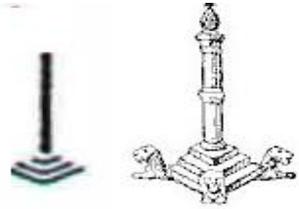
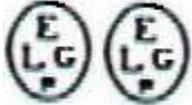
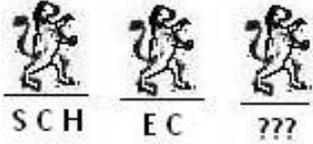
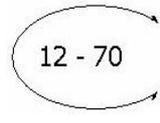


BELGIAN PROOF MARKS

Mark Number	Description	Dates Used	Mark
1	The Perron, sole proof mark until dropped in 1810, Since 1853 used to indicate inspection or proof of breeching system. Not used on revolvers. Can be either of these.	1672 – 1810, 1853 - present	
2	Replace #1 in 1810. Sole proof mark until 1853, when it became the mark for definitive proof. Since 1893, used on muzzle loaders only. Can be any of these 3 marks.	1810 - present	
3	Double proof as prescribed by the French law of 1810	1810 – 1853	
4	Bore diameter in millimeters. Until 1894, stamped in .02mm graduations, then in 0.1mm steps	1810 - present	18.0
5	Initials of M. Champiomont, used to designate provisional proof for barrels prior to permanent breeching.	1847- 1852	F-J C
6	Replace #5 for provisional proof of barrels. Since 1924 reserved for smooth bores	1852 – present	
7	Mark applied to barrels which failed proof and returned to makers for reworking.	1846 – 1889	R
8	Indicated barrels had not been weakened after proof by breeching, Used on muzzle loaders	1852 – 1853	
	Introduced for handguns, 1846 to 1924.		

9	applied to barrels exported in rough state. Since 1925 reserved for muzzle loading pistols	1846 – present	
10	Example of an Inspector's mark which could be any letter of the alphabet	1853 – 1877	
11	Example of an Inspector's mark which could be any letter of the alphabet	1877 – present	
12	“Not for Ball” indicates choked barrel	1878 – 1897	NON POUR BALLE
13	Introduced to designate arms proved in conformity of German Proof Law of 1891. In now represents definitive black powder proof except for muzzle loaders	1893 – present	
14	Designates guns with rifled chokes.	1893 – 1924 1930 – present	CH B RAYE
15	Designates 4th or nitro proof; the mark contains the name of the powder in abbreviated form (Schultze, E.C.)	1891 – present	
16	Barrel weight in grams of nitro proofed shotguns. After 1924 fractions of grams were no longer used	1892 – present	1K355.5
17	Chamber dimensions in millimeters shotguns undergoing smokeless proof. Length of chamber over diameter of chamber	1892 – 1924	$\frac{70}{20.6}$
18	Maximum service load for shotguns having undergone smokeless proof. Always found in conjunction with #15, which would indicate type of powder	1897 – 1903	MAX 2 gr 72 poudre 31 gr 50 plomb

19	Smokeless powder proof of military rifles until 1903, thereafter indicates nitro proof for all types of arms.	1898 – present	
20	Designates rifled barrel. Introduced for handguns in 1894, rifles over 8mm in 1897. Since 1924 used on all rifled arms	1894 – present	
21	“Not Rifled” used on smooth bore revolvers, multi-barreled pistols and Flobert arms	1894 – 1924	NON RAYE
22	Variation of #21 used for a few months in 1894	1894 – 1924	NON RAYE 94
23	Mark applied to smooth bore express rifles	1894 – 1898	EXPRESS NON RAYE
24	Nominal gauge designation applied to shotguns given black powder proof	1898 – 1924	
25	Mark for optional superior provisional proof. The mark was seldom requested	1898 – 1924	
26	Briefly replaced #12 as choke designation	1898 – 1924	CHOKE
27	Replace #12 as choke designation	1897 – 1898	CHOKE 17. 16.3
28	Replaced #27	1910 – 1924	CHOKE $\frac{18.7}{18.0}$
29	Replaced #28. Diameter of choked portion of bore is no longer indicated	1924 – present	CHOKE 17.0
30	Optional provisional proof of barrels in the form of rough tubes.	1924 – present	

31	Optional double provisional proof of smooth bore barrels completed except for chambering. May be used in place of #6	1924 – present	
32	Optional triple proof	1924 – present	
33	Gauge and chamber length in millimeters	1924 – present	
34	Replaced #14	1924 – 1930	CH RAYE
35	Mark indicating proof of foreign arms	1924 – present	
36	Mark applied to unproved Belgian barrels exported directly to a foreign proof house	1924 – present	
37	Superior smokeless proof for shotguns at 17,600 psi for 16 gauge and larger. 20,000 psi for smaller gauges	1959 – present	

