

Subject: Sound Motion Picture Theaters in China, including Hong Kong and Macao, as of August, 1937.

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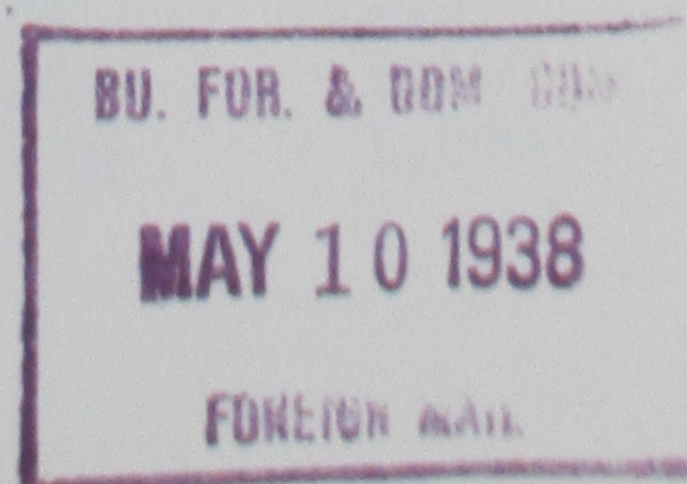
The following list of 251 sound theaters or locations operating prior to August, 1937, on full time, part time or seasonal schedules, has been compiled from such sources of information as records belonging to the Film Board of Trade (China), distributors routing and release date sheets and from film advertisements appearing in the press of 47 different cities and towns. While efforts have been made to include the name of every location in China, Hong Kong and Macao where sound films may be exhibited, it is not impossible that some locations may have been omitted or that a few others are not equipped with permanent sound installations. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities it is estimated that there were slightly over 300 standing theater properties in China with an aggregate seating capacity of approximately 255,000. Of this total, which includes Hong Kong and Macao but excludes Manchuria, about 250 were believed wired for sound with a seating capacity estimated at approximately 214,000. However, it is reported that only 200 of the total locations wired for sound could be considered locations of value or possible value to foreign films.

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AS OF AUGUST 14, 1937, (Excluding Manchuria).

Town & Province	Theater	Chinese Name	Approx. Seating Capacity	Projection	Equipment	Sound
Amoy, Fukien	Chung Hwa	中華	600	Simplex		W.E.
" "	Orion	思明	660	"		"
" "	Royal	開明	833	Pathe		Local made
" "	Kwang Bin	光平	1,000	"		" "
Canton, Kwangtung	Sun Wah	新華	1,450	Simplex		W.E.
" "	Chung Wah	中華	800	"		"
" "	Wing Hon	永漢	900	"		"
" "	Grand	金聲	1,500	"		"
" "	Nankwan	南園	900	"		"
" "	Pearl	明珠	800	"		R.C.A.
" "	Sunkwokman	新國民	930	"		"
" "	Tin Sing	天星	700	"		Sam Kwong
" "	Sun Sun	新新	720	"		R.C.A.
" "	Sun Sing	新聲	820	"		Local made
" "	Tai Tack	大德	1,000	"		W.E.
" "	Chung Kwok	中國	800	"		Local made
" "	Chung Shan	中山	980	"		" "
" "	Chung Hing	中興	1,500	"		" "
" "	Long Life	長壽	800	"		" "
" "	Yat Sun	一新	620	"		R.C.A.
" "	Sai Tai	西堤	980	"		Local made
" "	Ming Sing	明星	500			
" "	Tai Ping	太平	400			
" "	Yang Chen	羊城	600			
" "	Wa Ping	華平	500			
" "	Wah Man	華曼	450			
Changsha, Hunan	Palace	銀宮	1,400			Local made
" "	Lily	百合	1,000	Pathe		Pathe
" "	Ming Lo	民樂				
" "	Far Eastern	遠東	800			
" "	Y.M.C.A.	青年會				
" "	Chung Nan	中南				
" "	Gold Star	金星				
" "	Victoria	維多利亞	500	Pathe		Pathe
" "	New World	新世界	1,000	Simplex		Holmes
" "	Ming Sing		1,000			
" "	Pei Ho		800			
Chefoo, Shantung	Folozu	福祿壽				Local made
" "	Capitol	次陸	304	Mitzelle		" "
Chenghsien, Honan	Cheng Chow	鄭州	500			
Chengtu, Szechwan	Tse Yo	智育	1,000	Pathe		Pathe
" "	Hsin Ming	新明	1,100	"		"
" "	Grand	大光明	1,200	"		"

