



WESTERN CARTRIDGE Co.

SUPER-X .22 BOXES

1931-1960

CHECKLIST

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PREFACE

This project was done to update the WESTERN SUPER-X check list that was produced by the ASSOCIATION for the STUDY and RESEARCH of 22 CALIBER RIMFIRE CARTRIDGES. It is compiled in such a way that all the Shorts are together and the Longs are together etc.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF WESTERN SUPER-X

Western Cartridge Co. of East Alton Illinois first introduced the Super-X brand of cartridges in Jan.1931. They were first produced in short, short hollow point, long rifle, long rifle hollow point, WRF and WRF hollow point. In March 1931, long and long hollow point were introduced. Product codes were first seen in 1935. EXTRA CLEAN WAX COATED in red on the top of the box started in 1937. In 1941, Western introduced the CLAY TARGET shot cartridge with a new product code of K 1268R. The red Western logo on the bottom of the box ended in late 1941.

In 1946, Western Cartridge Co. became a Division of Olin Industries. Also in 1946, long hollow point was dropped from the product line. In Jan. 1947, WRF hollow point was dropped from the product line, and product code K 1268R was changed from CLAY TARGET to long rifle shot. The last name used on the boxes was Winchester-Western Division, Olin Mathieson-Chemical Corporation, this came in 1955.

In 1960, one of the longest running box labels came to an end. The top of these boxes did not change much since 1931 but some of the fine print did---- pay close attention to detail when you are collecting these boxes.

There are 254 different Super-X boxes in this catalog I know there are more out there so keep looking . No one has them all.

SUPER-X
PATENT NUMBER & DATES

1,709,868	APR. 23, 1929
1,709,869	APR. 23, 1929
1,709,870	APR. 23, 1929
1,732,211	OCT. 15, 1929
1,862,914	JUN. 14, 1932
1,907,218	MAY 2, 1933
1,955,927	APR. 24, 1934
1,967,913	JUL. 24, 1934
1,992,244	FEB. 26, 1935
2,001,212	MAY 14, 1935
2,008,889	JUL. 23, 1935
2,009,556	JUL. 30, 1935
2,106,107	JAN. 18, 1938
2,111,075	MAR. 15, 1938
2,150,653	MAR. 14, 1939
2,156,942	MAY 2, 1939
2,235,298	MAR. 18, 1941
2,265,230	DEC. 9, 1941

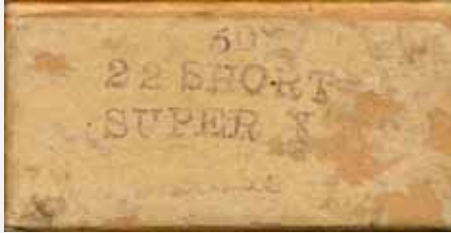
WESTERN SUPER-X

Some of the following dates may vary some because Western Cartridge Co. used existing inventory of boxes before new boxes were printed.

 <p>Used on early Boxes</p>	 <p>Used until Jan 1942</p> <p>Last used late 1941</p>		
 <p>1935 to 1942</p>	 <p>Used 1946 to 1956</p>		
 <p>1941 to 1946</p>	 <p>Used 1956 to 1960</p>		
 <p>1942 to 1946</p>	 <p>Used 1935 to 1953</p>		
 <p>1946 to 1960</p>	 <p>Used 1953</p>		
 <p>Used 1931 to 1947</p>	 <p>Used 1947 to 1953</p>	 <p>Used 1953 to 1960</p>	 <p>Used 1953 to 1960</p>

SUPER-X

Possible prototype box or pre-production box. The two piece full cover box is buff in color and rubber stamped. Boxes exist with 13DM62 or 15DM62 rubber stamped on bottom. The box is sealed so the contents are unknown.



Super-X .22 L. R. cartridges have 26% increased velocity and 50% increased energy. This increases the recoil absorbed by the arms in which they are fired. Because the recoil springs of AUTOMATIC PISTOLS are too weak, we do not recommend Super-X .22 Long Rifle cartridges for use in such arms. Undoubtedly, manufacturers of automatic pistols will soon develop recoil springs which will permit the use of Super-X Cartridges in their arms.
WESTERN CARTRIDGE COMPANY

Copy of an insert warning of the higher pressures that Super-X cartridges develop