



OBSOLETE LONG ARM AMMUNITION

In 1999 the Antique & Historical Arms Collectors Guild of Victoria, in cooperation with Victoria Police, Licensing and Registration Division, published a Manual of obsolete ammunition. This was intended to be a handy reference for collectors, dealers and the Police to distinguish handguns and longarms that were exempt from registration and licensing. Those that did require registration was because they were chambered for commercially available cartridges.

Unfortunately amendments to the Victorian Firearms Act in 2003 introduced the registration of all cartridge pistols, regardless of ammunition type. It completely removed the exempt status of pistols chambered for ammunition that was up until then considered obsolete. However, it is worth noting that longarms were not affected by the changes.

This change was made quite pointless because it included pistols that were chambered for rimfire ammunition other than .22, none of which is currently commercially available. Also captured were the patent types that were briefly made in the late 1850s and early 1860s to circumvent the Rollin White patent controlled by Smith & Wesson – cupfire, teatfire, lipfire etc. It was a backward step as none of these ammunition types had been in production since the 1870s. And in fact these are so rare and valuable that they are collectors' items in their own right. Also included were pinfire revolvers and pistols, ammunition for which has been out of production since the 1930s.

As the original Manual is long out of print and becoming hard to find the Guild has decided to place the list of exempt obsolete longarm ammunition on its website as an aid for collectors dealers and the police seeking to distinguish those arms that require registration etc. from those that don't. Accordingly this is a list of known obsolete longarm ammunition.

This is a list of the once more commonly used designations of cartridge ammunition that are now not commercially available. The longarms for which (of any make, model or type), if manufactured before 1900, are accordingly outside of the Victorian Firearms Act 1996 as amended 2012.

(1) Any longarm originally manufactured or subsequently altered to accept only fixed ammunition not being centrefire and not being of 5mm rimfire or .22 rimfire or .22 rimfire magnum designation, and

(2) any longarm originally manufactured or subsequently altered to accept only centrefire ammunition set included in the list following in order of increasing calibre and described by using its common or generic name.



RIFLES – CENTREFIRE: IMPERIAL

.22	Extra Long Maynard	.360	Westley Richards No. 3 Express
.22-15-60	Stevens		
.22-4-30	Rook c. 1875	.360	No. 3 Gibbs
.25-21	Stevens	.360	No. 5 Rook
.25-25	Stevens	.360 x 2.25	inches
.25-36	Marlin (m. 1895)	.38	Ballard, Extra Long
.277-230	Cadet	.38-35	Stevens
.297-250	Rook	.38-40	Remington-Hepburn
.300-250	Rook	.38-45	Bullard
.255	Rook (development variation by Jeffrey.255J)	.38-45	Stevens
.28-30-120	Stevens	.38-50	Ballard
.295	Rook	.38-50	Maynard (M. 1882)
.30	Flanged Nitro Purdy	.38-50	Remington-Hepburn
.30-30	Wesson	.40-40	Maynard (M. 1882)
.30-40	Wesson	.40-50	Sharps (Necked)
.30-40	Krag	.40-50	Sharps (Straight)
.360-300	Fraser	.40-60	Marlin
.32	Ballard Extra Long	.40-60	Maynard (M. 1882)
.32	Ideal	.40-60	Ballard
.32	Long	.40-65	Ballard (Everlasting)
.32	Smith & Wesson	.40-70	Ballard
.320-230	Rook	.40-70	Maynard
.32-30	Remington	.40-70	Peabody "What Cheer"
.32-35	Stevens & Maynard	.40-70	Remington
.32-40	Bullard	.40-70	Sharps (Necked)
.32-40	Remington	.40-70	Sharps (Straight)
.320	Rook	.40-75	Bullard
.35-30	Maynard	.40-85	Ballard
.35-40	Maynard	.40-90	Ballard
.400-350	Nitro-Express	.40-90	Bullard
		.40-90	Peabody "What Cheer"



