

This cartridge was adopted by the US Navy in 1867 for use in a single shot, rolling block action firearm. This cartridge was also used in the same style firearm adopted by the US Army in 1871. These two firearms were the last single shot pistols ever issued to US military forces. The cartridge was produced commercially up until circa 1918 and commercial production rounds will chamber in both Army and Navy firearms.

The difference between Navy and Army cartridges are that the Navy version has a smaller rim diameter by about .6mm. The case is also centrefire without the distinctive priming crimps of the Army versions.

