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00 Buck Shotgun Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Winco brand, #JP-635.

Shoots up a cluster of firecrackers which, collectively, form a pretty loud cluster of bangs in the air, about 10 feet above the ground. Basically an aerial firecracker pack. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

1" Mini Fountain

Base Fountain. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-F013. 10 seconds.

This is a box of five small fountains, one each of red, green, gold, blue and silver. Each fountain is approximately 1.5 inches tall and 3/8 inch in diameter, and stands on a small paper base which is approximately 3/4 inch in diameter. Each one gives a color flame of that color for about 10 seconds. I was expecting more, such as crackle, strobe or maybe a change in color. But it's just one color. They don't last long enough to be useful for creating something else such as a set piece (picture). (Last tested in 2005)

1.5" Artillery Bomb

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0279.

These are single-shot shells, four to the pack - Green Chrysanthemum Break, Multi-color chrysanthemum break, Red Chrysanthemum break and Crackling Break. The multi-color break included color stars and some crackle. The Crackling Break includes a large amount of crackle. The Green Chrysanthemum was a very impressive green break with white trails of stars. Pretty decent shells, equal in quality to many 1.75-inch shells and even surpassing some of them. (Last tested in 1999)

10 Parachutes by Day

Parachute. Link Triad brand.

Most refused to open, and fell to the ground quickly. (Last tested in 1996)

10 Report Repeater

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BC-502. 5 shots, 17 seconds.

Shoots out five shots, each of which gives two reports in the air - possibly more than firecracker reports, but not more than the 129.6 mg. report limit for aerial reports. No colors or any other effects. (Last tested in 1999)

100 Yellow Ribbons

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2941. 49 shots, 28 seconds.

If you're looking for a fan-shaped effect, get this cake. All shots are at angles. First a row of 7 yellow pearls with white comet tails are fired, one at a time along the row, so the angle of each shot is different from the one before. Then the next row of yellow shots is fired all at one time, for a 7-shot fan shape effect. Then a row of red pearls with white comet tails is fired, one at a time down the row. Then the next row is 7 red pearls all fired at the same time. Then a row of green pearls with white tails fired one at a time down the row, then a row

10,000 MHz Feedback

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #5221. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Each shot breaks into a very nice bright red chrysanthemum break with a small amount of crackle in the break. (Last tested in 2001)

101st Airborne Mortar Kit

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-319.

The first reloadable shell kit I've ever seen which is designed for daytime use. Each of the six cylindrical shells in this kit ejects a parachute, from which hangs a smoke cartridge. (Last tested in 1999)

117 Candle Barrage

Roman Candle battery. Vulcan brand, #MC117. 18 seconds.

We don't believe there are 117 shots in there. Nice barrage, however. Mostly red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

12-shot Rack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Zenith/Black Cat brand. 12 shots, 41 seconds.

All the Zenith/Black Cat shell effects (which are apparently made in the U.S.) on one 12-shot mortar rack. Green chrysanthemum, blue peony, silver chrysanthemum, blue falling stars, red chrysanthemum, and blue chrysanthemum. All have silver comet tails on the way up. (Last tested in 2002)

14" California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Thunderbird brand, #T6018. 37 seconds.

Thunderbird. I'm a sucker for any fireworks you can hold in your hand as they are going off. This is the first hand-held fountain I've tried that includes a whistle. The red, green and yellow flames are large and blindingly bright. A 3-color torch, with one whistle. I liked this one a lot, not only because of the brightness of the red, green and yellow flames, but also because it's the only hand-held fountain I have tested so far that includes a whistle. (Last tested in 1998)

143 Candle Barrage

Roman Candle battery. Vulcan brand, #MC-143. 143 shots, 41 seconds.

Starts as a red fountain with a short whistle, then changes to a green fountain, then it becomes a battery of roman candles, with red and green color pearls

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of green pearls fired all at once. The final row is crackling mines fired all at one time. No breaks, it's all pearls and mines, but a nicely designed display. Unchanged in 2003, except the row of crackling mines at the end are not fired all at once, they are fired in a row, although very quickly across the row. Still a good one. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

going up, and a little crackle from the fountain. Some of the shots that go up break into tiny, soft reports. Like an improved version of the old 100 ball Magical Shots Barrage. (Last tested in 1999)

15-shot All-In-One-Shell

Single-tube Aerial. brand.

All in one and one whistle for all. Fifteen glittery comets meanwhile. (Last tested in 1995)

16-shot Rack, #200 shells

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Starr brand. 16 shots, 76 seconds.

Made in the U.S.A. Alternates between red peony breaks and blue peony breaks, at a slow pace. (Last tested in 2003)

18" California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Thunderbird brand. 31 seconds.

Starts with a silver whistle for a few seconds, then changes to red, green and gold flames for about 8 to 10 seconds each. (Last tested in 2000)

2 Cool "You Gotta Say it Right!"

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1983. 78 seconds.

Brilliant white shower, changing to gold spray with blue sparks, then bright white spray again, then red spray, then flashing white flutter spray, then red, green and crackle spray. Surprisingly long-lasting for its size. Excellent color. (Last tested in 2000)

2" Shells

Single-tube Aerial. Flower Basket brand, #K802.

Box contains 4 tubes, each with its own shell. Each label had an extra piece of paper glued onto it with a different item number (K8011CA through K8011CD). Pretty nice breaks of color; no sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

2-Color Display #5

Single-tube Aerial. Black Cat brand, #ASZBC515A.

Made for Black Cat by Zenith Specialties, in Missouri. Sends up one shot which ends in a very nice green chrysanthemum break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

2-Color Palm Tree, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Somewhat lower altitude than most. Nice rich blue with white flashes. (Last tested in 1995)

2-Color Space Jet

Flying Spinner. brand. 13 seconds.

Plastic body. Two stages; not as rich spray as Rozzi Silver Jets. Flies up with gold spray and a green flame. (Last tested in 1995)

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2-Color Space Ship

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W538A. 12 seconds.

Plastic body. Two stages of power. Not as full as Rozzi Silver Jets. Green spray with silver shower. (Last tested in 2000)

2-inch display shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Temple of Heaven brand.

Phenomenal shells. Unfortunately, hard to find. Discontinued? (Last tested in 1995)

2000 fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4195. 163 seconds.

There are fountains in both ends of this piece. One end starts first, and goes through a variety of color, crackles and whistles. Then the other end does the same thing. These fountains last almost two minutes between them. Finally, a strobing flame inside the center illuminates the red paper windows which spell out "2000," and that goes on for another 45 seconds or so. (Last tested in 1999)

2000 fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4200. 114 seconds.

A unique fountain that spells out "2000" in colored flares across the front. You light the fuse, and all the color flares light approximately at the same time. They spell out "2000," in blue, red, white and green in that order. They continue to burn for about 45 seconds. Really nice. Then, a series of four single-tube fountains across the top fire in sequence, with red, green, whistle and crackle, for about another minute, though they are a little superfluous - the main attraction here is the "2000" in color flares. (Last tested in 1999)

2000 Sparklers

Sparkler. brand.

It's a curved wire sparkler that spells out "2000," with gold sparkle composition along most of it. Very similar to the Black Cat Cat Sparkler and the Star Sparkler of Bald Eagle brand, both of which burn for around 2 minutes, with gold sparks. Besides being a highly collectible item, it's perfect for your New Year's Eve party. Sorry I don't have a photo of it. (Last tested in 1999)

21st Century Celebration

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7847L. 64 shots, 35 seconds.

Generous amount of red and green pearls mixed with crackling comets. (Last tested in 1995)

21th Century

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4031. 21 shots, 22 seconds.

They should have spelled it "21st Century," but we get the point anyway.

Fires comets in groups of 3 in a fan shape. Each comet has a color head. The first group of 3 has red heads, the next group green, the next red, the next blue, then a group of 3 crackling comets, then a group of 3 red-headed comets, and finally a group of 3 green-headed comets. (Last tested in 2004)

24 Carat Gold, No. 3

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Winco brand, #CNJP003. 23 seconds.

Starts with an attractive spray made up of small gold flitter sparks - non-crackling. A nice relaxing sight. (Last tested in 2003)

3 Assorted Artillery shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. brand,
#W888.

Fairly nice breaks, though a bit soft. Includes strobing white and a good blue, but there are much better kits. (Last tested in 1996)

3 Assorted Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Flower Basket brand, #KAF. 26 seconds.

Gold and silver mix, to green, red and silver, to bright white spray. (Last tested in 1995)

3 Jumbo Parachutes

Parachute. Horse brand.

Not exactly jumbo, but about 7 inches across when unfolded. These opened properly, and floated down. (Last tested in 1996)

3 Laughters

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand,
#0130. 5 seconds.

Three mines in a row. Each one with thin, high pitched whistle. Laughable, all right. I think this is one I should have bought years ago when it was good. (Last tested in 1996)

3 Rings spinner

Ground Spinner. West Lake brand,
#W624. 9 seconds.

And that's exactly what it is. Splits into red, green and blue spinners. Pretty neat. (Last tested in 1995)

3 Super Stars

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L166.

Good flight, but small, disappointing break of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

3-Color Changing

Chrysanthemum, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

#300. Stars in break actually change from white to red to blue. (Last tested in 1995) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

3-Color Changing Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 6 seconds.

A tall mine, which consists of stars which appear to me to start out as gold stars, then change while on their way up to either red or blue - the result is a mix of red and blue stars at the top. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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3-Shot Rack, #100 (sequential)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Zenith brand. 12 seconds.

This rack produces three very large aerial bursts, about 4 seconds apart. The first one is a large sparkling silver and blue peony break with a small white chrysanthemum pistil (small white comets at the center of the break). Then a large peony break of red and purple stars with a small white chrysanthemum pistil. And finally a large red and blue peony break with a small center of glittering white stars. Impressive for the size of the breaks and the large number of stars in each break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

3-Shot Rack, #100 (simultaneous)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Zenith brand.

This rack produces three very large aerial bursts, almost at the same instant. One break is a mixed red and green peony, with a center pistil of a small chrysanthemum break of white comets with blue heads. Another break is a green peony break. The third break is a red peony break with some crackle mixed into the break. This one is impressive by firing all 3 breaks almost exactly at the same time, so you get quite a big show in the air - though it's all over in a few seconds. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

3-Whistling Moon Traveler with report

Bottle Rocket. Red Lantern brand,
#0445D.

Gives three short whistles on the way up, ends in a report. (Last tested in 2000)

30 salutes

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #209R.

Similar to 60 Salutes, this contains a handful of firecrackers, which are shot out of the rocket at the top of the flight. Gives a short cluster of reports in the air. (Last tested in 1999)

30-30 Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro Valu brand, #PV315.

This kit is an excellent value for the beginner. The shells are of good quality, but the effects are not necessarily as sophisticated as in some of the other kits. It's nice to get 24 shells in a kit, then you get to use it for a while before running out of shells. Recommended for those on a budget, although if money is no object, there are kits available with larger and more sophisticated effects than this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

4 Colors Changing Smoke with whistle

Smoke. Peacock brand, #S600W-5.
24 seconds.

3 tubes. A short whistle, then red smoke, changing quickly to yellow smoke, then gray smoke, then a whistle. (Last tested in 1996)

4 Wheel Drive

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BC-832.
56 seconds.

Large wheel, almost a foot in diameter, with 4 large drivers. Starts turning with a red flame and a silver shower, then the second driver produces a green flame with a little gold spray. The third driver starts with a purple flame and thin gold spray, then changes to an orange flame with thin gold spray. The final driver produces a blue flame with a silver spray. (Last tested in 2004)

40-inch Mammoth Day parachute

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5530.

Biggest parachute I've seen. Let's hope yours unfolds all the way, mine didn't. (Last tested in 1995)

4th of July

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4208. 122 seconds.

Starts with red spray, changing to silver glittery spray, then green, then blue, then a mixed color spray, then a whistle, then cackle. This is the first minute or so. Then the same sequence is repeated at the other end of the device. Finally a strobing flame inside lights up the red windows which spell out, "4th of July". (Last tested in 2001)

4th of July Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9128. 25 shots, 20 seconds.

Alternates between red shots that go up and break into red peony breaks, blue shots that go up and open into blue peony breaks, and green shots that go up and open into breaks that are green peonies plus one silver star that shoots away from the break. (Last tested in 2003)

4th of July Parade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2031. 20 shots, 29 seconds.

Spiraling comets to nice, strong breaks of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

4th of July Spectacular

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2018. 9 shots, 18 seconds.

Nine festival balls in one piece. They are 1.5-inch festival balls, but they are just as good as many 1.75-inch shells I have

seen. First a crackle break, then a blue break, then green glitter, then a red break, then green again, then blue chrysanthemum, then blue peony, then a crackle break, then a multi-color break of red, blue and green. Big beautiful breaks. This cake is available in 2 versions, with or without a base. The performance is the same either way. Still great in 2003. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

one. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

56 Parachute Battalion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-1060. 7 shots, 22 seconds.

This is a multi-shot cake, with each of the 7 shots giving a group of 8 parachutes. Each individual parachute puts out colored smoke for a few seconds. The color of the smoke is the same in each group of 8. In one group, they all put out purple smoke, in another they all put out green smoke, blue in another, red in another, etc. This is obviously for daytime use, since you wouldn't see the colored smoke at night. Probably the best example of a daytime cake I have seen so far. (Last tested in 2004)

6 Special Laser Sound

Strobe. Brothers brand, #BP4048.
21 seconds.

It's similar to a strobe item, but flashes at a faster rate, almost blending together. The result is a pulsating bright light and rapid series of "pfft" sounds. (Last tested in 1999)

60 Mighty Repeaters

Roman Candle battery. Horse brand, #SM1053. 21 seconds.

A bundle of 3 roman candles, each with 20 shots of red, green and blue. No sounds, but nice colors. Shots do include some tail sparks on the way up. (Last tested in 1998)

60 Salutes

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #213.

Well, if you open the cap and dump them out, you'll see there aren't really 60 of them, and they aren't really salutes, they're ladyfingers. But still, it's a good noise rocket for celebrations. Well, not exactly 60, but a handful of firecrackers are expelled from this rocket at the top of its flight. You get a nice burst of crackers, all at once. (Last tested in 1998)

7-inch Phantom Assorted Fountains

Base Fountain. Phantom brand, #H-143.

Four fountains: Tri-Color Spray, Golden Glittering Flower, Gold & Silver Flowers, and Green Glittering Flowers. Good color and glitter. (Last tested in 1999)

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5 Great Shakes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B066. 20 shots, 20 seconds.

The shots are fired in fans of 5 all at once. There are 4 fans. The first one is crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of blue stars plus silver flying fish. The next fan is gold comets that go up and end in gold willow breaks. The third fan is crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of blue stars plus silver flying fish. The final fan is gold comets that go up and end in gold willow breaks. Has the "look and feel" of a 500-gram cake, but it's only a 200-gram

76 Spectacular

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 29 seconds.

Shots have red or green heads on the way up with silver comet tails. Each shot gives 2 effects, a color break of red, green, blue or a white chrysanthemum, and also a second break which seems like a small titanium report, at any rate, it bangs and spreads out white stars. (Last tested in 2002)

82nd Airborne

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2006.

Four individual aerial shells in one box, which give parachute shells. Each parachute carries not one, but a group of what looks like six individual fireworks, each hanging from the parachute by its own string. On one shell they are red flame to green strobes, on another red to white strobe, another has green to gold flame, and on the fourth, gold to red flame. These parachutes work very well. (Last tested in 2002)

82nd Airborne Dirision

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO016. 28 shots, 89 seconds.

Unfortunate spelling of "Division" on label. Starts with a fountain of white flutter mixed with red and green stars, which goes for a good 20 seconds or so. Then what might be called a mine is shot up, although it contains only about 5 crackling color pearls that go up, this still might quality as a mine. Four more mines just like it are then shot up one at a time. Then a red pearl is shot up which breaks into a peony break in which the stars appear to change from red to a sparkling silvery-blue before burning out. This shot is repeated four more times. Then a green pearl is shot up which ends in a break which appears to be green peony stars which then change to sparkling red stars. That shot is repeated four more times. Then a blue pearl is shot up, which becomes a blue chrysanthemum. That one is repeated four more times. At the very end, four shots are fired all at once, one of each of the above 4 effects. Very slow-paced, but otherwise an unusual and interesting display. (Last tested in 2004)

A Little Bit More

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5018. 12 shots, 19 seconds.

Shots go up as beautiful sparkling comets with red sparks coming out. Each shot ends with a fairly hard break that becomes red stars and gold sparks. The red stars sparkle as they go away from the break. I liked the red sparks that the shots give off on the way up. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

A-Okay

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B060. 12 shots, 18 seconds.

Each shot is a glittering comet on the way up, with nice red and green glitter given off as it goes up. Every shot ends as a blue peony break, with lots of blue stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Aaahhhh

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 18 shots, 22 seconds.

