

India



.22 Box-ID
.22 Boxes of the World

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Map and flag from Wikipedia.org

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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of India, a subcontinent which juts southward from the mainland of Asia, has an area of 1,269,219 sq. miles. It has a population of 1,210,193,422 as of 2011. The capital is New Delhi. The economy is based upon agriculture.

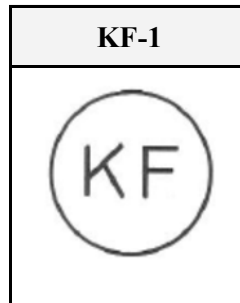
While India has one of the world's largest populations. The use of guns and ammunition seems to have been the pleasure of the rich. Due to its relationship with England up to 1948, almost all of the .22s used were imported from that country. However there was one arsenal that produced .22s, probably for the military.

AMMUNITION FACTORY-KIRKEE. Located at Kirkee, Poona, this plant has produced .22s in the post World War II period. Dates of operations are not known at this time. Boxes from this plant are difficult to obtain in the U.S.A.

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HEADSTAMPS (h/s)

Headstamp drawings courtesy of the RIMFIRE HEADSTAMP GUIDE by George Kass and Ron Merchant



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Misc. Issues

LR-1



LR-2



LR-3



LR-4



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LR-1 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Yellow and red box with black printing. One piece box with end flaps. No product code. "KF-1" h/s on a copper case. Lead bullet..

Variations:

(a) Box front states:

Manufactured at the
INDIAN ORDNANCE FACTORIES
Ammunition Factory
Kirkee, Poona 3
Reference No. J-064

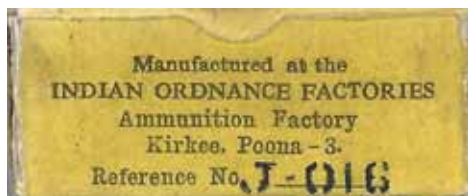


(b) Sometime after the British left the name of the town changed to back to Kdaki, Pune

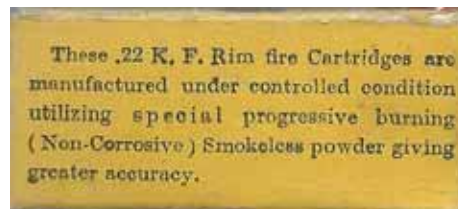


LR-2 **.22 LONG RIFLE (MILITARY).** 100 rd. Kraft colored box. Two-piece full cover box. Full wrap-around label with green printing.

LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as LR-1 (a) box. Bottom has a "M 1" stamped in black ink. Made in the Kirkee plant. Contents unknown.. Reference No. J-016



LR-3 **.22 LONG RIFLE.** Same as LR-3 box. Reference No. P-02. Slight difference on back. And bottom stamp is larger.



LR-5



These .22 K.F. Rim fire Cartridges are Manufactured under controlled condition utilizing special progressive burning [Non - Corrosive] Smokeless powder giving greater accuracy.

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Misc. Issues

LR-5 .22 LONG RIFLE. White box with blue printing. Manufactured at the INDIAN ORDANCE FACTORIES, Khadki, Pune.. Contents unknown..

FOR GENERAL PURPOSE
Max. Price Rs. /Each
[L. T. Extra]
Date of Pkg. 010511

Manufactured at the
INDIAN ORDANCE FACTORIES
Ammunition Factory,
Khadki, Pune - 411003.
Reference No.