

MICHIGAN “DID YOU KNOW” – FOX DELUXE CONES By Randy Karasek

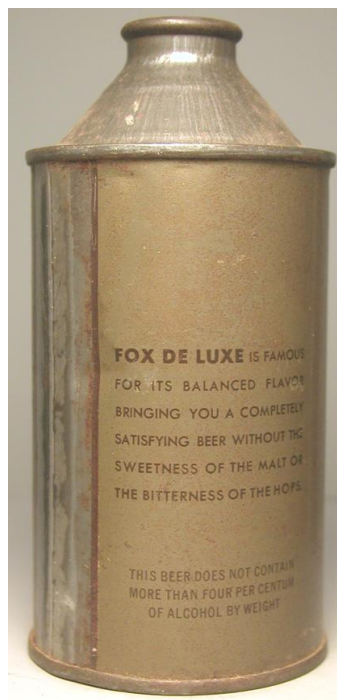
While the USBC lists two Fox Deluxe cones from Grand Rapids, Michigan (one 12oz and the other 32oz), did you know there are actually six examples which match the USBC variation criteria?

12oz Fox Deluxe cones – Two variations

Let me start by saying any Fox Deluxe 12oz cone top from Grand Rapids is super, super tough. Period! While the similar design from Marion, Indiana is not easy, just try finding a Grand Rapids example, and there are two Michigan variations to boot!



USBC 163-26



Four Per Centum



3.2% Statement

The face and right side panels of both 12oz variations are identical, with the differences between the alcohol statement on the left side panel. USBC 163-26 is the 3.2% variation, with the statement “DOES NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN 3.2% ALCOHOL BY WEIGHT”. The unlisted alcohol variation (pictured middle above) has the statement “THIS BEER DOES NOT CONTAIN MORE THAN FOUR PER CENTUM OF ALCOHOL BY WEIGHT”. Where are the non-alcohol statement 12oz variations???

While both 12oz are super tough variations, with the above best I was able to photograph while taking Michigan Beer Can (MBC) pictures, I am fortunate to have both in my Michigan collection. The four per centum came from a “fuzzy picture” Ebay auction of which I could barely make out the Grand Rapids front label. My 3.2% variation I gladly traded Dan Baker a rolled Regal Pale Bock for one of his better dumper examples.

32oz Fox Deluxe cones – Four variations

Getting to the “big uns”, the USBC lists one 32oz Grand Rapids example, with no alcohol statement and IRTP. According to USBC variation criteria, there are three more which could have been added, with mix of IRTP vs non-IRTP, and alcohol vs no alcohol.



USBC 209-16

While it may be tough to see in these small pictures, the left can is USBC 209-16, with the text “INTERNAL REVENUE TAX PAID” inside the oval around the bugler. There are also a set of stars near the top and bottom of the inner oval.

The can on the right is non-IRTP, with the stars being removed and the “CONTENTS 32 FLUID OUNCES” now wrapped around the familiar bugler. If the 32oz cone comes in non-IRTP, why no matching 12oz variation???



Unlisted non-IRTP

Now in addition to the above IRTP vs non-IRTP, there are also alcohol statement variations of both, with each example having the following printed statement:



The four per centum statement is actually printed on the can, running parallel to the seam, and has the same wording for both IRTP and non-IRTP variations. I used the word “actually” since there are examples of the quarts which have a 3.2% statement rubber stamped somewhere on the can (perhaps I should count this as yet a seventh variation). Why printed on the can if four percent but rubber-stamped if 3.2%? Is 4% beer really that much stronger? ☺

While I have three of the above four quarts in my Michigan collection, if anyone has an extra example of the non-IRTP four per centum I am interested in trading. Also, if you want to see more detailed pictures of the above cans, please visit my website for the “Michigan Beer Cans” project at <http://www.mbcinfo.com>