

The Story of the United States Playing Card Company

While United States Playing Card Company (USPC) playing cards can today be purchased in any convenience store, this exhibit takes the viewer through the company's history from inception until the end of the federal playing cards tax in 1965. The story will be told through the use of their canceled playing card tax stamps, corner cards, playing cards, advertisements, poker chips, and more.

Playing cards can be found in most homes and are used as entertainment by kids, poker stars, and bridge partners, as well as solitaire players and collectors to name a few. The cards are used for hours to play such games as Bridge, Canasta, Euchre, Pinochle, Poker, and Whist. The USPC, the largest manufacturer of American playing cards, commenced making playing cards in 1881 when the federal playing cards tax rate was 5¢.

Since 1881, the United States Playing Card Company has grown through hard work, quality products, and acquisitions. They did this by producing diverse playing cards that catered to different players while acquiring competitors. Shown below is a timeline of all the companies that made up the **USPC** along with the **playing cards tax rates**.

