

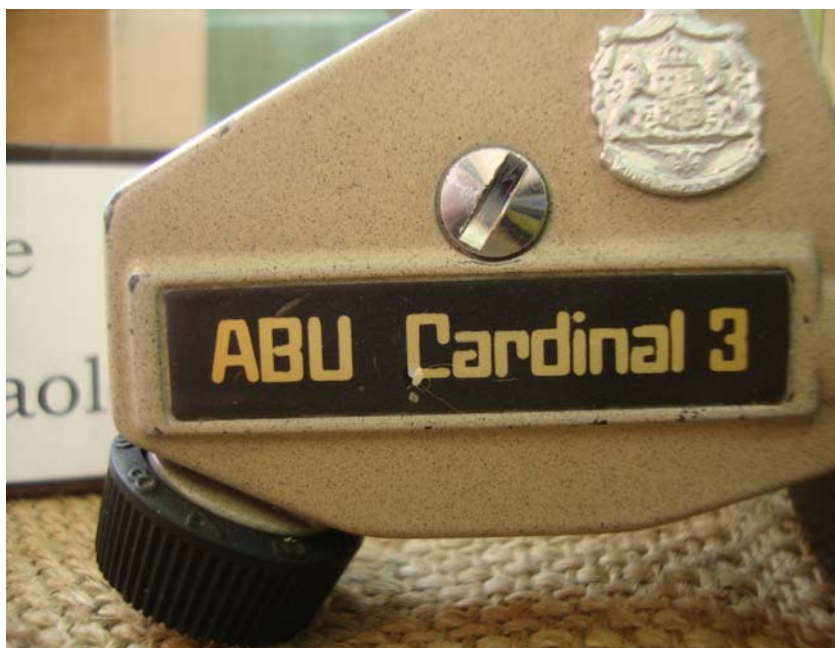
ABU Cardinal 3, gold label

At the last Fishing Show in February 2016, I had the opportunity to purchase by my friend Silvano Baraldi a rare example of Cardinal 3 unknown until today.

Below a brief history to frame the peculiarities and the historical period in which it was produced. ABU Cardinal 3, until now, was been classified by the experts of this brand, in four versions:

- The first one called "champagne" for the particular color dates back to 1977, the label is the small black rectangle, similar to that of 33 ABU.
- the second in 1977 also "champagne" is different from the previous one for the long label, which is what we usually see.
- The third version of 1978 has long labeled the same as the previous, black frame with silver as the written characters.
- In the fourth version, the frame disappears, and becomes completely black with silver writing, it was produced from 1979 to 1981.

The particular prototype that I want to show presents the features of the fourth version, but it has the characters of the written Cardinal 3 in gold color, for simplicity were made several pictures, among which we can see another specimen found by the friend and collector Giuseppe Zuffada which fortunately confirms and corroborates my discovery. Both copies were produced in 1981, in fact, give the following dates 810400 and 810801.









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