First a fan of 3 silver comets with blue heads. Then a fan of swirling comets which end in breaks of crackle. Then a fan of comets which end in silver flying fish. Then a fan which ends in peony breaks of green, blue and silver. Then a fan of whistling silver shots that end in clusters of sparkling silver stars. Then a fan of 3 shots, one of which ends in a red break, one in a white chrysanthemum break and one in a blue break. (Last tested in 2004)

Above and Beyond

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2937. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

All shots give breaks of silver flying fish. If you want that effect and nothing else, this is the cake to get. It is a neat looking effect. (Last tested in 2000)

Abacadabra

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2079. 63 seconds.

Starts with a good blend of red and green sparks, with a little bit of blue sparks, but they are sort of overwhelmed by the red and green. This part looks good though, with mostly color sparks and very little background gold spray. Then that stops and a soft spray of silver starts, and continues for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2004)

Absolutely Green

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 25 seconds.

Very good breaks of green glitter stars. They break with a punch. Excellent timing between shots. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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A Little Green

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5007. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

No brand or item number anywhere on the label. Each shot goes up dark and then breaks hard into a huge green chrysanthemum break. This one fell over about halfway through and fired a couple of shots horizontally, then righted itself up and fired the rest of the shots up normally. So, glue this cake down well. Very nice green breaks. Originally tested in 2000. In 2001, this cake was significantly reduced in power. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on

Abundant Life

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 23 seconds.

A green pearl goes up and ends in a cluster of crackle mixed with green flying fish. Then a blue pearl goes up and ends in a cluster of crackle mixed with blue flying fish. Then a red pearl goes up and ends in a cluster of crackle mixed with red flying fish. This sequence is repeated for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Accelerating in Arizona

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2078. 68 seconds.

Starts with a mix of gold spray, silver flitter spray and big red sparks. Then it adds green to the mix. Then a little blue is added. So it's a mixture of red, green and blue sparks with silver flitter sparks for the rest of the duration. (Last tested in 2004)

Acclaim Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4040. 19 shots, 30 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a red pearl and then opens up into a silver dragon eggs break, which is a break that spreads out and continues to give off crackle as it spreads out. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Ace Combat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2592. 9 shots, 27 seconds.

Nine fine-quality shots, each with a gold comet tail on the way up to a chrysanthemum break of red or green stars with trails. Slow pace helps to emphasize the quality of the breaks. (Last tested in 1998)

Acid Rain

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2030. 37 shots, 59 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up crackling and end in either green, gold or blue breaks. All the breaks have a little bit of crackle in them. Then, some very nice shots fired at angles which are white comets with red heads, that go up and end in good breaks of crackle. Then some shots straight up which alternate between red, blue and gold breaks, all of which have some crackle mixed in.

Then a mini-finale of smaller color breaks with some white whirlwinds mixed in. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Acid Rock

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4080. 25 shots, 10 seconds.

The tubes are all at angles, in fans of 5. The tubes are fired at a rapid pace, going down one row of 5 and then back down the next row of 5 in the opposite direction. This is sometimes referred to as a "Z" pattern. This gives an interesting change of position in the air for the

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first 20 shots. The first 5 shots are crackling comets only. The next 5 shots are comets with blue heads which go up and open into clusters of blue stars and silver flying fish. The next 5 shots are blue pearls which go up and open into blue chrysanthemums. The next 5 shots are the same as the last group, blue pearls which go up and open into blue chrysanthemums. The final 5 shots of the cake do not continue the "Z" pattern, they are fired all at once. They are blue pearls that go up and open into large clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Adrenaline

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB236. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

The first three shots are color mines that also have small color breaks above them. Then the next two shots are screaming silver comets that open into small color breaks. The next 3 shots are green mines that have small green breaks above them. Then two shots of the screaming comets opening into small color breaks. The next three shots are fluffy silver mines that have small silver chrysanthemum breaks above them. Then two more screaming comets that end in small breaks. Then three shots which are blue peony mines, with small blue peony breaks above them. Then two shots of the screaming silver comets ending in small color breaks. The next 3 shots are crackle mines, with small crackle breaks above them. Finally, two shots of screaming silver comets which end in small breaks of crackle. Good variety, and it's nice to see a cake which has some screaming comets but doesn't overdo the screaming. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Adventure Light

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A037. 36 shots, 79 seconds.

Starts with crackling comets that go up and end in clusters of crackle. Then a whole group of screaming silver comets goes up. Then red pearls go up and end in red chrysanthemum breaks with some silver glitter mixed in. Then, green pearls go up and end in green chrysanthemum breaks with some silver glitter mixed in. Then some breaks of white chrysanthemums with silver glitter mixed in. Then 6 shots of red pearls which end in clusters of green peony stars and red flying fish. Then 6 shots of green pearls which end in clusters of green flying fish. The final 6 shots are fired all at once, and they are gold comets which look very nice in a group on the way up, but they open up into insignificant clusters of green and red peony stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Adventurer 40

Skyrocket. Po Sing brand, #214.

Very exciting, powerful takeoff; ending in small, disappointing break of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Aerial Acrobats

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9129. 20 shots, 53 seconds.

Every shot is a blue pearl that goes up and ends in a gold whirlwind plus a cluster of blue stars. These are shimmering gold whirlwinds like in "Turn of the Century." I like these a lot. This is a cake I would buy for this effect. (Last tested in 2003)

Aerial Bouquet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-638. 16 shots, 12 seconds.

Possibly the smallest aerial shell on the market. The package is only 2 inches wide and 2.5 inches tall, and weighs less than 4 ounces, but it still puts out 16 honest-to-god aerial breaks. Each shot ends in a small, rocket-style cluster of red and green stars, with no sound effects. Of course, the performance doesn't compare at all to the larger repeaters, but considering this item's tiny size and price, it's amazing. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Comet, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand. Achieved very high altitude. Bright silver head and a short gold tail, that could be longer. (Last tested in 1996)

Aerial Comet No. 2

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand. A gold comet which shoots up about 100 feet high, and goes out just as it's starting downward. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Comet No. 3

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand. A thick gold tail follows this one up to a good altitude, then extinguishes just as it starts downward. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Double Decker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-667. 12 shots, 19 seconds.

An advancement in the concept of repeating aerial displays. Each shot gives both a crackling mine (upward blast of crackling stars from the ground level up to about 20 feet) and an aerial break above it. The aerial breaks are thin gold "spiderweb" breaks, but the double-level action here is what makes this item interesting. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Dynamite

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2074. 15 shots, 44 seconds.

A gold willow break, followed by a sparkling silver break with one spinner, followed by a great break which has sparkling silver stars mixed with 8 red-headed and green-headed comets which "swim away" like go-getters. Then this sequence is repeated two more times. Finally at the end, about 5 shots are fired all at once, which are the same as the shots with the go-getters. Terrific ending. (Last tested in 2004)

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Aerial Extravaganza

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Zenith brand. 7 shots, 88 seconds.

Made by Zenith Specialties, of Missouri. This piece sends up a silver comet with a red head, which ends in red peony break. Then it sends up another silver comet which ends in 2 breaks, a white chrysanthemum and a green chrysanthemum. The next shot goes up dark and ends in a reddish chrysanthemum with sparkling trails, and another break which has green chrysanthemum stars, red peony stars and blue peony stars. The next shot gives a sparkling silver glitter break and red and green chrysanthemum breaks. The next shot gives a sparkling silver glitter break and a

crackle break. The next shot gives a sparkling silver chrysanthemum break and a blue peony break. The next one gives what appears to be a pinkish or orange chrysanthemum and a blue peony. The next (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Aerial Gunfire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-662. 25 shots, 49 seconds.

Alternates between two types of shots. One is a red pearl that goes up and breaks into a few stars plus a raspy-sounding air whistle very similar to the sound of Killer Alligator or The Beast. The other type of shot is a bright white pearl that goes up and breaks into a small amount of the silver flying fish. (Last tested in 1999)

Aerial Oasis

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-651. 19 shots, 15 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark, then breaks open into a small cluster of bright green or red stars and a handful of gold crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Parade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-634. 19 shots, 16 seconds.

Beautiful. Each shot breaks into crackles & parachutes w/red flares. (Last tested in 1995)

Aerial Phenomenon

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6117. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

A very good display of mines with shell breaks above the mines. A crackle mine appears, then some blue peony stars above it, then a break of crackle above all of it. Terrific. This is repeated two more times. Then a mine of crackle appears, with blue peony stars above it, and a break of crackle flowers above that. Then a mine of crackle appears, with blue peony stars above it, and two dragon-eggs breaks above those. Then a finale of crackle mines, with blue peony stars above it, and fluffy, rich dragon-eggs breaks above that for a good ending. I enjoyed this one. (Last tested in 2005)

Aerial Quartet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-668. 12 shots, 42 seconds.

Each shot goes up very high, then becomes a series of small color breaks: red, green, blue and a glittering silver. Breaks are small, but the timing is interesting as each color comes out. No sound effects. A single unit fired is not that impressive, but a whole row of them might be. (Last tested in 1998)

Aerial Rampage Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-100.

Shells so beautiful you will hate to fire them. The box contains one tube and 12 cylindrical shells. The label on the tube says that they are made by the Vulcan factory in China. The shells are constructed in an unusual "bullet" shape, with plastic "nose cone" caps. The fuse comes out from the very top of the plastic cap. The plastic caps are either red, black or a metallic-looking gold. The 12 shell effects are: Green Star Whirl, Crackling Peony, Silver Star Fish, White Strobe, Red to Crackling, Multi-Color Peony, Palm Tree, Brocade, Crackling Gold Bees, Blue to Crackling, Red White Blue, and Green to Crackling. Each shell label also has a color photograph of a shell break, though a lot of the photographs look like 1.3G ("Class B") shell breaks to me, and many of them show multiple breaks. So you can't really expect the shell to do what is shown in the photo; nonetheless, these are the most exquisite shells to look at. You'll hate to light them and blow apart all the beautiful work they did, so buy two kits, one to save for posterity. (Last tested in 1999)

Aerial Super Seven Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB8002. 7 shots, 19 seconds.

Appears on price lists as item #WB8002, but the item itself has #W800 on it. There are two versions of this piece, and both are outstanding. Both contain seven 1.75-inch festival balls in 7 tubes. In one version, the shells go up with thick white comet tails and color heads, then break into superb chrysanthemum breaks of color stars with white trails (the last break has some crackle in it.). The other version sends up festival balls with no tails, that burst into superb breaks of color plus crackle (i.e., one

shot is red plus crackle, one shot is blue plus crackle, etc.). Both versions come on solid wooden bases, making them useful even after you use them the first time. Reinforce the outside of the group of tubes with tape, and you can refill the tubes with festival balls up to five more times. Also available without the base, #WB8006. Still a great one in 2003, four years after it was first introduced. (Last tested in 2003)

Aero Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-36. 9 shots, 24 seconds.

Super Blast. 9 shots, breaking with a respectable bang, to downward-point-

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ing, quiet clusters of stars. Many stars per cluster, but weak colors. (Last tested in 1996)

African Diamond

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7716. 36 shots, 23 seconds.

Label says "red and purple stars," but the purple is more like a blue. Good color. (Last tested in 1995)

Afternoon Delight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2090. 7 shots,

This one is meant for the daytime. Each shot goes up and ejects a parachute which floats slowly down and gives off a trail of smoke as it descends. (Last tested in 2004)

Afterparty

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3010. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a fluffy silver comet that swirls around as it flies up and then opens into a break. The first few shots open into good peony breaks of brilliant yellow stars. The next few shots open into peony breaks of blue stars. The next few shots open into gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Aftershock

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2929. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

A large cake which sends up shots that break open into single-color breaks, either red, blue or green. (Last tested in 2000)

Air Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4001. 35 shots, 15 seconds.

A bunch of gold comets (supposed to be 35 of them) with a little crackling at the base. This one would look very nice if a whole wall of them was fired at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Air Battle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0638. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Alternates between red and green stars shot up. Each one ends in either a small cluster of color stars or a small cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Air Bomb

Single-tube Aerial. No brand.

Smaller than the Link Triad "Airbomb", but basically the same concept. This one does not give as loud of a report. No brand or item number is identified anywhere on the ones I bought while in Missouri. (Last tested in 1998)

Air Bomber

Flying Spinner. Cannon brand, #Y26-006. 6 seconds.

A really great flying spinner, 6 pieces in a vinyl bag. Make sure to set this one lying down, with the tiny red bump on one side of the ring touching the ground. If it is not in this position it will not fly. When it flies up, it does so with a good solid spray of gold and goes pretty far up, and then ends in a circular spray of crackle in the air. A quality item. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Air Bombing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0641. 25 shots, 27 seconds.

Alternates between red and green pearls going up. Each shot ends in either a break of silver flying fish or a whistle in the air. Fast pace. (Last tested in 2000)

Air Color Bomb, No. 3

Single-tube Aerial. Vulcan brand, #DS1400.

A pack of 3 single-shot aerial shells, one each of Red, Green and Crackling Bombard. Each has its own base - these are not reloadable shells. The Red one goes up with a red flame to a red break; the green one goes up with a green flame to a green break, and the crackling one goes up with a silver flame to a crackle break. These are adequate, but the breaks are not as big as with most 1.75 inch reloadable shells. (Last tested in 2001)

Air Commandoes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSD14. 16 shots, 23 seconds.

Day item, 96 parachutes. Over fast. Fills the sky with tiny parachutes. (Last tested in 2000)

Air Defence [sic]

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W575. 100 shots, 95 seconds.

Crackling comets. Long lasting, but it can get boring toward the end. (Last tested in 1995)

Air Defender

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7144EL. 37 shots, 14 seconds.

Dazzling white comets with red and green. Pace quickens rapidly. (Last tested in 1995)

Air Force One

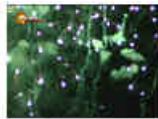
Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1028.

A pack of five rockets, each with the same effect: a silver comet tail on the way up, ending in the "silver flying fish" effect and a good amount of it. Excellent. (Last tested in 1999)

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Air Raid

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-054. 16 shots, 15 seconds.

Cannon. Green pearls fly up very high, then whip open into whirlwinds. Spaced closely together. Superb altitude. (Last tested in 1996)

Air Strip

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4408. 24 seconds.

Five flying spinners take off one at a time. Some people love this, but mine usually fall apart. (Last tested in 1995)

Air-Borne Art

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2970. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is fired straight up, and it is a red pearl, ending in a red chrysanthemum break. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, which are blue pearls ending in blue chrysanthemum breaks. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, which are blue pearls ending in beautiful blue peony breaks. Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, which are red pearls ending in red chrysanthemum breaks. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, which are red pearls ending in red chrysanthemum breaks. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan, which are crackling comets ending in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Airbomb

Single-tube Aerial. Link Triad brand, #W539.

A single-shot aerial firecracker. The cracker is shot up into the air about 50 to 75 feet high, where it blows up with a loud report. The tube stays on the ground and might fall over afterwards, but it doesn't matter because the item has only one shot. Sometimes appears under the name Double Voice Cracker. (Last tested in 1998)

Airborne Assault

Display Firework (1.3G). brand. 16 seconds.

A huge cake that sends up shells that eject parachutes. Attached to each parachute is a spinning fountain, which emits a sparkling silver spray as the parachute floats down. The sky is soon filled with spinning silver fountains. It doesn't last long, but it is pleasing to see. Similar to "Colorful Parachutes." You might also see it in a 61-shot version. Both sizes might actually be "1.3G" fireworks. (Last tested in 1999)

Airborne Troop assortment

Single-tube Aerial. brand, #Y04-005.

Storm Troop, Command Troop, Combat Troop. Outstanding items. (Last tested in 1995)

Airborne Troops

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L962. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Some nice breaks of red and green, some crappy ones. All break at different angles. (Last tested in 1995)

Aircraft Carrier

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W727. 30 seconds.

Will float on water. Travels forward, shoots sparks, launches 2 planes. Wow! (Last tested in 1995) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Airhawk Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2579C.

The box and packaging alone are interesting: it unfolds into a display pack, with two tubes and 12 shells. The cylindrical shells in the box I got were: Blue Crackling, Silver Crackling, Yellow Crackling, Dragon Egg, Colorful Pearls, Palm Tree, Red Wave, Green Flashing Salute, Colorful Stars and Reports, Blue Peony to Red, and Green Peony to Red. The effects are very nice, but the shells don't go as high as the Rambo Kid shells, and could use some extra lift. Still, highly recommended. (Last tested in 1998)

Airhawk Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2579.

Two tubes and 12 cylindrical 1.75-inch shells in the box. The shells are: Green Peony to White; Blue Peony to Red; Colourful Pearls; Palm Tree; Red Wave; Blue Crackling; Yellow Crackling; Salute; Colourful Stars & Reports; Green Flashing; Dragon Egg; and Silver Crackling. Good shells with rich colors. The Airhawk Artillery shell kit in the black box is #BP2579C. (Last tested in 1999)

AK500

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9001. 24 shots, 33 seconds.

Begins by alternating between red chrysanthemum breaks, blue chrysanthemum breaks, yellow chrysanthemum breaks and silver chrysanthemum breaks. Then, 4 richly crackling comets are shot up, followed by a volley of 4 huge, long-lasting chrysanthemum

breaks of red and green. Very big breaks at the end. (Last tested in 2003)

Aladdin's Lamp

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W468. 19 seconds.

Extraordinary. Beautiful blue and red flames, then many side sprays of silver and gold. (Last tested in 1995)

Alakazam

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2171. 24 shots, 60 seconds.

