Early Cooperation between A.W. Faber and Dietzgen

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When preparing the second edition of my A.W. Faber-Castell book [1], I found two remarks about early cooperation between the A. W. Faber Company and the Eugene Dietzgen Company. Bruce Babcock [2] mentions seven models made by A. W. Faber and sold under the Dietzgen label, all of them in the 1907-1912 period. Peter Hopp [3] lists the same Dietzgen model numbers as being made by A. W. Faber.

Richard Rose was so kind to lend me his Dietzgen Catalogue [4] from 1912. In fact he sent it to me to Germany and after having studied it I sent it back to him.

With the help of Richard's catalog I could identify all seven models; all of them are made from boxwood with scales on a celluloid veneer.

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TABLE 1.

Dietzgen #	A.W. Faber #	Scales	Scale length	Remarks
0			C	
1779	369	cm,A/B,C/D,1:25 /S,L,T/	12.5cm	
1780	360	cm,A/B,C/D,cm /S,L,T/	25cm	
1781	364	Inch,A/B,C/D,cm /S,L,T/	25cm	w/lateral lines
1782	364A	Inch,A/B,C/D,cm /S,L,T/	25cm	w/o lateral lines
1783	367	Inch,A/B,C/D,cm /S,L,T/	25cm	cursor indicator for decimal places
1783A	368	cm,A/B,C/D,LL3,LL2 /S,L,T/	25cm	Electro type
1784	370	cm,A/B,C/D,cm Inch/S,L,T/cm	50cm	cursor indicator for decimal places