English “square” Hooked Breech & Tang:

Similar to the English Sporting Rifle plug and tang, this smaller plug is made for a 13/16” or 15/16” octagon breech. Sometimes called a “rook rifle” plug, the English made small bore lightweight sporting rifles for shooting pesky birds. It has a longer tang, cast of malleable steel which may be bent cold. Cast plugs are carefully inspected before threading. The .500” thread length has a direct drilled ignition channel with no right angle turns inside. Use this plug with an English bar lock and drip bar, sold separately.

#Plug-Eng-13-5 plug & tang 5/8-18 for 13/16” only $43.99
#Plug-Eng-15-5 plug & tang 5/8-18 for 15/16” only $43.99

Individual breech plug components sold separately.

#Plug-Eng-13-tang tang only for 13/16” plug only $15.99
#Plug-Eng-13-5-plug plug only 5/8-18 for 13/16” only $31.99
#Plug-Eng-15-tang tang only for 15/16” plug only $15.99
#Plug-Eng-15-5-plug plug only 5/8-18 for 15/16” only $31.99

English “Square” Hooked Breech & Tang, 1”.............. #Plug-Eng-16-3

This “square breech” English Sporting Rifle plug and tang is made to fit straight or tapered barrels that measure 1” octagon at the breech. Sometimes called a “bar lock” plug, we recommend that you order one of our English style “bar” locks, and a suitable “drip bar” to be soldered to the barrel ahead of the plug. The drip bar is an English innovation to eliminate the wood ahead of the breech bolster, to strengthen this area and simplify assembly. The tang is wax cast of malleable steel which may be bent cold. Each plug is direct drilled for ignition, with no right angle turns in the flash channel. The thread journal is about .500” length, with no thread relief, giving full strength when seated against the inside shoulder of the barrel breech cavity. Order our standard #RST-S nipple with 1/4-28 threads. Refer to our selection of English style bar locks and drip bars, to select a suitable percussion lock for this plug and tang.

#Plug-Eng-16-3 plug & tang 3/4-16 for 1” barrel only $43.99

Individual breech plug components sold separately.

#Plug-Eng-16-tang tang only for 1” plug only $15.99
#Plug-Eng-16-3-plug plug only 3/4 for 1” only $31.99

English “Square” Hooked Breech & Tang, 1-1/8”........ #Plug-Eng-18-3

Wax cast of malleable steel, the tang may be straightened or bent cold. The short .500” thread allows direct drilled ignition with no right turns inside the plug. Exactly like originals, it provides maximum strength when fitted correctly, with the face of the plug seated on the barrel’s inside shoulder. Most English Sporting Rifles used a short tang shaped like this one. Order our #RST-S stainless steel 1/4-28 nipple for this plug.

Use an English “bar” lock, and a separate drip bar, shown elsewhere. The drip bar is soldered to the barrel, ahead of the plug. It fills the gap ahead of the plug with metal instead of wood. London’s makers were quick to notice that the wood ahead of the lock tended to crack or chip when the lock was removed, or be burned by the overspray of the cap. They adopted this “bar lock” breech design, and many of the better American gunmakers followed their lead. This English “square” breech eliminates most fitting. Only the area under the tang’s ear needs to be filed to fit the angle of your lock plate. This is a straight cut. Fitting two straight surfaces is much easier than fitting two curves! See our lock section for matching bar locks and filler bars. Uncertain about using a “square” breech? Order #Plan-English, which shows how the plug, tang, and bar are used together.

#Plug-Eng-18-3 plug & tang 3/4-14 for 1-1/8” only $49.99
#Plug-Eng-18-7 plug & tang 7/8-14 for 1-1/8” only $49.99

Individual breech plug components sold separately.

#Plug-Eng-18-tang tang only for 1-1/8” plug only $15.99
#Plug-Eng-18-3-plug plug only 3/4-14 for 1-1/8” only $35.99
#Plug-Eng-18-7-plug plug only 7/8-14 for 1-1/8” only $35.99