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Mega Marbles - The Next Big Thing

In the marble collecting world, Vacor Marbles are the next big thing. Andy McLaughlin’s new book, [For The Love of Vacors](#) underscores my belief. The name “Vacor” comes from the original company Vacor de Mexico founded in Mexico City, in the 1930s. Now owned by Glasfirma International, in Guadalajara, Mexico, the company is the largest and longest running marble manufacture in the world.

Glasfirma marbles are distributed as “Vacors” in over 40 countries, but in the United States they have variously been branded Qualatex, Fabricas Selectas and FS-USA. The brand name appears on the net bag headers. A few years ago, MegaFun took over from Glasfirma/Mega and Mega® Marbles, as Glasfirma’s distributor in the US, but in 2019, Play Visions (playvisions.com) and House of Marbles (Bovey Tracey, England), became the distributer of Glasfirma marbles in North America.

For my purposes, working with students, I call them “Mega Marbles”.

One of the best references for dates of US net bag packaging is Pete Caparelli’s spreadsheet. For many years Pete’s website, Land of Marbles, was an on-line distributor of Vacors and other marbles, old and new. Pete catalogues the date-range and the description of over 200 Vacor / Mega Marbles, primarily focusing on the Vacors that came in net bags, with 24 player-size and 1 shooter-size marbles.

Featured below are the Mega Marbles distributed in the US in net bags. Marble names in **red font** are retired. Marble titles with **black font** are still produced. The design of a few has evolved, for example from a smooth finish to fronted or iridescent finish. [Picture credits: Didier Gilles’s amazing website: [www.billes-en-tete.com](#)]

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Printing Instructions: The four legal-size pages are designed to be printed back-to-back on two sheets of legal-size paper, which makes a nice booklet for students.

This is still a work-in-progress, so please email me your kind remarks and suggestion at marblekeeper@gmail.com.

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Alphabetically Listed Vacor/Mega Marble Class of 1993					
					
Agate	Black Panther	Cat's Eye	Frosted Rainbow	Galaxy	Meteor
(93-13) White opaque base with two G. Y. B. Blk. or R. colored patches.	(93-17) Black opaque base with two same-color patches- G. B. R. O. or Y.	or "Trebol" (93-current) Clear base with 6 vanes. 2-B, 2-G, 2-Y, 2-O etc.	(93-08, 19-current) Frosted base, with 2 same-color patches.	(93-18) Smooth, black base speckled with Y. B. W. O. or R. Qualatex	(93-current) Black opaque base tinted with B. G. & Purple. Iridescent finish. Qualatex
					
Oily	Panda	Pearly	Rainbow	Red Devil	
or "Silver" (93-10) Clear Y. G. B. R. P. or Honey base. Iridescent finish. Qualatex	(93-99) White base with two silvery-metallic patches. Iridescent finish.	or "Pearl" (93-02) White, red, yellow, aqua, blue or metallic. Iridescent finish. Qualatex	or "Gumball" (93-06 / 99-05) Clear base with R. O. Y. G. B. P. or W. patches. Iridescent after 1999.	(93-12) Red opaque base with two yellow patches.	
(1993 Continued)		Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 1994			
					
Stellaris	Turtle	Blue Dolphin	Comet	Crystal	Flame
(93-96) Clear base with orange, yellow and blue frit. Iridescent finish. Qualatex	(93-00) Green base with two same-color patches - red, orange or yellow.	or "Corsair" (94-current) Blue with two different Y. W. B. or R. patches. Qualatex	or "Candy" (94-15) White with two red, blue, black, green or yellow patches. Iridescent.	or "Diamond Crystal" (94-08) Crystal clear, green, gold, amber, aqua, or peach base. Qualatex	(94-current) Single vane Cat's Eye. R. Y. G. or B. in clear base. Iridescent.
					
Glitter	Jupiter	Opal	Sparkle	Surfing	Yellow Jacket
Or "Sparkle" (94-96) White with red, green, blue or yellow splatter. Qualatex	(94-16) Dark metallic base. R. O. Y. G. B. and / or W. specks. Iridescent finish.	or "Game Marbles" (94-02 / Curren) Black, white, red, yellow, blue or green. Qualatex	(94-96) White opaque base with R. Y. B. & G. frit. Iridescent finish.	(94-07) Clear blue with 1 white patch, the other O. R. or Y. Iridescent finish.	(94-97) Yellow base with 2 black, blue, white, orange, or green patches.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 1995			Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Classes of 1996-97		
					
Orca	Spaghetti	Sunset	Destroyer	Milky Way	Old Fashion
(95-current) Black opaque base with two bleeding white patches.	or "Streamers" (95-09) Clear base with B. O. Y. G. or W. ribbons.	(95-97) Yellow or orange brushed on milky white, clear yellow or clear base.	or "Rocky" (96-01) Rough black base with R. O. Y. G. & B. frit.	(96-current) Metallic opaque base with white swirls. Oily or Iridescent finish.	(96-03) White base with yellow, red, green, blue or purple-black swirls.

Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2015					
					
Unicorn	Asian Elephant	Jaguar	Poison Dart Frog	Red Panda	Snow Leopard
(15-current) White base swirled with B. R. G. and Y. Iridescent finish.	or "Stegosaurus" (04-07 / 15-17) Light grey, with white swirls.	(15-18) 6-vane Cat's Eye. transparent base with 2 orange, 2 white and 2 brown vanes.	(15-18) Black opaque base with yellow ribbons.	(15-18) or "Aurora the Unicorn". White base with black and reddish-orange ribbons.	(15-18) Bumpy white opaque base with brown frit. Iridescent finish.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2016					
					
Firefighter	Police Officer	Scorpion 2	Seahorse	Starfish	Troll
(16-18) also called "Red Beard". Red opaque base swirled with white.	(16-18) Grey base swirled with baby blue and green. Iridescent finish.	(13-current) Black and red swirled on yellow opaque base.	(16-current) Orange opaque base with light blue swirls.	(16-current) Beige to yellow-brown base with red swirls. Iridescent finish.	(16-18) Minty green opaque base with black swirls.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2017					
					
Fiesta 2	Koi Fish	Ocean	Penguin 2	Superhero	
(17-current) Red, yellow and blue ribbons swirled in a crystal clear base.	or "Saber Tooth Tiger" (17-18) Orange base with two white patches.	(17-current) Sky blue base, with darker blue swirls. Iridescent finish.	(17-18) White opaque base with yellow and black swirls.	(17-current) Red opaque base with yellow and blue swirls.	
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2018				Mega Marble Class of 2019	
					
Enchanted Forest	Ice Queen	MegaBot	Sunrise	Elephant	Hedgehog
(18-Current) transparent green base with white swirls.	or "Vapour" (18-current) Clear base with white and sky-blue swirls. Iridescent finish.	(18-current) White base with red & blue ribbons. Iridescent finish.	(18-current) Clear base with red and blue vanes inside. Iridescent surface.	(19-current) Grey opaque base with black and white swirls.	(19-current) White base with brown and yellow swirls. Iridescent finish.
Class of 2019 (Continued)			Mega Marble Class of 2021		
					
Llama	Sloth	Wizard	Arctic	Rainbow	Supernova 2
(19-current) Ivory opaque base with brown swirls and an Iridescent finish.	or "Camouflage" (09-15 / 19-current) Green and brown swirls. Ivory base.	(04-12/19-current) Lilac base with white swirled ribbons. Iridescent finish.	(Current) Clear base with blue and white swirls. (House of Marbles)	(99-05/2021-Current) or "Gumball" (93-06). Clear with R. O. Y. G. B. P. or W. patches. Iridescent finish after 1999.	or "Intrepid Girl" (19 / 21) Orange base with yellow and blue swirls. Iridescent finish.

2009 (Continued)		Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2010			
					
Velociraptor	White Tiger	Blowfish	Goldfish	Ladybug	Monarch Butterfly
(09-13) Purple opaque base with swirls of red & green.	(09-current) Black & light blue swirls on white base. Silver iridescent finish.	(10-13, current) Bumpy yellow opaque base rolled in brown frit. Iridescent finish.	(10-15) Clear transparent base with red, orange, yellow and white ribbons.	(10-current) Black ribbons on red opaque base.	(10-current) Black & white swirled on orange opaque base. Iridescent finish.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2011					
					
Porcupine	Beluga	Caterpillar	Panda 2	Tarantula	Venus Flytrap
(10-11) Black base with white frit sprinkled on the surface.	(11-current) Frosted, opaque blue base with white swirls.	(11-18) Frosted, opaque yellow base with black swirls.	(11-current) Frosted, opaque black base with 2 white patches.	(11-current) Frosted, grey opaque base with black swirls.	(11-12) Frosted, red and yellow swirls on green opaque base.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2012					
					
Alien	Medusa Jellyfish	Swamp Thing	Vampire	Werewolf	Zombie
(12-18) Grey opaque base with blue swirls. Iridescent finish.	(12-current) Quartz pink base with white swirls. Iridescent finish.	((12-14) 6-vane Cat's Eye. Yellow vanes in clear, lime green or blue base.	(12-14) White swirls and red splatters on a black opaque base.	(12-13) Brown opaque base with light blue swirls. Iridescent finish.	(12-14) Yellow-green opaque base with red speckled splatters.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2013					
					
