

AUTO-LITE REPAIR KITS AND PARTS BOXES

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"AUTO-LITE" REPAIR PARTS

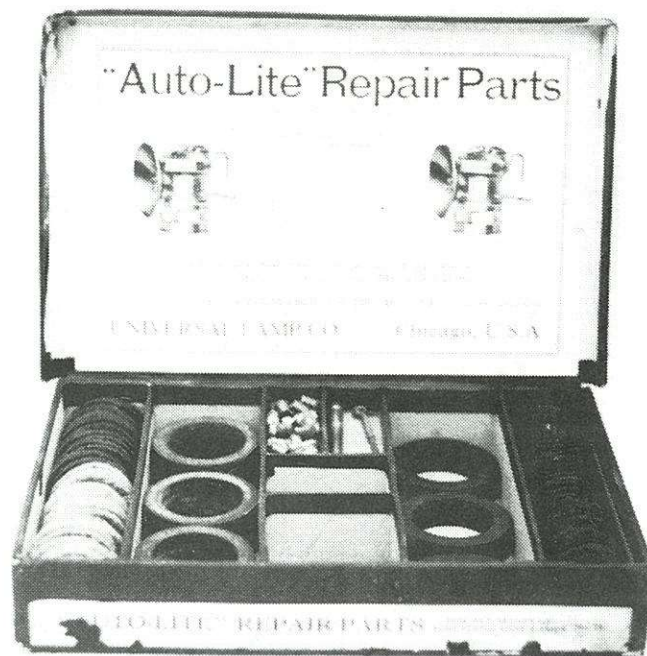
Next to Justrite, Auto-Lite is a distant second when it comes to lamp repair kits and parts boxes, both in quantity and diversity. While the later style Auto-Lite lamp boxes are about the most common lamp box found, all other Auto-Lite boxes are very scarce.

On May 31, 1921, Jacob S. Sherman and Simon Sorokin of the Universal Lamp Company trademarked the words DIAMOND TIPS and claimed that the trademark had been used since October 20, 1919.

There are three different Auto-Lite repair kits known at this time. Two repair kits are the flip-top type made of a heavy black cardboard. The older style is the larger of the two and measures 9 3/4 inches long, 6 1/2 inches wide, and 1 1/4 inches high. The lamps shown on the inside cover of this repair kit are the later style Auto-Lites without the bumper grip. The later style repair kit is smaller (7 3/4 inches long, 6 1/2 inches wide, and 2 inches high) and shows two later style Auto-Lites with bumper grips on the inside cover. The third type of Auto-Lite repair kit is of pinkish brown cardboard and measures 7 3/4 inches long, 6 1/2 inches wide, and 1 3/4 inches high. This repair kit was made so that the top had to be removed in order to get to the parts inside. It is probably fairly early because it shows a later style Auto-Lite lamp without a bumper grip.

Other parts boxes known include Diamond Tips boxes of one dozen, Auto-Lite flint boxes of a dozen, a twelve dozen box of Diamond Tips and a twelve dozen box of felts and boxes of one dozen carbide bottoms.

Different types of repair kits and parts boxes are being found all the time. Anyone who have found other types of Auto-Lite lamp boxes, repair kits or parts boxes and would like to share them with our readers are encouraged to send us photos or xerox copies of their finds.

