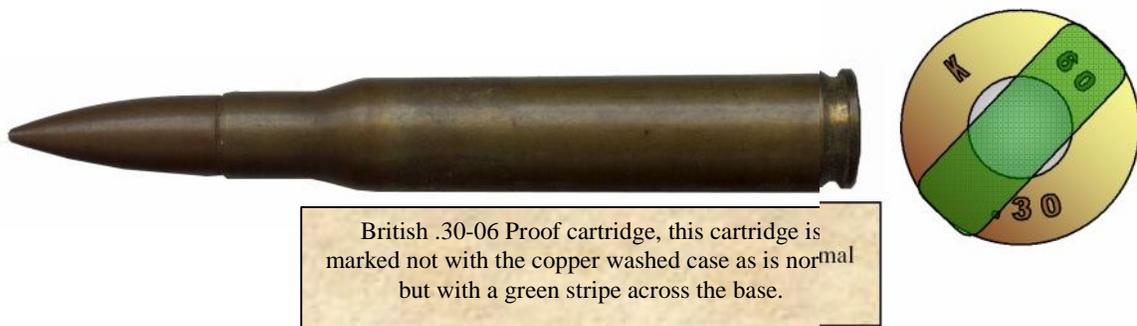
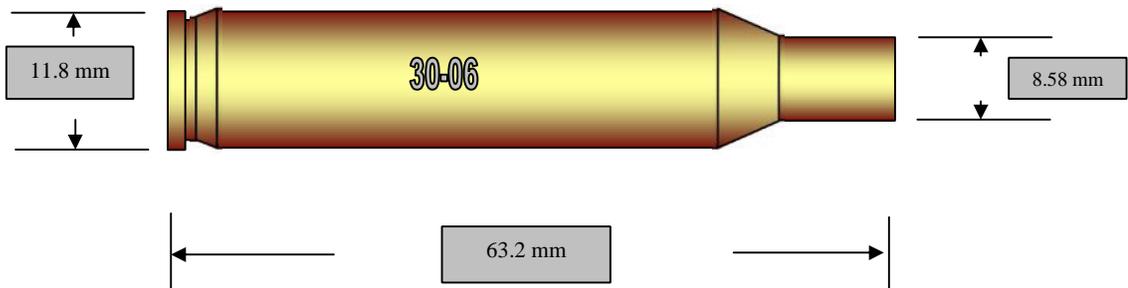


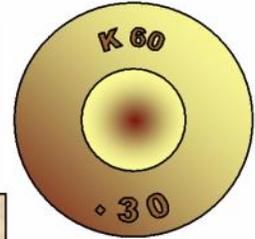
.30-06

England commenced making .30-06 ammunition around 1918 and continued doing so until 1980. In addition the UK also used an incredible amount of .30-06 ammunition supplied by the USA during WWII. The ammunition made by the UK was marked in accordance with their normal practices.





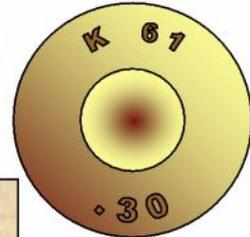
British .30-06 wood bulleted blank.



British .30-06 in what is probably an inspection version although it is not marked as such?



British .30-06 tracer with an unusual red tip. The UK doesn't normally mark its projectile tips, nor has the primer annulus colour code been applied. This may be a ballistic standard cartridge.

