

.577 Snider



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Type	military
Place of origin	Britain

Service history

Used by	British
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Production history

Produced	1867
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Specifications

Bullet diameter	.570 in (14.5 mm)
Neck diameter	.602 in (15.3 mm)
Base diameter	.660 in (16.8 mm)
Rim diameter	.747 in (19.0 mm)
Rim thickness	.065 in (1.7 mm)
Case length	2.0 in (51 mm)
Overall length	2.45 in (62 mm)

Ballistic performance

Bullet weight/type	Velocity	Energy
450 gr (29 g) lead	1,300 ft/s (400 m/s)	1,689 ft-lbf (2,290 J)

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.577/450 Martini-Henry



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Type	Military
Place of origin	United Kingdom

Service history

Used by	British Empire
Wars	Anglo-Zulu War

Production history

Designed	1871
Variants	11.43 x 60R (61R)

Specifications

Parent case	.577 Snider
Bullet diameter	.455 in (11.6 mm)
Neck diameter	.487 in (12.4 mm)
Shoulder diameter	.628 in (16.0 mm)
Base diameter	.668 in (17.0 mm)
Rim diameter	.746 in (18.9 mm)
Rim thickness	.06 in (1.5 mm)
Case length	2.34 in (59 mm)
Overall length	3.12 in (79 mm)

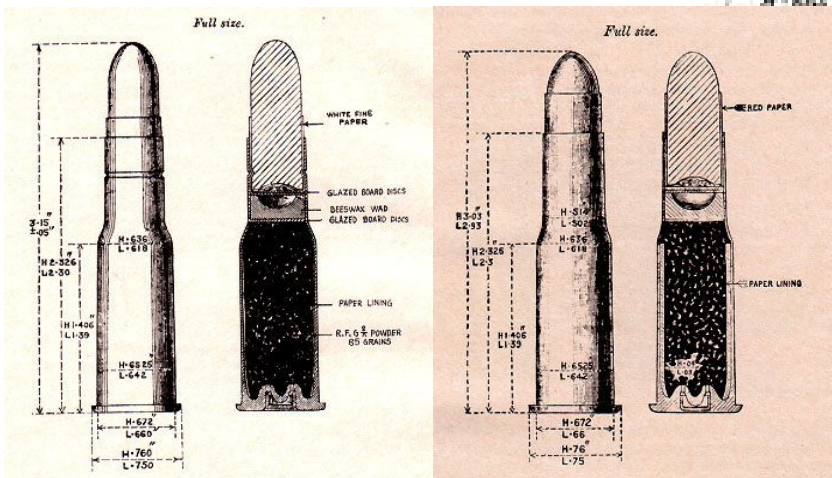
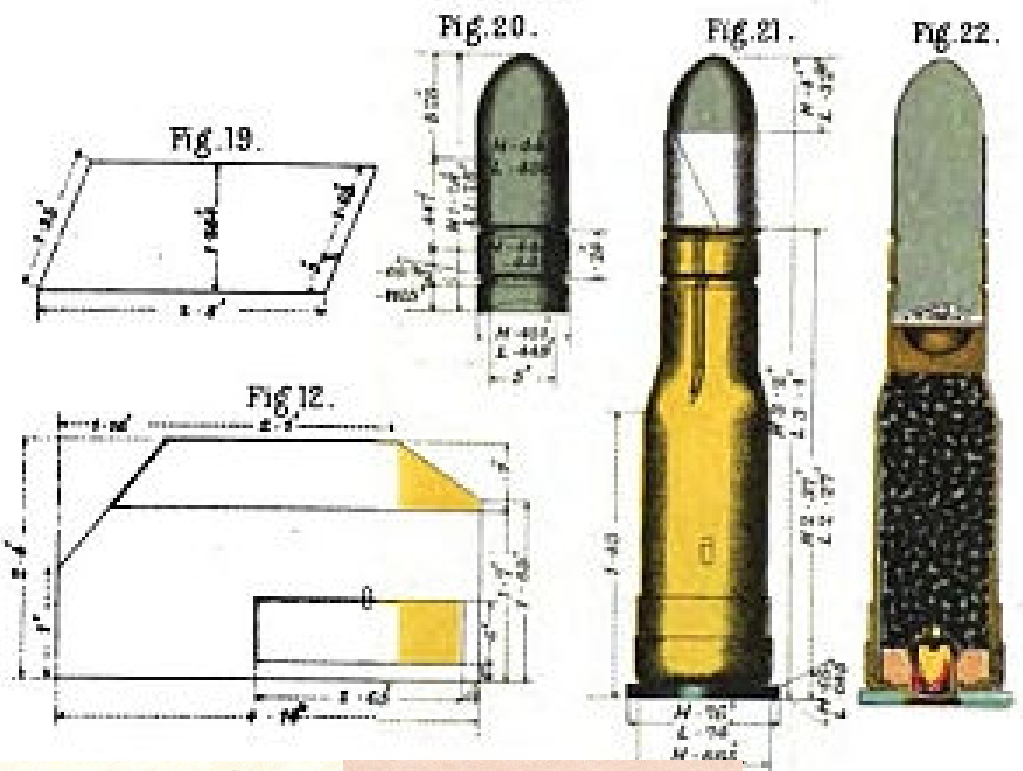
Ballistic performance

Bullet weight/type	Velocity	Energy
400 gr (26 g) lead	1,450 ft/s (440 m/s)	1,868 ft-lbf (2,533 J)
480 gr (31 g) lead	1,350 ft/s (410 m/s)	1,943 ft-lbf (2,634 J)

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4756—Cartridge, S.A. Ball, B.L. for Martini-Henry Rifle, .45-inch only
9 Jun 1885

Solid drawn case.

A supply of cartridges of this description has been ordered for immediate issue to Egypt for use with the Martini-Henry rifle only.

The case is made of solid drawn brass, with a cap chamber formed in the base, as shown in the woodcut. The bullet is made of an alloy of 12 parts of lead and one part tin; it is covered as high as the shoulder with fine white paper.

A wad of cotton wool is placed on the top of the powder, then a long wad of beeswax, with one glazed board disc at the lower end and two at the upper. The bullet is secured in the case by choking the latter into a cannellure in the bullet.

Weight of bullet	480 grs.
Weight of charge	85 grs.
Weight of one cartridge complete	825 grs.
Weight of one bundle of cartridges	1 lb. 3 1/8 ozs.

A small-arm ammunition box will contain 580 rounds of this ammunition, and will weigh, when filled, about 80 lb. 8 ozs.

