















Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with I and J

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Ibex		metal	straight	GL/SEW CC 2975	Stamped on shaft "Ibex foreign" or "Ibex made in Germany" 
ICH			circular	CC 3732	German, around 1972
Ideal		metal	SP	SEW CC3019	
Illusion	Gracie & Co	wood	sp		
Imra	long-established German firm. See also PRYM, JMRA, etc. Needles were made in Germany and then in Mexico		circular	CC 1368	 
Imra-Stabil		resin	straight	BW, SEW 3561	"Imra-Stabil" on shaft. Green shaft; dark green stopper
Inal		steel	straight	BW/SEW	"Inal 3" marked on flattened shaft in very clear raised lettering. Tiny self stoppers. Susan's pair a gift from Gay Lines
Inox	Trade name of RUMP. See also PRYM, IMRA, JMRA, etc.		straight, flexible	BW /SEW	Inox is an abbreviation for inoxydable, meaning stainless. Used to be used on many items like cutlery, but also, now, a brand name. SEW's pair are a gift from Gay Lines
Inox-Colour		metal	SP	SEW CC2119	
Inox-Tric		metal	straight	SEW	"Inox-Tric" impressed on a resin stopper of green hexagonal shape. Flat plane of stopper is perpendicular to shaft. "Perl Inox Made in Germany" impressed on shaft. Also CC 756 flattened shaft says "Inox Foreign"
Inoxal		metal	SP	SEW	gift from Gay Lines 
International	Could be Heusch ?		set	SEW CC862, 3497	triangular tubular case. Lithographic printing on case translates metric and imperial  CC 3497 is circular in package
Iris	NZ Needle Manufacturers Ltd Auckland. This is one of six brands in the same packaging.	metal, bamboo	SP, circular	SEW CC 1117, 3525, ET	CC 3525 is SP made in China, with writing in English, German, French, and Italian. 
ISIS					metal rod with cream plastic coating and ogee-shaped stopper. Shaft marked "foreign". 
Ita	"Swiss Made"	metal	SP	SEW CC 2914	
Ivorè	Swallow brand	casein	SP	SEW CC 3022	made from casein New Zealand Dairy Industry Ivsys
Ivoree		resin	straight	SEW 3561	gift from Gay Lines. Packet says "made in Australia"



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Ivory	made in Japan by Clover, imported into the US originally by Knitting Fever		SP, circular		Ivoree inscribed on shaft and also the size in Imperial and "England". Includes metal rod core.  
Ivy		metal	SP	Poynter, SEW CC1729, 998	A common trademark also shown on cotton reels and on the case of cotton reels. No connection that I could establish with the Ivy brands of Vicars or T. Banks.
IWAKA CHIKUZAI KOGYO LTD	translates as Iwakuni Bamboo Industry Co Ltd, manufacturer of Fan brand				Needles have square stoppers or knobs. Brand name is not always inscribed on the needle, so these needles may also have been sold without a brand. CC 998 has spherical stoppers
Ixon Co Ltd, The	Brand name of Jabez Hill & Co, needlemakers of	metal	4 x DP	BW	Paper packet market "Warranted by the Ixon Co., Limited. Superior Finished Knitting Pins"
Jackenstricknadeln	VEB Automatik			SEW CC 2910	Paper wrapper over unbranded steel KN
Jackpin	Brand name of Jaeger	wood	straight	SEW - gift from Pat Ashford	made in England. Packet says 'Jack-Pin Jaeger No.1 Made in England'. These usually seem to come as the larger of a pair of needles, one large and one small.
Jacmore				SEW	CC 698 Paper label says Canada and has a graphic of an elephant pulling a log. Late 40's / early 50's??
Jaeger	Brands included Jaeger, Jackpin, "Kingpin"		4xdp, SP	Poynter	British clothing and (previously ?) yarn manufacturer and retailer. Sold hand knitting yarn and needles until 1990's? Paper label says "Each needle finished knob screwed on which prevents their falling off. Packet is illustrated in <i>Needlework Tools & Accessories</i> by Molly Proctor, Batsford, 1990. (photo used with permission of Handknitters & Crochet Guild, U 
Jager, W.L.	This firm is not Jaeger, the clothing/yarn manufacturer/retailer, but a needle-making firm. (See Williams, p 50.) Brand names include Duraloid. Also sold a bell gauge (post-1925 - Williams) and the Dainty Dinah rectangular gauge (see JP photocopy, 1942 Vogue's 20th knitting	aluminum	4xdp	SEW CC1705, a gift from Molly Pearce	
Jahncke & Co	Jahncke's patent for four-compartment needle cases was used by many firms for sewing and knitting needles, and was also used for unbranded sterling needle cases. Other companies using this type of Mitrailieuse case included Acron Stoves, Crescent, Farmers & Co, and Kirby Beard. Mitrailieuse refers to the inventor of a type of gattling or machine gun.		set of 4 x DP in round tin with divided compartments		A JAHNCKE'S knitting pin case in mottled gold & orange saying "The Crescent Case Best Knitting Pins". It has markings for needle sizes of 13, 14, 15, 16, which are delivered from inner divisions for each size of needle through a hole in the revolving top. One end of the case is embossed Best English Knitting Pins Jahnckes Patent 4 Sets the other end with the hole for dispensing the needles Has the Crescent Knitting Pin Case Has written instructions on the case to obtain the pins. 
James Beattie	Wolverhampton	resin	SP	MP	According to MP, this was a local department store, now taken over by one of the big
James Lake		straight			marked "James Lake Ltd No 8"
Jas Smith & Son Ltd, or James Smith & Son	Brand names included Ostrich and Double Century	metal	4xDP	SEW CC873	"burnished steel" -- also sold in the flat metal case.. James Smith & Sons first used The Double Century" and then were taken over by Milward. CC873 is a wholesaler's multi-size cardboard box
Jason		aluminum	DP, SP	SEW 1047	name stamped on lozenge-shaped stopper or on shaft 
Jeanne Damon	Susan Bates brand				"Susan Bates presents Jeanne Damon" "flower power" needles have a flower on the stopper. 
Jester		annodised steel	straight	BW/ SEW CC 737	Jester on flattened area of shaft and England on other side, self stopper.
"Jewell"	Jewel Rug Needle Co, 474 High Street, Prahran S1				Not a knitting needle but similar name to knitting needles

