

Date Range	Background	Base	Cap Colour and Markings	Plug Wires	Tag
1920's-1948	Scintilla was founded in 1917, and was producing Vertex mags from the 1920's in Europe. Scintilla made a variety of other equipment, including aviation magnetos, at other locations around the world (including the US).	Cast aluminium. Early castings have steel inserts. Early castings have grease cups.	Initially black, with reddish brown being used from the late 1940's. IMPORT DE SUISSE and MADE IN SWITZERLAND cast into the cap.	7mm	Small Scintilla tag
1948-1957	FT Griswold secured the US distribution rights to Scintilla Vertex mags in 1948, and was a distributor until 1957. Scintilla continued manufacturing the magnetos.		Reddish brown. IMPORT DE SUISSE and MADE IN SWITZERLAND cast into the cap.		US-distributed magnetos may have the Scintilla tag replaced with a FT Griswold tag.
1957-1978	Ronco secured the distribution rights from FT Griswold in 1957, and was the sole US distributor of Scintilla Vertex mags through to 1978. Scintilla continued manufacturing the magnetos.		Reddish brown up to the 1960's. IMPORT DE SUISSE and MADE IN SWITZERLAND no longer cast into the cap, and replaced with a raised block.		US-distributed magnetos may have the Scintilla tag replaced with a small Ronco Corporation tag from 1957-1961. This was changed to a Ronco tag with an oval of dots and "Bluebell PA" for 1962 through mid 70s. Larger format Ronco tag with "Made in Switzerland"

					from mid-1970's though to 1978.
1978-1993	Ronco bought the manufacturing rights in 1978 and started making Vertex mags (after the European Scintilla production line was packed up and moved to the US in freight containers).		Tan up to approximately 1984, then electric blue for a few years followed by black.	8mm, though tan cap holes are not a true 8mm (electric blue and black caps are though)	Larger format Ronco tag with "Made in USA" from 1978 through to the 1980's. Large red Vertex Performance Products Bluebell PA from the 1980's through to 1988. Large red Vertex Performance Products Oreland PA from 1988 through to 1993.
1993-present	Taylor Cables bought Ronco in 1993, and is now the sole manufacturer of Vertex mags.	Machined alluminum.	Black	8mm	Large red Vertex Performance Products Taylor/Vertex.
Note that some magneto repairers, manufacturers and modifiers routinely replaced the factory tags and some parts with their own (for example Joe Hunt Magnetos and Cirello Magnetos).					