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Chengtu, Szechwan	Y.M.C.A.	青年會	900	Portable		Portable
" "	Chang I					
Chinkiang Kiangsu	Iron City	鐵城	600	Power		Local made
" "	National	國光	800	"		" "
" "	Nanking	南京	426	Pathe		" "
" "	Chinkiang	鎮江				
Chuanhsien, Kwangsi	Hong Kim	紅金	2,300			
" "	Wong Hon	黃江	2,300			
" "	Grand	大光明	2,300			
Chungking, (Pahsien), Hopeh	Universal	環球	1,000	Old Pathe		Local made
" "	Wei I	唯一	1,800	Holmes		Holmes
" "	Hsin Kwang Ming	新光明	1,300	Pathe		Local made
" "	Hsin Chuan		1,000			
" "	Cathay		400			
" "	Ta Tung		400			
Fatshan, (Namhoi), Kwangtung	Sing Ping	昇平	800	Pathe		Local made
" "	Tai Ping	太平	750	"		" "
" "	Ta Tung	大東	600			
Foochow, Fukien	Wen I	溫一	800	Devry		Devry
" "	Yu Sing	育生	600	Holmes		Holmes
" "	Tai Kwang	大光	800	Devry		Devry
Hangchow, Chekiang	Hangchow	杭州	1,700	Pathe		Whaweitone
" "	U. P. S.	華平	700	Simplex		W. E.
Hankow, Hopeh	Embassy	中環	950	Bauer		Bauer
" "	Victoria	維多利亞	800	Simplex		Preddey
" "	Shanghai	上海	1,500	German		Local made
" "	Paradise	天堂	1,200	Simplex		" "
" "	World	世界	1,000	German		" "
" "	Star	明星				
Hoihau, Kwangtung	Chung Hua	中華	450			
Hoihow, Kwangtung	Tung I	統一	500			

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<u>Hong Kong</u>	Alhambra	永安	1,805	Simplex		
" "	King's	怡和	1,127	"		PG-8 R.C.A.
" "	Queen's	皇后	1,144	Motigraph		W.E.
" "	World	新世界	842	Simplex		"
" "	Central	中央	1,196	"		Clough-brengle
" "	Kauyuefong	九如坊	870	"		W.E.
" "	Ko Sing	高陞	1,822	"		Acme
" "	Tai Ping	太平	2,396	"		"
" "	Western	西園	812	"		W.E.
" "	Oriental	東方	984	"		Cinephone
" "	Lee	利舞台	1,760	"		W.E.
" "	Grand	香港	717	"		"
" "	Cheong Lok	長樂	546	Pathe		PG-28 R.C.A.
" "	Star	景星	549	Kaplan		Local made
" "	Majestic	大華	841	Simplex		PG-28 R.C.A.
" "	Koon Chung	官涌	700	"		W.E.
" "	Portland	石硤	868	"		Clough-brengle
" "	Yaumati	油麻地	1,076	"		Local made
" "	Prince's	東樂	1,594	"		"
" "	Kwong Ming	光明	927	"		PG-8 R.C.A.
" "	Po Hing	普慶	1,892	Pathe		R.C.A.
" "	Pei Ho	北河	1,346	Simplex		Local made
" "	Ming Sing	明星	576	Portable		Preddey
" "	Kowloon City	新九龍	630	"		R.C.A.
" "	Culture	文化	496	Pathe		
" "	Mei Chu	美洲	600	Portable		Local made
" "	Mong Kwok	明光	400	Local made		
" "	Nobility		500	" "		
" "	Sai Kong	賽光	400			
<u>Kaifeng, Honan</u>	Dah Loh	大陸	1,000	Erneman		Zeiss Ikon
" "	Ping On		1,000			
<u>Kongmoon, (Pakkai)</u>						
<u>Kwangtung</u>	Kongmoon	江門	800	Pathe		German
" "	Chung Hwa		600			
<u>Kweilum,</u>						
<u>Kwangsi</u>	Kweilum	桂蘭	600	"		Local made
<u>Kweiyang,</u>						
<u>Kweichow</u>	Chin Tsu	金筑	700	"		Pathe
" "	Chun Hsin	群新	800	"		"
" "	Star		400			
<u>Liuchow,</u>						
<u>Kwangsi</u>	Kok Wah	國華	900	Portable		R.C.A.
<u>Macao</u>	Nanking	南京	1,025	German		Local made
" "	Chung Ping	中平	1,447	"		R.C.A.
" "	Sankio	煥興	750	Pathe		Local made
" "	Cheng Ping	承平	1,000			PG-8 R.C.A.

