

HOW TO IDENTIFY A RECORD PRESSED IN THE NEW MALDEN DECCA RECORD FACTORY

All records pressed in New Malden from around 1929 to 1967 look something like this:

For confirmation, check out the matrix stamped straight across the bottom. Like this vinyl, the code usually contains the letters VGMT, followed by a four-digit number, a "1" and a letter (which represents the mastering engineer).



From 1968, all records pressed in New Malden possess the following...

DECCA RECORD LABEL



The plant was owned by Decca Records. If any company but Decca is on the label, the record wasn't made at the New Malden factory.

UK 'BUCKINGHAM' CODE



Look at the run-off groove of your record. At the 3 o'clock position should be one or more of the letters from the word 'BUCKINGHAM'. Each letter represents a number – 1 to 10 respectively – and refers to the stamper used to make the record. Every record pressed in the UK was stamped using this code, so if the letters aren't there, the record wasn't made at the New Malden factory.

If the record has a **DECCA RECORDS** label and a **'BUCKINGHAM'** code, you're in luck – the record was almost certainly made at the New Malden factory, the only Decca pressing plant in the UK!

