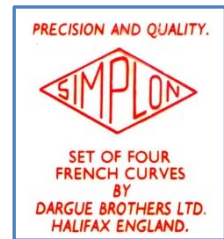


# Dargue Bros. Ltd – Sub-Ivory Range

Often mistaken as a maker, SIMPLON was just the company's brand name. This rectilinear range was only produced from 1931 to 1939.

The models stand out for their unusual dirty orange/butterscotch colour and on some, an odd multilayered and screwed together construction. Despite the exotic "Sub-Ivory" name they were made from an early form of plastic and the scales were incised/imprinted. The colour suggests the use of *Catalin* – a thermosetting polymer developed by the US *Catalin Corporation* in 1927.



Model #	Type	Size	Scales	Comments
SR-1	Mannheim	5"	inch \ A / B,C / D	Cheapest model
SR-2	Mannheim	5"	inch \ A / B,C / D	SR-1 but with a clear-view cursor & sturdier construction
SR-3	Uniface	5"	inch \ S,A / B,C / D,T	Pocket version of SR-5 without L scale but with aluminium strengthening strip
SR-4	Student Mannheim	10"	inch \ A / B,C / D	
SR-5	Uniface	10"	inch \ S,A / B,L,C / D,T	Full length version of SR-3 + extra L scale but without aluminium strengthening strip
SR-6	Enhanced Mannheim <sup>1</sup>	10"	inch \ A / B,C / D,L / S,T /	Slide <b>not</b> reversible but 1 or 2 windows in the back & with aluminium strengthening strip

It took years before other makers finally followed Dargue's innovative **Uniface** scale layout and realised it was much more convenient for solving general arithmetic-based problems to have trigonometric scales on the front face of the stock.

<sup>1</sup> An alternative version exists with the L scale sandwiched between B & C on the slide.