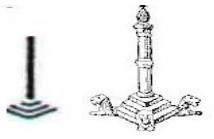








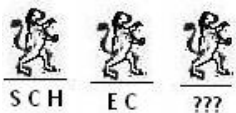







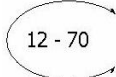





## Belgian Proof Marks

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	
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	
9	Introduced for handguns, 1846 to 1924. 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>MAX</b> 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	

## Controller's Code

Letter with a * above it	Name of the Controller of Proof	From	To
A	Woit Nicolas	1911	1940
	Cominoto Luid	1951	1954
	Croux Francois	1974	Present
B	Roland Charles	1927	1959
	Soubras Jean-Marie	1976	1976
	Degrijse Pierre	1977	1978
C	Brenu Louis	1924	1948
	Francard Dieudonné	1959	1968
D	Marchal René	1951	1968
	Marchal René	1974	1982
	Jawze Daniel	1979	Present
E	Jamart Auguste	1924	1959
	Hanssens Fabrice	1995	Present
F	Alexandre Lambert	1927	1953
	Scholtissen Joseph	1974	Present
G	Charlier Josef	1928	1959
H	Woit Christophe	1938	1968
I	Never Used		
J	Neuprez Pierre	1930	1968
K	Delsaux Walther	1929	1968
L	Salmon Antoine	1937	1968
M	Couchant Louis	1923	1952
	Scorpion Maurice	1959	1968
	Scorpion Maurice	1974	1990
N	Couchant Louis	1923	1952
	Scorpion Maurice	1959	1968
	Scorpion Maurice	1974	1990
O	Watrin Charles	1928	1965
P	Delcommune Adolphe	1952	1960
Q	Dewilde Gaspard	1952	1968
	Dewilde Gaspard	1974	1984
	Dosogne Alain	1991	Present

R	Wagemans Sylvain	1951	1965
S	Daenen Charles	1952	1968
	Daenen Charles	1974	1980
T	Laenen Clement	1952	1986
	Vostes Gustave	1974	1988
	Crommen Hubert	1994	Present
U	Charlier Hubert	1923	1953
	Fuchs Jacques	1960	1968
V	Maçon Isidor	1929	1953
W	Wolfs Nicolas	1952	1968
X	Reignier Alfred	1937	1964
Y	Chesnoy Léon	1927	1955
	Delsaux Francois	1959	1968
	Delsaux Francois	1974	1996
Z	Degobert Théodore	1924	1949
	Luyten Martin	1952	1968
	Luyten Martin	1974	1989
	Rivas Francois	1990	Present

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a	1922		α alpha	1948		<u>m</u>	1974
b	1923		β beta	1949		<u>n</u>	1975
c	1924		γ gamma	1950		<u>o</u>	1976
d	1925		δ delta	1951		<u>p</u>	1977
e	1926		<b>z (bold)</b>	1952		<u>q</u>	1978
f	1927		θ theta	1953		<u>r</u>	1979
g	1928		λ lambda	1954		<u>s</u>	1980
h	1929		μ mu	1955		<u>t</u>	1981
i	1930		ξ xi	1956		<u>u</u>	1982
j	1931		π pi	1957		<u>v</u>	1983
k	1932		ρ rho	1958		<u>w</u>	1984
l	1933		σ sigma	1959		<u>x</u>	1985
m	1934		τ tau	1960		<u>y</u>	1986
n	1935		φ phi	1961		<u>z</u>	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



# DATE CODES CURSIVE

1922	<i>a</i>	1940	<i>e</i>	1958	<i>ρ</i>	1976	<i>q</i>	1994	<i>!</i>
1923	<i>b</i>	1941	<i>t</i>	1959	<i>σ</i>	1977	<i>k</i>	1995	<i>R</i>
1924	<i>c</i>	1942	<i>u</i>	1960	<i>τ</i>	1978	<i>g</i>	1996	<i>S</i>
1925	<i>d</i>	1943	<i>u</i>	1961	<i>φ</i>	1979	<i>r</i>	1997	<i>A</i>
1926	<i>e</i>	1944	<i>u</i>	1962	<i>a</i>	1980	<i>e</i>		
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1930	<i>i</i>	1948	<i>α</i>	1966	<i>e</i>	1984	<i>u</i>		
1931	<i>j</i>	1949	<i>ρ</i>	1967	<i>f</i>	1985	<i>x</i>		
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1933	<i>l</i>	1951	<i>δ</i>	1969	<i>h</i>	1987	<i>z</i>		
1934	<i>m</i>	1952	<i>z</i>	1970	<i>i</i>	1988	<i>p</i>		
1935	<i>n</i>	1953	<i>g</i>	1971	<i>j</i>	1989	<i>n</i>		
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