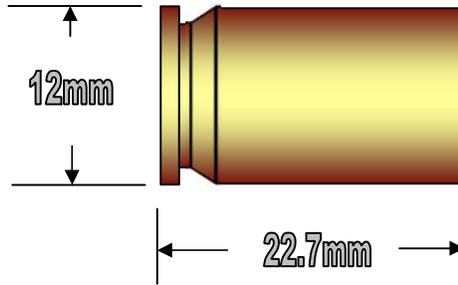


MILITARY .45 AUTOMATIC CARTRIDGES



This cartridge was adopted in 1911 after some five years experimental work that included a rimmed version.

The original 1911 cartridge was based on a design by UMC in 1909.

The first models were made by FA in August 1911 and that Arsenal was the standard maker of .45 Auto ammunition except during WWI and WWII when the following contractors were tasked with supplying the enormous demands of the war years.

WWI

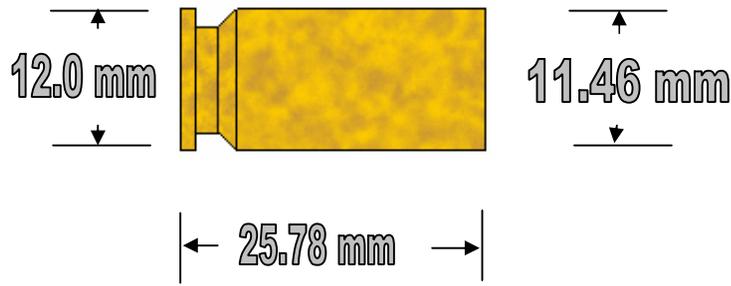
Arsenal	Headstamp
Maxim Munitions Corporation	MAXIM
Peters Cartridge Company	P. C. Co.
Remington Arms Company	REM-UMC
United States Cartridge Company	USC Co
Winchester Repeating Arms Company	W
Western Cartridge company	WESTERN

Maxim Munitions Corporation made .45 Auto only in 1917, the factory closed in January 1918. Western Cartridge company date may be 4 digit.

WWII

Arsenal	Headstamp
Evansville Ordnance Plant	EC
Evansville Ordnance Plant Sunbeam Refrigeration Company	ECS
Remington Arms Company	R A
Western Cartridge Company	WCC

.45 Thompson M1923



The pistol origin of the .45 ACP cartridge limits the range of the projectile. In recognition of this simple fact the Auto Ordnance Corporation introduced the Military Model 1923 which was chambered for the longer cased .45 Thompson cartridge. Remington Arms

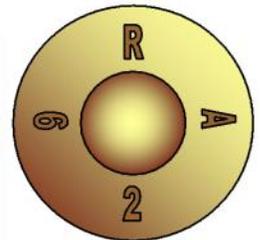
Company produced this cartridge which has a greater powder capacity and a 250 gn projectile. It was claimed that greater range and penetration were available with this cartridge but the public was not convinced and the cartridge faded from the scene very quickly.



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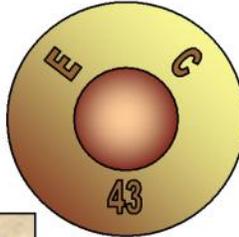
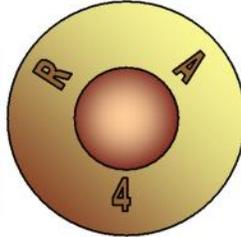
Antenna erecting cartridge that was used to launch a weight attached to a line into the jungle canopy to raise a radio aerial.



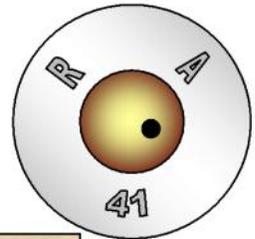
Blank M9
Brass and steel versions.



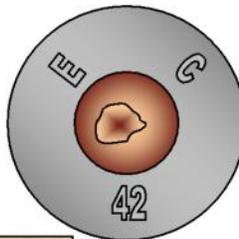
I believe this to be an experimental blank. Possibly a "Seagrave" style.



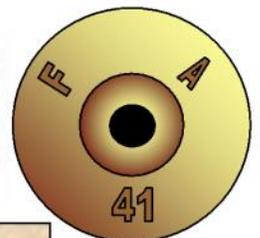
Aircrew survival shot cartridges. Top is all brass model M15 and the bottom is cardboard version M12



Dummy with one hole in a tinned case and a pierced primer.



Dummy with steel case with four holes a red wood distance piece and a struck primer.



Dummy that looks suspiciously like a local pattern version with two large holes in the case and an empty primer pocket.



Dummy with empty primer pocket an internal wood distance piece and a very heavy milled cannellure in the case body.



