

NAME AND TYPE LANTERNS, Various Types, Instant-Lite Series

MODEL NUMBER -- 227, 221, 222, 223, 225

DESCRIPTION:

With the introduction of the 220 and 228 Instant-Lite lanterns which were destined to anchor the Coleman line of outdoor products for more than 50 years, Coleman also began making several lesser known lanterns. Included in this group were the Model No. 227, made between 1926 and 1930; Nos. 221 and 222, kerosene-burning lanterns made between 1928 and 1930; Model 223, made in 1930, 1931 and 1932 and the Model 225 manufactured in 1933.

Still another Coleman lantern made in 1933 was referred to as the U.S.F.S. model and is presumed to have been manufactured to the specifications of the United States Forest Service.

Available sales and service literature does not delineate the features of these various models. Shipping records for the period 1927 - 1933 disclose that total production of these models was not extensive and ranged from a few hundred to as many as 17,000 units of Model 227.

The Model 227 is believed to have been similar to the L427 Quick-Lite lantern but with an Instant-Lite generator and the vitreous enameled wide-top ventilator used on the Model 228 lantern.

The 221 and 222 kerosene-burning models were designed for export to markets outside of the United States. Total production was less than 2,000 units.

No information on Models 223, 223W, 223G and 225 is known to exist. All were made in 1931, 1932 and 1933. Total units produced, all three models, were as follows: No. 223 -- 6,860; No. 223W -- 5,515; No. 223G -- 210; No. 225 -- 1,777; and the U.S.F.S. -- 1,492.

No record exists of production beyond 1933.