

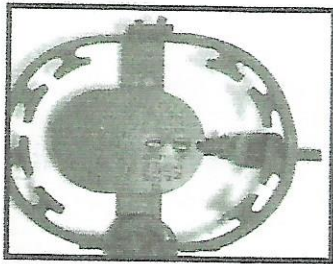
More Unique Triumphs

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In the February 2015 issue of TRAPS, I had an article about Unique Triumph traps. Since then, NATCA members have been sharing their unique Triumphs with me. I really enjoy this and encourage members to continue to share their unique items. I have received permission from the members to photograph and share their unique traps with other association members.

115X with 1 cross

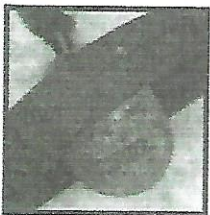
Sometimes a part of a trap being unique makes the trap inoperable.



Most likely it gets set aside since it cannot be used. This is a blessing for collectors as the trap may never be set to actually catch animals and is still in like new condition. One trap shown to me was a 115X with a 1 cross riveted on instead of the usual sized one. This made the trap impossible to set since the zero cross was not long enough to allow the jaw to go low enough for the dog to be put over it. The rivet is clearly factory and the trap is mint except for the chain. I think that since the trap could not be set, the trapper removed the chain to use on another trap since this trap was not usable. After years of sitting in the corner, a collector found the trap and put another chain on it which was pitted. Then the trap was sold and luckily the new owner was able to find the issue making it a very unique trap.

115X Rev-O-Noc with left cross

Another 115X shown to me had the cross on backwards resulting in the dog being on the left side of the trap instead of the usual right side with the spring down. This trap was a Rev-O-Noc which made it even more unique. The rivet which connects



the cross and the base was factory.

Double X 42X—42X without teeth

I was able to observe a couple of unique Ranger 42Xs. As I discussed in my previous

article on this subject, all 42Xs have



hand stamped Xs. I looked at one where the original X was very lightly stamped, so another much heavier X was stamped next to it. I also came into possession of a 42X with 42 jaws. By looking at the underside of the jaws, it was apparent that it had never had teeth. I wanted to make sure they had not been filed off. I also

checked the pivot locks to make sure they had not been messed with and they had not. My guess is that they ran out of the jaws with teeth and used the other ones until more teeth bearing ones could be made or they ran out of 42 pans and just used a 42 X pan instead.

Double X 34X-Never Break incorrect pan

Speaking of double hand stamping, I also found a 34X with double hand stamped X's. Do not know why that was done as both look adequate. Another unique one



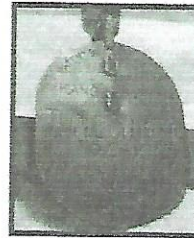
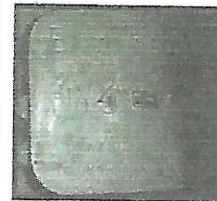
is a #1 Never Break coil with a Three Jaw pan. They probably ran out of the Never Break pans for the day and used what was available.

3 Easy Set over stamped 4 215 with 2X Kangaroo Pan

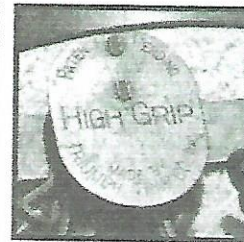
Another example of running out of parts is the 3 Easy Set over

stamped with a 4 or a more commonly seen 2-X Kangaroo pan on a 215X. Sometimes they just completely forgot to stamp part of the trap. They forgot to stamp the 415 on this very nice trap.

415 without stamp



they ran out of a certain part, they used what they had to get traps out the door.



Triumph was in competition with Newhouse which was the top of the line trap manufacturer. They needed to get traps out the

door and sold to keep up with the big dog. Sometimes in the effort to get traps out the door, quality control was lacking in the case of the zero cross on the 115X or the left setting trap. If

they ran out of a certain part, they used what they had to get traps out the door. Sometimes they tried to make up for errors by double stamping the trap. Other times they did not and traps left the factory without certain stampings.

I want to thank those members who allowed me to share their traps with the association. As I said in the beginning of this article, I really enjoy looking at unique Triumphs and hope members will continue to share them with me.

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