

# Using the Manufacturer's Information of the Nike Air Force I to assist in the Examination Process

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## Brief history of the Nike Air Force I

- First introduced in 1982
- Named after the aircraft used by the United States President (Air Force I)
- Has been produced in over 1500 different color combinations
- Nike has sold over 30 million pairs of Air Force I shoes

#### NIKE AIR FORCE I

ORIGINAL PROTOTYPE









# Different number of Air Force I molds

Shoe Size	Number of molds	Shoe Size	Number of molds
Size 6	89	Size 12	60
Size 6½	69	Size 12½	13
Size 7	78	Size 13	42
Size 7½	49	Size 13½	4
Size 8	64	Size 15	14
Size 8½	75	Size 16	13
Size 9	87	Size 17	12
Size 9½	90	Size 18	12
Size 10	94	Size 19	2
Size 10½	83	Size 20	3
Size 11	77	Size 21	2
Size 11½	40		

Over 1000 different molds are used to manufacture the Air Force I shoe

# Areas of comparison for multiple pairs of Air Force I shoes



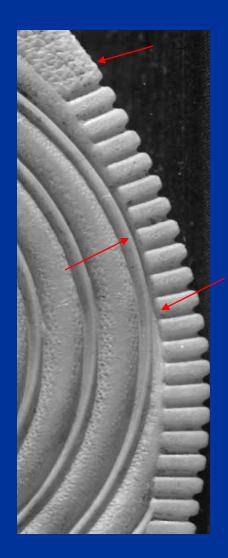


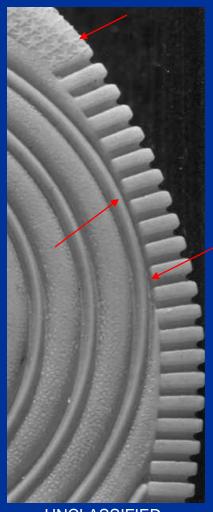


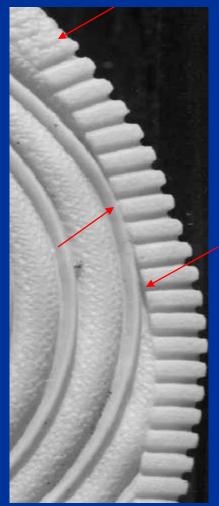
# Comparison with multiple pairs of Air Force I shoes

- Examine the physical size of each shoe with the impression
- Examine the area where the concentric circles and the perimeter bars meet
- Examine the stippling pattern (star design)
- Examine the acid etching

# Areas of comparison from 3 different molds







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#### Stippling

Hand applied to the mold

Pre-molded strips added to the mold

### Hand applied stippling



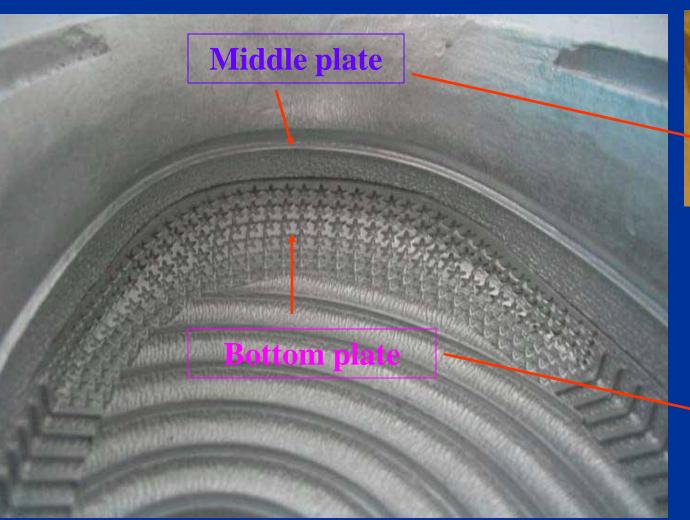
### Star design in mold

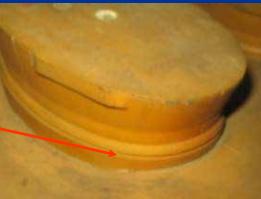


#### Pre-molded star design



#### Air Force I mold





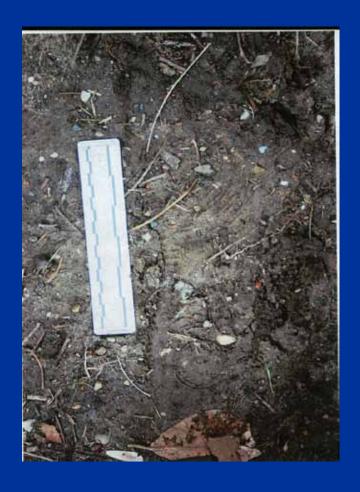


#### Stippling

Hand applied to the mold - different from mold to mold

Pre-molded strips added to the mold – may find the same stippling pattern from different molds of the same size

#### Case Example



#### Case Background

Bank Robbery occurred 3/16/2006

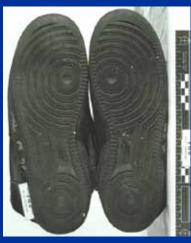
Footwear impression collected from crime scene

5 suspects involved

n Of the 5 suspects, 4 are wearing NIKE Air Force I shoes (different sizes)

### **Shoes from suspects**

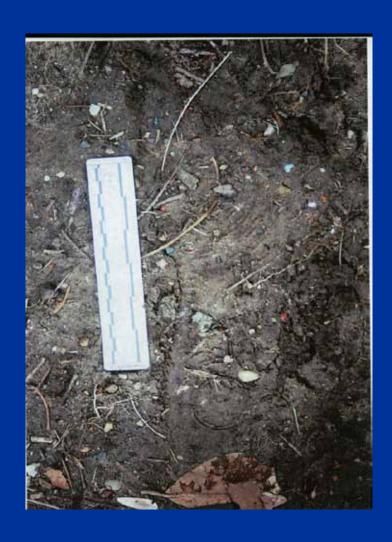






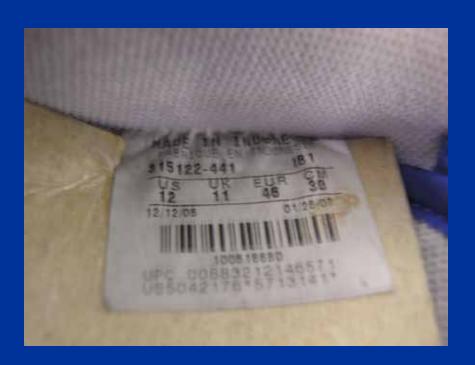


### Comparison





#### Comparison using label information





### Comparison





#### Conclusion

Footwear impression corresponds in physical size and design with the right K 22 shoe. However, the manufacturer's information inside the right shoe indicates that the right shoe was not manufactured until 2007. Therefore, the K22 right shoe was eliminated as a source of the impression.

#### **Label Information**



#### New Nike tongue label as 4/10





Nike Footwear

Jordan Footwear

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