Cartridge

Date

c.1864

Primary Maker

Allegheny Arsenal

Medium

Paper; Chemical compound (black powder); String; Lead

Description

Paper-cased cartridge for .58 caliber Minie-ball ammunition. Piece of lightweight brownish paper has been folded & wrapped to enclose a conical lead bullet, backed by a measured charge of black gunpowder. The open end has been left with a folded-over tab, to be torn off to pour the powder; the bullet end has been drawn together at the tip, and tied with a soft string.

Dimensions

0.625 x 1.5 x 2.75 in. (1.6 x 3.8 x 7 cm)