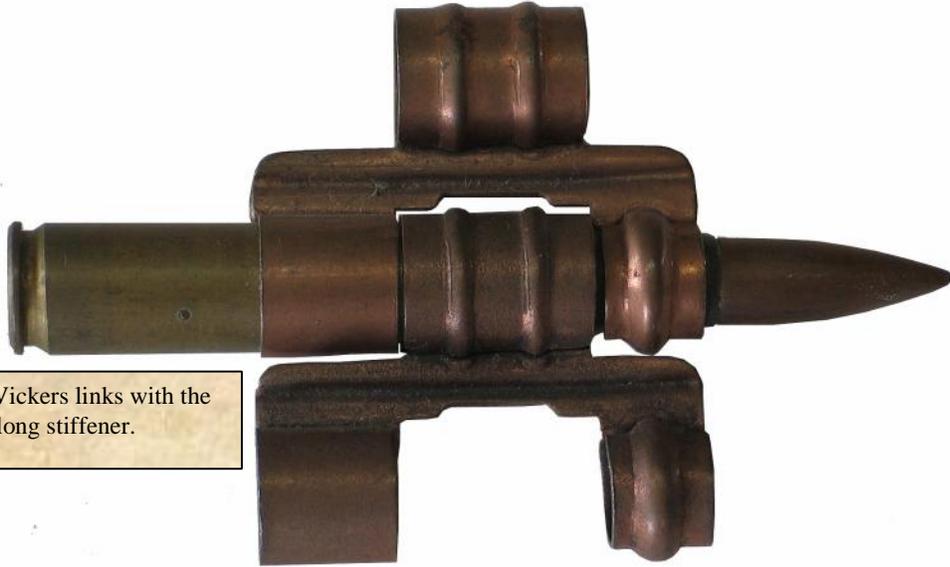




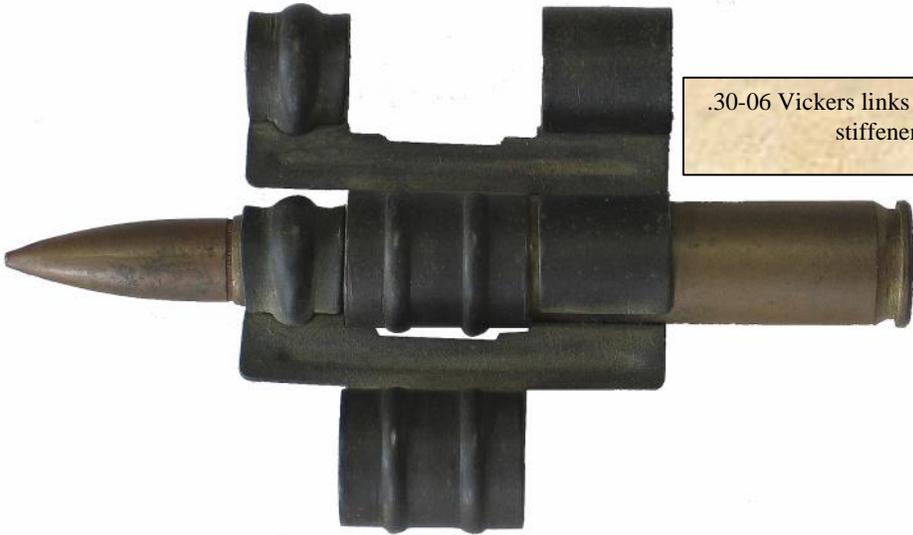
This is a Vickers experimental stainless steel link for use with .30-06 ammunition. It is obviously very poor quality stainless steel as it clearly shows rusting.



A link for the Vickers in .30-06 by Thomas French & sons.



.30-06 Vickers links with the long stiffener.



.30-06 Vickers links with the short stiffener.

Notes for British .30-06 ammunition

Ammunition companies that made .30-06 ammunition

Greenwood and Batley Ltd, Yorkshire.

This company made some .30-06 ammunition in 1918.

Kynoch Ltd, Birmingham.

This company made .30-06 ammunition from 1918 to c1968

Some aluminium cases were made by this company around 1940

Most Kynoch .30-06 primers were not crimped in place.

This company made AP cartridges possibly between 1954 and 1960.

This company made API cartridges possibly between 1959 and 1960.

This company made blanks from 1950 to 1960 or thereabouts with a rose crimp

This company made grenade launching blanks for the Danish army in 1951.

They also made an incredible number of drill cartridges.

Their proof cartridges were marked with either the normal copper washed case or with a coloured stripe across the base.

They also made ballistic standard cartridges.

Tracers were made around 1946

Ministry of supply Hirwaun, South Wales.

For all intents and purposes this company didn't make much .30-06 ammunition except for one pilot lot of AP.

Parker Hale Ltd.

This company made many millions of drill cartridges.

Royal Laboratories, Woolwich Arsenal. London.

This concern made .30-06 AP ammunition in 1918

Royal Ordnance factory Radway Green. Cheshire.

This company made .30-06 ball cartridges from 1958 until 1966.

It also made some drill cartridges of the Mk 5 variety

This company made ballistic standard cartridges in the years 1960 and 1965.

Also produced by this company were Mk Iz tracers beginning in 1959 and ending in 1966.

WW. Greener

This company experimented with duplex and triplex loads.

Much improvisation took place during WWII with .30-06 cases.

Unusually for the UK they marked .30-06 projectile tips. The following is believed to be reasonably accurate.

Black = AP or experimental tracer

Blue = Incendiary

Brown = Experimental ball

Green = AP

Red = Tracer

Silver = API

White = experimental ball

Kynoch factory it is believed used many touches of paint on projectiles to indicate various experimental tracers.

.30-06 ammunition made for the UK by the USA is sometimes found with the designation .300Z. Ammunition made by the USA for the UK was given designations suitable to the UK way of doing things.

Ball Mk 1z	= the US M1 ball with the 172 grain projectile
Ball Mk IIz	= the US M2 ball with the 150 grain projectile.
Ball Mk IIIz	= this designated the British made M2 ball.
Ball Mk IVz	= for some reason this designation was applied to the British made M2 also?
Ball Mk Vz	= this was applied to the Belgian made Mk IVz.
Drill Mk 1	= applied to drill cartridges made in the UK from US cases.
Drill Mk 2	= applied to drill cartridges made in the UK from US cases
Drill Mk 3	= this designation was allocated to Indian Arsenals for use on their drill cartridges.
Drill Mk 4	= applied to drill cartridges made in the UK from US cases
Drill Mk 5	= applied to drill cartridges made in the UK from US cases
Incendiary B Mk 1z	= applied to US made M1 incendiary cartridges.
Incendiary B Mk IIz	=This was applied to UK made incendiaries.
Tracer Mk Iz	= applied to British made tracers.
Tracer Mk IIz	= applied to tracers made in Belgium.