## Basic Detail Report



Bugle, G, F

Date 1942-1952 ca. Primary Maker

Frank Aman & Co.

## Description

Tenite plastic in olive drab color. Double-loop. Main tuning slide at second bow. Tenite mouthpiece in same color. Due to restrictions on the use of metal during World War II, instrument manufacturers experimented with other materials, including plastics. The Chicago Musical Instrument Company announced in 1942 that they would begin production of plastic bugles designed by Frank Aman. The new "Aman" bugles were made of a plastic called tenite (a cellulosic thermoplastic material) previously developed by the Tennessee Eastman Corporation, a Kodak subsidiary. The tenite bugles became so popular among the troops that the War Department actually stopped purchasing metal bugles. More than 200,000 "Aman" plastic bugles were said to have been manufactured for the armed forces between 1942 and 1945. Tenite bugles continued to be used by the military well into the Korean War era.

## Dimensions

length with mouthpiece: 17-5/8" bell diameter: 4-9/16" height: 3-3/4"