

FASCINATING FIND

ROCK CRUSHER



Jaw-breakers, or rock crushers, are used in mining to reduce the size of the broken ore to fist size pieces suitable for stamper batteries or other processing. They were often mounted on the headframe to facilitate the downward flow of ore to the battery.

This portable double toggle jaw breaker, a relic of the steam era, was made from forged and rivetted wrought iron by Robey and Co, Lincoln, England, and weighs about six ton.

It was donated by the Runge family in 1984, and it can be seen near the headframe at the mining and historical museum.