About the Walcker "Multiplex-Organ" to "Positive A"

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With this article we want give an overview of the developments of the Walcker Positiveorgans in the period from 1940 to 1974. For this we got many inquir, which can be clarified in advance about the text and the images below.

- 1 Before the mechanical Positives have seen the light of seriell fabrication, which were preferred by **Oscar Walcker** " **Kleinorgeln**" as a series in the foreground. These organs were built as multiplexi-system organs, with 2-4 rows of pipes, resulting in 12-40 stops. The designs were varied, often with free standing console. These organs were installed and are still working in Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico and German homes. Technical advises came from Mahrenholz, Jahnn, Oscar Walcker We denote this organs simply as "**Unit Organ**".
- 2 The next type of series as a **WALCKER-SCHLEIFLADEN-POSITIVE** was a mechanical slider chests positive, which was built before 1950 in around of 50 units of which I have three resonances that are above average. (Mahrenholz scales, design Supper)
- 3 The industrial series started with a modest piano-like instrument called "**AMI Positive**", what was the workshop jargon. This was due to the 40 orders of the US-Army of their camps in Stuttgart and Frankfurt. Also from this type, there are two responses from Italy, which go beyond the normal praise. The production period was 1950-1955.
- 4 the same time series were made with small Eisenschmidt motors, called **B-C-D Positive**. Single-manual organ with bass-discant sliders to simulate a second manual. This organ is seen in houses today like living rooms (height 2.150mm). We usually hear of good function. Walcker built more than 60 pieces of that organs.
- 5 The first **E-Positives** (the gloss series of Walcker Positives) were double manual with 5 pipes as central tower and envisaged ears. Approximately 80 pieces in the 50s of this type and in the sequence and development were built more than 220 pieces in the 60s.
- 6 For larger Positives (Kleinorgeln) other letter sequences were used like K + J + N + O. Approximately 36 units with different front-desing as shown in the picture down were built in the 50s. A slightly larger group of around 50 instruments represents the F-positive.
- 7 The largest series, however, there were the **Positive D** in the 60's. These instruments have evolved from the organs described under 4). Of the Diocese of Essen and Cologne complete sets of 12-14 units were ordered. Walcker built more than 400 units of this one-manual-type.
- As a successor of Positiv D, the **Positiv H** was designed and built about 60 times. Features such as "low high", "double doors to decrescendo", "low dimensions in general," made this organ as a typical house organ. The last instrument (to my knowledge) went to Rodgau in 1986, from where it now seems to find his way to Brazil.
- 9 The **two or three-manual Üborgel** was intended for schools and practice for organists and against "electronic" abuse of the ears. I guess not even 10 instruments were made.
- 10 The **Positiv A** was and is standard on the "Central Cemetery in Vienna". This one-manual-Positive was build about 200 times. For more information ask: <u>gewalcker@t-online.de</u>



3 Ami-Positiv

4 Positive B-C-D

"WALCKER-SCHLEIFLADENORGELN"



Walder / Politiv A Manual C-f", geteilt bei h/c'

Disposition A ₁ Gedacktflöte 4' Prinzipal 2'		Disposition A ₂ Gedackt 8'		Disposition A3 Gedackt 8' Flöte 4'	
		Regal 8'			
Schleiflade mi	t mechanischer 7	fraktur			
Schleiflade mi Maße: ca.			trom 220 Volt Tiefe	- Leicht transportabel Gewicht	
	Eingebauter	Ventilator für Lichts			
Maße: ca.	Eingebauter Höhe	Ventilator für Lichts Breite	Tiefe	Gewicht	



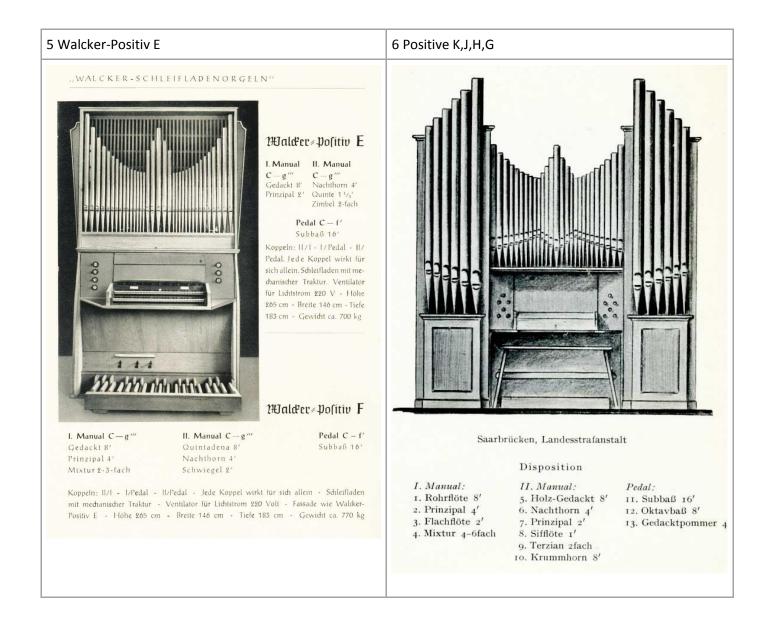
₩alder # Politiv C	₩alder≠Positiv D	
Manual C-1", geteilt bei h/c'	Manual C—f''', geteilt bei h/c'	
Gedackt 8'	Gedackt 8'	
Prinzipal 4'	Prinzipal 4' Pedal C-d'	
Rohrflöte 4' Pedal C-d'	Rohrflöte 4' Subbaß 16'	
Oktave 2' angehängt	Oktave 2' Koppel:	
Mixtur 3-fach	Mixtur 3-fach Manual-Pedal	
Schleifladen mit mechanischer Traktur - Ventilator Walcker-Positiv Höhe 213 cm - Breite 149 cm - Tiefe 97 cm - Gewicht ca. 450 kg		