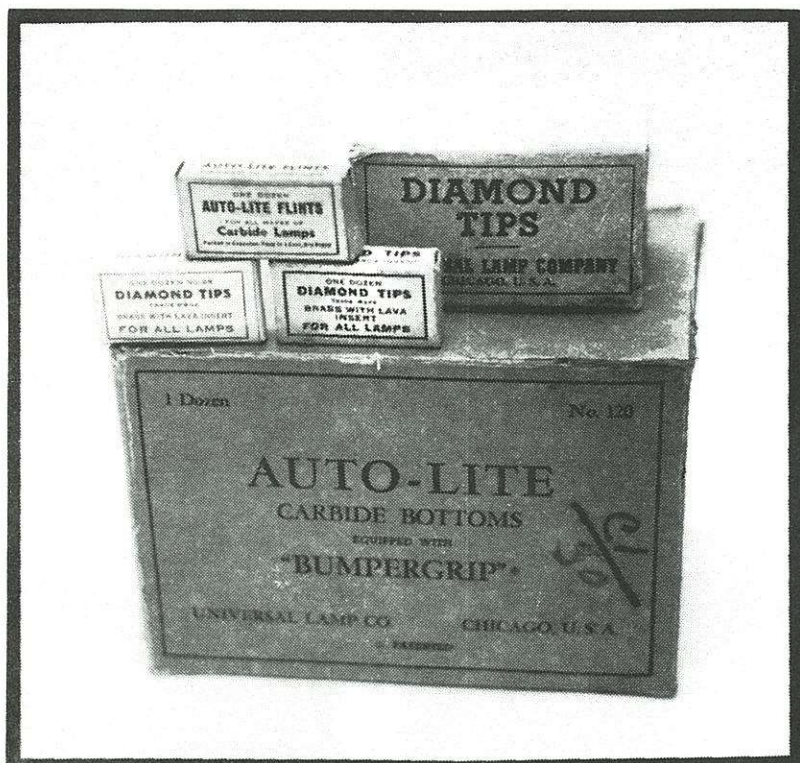


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UNIVERSAL LAMP COMPANY
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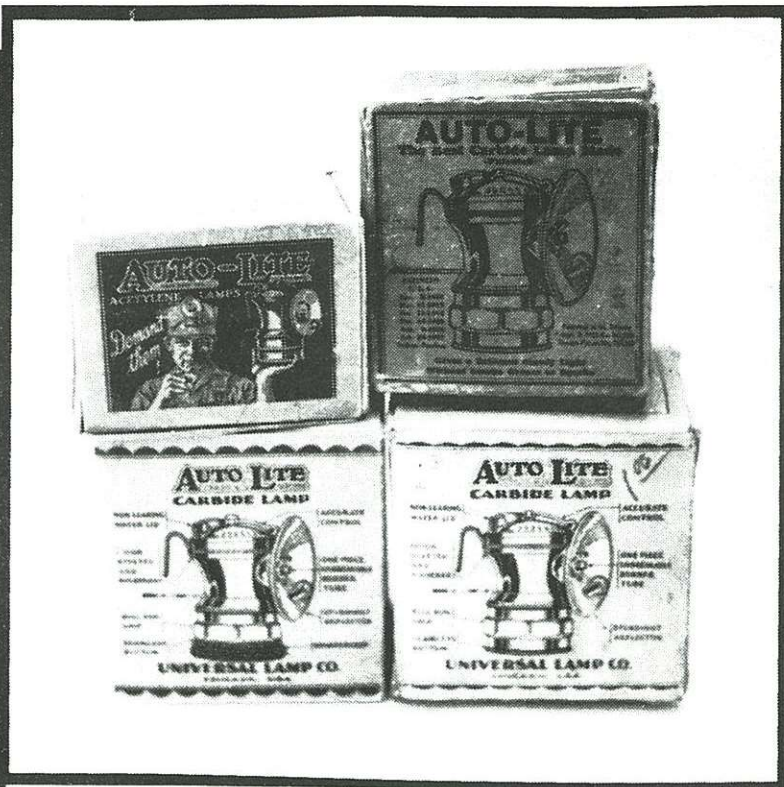
A photograph of a group of Auto-Lite parts boxes. (Author's collection)

On May 31, 1921, the trademark DIAMOND TIPS was registered by the Universal Lamp Company. Prior to being registered, this trademark had been used by the company since October 20, 1919.



A photograph of the most commonly found Auto-Lite lamp box. These boxes are printed in red and black. (Ted Bobrink collection)

(opposite page) Photographs of the two types of flip-top Auto-Lite repair kits. The top repair kit is the older of the two. (Both from the author's collection)



A photograph of a group of Auto-Lite lamp boxes. The box at top left was for the "early" Auto-Lite lamps with two-banded carbide container and set-screw reflector. The box at top right was for the first "later" style Auto-Lite lamps. The box at the lower left is for Auto-Lite lamps with bumpergrips, and the box at lower right was for lamps before the invention of the bumpergrip. (From the author's collection)