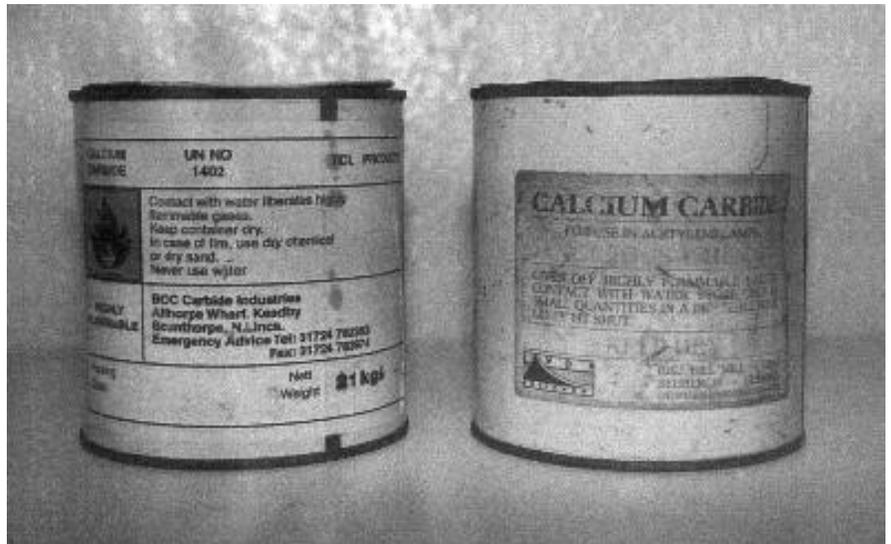


British Carbide Tins - Recent Additions

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Since my original article, (EUREKA! No.30 P.11-13), showing a few manufactured packaging tins for carbide, I have now acquired a further five examples which are shown in the following two photos.

The first picture shows three early-pattern color-printed tins i.e. a standard normal tall pattern one pound tin supplied BY 'James Jamieson of Aberdeen under the logo of 'XL' carbide. The printing is gold and on a dark green background. The tin shown in the center of the group is a half-pound weight tin supplied by 'Darge Acetylene Gass Co.Ltd.'



was the Newcastle manufacturer of the 1940's producing several patterns of miners' carbide cap and hand lamps. The printing is gold and on a blood-red background. The tin shown on the right hand side. of the group is a one-pound. Tin supplied by the 'High Level Brand Co' - Newcastle on Tyne, the name referring to a famous bridge that crosses the river Tyne.



The printing is black and white on a pale blue and white background. The second photo shows two 1960's style tins, both having paper pasted on white tins. Both are one kgm. weight tins, although one is rather odd in that the label states firstly a crossed out 2 kgm followed by the correct 1kgm ? This tin was supplied by Boc Carbide Industries' - Scunthorpe - N. Lincolnshire. The other tin was supplied by 'Lyon' - Cumbria who in the 1960's supplied underground equipment to caving and mining groups.