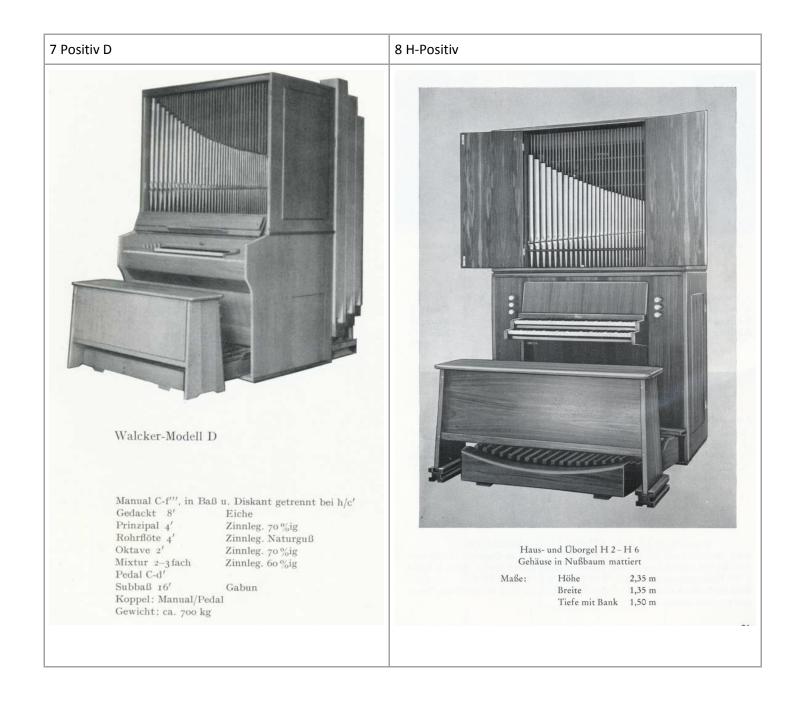
Walder positiv B

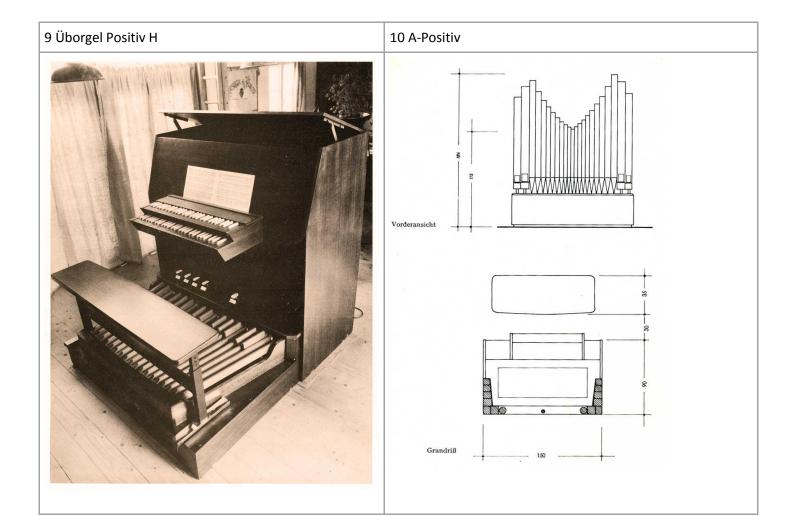
Manual C - f'''. geteilt bei h/c'

Gedackt 8' Rohrflöte 4' Prinzipal 2' Mixtur 3-fach

Schleifladen mit mechanischer Traktur - Tretgebläse - Ventilator für Lichtstrom 220 Volt kann eingebaut werden - Leicht transportabel - Höhe 211 cm - Breite 130 cm - Tiefe 90 cm - Gewicht ca 400 kg







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