

## Blaster's Handbooks

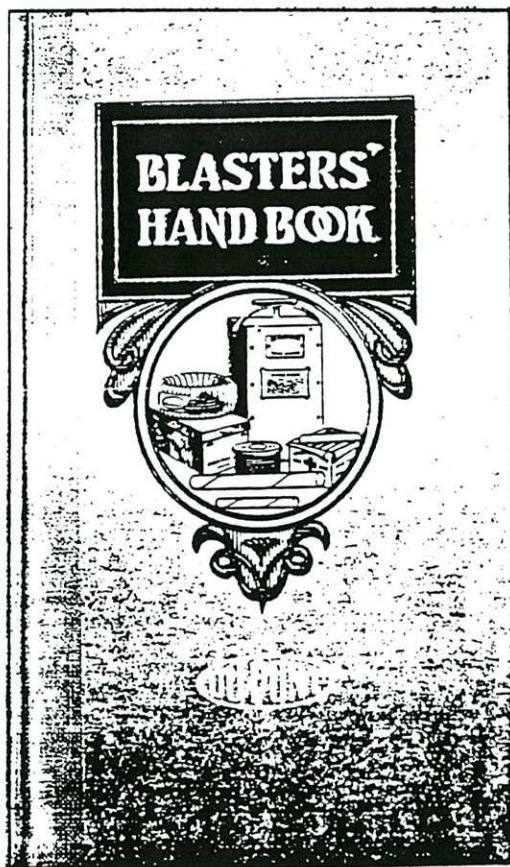
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If you collect mining related items such as blasting machines, blasting cap tins, cap crimpers, and other things related to blasting, you will enjoy collecting the blaster's handbooks issued by the E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Company.

These books were mostly presented with the compliments of DuPont to anyone doing business with them. They are 4" by 7" and range from 150 to 205 pages, the earlier editions being smaller. The earliest copy I know of is 1922 and the latest 1942.

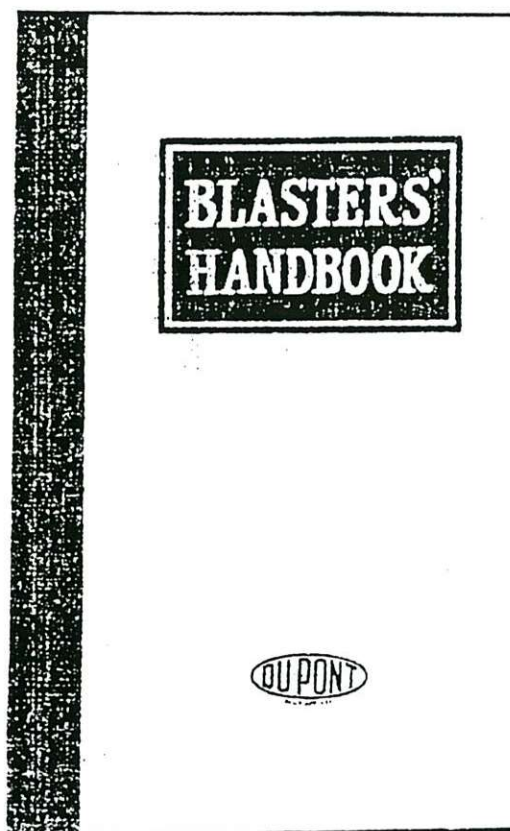
The information found in these books can really be found nowhere else as they thoroughly explain the use of all the blasting items we collect: blasting machines, galvanometers, crimpers, miner's spoons, and other items.

I know of six different copyright dates, 1922, 1925, 1928, 1934, 1939, and 1942. The 1922 and 1925 books are not marked as editions while the 1928 is marked as the fifth edition, 1934 as the eighth edition, 1939 as the tenth edition, and 1942 as the eleventh edition. If anyone knows of any other dates and editions, please let us know, as with your help, we may be able to complete all the known dates. (Note: the types of blaster's handbooks we are referring to are the small early varieties, not the larger and much more recent editions.)



1922

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1925

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