

# **1985-86 Topps Insert Master Set of 40**

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### **4 Key Stickers**

Wayne Gretzky, Ray Bourque, Pelle Lindbergh and the Flyers Logo with Helmet Stickers.

### **Sticker History**

This was the 1st year that Topps decided to put out an All Star Insert sticker set along with team logos and helmet sticker numbers. Being the 1st year these were made, they were sometimes hard to find with sharp corners and perfect centering. These inserts were the same size as your standard hockey card. Both O-Pee-Chee and Topps NHL Hockey card packages from 1985 contained one of these inserts in each pack. There were 12 All Stars in this set numbered #1-12 and there were 21 NHL teams represented and they were numbered #13-33. There were variations of stickers #27-33 where the logo and helmet stickers alternate from top and bottom.

The 7 variations are found on #27 Devils, #28 Blues, #29 North Stars, #30 Capitals, #31 Bruins, #32 Islanders and #33 Oilers. In most guides it says that there are 33 stickers, however, with the 7 logo variations, there are really 40 stickers in this set. All of the 40 stickers were stamped with 1985 Topps on the back and it gave the All Star Game stats of 12 of the best All Stars from the 1985 NHL All Star game.

There was 1 logo or player All Star per 1985 O-Pee-Chee and Topps hockey card packages.

Here is the list of the frequency of appearance of the different helmet sticker digits and sticker pucks. The #1 appears 5 times, #2 appears 6 times, #3 appears 5 times, #4 appears 6 times, #5 appears 2 times, #6 appears 4 times, #7 appears 6 times, #8 appears 4 times, #9 appears 6 times and #0 appears 3 times. Sets of 3 sticker pucks appear on 8 total cards so 24 little sticker pucks are available in this set. The toughest digit to find in this set is the “5”, the second rarest digit to find is the “0”.

The backs of the 1985 stickers are mostly red with a dull wax finish whereas the backs of the 1986 stickers are mostly blue with a glossy finish.

The Flyers #26 sticker has just the logo in 1985 but in 1986 has the logo with an “R” for Registered Trademark.

All of the other logo fronts from #13-33 are all the same from 1985 to 1986.

There were 4 logos from 1985 that have an “R” for Registered Trademark on them #17 Rangers, #18 Flames #23 Canadiens and #25 Whalers.

The #20 Nordiques was the only 1 logo to have a “C” for Copyright on it.

The 16 logos; #13 Maple Leafs, #14 Sabres, #15 Red Wings, #16 Penguins, #19 Jets, #21 Blackhawks, #22 Kings, #24 Canucks, #26 Flyers, #27 Devils, #28 Blues, #29 North Stars, #30 Capitals, #31 Bruins, #32 Islanders, #33 Oilers had no “R”, “TM” or “C” with the logo.

### **Sticker Facts**

The size of each sticker was about about 8.9 cm X 6.4 cm (3.5 in X 2.5 in). There was no album made for this set.