



PCIC
Pepsi Cans International Club
Spring 2005 News



Dear friends, after the cold winter days, finally the sun is shining again over our collections (protect them otherwise the red color will disappear very fast).
 3 new collectors asked to join the club (from Holland, Brazil and Israel).
 Seems that my webpage (www.geocities.com/chris_cavaletti), after many years on the internet, can now be found even with search engines, so collectors reach the information about the PCIC.
 The club is getting an interesting dimension, but most of the members still have to be really "active".
 We must increase our efficiency in finding contacts in missing countries: most wanted at the moment are Spain and Turkey, two countries that usually release many Pepsi cans.
 May will be an important month for my collection: thanks to George Jen, cofounder of the club, who is sending me 104 new cans, I'm going to cross 5000 different Pepsi cans in my collection.
 June is also my collection's anniversary: it seems to me yesterday when I decided to keep what was my first can, but it's already 16 years ago.
 Don't forget to inform me about new cans (write me at christian.cavaletti@marelli-berta.it).
 I'm also waiting your comments and suggestion for this newsletter.
 Happy trading.

Have a Pepsi day
 Chris

NEW CANS



USA
 Pepsi Lime and Diet Lime
 (George)



CHINA
 2005 soccer players set
 (soon available in other countries, so keep your eyes open while shopping)

VENEZUELA
 (internet)

Ebay CRAZY WORLD



UK Bottle cap logo, flat top, 11.5 FL OZ

This wonderful can has been sold for over 220 US\$.
Some months ago, a similar can, but 500ml, was sold for more than 180 US\$.
If bottle cap logo from USA are quite common, these UK cans seems to be very difficult to be found.

LET'S SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE

CAN'S NECK

During the years, the measure of the neck is changed many times.

This is clearly visible and sometimes gives problem to collectors: for example try to put a can from the 70's over one from the 90's (it's not very stable).

The first point to note is that the measure was always reduced.

The reason is connected to the dimension of the top.

The main part of the cost of a can is the top, because of its thickness, which is important to let the can resist to the internal pressure given by the soda.

So reducing the neck is in reality the easiest way to reduce the amount of aluminum of the top, so to reduce the cost of the can itself.

Usually the measure of the neck is indicated by three numbers, like 211: this can be read as diameter of 2 inches + 11/16 of inch.

211 is also the diameter of the can body. That's why the oldest straight-steel cans have 211 neck. During the years the neck was reduced to 209 (70's) for crimped-steel cans, to 206 (on 1987), then finally to 202 (on 1991).

During production of a can, the neck is made by the *necker*: using more heads with progressive tools is possible to reduce the neck till the desired final dimension (209 with one tool, 206 with 6 tools, 204 with 8 tools and 202 with 10).

The *ribbed neck* is made by subsequent steps with the same tool and was used to avoid modification of the production plant (in same old plant is still used, like the Ball plant in Hawaii).

Slim cans (like the 150ml cans used by the airlines company to serve drinks on board) have neck 200; the oldest straight-steel slim cans are 202.

