

BANG

History: The Bang label was formed by Bert Berns in New York City in 1965. In 1973, the operation moved to Atlanta, GA and in 1978 their distribution was done by CBS.

Mono/Stereo identification: The way Stereo copies were noted was never consistent. Sometimes it was just the word "Stereo" added to the label (see label 1a), other times the number prefix was modified to BLPs. No pattern has been seen yet as to when or if these changes are datable.

Label Numbering Series:

Standard Series: Their initial releases were in the 2xx series beginning with #211 and ending with #227 in 1972. The second standard series started with #400 in 1973 and ended with #410 in 1978. When distribution by CBS was begun in 1978, the numbers used were in the 5 digit CBS numbering series.

LABEL: #1



DESCRIPTION: Red and white label with the Bang logo in a yellow box at the top with a black border. The bottom perimeter print reads: "Div. of Web IV Music Inc., 1650 Broadway. New York N. Y.". Some releases (as shown above) have the label name, Bang, and sometimes the record number in the white area of the top left corner.

FROM: .
UNTIL: .

LABEL: #1a



DESCRIPTION: Red and white label. There is no perimeter print at the bottom of the label.

NOTE: This label variation may have been used concurrently with #1.

LABEL: #2



DESCRIPTION: Sky and clouds label in color. The bottom perimeter print reads "Div. of Web IV Music Inc., 2107 Faulkner Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga." This was used for all of the 4xx series releases. The first pressing of LP #400 did not have any bottom perimeter print.

FROM: .

UNTIL: .

LABEL: #2dj

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DESCRIPTION: Sky and clouds label in color, promotional issue.

LABEL: #3



DESCRIPTION: Light brown label with red logo. Distribution is now by CBS and the numbering system has changed to the CBS numbers. The bottom perimeter print reads "DISTRIBUTED BY CBS RECORDS / CBS INC. / 51 W. 52 STREET, NEW YORK CITY".

FROM: .

UNTIL: .

NOTE: Later issues modified the logo by removing the location from the logo as shown below:



LABEL: #3dj

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DESCRIPTION: White label, promotional issue.

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