

ABSTRACT

A cartridge has a case comprising a body 10 housed telescopically within a sleeve 14. The body encloses a main chamber 21 which contains gas under pressure, and a valve mechanism for venting gas from the chamber 21 into an expansion chamber 61. The pressure of the gas in the expansion chamber causes the body 10 to move rearwardly relative to the sleeve 14 to apply a force to the breech block of the weapon in which the cartridge is used, thereby to initiate the reloading cycle. Gas is vented from the expansion chamber to eject a projectile when a spigot 51 projecting from the body is withdrawn from an aperture 53 in the end wall of the sleeve.

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