

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



National Cartridge Company
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NATIONAL CARTRIDGE COMPANY REFERENCE MATERIALS

THE RIMFIRE CARTRIDGE 1857-1984. By John L Barber. 1987 Armory Publications; Tacoma, Washington. Page 70.

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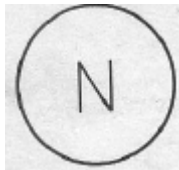
MISC. Issues

Formed during 1908 by former employees of the Western Cartridge Company to produce a private label contract for Sears and Roebuck Company. They produced Sears Meriden line of .22 boxes. The money for startup probably came from Frank Olin of the Western Cartridge Company. National purchased their powders from Western, including the NUBLEND, which was a semi-smokeless powder.

They also sold .22 rimfire ammunition under the National brand. They reached a reported peak production level of 225,000 rounds per day. During 1909, they were "purchased by the Western Cartridge Company

NOTE: see Western WCC-2 for these same boxes, but with the Western name added.

"N-1 h/s



Box Bottom



SMOKELESS front & Back



NUBLEND front & Back



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MISC. Issues

S-1



S-2



S-3



L-1



LR-1



LR-2



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MISC. Issues

S-1 **.22 SHORT.** "SMOKELESS NO GREASE". Red, white and blue box with red, white and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "N-1" h/s on a copper case. Plain lead bullets.

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S-2 **.22 SHORT.** "SMOKELESS GREASE". Same as S-1 above, except for the NO of NO GREASE has been marked out on the box ends.



S-3 **.22 SHORT.** "NUBLEND LUBRICATED". Same as S-1 above, except the box side now has the NUBLEND format. The box end now states LUBRICATED.



L-1 **.22 LONG.** "NUBLEND LUBRICATED". Red, white and blue box with red, white and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "N-1" h/s on a copper case. Plain lead bullets.



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** "NUBLEND LUBRICATED". Red, white and blue box with red, white and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. "N-1" h/s on a copper case. Plain lead bullets.



LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** "SMOKELESS LUBRICATED". Same as LR-1 above except for the change of powder type as indicated on the box side.

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1909 WESTERN CARTRIDGE CO. Issues

S-1

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S-2



L-1



L-2



LR-1



LR-2



Box Side "A"



Box Side "B"



WCC-2

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1909 WESTERN CARTRIDGE CO. Issues

RELOCATED FROM WESTERN CARTRIDGE CO. WCC-2

Western purchased the National Cartridge Company of Belville, Illinois in 1909. For a very short period, they continued to manufacture .22 rimfire ammunition under the National format, but with the Western name on the side of the box. The Smokeless and the "Nublend" powders were supplied by the Western Cartridge Company prior to their takeover of National.

The National box with the Western name was only produced in late 1909 and early 1910, making them difficult to acquire. In late 1910, these boxes, along with those of the Union Cap & Chemical Company were replaced with the Diamond Logo boxes of the Western Cartridge Company.

Box Bottom



- S-1 **.22 SHORT.** "NUBLEND POWDER". Red and white box with red and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "N-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullets. "A" side.
- S-2 **.22 SHORT (GALLERY).** "SMOKELESS POWDER". White and green box with green and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. Contents are unknown at this time. This box should have been cataloged in the indoor gallery issues, but it was received after the section was completed. "B" side.
- L-1 **.22 LONG (GALLERY).** "NUBLEND POWDER". Red and white box with red and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No code product. "2-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullets . "A" side.
- L-2 **.22 LONG (GALLERY).** "SMOKELESS POWDER". White and green box with green and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "2-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullets . "B" side.
- LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE (GALLERY).** "NUBLEND POWDER". Red and white box with red and blue printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No code product. "2-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullets with 1K,1S. "A" side.
- LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (GALLERY).** "SMOKELESS POWDER". White and green box with green and red printing. One-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "2-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullets . . "B" side.