The first shot is a red mine, but the red stars become red flying fish on the way up - very unusual. The next shot is the same, but in green. The next shot is the

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same, but in blue. The next shot is the same, but with a mixture of red and green shots which turn into red and green flying fish. The next 4 shots are fired all at once, and they go up and end in a bunch of reports and silver flying fish. The above sequence is repeated two more times. Valuable for the unusual effect of mines which turn immediately into flying fish - the first time I have seen this exact effect. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Alcatraz

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG5039. 100 seconds.

The same item as Triangle Whistling Flower and its many other names. Red spray, to green and red mixed, to blue, to bright white, to mixed colors with white, to green, to silver flitter, to one loud, short whistle, to crackle, to white spray. (Last tested in 1998)

Alchemy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0165. 30 shots, 25 seconds.

Shoots five or six shots at a time, and each volley produces a cluster of what the manufacturer calls "waterfalls," which are breaks that open softly and the stars drift down, lasting a fairly long time. The stars that make up these breaks leave trails of gold sparks with some silver sparkle in them as well. There are no sound effects and there is no color, just the gold and silver waterfalls. (Last tested in 2005)

Alien Abduction

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-107. 16 shots, 14 seconds.

Green or red pearls which break into small gold clusters, and unusual white spinners, not whirlwinds, but small, fast spinning UFOs. Interesting. (Last tested in 1997)

Alien Adventure

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2882. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

All shots whistle on the way up, with a thin trail of silver sparks. Each shot opens up into a small cluster of either red, blue or green stars. Similar to Howling Tiger, but the breaks of stars are smaller and do not break as hard. All shots go up as white screaming comets, which spiral around as they go up, then they open into a cluster of color stars, either red, blue or green. (Last tested in 2000)

Alien Escape Pod

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1204.

This is a pack of 4 rockets. "Zoik" gives a break of a silver trail ring shell with a little crackle. "Esnu" gives a break that is a very nice ring of blue stars with white trails, and a little bit of crackle.

"Neif" gives a break of a ring of red stars with white trails, and a little bit of crackle. "Spila" gives a break of a ring of green stars with white trails and a little bit of crackle. These are very nice ring shell rockets, but as long as they are going to put some crackle in each break, they should have put a lot more crackle. Other than that, these are winners. (Last tested in 2004)

Alien Invasion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Zenith/Black Cat brand, #900. 10 shots, 21 seconds.

This is made by Black Cat and Zenith Specialties. Alternates between mines of color stars and breaks of color stars which are higher than the mines, for a 2-level display. In the mines, the red and green stars also spread out into tiny clusters of stars - an extra little effect. (Last tested in 2004)

All American Premiere

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BU0001. 39 shots, 69 seconds.

This is made by Brothers Pyrotechnics of China and Zenith Specialties of Missouri. Six crackling comets go up one at a time, and end in color chrysanthemum breaks, which alternate between red, green and blue breaks. Then 6 non-crackling comets go up and end in color chrysanthemums which alternate between red and green breaks. Then 6 dark shots go up and end in big gold willow breaks. Then 6 crackling comets go up one at a time, and end in color chrysanthemum breaks, which alternate between red, green and blue breaks. Then 6 non-crackling comets go up and end in color chrysanthemums which alternate between red and green breaks. Then 3 dark shots go up and end in gold willows which turn into big crackle flower breaks. These 3 shots are fired at a slower pace than the previous shots. Finally at the end, 6 shots are fired all at once, which are red pearls that go up and end in white whirlwinds and peony breaks of mixed red, white and blue. A long-lasting and satisfying display. (Last tested in 2004)

All Kinds of Color

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W581. 64 shots, 32 seconds.

Red, green, yellow and blue pearls go up and open into small color breaks - lots

of them in rapid sequence. (Last tested in 1995)

All Mine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3041. 12 shots, 45 seconds.

First shot is a mine of blue stars plus some silver whistling comets that go on up above the blue stars and end in reports. Next shot is a mine of red stars plus some silver whistling comets that go on up above the red stars and end in reports. The next shot is a mine of mixed red and blue stars plus some silver whistling comets that go up above the red and blue stars and end in

the end. Intensely loud. (Last tested in 1998)

All Red Celebration Crackers

Firecracker. Horse brand, #T785. 26 seconds.

5,000 tau - actually 1,388 crackers, with a head bomb. Two strings of crackers burn simultaneously, for extra loudness. (Last tested in 2000)

All Red Crackers

Firecracker. brand, #T761.

Apparently fused so that two strings go off simultaneously. Loud! (Last tested in 1995)

All Saint's Day

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4006. 40 seconds.

An interesting variety of African masks and dancers adorn the label of this compact multi-tube fountain, with its 7 tubes and California "Safe and Sane" seal on the label. Green and red spray with whistle, white flutter with whistle, crackle with white flutter, crackle with whistle, ending with a tall white spray. Always seems to be two things going at any given time. (Last tested in 2000)


All Star Action

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A020. 16 shots,


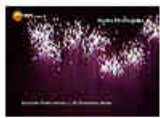

This is a pack of four 16-shot cakes, "Slam Dunk," "Hat Trick," "Grand Slam" and "Touch Down." They may be sold either separately or as a pack of 4. "Slam Dunk" shoots up a red pearl that opens into a red chrysanthemum break with crackle flowers, then a red pearl that opens into a red chrysanthemum with a little crackle, then a green pearl that opens into a green chrysanthemum with crackle flowers, then a blue pearl that opens into a blue chrysanthemum with crackle. It continues to alternate between these 4 shots, until the end, when the final 4 shots (one of each type) are shot up simultaneously. Duration is 37 seconds. "Hat Trick" shoots up sparkling comets. Each one ends in a break of green chrysanthemum stars with some silver glitter, or red stars with blue glitter, or crackle flowers. These 3 breaks alternate as it continues, then at the end 4 shots of these effects are fired simultaneously. Duration is 34 seconds. "Grand Slam" shoots up color pearls that open into gold willow breaks

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reports. The above sequence is repeated three more times. (Last tested in 2003)

All Red Celebration Crackers

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0165. 18 seconds.

Now you can celebrate Chinese New Year in the proper fashion. A roll of 1,388 firecrackers, which you hang up somewhere to light. Alternatively you could roll it out in a straight line on the ground, but if you want to be authentic, hang it up. At the final end of the roll is a "head bomb" of many firecrackers, all of which go off in a furious barrage at

with color tips. The color of the tips alternates from shot to shot - red, green or blue. The last 4 shots are fired all at once. Duration is 35 seconds. "Touch Down" is my favorite of these 4 cakes; each shot gives a crackle mine plus a break above it. The breaks are all combinations of colors, with red sparks, sparkling blue glitter, and some with crackle. The final 4 breaks are fired all at once. Duration is 41 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

All Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 9 shots, 17 seconds.

Probably the same item as "Whistling Shell" (WB2012), it has the Beihai paper on the top of the cake but the label is completely different, with either German or Dutch wording on the back of the label. So maybe this one was intended for European distribution. Each shot is a green pearl with a comet tail that goes up and breaks into a very large, nice break of mixed red and green. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2000)

All-American Professional Display Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. All American Professional brand, #AAPF2000.

These are just slightly over 1.5 inch shells, though the tube supplied with the kit has an inner diameter of 1.75 inches. So it would be a good idea to wrap a few layers of masking tape around the middle of the shells to make them fit more tightly into the tube. They will work if you don't, though. The shells are "N" series (Temple of Heaven): two shells each of Green Chrysanthemum, Red Chrysanthemum and Blue Chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 1999)

All-American Professional Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. All American Professional brand, #AA1000.

Top-quality color breaks, and the loudest reports of any reloadables. See "Small Festival Balls, 1.75-inch". (Last tested in 1996)

All-American Red, White and Blue, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Well, there was red, and blue, but no white. Spectators not amused. (Last tested in 1995)

All-in-One

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3044. 79 seconds.

Starts nicely with a brilliant red spray. Then changes to a good all-green spray. Then a soft gold spray with blue flecks of sparks coming up as well. Then a spray of large gold sparks. Then a bright white flashing spray. Then a spray of white flitter sparks. Then a good crackle spray to end it. (Last tested in 2004)

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Alpha 19

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6041. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

Each shot gives a whirlwind which also contains silver flying fish. The first time I've seen that combination in one shot. The next to last shot gives a cluster of red stars that hangs in the air for a while, then the final shot gives green stars which also last a long time. Interesting display. (Last tested in 2002)

Amadavat Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1007. 115 seconds.

Nice multi-color spray of red, green and blue, then a pretty loud crackle spray, then a flashing white spray, then a sudden short, loud whistle with a silver spray, then a multi-color spray of red, green and blue, then ending with a short silver whistle. (Last tested in 2004)

Amazing Dozen

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3080. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

The manufacturer calls these "dahlia" breaks, and they are similar to color peony breaks, but the stars seem to be a little bigger and longer-lasting than regular peony stars. The cake alternates between aqua dahlia breaks, purple dahlia with a few silver stars in the center (the "pistol") and yellow dahlia with a few blue stars in the center (pistol). The colors are well-rendered and the breaks are attractive and clean-looking. The final three shots are fired all at once. Good color. (Last tested in 2005)

Ambushed

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0880. 24 shots, 31 seconds.

Fan-shaped display. The first 3 shots are shot all at once in a fan, blue, white and red pearls that break into nice chrysanthemum breaks. Then a series of single shots fired straight up, which also break hard into nice chrysanthemum breaks. Then some crackling comets which break hard into red and blue peony breaks. Then, some more regular chrysanthemum breaks. Then more of the crackling comets which end in red and blue breaks, only now there is crackle mixed in with the breaks. And finally, two groups of three shots, each group shot in a fan shape, and all shots are comets that end in good breaks of red, blue and crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

America 1776

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4065. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a blue star, then breaks open into a mixed-color peony of red and blue. Deep, rich colors. No sound effects. The final 4 shots are fired

all at the same time for a finale. (Last tested in 2004)

America Invincible

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2491. 16 shots,
37 seconds.

Terrific sound effect cake, with each shot a howling comet with silver sparks. The whistling sound is much lower in pitch than the standard shriek of a whistle, and really sounds like it is going away as they fly up. The whistles overlap into one continuous howl, punctuated only by the beginning of each new whistle. Very attention-getting. This cake might also be sold in other brands under the names "The Return of Hale-Bopp" or "Screaming Comets." Essentially the same in 2003, five years after it was first introduced. (Last tested in) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

America Rising

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand,
#WB-09.

Four-break shells. Top quality. Comet on the way up, ending in four complete breaks of four different colors or effects. Outstanding. This is probably my favorite of the 4-break shell kits, because the comets on the way up add an extra level of appeal. (Last tested in 2003)

American #1

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2226. 25 shots,
60 seconds.

Alternates between two types of shots. One is a whistling silver comet, that ends with a white whirlwind with a few green stars in it. The other is a red pearl with a rising silver tail, that ends in a break of green stars and a few silver "eels" that swim away and down from it. Towards the end, a couple of shots crackle on the way up, but otherwise it alternates between those two. (Last tested in 1998)

American Brave

Reloadable Shell Kit. Glorious brand,
#GCRS024.

This kit contains 12 different shells and 1 tube. Crackling tail to green chrysanthemum; mixed break of green chrysanthemum with red and blue peony stars; large red chrysanthemum; crackling break; red chrysanthemum with silver glitter stars; blue and red peony

break; red and green peony break; red and green chrysanthemum break; white chrysanthemum break with one whistling star; blue peony break with crackle; crackling tail to dragon eggs break; and a red peony break with crackling. Good variety in one box. (Last tested in 2004)

American Celebration

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Space
Age brand. 19 shots, 16 seconds.

Red and green pearls, to small red and green breaks, with crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 1995)

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American Chief

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand,
#BP2919.

Contains one tube and 12 shells: Crackling & Blue Sparkle w/tail; Flashing w/two Whistles w/tail; Blue Stars w/Bees w/tail; Red, White & Blue Bouquet & Reports w/tail; Blue Stars w/Double Spinners w/tail; Crackling & Blue Flower Double Shells w/tail; Red Ring; Green Ring; Green Palm w/Crackling Tail, Yellow Peony w/Green Palm; Red Peony to Crackling w/Whistling Tail; and Red Stars to Crackling w/Double Spinners. (Last tested in 2000)

American City Fountain assortment

Base Fountain. Brothers brand,
#BP4038. 29 seconds.

A collection of four single-tube fountains: Chicago, New York, Seattle, Los Angeles. Each fountain is 9 inches tall and puts out a tall, narrow, heavy spray of various colors with crackle. New York has mixed green and red sparks. Seattle gives blue and silver stars. Chicago has red and green sparks with bright silver, while Los Angeles is bright green and silver. The cruel irony here is that fireworks are completely illegal in all four of the cities these fountains are named for. Please, everyone: buy this box and send the New York fountain to Rudy Giuliani. (Last tested in 1998)

American Classic

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire
Hawk brand, #FB2003. 56 shots, 29
seconds.

There are 8 rows of 7 shots in this cake. The first 35 shots are fired in a Z pattern. The first row of 7 shots are an interesting type of shot, which goes up as a spiraling silver comet, that also gives off blue peony stars on its way up, then ends in a cluster of blue peony stars mixed with sizzling crackle. The second row is the same shots, except being fired in the other direction. Then another row in the original direction, then another one in the reverse direction, then a fifth row of seven in the original direction. Then the last 3 rows are fired in fans of 7 shots. The effect is the same as all the other shots, but in fans rather than in a Z pattern. These 3 fans are fired fairly closely together, to create a finale. I liked this cake very much, both for the unique effect and the arrangement and timing of shots. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

American Eagle

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand,
#BP7064. 27 seconds.

It's a truck, like you would see on an interstate highway in the U.S. It rolls forward while whistling three times. Then the fire is transferred to the front, and while it does you can see the red windows of the truck glowing. Then it rolls backwards with one long whistle. This one can travel pretty far, so make sure you have room. (Last tested in 1999)

American Homeland

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2045. 16 shots,
43 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and breaks into a red chrysanthemum. The next shot goes up and breaks into a white chrysanthemum. The next shot goes up and breaks into a beautiful blue peony break. The next shot goes up and breaks into crackle flowers. Those four shots are then repeated two more times, in the same order as the first four. Finally, the last four shots (one of each) are fired all at the same time. Big, long-lasting breaks. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

American Lancers

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3093. 8 shots, 15 seconds.

Each candle gives a variety of shots. First a red star is shot, then a green star, then a blue star, then a crackling comet. This sequence of 4 is repeated in the same candle. (Last tested in 2004)

American Military Candles

Roman Candle, single. Phantom brand, #C-008. 24 seconds.

A package of six roman candles in a bundle. (That seventh tube in the center is just for packaging purposes.) You get two of "Marine Candle" (8 shots color peony), and one each of these four: "Army Candle" (5 shots whistling with crackling), "Navy Candle" (5 shots gold tail to blue star with seven reports), "Air Force Candle" (5 shots whistling with silver glitter) and "Coast Guard Candle" (5 shots white tail to silver star with seven reports). These are high-quality candles, equal in quality to "Crazy Aces" or "Shot in the Dark" candles. The "Marine Candle" in this pack is the best one, in my opinion. Each shot produces an actual floral break of stars in the air - not just a measly cluster of color stars like some candles give, a genuine break of color peony stars that looks like a small shell break. The "Marine Candle" in this pack is my new favorite roman candle. All the other brands now have to play catch-up to this one. (Last tested in 2004)

American Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5013. 16 shots, 42 seconds.

Shoots a spiralling silver comet with a green head, which ends in a triple-break shell. The first break is a red peony, the second, slightly smaller break, is a green peony, and the third, slightly smaller break, is a gold willow. The next shot goes up as a spiralling silver comet with a green head, and also ends in a triple break, though this time it's a silver glitter break, then a smaller white chrysanthemum break, and a small red peony break. The above two shots continue to alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. I was pleas-

stars. Then a row of shots in the other direction goes up as red pearls that end in crackle. Then a row of shots in the other direction goes up as green pearls that end in reports. Then a row of shots goes up as silver comets that end in small color breaks. Then a row of crackling comets. Then a row of intensely bright white pearls with short silver tails goes up - this is startlingly bright. Then a row of screaming silver comets go up and they end in reports. Then the entire above sequence, from the beginning, is repeated. Finally, three more shots of crackle breaks end it. The individual effects in this cake are generally not large or overwhelming in themselves, but the abundance of them, the Z-pattern and the long duration make this a pretty satisfying show which seems to fill up the sky very well. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Americana

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2004. 37 shots,
61 seconds.

Crackling comets go straight up and end in chrysanthemum breaks of red, green or blue. The red breaks have some crackle at the end. Then, a group of shots that are at angles, and are white comets that end in good red chrysanthemum breaks. Then, a few shots that break open into comets with red, blue or green heads that fly away at different directions - this part is very interesting. Finally, a group of shots all at once that go up whistling, and end in crackle breaks. Almost like 3 repeaters in one. Good one. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")


Amped

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2152. 37 shots,
59 seconds.



