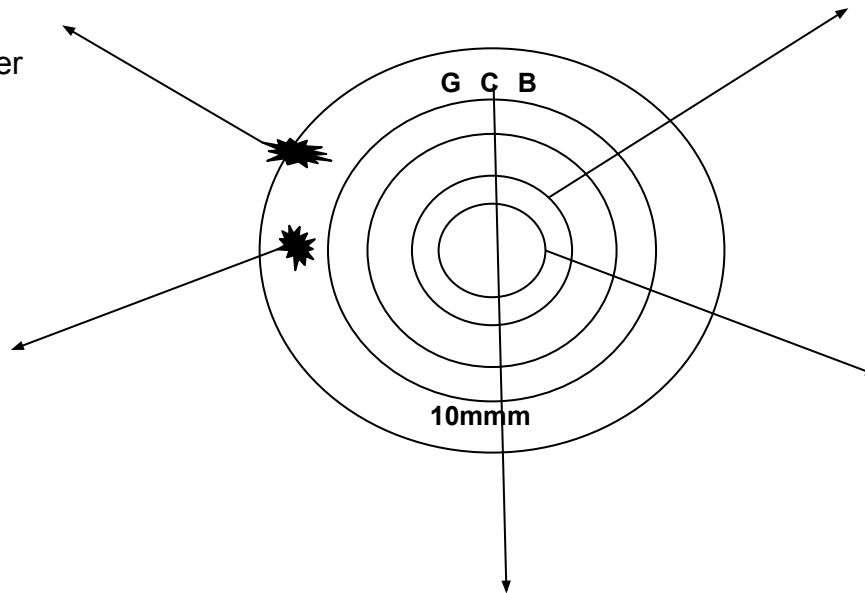


Cartridge Casing Impressions

Extractor marks: The extractor is a part of a firearm that pulls the spent round out of the chamber and simply lift the shell slightly from the chamber so the shooter can grip the spent shell. Casing marks are found on the the outside rime of the cartridge.

Ejector marks: Small scratches produced by mechanisms that remove a spent cartridge from the firing chamber and eject it from the firearm.



BreechBlock marking: (circular line) These markings are made by the force that pushes the cartridge backward against the breechblock when a bullet is fired and moving forward.

Firing pin impression: (centerfire) This impression is caused when the bullet is discharged.

Headstamp markings: Usually tells you who manufactured the case and the size of the caliber.