

THE LEADER CARBIDE POCKET CAN

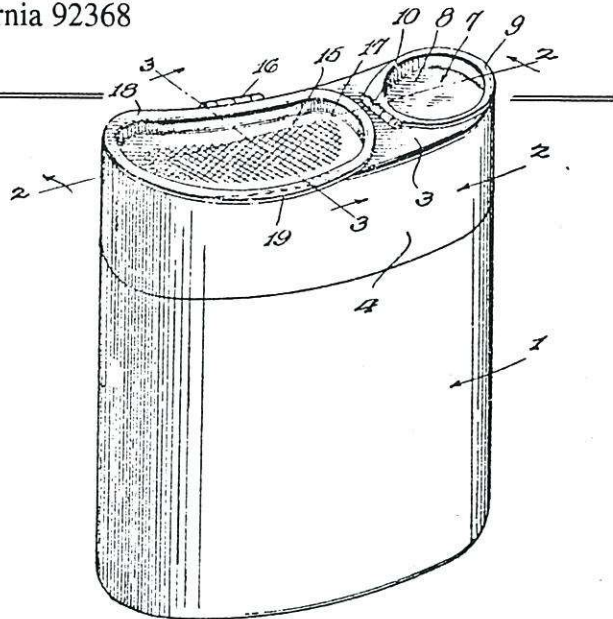
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One of the most sought after carbide pocket can is the Leader. It is 4.25 inches high, 4 inches wide and 1.5 inches deep. This carbide can was patented on October 23, 1923, by Eli Israel of Wilks-Barre, Pennsylvania.

There are two lids on the top of the can, the larger lid covers a compartment that could hold matches, extra burner tips, or other small articles. The other round lid is the pouring opening for the carbide in the container. A unique feature of this carbide can--one which many owners of these cans may not know--is that the entire top of the carbide can can be removed so that the carbide could be quickly and conveniently poured into the container. The front of the can is embossed in raised letters:

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There are two styles of Leader carbide cans known. The earliest style looks like the patent drawing with indented lids, while the later style has flush lids. The Leader carbide cans were electroplated with cadmium (giving a blue-white color) or cadmium sulfide (giving a yellowish orange color).



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CARBIDE CONTAINER.

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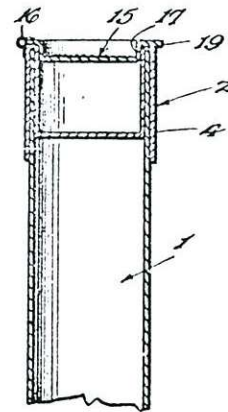


Figure 2. Patent drawing.



Figure 1. The two styles of Leader carbide pocket can with the earliest style on the left and the later style on the right. Mark Bohannon collection