The first shot is a silver comet with a strobing red head, which goes up and breaks open into a gold willow break with red tips. Then, five more shots just like that one, at slightly different angles. The next 4 shots are fired all at once in a fan, and they are softly glittering gold comets that have a soft ruffling sound to them. Then a silver comet with a bluish-white head goes up and breaks open into a gold willow break with green tips. Then four more shots

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antly surprised to see triple breaks from this cake, as the package didn't seem large enough to have triple breaks in each shot. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

American Tradition

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB297. 121 shots, 60 seconds.

First three shots go up and give some small breaks of crackle. Then a Z-pattern starts, with good silver comets with color heads (alternating between red, green, blue and gold heads). Then another row is blue stars that go up and end in silver flying fish with a few blue

just like that one. The next 4 shots are fired all at once in a fan, and they are softly glittering gold comets that have a soft ruffling sound. The next shot is a blue pearl that goes up and breaks open into a gold willow break, which after a couple of seconds, turns to crackle at the tips - interesting delayed crackle effect. Then 4 more shots just like that one. The next 4 shots are fired all at once in a fan, and they are softly glittering gold comets that have a soft ruffling sound. Then 5 shots are fired all at once in a fan, and they are all silver comets with bright strobing red heads, and they all break almost at the same time into gold willow breaks with red tips. Then 5 shots are fired all at once in a fan, and they are all blue pearls on the way up, and they all break almost at the same time into gold willow breaks that turn into crackle before burning out. Interesting show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

And the Band Played On

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0336. 19 shots, 83 seconds.

Alternates between three types of shots: a red star that breaks open into a nice break of red, green and blue plus some silver flying fish; a red star that breaks open into a break of red, green, blue and crackle; and a whistling silver comet that breaks open into a chrysanthemum break of red, green and blue with a few reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Andromeda

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO005-2. 12 shots, 28 seconds.

Red pearl ending in big red chrysanthemum with crackle. Red pearl ending in green-to-red color changing peony. Red pearl to sparkling silver break. Blue-headed comet to crackle break. Blue pearl ending in blue chrysanthemum. Green pearl ending in beautiful break of many small green stars mixed with 4 big red stars. Red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum with crackle. Red pearl ending in peony break in which the stars appeared to me to change from purple to green to red. Red pearl ending in sparkling silver stars. Blue-headed comet ending in crackle break. Blue pearl ending in blue chrysanthemum. Green pearl ending in beautiful break of many small green stars mixed with 4 big red stars. Very sophisticated and profes-

sional look. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Androsphinx

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4043. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

An amazing color piece. Each shot goes up and breaks softly into falling color stars that last a long time. Reminds me a little of when "Cajun Pageant" first came out in 1995. This one has single-color breaks of these colors: red, pink, green, blue, aqua, and purple. Beautiful colors. (Last tested in 2004)

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Angel Fire

Hand-held Fountain. All Star brand. 90 seconds.

Silver spray for approximately 90 seconds. A good value and long-lasting, but I wish it changed to different effects along the way rather than all one effect for the entire duration. Nevertheless, it's very bright and a lot of fun. One of the longest-lasting hand-held fountains I have seen; in fact, of the ones I have tried, only "Shiny Gadget" had a longer burn time, and "Shiny Gadget" was too long. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Angel Samba

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y02-013. 59 seconds.

Pleasing white flitter sparks, then adding gold flitter sparks, but no other colors or effects. Lots of sparks and the burn time of each tube overlaps the next, so there is no pause. A bit too long for a non-changing fountain. (Last tested in 1999)

Angle Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 12 shots, 24 seconds.

The first shot is a brilliant, fluffy white comet with a bright pink head shot straight up. Then two more shots just like that, one by one, at slightly different angles from the first. Then a fan of 3 shots at once which are thin silver comets that go up and break into nice breaks of glittering gold. Then a fan of 3 shots at once which are the same brilliant fluffy comets as the first 3 shots. Very bright. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan which give white chrysanthemum breaks, and 3 more shots in a fan which give breaks of green stars, silver strobing stars and crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Angler's Ambition

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2963. 42 shots, 53 seconds.

All shots are fired at angles. In the first row, the shots are fired one at a time, not at the same time. Each shot is a color pearl that ends in a cluster of flying fish of that same color. Green, yellow, blue, red and white. Then the next row is fired all at the same time in a fan shape. Those shots end in flying fish and a few firecracker reports. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Then, a row of whistling silver comets is shot up all at the same time in a fan shape. Then a row of color pearls that end in color flying fish with reports is shot up in a fan shape (Last tested in 2002)

Annihilator

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-28. 20 shots, 88 seconds.

The first shot is a purple pearl on the way up, ending in a break of strobing green and purple stars - and lots of them. The next shot is a red pearl on the way up, ending in a break of strobing

red stars - also a whole lot of them. These two shots alternate with each other for the duration of the cake. It does seem to go on for a very long time. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Anniversary Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 9 shots, 21 seconds.

Each shot is two breaks in one. First, red stars break quietly and go out quickly; then a split-second later a louder break, giving snappy white glitter stars. (Last tested in 1997)

Anti-Personnel Bombs

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4077. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

Alternates between several types of shots. One is a blue-headed comet that goes up and becomes a spinner for a second or two, then breaks open into silver flying fish. Another is a crackling comet. Another is a red pearl that goes up and opens into a red peony. Another is a blue pearl that goes up and opens into a blue peony. Another is a red pearl that goes up and opens into a mixed peony break of red, blue and some sparkling white stars. Another is a red pearl that goes up and opens into a large cluster of crackle. This sequence then repeats a couple more times, speeding up a little bit towards the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Anti-Tank Mine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L917. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Medium breaks of red and green, adding crackle and blue later on. (Last tested in 1995)

Anti-Terror Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 34 seconds.

Most shots are just color pearls that go up and do nothing, while a few shots end in uninspired peony breaks. Very dull Skip this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Apache 1

Flying Spinner. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0169. 4 seconds.

Lower price than Apache 2, and smaller in size. Flies up strongly and ends in one report. Good for daytime use. (Last tested in 1998)

Apache 2

Flying Spinner. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0168. 4 seconds.

Higher price than Apache 1, but larger in size. Flies well and ends in one report. For daytime use. (Last tested in 1998)

Apache Attack Helicopter

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0017. 21 shots, 52 seconds.

Begins with fountains, 3 tubes in a fan shape, giving silver sprays. They go for about 30 seconds. Then, 3 silver comets are shot up in a fan shape, which end in clusters of blue stars with silver flying fish. Then another set of 3 of the same

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is shot up. Then a third set, a fourth set, a fifth set and a sixth set. Those are the only effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Apache Firedance

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-087. 224 seconds.

At over 31/2 minutes, this is close to, but not quite, the longest-lasting fountain I have tested so far. Red, green, blue, gold, bright white stars; crackle, whistles - you name it, it does it. The effects change at 12 to 15 second intervals. 6 whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

Apeman

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4037. 16 shots, 19 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up red and break into red chrysanthemums, shots that go up green and break into green chrysanthemums, and shots that go up blue and break into blue chrysanthemums. Good timing and good breaks. The last 4 shots are fired almost at the same time, for a finale. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Apollo

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0006-1. 30 shots, 51 seconds.

Silver comet ending in cluster of silver flying fish. Red pearl ending in nice peony break of green and purple. Blue comet to white spinner ending in good peony break of green and red. Those three shots alternate for the rest of the performance, until the last 10 shots. The next to last 5 are shot all at once, and they are blue pearls that end in nice gold willow breaks. The final 5 shots are green pearls that end in green chrysanthemums. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

April Shower

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y02-022. 69 seconds.

Green and sparkling white spray, then a red and crackle spray, then the green and white spray, then back to the red and crackle spray. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Aquatini

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0154. 25 shots, 23 seconds.

The first five shots are fired in a fan shape, and they are gold comets with sparkling silver in them, and they go up and break into nice gold spiderweb breaks which turn into green glitter as they spread. The next five shots are fired in a fan shape, and they are gold comets with sparkling red in them, and they go up and break into gold spiderweb breaks which turn into silver glitter. The next five shots are fired in a fan shape, and they are gold comets with sparkling green in them, and they go up and break into gold spiderweb breaks which turn into red glitter. The next five shots are fired in a fan shape, and they are

gold comets with sparkling red in them, and they go up and break into gold spiderweb breaks which turn into silver glitter. The final five shots are also fired in a fan shape, and they are gold comets with a little bit of crackle in them, and they go up and break into gold spiderweb breaks which turn into silver crackle. (Last tested in 2005)

Arc of Triumph

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K744E. 90 shots, 140 seconds.

Conclusive proof that fireworks can be excruciatingly boring. This one goes on for almost 21/2 minutes, but it's only red or green pearls which fly in a big arc. 90 of them! At the two-minute mark, you're willing to concede all of Europe west of the Rhine. (Last tested in 1996)

Arctic Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-089A. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

First a crackling fountain, then 15 shots of whirlwinds which spin open on the way up, then end in a small cluster of blue stars. A striking, unique effect. (Last tested in 1996)

Arctic Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-602. 25 shots, 24 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Fires the shots in fan shapes in a "Z" pattern. The first five shots give off some red stars as they go up and then end in strobing red peony breaks. The next 5 go up and end in strobing silver breaks. The next 5 go up and end in large peony breaks of blue, with plenty of blue stars in them. The next row is the same as the last, blue peony breaks, but it is fired in the opposite direction. The last row is 5 shots of crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Arctic Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 19 shots, 39 seconds.

Jiangxi. Crackling comets a la Mighty Python/Mighty Cobra etc., but more time between each shot. Terrific crackling sound. Light two simultaneously to fill the gaps in timing. (Last tested in 1996)

Arena of Mars

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-050. 30 shots, 56 seconds.

The first 8 or 10 shots are peony breaks of blue stars mixed with red glitter stars. Then it changes to "falling glitter" breaks similar to those in "Scarlet in Lace." Several shots of that, then it changes to breaks that are clusters of blue peony stars and silver flying fish. Then it changes to breaks that are clusters of blue peony stars and green flying fish. The final 4 shots are fired all at once, and they go up and break into thick clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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Armageddon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #GCM044. 20 shots, 37 seconds.

All shots are the same: a whistling silver comet goes up and opens into a white whirlwind. Good timing between shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Army Boy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4044. 12 shots, 26 seconds.

Superb quality breaks with lots of stars in them. Red peony, sparkling willow, sparkling peony, red peony, sparkling willow, sparkling peony, red peony, sparkling willow, sparkling peony, red

peony, sparkling willow, and sparkling peony. Terrific. Get this one now. (Last tested in 2004)

Army Smoke

Smoke. Shogun brand, #SNOV01. 78 seconds.

Bag of 5 contains one each of Blue, Yellow and Violet, and 2 White. Each one puts out a stream of smoke of that color, for about a minute and 15 seconds to a minute and a half. (Last tested in 2000)

Army Smoke

Smoke. Dragon Eggs brand, #DS001. 30 seconds.

A pack of 4 smoke cartridges, one each of yellow, purple, white and blue. The colors are rich and well-defined. Each cartridge puts out smoke for approximately 30 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Arrowhead Missiles

Missile. Phantom brand, #L-016.

The vinyl bag contains 6 different missiles: Blue Peony with Glitter, Red & Blue Peony with Glitter, Yellow & Green Peony with Glitter, Red & Green Peony with Crackle, Red & Yellow Peony with Crackle, and Yellow & Blue Peony with crackle. I rarely buy or test missiles because in the past most of them have been disappointing. They always fly well, but usually do almost nothing once they get up in the sky. However, this one is different and may serve to revitalize the whole category. Each one flies up very well and ends in an actual break of stars, like a small shell. Excellent quality for this category (missiles). Like all missiles and rockets, there is no way to predict which part of the sky it will end up at, so use these only in a very wide-open area. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Articulated Artillery

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0163. 16 shots, 23 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a bright white comet that ends in a very nice red peony break. The next shot goes up as a bright white comet that goes up and ends in a good green peony break. The next shot is a white comet that goes up and ends in a silver glitter break. The next shot goes up as a white comet and ends in a good blue peony break. These four shots alternate with each other, at a fairly

rapid pace, until the final four shots, which are fired all at once. These are very nice breaks, with lots of stars and good symmetry. (Last tested in 2005)

Artificial Satellite

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0428. 4 seconds.

No color at all; erratic flight. But cheap and the kids will be amused - maybe. (Last tested in 1995)

Artillery Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Space Age brand. 36 shots, 26 seconds.

Crackling-tail comets, like "Mighty Python" and others, but these have red and green heads! So close together, they overlap. (Last tested in 1996)

Artillery Rocket

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1030.

Box of 4 large rockets with 1.75-inch ball-style heads wrapped in colored foil. Appears to be the same rockets as Ball Buster (reviewed in PYRO #1). Strong flight up to about 150 feet, then ends in symmetrical breaks of color, some with crackle as well. Top-notch. (Last tested in 1998) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Artillery Rocket

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1192.

Four rockets: Red Bouquet w/Crackers; Silver Bouquet w/Crackers; Blue Bouquet w/Spinner; and Multi-color Bouquet w/Crackers. All 4 very nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Artillery Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2697.

A box of four single-shot tubes, with 1.5-inch artillery shells in them. Don't let the smaller diameter fool you - these are very nice performers. You get one shell each of: Red Glitter, Silver Glitter, Mixed Red and Green Peony, and Crackle. All have silver comet tails on the way up. (Last tested in 1999)

Artillery Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2698.

Same shells as in BP2697. The only difference is that you get two of the four effects in one box - one color break and one crackle break. (Last tested in 1999)

Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand.

Some problems of low breaks on these. Yellow box. (Last tested in 1996)

Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2703.

An interesting kit with 2 tubes and 12 shells, each of which is wrapped in brightly colored paper rather than the usual brown paper. You get 12 different effects: Crackling & Blue Sparkle w/tail; Strobing White Stars w/tail; Blue Stars w/Bees w/tail; Red, White, Blue & Reports w/tail; Red, White, Blue w/Bees w/tail; Crackling & Blue Flower double shell w/tail; Red Ring; Green Ring; Green Palm w/crackling tail; Yellow Peony w/Green Palm; Red Peony to Crackling w/whistling tail; and Green & Multi-color Spinner with Silver Tail. One of the most interesting assortment

Red Chrysanthemum with Tail; Green Chrysanthemum with Tail; Blue Chrysanthemum with Tail; Yellow Chrysanthemum with Tail; White Chrysanthemum with Tail; and Colorful Chrysanthemum with Tail. (Last tested in 1999)

Artillery Shell, 2.375-inch, blue box

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand. Gigantic shells; very high flying, with superb breaks. Hard to find. (Last tested in 1995)

Artillery Shell, assorted

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5015.

One tube and six shells in the box. They may be of different effects, but the ones in the box I got were: Blue Glitter, Green Stars w/Crackling; Red & Green Wave; Red Stars; Green Wave and White Stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Artillery Shell, black box

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand, #W515.

Easy to find. Nice breaks with good color. (Last tested in 1995)

Artillery Shell, crackling

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand, #W518A.

Large green box, 1-3/4 inch shells. Good crackling "dragon eggs." Good altitude and crackle. No color to speak of. (Last tested in 1996)

Artillery Shell, Crackling

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5018.

One tube and six shells in the box. All six shells are "Crackling". (Last tested in 1999)

Artist's Dream

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A single shot of a brilliant white star, with a small trail of white sparks following it, goes up. Intense brightness must be from magnesium or magnalium. Dazzling to see. (Last tested in 2000)

AS-1

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #AS-1.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This kit contains 12 single ball-style shells and one tube. There is a nice

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of effects in a single box, and good performers, too. The "bees" look to me a lot like "silver flying fish" but don't last as long. (Last tested in 1999)

Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand, #BP2537.

Box bears the Dragon logo on it, but a Brothers item number. It is sold through Brothers Pyrotechnics. The box contains one tube and six shells:

ring shell here, with 13 blue stars in a ring. Another ring, this one of red stars, has a little crackle in the center of the ring. Another shell gave a big gold willow break with red tips. A red chrysanthemum break from another. A green peony with crackle. A green and purple peony. A yellow and blue peony, in which the yellow stars fade out leaving just the blue - this gives the illusion that the yellow stars change into blue stars, but they are actually separate. A crackling comet to a crackle break. Another shell gave a glittering silver peony break. 12 different shells in all. (Last tested in 2004)

AS-2 Magnificent Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-620.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This kit contains 5 double-break shells, one triple-break shell and one tube. The shells are beautifully wrapped in gold foil. One gave a break of purple stars with gold tails, and another break of a purple peony with crackle in the middle. Another shell gave a ring of 14 red stars, and a break of blue peony stars. Another shell gave one red chrysanthemum break and one blue chrysanthemum break. Another shell gave a ring break of about 14 stars and some crackle in the center of the ring, and a peony break of blue and yellow stars. Another shell gave a green ring break and a green chrysanthemum with crackle in it. The triple-break shell gave a red peony break, a blue peony break, and a sparkling silver glitter break. I like ring shells, and this kit has 3 ring shells in it, so I would say this one is a "definitely." (Last tested in 2004)

Ass Kickin' Bone Crunchin' Fun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0726. 84 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a blue star, then breaks into a couple of blue stars plus a lot of "dragon eggs" type crackle. Very long duration. (Last tested in 2002)

Ass Kickin' Mule Hoof Crackers

Display Firework (1.3G). Ass Kickin' Mule brand.

