

.22 Rim Fire Boxes
of the U.S.A.
ID. Reference



Smith & Wesson
Springfield, MA

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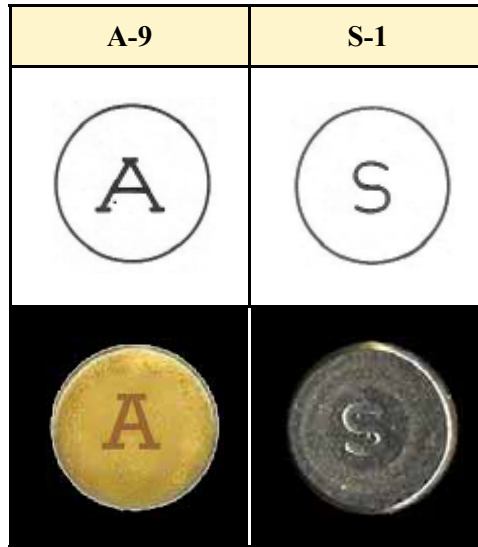
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HEADSTAMPS (h/s)

Headstamp drawings courtesy of the RIMFIRE HEADSTAMP GUIDE by George Kass and Ron Merchant



SMITH & WESSON

S-1



S-1.5



S-2



S-3



S&W-1

This manufacturer first starting to produce their first "First Model-First Issue Revolver" in 1857. They also probably started to produce cartridges at the same time. In 1863, SMITH, HALL & FARMER took over the ammunition production from SMITH & WESSON.

- S-1 **.22 SHORT**. "No. 1 PISTOL CARTRIDGES". Box of 100. Black label with gold printing. Orange and black mottled box. Two-piece, half-split box. White side sealing label on the ends only. The ends have the SMITH & WESSON name in script format. No h/s on a copper case. Lead cast bullet. This probably is the first box produced and was produced at the same time as the First Model-First Issue Revolver.

- S-1.5 **.22 SHORT**. "No. 1 PISTOL CARTRIDGES". Similar to S-1 box but different fonts.

- S-2 **.22 SHORT**. "100 No. 1 PISTOL CARTRIDGES" Black label with gold printing. Orange and black mottled box. Two-piece, half-split box. No h/s on a copper case. Lead cast bullet. This box shows the First Model-Second Issue Revolver on top and was probably produced in the early 1860' s.

- S-3 **.22 SHORT**. "100 No. 1 PISTOL CARTRIDGES". This label reads . MANUFACTURED FOR SMITH & WESSON REVOLVERS". Who produced this box is not known. It should have been produced in the same time span as the above labels, but probably not by SMITH & WESSON

S-1



S-2



S-3



LR-1



LR-2



SMITH & WESSON

Approximately 1974, SMITH & WESSON thru their S&W AMMUNITION CO. of Alton, Ill. contracted with CARTUCHOS DEPORTIVOS de MEXICO, S.A. to produce a private label box to be sold under the SMITH & WESSON name. This program was discontinued approximately 1979.

S-1 **.22 SHORT (BLANK).** "FOR INDOOR USE". Box of 100. White box with blue printing. One-piece box with top flaps. No tray. Bulk packed. "A-9" h/s on a brass case. The bases can be painted gray, brown, green or yellow. Rose crimped. These were produced by ALCAN.



S-2 **.22 SHORT (BLANK).** "FOR OUTDOOR USE". Blue box with white printing. One-piece box with top flaps. No tray. Bulk packed. "A-9" h/s on a brass case. The bases can be painted gray, brown, green or yellow. Rose crimped. These were produced by ALCAN.



S-3 **.22 SHORT. (HIGH VELOCITY).** "MAX-VELOCITY". Blue box with white printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code on the box. "S-1" h/s on a nickel washed brass case. Lead bullet.



LR-1 **.22-LONG RIFLE (HIGH VELOCITY).** "MAX-VELOCITY". Blue box with white printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code on the box. "S-1" h/s on a nickel washed brass case ~ Lead bullet.

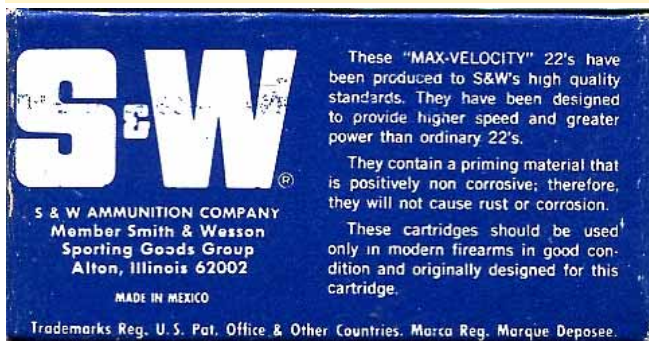


LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (STANDARD VELOCITY).** White box with blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code on the box. "S-1" h/s on a nickel washed brass case. Lead bullet.



- (a) Alton, Ill address on back
- (b) Rock Creek, OH address on back

Bottom Sample—Alton, Ill



Bottom Sample—Rock Creek



LR-1

SPECIAL MATCH
Bull.-ld. cast -- 53 gr.
3 groove -lubed.
Case - Lot 3026 9-21
Pdr. - Al-1532 9-9
Mach. - none - Hd. Ld.
Ref. - Memo 300971
Single ld. only.10-5R.F.C.

SMITH & WESSON
3640 SEMINARY ROAD
ALTON, ILLINOIS 62002



LR-1 .22·LONG RIFLE (HAND LOAD). "SPECIAL MATCH". Buff box with white typewritten label.
Appears to be an experimental loading.