United States military cartridges

US arsenals

World War II manufactured cartridges with a single "4" as the year of production were made in 1944. The demand was so great for cartridges that most manufacturers just ground off the "3" on the "43" stamp to save time. Most wartime plants were closed by the end of the war. Some cartridges with a single "5" were made in 1955.

AO or **KS** Allegheny Ordnance Plant (Kelly Springfield) - Cumberland, Maryland (1943-1945); Operated by Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., a division of Goodyear Rubber.

CB Curtis Bay Ordnance Depot (CBOD) - Baltimore, Maryland (1917-1957). Used to store, examine, and repack ammunition.

DEN Denver Ordnance Plant - Denver, Colorado: a division of Remington Arms. (1941-1945)

DM Des Moines Ordnance Plant - Des Moines, Iowa: a division of US Rubber Co. (January 1942 to July 1945)

EC Evansville Ordnance Plant (Chrysler) - Evansville, Indiana: a division of Chrysler-Plymouth. (June 1942 to April 1944) They manufactured brass-cased ammunition. From 1943 to 1944 it manufactured steel-cased .45 ACP ammunition.

ECS Evansville Ordnance Plant (Chrysler-Sunbeam) - Evansville, Indiana: a division of Sunbeam Refrigerator Co. (1942-1944). Chrysler bought the plant to keep up with demand. It loaded cartridges made at the Evansville-Chrysler plant across town and then packed them in shipping crates for shipment. In 1943 it was the first plant to manufacture ammo in vacuum-packed metal cans. In 1944 it was employed in inspecting and repacking .45 ACP and .30 Carbine ammunition.

EW Eau Claire Ordnance Plant (August 1942 to December 1943) - Eau Claire, Wisconsin a division of US Rubber Co.

FA Frankford Arsenal (1816-1977) - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HAW Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot (1926-1977) - Hawthorne, Nevada.

HW Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant (1977–Present) - Hawthorne Nevada. 1977-1992 (Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant HWAAP); 1992–Present (Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot HWAD).

KOP Kingsbury Ordnance Plant (1941-1945: 1950-1959) - Kingsbury, Indiana.

LC Lake City Ordnance Plant (1940–present) - Independence, Missouri: a division of Remington Arms.

LM Lowell Ordnance Plant (1942-1943) - Lowell, Massachusetts

LOP Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (1942–1996) - Doyline, Webster Parish, LA, USA.

LS Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant (1941-2009) - Texarkana, TX, USA.

M Milwaukee Ordnance Plant (August 1942 to December 1943) - Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Operated by US Rubber Co..

P, PC, PCC Kings Mills Ordnance Plant (Peters Cartridge Company) (1942-1944) - Kings Mills, Ohio: A sub-contractor owned by Remington Arms from 1934 to 1944. It was converted to only produce .30 Carbine ammunition in 1943 and produced more than Lake City by 1944. It was closed down in March, 1944 to consolidate production at more centrally-located plants.

PBA Pine Bluff Arsenal (1941-Present) - Pine Bluff, AR, USA.

ROP Redstone Ordnance Plant - Huntsville, Alabama (1941-1949). Combined with the Huntsville Depot facility to form Redstone Arsenal in 1949.

SL St. Louis Ordnance Plant (November 1941 to June 1945) - St. Louis, Missouri.

TW Twin Cities Ordnance Plant (1942-1945; 1950-1957; 1965-1976; 2002-2005) - Minneapolis, Minnesota.

U or **UT** Utah Ordnance Plant - Salt Lake City, Utah; a division of Remington Arms (March 1942 to December 1943).

Civilian contractors

FC or FCC Federal Cartridge Corporation (1917-?) - Anoka, Minnesota

NC National Brass & Copper Tube Co. (1917-1918) - Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Manufactured .303 British ammunition during World War I.

OMF Saint Marks Powder Co. - Saint Marks, Crawfordville, Florida. A division of Olin-Mossberg.

RA Remington Arms Company - Bridgeport, Connecticut

RAH Remington Arms Company - Hoboken, New Jersey.

RHA Co. Robin Hood Ammunition Company (?-1915; 1915-1917) - Swanton, Vermont. Bought out by Remington in 1915 (becoming Remington-UMC Swanton but retaining the old headstamp) when it received a wartime contract to produce rifle ammunition for the French government. The French-style headstamp has the yearly quarter before the 4-digit year (e.g., 4-1917 would mean 4th Quarter, 1917).

US United States Cartridge Company (1867-1926) - Lowell, Massachusetts. Manufactured .303 British ammunition during World War I.

TZ Texas Foundries Inc. (1976-Present) - Lufkin, TX.

W, **WC**, or **WCC** Western Cartridge Company - East Alton, Illinois Manufactured .30-'06 Springfield ammunition during World War I and World War II.

WRA Winchester Repeating Arms Company - New Haven, Connecticut Manufactured .30-'06 Springfield and .303 British ammunition during World War I and World War II.