


Justrite's "Jiffy" Container

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Between 1915 and 1919, Justrite cap lamp bases were manufactured with two rows of beads for gripping. Justrite considered the "Jiffy" to be their upscale base as evidenced by their catalog descriptions and the elegant bottom stamping (photo right). With the "Jiffy" Container, Justrite did away with conventional screw threads, replacing them with the "Helix Locking Device". Instead of unscrewing the base in the usual way, the miner needed only to twist half a turn. The "Jiffy" base, is usually found with the "Duplex Feed" water dropper and was advertised this way in the Justrite catalog shown below (ca 1915-16) as well as the large and more familiar 1919 catalog.

Lamps with this base have always presented somewhat of a dilemma for collectors to display. One must either unscrew the base from the lamp to examine the "Helix Locking Device", or pick the lamp up to view the bottom. The base, when displayed with the unique screw-cap, however, speaks for itself. The row of beads on the screw cap immediately identifies it as a "Jiffy" container. Furthermore, laid on its side, it proudly displays the fancy bottom stamping.


From a Justrite Catalog (ca. 1915-16)



Description and Parts


"JIFFY" CONTAINER

Showing
the
Helix
Locking
Device
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The "JIFFY" CONTAINER with Helix lock is a wonderful improvement over the rolled screw threaded bottom with which other Carbide Lamps are equipped. It will not corrode or stick. The Helix locking device has two-thirds less bearing surface—reduces the friction and eliminates the grinding, sticking feature of screw threads. It locks tight with a slight turn, and is so named because it can be put on and taken off in a "JIFFY." It is stronger and will stand more hard usage than the screw threaded bottom because it is made of heavier brass with doubled-over edge. The used carbide can be emptied quicker and easier because the neck is shorter and opening larger.

Screen




No. 216—5c

Felt



Fits Inside Screen
No. 217—3c

No. 60—Rubber Gasket, 3c



"JIFFY" CONTAINER

No. 218—25c

