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The famous French trade gun from the Tulle Arsenal circa 1727

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made in the USA
by Jim Chambers
exclusively for Track of the Wolf, Inc.

use 7/8" Flint-Eng-7

Our new French Fusil flint lock by Jim Chambers is now pre-inlet into our two “Tulle-de-Chasse” pre-carved stocks:

#Stk-Fusil-2 or #Stk-Chase-2.

Use the older Tulle lock by R. E. Davis in older stocks.

Track’s new French fusil lock, marked A. TVLLE.............

Tulle, France was well known for producing a popular hunting gun for Native Americans, French Colonials and hunters during the early 18th century in the North American Colony of New France. These fusil-de-chasse were lighter than contemporary French infantry muskets, making them better suited for carrying long distances in the North American wilderness.

In 1716 the Governor of New France requested “600 fusils-de-chasse from Tulle, because they are the best. The Natives know them and will not accept any others.” By 1746 Tulle was unable to meet the demand for the fusil-de-chasse in the Canadian market, and similar fusils were also produced at St. Etienne, France.

This lock is copied from an antique Tulle fusil-de-chasse, circa 1727. This lock uses the so-called “forged” plate design, with attached pan, but no pan bridge arm in early fashion. The frizzen pivots on an oversize shouldered screw. In French fashion, the wax cast lock plate is shaped with a chamfered edge around the plate that terminates behind the flint cock. The lock plate is also marked with A. TVLLE in antique fashion. The marking has a slight irregular curvature, exactly as found on antique muskets.

You can build an early French flint fowling gun, “fusil fin” (fine fowler), trade gun, or “fusil-de-chasse” (hunting gun) using this lock.

Order our #BOOK-CFG Colonial Frontier Guns by T. M. Hamilton, which shows photos and drawings of rare French arms. Our full size #PLAN-TULLE drawing depicts this fusil, originally made in Tulle, France, widely traded across Canada and the Northern United States.

This lock is assembled by Jim Chambers, using his best large English lock internals. Cock this lock, and notice the pre-loaded heavy mainspring rides on a cam-action tumbler ramp. This gives the lock a light release, increasing in speed through the stroke, due to increasing leverage. The frizzen tightly covers the pan. As you disassemble this lock, you will feel the tumbler and screws snugly fitted to reamed holes in the bridge and plate. Parts turn smoothly, with no wobble or binding.

This fine flint lock was made for use with your round, octagon, or swamped barrel with a 1” to 1-1/16” diameter breech.

#Lock-Fusil French fusil lock, marked A. TVLLE $145.99

Spare Parts:

#Lock-Fusil-PI lock plate, 5.8 x .98", wax cast $14.99
#Lock-Fusil-Fr frizzen, as cast, harden after fitting $13.99
#Lock-Fusil-Fc frizzen screw, 7", 10-32, outside mount $ 2.29
#Lock-Fusil-Fs frizzen spring, tempered, front mount $14.99
#Lock-Fusil-Fsx frizzen spring screw, 8-32, .520" long $ 2.29
#Lock-Fusil-Co cock, 1.57” throw, as cast $14.99
#Lock-Fusil-Tj top jaw, .88 x 1.1", .26" hole $ 5.99
#Lock-Fusil-Tjx top jaw screw, fancy, 1/4-20, slotted $ 3.99
#Lock-EF-FR-Tu tumbler, cut for fly, tempered $19.99
#Lock-EF-FR-Tx tumbler screw, 8-32, .62", dome head $ 2.99
#Lock-EF-FR-FI fly detent, tempered $ 8.50
#Lock-EF-FR-Se sear, use 8-32 screw $15.50
#Lock-EF-FR-Sx sear screw, .685” long, 8-32 $ 2.25
#Lock-EF-FR-Ss sear spring, tempered, long upper arm $12.99
#Lock-EF-FR-Ssx sear spring screw, .460”, 8-32 thread $ 2.25
#Lock-EF-FR-Ms mainspring, tempered $18.99