

# British Wolf Safety Lamp Filler

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The Wolf Safety Lamp Company website states: “The Wolf Safety Lamp Company was established in Leeds, West Yorkshire, in the 1880’s as a subsidiary of Friemann & Wolf of Zwickau, Germany. In 1912 the Leeds company was bought and moved to Sheffield in South Yorkshire where it began to develop safety lamps more suited to British methods and regulations of mining. The company was incorporated in 1916 and in 1934 moved to the larger Saxon Road Works, where it is still sited today.” An advertisement from the Wolf Safety Lamp Co. (Wm. Maurice) Ltd. States: “Sole Owners of the business established at Leeds in 1905 and transferred to Sheffield in 1913.”

The Wolf Safety Lamp Co. in England, under the direction of William Maurice, produced safety lamps, carbide hand lamps and carbide cap lamps, as well as the safety lamp filler shown here. It has a great detailed relief brass name plate with a wolf holding a safety lamp in its mouth. The body, spout and two handles are made of spelter coated steel. The breather tube that runs from the end of the spout to just below the filler cap is copper. The cap and threads are machined brass. The base is just a hair under 6” in diameter and it is 9” to the top of the filler cap.



*Above: Wolf Safety Lamp filler, brass name plate and vent tube.*

*Left: William Maurice (1872–1951)*