

# Early Zip Code Diet Soda Cans – a very rare group!

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For me, I really enjoy the challenge of identifying cans that I think are much more difficult to find than either their values or the relative awareness of the hobby seems to appreciate. One of my favorite areas of late, are the flavor run brands of diet cans that came out just after zip codes appeared in the late 1960's. Many of these brands only have one or two flavors identified so far, while others have only appeared as rolled cans.



Several of the rolled examples came out of the Hacholski sheet find. Paul Hacholski is the son of a can company employee who collected a huge number of factory sheets from the late 1950's through the 1970's. There were many extremely rare cans found in this collection!

One thing I am fairly confident in is that every one of the following generations likely exist in flavors that have yet to be identified. Many of these can and will be picked up for a small fraction of the cost their pre-zip code relatives would bring. As far as the values stated in the guide, these represent many of the least accurately valued cans in the book.



Here is a list of the 33 brands, 40 generations, and 90 individual cans that I have identified in this category. There may be a few that other collectors may identify that fit, but that this was the premise of this article to start with!

*Please note: The cans listed as unknown were identified in the Bates books, but have not been seen in modern collections. They are likely to be out there.*

*CSC ID corresponds to the unique identification code assigned to cans in the Collectible Soda Cans guide book.*

*Examples with a question mark after the rarity # are possibly R0 cans examples that were misidentified early in the guide development.*

*Codes: R0 = Only one known example; R1 = Only known off-grade; R2 = Very few examples known (2-5); R3 = Rarely seen (6-10)*

CSC ID	Brand	Known Flavor	Relative Rarity	Notes
A320-0A	Alpha Beta	Crème	R0	
	Alpha Beta	Ginger Ale	R0	
B20-4B	Bala Club	Black Cherry	R2	
	Bala Club	Ginger	R0	
	Bala Club	Grape	R2	
	Bala Club	Orange	R3	
B520-0	Blue Ridge	Root Beer	R0	
B570-0B	Bohack	Cola	R0	Only example is rolled
C160-0C	Canada Dry	Cola	R2	
	Canada Dry	Ginger Ale	R2	
	Canada Dry	Orange	R0	
	Canada Dry	Root Beer	R2	
C160-0D	Canada Dry	Ginger Ale	R0	
	Canada Dry	Root Beer	R0	
C400-4	Checkers	Cola	R2	
	Checkers	Grape	R2	
	Checkers	Orange	R2	
	Checkers	Root Beer	R2	

C1180-0	Cotton Club	Orange	R0		
C1240-2	Country Fair	Cola	Unknown		
	Country Fair	Cream	Unknown		
	Country Fair	Lemon Lime	Unknown		
	Country Fair	Orange	R2		
	Country Fair	Root Beer	R2		
C1400-2A	Custom	Cola	R2	Rolled example	
	Custom	Root Beer	R2	Rolled example	
D120-5	Dart	Cola	R0		
E220-2	Esquire	Cola	R0		
F80-10A	Fanta	Lemon Lime	R2?		
F300-3C	Finast	Cola	R2		
	Finast	Ginger Ale	R1		
	Finast	Orange	R2	Rolled example	
	Finast	Root Beer	R0		
F340-2	1st	Cola	R2		
	1st	Lemon Lime	R2		
	1st	Root Beer	R2		
F380-2	Flav'r Fresh	Orange	R2		
F500-3A	Food Fair	Black Cherry	R2		
	Food Fair	Cola	R2		
F660-0B	Frolic	Cola	R2	Rolled example	Hacholski sheet find
	Frolic	Ginger Ale	R0	Only example is rolled	
	Frolic	Imitation Grape	R0	Only example is rolled	
	Frolic	Orange	R0	Only example is rolled	
	Frolic	Root Beer	R2	Rolled example	
G380-0	Golden Treat	Cola	R2		
G380-0	Golden Treat	Cola	R0		
G560-2	Grand Taste	Cola	R1		
H680-0	Howard Johnson's	Cola	R2		
H720-3	HT	Cola	R2	Two known are rolled	Hacholski sheet find
H860-6B	Hydrox	Root Beer	R0	Small contents	
H860-6A	Hydrox	Cherry	R2?	Large contents	
	Hydrox	Ginger Ale	R0	Large contents	
	Hydrox	Lemon Lime	R0	Large contents	
H860-14	Hydrox	Cherry	R2?		
	Hydrox	Root Beer	Unknown		
J180-0	Jolly Pop	Cola	R2		
	Jolly Pop	Root Beer	R2		
K320-4A	Kist	Cola	R2		
	Kist	Root Beer	R2		
K320-4B	Kist	Cherry	R2		
	Kist	Cola	R0		
P800-4	Pop-O	Cola	R0		
	Pop-O	Orange	Unknown		
	Pop-O	Lemon Lime	R2		
	Pop-O	Root Beer	R2		
Q40-1	Queen of Scott	Cola	R2		
	Queen of Scott	Orange	Unknown		
	Queen of Scott	Root Beer	R0		

R440-14	Ritz	Cream	R2?		
	Ritz	Ginger Ale	R2?		
S340-2	7-11	Cola	R0		
S340-3B	7-11	Cola	R0	Only example is rolled	Hacholski sheet find
S560-0A	Silver Cup	Cola	R2		
	Silver Cup	Root Beer	R1		
S560-4A	Silver Cup	Black Cherry	R2		
	Silver Cup	Cola	R2		
S1460-0	Sun Glory	Cola	R2	Five known are rolled	Hacholski sheet find
	Sun Glory	Grape	R0		
	Sun Glory	Orange	R2		
	Sun Glory	Root Beer	R0		
W380-11	White Rock	Black Cherry	R2		
	White Rock	Cola	R3		
	White Rock	Ginger	R2		
	White Rock	Orange	R2		
Y80-0A	Yummy	Black Cherry	R2		
	Yummy	Cola	R2		
	Yummy	Orange	R2		
	Yummy	Root Beer	R0	Obtained August 2015	
Z20-8A	Zesty	Cola	R0	Only example is rolled	Hacholski sheet find
	Zesty	Root Beer	R0	Two known are rolled	Hacholski sheet find
Z60-2A	Zip	Orange	R0	Paint over	
Z60-4	Zip	Orange	R0		