

# Hunter's Special

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It finally surfaced: the Hunter's Special. Just one ad has appeared of this rare lamp which is very similar to Justrite's XRAY series that included the standard XRAY, the Imperial, and the Fulton. Just who found the ad and where the ad came from are unknown. This model (acutally a Fulton by stamping) has a different reflector from all the "XRAY" lamps. Instead of the brace being square, it is rounded to reinforce the reflector from the periphery. But that is not all. The reflector is crimped straight back instead of rolled, and the lever notches are raised ovals instead of round. Lastly, the water tank does not have the usual scalloped indentations. (Mike Puhl has reported a standard Fulton lamp with the smooth sided water tank).

Justrite manufactured custom stamped XRAY-type lamps for Hardsocg (stamped Imperial) and for the Emmons Hawkins Hardware Co. (known as the Fulton). Justrite's most prolific designer was Augie Hansen, whose tilt reflector design included the XRAY, and ultimately the Hansen lamps after leaving Justrite. The "Hunter's Special", (the lamp is named from the one known advertisement), represents a transition in reflector bracing between the XRAY and the Hansen.

This lamp was displayed at the Frisco, Colorado show on June 14th. It is owned by Bernie and Dottie Haynes. Any other information or advertisements that may shed more light on this rare lamp would be greatly appreciated.

