

Title The Hartford Tire Repair Kit

Date patented 1895

Primary Maker The Hartford Rubber Works Co.

Medium Tin-plated sheet iron, with yellow and black paint

Description Bicycle tire or rubber repair kit in a painted metal case (a). The kit includes a metal injector (b), a tube of adhesive (c), a metal implement (d), possibly for puncturing the seal on the adhesive tube, and a role of patching fabric (e). The case is painted yellow, with decoration and writing in black. The top of the case reads: "THE/ HARTFORD TIRE/ REPAIR KIT". Below and to the left of that print is, "THE HARTFORD/ RUBBER WORKS CO." and to the right is, "HARTFORD, BOSTON,/ NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA,/ CHICAGO,/ MINNEAPOLIS,/ TORONTO,/ BALTIMORE,/ CLEVELAND,/ ST. LOUIS,/ DENVER." The underside of the case reads: "DIRECTIONS./ Turn the tire so that the puncture is at/ the bottom and inject a small quantity of/ cement. Work the tire between the

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fingers/ so as to spread the cement all around the/ puncture. Inject a second portion, wind/ with tape and inflate. Remove the tape next/ day. The Puncture must always be at the bottom while the cement is being injected./ MERSE[two illegible letters]AU MFG. CO, BOXES. BROOKLYN, N.Y."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth of case): $5/8 \times 3 \times 17$ /8in. (1.6 x 7.6 x 4.8cm)