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.40-90	Sharps (Necked)	.44-100	Remington “Creedmoor”
.40-90	Sharps (Straight)	.44-100	Wesson
.450-400	Blackpowder Express 2 3/8 inches	.44-105	Sharps
.400	Blackpowder 3 Inch	.442	Rook Long
.402	Enfield-Martini (M. 1887/88)	.450	No. 1 Rook
.425	Rook	.450 x 2 3/8	Boxer Henry
.430	Rook	.450 x 2 1/2	Soper c. 1870
.433	Spanish Remington (see 11 x 57Rmm Spanish (metric))	.45-50	Peabody (Sporting)
.43	Egyptian Remington (see 11 x 57Rmm Egyptian (metric))	.45-90	Sharps (Straight)
.443	Comblain	.45-100	Ballard
.433	Gras (Refer 11 x 59Rmm (Vickers))	.45-100	Remington
.44	Evans Short (old model)	.45-100	Sharps (Straight)
.44	Evans Long (new model)	.45-110	Sharps (Straight)
.44	Extra Long Ballard	.45-120	Sharps 3 1/4 inch (Straight)
.44	Long Centrefire	.45-125	Sharps 3 1/4 inch (Straight)
.44	Wesson Extra Long	.450	Rigby Match (2.4 inch)
.44	Henry Centrefire	.450	Henry or Martini-Henry (M. 1869, long chamber)
.44-60	Peabody “Creedmoor”	.450-350 x 2 3/8 c. 1899	
.44-60	Sharps (Necked)	.450-360 x 2 3/8	Purdey c. 1899
.44-70	Maynard	.450-400 x 3 1/4 c. 1880	
.44-75	Ballard Everlasting	.450-400 x 2 7/8	Blackpowder
.44-75	Sharps & Remington	.476 Boxer	(India) Smooth Bore Martini-Henry
.44-85	Wesson	.50-450	Carbine No. 1 Webley c. 1880
.44-90	Remington (Straight)	.500-450	W. R. No. 1 Carbine
.44-90	Remington Special	.500-450	No. 1 Musket
.44-90	Sharps (Necked)	.500-450	No. 2 Musket
.44-95	Peabody “What Cheer”	.500-450	Magnum Blackpowder Express
.44-100	Ballard	.500-450	No. 1 Express
		.500-450	No. 2 Musket



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.500-450 x 2 ½”	Boxer Coiled c. 1870	.50-115	Bullard
.500 x 1 ½”	Boxer Black Powder c. 1870	.50-140	Sharps
.500 x 2 ¼”	Boxer Blackpowder c.1870	.500 x 3 inches	Blackpowder
.500 x 2 ½”	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1870	.50-70	Musket
.500 x 2 5/8”	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1870	.577 x 2 ¼	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1870
.500 x 3”	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1870	577 x 2 ½	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1880
.500 x 3 ¼”	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1880	577 x 3 ¼	Boxer Blackpowder c. 1885
.577-450	Martini-Henry	.577-500 x 3 ¼ inches	Express
.577-500	No. 2 Blackpowder Express	.577-500	Blackpowder No. 2 Express
.461	Gibbs No. 1 and 2	.55-100	Maynard (M. 1873/82)
.50	U.S. Carbine	.577	Snider
.50-50	Maynard	.577	Blackpowder Express 2 ¾”
.50-70	U.S. Musket (50 Govt.)	.577	Blackpowder Express 3”20 Gauge-577 Henry
.50-90	Sharps	.58	U.S. Carbine (Berdan)
.50-100	Sharps	.58	U.S. Musket (Berdan)
.50-110	Sharps		

WINCHESTER CALIBRES

.25-20	W.C.F. Single Shot	.44-60	“
.25-35	Winchester Centre Fire	.45-60	“
.38-56	“	.45-75	“
.38-70	“	.45-82	“
.38-72	“	.45-85	“
.38-90	“	.45-90	“
.40-60	“	.45-125	“
.40-65	“	.50.95	“
.40-70	“	.50-100	“
.40-72	“	.50-105	“
.40-75	“	.50-110	“
.40-82	“	.50-140	“ Express
.40-110	“		



