

Carbide Lamp Thread Cleaner

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Anyone familiar with carbide lamps knows how the threads become fouled with carbide residue after continued use. When a need exists ingenuity comes forth with a solution.

In this instance, someone developed and manufactured a device to clean the residue from the carbide cap lamp threads, both internal and external. One side of the box is marked Miner's Carbide Lamp Cleaner, while the opposite side is marked John A. Rischar, 524 E. Pine St., Mahanoy City, PA. I do not know whether John Rischar was the manufacturer or merely the distributor.

The pictured device is made of machined tool steel that has been blued. It measures 2" in length and has an outer diameter of 1 5/8". One end is designed to clean the threads of the lamp bottom by screwing over the threads, while the other end screws up into the lamp top to clean the threads.

Without the box to indicate what this item is designed for, it would be very easy to pass over this item at a flea market.

