

Belgium



.22 Box-ID

.22 Boxes of the World

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Map and flag from Wikipedia.org

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INTRODUCTION

The Kingdom of Belgium, a constitutional monarchy on the North Sea in Northwestern Europe. It has an area of 11,787 Sq. miles and a population of 11 million as of 2012. It is chiefly Dutch speaking Flemings and French speaking Walloons. Its capital is Brussels. Agriculture and the reprocessing of raw materials for re-export are the major industries.

Belgium is a small country, and its .22 history involves mostly private label sellers. Again so little is known about Belgium, as well as most of the private label sellers of the world

ARELA. It is not known if this is a manufacturer or a private label seller. They seem to have been in business during the 1950s and 1960s. They did produce a military box in the 1960s. Other history is not known at this time.

BROWNING. This is a private label seller. Browning is the label which F.N. sells guns and ammunition under. They have contracted with other manufacturers to produce these .22s. They have also licensed Browning of the U.S.A. and Browning of Australia to use the Browning name for .22 sales in their countries.

SOCIETE ANONYME DES EXPLOSIFS De HAVRE. This seems to be a manufacturer who has produced 6 m/m Floberts and .22s from before World War II to perhaps the present. History is not known at this time.

FABRIQUE NATIONALE HERSTAALL S.A. A producer of firearms from 1889 to the present. This company has never produced .22s, but has contracted with other manufacturers to produce proof loads so that they can test their guns. They have also contracted for .22s for sales under their Browning brand (see Browning of Belgium, Browning of the U.S.A. and Browning of Australia). They are located in Herstal and Liege.

CARTUCHERIES RUSSO-BELGE. This is a private label seller with their loadings being produced in France, Germany and perhaps other countries. They even had their own head stamp. Their boxes are very hard to locate at this time. Dates of operations are not known at this time.

We do not consider FLOBERTS .and round tines 22 boxes
They are not included in this publication

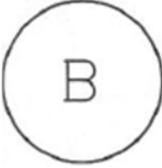
These boxes are reorganized from
Tony Dunn's original catalog.

**They do not use the original
Dunn ID numbers**

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HEADSTAMPS (h/s)

Headstamp drawings courtesy of the RIMFIRE HEADSTAMP GUIDE by George Kass

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| A-4 | A-5 | B-10 | B-11 |
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| B-15 | EH-4 | EH-5 | EH-6 |
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| FN-1 | FN-2 | | |
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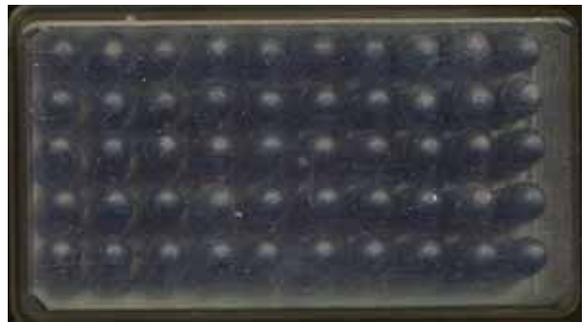
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AKELA

S-1



LR-1



LR-2



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AKELA

Almost no information is available to the cataloger about this manufacturer. It is assumed that this company produced .22s and 6 m/m Flobert loads post WWII.

S-1 **.22 SHORT.** Green label with black printing. Clear plastic box with a clear plastic lid."A-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Green label with black printing. Clear plastic box with a clear plastic lid."A-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



