

Perelman's Pocket Cyclopedia of Cigars 2010

MACHINE-MADE CIGARS:

INTRODUCTION

This section provides the details on 77 brands of mass-market cigars, generally made by machine for distribution to the widest possible audience in drug stores, supermarkets and, of course, tobacco stores.

Each brand listing includes notes on country of manufacture, shapes, names, lengths, ring gauges and wrapper color *as supplied by the manufacturers and/or distributors of these brands*. Ring gauges for some cigarillos were not available.

Please note that while a cigar may be manufactured in one country, it may contain tobaccos from many nations. All brands utilize short-filler tobaccos unless otherwise noted.

Although manufacturers have recognized more than 70 shades of wrapper color, six major color classifications are used here. Their abbreviations include:

- ▶ DC = Double Claro: green, also known as "AMS" or Candela.
- ▶ Cl = Claro: a very light tan color.
- ▶ CC = Colorado Claro: a medium brown common to many cigars
- ▶ Co = Colorado: reddish-brown.
- ▶ CM = Colorado Maduro: dark brown.
- ▶ Ma = Maduro: very dark brown (also "double Maduro").
- ▶ Os = Oscuro, black.

Many manufacturers call their wrapper colors "Natural" or "English Market Selection." These colors cover a wide range of browns and we have generally grouped them in the "CC" range. Darker wrappers such as those from Cameroon show up most often in the "CM" category.

Shape designations are based on our shape chart in section 1.03. Careful readers will note the freedom with which manufacturers attach names of shapes to cigars which do not resemble that shape at all! For easier comparison, all lengths were rounded to the shortest eighth of an inch, although some manufacturers list sizes in 16ths or 32nds of an inch.

Readers who would like to see their favorite brand listed in the 2011 edition can call or write the compilers as noted after the Table of Contents.