, standing for the firm's name, Avon Knitting Products. This was a Birmingham company, dissolved in 1981.	resin	SP circular	SEW CC 1552 - different packaging	
Axi		metal	SP	SEW CC 1104	bought from Canada, but looks European, but shows Imperial sizing