Bald Eagle	Bozo	Cow	Horse	Jupiter 2	Parrot
(13-current) Beige opaque base with dark brown & white swirls.	(13-14) Opaque white base swirled with red & blue. Iridescent finish.	(13-15) White opaque base with black speckles.	(13-15) Dark coral opaque base with white, black & orange swirls.	(13-18) Frosted, brown translucent base with white swirls inside.	(13-current) Yellow base with red, white & blue swirls. Shiny Finish.
Class of 2013 (Continued)		Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2014			
					
Pirate	Wolf	Lion	Mermaid	Princess	Stingray
(13-current) Frosted, black opaque base with red & white patches.	(13-current) Grey opaque base with black, white & yellow swirls.	(14-19) Clear base with black, orange and white swirls. Iridescent finish.	(14-current) Yellow-green opaque base with light blue & white swirls.	(14-17) White base speckled with red and grey frit. Iridescent finish.	or "Oxygen" (14-Current) Clear blue base with white swirls.

					
Picasso	Red Baren	Scorpion	Serpent	Snowflake	Soapstone
(97-10) White opaque base with red, yellow & blue swirls.	(97-99) White base swirled with red. Like a red-ribbon "Old Fashion".	(96-99) Black base, with red swirls.	(97-current) Baby blue opaque base swirled with red & yellow.	(97-08) 6-vane blue or white Cat's Eye in clear base. Iridescent finish.	(96-07) Crystal clear base. Iridescent finish.
					
Spumoni	Starburst	Thunderbolt	Tidal Wave	Twister	Wavebreaker
(97-10) Blue & red ribbons on yellow opaque base. Iridescent finish.	(96-01) Clear base. Yellow or orange ribbons swirls. Iridescent finish.	(97-01) Black opaque base with blue swirls on the surface.	(97-11) Blue base with white and baby blue swirls.	(97-10) Black opaque base with red and yellow ribbons.	(96-10) Yellow swirled on baby blue opaque base. Iridescent finish.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Classes of 1998-2000					
					
Banana Swirl	Blueberry Freeze	Blue Macaw	Bumblebee	Cardinal	Cotton Candy
(00-03) Yellow & white ribbons swirled in & on transparent base.	or "Iceberg" (00-13) Frosted, blue and white swirled on blue-green opaque base.	(98-01) Clear blue with 2 patches. One white, the other red or yellow.	(99-current) Yellow opaque base with thin black ribbons.	(00-11) Transparent red base with white & yellow patches.	(99-02) Transparent pink base with thin white swirls in and on the marble.
					
Green Parrot	Hurricane	Mango Twist	Michelangelo	Neptune	Owl
(98-03) Clear green base with a white patch, the other patch is yellow or red.	or "Africa" (00-10) White base with W. R-O. Y. Bk. & Brn. swirls.	(00-10) Clear base with white & orange swirls. Iridescent finish.	or "Millennium" (00-02) Clear with Red, white, blue & yellow <u>frit</u> ribbons.	(99-current) Clear dark blue base with thick white swirls.	or "Wicked Owl" (99-current) Teal-blue base with white & grey swirls.
					
Patriot	Stardust	Steely Torpedo	Tornado	Van Gogh	Volcano
(98-04) White base with one red patch & one blue patch.	or "Stellaris" (99-current) Clear rough base with red, yellow, green or blue frit.	or "Steellies" (98-11) Dark, silvery, metallic base. Iridescent finish. (More silvery than Meteor.)	(00-01) 6-vane Cat's Eye. Dark blue clear base- 2 R. 2 Y. and 2 W. vanes inside.	(99-10) Blue opaque base with yellow swirls.	(99-12) Royal blue opaque base swirled with bright red.

Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2001					Class of 2002
					
Arctic Bear	Atomic Fireballs	Crackerjack	Dragon	Jungle	Confetti
(2001) Frosted, white opaque base with swirls of blue & black.	(01-02) Frosted, transparent red base with white & yellow patches. Frosted.	or "Liberty" (01-02 / 03-09) Clear base with spaghetti-like R. W. & B. swirls.	(01-current) Green opaque base with red & yellow swirling ribbons.	(01-current) Transparent green base with orange & white swirls.	(02-11) 6-vane Cat's Eye. Clear base with assorted colors of vanes. Iridescent.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2002 (Continued)					
					
