

In this issue we're featuring the "sleeper" CD 1050 Hemingray-519, pictured on the right. What's so special about this rather plain-looking, clear spool? First and foremost, these should not be confused with the more "common" (relatively) CD 1053 No Name D-519, which was also manufactured by Hemingray.

You can see in the photo below a comparison between the CD 1053 and CD 1050. Notice that the CD 1053 has a stepped "ring" around the top of the hole, whereas the CD 1050 is flat. One other less apparent difference is the hole size: the CD 1053 has a 0.6" hole, whereas the CD 1050's hole is slightly larger at 0.75".



CD 1050 FRONT



CD 1050 REAR



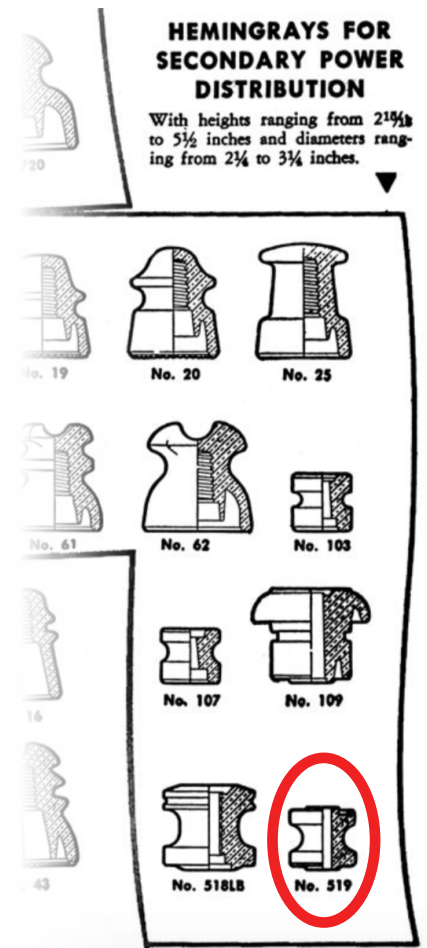
CD 1053 D-519 [020] (BACKWARDS D)

CD 1050 HEMINGRAY-519

The embossing is also unusual: it's the only Hemingray spool that is embossed both above and below the wire groove. These spools were intended for Secondary Power Distribution. Notice in the catalog to the right the size difference between the more common CD 1052 Hemingray-518 and the CD 1050 Hemingray-519. The CD 1050 measures 2 1/8" high and 2 1/4" wide. Based on known mold & date codes, there were at least 10 molds made, manufactured between 1949-1950.

Unless you're a die-hard Hemingray collector, spool collector, or North American CD collector, you might not give these a second glance. After all, general CD collectors can pick up the much more colorful CD 1050 Zicme spools produced in Colombia. Despite that, the price guide has slowly risen over the years, from \$5-10 in the 1999 Edition to \$75-100 in the 2019 Edition.

For whatever reason, these spools have proven to be very scarce, and so far I only know of 3 in the hobby. It took me over 25 years to find one, but it was worth the search! If you have one or know of someone else who has one, please contact me at mr.hemingray@gmail.com. I suspect there are more out there, and I'd like to get a more accurate count. Thanks to fellow Hemingray collectors Bill Meier and Bob Stahr for sharing information on their spools with me! 🐻



1940S CATALOG PICTURING THE NO. 519 SPOOL.