The British Classical Record Industry, 1945-59: Fidelity and Formats

Prefix	Size	Colour	RRP	Introduced	Genre and comments	
LXT	12"	Gold	39/6	Jun. 1950	Classical.	
LX	10"	Gold	29/6	Jun. 1950		
LK	12"	Red	35/-	Jun. 1950	Popular, plus popular classical.	
LM	10"	Reu	26/6	Jun. 1950		
	10"	Black	20/10		Classical. Sequence first used for Medium	
LW				Advised	Play (MP) records in 1953; when the MP	
				Sep. 1958	format was discontinued in 1958, it became	
					a 10" LP sequence.	
BR	10"	Blue	19/10½	Advised	Classical – Immortal Classics series.	
				Oct. 1958	Classical – Ininortal Classics series.	

Table VI. Decca's 1950s LP sequences. RRP for the LXT, LX. LK and LM sequences are sourced from the July 1950 edition of *The Gramophone*. LW and BR series dates and RRP sourced from *The New Records*.

Label	Prefix	Size	Colour	RRP	Introduced	Genre and comments
HMV	ALP	12"	Red	36/51⁄2	Oct. 1952	Classical.
	BLP	10"	iteu	27/31⁄2		
HMV	CLP	12"	Plum	32/41⁄2	Oct. 1952	Popular, including popular
	DLP	10"	FIUITI	24/61⁄2		classical.
	33CX 1xxx	12"		36/51/2	Oct. 1952	Classical. 33CXS – single- sided version of 33CX.
Columbia	33CXS 1xxx	12"	Blue	24/61⁄2	Oct. 1954	
	33C 1xxx	10"		27/31⁄2	Nov. 1952	
Columbia	33SX	12"	Green	32/41⁄2	Oct. 1952	Popular, including popular
Columbia	33S	10"	Green	24/6½		classical.
Parlophone-	PMA	12"	Brown	36/51/2	Jan. 1953	Classical
Odeon	PMB	10"	DIOWII	27/31⁄2	Oct. 1952	
Darlanhana	PMC	12"	Black	32/41/2	Mar. 1953	Popular, including popular
Parlophone	PMD	10"	DIACK	24/61/2	Oct. 1952	classical.

Table VII. EMI's mono LP sequences. Dates and RRPs sourced from *The Gramophone December* 1954 Long Playing Classical Record Catalogue; these represent the dates that the first known record in each sequence was reviewed – the 33C, PMA and PMC dates could easily represent late reviews.