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<u>Macao</u>	Capitol	國華	1,000	Simplex		PG-90 R.C.A.
"	Apollo	平安	1,018	"		PG-18 R.C.A.
"	Hoi Keng	海鏡	750	"		Local made
<u>Nanchang,</u>						
<u>Kiangsi</u>	Star	明星	700	German		" "
" "	Kwang Ming	光明	1,000	Ernaman		" "
" "	New Star	新明星	1,200	Simplex		" "
<u>Nanking,</u>						
<u>Kiangsu</u>	State	大華	1,700	"		PG-32 HF RCA
" "	New Capitol	新都	1,600	"		W.E.
" "	National	國光	1,400	"		PG-32 HF RCA
" "	Capitol	首都	1,320	"		W.E.
" "	Nanking	南京	1,000	Pathe		Local made
" "	National					
" "	Assembly		2,400	Simplex		PG-92 HF RCA
" "	Star	明星	900	Pathe		Local made
<u>Nannning,</u>						
<u>(Yungning),</u>						
<u>Kwangsi</u>	Chung Wah	中華	1,250	"		" "
<u>Nantung,</u>						
<u>Kiangsu</u>	Sin Sin	新新	400			
<u>Ningpo,</u>						
<u>Chekian</u>	Ming Kwang	民光	900	Ernaman		Local made
" "	Grand	大光明	1,100	Power		" "
" "	Y.M.C.A.					
<u>Peiping,</u>						
<u>Hopeh</u>	Capitol	光陸	845	Simplex		W.E.
" "	Pavilion	平安	550	"		"
" "	Chen Kwang	真光	801	"		PG-90 HF RCA
" "	Central	中央	850	"		Local made
" "	Venus	維仙	800	Pathe		" "
" "	Takwanlou	大光明	550	"		" "
" "	Cathay		400			
" "	Chung Tien		696			W.E.
<u>Pei Tai Ho</u>	Capitol	平陸	300			
" " "	Grand	大光明	500			
<u>Shanghai,</u>						
<u>Kiangsu</u>	Grand	大光明	2,100	Simplex		PG-31 HF.D.Ch. R.C.A.
" "	Nanking	南京	1,580	"		R.C.A.
" "	Metropol	大上海	1,621	"		PG-31 HF RCA
" "	Cathay	國泰	1,000	"		PG-30 HF RCA
" "	Carlton	卡爾登	875	Motiograph		Motiograph
" "	Lyric	金城	1,650	German		German
" "	Strand	新大光明	1,200	Simplex		W.E.
" "	Isis	上海	1,166	"		PG-91 HF RCA
" "	Capitol	光陸	832	"		W.E.

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Shanghai,						
Kiangsu	Rialto	麗都	1,020	Simplex		W.E.
"	Paris	巴黎	687	"		PG-13 R.C.A.
"	Ritz	利茲	1,956	"		PG-6 R.C.A.
"	Willie's	威利	562	"		PG-90 HF RCA.
"	Palace	中央	1,160	"		W.E.
"	Omon	亞蒙	1,000	"		W.E.
"	Kwang Hwa	光華	920	Nitzsche		Pathe
"	Eastern	東海	1,000	Simplex		Preddey
"	Tung Nan	東南	830	German		German
"	Star	明星	890	Simplex		W.E.
"	Kiu Sing	九星	750	German		Whawaytone
"	Broadway	百老匯	700	Pathe		Pathe
"	Lafayette	萊斐	856	German		German
"	Hongkew	虹口	850	Simplex		Pathe
"	Chekiang	浙江	780	"		Philip
"	Boon Lay	蓬萊	774	German		Local made
"	Victoria	維多利亞	750	Nitzsche		Electric
"	Seward	華德	900	"		Pathe
"	Shanse	山西	1,100	German		German
"	Western	西海	1,200	Simplex		Preddey
"	Venus	榮金	350	"		PG-8 R.C.A.
"	China	華國	550	Pathe		Whawaytone
"	Carter	卡特	1,000	Simplex		Electric
"	Republic	共和	800	Pathe		Local made
"	Great World		1,750			PG-8 R.C.A.
"	Foh An					
"	(Roof)					
"	New World		800			
"	(Roof)					
"	Sincere Co.		300			
"	(Roof)					
"	Small World		500			
"	(Roof)					
"	Sun Co.,		500			
"	(Roof)					
"	Sun Sun		500			
"	(Roof)					
"	Wing On		700			
"	(Roof)					
"	Paradise					
"	(Hongkew)					
"	Empire					
"	(Stage Shows)					
"	World					
"	Towa		800			
"	(Japanese)					

