

Scottish Triplets “Whites” – Featherweight Variation
From our Collection – Singer 221 Featherweights
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The Singer 221K7 known as the *White Featherweight* has assumed a collectible status over the years due partially to the fact that no one can really estimate how many were produced with any accuracy or for that matter exactly when they were made or discontinued. In addition the serial numbers of many are found within production runs assigned to other Singer Models. Their color has been referred to as Pale Turquoise, Light Mint, Celery and White. Many design changes made to reduce manufacturing costs set it apart from all other Featherweights yet it remains one of the most desirable variations.

All 221K7s were cast by Singer in Kilbowie, Clydebank, Scotland in 1964 and in 1968-1970? Most were assembled in Scotland while some were sent to Canada for final assembly.

Features that all the Whites have vs the Black and Beige 221s are a non-removable short folding bed, hard-wired foot control, painted lettering vs decals (Black) and more importantly an internal rubber drive belt vs the steel shaft and gears of the Black and Beige 221s and 222Ks. Some say they run quieter and stronger than the Black/ Beige 221s due to this change?

We have three very different White Featherweights in our collection. Our pictures will demonstrate a few of those variations. Two of ours were made in two sequential production runs; with birthdates less than a month apart yet have significant and important differences, definitely not identical twins! Note: the birthdates, serial # assignment model 328K or 285K, motor voltages 110V or 220V, motor serviceable or not, foot controller either standard or clamshell and case colors either Off-White/ Green (most often found in North America) or Two-Tone Blue (most often found in Great Britain) and the Blue Vinyl found with some Canadian machines. Left to Right in our pictures.

British Production run of 50,000 assigned to the Model 328K

1. [EV941937](#) – 221K7 Pale Turquoise/ White Featherweight. Made in Great Britain its serial # is assigned to the Singer Model [328K](#). The White/ Celery 221K7 has its original green & white serviceable lube-ported 110v motor (CAK 8-8) and hard-wired bakelite standard foot controller vs. clamshell.
Birthdate - May 13, 1964 *Singer 328K Style-o-Matic*



British Production run of 20,000 assigned to the Model 285K

[EV984138](#) – 221K7 Pale Turquoise/ White Featherweight. Made in Great Britain its serial # is assigned to the Singer Model [285K](#). The latter 221s were offered with a variety of colored wooden or vinyl cases, This 221 is in two-tone blue case sold in England. Fitted with a British non-serviceable 220v-230V motor (CAK9-12) and hard-wired clamshell foot controller. A unique feature is the black “Toggle Light Switch” vs the Black Turning Knob of the others. From Bridlington, England.

Birthdate - June 11, 1964

Singer 285K



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British Production “Unlisted” 1968-1970?

FA221443 – 221K7 Pale Turquoise/ White Featherweight. Made in Great Britain. This 221 is housed in the Blue Vinyl case (usually found in Canada). Fitted with a motor made in Great Britain a non-serviceable 110v-120V motor (CAK 9-8) and hard-wired clamshell foot controller. We purchased from Hazel Vickers of Louth, UK.

Birthdate - ????

Note these variances:

White Leather-type belt vs Black

Foot Controllers Standard vs Clamshell

Light Switch - Toggle vs Turning Knob

Motors - CAK 8-8, CAK 9-12, and a CAK 9-8

Motors Serviceable vs Non-Serviceable

Voltages 110-120v & 220-230v

Cases - two-tone Green, Two-tone Blue, Blue Vinyl (also found in Red Vinyl, Checkered Red & Black and a Brushed Two-Tone Blue, etc..

Single Latch cases vs 2 Latch cases



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