

Perelman's Pocket Cyclopedia of Havana Cigars: 3rd edition

HAVANA BRANDS AND SIZES

§ 3.01: ABOUT THE LISTINGS

This section provides the details on 43 brands of Havana cigars — present (33) and past (10) — and the specific shapes within each brand.

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Most of this information is taken from official catalogs of Cuban cigars issued by Cubatabaco and then its successor, Habanos, S.A. Unfortunately, such documents may or may not be correct, but they are always official! Fanatical devotees of Cuban cigars may take issue with our lists, but they are always based on official documentation.

Of particular note is that certain shapes have been listed at different times as handmade, then machine-made and sometimes both at the same time! Take for instance, the Coronas Major and Coronas Minor of the H. Upmann brand and the Romeos line of Romeo y Julieta. Moreover, prior to 2000, most machine-made shapes were also available in a machine-bunched format with hand-rolled wrappers! This latter practice has essentially ended, but is still occasionally seen.

Our lists are split into two groups: (1) current production brands for export and (2) brands produced for export after nationalization. We believe that our lists encompass all of the *regular-production brands and shapes* produced in Cuba *for export* since the nationalization of the tobacco industry in 1960. Extensive notes concerning special production models follow each brand listing. Of course, we will be grateful for comments and amendments.