Both Ass-Kickin' Mule Hoof and Country Style Behind the Barn appear to me to be the same cracker as Super Big Pig, which was reviewed in issue 6

of The Hot Sheet. Outstanding quality, safety and reliability make these the crackers of choice for 1998. There are 50 crackers on each string; 10 strings to each brick; and 10 bricks to each case. (Last tested in 1998)

Assassin

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Great Grizzly brand, #GG0137.

Starts with rich multicolor spray, then silver spray, whistles, multicolor, more silver, more whistle. Always seems to have at least 2 tubes going. (Last tested in 1998)

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Assault Cannon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #K7161BL. 9 shots, 12 seconds.

Jiangxi Fireworks Co. Good variety, but nothing to get excited about. Red and gold breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Assault Chopper

Flying Spinner. Zenith brand, #Z316. 4 seconds.

Check that wings are on properly! Solid flight, ending in OK report. This one's been around for a while, but this year it got a lot better. Flies powerfully with a dull orange spray. It only goes up about 30 feet, but then it ends with a tremen-

dous report. Excellent for daytime use. Had a loud bang in it one year, but not since then. (Last tested in 1996)

Assault Troops

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4072. 16 shots, 17 seconds.

Very nice sparkling comets go up and end in good breaks. The breaks are: gold willow, blue stars with silver stars, blue chrysanthemum, gold willow, green and silver, blue chrysanthemum, red glitter, gold willow, green and silver, blue chrysanthemum. The final 4 shots are fired all at once for a finale. (Last tested in 2004)

Assault Troops

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0160. 30 shots, 23 seconds.

The first four shots go up all at once and end in breaks of purple stars which turn into green "falling leaves" stars. The next group of shots, about 10 or 11 of them, are fired in rapid succession, and produce breaks of green "falling leaves." The next four shots go up all at once and end in breaks of purple stars which turn into green flying fish. The last group of shots, about 10 or 11 of them, are fired in rapid succession, and produce breaks of green "falling leaves." (Last tested in 2005)

Assorted 25 Shots

Display Firework (1.3G). Brothers brand, #BP8740. 35 seconds.

This is a "Class B" (1.3G) firework in the United States. Excellent large, full color breaks of all colors, and some big crackle breaks towards the end. Very impressive color floral break cake, too bad it's not available to the public in the U.S. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Assorted 5-inch fountains

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-079.

A pack of 6 fountains, two each of "Three Colors," "Silver Orchid" and "Phoenix Tail Howl." The "Silver Orchid" one gives a very bright silver flitter spray for 15 seconds. The "Three Colors" one gives a spray of green for 20

seconds. The "Phoenix Tail Howl" gives a loud silver whistle for 7 seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

Assorted 6-inch fountains

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-2041. 36 seconds.

This is a pack of two fountains, "Jade Flowers" and "Butterfly & Flowers." For me, they performed identically, giving a spray of green sparks against a background spray of gold. Then they changed to a spray of red sparks, green sparks and lots of gold glitter spray. (Last tested in 2003)

Assorted 7-inch fountains

Base Fountain. Flying Dragon brand, #W808. 33 seconds.

Big spray of red and green. Includes Hail, Cherry and Happiness fountains. Hail, Cherry and Happiness fountains. Happiness is red, green and blue with a few crackle stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Assorted 9" Beihai fountains

Base Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4008. 30 seconds.

Pack of four contains: Hells A Poppin; Battle Star; World's Greatest and Beautiful Fountain. Good crackle and lots of it in the Hells A Poppin' fountain. Nice tall sprays with rich colors and flittery white sparks in the others. (Last tested in 1999)

Assorted 9 inch fountains

Base Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF90. 30 seconds.

This is a pack of four 9-inch base fountains: "Green Willow", "Blue Stars", "Peach Flowers" and "Golden Silver Flower." The Blue Stars one gave a nice spray with blue sparks against a gold background spray, then changed to a terrific crackle spray. Duration was 39 seconds. The Green Willow one gave a bright green shower of sparks, then changing to the same terrific crackle spray. Duration was 33 seconds. "Peach Flower" gave a brilliant red spray of red sparks, then changing to bright silver flashing sparks. Duration was 29 seconds. "Golden Silver Flower" gave a bright silver flashing spray, changing to a good spray of large gold sparks. Duration was 30 seconds. This is a high-quality remake of the old "HN90" series of fountains. (Last tested in 2003)

Assorted Black Cat 9-inch fountains

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-214. 32 seconds.

A box of four fountains: Fiery Fiesta, World's Greatest Fountain, Battle Star, and Beautiful Fountain. Each one give a full, rich spray of colors and crackle for about 30 seconds. Attractive label art and good performances. (Last tested in 1998)

Assorted Color Smoke Balls

Smoke. Mantsuna Thailand brand. 15 seconds.

Bags of 12 smoke balls, a mixture of blue, green, orange, purple and yellow. In each bag of 12, you get two each of 3

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colors and 3 each of 2 colors, but which colors vary from bag to bag. I was pleasantly surprised by the richness of the colors, except for the purple, which was nearly white. (Last tested in 1998)

Assorted Fountain

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W806A. 21 seconds.

Fountains are 7" by 1.5". Box contains one each of Green Glittering Flower, Golden Glittering Flower, Gold-Silvery Flower, and Tri-color Sprayer fountains. Attractive labels, and nice tall sprays of green, gold, silver and mixed colors. (Last tested in 1998)

Assorted fountains

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN31. 16 seconds.

Very tall spray of red and silver, about 20 feet high. Sorry, California (state that allows only 10 feet). (Last tested in 1995)

Assorted Mines

Mine. Cannon brand, #Y23-255. 9 seconds.

A box of three different single-shot mines. Each one starts with a whistling sliver fountain, then ends with a very large mine blast. One gives a huge mine of crackle with a few reports mixed in. The next gives a huge mine of crackle with three silver chrysanthemum breaks above it. A third gives a mine of crackle with blue stars and crackle flowers above it. These are very impressive, especially when fired in groups! (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Assorted Rocket

Skyrocket. No brand, #KARN.

No brand, but "Made in Jiangxi, China." Must be Flower Basket brand, but they forgot to include the logo. 3 pieces each of Red Bombard, Blue Bombard, Violet Bombard and Celebration Bombard. 16-inch sticks. (Last tested in 2000)

Assorted Rocket

Skyrocket. Glorious brand, #KAR76.

Large rockets with 34-inch sticks. There are four to the bag, and one gives a red chrysanthemum break, another gives a break of a cluster of whistles and some reports, the third gives a white chrysanthemum break, and the last gives a break of silver glitter. The breaks are equal in quality to some of the smaller artillery shells available. Surprisingly good effects for skyrockets. (Last tested in 2006)

Assorted Rocket

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #HF1143.

There is no brand on this rocket, in fact the entire label is in Russian. The label on the vinyl bag says, "Assorted Rocket," and that's the only English writing anywhere. These rockets obviously are made for the European and/or Russian markets. This item would be classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and thus cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer

having the proper ATFE paperwork. I was lucky enough to see a demo of this item, and the rockets flied very well and very high, to large color peony breaks. One rocket gave a huge red peony break, another rocket gave two breaks, a large red peony and a large green peony, about 1/2 second apart. A third one gave a red peony break, a green peony break, and a smaller silver peony break, all about 1/2 second apart. It's too bad these rockets would not be legal to sell to the public in the U.S., because they appeared to me to be well-made and safe for public use. Well, maybe you can take a trip to Europe and try some there. (Last tested in 2004)

Assorted Smoke (Red, White, Blue)

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-705. 67 seconds.

A multi-tube smoke device. The label says "Red, White Blue," but it starts with white smoke, then lights the blue tube, then ends with the red tube. The red and blue are incredibly deep and rich - in fact the red is really a deep magenta. The colors overlap in timing, which produces an interesting swirl pattern in the air. A real winner for the daytime. (Last tested in 1997)

Assorted Wolf Pack Rockets

Skyrocket. Phantom brand.

A pack of 8 "Wolf Pack" skyrockets. You get 1 each of the following: 8 oz. Rocket w/Blue Stars & Crackle, 8 oz. Rocket w/Report, 6 oz. Rocket w/Silver Stars, 6 oz. Rocket w/Multi Color Stars, 4 oz. Rocket w/Blue Stars & Crackle, 4 oz. Rocket w/Report, 2 oz. Rocket w/Red Stars and 2 oz. Rocket w/Green Stars. All arranged neatly in a row in a vinyl bag. (Last tested in 2001)

Asteroid Invader

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2134. 48 shots, 15 seconds.

Nice gold twinkling, swirling comets mixed with crackling. (Last tested in 1995)

Astounding

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF075. 72 seconds.

Begins with a short whistle with a white spray. Then 3 tubes in a fan shape which give red and gold sparks combined with

white flitter. The center tube of the three also gives a couple short whistles. Then two outer tubes light in a V shape, and they give good sprays of softly crackling white sparks. Then a center tube joins them, forming a fan shape. The center one is a silver spray with a green flame at the bottom. The two outer tubes end and the center one continues and changes to a gold crackle spray with orange and sparks. Then two outer tubes light up, forming a fan shape, and the three lit tubes form a fan shape of silver spray, with green and red flames at the bases. Very nice to look at. Then the three tubes in a fan change, with the outer ones giving blue sparks against a gold background, and the cen-

stars mixed in. Both of these shots are very pretty. These 2 shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last 2 shots go up and end in mixtures of silver flying fish plus crackle. (Last tested in 2005)

Astro Flood

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-134B. 8 seconds.

Barrage of shots which go up and sort of snap open into bright sparkly white clusters. (Last tested in 2000)

Astro Jam

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-063.

Dud. Did not do anything. (Last tested in 2000)

Astro Plasma

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-134C. 7 seconds.

Barrage of bright gold shots which go up and turn outward. (Last tested in 2000)

Astro Salutes

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #222.

Not much I can say about it. Just a single report. A waste of money. (Last tested in 1995)

Astro Tempest

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-134D. 7 seconds.

Barrage of bright green shots, which are slightly buzzing, shot from the ground up. (Last tested in 2000)

Astro Tremor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-134A. 5 seconds.

Short, intense barrage of silver whistles shot from the ground up. (Last tested in 2000)

Atingle

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3081. 25 shots, 18 seconds.

A continuous series of green pearls go up and break into green stars plus crackle. The pace is rapid, creating a continuous cluster of green and crackle in the air for the duration of the piece. Precise timing between shots. (Last tested in 2005)

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ter one giving gold flitter spray. Then all three tubes change to a good mixture of green sparks, red sparks and silver crackle. This is a very pleasing display. (Last tested in 2005)

Astral Wind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2811. 10 shots, 19 seconds.

Eye-catching label art. The first shot is a beautiful sparkling silver comet on the way up, ending in a red chrysanthemum break with silver glitter mixed in. The next shot is a beautiful sparkling red comet on the way up, ending in a silver chrysanthemum with red glitter

Atlantic Whirlpool

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4014. 19 shots, 33 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a thin white comet, which opens up into silver flying fish. No colors or sound effects. If you're looking for silver fish and nothing else, get this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Atlantis

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5001. 8 seconds.

Flies up with a spray of white sparks, then ejects a couple of reports at the end. (Last tested in 2000)

Atlantis assorted rockets

Skyrocket. brand, #AP107.

Printed with Peacock brand, but bears a Phantom brand sticker on it. A nice collection of 11 large skyrockets, including Adventurer 40, Saturn 22, Jumbo 16, Jumbo 20, Monster, 30 Salutes, 60 Salutes and a couple of the regular 6-oz. Peacock rockets. These are strong fliers. (Last tested in 1998)

Atom Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A013-1. 36 shots, 46 seconds.

This cake might be sold individually, or as part of a collection of four different cakes of this brand, sold collectively as "Da Big Bad Bomb Box." This one begins with a shot that goes up as a crackling comet, and ends in a big green chrysanthemum break. The next shot goes up as a crackling comet and ends in a break of red stars that crackle. The next shot goes up as a crackling comet and ends in a blue chrysanthemum break. These three shots then alternate with each other until the end, when the last 12 shots are fired rapidly for a good finale. (Last tested in 2003)

Atom Splitter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-665. 9 shots, 14 seconds.

The most visually interesting effect since last year's Warp Speed. This one sends up bright pearls, either red or green, that split perfectly into four individual stars of the same color. As if by magic, the one color star becomes four color stars of the same size and brightness. It's an elegant effect, once again proving that fireworks don't have to be overpowering to be impressive. If you

do a whole row of these, don't place them too close together, or they will all blend together - keep them separated. (Last tested in 1998)

Atomic Afterglow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-097. 25 shots, 22 seconds.

Ascends as green pearls; changes to whirlwinds with white squiggly spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

Atomic Bomb

Firecracker. brand.

Nice label on this one; no duds detected. (Last tested in 1995)

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Atomic Bombs

Roman Candle, single. No brand. 10 shots, 36 seconds.

No brand is clearly identified, though it says M-100 on the label. Slowly-paced series of aerial reports, about 3.5 seconds apart. The reports are truly fine, but there's nothing to look at, so it's perfect for daytime use. (Last tested in 1998)

Atomic Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Space Age brand. 89 seconds.

Abundant sparks and colors, with a section of crackling about halfway through. Whistles six times during the

long performance. Not very tall. (Last tested in 1996)

Atomic Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Longhorn brand. 10 shots, 28 seconds.

Ten shots, alternating red and green pearls. One candle was a dud. (Last tested in 1996)

Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2091. 7 shots, 32 seconds.

Every shot gives a break of color with some crackle flowers. Red chrysanthemum, green chrysanthemum, blue peony, red chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, sparkling blue peony stars, gold willow. (All with crackle flowers added.) (Last tested in 2004)

Attack Fighter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM006. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

An assortment of blue, red, green and yellow breaks with a few whirlwinds and some airborne whistles. Quite a nice variety all in one piece. Alternates between four types of shots: a red pearl goes up and opens into gold stars, a green pearl goes up and opens into blue stars, a gold pearl that goes up and opens into red stars, and a whistling silver comet. This sequence is done 4 times. Nice variety. (Last tested in 2000)

Attack Team

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4078. 25 shots, 15 seconds.

Shoots 5 shots at a time in a fan shape. Group 1 is just color-headed comets, 3 red and 2 blue. Group 2 is 3 blue- and 2 red-headed comets, and this group ends in breaks of color peonies (2 blue, 2 red and 1 sparkling white). The next group is the same as group 1. The next group is the same as group 2. The final group is different, 3 blue- and 2 red-headed comets go up and all of them end in mixed peony breaks of red, blue and crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Attack Vehicle

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-302. 10 seconds.

Virtually the same thing as the classic Tank Fireworks, but with different artwork. Rolls forward and shoots sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Attractive Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2017. 51 shots, 40 seconds.

Same size as White Orchis. Color-headed pearls. Fairly quiet one. Much faster pacing now - finishes in 18 seconds rather than the 40 seconds it lasted in 1995. Red or green pearls with fluffy comet tails. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Auto Foolers

Joke or Trick Item. Tai Chung brand.

What you do with this item is attach the wires to the spark plugs in someone's car. When they start the car, the current will cause this to whistle, give off smoke, and bang (if it is the one with a report). Like the old-time circus clowns that drive around with a car that is whistling smoking and banging. Supposed to do no damage to the car, but could do a lot of damage to your friendship. (Last tested in 2000)

Autumn

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2769-3. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

In an assortment tray with the other BP2769 items. This one alternates between red, blue and green pearls, each of which has a gold comet tail. (Last tested in 1999)

Autumn Chrysanthemum

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0851. 31 seconds.

Gold, red and green changing to snappy silver sparkles. (Last tested in 1995)

Autumn Drizzle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L958. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Multicolor breaks that leave slowly falling gold sparks, like drizzle. Tested again in 2005. (Last tested in 2005)

Autumn Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1041. 137 seconds.

Starts with a red spray with white flitter, then adds green, then green only, then a sparkling white spray, then red with gold crackle, then red and white spray, then 3 tubes at angles spray out forceful silver showers, with blue flames at the base. Then this turns to 3 crackle sprays

for a really good finish to an otherwise ordinary fountain. (Last tested in 2004)

Autumn Rhapsody

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2401. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a brilliant, strobing red pearl, which then opens up into a cluster of sparkling white glitter stars, and one whistling projectile similar to those in Killer Alligator, The Beast and Moon Rally - a strange, rough-sounding whistle that flies away. (Last tested in 1999)

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Autumn Tints

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0556. 28 seconds.

Continuously crackling, with some red, then some green in it. (Last tested in 1995)

Autumn's Fall

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2016. 36 seconds.

Crackling comets go up and end in clusters of red or green stars, that drift downward and last a long time. The final few shots are fired all at once for a mini-finale. (Last tested in 2002)

Avalanche

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0894. 25 shots, 52 seconds.