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Jewel	US brand	metal	circular		
Jinque		metal	circular	CC 3845	sold in a plastic wallet
Jiffies	Hero brand	resin	4xDP		sold in a clear plastic tube with a paper wrap-around label inside 
Jiffy Knit	Susan Bates brand	plastic	straight	SEW	This pair is also marked JMRA on the shaft near the stopper 
JMRA	This German firm was/is tied up with IMRA, Inox, etc., so see entries under those names. Other brand names included Breakproof and Flex.	plastic	circular with bamboo or steel tips	CC 2392	 
Jo-anne					
John Barnes		plastic	SP		UK - I think this brand name would be for a yarn shop or haberdasher or department store
John James & Sons	UK needle-making firm started about 1860. Brand names included Serpent. The John James & Sons brand is now used by the descendent US firm, The Colonial Needle Company, for their English imported needles - refer Christina	metal	4xdp	SEW CC 965	
John Lewis	UK department store, sold Jonnell brand				
John Stratton & Co	UK early 20th c firm - brands were Stratton's, Stratnoid, Lady Jane or Jayne, Twinco				This firm had an Australian subsidiary, Rainsford which produced all brand names in Australia except the early one, Strattons.
Johnny		plastic	SP		English
Joint Venture		brich	straight circular		
Jonco		metal	SP	SEW CC835	And CC 1608 is a circular on cardboard backing with a needle gauge

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Jonelle or Jonell	brand name for John Lewis	metal resin	straight circular 4xdp	SEW CC944 CC1617	
Jouvenia	Neate Ltd - see also Emu Wools Ltd	plastic	straight	SEW CC684	The resin needles have a built-in tip guard as a stopper. A bit unwieldy, if using a bulky yarn. Marked Jouvenia patent 395307 by Neate Ltd Gauge 9 or Jouvenia Patent
Jumpre		annodised	straight 4 x DP	GL/ SEW	Australian made "will not harm delicate shades of wool"
Junior		steel - copper coated and nickle plated	4xdp	SEW CC2291	
The "Justice" Make		wood	SP	SEW CC2147	Gift from Gay Lines. Looks like Australian brand.
JustRite			straight	CC 2298 and 3133 are labelled wooden tubes. CC 2500 is a manila packet of 12 needles, so this manila packaging can be dated to early 20th	From lacebuttons.com, Nancy Nehring : Justrite Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois, was established in 1906. The company's main business has always been industrial safety equipment but it also had a line of needlework tools including crochet hooks, knitting pins and tatting shuttles. The company probably discontinued the needlework tool line during World War II as was common for companies in order to scale up production of items necessary for the war and to make more raw materials available for the war effort. Production of the needlework line may never have resumed after the war (need more information/references here). The Justrite Manufacturing Company is still in business manufacturing safety equipment in the Chicago area.