

FASCINATING FIND

SHOTGUN RELOADER PRESS



This old Parker 12 gauge 2.75" shotgun reloading press was manufactured in Birmingham, England.

It is largely constructed of solid brass, with a couple of small steel components and a wooden knob. It is about 12" high (30cm) and weighs around 2.5 lbs (1.2Kg).

Reloaders like this were in use until the 1960s when plastic cartridges took over from the older paper ones.

The various tools on it are for removing and replacing the priming cap, adding the powder, wads and lead shot, and roll crimping the paper cartridge.

It can be viewed in the tank where other civilian firearms are displayed.