Dargue Bros. Ltd – Honduras Range

Often mistaken as a maker, SIMPLON was just the company's brand name. This rectilinear range overlapped the sibling **Sub-Ivory** range but continued in production until 1976.

In this range Dargue used wood instead of *Catalin* - "Honduras Mahogany¹" or "Honduras Pearwood¹". For most models the scales were now printed on paper and then sealed with clear celluloid onto the stock and the slide.



Model #	Туре	Size	Scales	Comments
S.B.10 Bilateral	Log-Log	10″	LL2,A / B,CI,C / D,LL3 / / A,S,L,T,D on back of stock	Transposable extra-wide cursor
S.B. 5 Bilateral	Enhanced Mannheim	5″	A / B,C / D / / A,S,L,T,D on back of stock	Pocket version of S.B.10 without LL scales but with transposable cursor
S.D.10 Duplex Bilateral	Enhanced Mannheim	10″	A / B,C / D / / A,S,L,T,D on back of stock	Transposable glass cursor & plain white celluloid faced back of slide & stock
S.E.10 Electro Bilateral	Electro	10″	LL2,A / B,CI,C / D,LL3 / A,S,T,D / L,D on back of stock & W,V in well of stock	Transposable 3 hairline cursor with slide not reversible + W & V scales in well + Table of Constants on back
S.M.10 Major Bilateral	Log-Log	10″	LL2,A / B,CI,C / D,LL3 / A,S,T,D / L,D on back of stock	Later model with cursor not transposable & slide not reversible + Table of Constants on back
S.P.10 Primary	Log-Log	10″	LL2,A / B,CI,C / D,LL3	Extra-wide cursor + Table of Constants on back
S.P. 5 Primary	Mannheim	5″	A / B,C / D	Pocket version of S.P.10 without LL & CI scales but with Table of Constants on back
S.R.10 Rietz Bilateral	Rietz	10″	K,A / B,C / D,L / / A,S,L,T,D on back of stock	Later model with transposable extra-wide cursor
WR1-A Selecta	Mannheim	10″	A / B,C / D	Plain white celluloid faced slide & back
WR2-A Service	Mannheim	10″	A / B,C / D	WR1-A but with Table of Constants on back
WR-5	Uniface	10″	inch \ S,A / B,L,C / D,T cm on back of stock	SR-5 layout + inch/cm scales & plain white celluloid faced back

¹ Hardwoods originally from the Republic of Honduras but later generically used for hardwood stocks coming from several Central and South America based countries.

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WR-6 Standard	Enhanced Mannheim ²	10″	inch \ A / B,C / D,L / S,T / cm on back of stock	<i>De-Luxe</i> model with glass cursor + Table of Constants on white celluloid faced back
WR-7	Rietz	10″	inch \ K,A / B,C / D,L / S,T / cm on back of stock	Glass cursor + Table of Constants on white celluloid faced back
XL-10 Bilateral	Log-Log	10″	LL2,A / B,CI,C / D,LL3 / / A,S,L,T,D on back of stock	Later reissued S.B.10 with transposable extra- wide cursor & redrawn A & D scales on back

Dargue launched the range with possibly their most dramatic and pioneering innovation, namely their **Bilateral** models that had scales on the back of the stock.

² Possibly a later or specially commissioned version exists with an additional top LL scale.