

Baby Wolf Safety Lamp Filler

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It seems there is no end to the new mining artifacts that keep appearing. Anyone other than a newbie artifact collector is aware of the full-size and baby Wolf safety lamps. Most collectors, if they don't own one, have at least seen the Wolf safety lamp filler, but how many of us have seen a Baby Wolf safety lamp filler. I definitely had not seen or heard of such an item, not until I recently saw one listed on ebay. This was one of those "got to have items" so I checked the piggy bank and put in my bid. Fortunately, no one thought as much of this unusual item as I did and I ended up as the successful bidder.

The full-size lamp filler is solid brass, as is the baby filler. Both have threaded filler spouts and a threaded lid at the end of the filler spout, and they are interchangeable between the two fillers. Both have Wolf brass labels. The full-size filler measures 15" tall to the top of the filler spout cap, the baby filler measures 10" tall to the top of the filler spout cap. The full-size filler measures 8 1/8" tall to the base of the sloped shoulder, the baby filler measures 6 1/16" to the base of its much less sloping shoulder. The full-size filler measures 3" in diameter at the base, the baby filler measures 1 7/8" in diameter at the base. Both have the filler caps attached with a chain to keep them from being lost.