Fiesta	Halloween	Octopus	Raven	Rumba	Sunflower
(02-11, 17-current) Clear, transparent base with Red, yellow and blue ribbons.	(02-04) Clear base with white, orange & black swirling ribbons.	or "Octopus Diamond Crystal" (02-07) Purple translucent base with white swirls. Iridescent.	(02-10) Black opaque base swirled with yellow & white swirls.	(02-08) Metallic opaque base with white & yellow swirls. Oily or iridescent finish.	(02-08) Clear base with yellow, orange & black swirling ribbons.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2003			Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2004		
					
Dragonfly	Mummy	Rooster	Bengal Tiger	Cockatoo	Iguana
(03-current) Clear cobalt blue base with orange & white swirls.	(03-14) Clear transparent purple base with orange swirls.	or "Santa" (03-current) Transparent base with white swirls.	(04-current) Orange opaque base with black swirls.	(04-15) O. R. & Y. swirls on a white opaque base. Iridescent finish.	(04-13) transparent green base with yellow swirls. Iridescent finish.
Class of 2004 (Continued)					Class of 2005
					
Stegosaurus	T-Rex	Tiger Shark	Treefrog	Wizard	Earth
or "Asian Elephant" (04-07, 15-17): Light grey, with white swirls.	(04-06) Light purple and red swirled together.	or "Snowman" (04-current). White with B. W. and light-blue swirls. Iridescent.	(04-11) Mint green opaque base with red swirls. Iridescent finish.	(04-12 / 19-current) Lilac base with white swirled ribbons.	(05-current) Translucent blue base with blue & green speckles.
Class of 2005 (Continued)				Mega Marble Class of 2006	
					
Flamingo	Gazelle	Giraffe	Venus	Clownfish	Gecko
(05-08 / 10) Light pink opaque base with orange & yellow swirls.	(05-07) Light pink base with white & brown swirls. Iridescent finish.	(05-11) Ivory opaque base with brown & orange-yellow swirls.	(05-12) Clear base with heavy yellow & orange speckling.	(06-current) Black patch and W. Y. G. or B. patch on orange opaque base.	(06-08) Black and green ribbons swirled in and on a clear transparent base.

Class of 2006 (Continued)					
					
Hippo	Jellyfish	Leopard	Mars	Monet	Polar Bear
(06-10) Medium blue opaque base swirled with white.	(06-13) Soft pink base swirled with light blue. Iridescent finish.	(06-10) Orange base lightly to heavily speckled with black. Iridescent finish.	(06-15) Red opaque base lightly to heavily speckled with black.	(06-11) Sage green opaque base swirled with opaque blue & orange.	(06-current) Transparent base with white & black swirls. Oily or iridescent finish.
2006 (Continued)	Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2007				
					
Zebra	Grasshopper	Katydid	DaVinci	Orangutan	King Penguin
(06-current) Black opaque base with white swirls.	(07-15) Lime green opaque base with dark brown swirls.	(07-08) Yellow base with dark brown & green swirls. Iridescent finish.	or "Leonardo Divici" (07-10) Beige, with light brown swirls. Iridescent.	(07-11) Transparent orange base with orange swirls.	(07-17) Black opaque base with white swirls & yellow speckles.
Class of 2007 (Continued)			Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2008		
					
Sea Turtle	Sun	T-Rex 2	Bear	Blue Tang	Centipedes
(07-current) Green swirls on transparent aqua base.	(07-current) Yellow opaque base with red swirls. Iridescent finish.	(07-13) Darker purple base with reddish swirls.	(08-13) Beige opaque base swirled with dark brown.	(08-current) Blue swirled on yellow opaque base.	(08-10) Light beige base swirled with red & brown-black.
Class of 2008 (Continued)					Class of 2009
					
Chameleon	Electric Eel	Mexico	Peacock	USA	Asteroid
(08-17) Red & blue swirls on yellow-green opaque base.	(08-current) Black swirls on silver-grey opaque base. Iridescent finish.	(08-10) Opaque white base swirled with opaque green and red.	(08-current) Green base with blue & yellow swirls. Oily or iridescent finish.	(08-11) White marbles with red & blue swirls.	(09-15) Rough lilac base with blue frit (crushed glass). Iridescent finish.
Alphabetically Listed Mega Marble Class of 2009 (Continued)					
					
Brontosaurus	Butterfly	Camouflage	Pterodactyl	Stegosaurus 2	Triceratops
(09-12) Opaque gray-blue base rolled in white frit.	(09-current) Pastel green base with sea-blue and black swirls.	or "Sloth" (09-15 / 19-current) Ivory base with green and brown swirls.	(09-13) Transparent red base with green & yellow swirls.	(09-13) Green transparent base with red & yellow swirls.	(09-13) Green-yellow opaque base streaked with red & black.