

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



PHOENIX METALLIC CARTRIDGE CO.
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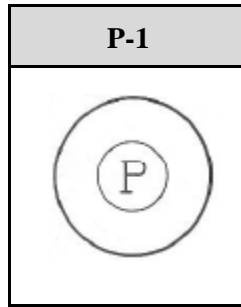
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HEADSTAMPS (h/s)

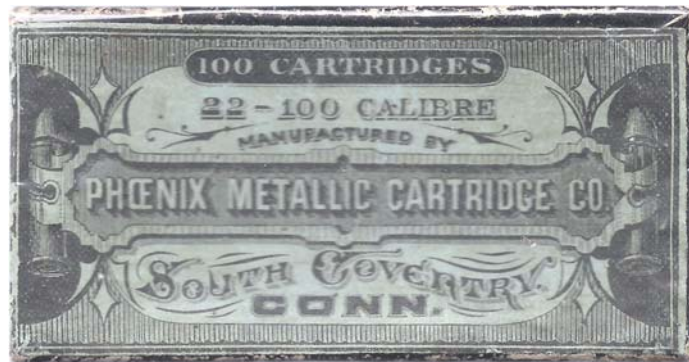
Headstamp drawings courtesy of the RIMFIRE HEADSTAMP GUIDE by George Kass and Ron Merchant



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WOODCUT LABEL Issues

S-1



L-1



L-1.1



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WOODCUT LABEL Issues

PHOENIX started producing metallic cartridges in 1872 and continued until 1888 when it was sold to THE AMERICAN METALLIC CARTRIDGE CO. The woodcut label seems to be the first of their production lots.

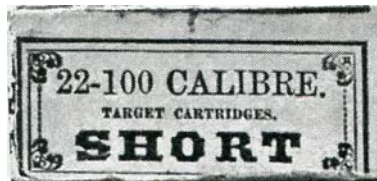
S-1 **.22 SHORT.** ".22-100 CALIBRE". Box of 100. Light green woodcut label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box with thumb cuts. Partial wrap-around end label. "P-1" h/s on a copper case. Cast lead bullet.



L-1 **.22 LONG.** ".22-100 CALIBRE LONG". Box of 100. Light green woodcut label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box with thumb cuts on the side. Partial wrap-around end label. "P-1" h/s on a copper case. Cast lead bullet.

L-1.1 **.22 LONG TARGET.** ".22-100 CALIBRE LONG". Photo from *THE CARTRIDGES of SOUTH COVENTRY*. Contents unknown.

S-2 **.22 SHORT TARGET.** ".22-100 CALIBRE,". Same as L-1.1 but **SHORT**. *THE CARTRIDGES of SOUTH COVENTRY*. Contents unknown.



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PLAIN LABEL Issues

S-1



S-1.1



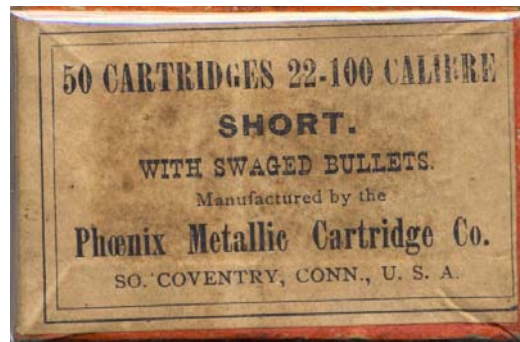
S-1.2



S-2



S-3



S-4



PLAIN LABEL Issues

The plain label issues are assumed to have been produced after the woodcut label issues. Exact dates are not known.

- S-1 **.22 SHORT (BLANK).** ".22-100 BLANK CARTRIDGES". Tan colored label with black printing. Black, two-piece box with thumb cuts. Box is empty, so contents are unknown.
- S-1.1 **.22 SHORT (BLANK).** ".22-100 BLANK CARTRIDGES". Same as S-1 except slight format difference to top label.
- S-1.2 **.22 SHORT (BLANK).** ".22-100 BLANK CARTRIDGES". Same as S-1 except slight format difference to top label.
- S-2 **.22 SHORT.** " 50 .22-100 TARGET CARTRIDGES". Tan colored label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box. "P-1" h/s on a copper case. Cast lead bullet.
- S-3 **.22 SHORT.** " 50 CARTRIDGES .22-100 CALIBRE SHORT WITH SWAGED BULLETS". Tan colored label with black printing. Red-orange, two-piece, full cover box. Partial wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case. Swaged lead bullet.
- S-4 **.22 SHORT.** " 100 CARTRIDGES WITH SWAGED BULLETS" . Tan label with black printing . Red-orange, two-piece, full cover box.

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PLAIN LABEL Issues

S-6



L-1



Box End



L-2



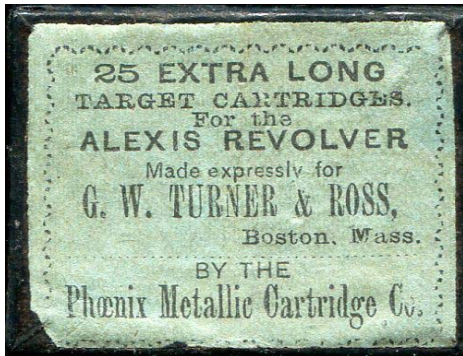
PLAIN LABEL Issues

- S-6 **.22 SHORT.** Light blue label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box with side thumb cuts. Contents unknown.
- L-1 **.22 LONG.** " 100 CARTRIDGES. .22-100 ADAPTED TO No. 1 XL AND BLUE JACKET REVOLVERS. Tan colored label with black printing. Images below
- L-2 **.22 LONG.** " 50 CARTRIDGES WITH SWAGED BULLETS" . Tan label with black printing . Red-orange, two-piece, full cover box. This example has an over-label.

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MISC. Issues

L-1



L-1.1



L-2



MISC. Issues

Most-of these boxes were produced for the then new .22 LONG cartridge. These boxes were all probably issues of the 1880's.

- L-1 .22 LONG. " 25 EXTRA LONG TARGET CARTRIDGES FOR THE ALEXIS REVOLVER MADE EXPRESSLY FOR G.W. TUNER & ROSS, BOSTON, MASS. Light blue label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box with side thumb cuts. Contents unknown.

- L-1.1 .22 LONG. " 25 EXTRA LONG TARGET CARTRIDGES FOR THE ALEXIS REVOLVER MADE EXPRESSLY FOR G.W. TUNER & ROSS, BOSTON, MASS. This box has the same label as L-1 but it is a different size of box and partitions separating the cartridge which are packed all heads up.

- L-2 .22 LONG. " 25 EXTRA LONG TARGET CARTRIDGES FOR THE CZAR REVOLVER. MADE EXPRESSLY FOR G.W. TUNER & ROSS, BOSTON, MASS. Light blue label with black printing. Black, two-piece, full cover box with side thumb cuts. Contents unknown.