

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



**Southern Cartridge Company**  
**Houston, TX**

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# The SOUTHERN CARTRIDGE Co.

## Houston, TX

**The Southern Cartridge Company** was organized in Houston, Texas by Harry and Louis Sherman. This company was chartered by the State of Texas on July 30, 1923. The Charter was forfeited November 25, 1929, after only five years and six months of operation. Other individuals named in the Charter were W.C. Munn & R.C. Fullbright.

The Sherman brothers had been involved at one level or another in the organization of several other ammunition companies prior to Southern, including the American Cartridge Company of Kansas City and the Federal Cartridge and Machine Company of Anoka, MN. It is also believed that the Sherman Brothers had purchased some or all of the old Robin Hood Ammunition Company machinery. If so, this machinery may have been used to start Southern Cartridge Co.

The Southern Cartridge Company of Houston was not related in any way to the Southern Cartridge Company of Savannah, Georgia.

Information from:

*“.22 Boxes” (U.S. Companies)* by Headlund, Kuntz, and Steagall, pages 111.

Notes from Lou Belhing files.

The following information is from an interview (interviewer unknown, but is believed to have been Burton D. Munhall) with H.E. Sherman, Alton, IL, May 9, 1934.

“Number of employees 25 or 30. Shotshell out put daily capacity 75,000. Louis A. Sherman, superintendent, operated two years. The Sherman brothers had purchased this machinery from the old Robin Hood ammunition plant. They sold .22’s to the Montgomery Ward & Company but these shells were made for them by the Western Cartridge Company and never sent to Houston but directed to Montgomery Ward & Company under the name of Southern Cartridge Company. In the shot shell line they made everything but the primers which were purchased from Western. The machinery was purchased by F.W. Olin when they went out of business and they paid all debt and quit business out of debt.”

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Lou Behling, John Kuntz, and the *.22 Box Newsletter*

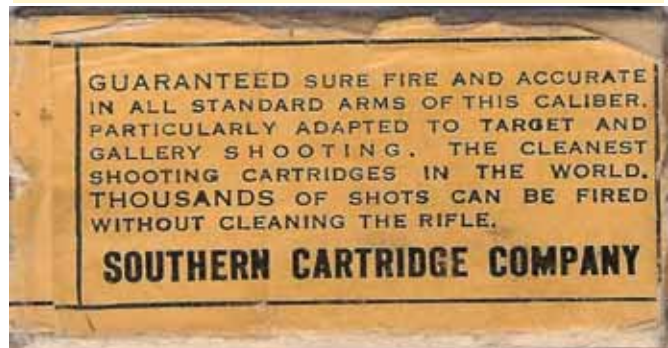
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Houston, TX

S-1



S-1 Bottom



S-2



S-2 Bottom



L-1



L-1 Bottom



# The SOUTHERN CARTRIDGE Co.

Houston, TX

S-1 .22 SHORT. "LESMOK" Yellow label with black printing. Buff, two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



S-2 .22 SHORT. "SMOKELESS". Red label with black printing. Buff two-piece box. Full wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



L-1 .22 LONG. Red label with black printing. Buff two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet.



Opposite end examples from Short, and Long boxes





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Houston, TX

L-2



L2 Bottom



L-3



L-3 Bottom



LR-1



LR-1 Bottom



LR-2



LR-2 Bottom



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L-2 **.22 LONG (SHOT).** "LESMOK". Yellow label with black printing. Buff, two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case. Bright blue wad.



L-3 **.22 LONG.** "LESMOK" Yellow label with black printing. Buff, two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label. No h/s on a copper case



LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Yellow label with black printing. Buff, two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label.. Slight difference on ends. One end does not have the period before the 22.



LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as lr-1 but slight difference to the top label format.. Over-stamp on one end in black ink stating "1052"



LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Red label with black printing. Buff, two-piece, full cover box. Full wrap-around end label.. Top image below.

NO IMAGE  
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LR-3



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collection