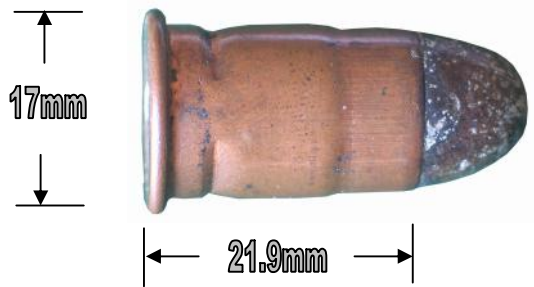
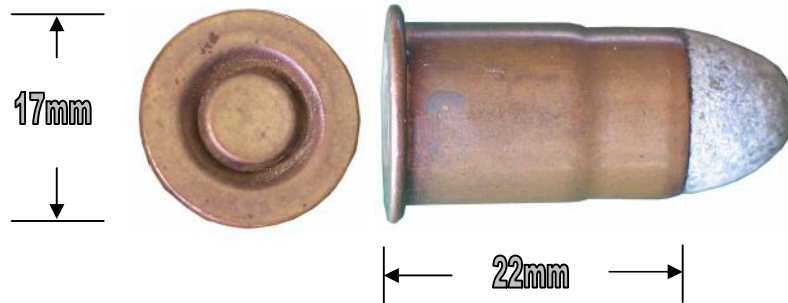


This cartridge was adopted by the US Army in 1871 for use in a single shot, rolling block action firearm. The original cartridge was introduced in 1867 for the same style firearm by the US Navy. The firearm was the last single shot pistol ever issued to US military forces. The variety of priming methods found in these cartridges is a clear indication of the transitional period in which they were developed. The cartridge was produced commercially up until circa 1918 and commercial production rounds will chamber in both Army and Navy firearms.

The differences between Army and Navy cartridges are that the Army version has a larger rim diameter by about .6mm and the case has what appears to be a bottlenecked case. It is in fact a heavy projectile crimp.



Ball cartridge with Benet priming



Ball cartridge with Martin folded head



Blank cartridge with Benet primer