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SMALL CIGARS:

INTRODUCTION

This section provides the details on 75 brands of small cigars, generally made by machine for distribution to the widest possible audience in drug stores, supermarkets and, of course, tobacco stores.

IMPORTANT!

Because of Federal laws passed in 2009 that imposed new taxes on all tobacco products and which banned flavored cigarettes, the "little cigar" sector is in considerable flux and the sizes and packaging of some brands may change from these listings, which were completed in November 2009.

For the purposes of this listing, small cigar "brands" are limited to those whose lines are dominated by (i.e., 67 percent or more of the shapes are) cigarillo or cheroot-shaped cigars. In addition, handmade or mass-market brands that offer the cigarillo shape in their lines include:

Handmade: (66)

Acid

Adan y Eva

Amador

Bahama Mama

Bering

C.A.O. Brazilia

C.A.O. Gold Label

Chevere Flavored

Cohiba

Cojimar

Conch Republic

Cubita

Cubita Spanish Market Sel.

Davidoff

Dominican Delights

Don Felo

Don Lino

El Credito

El Rey del Mundo

Erin Go Bragh

Excalibur

Famous Exclusives

Felipe Gregorio 3 Tierras

Fittipaldi

Graycliff

Graycliff Emerald

The Griffin's

Gurkha

H. Upmann Vint. Cameroon

Harvill

Havana Honey's

Heaven

Honey Delights

Hoyo de Monterrey

Island Amaretto

Island Collection

JM's Dominican

John Hay Swagger Series

La Flor Dominicana

La Gloria Cubana

Macanudo

Maker's Mark

Miura Directo de Fabrica

Mocambo

Montecristo

Montecristo White Label

Montecruz Little Cigars

Nicaraguan Habanos

Onyx Reserve

Partagas

Paul Garmirian Gourmet Ser.

Punch

Romeo y Julieta 1875

Romeo y Julieta Hab. Res.

Romeo y Julieta Res. Real

Rum Runner

St. Croix

Sancho Panza

Santa Ana 1965

Scarface

Shrapnel

Swisher Sweets Prem. Sel.

Tatiana

Tatiana Mocha

Verona

West Indies Vanilla

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<i>Machine-made:</i> (23)	Havana Blend	Sam Houston
Alamo Sweets	Ibold	Supre Sweets
Antonio y Cleopatra	Jamaican Smalls	Supreme Blend
Arango Sportsman	King Edward	Swisher Sweets
Chevere Small Cigars	Muriel	Tampa Sweet
Dean's Smokers	Optimo	White Owl
Dutch Masters	Perfect Cut	William Penn
Garcia y Vega	Phillies	Zino
	Robert Burns	

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.

When comparing and considering cigars listed in this category, it may be worthwhile to remember the standard dimensions of mass-produced cigarettes: almost always 7.9 mm in diameter (20 ring gauge) with lengths of 85 mm (approx. 3¼ inches) or 100 mm (approx. 3⅞ inches).

Please note that while a cigar may be manufactured in one country, it may contain tobaccos from many nations. These cigars utilize short-filler tobaccos unless noted; many brands use homogenized (sheet) leaf for binders and/or filler.

Although manufacturers have recognized more than 70 shades of wrapper color, six major color groupings 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.

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.