



A Safety Razor Compendium

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What Goin's Encyclopedia of Cutlery Markings is to knives, this new CD-ROM is to safety razor collectors. A strong endorsement perhaps, but it's all that and more.

A Safety Razor Compendium is the computer-based follow up to Waits' two editions of *The Safety Razor Reference Guide*, published back in 1990 and 1992 in very limited quantities. The more than 1300 entries are neatly accessible through a "Table of Contents" page in Adobe® Acrobat® Reader (or other PDF file reader). Click on any of the sections listed there, and you are immediately transported to the first page of your selection – Preface, Introduction, the Alphabetical Brand listings, additional listings on the most important brands, USSR razors, Safety Razor Related Collectibles, Safety Razor Related Patents, Patent Dates and the Bibliography.

The heart of this resource is the Alphabetical (and Numerical) Brand section and the additional listings for the American Safety Razor / Ever-Ready, Autostrop, Durham-Duplex, Gem, Gillette (two parts), Kampfe Bros., Rolfs Razor, Schick & Eversharp, and Wilkinson Sword companies. Here you will find capsule histories of the firm or brand and their products, as well as relevant ads, patent drawings, and color photographs of actual items – TONS of them. The text is fully searchable, and everything is structured for easy browsing if that's your inclination. If you'd like a hard copy of any page, all it takes is a printer and a few mouse-clicks.

A Safety Razor Compendium is clearly a must-have item for anyone with an interest in old safety razors, and I suspect that cutlery researchers of other genres will also find it a useful tool on occasion.

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