Glittering comets that end in blue breaks with sparkling silver, then a few silver whistling shots that end in small red or green breaks, then more glittering comets that end in blue breaks with sparkling silver, then some whistling shots again that end in red or green breaks, and finally some more glittering comets that end in blue breaks with sparkling silver. Good color, lots of blue stars. (Last tested in 2001)

Avalanche

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2159. 40 shots, 51 seconds.

The first 5 shots are fired in a fan, one by one, and they are all white comets with bright purple heads. The next 5 shots are the same, but the fan is fired all at once rather than one by one. The next 5 shots are sparkling gold comets with red heads, and a very soft fine crackle sound to them, and these are fired one at a time in a fan. The next 5 are the same thing as those 5, but the fan is fired all at once rather than one by one. The next 5 shots are fired in a fan, one by one, and they are all white comets with strobing red heads, and each one of them breaks into a break of red glitter. The next 5 shots is a fan fired all at once of silver comets with silver heads, and they go up and break into nice silver glitter breaks. The first 5 shots are fired in a fan, one by one, and they are all white comets with strobing orange-red heads, and they go up and end in breaks of crackle flowers. The final 5 shots are the same as the previous 5, but they are fired all at once in a fan shape. Good duration and spread in the sky. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Avanti Star

Base Fountain. Peacock brand, #1272. 14 seconds.

Stick to rockets, Peacock brand! Boring. (Last tested in 1995)

Avenger

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6011.

Pack of 8 rockets, which give double breaks of color peony stars - red, blue, green or purple stars. I liked this one. (Last tested in 2003)

Awe-Some

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH30795. 74 seconds.

Begins with a good red flitter spray, then that ends and two tubes in a V shape light, giving a mixture of red sparks and crackling white sparks. Then those three end, and just one tube pointing up sprays a very nice curtain of softly sizzling gold sparks. Then two outer tubes light in a V shape, and they give multi-color sprays. Then a center tube shoots a spray straight up which is gold crackle. Then 2 tubes in a V shape light and give multi color sprays with silver flitter. Then 3 tubes in a fan shape give bright white sprays. Then one tube sprays straight up, and gives a mixture of red sparks, green sparks, and silver crackle. Good changes between angled and upright sprays. (Last tested in 2005)

Awesome Adventure

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2876. 61 shots, 27 seconds.

Intense whistling spinners break into colors. Shoots up a rapid barrage of silver whistles, and each one opens into a small cluster of color stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Awesome Austin

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Hale brand. 37 seconds.

Each shot is a whistle on the way up, ending in a pretty good break which is a mixture of chrysanthemum stars and silver glitter. The sound made by the shots on the way up is not a shrill, screaming whistle, but more like the raspy sound of the whistles in "Killer Alligator" or "The Beast" after the break opens. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Awesome Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 30 seconds.

A red pearl goes up and ends in a break of red stars plus crackle, then a green pearl goes up and ends in a green chrysanthemum break, then a blue pearl goes up and ends in a blue chrysanthemum break. This sequence is then repeated for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

B-3 Bomber

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand,
#L043.

Flies up and gives a few small reports. (Last tested in 1996)

B-52 Bomber

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand,
#L507. 4 seconds.

Flimsy wings hide about 8 ladyfingers. Excellent ending. Same design as the B-3 Bomber, but it ejects nice color stars at the end. (Last tested in 1996)

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B2PER

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand,
#BP5007. 5 seconds.

A solid, well-made helicopter that crackles on the way up, then turns into a brief but good spray of silver before dying out. Reaches about 70 feet in altitude. (Last tested in 1998)

Baby Boomers

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2046. 16 shots,
55 seconds.

Beautiful big, sparkling gold willow breaks, almost like kamuro shells, alternate with "crackle flowers" (breaks that open into stars and each star then

comes open into a cluster of crackle). The final 4 shots are fired at about the same time, for a mini-finale. Great show. This cake was changed for 2005. It now alternates between two types of crackle breaks. One is the crackling flowers that is seen in many other Brothers cakes. The other is a willow that spreads out with crackle along the tips as it spreads. This is similar to, and might be called, a dragon eggs effect. This is different from previous years, when crackle was only in every other shot. Now crackle is in all shots. It also lasts longer now, mainly because the final four shots are fired one by one rather than as a finale. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Baby Smoke Cone

Smoke. Monster brand. 32 seconds.
Just white smoke, and not a whole lot of it. Cute shape, though. (Last tested in 1995)

Back to the Future

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A052. 16 shots, 38 seconds.

First shot is a red chrysanthemum which ends in crackle flowers. Then a green chrysanthemum which also ends in crackle flowers. Then a blue chrysanthemum which also ends in crackle flowers. These 3 shots are repeated until the end. This was announced at the company demo as a 200-gram cake, so I have listed it as that, although from its performance I believe it is actually a 500-gram cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Backflash Mountain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2895. 9 shots, 25 seconds.

Highly unusual two-break shots: first a red break, then a blue strobe break. Nine shots, but it fell over after the first five shots. Silver comets go up and break into double breaks - first a red break then a smaller, glittering white break. Outstanding quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Backstreet Battle

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 32 shots, 75 seconds.

Fires a series of comets which are both whistling and crackling, and they end in

breaks of color glitter, either red or green. Then the whistling comets stop and it continues to shoot white comets with color heads of red, green or blue, and they go up and end in peony breaks of red, green or blue. The breaks are good with enough stars in each break. This goes on for a while, and two shots that go up ends in a crackle break, but otherwise the color peony breaks continue. Then it changes to crackling comets going up and ending in gold willow breaks. A long-lasting display. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Bad Bombs

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2966.

Dragon Eggs with Tail; Red, Blue Star with Bees; Red White Blue Dragon Eggs; Silver Glitter; Red & Blue Double Shells; Blue Star with Bees; Silver Coco to Red; Silver Palm, Golden Palm, Dragon Eggs & Blue Flower Double Shells; Green Chrysanthemum, Silver Glitter with Tail, Blue Chrysanthemum with Tail. Outstanding package design that says, "They're Big! - They're Bad!" on the box. (Last tested in 1998)

Bad Boy

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2922.

One tube and 12 cylindrical shells. The effects are: Red Peony w/8 Crackers; Green Peony w/8 Crackers; Blue Peony w/8 Crackers; Silver Peony w/8 Crackers; Color Peony w/8 Crackers; Dragon Eggs w/Double Spinners; Parachute w/White Flashing; Blue Stars w/Silver Flying Fishes; Golden Willow w/Double Spinners; Blue to Red w/Double Spinners; Red, White and Blue w/Two Whistles; and Red to Green w/Two Whistles. (Last tested in 2000)

Bad Dude

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3001. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

Every shot is the same effect: a break which is a mix of "dragon eggs" and blue peony stars. The "dragon eggs" effect is what I call the crackling elements that continue to crackle as they spread apart from the center of the break. The manufacturer calls it "crackling palm" and that's probably a more descriptive choice of words. I liked this one very much. (Last tested in 2003)

Bad Mamma Jamma

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B5-03. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

First shot is a large blue and gold mixed peony. Then a red and blue chrysanthemum. Then a chrysanthemum with a little crackle mixed in. Then a great peony break of mixed red, green and blue stars. Then an all-blue peony. Then a white chrysanthemum. Then a crackle break. Then a mixed color peony. Then a peony break of blue stars and large gold stars. Then a green chrysanthemum break. Then a white chrysanthemum with a little crackle. Then a mixed red and blue peony. Then what seems like about 6 shots fired almost all at once, which open into large gold willow breaks. Good symmetry in the breaks and pretty good amounts of stars. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

ending in a terrific, round chrysanthemum break of red or green, with plenty of crackle mixed in - so much crackle, in fact, that it had a real "sizzling" sound in addition to the break. Really high-quality breaks in the middle section, equal to almost any single-shot consumer shell. The last 3 breaks were fired all at once, and all three ended in crackle flowers. Probably the unit that you buy will do more than what I described here. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Bahama Mama

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #AR302. 14 shots, 26 seconds.

Mislabeled as a fountain, but actually ultra-bright crackling comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Baja Bomber

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK629. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

A spectacular show - I was surprised at how much this did and the variety of effects it gave. This item isn't cheap, but I feel it is well worth the price and would make a good addition to your show - towards the end, but not in the finale because you don't want to distract attention from it with other things. The first shot is a big mine of crackle - a startling beginning. The next shot is a mine which is a mix of red stars and about 4 white comets which crackle a little at their tops. The next shot is a mine of crackle with about 4 comets with green heads, and the green heads open into small silver whirlwinds. The next shot is a mine of red stars, and something in the mine then opens into small white whirlwinds, which then give off crackle at the end. The next 4 shots are fired at a more rapid pace, though not all at once. Each of these shots opens into a parachute, from which dangles a strobing flame. At one point all 4 parachutes are in the air. The next 2 shots are giant gold willow breaks that sparkle a little as they drift downward. The next shot is a peony break of stars which start red and change to green, and there is some crackle mixed into this break. The next shot is a red ring shell, with about 12 red stars in a circle, and some crackle mixed into the break. The next 2 shots are brief white chrysanthemum breaks. The next shot is a large peony break

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Bada Bing! Bada Boom!

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-015. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

This one made some strange, muffled internal sounds at the beginning for several seconds, so I'm not quite sure if the unit I got functioned like it was supposed to. Once it started shooting up into the air, though, it was a dazzler. Each shot was fired straight up, and had a good silver comet tail on the way up,

with green stars all around the outside and a core of red stars in the middle. The next break is a big break of crackle, with some blue stars at the center. This cake is on a wooden base, and after you have used it the first time, you could reload it with standard 1.75-inch reloadable shells and re-use it as a launcher, probably 3 more times. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Ball Buster

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0249.

A very enticing package design, with colored foil wrapping the ball of each rocket. It looks almost like a piece of chocolate candy. Each rocket flies very well and ends in a perfect, symmetrical break of color stars - either red, green, blue or gold. Fantastic. (Last tested in 1998)

Ball Exploder

Firecracker. Peacock brand.

Very strange firecracker, almost reminiscent of an old "cherry bomb," with 24 pieces packed in the box. The pieces smell like a combination of crayons and sawdust. Light one, and it explodes into red dust - nothing left over. (Last tested in 1999)

Ball Style, 1.5-inch

Skyrocket. Horse brand.

Payload is 1-1/2 inch plastic shell. One blew up on the ground! Whoops. (Last tested in 1995)

Ballistic Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-274. 7 shots, 21 seconds.

Essentially the same as the Longhorn brand Beyond 2000 and Red Devil #800. Seven festival balls in one tube are shot one at a time. For finales. (Last tested in 1995)

Ballistic Rocket

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6007.

Pack of 6 rockets, which give breaks of blue with crackle or purple breaks. Nice colors. (Last tested in 2003)

Balls of Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-11. 19 shots, 30 seconds.

Just like the Mighty Python or Mighty Cobra: nice crackling comets sent up one at a time. (Last tested in 1995)

Bang Caps, #250

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Kilgore brand.

Kilgore Corporation, Toone, Tennessee. Yep, those rolls of red paper caps. Try taking one roll, still rolled up, laying it flat on concrete, and hitting it with a hammer. (Last tested in 1995)

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Bangalore

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4029. 21 shots, 39 seconds.

Now here is a collector's item because of its clever package design. It's designed to look like a celebration roll of firecrackers, with really big "crackers" in it. The performance is competent but nothing that you haven't seen before. The shots alternate between red peony breaks, green peony breaks and big clusters of crackle. Buy this one for its inventive package design rather than its performance. (Last tested in 2004)

Banger

Firecracker. Black Cat brand, #BC-102.

The name clues you in to the fact that this cracker was intended for the British market, where they call firecrackers "Bangers". Nevertheless, it bears the Black Cat logo. These are 2-inch crackers, with a loud pop. (Last tested in 1998)

Banger Candle

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BC-511. 10 shots, 28 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a purple pearl that ends in a firecracker report. The next shot goes up as a green pearl that ends in a firecracker report. These 2 shots alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. (Last tested in 2006)

Banshee

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #221.

Needs to fly straighter, but if you use it in a large area, it's superb. White stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Barbarian Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-065. 25 shots, 20 seconds.

The Phantom people are on a roll - last year with Phantasm, and now with Barbarian Blast, a noisy complement to Phantasm's color breaks. Each shot whistles on the way up to a loud break of crackle. (Last tested in 1997)

Barracuda

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-140. 62 seconds.

Pretty silver flowers; then adding green, with a light crackling sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Base Jump

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6159. 12 shots, 42 seconds.

The first shot is a silver comet which goes up a very long way, then breaks into a beautiful, symmetrical circle of red peony stars (about 16) of them, basically a ring shell, but it also has a center "pistol" of four white chrysanthemum stars, giving a fluffy center inside the ring of red stars. Terrific. Then two more shots just like that. The next shot is the same thing, but the ring of stars

is green rather than red, and it still has the same white chrysanthemum pistil in the center. The next shot also produces a ring of green stars, but instead of the white chrysanthemum pistil, it has a pistil of gold brocade stars. Then another shot which gives a green ring with a white chrysanthemum pistil. Then another shot which gives a red ring with a white chrysanthemum pistil. Then two more shots just like that. Finally, the last 3 shots are fired all at once, and they are silver comets that go up and break into three green rings, with a silver chrysanthemum break in each one. Very large and impressive breaks in this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Basket Offers Flowers

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand, #C6021. 5 seconds.

Possibly discontinued, and no big deal if it was. Poor flight anyway. But a genuine "Tourbillion" with a stick attached crossways. (Last tested in 1995)

Bat, #1

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W541. 12 seconds.

Terrific die-cut paper construction. Warbling, trilling whistle sound as it flies up. (Last tested in 1995)

Bat, #2

Flying Spinner. Silk Road brand, #W541. 4 seconds.

Flies up while whistling briefly, with silver sparks. (Last tested in 1999)

Bat Snaps

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Phantom brand, #I-007E.

The perfect thing to give out to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. (Last tested in 1995)

Batide

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0744. 72 seconds.

Each shot is a very long-lasting whistle which also crackles, and flies up and away a long way. No colors and nothing to look at. Amazing for how long each shot lasts and how far it goes. Very long-lasting (Last tested in 2001)

Bats Ninja

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4006. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

Alternates between shots that are red on the way up, and green on the way up. The red ones open into clusters of red and blue stars, with one small whirlwind (spinner) which whistles slightly as it spins briefly. The green ones go up and open into clusters of green stars with one small whirlwind. (Last tested in 2004)

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Battle Beast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2928. 37 shots, 70 seconds.

Appears to alternate between 3 types of shots. One is a silver comet that opens into a whirlwind and a spread of crackle; the second is a comet that opens into a cluster or reports and a few color stars which dart away like go-getters; and the third is a double-break, one thin break of color stars and one "report" break with glittering silver sparks. Very long-lasting but not boring because of the constant action and changes. (Last tested in 2000)

Battle Ground

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2021. 9 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a crackling comet, then ends in a nice chrysanthemum break of red and green, with a good amount of stars in each break. The breaks tend to be lopsided and angular, rather than symmetrical or spherical. Otherwise, a good show. (Last tested in 1999)

Battle of Colors

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2030. 36 shots, 19 seconds.

Not a bit like the familiar "Battle of Colors" (W5-58) of the Link Triad brand. This one sends up crackling comets with white tails, then changes to white comets with red heads, then blue heads, then it sends up green pearls which end in flash reports. Interesting, and a good cake, but it's not the same as the Link Triad "Battle of Colors." This one is apparently legal as a 1.4G firework in the U.S. (Last tested in 1999)

Battle of Colors

Display Firework (1.3G). Link Triad brand, #W558. 23 seconds.

The original "Battle of Colors" was an outstanding cake, with hard breaks of mixed red and green. But it has been placed in the "1.3G" category, and the newer versions that are 1.4G are much weaker. The "good version" can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of Colors (special)

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB2030. 37 seconds.

Shots go up as red pearls and then end in breaks of red and green. This one has a plain brown label and is better than average. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. I think this item may be discontinued, but you still may be able to buy some remaining stock of it. (Last tested in 2001)

Battle of Fort Sumter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #KG710. 22 seconds.

Intense, action-packed barrage of red and green pearls, crackle and whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of Khe Sanh

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 33 seconds.

Red and green "go-getters," rare in consumer items. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of Lexington

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L933. 19 shots, 50 seconds.

Bright pearls burst into nice breaks. Excellent purple stars in there, along with red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of Little Big Horn

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0118. 90 shots, 18 seconds.

Four decent blue breaks, then 82 reports, then four blue breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of the Conqueror

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 55 seconds.

Excellent cake with a variety of effects, whirlwinds, reports, double breaks, etc. Not particularly colorful but good timing and good effects. (Last tested in 2002)

Battle of the Coral Sea

Roman Candle battery. Phantom brand, #G-060. 15 seconds.

A battery of roman candles, but shots break into small bursts of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of the Midway

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2157. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

All shots are bright white comets, some of which whistle on the way up. The ones that don't whistle end in small breaks of either red or green, with a few firecrackers. (Last tested in 1998)

Battle of the Sea Dragons

Roman Candle battery. brand. 52 seconds.

