

# Kynoch 9X19 Box Styles

## Took over Eley in December 1919???

### Stopped production in 198?

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The Kynoch box codes below are based on an article in IAA Journal Issues 442 (March/April 2005) and 449 (May/June 2006). As it turns out, there are actually three sets of codes one set by Eley, and both an old set and new set used by Kynoch. All three are described below.

The article in Journal 449 included a 1973 Letter from the Kynoch Works Witton which laid out the packing label codes from 1960-1973 (New Kynoch Code). The material below is derived from that letter and the year dates expanded. The code in use at that time had four segments in the format ##L##L with both numbers and letters and was composed as follows :

- First segment: ## = Inspector Number
- Second segment: L = Month of the year code
- Third segment: ## = Day of month (may be one or two digits)
- Forth segment: L = Year code

The code 29K5L would translate as follows:

Inspector #29, April 5, 1963

This code can be extended back and probably started in 1926 according to the letter.

These codes can be decomposed as follows.

- The first letter code is the month:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S

- The second letter code is the year examples:

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
I	J	K	L	M	N

Journal 449 also contained some handwritten material that lays out the Old Kynoch code in use from 1911 to 1926. These codes were based on the use of code words. The system was very straight forward with the format ## -L-L.

- First segment: ## is simply the day of the month
- Second segment: L is the code letter for the month
- Third segment: L is the code letter for the year

The month codes in use in 1911 and later were based on the words KYNIOD CARTGS as indicated below:

K	Y	N	O	I	D	C	A	R	T	G	S
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

The year dates from 1911 were based on the word KYNOCH and then KYNOCH PRIMAX, but in 1923 the current system was adopted and only the P in the second encoding word was used..

K	Y	N	O	C	H
1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916

K	Y	N	O	C	H	P	R	I	M	A	X
1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	*	*	*

\* New number system introduced

Example of the old number system:

27-N-O is 27 March, 1914 or 1920

Eley had a code system that is also described in the Journal 449 article. The system was based on a code word which converted to numbers for the day and month, and a code letter for the year. The code word was MERCHANTON and the format of the code was LL LL L

- First segment: LL is the encoded day of the month

Second segment: LL is the encoded number for the month of the year (11 = Nov)

Third segment: L is the code letter for the year

Day & month codes

M	E	R	C	H	A	N	T	O	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0

The year codes were just the letters of the alphabet starting with D for 1900 and continuing through X for 1920. An example is listed below.

1900	1911	1912	1913	1914
D	E	F	G	H

Examples of an Eley code would be MO ME N is 19 Dec, 1910 where

MO = 19

ME = 12 = Dec

N = 1910

And, M ME W (seen on a .22 Eley box) is 1 12 1919 or 1 Dec 1919.

Ref: IAA Journal 449

None of my Kynoch boxes (all in 9x19mm) have any date codes on them!

Please look at this list and if you have boxes, please provide photos and the information as shown in the following Dominion example.

Code: FBFK P3 Code Date: 26 June 1972 Conf Date: 6/26/72 Hst: Dominion Cal: 9x19

### Year Code List

Year	New Year Code	Old Year Code	Eley Year Code
1900			D
1901			E
1902			F
1903			G
1904			H
1905			I
1906			J
1907			K
1908			L
1909			M
1910			N
1911		K	O
1912		Y	P
1913		N	Q
1914		O	R
1915		C	S
1916		H	T
1917		K	U
1918		Y	V
1919		N	W
1920		O	X
1921		C	
1922		H	
1923		P	
1924		R	
1925		I	
1926	A	M	

1927	B	A
1928	C	X
1929	D	
1930	E	
1931	F	
1932	G	
1933	H	
1934	I	
1935	J	
1936	K	
1937	L	
1938	M	
1939	N	
1940	O	
1941	P	
1942	Q	
1943	R	
1944	S	
1945	T	
1946	U	
1947	V	
1948	W	
1949	X	
1950	Y	
1951	Z	
1952	A	
1953	B	
1954	C	
1955	D	
1956	E	
1957	F	
1958	G	
1959	H	
1960	I	
1961	J	
1962	K	
1963	L	
1964	M	
1965	N	
1966	O	
1967	P	
1968	Q	
1969	R	
1970	S	
1971	T	
1972	U	
1973	V	
1974	W	
1975	X	
1976	Y	
1977	Z	
1978	A	
1979	B	
1980	C	
1981	D	
1982	E	

1983	F
1984	G
1985	H