

PERCUSSION No. 101



Fuze Percussion No 101
courtesy of ALTC. This is
a Mk. II

Introduced in 1916 this fuze was intended to overcome the perceived weaknesses of the No 100 types. This was achieved by dispensing with the cocked pellet, using a fixed needle and placing the detonator in the graze pellet. The needle was originally press-fitted and it was found that loose needles were the cause of many prematures. A screwed-in needle was used after Mk I. The fuze ran through 5 marks.

It was used in 6", 8", 9.2", 15" and 18" howitzer.
60pr and 2.75" BL howitzer.
3.7" and 4.5" QF howitzer
18pr and 13pr.

Adopted in 1916 and kept in service until 1943.

Some of these fuzes were manufactured by Switzerland for anti-aircraft artillery and it was designated as the 101Q. The model 101E was similar to the 101 but was fitted with a shutter. The last model is believed to be the 101EX and it was fitted with a stronger creep spring.