BELGIAN DATE CODES

a	1922	α alpha	1948	m	1974
b	1923	β beta	1949	n	1975
c	1924	γ gamma	1950	o	1976
d	1925	δ delta	1951	p	1977
e	1926	z (bold)	1952	q	1978
f	1927	θ theta	1953	r	1979
g	1928	λ lambda	1954	s	1980
h	1929	μ mu	1955	t	1981
i	1930	ξ xi	1956	u	1982
j	1931	π pi	1957	v	1983
k	1932	ρ rho	1958	w	1984
l	1933	σ sigma	1959	x	1985

m	1934		τ tau	1960		ϣ	1986
n	1935		φ phi	1961		z	1987
o	1936		<u>a</u>	1962		<u>P</u>	1988
p	1937		<u>b</u>	1963		<u>N</u>	1989
q	1938		<u>c</u>	1964		<u>L</u>	1990
r	1939		<u>d</u>	1965		<u>J</u>	1991
s	1940		<u>e</u>	1966		<u>H</u>	1992
t	1941		<u>f</u>	1967		<u>K</u>	1993
u	1942		<u>g</u>	1968		<u>I</u>	1994
v	1943		<u>h</u>	1969		<u>R</u>	1995
w	1944		<u>i</u>	1970		<u>S</u>	1996
x	1945		<u>j</u>	1971		<u>A</u>	1997
y	1946		<u>k</u>	1972		<u>V</u>	1998
z	1947		<u>l</u>	1973		<u>W</u>	1999

BELGIAN DATE CODES CURSIVE

1922	<u>a</u>	1940	σ	1958	ρ	1976	<u>q</u>	1994	<u>I</u>
1923	<u>b</u>	1941	τ	1959	σ	1977	<u>k</u>	1995	<u>R</u>
1924	<u>c</u>	1942	α	1960	τ	1978	<u>g</u>	1996	<u>S</u>
1925	<u>d</u>	1943	α	1961	ρ	1979	<u>r</u>	1997	<u>A</u>
1926	<u>e</u>	1944	ω	1962	<u>a</u>	1980	<u>e</u>		
1927	<u>f</u>	1945	x	1963	<u>b</u>	1981	<u>t</u>		
1928	<u>g</u>	1946	γ	1964	<u>c</u>	1982	<u>u</u>		
1929	<u>h</u>	1947	z	1965	<u>d</u>	1983	<u>u</u>		
1930	<u>i</u>	1948	α	1966	<u>e</u>	1984	<u>u</u>		
1931	<u>j</u>	1949	ρ	1967	<u>b</u>	1985	<u>x</u>		
1932	<u>k</u>	1950	γ	1968	<u>g</u>	1986	<u>g</u>		
1933	<u>l</u>	1951	δ	1969	<u>h</u>	1987	<u>z</u>		
1934	<u>m</u>	1952	z	1970	<u>i</u>	1988	<u>p</u>		
1935	<u>n</u>	1953	g	1971	<u>j</u>	1989	<u>N</u>		
1936	<u>o</u>	1954	λ	1972	<u>k</u>	1990	<u>L</u>		
1937	<u>p</u>	1955	μ	1973	<u>l</u>	1991	<u>J</u>		
1938	<u>q</u>	1956	ξ	1974	<u>m</u>	1992	<u>H</u>		
1939	<u>r</u>	1957	π	1975	<u>u</u>	1993	<u>K</u>		

Controller of Proof Codes

Letter with a * above it	Name of the Controller of Proof	From	To
A	Woit Nicolas Cominoto	1911	1940
	Louid Croux Francois	1951	1954

		1974	Present
B	Roland Charles Soubras Jean-Marie Degrijse Pierre	1927 1976 1977	1959 1976 1978
C	Brenu Louis Francard Dieudonné	1924 1959	1948 1968
D	Marchal René Marchal René Jawze Daniel	1951 1974 1979	1968 1982 Present
E	Jamart Auguste Hanssens Fabrice	1924 1995	1959 Present
F	Alexandre Lambert Scholtissen Joseph	1927 1974	1953 Present
G	Charlier Josef	1928	1959
H	Woit Christophe	1938	1968
I	Never Used		
J	Neuprez Pierre	1930	1968
K	Delsaux Walthere	1929	1968
L	Salmon Antoine	1937	1968
M	Couchant Louis Scorpion Maurice Scorpion Maurice	1923 1959 1974	1952 1968 1990
N	Couchant Louis Scorpion Maurice Scorpion Maurice	1923 1959 1974	1952 1968 1990
O	Watrín Charles	1928	1965
P	Delcommune Adolphe	1952	1960
Q	Dewilde Gaspard Dewilde Gaspard Dosogne Alain	1952 1974 1991	1968 1984 Present
R	Wagemans Sylvain	1951	1965
S	Daenen Charles Daenen Charles	1952 1974	1968 1980

T	Laenen Clement Vostes Gustave Crommen Hubert	1952 1974 1994	1986 1988 Present
U	Charlier Hubert Fuchs Jacques	1923 1960	1953 1968
V	Maçon Isidor	1929	1953
W	Wolfs Nicolas	1952	1968
X	Reignier Alfred	1937	1964
Y	Chesnoy Léon Chesnoy Léon Delsaux Francois	1927 1959 1974	1955 1968 1996
Z	Degobert Théodore Luyten Martin Luyten Martin Rivas Francois	1924 1952 1974 1990	1949 1968 1989 Present