CENTREFIRE METRIC

Letter "R" denotes a rimmed case

5.2 x 68mm	Mondragon (M. 1894)	9.3 x 82Rmm	Collath 1890
5.6 x 33mm	Rook	9.1 x 40Rmm	Walking Stick 1880
5.6 x 33Rmm	Rook	9.5 x 47Rmm	
5.6 x 34Rmm	Francotte Carbine (M. 1899)	9.5 x 60Rmm	Turkish Mauser
6mm	Lee Navy	10.15 x 61Rmm	Swedish Jarmann
6 x 56mm	Forster	10.15 x 63Rmm	Serbian Mauser
6 x 58Rmm	Forster	10.25 x 69Rmm	Hunting Express
6.3 x 21Rmm	Roth (M. 1895)	10.3 x 60Rmm	Swiss
6.5 x 27Rmm	Ronezewsky 1890	10.3 x 65Rmm	Baenziger
6.5 x 48Rmm	Sauer	10.4 x 38Rmm	Swiss Vetterli
6.5 x 53.5mm	Daudeteau	10.4 x 47Rmm	Italian Vetterli
7mm CF	Walking Stick (M. 1896)	10.5 x 47Rmm	
7.5 x 53.5mm	Rubin (M. 1885)	10.6 x 58Rmm	Russian Berdan
8.3 x 53.5mm	Rubin (M. 1885)	10.75 x 65Rmm	Collath
7.5 x 53.5mm	Schmidt-Rubin (For the Swiss Service Rifle M. 1889)	10.8 x 47Rmm	Martini
8 x 48Rmm	Sauer	11 x 43Rmm	Belgian Comblain Carbine (M. 1867)
8 x 51Rmm	Mauser	11 x 46Rmm	Scheiben (M. 1880)
8 x 56Rmm	Portuguese Kropatschek	11 x 51Rmm	Belgian Comblain (M. 1871)
8 x 58Rmm	Sauer	11 x 51Rmm	Beaumont
8mm	French Lebel Rifle	11 x 50Rmm	Belgian Braendlin-Albini
8mm	Siamese (Type 45)	11.3 x 50Rmm	Dutch Beaumont
8 x 60Rmm	Portuguese Guedes	11.3 x 52Rmm	Dutch Beaumont
8 x 50Rmm	Austrian Mannlicher (M. 1888 and 1895)	11 x 59Rmm	Gras/Vickers (Refer .433 Imperial)
8 x 53Rmm	Japanese Murata (M. 1889)	11 x 60Rmm	Murata (M. 13 and 18)
8 x 58Rmm	Danish Krag	11 x 57Rmm	Spanish Remington (see .433 Spanish Imperial M1871)
8.1mm	Lee Nagant M. 1892	11 x 57Rmm	Spanish Reformado (M. 1889 development variation)
8.2 45mm	Krnka (M. 1897)	11.43 x 59Rmm	Turkish Peabody
9.3 x 57Rmm		11.5mm	Hotchkiss (M. 1894)
9.3 x 70Rmm	Nimrod	11 x 41Rmm	Werder Lightning Carbine
9.3 x 8Rmm			



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11.15 x 36Rmm	Austrian Werndl Carbine (M. 1867)	11.7 x 51Rmm	Danish Remington
11.2 x 51Rmm	Kropatschek-Heisseg (M. 1876)	11.3 x 50Rmm	Egyptian Remington (see .43 Egyptian Remington (Imp.))
11.7 x 51Rmm	Danish	11.43 x 59Rmm	Turkish Peabody
11.15 x 58Rmm	Werndl Austrian	12.17 x 44R	Swedish M. 1867 Norwegian-Danish Remington
11.15 x 60Rmm	Mauser (M. 1871 & 1884)	14.5 x 33Rmm	Austrian Wanzl (M. 1870)
11.4 x 50Rmm	Austrian Werndl (M. 1873)	14.5 x 41Rmm	Spanish Berdan (M. 1867)
11.43 x 41Rmm	Turkish Peabody Carbine (M. 1867)	15.2 x 28Rmm	Krnka Carbine M. 1866
11.43 x 49Rmm	Rumanian Peabody Carbine (M. 1868)	15.24 x 40Rmm	Krnka M. 1869
11 x 53Rmm	Brazilian Comblain (M. 1874)	17.5 x 29Rmm	Dutch Snider M. 1867
		18 x 35Rmm	Tabatiere M. 1867

RIFLES: CENTREFIRE BY GAUGE

4 Gauge

14 Gauge

8 Gauge

SHOTGUNS: CENTREFIRE BY GAUGE & CALIBRE

4 Gauge

24 Gauge

8 Gauge

32 Gauge

14 Gauge

.360 Calibre

18 Gauge