Roman candle-type shots from a cake. (Last tested in 1995)

Battle of the Worlds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-10. 90 shots, 19 seconds.

Starts with a couple of medium-size color breaks, then a furious barrage of whistling shots, some ending in reports. Ends with two more medium-size breaks. (Last tested in 1996)

Battle of Waterloo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2454. 12 shots, 35 seconds.

Just when you thought all the Battle of... names had already been taken (there are at least 20 cakes named Battle of... something), they thought of another

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er battle. This one sends up nice color pearls that alternate between yellow, green, blue and red. Each pearl opens into a silver whirlwind, and give off a few "silver flying fish". Not many, just 5 or 6 fish per shot. But it looks nice, and I rate this one high for visual appeal. Unchanged in 2003, except that the yellow pearls on the way up are not there any more; they are just red, green or blue now. (Last tested in 2003)

Battle Smoke

Smoke. Cannon brand, #Y16-011. 85 seconds.

Looks like a multi-tube fountain. Label says, "4-color changing smoke." Yellowish-green smoke, changing to a

deeper green, then to a deep yellow, then a deep orange, then quickly to a deep red. Terrific colors and a long duration. (Last tested in 1999)

Battle Tank

Novelty Firework. brand. 6 seconds.

No wheels? Stupid. Stupid! This should be illegal. (Last tested in 1995)

Battlefield

Reloadable Shell Kit. Golden Bear brand, #FX-H007.

Each shell gives four breaks of four different colors or effects. Not bad, but merely industry-average quality, not even close to the quality of the breaks in the 500-gram cakes of this brand. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Battlefield Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-257A. 36 shots, 28 seconds.

Frenzied whistles, mixed with color pearls and crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

Bazooka Candle

Roman Candle, single. Glorious brand, #GPH3022. 26 seconds.

Excellent quality roman candle; each shot is a silver comet that goes up and ends in a red peony break. (Last tested in 2005)

Bazooka Fountain

Hand-held Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1060. 41 seconds.

Starts as an excellent silver spray with a red flame at the base. Then the silver spray gets bigger, while the red flame changes to a blue one. Then at the end it changes to a furious spray of red with white crackle. Wow! (Last tested in 2004)

BBQ Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2072. 10 shots, 33 seconds.

Every shot is a quadruple-break shell. You get 4 different breaks in the air from each shot. The first shot is a mixture of red, blue and sparkling silver peony breaks. The second, a variety of color chrysanthemum breaks. This continues on until the last shot, which is a group of crackle mines rather than

shells. It's a good cake. (Last tested in 2004)

Beamy

Base Fountain. Glorious brand, #GCF044. 23 seconds.

This is a box of 4 assorted fountains. One gives a spray of red sparks with white flashing sparks, then changing to gold crackle. Another gives a spray of red and green mixed together, changing to a heavy spray of white flitter. The third starts with a spray of gold flitter. The last one gives a very thin, interesting spray of gold sparks in a transparent curtain, similar to "Electric Illusion" and "Pot of Gold" fountains, which then changes to a less-interesting flashing white spray. (Last tested in 2004)

Bear Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0238. 7 shots, 24 seconds.

Very heavy wooden base - this one's a keeper. It can be reused as a launcher for festival balls if they fit the tubes tightly. Heavy wood base provides excellent stability. Each of the 7 shots has a brilliant white comet tail on the way up, then a large burst of: red peony, silver strobe, blue peony, whistling on the way up to crackle burst, white chrysanthemum, blue peony with crackle, and a bit white chrysanthemum with crackle. Excellent initial performance and the reusability of the device make this a terrific buy. (Last tested in 1998)

Beast of Prey

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4049. 25 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot is a white comet that goes up and, on the way up, turns into a silver spinner, which then breaks into a titanium salute. Superb. Get it now. (Last tested in 2004)

Beautiful Pearl

Roman Candle, single. Flying Dragon brand. 5 shots, 12 seconds.

Five shots with no height or power at all. Terrible. Just plain terrible. (Last tested in 1996)

Beautiful Yellow Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2035C. 37 seconds.

Sensational reports; super gold breaks - but is it a consumer item? (Last tested in 1995)

Beauty Accumulation

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3061. 103 seconds.

Silver crackling flitter with purplish-red stars, and later blue stars mixed with the silver flitter, then lots of gold crackle, then a softer gold flake crackle spray, then green sparks are added to that gold flake crackle. Then red sparks mixed

a couple of more times. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Beehive

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2020. 61 shots, 15 seconds.

Rich, dense, fast barrage of pearls with fluffy tails and reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Bees & Flowers, small

Single-tube Aerial. Red Lantern brand, #0549.

Short-lived break with some swirling colors, a bit yawn-inducing. (Last tested in 1995)

Bees On Blossom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-067. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Rapid succession of bright silver comets. Some end in nothing, some end in small clusters of green or red stars, and some end in small white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1997)

Behind the Barn (Country Style)

Display Firework (1.3G). brand.

Same as "Ass Kickin' Mule Hoof" and "Super Big Pig" crackers - please see those two entries for more information. (Last tested in 1998)

Behind the Myth

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2972. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is fired straight up, and it is a whistling comet. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, which are white pearls that end in whirlwinds with reports. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, which are whistling comets. Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, which are green pearls that end in whirlwinds with reports. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, which are whistling comets. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan, which are green pearls that end in whirlwinds with reports. (Last tested in 2003)

Beijing Opera Wheel

Wheel. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPW-001. 41 seconds.

Spins with gold spray, then green flame, then gold spray, then purple flame with silver sparks, then gold spray, then red flame with silver and blue sparks, then

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with a white crackle flitter spray. Then big gold randomly-appearing crackle spray. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Beauty of Fireworks

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A061. 35 shots, 33 seconds.

Fires the shots in fans of 5, with the first fan being dragon eggs breaks, the second row being very nice red and blue peony breaks with crackle. The next row is green peony breaks with some crackle. Then a row of blue peony breaks with crackle, and a row of red peony breaks with crackle. This sequence is repeated

gold spray, then blue flame with silver sparks. Good colors. (Last tested in 2004)

Beyond 2000

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Longhorn brand, #900. 7 shots, 21 seconds.

Attractive label. Whistles to big red, blue, strobe & crackling breaks. A large tube with seven internal tubes festival balls in it, going off in this order: crackle, blue with crackle, crackle with silver palm core, green with crackle, green chrysanthemum, silver tail to silver break, and whistling tail to red with crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Beyond 2000

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2806. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets that go up and open in to bursts of crackle with blue stars. The final 10 shots are fired at a much faster rate than the first 15. This item's name was changed to "Beyond it All." See Beyond it All for more information. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Beyond it All

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2806. 25 shots, 26 seconds.

This item was formerly named "Beyond 2000" but was changed, apparently to avoid a conflict with another item named "Beyond 2000." This one has maintained high quality - crackling comets go up and end in breaks of crackle mixed with blue stars. Plenty of crackle on the way up and in the breaks. The last 10 shots are fired very rapidly to create an intense barrage of crackle in the air. This cake finished sooner than when I first tested it 4 years ago under the name "Beyond 2000." (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Beyond Reality

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9006. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

Starts with a great mine of red stars and crackle - a "wow" beginning. Then another mine of blue stars and crackle - another "wow" effect. Then it's a yellow mine with crackle, and then a green mine with crackle. All great so far. Then

a multi-color mine with crackle and another multi-color mine with crackle. Then the whole sequence is repeated. These are huge mines - this is the best all-mine cake I have seen so far. (Last tested in 2003)

Beyond the Stars

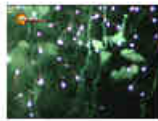
Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand,
#GG0222.

An assortment of skyrockets. Small breaks of colors. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

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Biela F. Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2578. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Everyone told me beforehand that this was a "wow" item, so I was expecting a lot. But it really turned out to be just a series of crackling white comets, each ending in a short-lived flashing silver strobe which pops a few times. A couple of red stars appear also. It's not a bad item at all, but I expected it to do more. The main effect is the white comets. (Last tested in 1998)

Big, Bad and Loud

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2978. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

First shot is a huge blue peony break. Second shot is a green, almost chrysanthemum break. (The trails behind the stars are not quite long enough to make a true chrysanthemum, but it is a nice symmetrical break with lots of stars.) Then 2 breaks which are red peony mixed with silver glitter. Then a break which is a mixture of red, white and blue stars. Then the sequence above is repeated. The last 4 shots of the cake are fired almost all at once. They give mixed color peony breaks. A good cake, but misnamed - there is nothing loud in this one. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Big Bad Ass Double Break Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0309.

Twelve double-break shells and two tubes, very similar to Double Impact shells. Each shell has two complete shells in it, with two different effects. Purple Star + Orange Willow, Purple Willow + Gold Willow, Chrysanthemum + Golden Star, White Chrysanthemum + Stars, Red Chrysanthemum + Stars, Crackling + Crackling, Silver Glittering + Orange Crackling, Green Glittering + Gold Crackling, Green Star + Crackling, Blue Crackling + Orange Star, Green Crackling + Purple Star, and Red Crackling + Gold Star. (Last tested in 2000)

Big Bad Ass Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0559. 203 seconds.

A nice white shower, changing to a nice spray of red with white flitter, then green with white flitter, then mixed red, green and white, then it suddenly changes to an intense crackle spray, then mixed color spray, then just green, then mixed color (red, green and blue), then a big silver whistle, then a huge amount of crackle with silver balls for a big, loud finish. Has a forceful spray rather than relaxed. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Big Bad Boom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0763. 8 shots, 18 seconds.

Excellent crossette comet effect, where each shot goes up as a silver comet with a red head, which splits into 4 or 5 smaller comets with white heads. Good true crossette effect. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Big Bad Copter

Flying Spinner. Fire Hawk brand, #FB9005C. 8 seconds.

They fly up with gold spray and a red flame at the center, and end with a brief gold circle of sparks and two or three firecracker reports. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Big Bad Mudder

Novelty Firework. brand. 10 seconds.

No brand and no item number on the box or the item. But it looks a lot like a Brothers brand item. Someone said it is a TNT brand item, but there is no such marking on it. Great design with big, rugged-looking plastic wheels. Rolls forward with a whistle and sparks from the back end, then quickly changes to a whistle and sparks from the front end, and at the same time, a small fountain from the top. (Last tested in 1999)

Big Bertha

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 37 shots, 101 seconds.

Red or green pearls break into thin red or green breaks with crackle. A Chinese repeater inserted to a large U.S.A.-made tube with a wooden base. Good full spray of gold, silver and crackle, then adding some sparkling white stars, then rich white flutter sparks with some crackle, then some very interesting big white "snap" sparks which look really nice. Not much color, but still pleasing visually, especially the last 30 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Big Bertha

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-21. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

The first shot gives a large mixed color peony break of red, blue and green peony stars - large, though not completely filled with stars. The next shot gives a ring shell - a circle of 14 green peony stars, with a central pistil of three

white chrysanthemum stars. The next shot gives a massive red chrysanthemum break which breaks hard. These three shots then alternate with each other for the rest of the cake, though not necessarily in the same order, rather in a mixed-up order. The final four shots are fired all at once, and they are one red chrysanthemum break and three gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Big Birthday Cake Sparkler

Indoor FW or Special FX. Kellner's brand, #2017. 60 seconds.

The label on the bag says, "Global Pyrotechnic Services, Ltd." These are distributed in the U.S. by Kellner's

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Fireworks. The bag has 4 fountains in it. Each one has a red plastic spike on one end, and the other end is covered with purple paper. There is no fuse, you simply touch a flame to the red paper and the fountain lights. Make sure that the red plastic spike is on the correct end of the fountain, in the bag of 4 I had, one spike was on the wrong end. These are designed to be used on cakes, although they could be used in a variety of ways. When you light it, it puts out a spray of silver sparks for almost exactly one minute. The duration is surprising. They are supposedly for indoor use, so they must have been designed to produce a minimum of smoke. However, if

you are going to use it indoors, I would have several windows open so that any smoke that is produced will clear out quickly when the fountain is over. It's really a nice way to enhance a large birthday cake or a wedding cake. If you can hook it up to a remote controlled igniter such as "Radio Match" for example, you can have it ignite by surprise at the right moment. Imaginative pyros can probably think of a variety of applications for this fountain, including set pieces (pictures made from fireworks) or "portable fireworks" for parades, etc. (I would use a holder for that application.) (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Big Bomb

Firecracker. brand.

Made in Jiangxi, China, for China Pyrotechnics, Alabama. 50 mg. crackers. (Last tested in 1995)

Big Boss

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0305. 5 shots, 30 seconds.

Jumbo Willow, White Stars, Green Wave, Blue Star with Crackling, Gold Willow, according to the label. For some reason it says, "Hake Seab" on the side, which the manufacturer told me is an Indian phrase meaning "big boss." Starts with a silver fountain, then shoots up one shell that breaks into purple and green stars; then another silver fountain and a shell that gives a white chrysanthemum break; another fountain and a shell which breaks into a blue peony; another shell which breaks into a silver palm tree with crackle mixed in; and finally a shell which breaks into pure crackle. Big breaks. (Last tested in 2000)

Big Break Cake

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2888. 10 shots, 33 seconds.

The first shot is a gold chrysanthemum break which has crackle mixed in - and lots of crackle. The next shot is a big green chrysanthemum. Then a reddish-gold chrysanthemum break. Then a giant peony break of green stars. Then a gold chrysanthemum break, followed by a break which starts as a blue chrysanthemum, but the trails behind each blue star fade out, so it ends up being a blue peony break with traces of chrys-

anthemum trails in the center. It looks like some shells you see at professional fireworks displays. Then a purple break with silver comet trails behind each purple star. Then a break which has red chrysanthemum stars and crackle mixed in. Then a good red peony break. Then a white chrysanthemum break with crackle mixed in. Excellent quality breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Big Corsair

Combination firecracker. WECO brand.

German cracker, which you can light just by striking its tip on a matchbook. First a red flame, followed by a loud report. (Last tested in 1996)

Big Deal

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2041. 12 shots, 50 seconds.

Big crackle break; double red chrysanthemum; triple break of red, green and crackle; orange peony; green and blue double breaks; red green and blue triple breaks; whistling to big red peony break, triple break of red, green and blue; and then a finale of 6 or 7 breaks. Very nice show although a little bit slow-paced. (Last tested in 2002)

Big Eye Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y02-035. 98 seconds.

Eyeballs on the label just like the Shimmering Crackling Gold elsewhere in this issue. Basically gold and silver fountains, with silver fluttering sparks. Also four short whistles, one about every 25 seconds. Very little color. For the final 15 seconds, crackle is added. (Last tested in 1998)

Big Hale Bomb


Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Hale brand. 14 shots, 58 seconds.

The first shot produces a silver chrysanthemum break. The second shot produces a green chrysanthemum break, but the trails are short and goldish. The next shot produces what I would call a gold brocade break, but the tips appear to be green glitter stars. The next shot is a silver chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a break of what appear to be green peony stars, but they change to red before they burn out. The next shot is another gold brocade break with


green glittering tips. The next shot is a gold brocade break with gold tips. The next shot is a green chrysanthemum break with short gold trails, but the stars change from green to red before they burn out. The next shot is another gold brocade break with green glittering tips. The next shot is a gold brocade break with silver tips. The next shot is a green chrysanthemum break with short gold trails, but the stars change from green to red before they burn out. The next shot is another gold brocade break with green glittering tips. Finally, two shots are fired at the same time, one of which gives a gold brocade break with green tips, and the other one gives a green chrysanthemum break which

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changes to red just before the stars burn out. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Big Head

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1032.

Large, tapered plastic body, the same body as Big Top rocket in PYRO #4, and the same item number. But these have two breaks in each rocket. For example, a blue break and a distinctly separate crackle break. Or, a mixed gold and blue break, then a mixed green and red break. There are two distinct break sounds. Neat! (Last tested in 1999)

Big Impact

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK632. 14 shots, 66 seconds.

The first shot goes up and breaks into a huge gold willow break which gives off glittering green stars as it spreads out. The next shot is a huge gold willow that gives off glittering silver as it spreads. The next shot is a huge gold willow that gives off crackle as it spreads out - what I call a dragon eggs break. The above sequence is repeated 3 more times. Then the final 2 shots are fired at once, which are both dragon eggs breaks. Slow pace throughout seems OK because the breaks last a while in the air. This is a big round birthday-cake shaped piece, and it is relatively light for its size. It would be best for you to glue it down to a board or at least a heavy piece of cardboard, before using it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Big Man

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand. 14 shots, 62 seconds.

The first 2 shots produce breaks which have unusual "go-getter" comets in them, which fly away in random directions, leaving trails of white sparks behind them. The first one also has a red head on each comet. The next shot is a large green peony break with glittering silver stars mixed in. The next shot is a large red chrysanthemum with glittering silver stars mixed in. The next shot is "go-getter" comets like shot #2, but this one has a little silver glitter mixed in. Then another shot like that, except there are a few green stars mixed in. Then a big red peony break. Then a sparkling glitter break which turns into big crackle flowers. Then a huge gold willow break with red tips. Then a huge gold willow break with blue tips. Then a beautiful sparkling gold willow break with a little crackle at the tips. Then a blast of crackle mines at the end. Impressive effects throughout, but fired at such a slow pace that you may want to light 2 units of this, about 2 seconds apart. (Last tested in 2004)

Big N Bold

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2135. 18 shots, 47 seconds.

