

Triumph Patent Stamp Error?

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I have found a couple of what I think are Patent stamping errors on a few Triumph Traps. The Patent date in question is August 28, 1917. Triumph received two Patents on this day. One is for the Pivot Locks and the other is for the Spring Inclination.

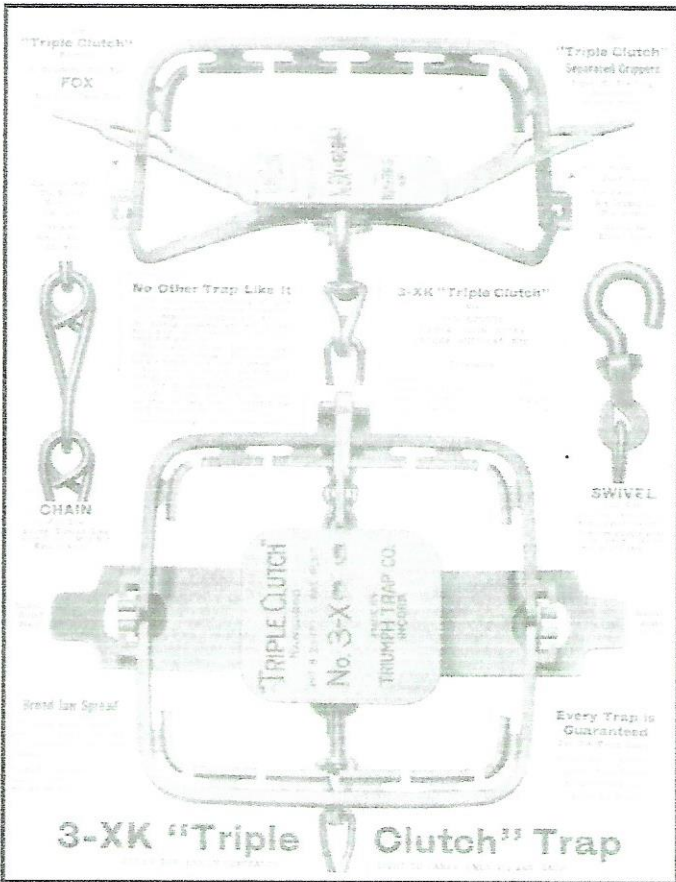
On a 215-X single longspring, the Patent date is stamped as Pat Aug 25 17. I looked this trap over to determine if it was actually stamped 5 or just looked like a 5 because of rust or damage. It looks like a crisply stamped 5 to me. I have several 215-Xs stamped this way.

On a 3 Kangaroo double coil and a 3-X Kangaroo Triple Clutch double coil, the Patent date is stamped as Pat 8-23-17. Once again I looked these traps over closely to make sure that it was stamped a 3 and not caused by rust or damage. Once again, it looks like a crisply stamped 3 to me. I have a few 3 Kangaroo double coils and one 3-X Kangaroo Triple Clutch double coil stamped this way.

I was also looking through some Triumph literature and found Pat 8-23-17 on the pan of a drawing of a 3-X Kangaroo Triple Clutch double under spring. I have one stamped this way.

I am curious to know if anyone else has seen these Patent date stamping errors or if there are Patent dates which match up with these dates. I have done a search of the US Patent Office website and found that no patents were granted on either August 23 or 25, 1917.

If you have seen these incorrect stampings on Triumph traps, I would be curious to know what traps they were on and pictures of the traps if possible. I am also curious if anyone knows if there was any internal Triumph documentation noting the stamping errors. I would appreciate photocopies if available. Thanks.



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