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Shekkiu, Kwangtung	Chungshan	中山	800	Pathe		Local made
Sian, Liaoning	Palace		1,000	Zeiss		Pathe
" "	Ming Kwang		500			
" "	Sing Ming		500			
Soochow, Kiangsu	Soochow	蘇州	1,200	Simplex		PG-8 R.C.A.
" "	Grand	大光明	1,200	"		PG-3 R.C.A.
" "	Y. I. C. A.	青年會	450	"		PG-70 R.C.A.
" "	Majestic	真光	1,100	Simplexacme		Same
" "	Dah Hwa		1,200			
Sungkiang, Kiangsu	Sungkiang	松江				
Swatow, Kwangtung	Capitol	光陸	1,536	Pathe		Local made
" "	Polu		500			
" "	Nathan	新華	1,034	Ernanan		R.C.A.
" "	Custom Club	海關俱樂部	150	Portable		Simplex
" "	Chung Wong		800			
Taiyuanfu, Shansi	Shansi	山西	850			
" "	Chung Hwa	中華	850			
Tientsin, Hopeh	Empire	平安	760	Simplex		W.E.
" "	Capitol	大陸	900	"		"
" "	Grand	大光明	960	Carlowitz		"
" "	Kwangming	光明	1,300	Simplex		PG-13 R.C.A.
" "	Cathay	國泰	1,000	"		W.E.
" "	Star	明星	970	"		"
" "	Hsin Hsin	新新	806	Eastern Engineering		Same
" "	New Palace	皇宮	750	"		Same
" "	Hopei	河北	830	Local made		Same
" "	L. Grand	丹桂	800	German		Same
" "	Olympic	大陸	690	Simplex		Local made
" "	Tientsin	天津	850	Eastern Engineering		Same
" "	Central	中央	600	Local made		Same
" "	Tien Kung	天宮	900	Pathe		Local made
" "	Chung Yuen	中原	200	"		" "
" "	Ho Tung	河東	1,000	Eastern Engineering		Same
" "	Uptown	上平安	100	Local made		Same
" "	Lyrice		400			
" "	Grand II		900			

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<u>Toishan,</u>						
<u>Kwangtung</u>	Tai Ping	太平	700	Pathe		Local made
<u>Tsinan,</u>						
<u>Shantung</u>	New Tsinan	新濟南	600	Simplex		R.C.A.
" "	Grand	大觀	1,000	Power		Local made
" "	Tsinan	濟南	700	Pathe		Pathe
" "	Eastern		700			
<u>Tsingtao,</u>						
<u>Shantung</u>	Folozu	福祿壽	560	Philips		Philips
" "	Star	明星	367	Simplex		PG-28 R.C.A.
" "	Grand	山東	760	Power		Siemens
" "	Denki Kan					
" "	(Japanese)		500			
" "	Edgewater					
" "	Roof		500	(Summer Only)		
<u>Tungkoon</u>	Ngai Koon		500	Pathe		Local made
<u>Wanhsien,</u>						
<u>Szechwan</u>	Kuo Kwang	同光	500			
" "	Ping Ping	平平	600			
<u>Wuchang,</u>						
<u>Hupei</u>	Tai Kwan	太光	400			
<u>Wuchow,</u>						
<u>Kwangsi</u>	Tai Nan	大南	700	Simplex		Local made
" "	Tai Wah	大華	764	Portable		Holmes
" "	Hsin Kwang		600			
" "	Wuchow		400			
<u>Wuhu,</u>						
<u>Anhwei</u>	Central	中央	500			
" "	Kwang Ming	光明	300			
<u>Wusih,</u>						
<u>Kiangsu</u>	Wusih	無錫	800	Pathe		R.C.A.
" "	South China	中南	1,150	"		"
<u>Yunnanfu,</u>						
<u>Yunnan</u>	Eros	逸樂	900	French		French
" "	Cosmopolitan	大眾	410	Simplex		R.C.A.
" "	Gin Buk		300			
" "	King Pei		450			