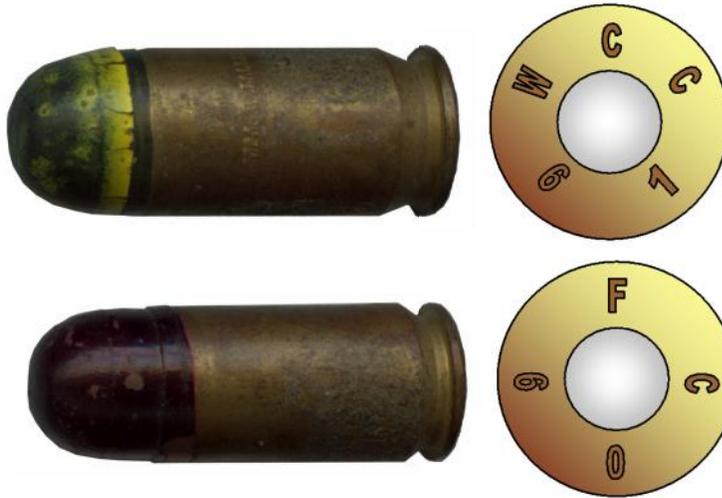
Dummy with no holes in a tinned case and an empty primer pocket.



Dummy with one hole in a steel case and an empty primer pocket.



Proof load, blackened case and nickel primer.



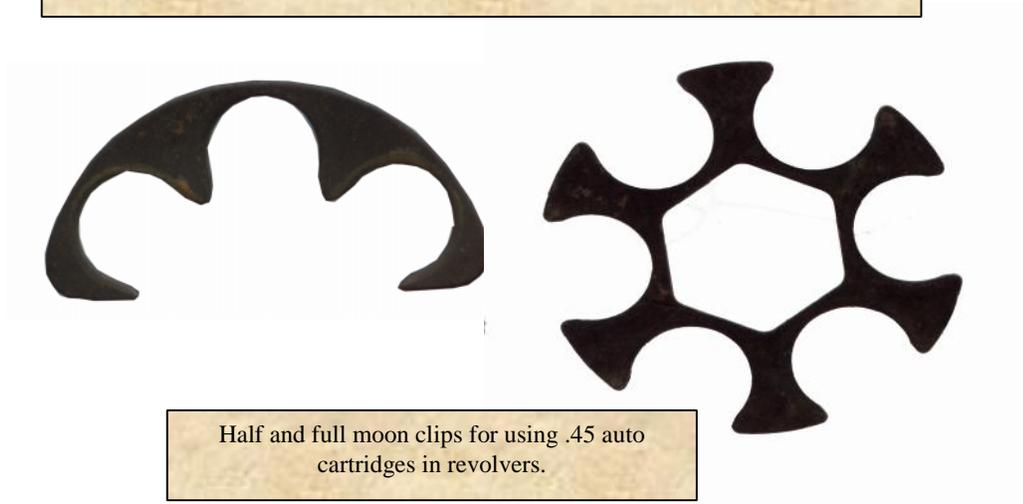
Day signal cartridges used for firing a small flare through the jungle canopy.

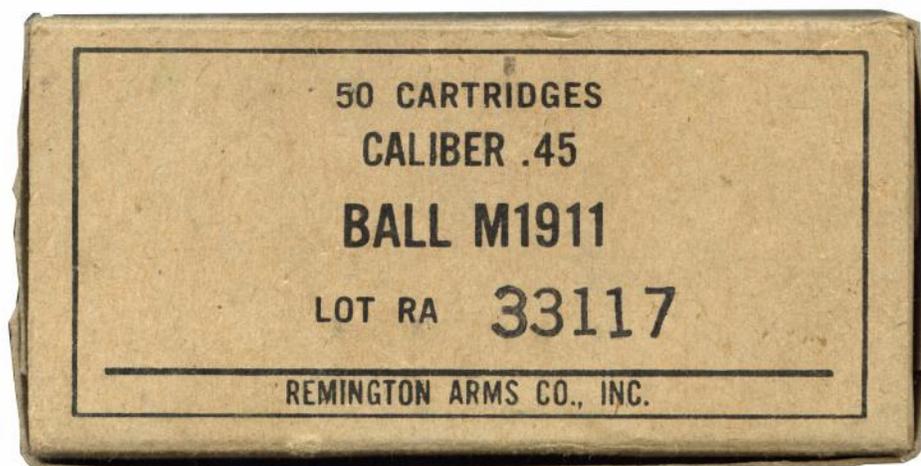


Night signal cartridge, note the small nipple on the nose of the projectile.



Tracer cartridge with coated steel case and red tip to projectile.





Packet of .45 auto ball from the 1960s.