

CANADIAN TIRE COUPONS AND VARIETIES

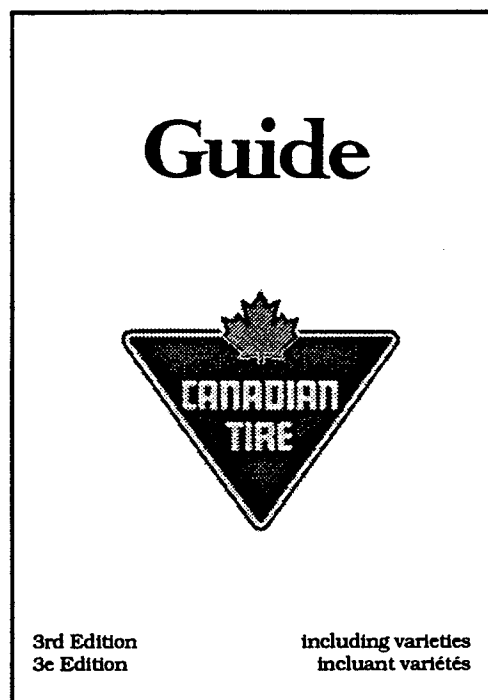
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Where do we get the information on what was printed on coupons and varieties? There are quite a few newly discovered varieties in the Canadian Tire coupons, and classifying them is getting harder and harder. Luckily we have a club member, Jerome Furre, that devotes an enormous amount of time researching and classifying coupons and varieties. He has noted the varieties that were brought to his attention by other members and has gone through thousands and thousands of coupons with a magnifying glass, looking for errors or changes and has recorded the serial numbers to find the quantity of coupons and the order in which they were printed. I was astonished by the knowledge he has accumulated in about a year of research on every coupon and variety that is known today.

Another club member, Ghislaine Memme, that you all know and on whom I did a profile in a newsletter last year, has also contributed to the discovery of new series and devotes a lot of time and energy for the club, since she is a director and translator of the newsletter. She is also editing this newsletter and with Jerome, organizing the meeting of February the 29th in Montreal. So far, the only thing missing is the confirmation of your presence to add to an already great event.

As the author of the Bilodeau Guide, I was asked if it was time for a third edition and should it include the different varieties? Being aware of all the information that is now missing in the second edition, I must admit that it will certainly be helpful and that, without the varieties, it would be useless. With this in mind Ghislaine, Jerome, and I decided that if we got together as co-authors, put in a lot of time and money, we could come up with a bilingual Guide that would put some order in the coupons and their varieties. We have put together all the information that we have and are getting it printed by a publisher in two formats, one perfect bind and a second spiral bind. We thought that, since the "GUIDE" will be released on February 29, 1992 and that its' subsequent anniversaries would be every four years therefore, it would give the appearance of remaining young for a longer period of time. The authors will be present and happy to autograph your copy if you so desire. For those who cannot make it to Montreal and wish to obtain a copy, it will be available through Ghislaine Memme, 1875 ave Raymond, Laval, (Québec) H7S 1R3.

This third edition will be a format of 5.5" by 8.5", have around 100 pages and contains as many illustrations. It also describes and catalogues over 200 coupons and varieties.



WHAT'S NEW

* CTC S-13 *

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There is a new series that recently come out which would be a reprint of the CTC S9 coupons printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. and using a one letter prefix, followed by an eight digit number. At first look we thought it was a series formed of two letters with prefixes AO, BO, etc. but, why would the prefix jump from an AY, BZ, CY, DZ, EZ to a "O" series. By comparing the shape of the existing zero "0" with the other zeros in the number, we found it to be identical. The replacement notes are the other factor that convinced me that it was a new series. The CTC S9 replacement notes' prefixes are A*, B*, C*, D*, and E* while this series replacement notes are an asterisk (*) followed by an eight digit number without a space after the asterisk.

