

# OTIS KING Calculators

## A History of Production 1920 -1977

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Although billed as a revised, extended and updated version from 1999, this new publication is much, much more than that. By comparison, the earlier 1999 version (single author: Colin Barnes) was more a bundling of disparate information sources available at the time and the introduction of a preliminary model type classification scheme.

Coming out more than decade after the “1<sup>st</sup> edition”, the striking difference in this 2012 publication is understandably the quantity and quality of the figures and the use of colour. But more importantly, it is a complete rewrite. Thanks to the discovery of new post 1999 information sources and the original author pairing up with fellow collector, Ted White, it is now a succinct and easy to follow chronological account of how these much loved and uniquely designed calculators came about. Ted’s ratified database of 2000<sup>+</sup> examples meant the original classification scheme could be refined and extended. Analysing this database also made it possible for the authors to determine the probable total production figures and devise a reliable dating guide. They also provide answers to previously unanswered questions like: “*Who was Otis King?*” Like me, I am sure many collectors have a fondness for the quirky OTIS KING pocket calculator. This reasonably priced book deserves a place in any collector’s reference library.

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