

MGM

History: The MGM record label was formed in 1946 and they began issuing LPs in 1953. In 1972, the label was sold to Polygram Corporation and by 1976, the only LPs being issued were soundtracks and re-issues. The label was discontinued in 1982 when United Artists and MGM merged.

Mono/Stereo identification: Mono pressings were issued with an "E" prefix to the number while Stereo pressings had an "SE" prefix. Early Stereo discs included Stereo on the label and the phrase "45/45 STEREO DISC" which referred to the 45° angle at which the grooves were cut. This was dropped after #4184.

Standard Series: The first series was started at 3000 in 1953 and continued until 1976 at 5020. Two short lived series, 53xx & 54xx followed until 1982.

Children Series: CH-1xx in 1962, 5xx in 1963/4.

Golden Archives Series: GAS-1xx, 1970. About 3 dozen Greatest Hits packages.

Latin Series: 10xxx.

MGMSouth: 2 LPs in 1973, LP #70x.

LABEL: #1



DESCRIPTION: Yellow label with a black band going around the outside edge. The band contains the wording "LONG PLAYING MICROGROOVE" around the top and "UNBREAKABLE 33 1/3 R. P. M." at the bottom. The bottom perimeter print reads: "M-G-M RECORDS - A DIVISION OF LOEW'S INCORPORATED - Made in U S A".

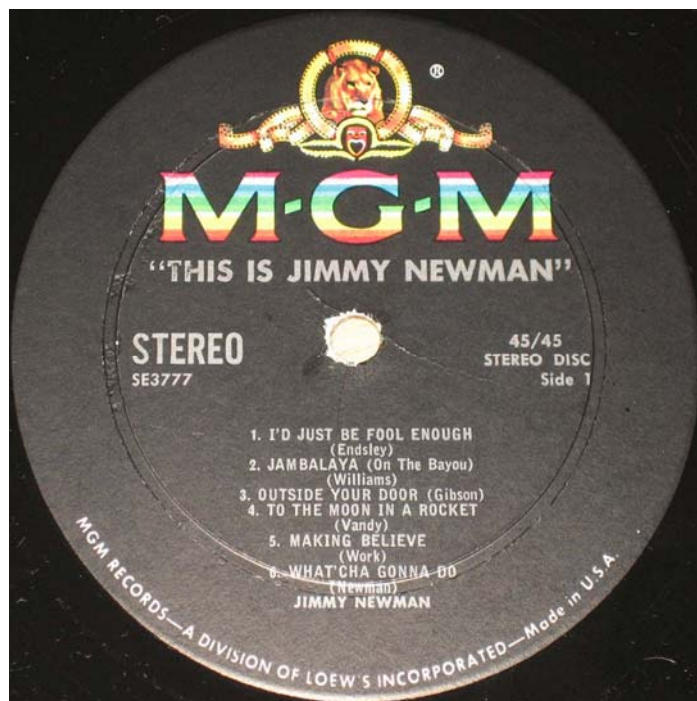
FROM: .
UNTIL: .

LABEL: #1dj

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DESCRIPTION: Yellow and black label, promotional issue. Although reported in the first edition, we have never found a promotional copy of label #1.

LABEL: #2



DESCRIPTION: Black label with multi-color logo at the top. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MGM RECORDS - A DIVISION OF LOEW'S INCORPORATED - Made in U.S.A".

FROM: .
UNTIL: .

LABEL: #2a



DESCRIPTION: Black label with multi-color logo at the top. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MGM RECORDS – A DIVISION OF METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER, INC. – Made in U.S.A."

FROM: .
UNTIL: .

NOTE: There are variations of label #2 in regards to what side of the label the record number or "STEREO" was printed but it appears to have been a pressing plant variation rather than a time based variation. Another variation that hasn't been investigate to its' fullest is the ridges (not deep groove) that occur on the later pressings.

LABEL: #2dj, a



DESCRIPTION: All yellow label with black print, promotional issue.

LABEL: #2dj, b



DESCRIPTION: White label with black logo and print, promotional issue.

NOTE: The majority of promotional releases appear to have been on label #2dj, a. Both labels have been found on promotional releases of the next label.

LABEL: #3



DESCRIPTION: Blue and gold swirl label with the logo at the top. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MGM RECORDS – A DIVISION OF METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER, INC. - Made in U.S.A."

FROM: .

UNTIL: .

LABEL: #3dj



DESCRIPTION: Black and white swirl label with the logo at the top, promotional issue.

LABEL: #3dj, a



DESCRIPTION: White label with black print and 8 logos around the outside edge, promotional issue. This label that may have been a custom pressing.

LABEL: #3a



DESCRIPTION: Blue and gold swirl label with the logo at the top. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MANUFACTURED BY MGM RECORDS, INC., 7165 SUNSET BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. 90046".

FROM: .

UNTIL: .

LABEL: #3a, dj



DESCRIPTION: Black and white swirl label with the logo at the top, promotional issue.

LABEL: #3b



DESCRIPTION: Blue and gold swirl label with the logo at the top. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MANUFACTURED AND MARKETING BY POLYDOR INCORPORATED/810 SEVENTH AVENUE/NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019".

FROM: .
UNTIL: .

LABEL: #3dj



DESCRIPTION: White label with black print and logo, promotional issue.

LABEL: #4



DESCRIPTION: White label with blue "MGM" and "Verve" logos.

NOTE: The MGM/Verve label was used on a few titles around 1972/75. They carried the Verve numbering system. Sometimes there was no bottom perimeter print (as shown) while other releases contained the print as shown on label #3a.

LABEL: #4dj

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DESCRIPTION: White label with black print and logos, promotional issue. This example was in our first edition, however, we need a better example.

LABEL: #5



DESCRIPTION: Green and white label with green and blue logos. The bottom perimeter print reads: "MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED BY MGM RECORDS, INC., 7165 SUNSET BLVD., HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. 90046".

FROM: 1973, LP #702.

UNTIL: 1973, LP #703.

NOTE: Only two LPs were released on the MGM South label.

LABEL: #5dj



DESCRIPTION: White label with black logos and print, promotional issue.

Do you have a variation not shown? Please send images of any examples of new variations via email to:

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