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1839 Musket Boxes





US Pattern of 1839 Musket Cartridge Box For the .69 Caliber Musket

(Also known as the Pattern of 1842)

The 1839 .69 cal cartridge box was originally designed to be carried on a sling only, with no provision to be carried on the belt. The box is designed to replace the aging 1828 musket boxes (the 1828 box is a 1808 with an embossed Eagle flap). This box is designed to carry 40 rounds of round ball or buck and ball ammunition. The tins are double tins with a divider in the top of each tin which hold 10 loose cartridges and a space in lower half for a complete package of ten cartridges.

The first box (pictured above) is the first type of Pattern of 1839 cartridge box manufactured by John I. Pittman of New York, NY. Pittman produced military goods & equipment from 1845-64. This example shows the Pattern of 1839 as originally designed and with the earlier style finial which is more flat than round. This box would have been fitted with the larger oval US plate measuring 57 x 88 mm.

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The second type (Pictured above) is made on the pattern of 1857, or which required the addition of belt loops. This box is based on the New York Arsenal pattern, noted by the belt loops located on the outside edge of the Horizontal loop. The belt loops on this example were then part of the box's original construction. There are no maker marks on this box. This cartridge box was also fitted with the larger oval US plate measuring 57 x 88 mm. It

should be noted that after the adoption of the 69 caliber elongated ball (Mini) cartridge box, this box was referred as the 69 round ball box .

We make this box upon special request. Please call for pricing.



The next photos (above) show a Pattern of 1839 box that attempts to comply with the Order from the Ordnance office of April 15 1861, that all boxes were to have waist belt loops. These changes required cartridge boxes to be able to be carried on belt or sling or both. This box has the addition of belt loops added after it's original construction which are riveted on. There are no maker marks on this box. This cartridge box was also fitted with the larger oval US plate measuring 57 x 88 mm.



The last type shown (right) is a pattern of 1861 which shows sewn and riveted back straps. There are no maker marks on this box.

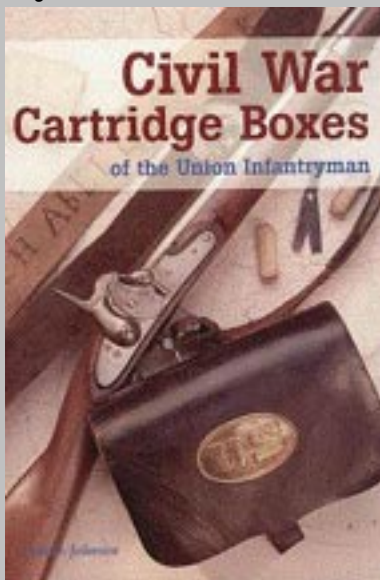
This cartridge box shows evidence of having been used both with a sling and with belt carriage. The box had been fitted with a box plate.

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This is an example of how Plates are attached to a cartridge box. A simple strip of leather is usually what held the plate in place.

For Further reading on the subject of cartridge boxes I recommend this book:
Civil War Cartridge Boxes of the Union Infantryman
By Paul D. Johnson



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