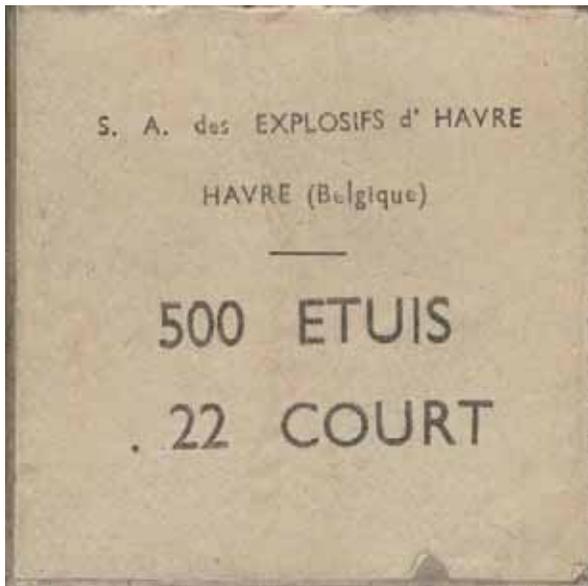
LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (HOLLOW POINT).** Same as LR-1 except for a red label and hollow point wording.



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AKELA—Misc.

S-1



LR-1



LR-2



LR-3



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S-1 **.22 SHORT (UNPRIMED EMPTY CASES)**. Box of 500. Buff box with black printing. Two-piece, full cover box. "A-4" h/s on a copper case.

LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY)**. Buff box with black printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "a-5" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.

LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY)**. White box with black printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "EH-5" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.. Made under contract for the military by Akela of Havre les Mons

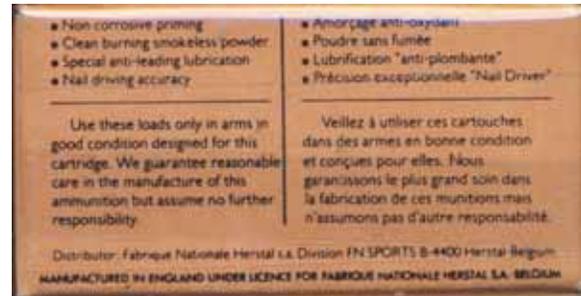
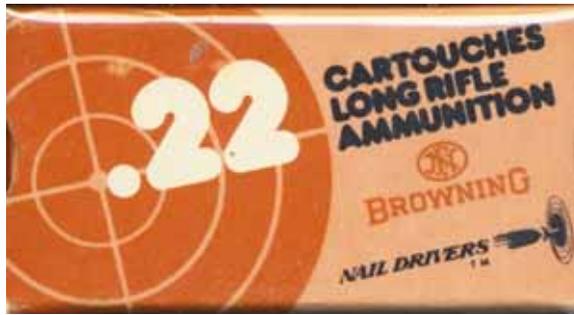


LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY)**. "TRACER". White box with black printing. One-piece box with end flaps. Made under contract for the military by Akela of Havre les Mons

S-1



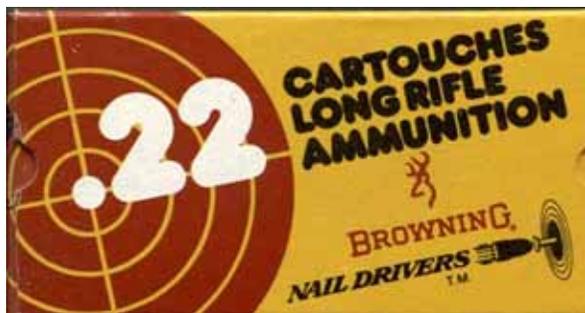
LR-1



LR-2



LR-3



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BROWNING

Fabrique Nationale has contracted with various other manufacturers to produce .22 boxes under their Browning label for sales with their Browning firearms.

See Browning of Australia and Browning of the U.S.A. for other boxes that were produced under license for sales in those countries.

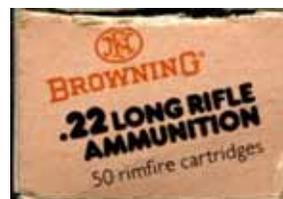
S-1 **.22 SHORT (STANDARD VELOCITY).** Dark and light green one-piece box with end flaps. White green and black printing. "2-46" h/s on brass case. RN lead bullet.



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE (HIGH VELOCITY). "NAIL DRIVERS"**. Light orange-brown and dark orange-brown box with white, dark orange-brown, and black printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "B-10" h/s on a brass case Lead bullets. This box was produced by I.M.I. of England.



LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (HIGH VELOCITY). "NAIL DRIVERS"**. Orange and dark orange box with orange and dark orange printing. Large one-piece box with end flaps. "B-15" h/s on a brass case. Lead bullets. This box was produced by NITRON of Poland.



LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE (STANDARD VELOCITY). "NAIL DRIVERS"**. Yellow and brown box with Black, brown and white printing. Large, one-piece box with end flaps. Product code E2529 on the bottom. Contents unknown. Produced by Winchester of Australia.



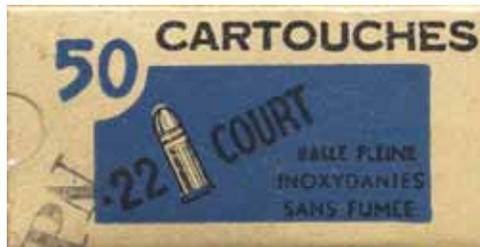
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S-1



S-2



S-3



S-4



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S-1 **.22 SHORT.** Blue and white box with black and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



S-2 **.22 SHORT.** Same as S-2 except a "P N" has been over-stamped on the top in black ink, this stands for black powder loading. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



S-3 **.22 SHORT.** Silver and blue box with black and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "EH-6" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



S-4 **.22 SHORT (HOLLOW POINT).** Yellow and red box with black and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. White over-label with red printing stating BALLE CREUSE (Hollow Ball). "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



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L-1



L-2



L-3



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L-1 **.22 LONG.** Red and white box with black and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



L-1 **.22 LONG.** Same as L-1 except slightly different top and bottom



L-3 **.22 LONG.** Same as L-2 except the words BALLE PLEINES has been blacked out. No product code. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



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LR-1



LR-2



LR-3



LR-4



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LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Yellow and black box with black and yellow printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "EH-5" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as LR-1 except a slight difference in the font size.. Contents unknown.



LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as LR-1 except a silver and yellow box. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



LR-4 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as LR-1 except a yellow and red box. "EH-4" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



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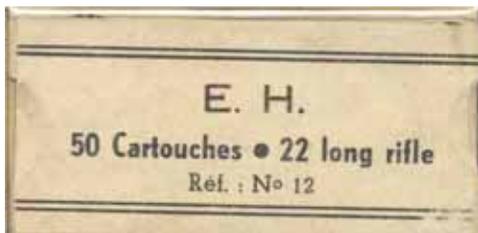
S-1



L-1



LR-1



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S-1 **.22 SHORT.** "No 10" . Details of this box are unknown at this time. "EH-4" h/s.

- (a) Larger address font on bottom.
- (b) Small address font on bottom.



L-1 **.22 LONG.** "No 11" . Details of this box are unknown at this time. "EH-4" h/s.



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** "No 12" . Details of this box are unknown at this time. "EH" h/s.

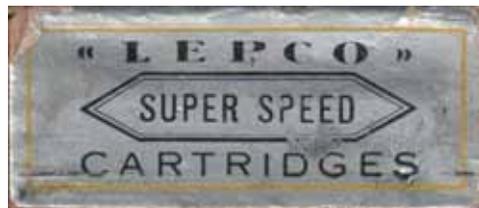
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LEPERSONNE & Co. Ltd. LEPCO

L-1



LR-1



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LEPERSONNE & Co. Ltd. LEPCO

Lerpersonne was located at 7 Old Bailey, London. They were sporting goods dealers who imported at least one lot of .22s from Belgium, probably in the 1950s. Exact dates are not known at this time. The manufacturer in Belgium was S.A. des EXPLOSIFS D'HAVRE.



Box Bottom



L-1 **.22 LONG. "SMOKELESS"**. Silver and red box with black and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code.



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE. "SMOKELESS"**. Silver and yellow box with black and yellow printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. Copper case with "LP-1" h/s. Solid lead bullet with 3 cannelures



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MISC.

SB--1



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SB-1 **.22 SHORT BLANK.** “MARGO BRAND—No.1 SALOON CARTRIDGES”.. 100 round tin. Red label with black printing. Contents unknown.