

Egypt



.22 Box-ID

.22 Boxes of the World

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INTRODUCTION

Egypt produced .228 at their ammunition plant #27, at least during 1961, which is the only date on the specimens available for cataloging. These loads were sold commercially, as well as being used by their military.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Egypt contracted with foreign manufacturers for contract loadings for military training ammunition. Commercial requirements are probably supplied by the standard packs of foreign suppliers.

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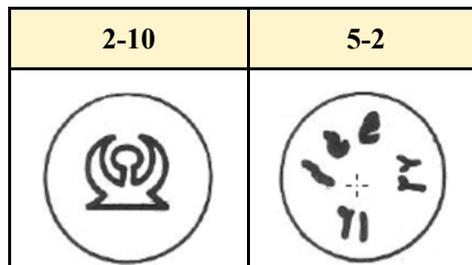
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HEADSTAMPS (h/s)

Headstamp drawings courtesy of the RIMFIRE HEADSTAMP GUIDE by George Kass



Basic Numeral Styles

WESTERN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
ARABIC	١	٢	٣	٤	٥	٦	٧	٨	٩	٠

Dating of Arabic boxes and headstamps can be very complex and difficult. The above chart helps in converting Arabic numeral styles to Western numerals. However, countries of the Arabic sphere general date their boxes and headstamps in accordance with the Mohammedan era (A.H.) which commenced on July 16 in the A.D. year 622. This is the date that the prophet Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medina.

A formula is required to convert the dating, however, they have used a lunar year of 354 days, which is 3% shorter than the 365 days in the Christian year. Thus to convert an A.H. date, a person must subtract 3% of the A.H. date (rounded to the closest whole number) from the A.H. date and add 621.

The Mohammedan calendar is not always based upon the lunar year (A.H.), however, causing some confusion, particularly in Iran (Persia) and in Afghanistan. Here a calendar based on the solar year (S.H.) was introduced around 1920. These dates can be converted to A.D. by simply adding 621.

VARIOUS DATES WHICH ARE 1972

CHRISTIAN ERA (A.D.)	1972
MOHAMMEDAN ERA (A. H.)	1392
SOLAR YEAR (S.H.)	1351

LR-1



LR-2



LR-3



LR-4



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LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Orange, red, white and gray box with white and black printing. Large, one-piece box with end flaps. No product code. "5-2" h/s on a brass case. Lead bullet. This is the commercial packaging of the output of Ammunition Plant #27. All specimens noted have been head-stamped for the year 1961.



LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY).** White label with black printing. Box of 100. Kraft colored, two-piece, full cover box.. No product code. "5-2" h/s on a brass case. Lead bullet. This is the military packaging at ammunition plant #27. All specimens noted have been head stamped 1961

LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY).** Kraft colored box with no printing. Large, one-piece box with end flaps. No h/s on a brass case. Lead bullet. Probably made in Poland.

LR-4 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY).** One-piece box with end flaps. "2-10" h/s on a brass case. Lead bullet. P58 I 7 is stamped on the inside of the end flaps. This box was produced in Poland.