Starts with a great break which is a red chrysanthemum with silver glitter stars

blended into it. Then the same thing, only green instead of red. Then 2 more shots like the first shot (red). Then a green one, and then 2 more red ones. Then another green one, then a red one. Then the next shot is a huge red chrysanthemum break, without the silver glitter that the other shots had, but many more red chrysanthemum stars, for a rich, full break. Then a shot which produces a huge break of a cloud of silver glitter stars - very nice. Then a large blue peony break. Then, the previous 3 shots are repeated in the same order. Then 3 shots are fired very close together in time, and they all go up and break into gold willows which turn into crackle for a loud finish. High-quality breaks in this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Big Red Machine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0338. 25 shots, 23 seconds.

Starts with groups of bright red, green and blue pearls going up with comet trails, and crackling comets mixed in. Three of the shots ended in white whirlwinds, but I'm not sure which three as they were all so close together. Then five shots of brilliant white comets with white heads and fluffy tails. Then finally five shots of whistling comets which end in groups of nice little reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Big Sur

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Inter-Oriental brand, #FN99. 71 seconds.

Long, but there's a lot more color at the real Big Sur coast. Silver and gold only. (Last tested in 1995)

Big Top

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1032.

Box of 4 large rockets with colored plastic heads. Strong flight, up to about 100 feet at most. They tend to break a little too soon, but the breaks are good. Each of the 4 has a different effect, such as bright silver stars or red with crackle breaks, for example. Each rocket gives two breaks! Such as a red break and a green break, or a red break and a strobe break, etc. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Big Volcano

Cone Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0820. 9 seconds.

High-powered gold spray from it, but over a little too quick. (Last tested in 1995)

Big Willow Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 8 seconds.

A very tall mine of gold willow stars which also give off sparkling silver, and the sparkling glitter drifts down slowly. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Big Willow with Red Tips Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 8 seconds.

A very tall mine of gold willow stars, which give off silver sparkle. At the tops of each star in the mine is a small red star, which appear after a second or two, and drift down a little. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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Billionaire Goes Bonkers

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Skybound brand, #VB4001. 159 seconds.

One of the more imaginative names to come along in a while. Starts with a silver spray, with silver balls, and then whistles briefly before changing to a silver flitter spray. Then whistles again and goes back to a big silver flitter spray, with occasional appearances of green sparks and blue sparks. Another

whistle, and the shower of silver continues, with some green and blue sparks. Then another whistle, and becomes a gold spray with red and green sparks mixed in. Then it sprays crackle, gold background, and silvery-blue flitter sparks. It sort of dies out slowly rather than just stopping at once. (Last tested in 2003)

Binary Star

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far Ocean brand, #F4081. 12 shots, 24 seconds.

Each shot is a loud crackling silver comet that ends in a large, hard break of four similar comets (crossette effect). Very good height and width. An impressive crowd pleaser. (Last tested in 2002)

Bing Bang Boom

Reloadable Shell Kit. United Pyro brand, #UP5009.

Six triple-break shells in the kit, with excellent color and good effects. (Last tested in 2003)

Bird Cage

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K3306. 21 seconds.

Hangs from string, spins with red and green sparks, and drops open with paper bird inside. One-of-a-kind item, perfect for collectors. (Last tested in 1995)

Bird of Prey

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4013. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

The first 6 shots are fluffy silver comets that go up and swirl around in the air, creating a nice effect of swirls of silver. The next 6 shots go up and open into gold flying fish. The next 7 shots are crackling comets, with a lot of crackle. I liked this cake in 2003. 2004: One shot goes up dark then opens into a cluster of crackle. The next shot goes up as a crackling comet and that's all it does. The next shot goes up as a spinning white shower on the way up. This sequence of three is then repeated five more times. Not particularly interesting. (Last tested in 2004)

Birds in Blossom

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W-527. 10 seconds.

Spins with gold sparks, then a green flame, then the "petals" open up and a flying spinner takes off with a red flame! (Last tested in 1996)

Birds of Paradise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-103. 25 shots, 53 seconds.

An admirable attempt at doing something new. Each shot is a very tall white comet, that turns into a quick projectile that darts off sideways. The projectile emits a few silver sparks and a short squeak of a whistle, sounding very much like a bird, and ends in a cluster of either red or green stars. Terrific altitude achieved, and nearly perfect timing between shots. It seems to go on for a long time. But it's not really a "wow" item if only one unit is fired. A group of them fired together would be interesting and would imitate the sound of a flock of birds. (Last tested in 1998)

Birds Sonata

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O651F. 42 seconds.

Label says, "with sparks and 21 whistles." There are 7 tubes in it, and in my opinion each tube whistles in 4 distinct parts, giving an actual total of 28 whistles. Each tube starts out with a very short, very high pitched whistle, which has a little bit of silver sparks and a little crackle. Then the same tube whistles again, this time a little lower in pitch, with the sparks and crackle. Then it does it a third time, lower in pitch again, and finally a fourth time, lower still. Then the next tube starts. It's an interesting performance, which I have not seen in any other firework. (Last tested in 1999)

Birds Triumph

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T1063. 18 seconds.

Nice name, but so-so sparks. Two competing, overlapping whistles and a gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Birthday Cake

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand. 37 seconds.

A cake-shaped fountain, which produces a ring of red and green flares, where the candles on the cake would be. Similar to Blazin' Birthday Cake. Not like Happy Birthday. This fountain was sold at stands in California for a while, but it does not appear in the manufacturer's catalog for this brand, so I am not sure if this fountain is still available. (Last tested in 2000)

Black Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-014. 20 shots, 18 seconds.

Begins with five red pearls shot up at the same time, and they go up and end in terrific large gold willow breaks. Then five green pearls are shot up at once, and they go up and end in excellent mixed-color peony breaks. Then five red pearls are shot up at once, and they go up and end in big breaks of silver glitter. Then five green pearls are shot up at once, and they go up and end in big breaks of crackle, and lots of it. Not very long-lasting but still a great cake; I loved it. (Last tested in 2003)

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Black Cat

Firecracker. Black Cat brand, #BC-101.

Very commonly seen brand; great logo and label; strings up to 16,000. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Cat 1-oz. assorted

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-408.

12 rockets in the pack - six with color stars (BC408-S) and six with reports (BC408-R). A good test of a brand name is whether the smallest, cheapest items are well-made and worth buying. This one passes with (literally) flying colors. Though not the biggest effects you will

see in rockets, these function just like larger, more expensive rockets and put out a small break of stars or ladyfingers. (Last tested in 1998)

Black Cat 7-inch flower fountains

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-201. 23 seconds.

Box contains two each of Green Glittering flower, Golden Glittering flower, and Tri-Color Sprayer. All give rich, full sprays of colors and either gold or silver fluttering sparks for about 23 seconds. (Last tested in 1998)

Black Cat Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BC-3000.

Red box. Crackling w/Blue Stars; Red Chrysanthemum w/Tail; & Strobing White Stars. The only kit I know of with red plastic shells. 3 superb effects, with hard breaks. Outstanding. (Last tested in 1996)

Black Cat Artillery Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BC-3000.

Plastic shells. Low breaks, but good effects. The only kit I know of with red plastic shells. 3 superb effects, with hard breaks. Outstanding. (Last tested in 1996)

Black Cat No. 8 Rockets

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-412.

Pack has 2 each of: Fire Birds, Black Dragon, Magician with 3 reports, Silver Dragon, Carnival, and "with Color Stars." These fly well and produce differing effects, but the clusters of stars they give off tend to stay close together and don't spread apart too much. This assortment of rockets would be improved by making them break harder - but whether that would be allowed in consumer fireworks in the U.S. is not clear to me. The stars and effects are clearly in them, it's just that the effects don't spread out enough in the sky. (Last tested in 2004)

Black Cat Saturn Missile Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6025. 180 shots, 18 seconds.

Fires the shots very rapidly, in groups. Much quicker pace than the standard

Saturn Missile Battery. (Last tested in 2002)

Black Crane

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A014-1. 16 shots,

As far as I know, this one is sold only as part of an assortment of three 500-gram "Heavy Weights," called "Shaolin Tradition." Please see "Shaolin Tradition" for a description of this one. (Last tested in 2003)

Black Diamond missile

Missile. Phantom brand, #L-013A.

Pretty nice bright red stars ejected. Expensive item, but a good one. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Dragon

Reloadable Shell Kit. United Pyro brand, #UP5015.

This kit contains 6 shells. Each shell has a silver comet tail on the way up and a very good quality breaks such as color peonies and chrysanthemums. (Last tested in 2003)

Black Gold

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand, #C3. 24 seconds.

Gold spray with silver stars mixed in. Nice soothing sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Jack

Firecracker. brand.

Oops. Hope it gets discontinued soon. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Jack Super Charged Double Pop

Skyrocket. brand.

Why do they call it a "Double" pop rocket? Nothing double about it. Just a single pop. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Magic Texas Size

Skyrocket. Alamo brand, #R1090.

Poor flight. Short whistle, then good crackle. For daytime use. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Panther

Bottle Rocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6662C.

Excellent red, green or white flame, nice report. Sadly, discontinued. (Last tested in 1995)

Black Phantom Super Smoke

Smoke. Peacock brand, #S-36. 51 seconds.

Six pieces in the package - three red and three blue on the outside. The red one starts with a deep red-purple, which changes to a rich yellow-orange, then it changes to white. The blue one starts with rich blue smoke, then it changes to green then quickly to yellow, and finally white smoke. Lots of smoke from this one! (Last tested in 1999)

Black Tales

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2895. 10 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot goes up and comes apart into three gold spinners, which buzz away in different directions. Not much to look at, but the sound effect is interesting and unusual. This piece might be very impressive when fired in long rows of them all at once. (Last tested in 2000)

Blackhawk

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-352. 23 seconds.

It's a large helicopter, that the young boys in attendance will go nuts over. It doesn't fly ("Cat Copter" does fly), but it does move on the ground. The back rotor of the helicopter spins first, with a silver spray. Then the large rotor on top spins with a silver spray. Then a fountain spray of green sparks comes out of the back end of the helicopter, and this changes to a silver whistle, which makes the copter go forward on the ground. Then it stops and a silver spray with red sparks comes out of the front end, and this changes to a silver whistle, which makes the copter roll backwards. (Last tested in 2004)

Blackhawk

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-352. 21 seconds.

It's shaped like a helicopter and you might think it will fly. First the rotor in the back spins with silver sparks. Then the rotor on the top spins briefly. Then a tube at the back end sprays silver and green sparks, which changes to a silver whistle, and this finally makes the helicopter move - it rolls forward. Then a silver spray comes from the front, and this changes to a silver whistle which causes the helicopter to roll backwards. So it does not fly, but it performs adequately and the package design is excellent. (Last tested in 2005)

Blast! Crackers

Firecracker. Brothers brand, #BP0042 to BP0049.

Brothers brand finally puts their logo on packs of firecrackers. This one is designed as a premium, high-performance firecracker but is priced about the same as Black Cat. Each brick is wrapped in a foil-like paper wrapper, and each pack is wrapped in the same foil-like paper, instead of the typical red glassine paper. Each cracker in the

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Black Rainbow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0474. 8 shots, 12 seconds.

Each shot leaves a trail of crackle as it goes up. (Last tested in 2002)

Black Snakes (Cobra)

Snake. Flower Basket brand, #K1131. 19 seconds.

Well, it's something to do in the daytime on the Fourth of July. Light the pellet and it burns while a snake made of ash comes out. (Last tested in 1995)

string is red, with the word "Brothers" in white. The shiny foil-like wrapping really makes these stand out on a shelf from other brands of firecracker. As with any new brand, collectors of firecrackers will fall all over themselves to get these, and with the unusual, fancy packaging these should be in high demand among collectors as well as firecracker enthusiasts. Available in a variety of string lengths and case packs: 32/40/12, 12/80/16, 24/40/16, 8/40/50, 8/20/100, 8/10/200, 8/5/400 and 4/5/800. The crackers have about the same loudness as other major brands, and they appear to give off some white sparks as well, indicating that a powdered metal such as titanium was added to the formula. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Blast Off

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1205.

This is a pack of 4 large skyrockets. One gives a break of silver flying fish with a little crackle. The next one gives a very nice break of aqua stars that burn pretty long and drift down slowly, and there is a small amount of crackle. The third gives off a red crossette (the break splits evenly into 4 large red stars). The last one gives a pretty nice peony break of blue stars. (Last tested in 2004)

Blaze Away

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0169. 225 shots, 76 seconds.

Sends up a rapid succession of gold comets with slightly spinning heads, alternating with successions of blue pearls. Lasts a long time for a 200-gram cake, however, I did not find this one interesting or exciting at all. (Last tested in 2005)

Blazin' Birthday Cake

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-148. 44 seconds.

Extremely unusual piece; red and green colored flares in a circle! (Last tested in 1995)

Blazing Asteroids

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0261. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Crackling comets, that go up and slow down a little, continuing to crackle for a

second or two. Overlap of the shots ensures a non-stop stream of crackle for the entire duration of the piece. (Last tested in 1999)

Blazing Comets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-35. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

If you want gold comets and nothing else, this is the one to get. Big, fluffy gold comets with bright heads. Almost silent. Only flaw is inconsistent height. (Last tested in 1997)

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Blazing Fireballs

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-8. 19 shots, 16 seconds.

This gives 19 brilliant white comets, each ending in small green breaks. Quiet. (Last tested in 1996)

Blazing Hot

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 38 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Blazing Monster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A043. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl. The next shot is a crackling comet. The next shot

is a whistling comet. These 3 shots alternate with each other for the entire duration. Does not do enough for my taste. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Blazing Strobe

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-057. 65 seconds.

High-energy fountain changing from green to brilliant silver sparks. I tested this again in 2004 and it is similar but a little different. It starts with a brief spray of bright green. Then it changes to a spray of flashing silver sparks. Then it changes to a spray of red, then dies down to just a soft orange spray. Then it changes to white flutter spray, and then it ends with a really good crackle spray. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Blazing Sunset

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #F2002. 100 seconds.

A long-lasting triangular fountain, with red spray, to green spray, to gold, to white spray, to white flutter, then mixed red and green, then flashing white, one whistle, crackle spray, and finally a white spray. (Last tested in 1999)

Blazing Trails Racing

Novelty Firework. brand.

You open this paper booklet and tear out one sheet. Touch the tip of the included punk to the marked spot on the paper. The paper is treated with a chemical which burns steadily, making a trail. The trail splits into four parallel trails, and the idea is to see which trail will reach the end of the "race course". It's actually pretty fun. (Last tested in 1999)

Bling Bang

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-281. 12 shots, 30 seconds.

The first shot is a mine of pale green or silver glitter stars. The next shot is a thick silver comet with a bright red head. The next shot is a thick silver comet with a bright silver head. Then the previous sequence is repeated two more times. Then, the final three shots are fired all at once, and they are one red pearl, one green pearl, and one silver pearl, each of which breaks open into a crossette break of the same color, like "Atom Splitter." Each crossette

break consists of four stars of the same color that the shot was on the way up, with no comet trails. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Bling King

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK641. 15 shots, 50 seconds.

Begins with gold willow breaks that have red tips, then a gold willow break with silver glitter along the trails - beautiful. Then a few breaks of crackle flowers and a couple of dragon-eggs breaks, where the crackle continues as the break spreads. These effects alternate with each other until the end. (Last tested in 2005)

Bling-Bling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2098. 36 shots, 33 seconds.

Fires shots at a fairly rapid pace. The first 6 go up and scatter into silver flying fish and blue pearls. The next 6 go up as comets which are whistling and crackling on the way up, and end in reports. Then the entire above sequence is repeated. Then the shots are fired at a slightly slower pace and the breaks seem bigger. The next break is a mixture of green peony stars and purple glitter stars. The next break is a mix of red and blue peony stars with silver glitter. The next break is a red chrysanthemum with crackle flowers. The next break is a green chrysanthemum with crackle flowers. The last 4 breaks are fired one at a time, and they are all gold willows which turn into dragon eggs style breaks. Good for such a small cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Blinking Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3031. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

First shot is a sparkling comet that goes up and ends in a break of glittering green stars. Then three more shots just like that, one at a time. The next shot is a glittering comet that goes up and ends in a break of silver glitter plus some red glitter stars. Then three more shots just like that, one at a time. Then another four shots one at a time, which are sparkling comets ending in glittering green breaks. Then the last four shots are fired all at once, which are sparkling comets that go up and end in breaks of

silver glitter and some red glitter stars. (Last tested in 2003)

Blinking Dragon Breath

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM022. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a strobing white star, then opens into a nice all-blue break. No sound effects. Get this one if you want a lot of blue in the sky. (Last tested in 2000)

Blitz Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4067. 12 shots, 19 seconds.

Breaks are well-timed. Red peony, green chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum,

Blockbuster ladyfingers

Firecracker. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1188.

Small but good little crackers. Brick is 40 packs with 40 ladyfingers on each string. (Last tested in 2000)

Blockbuster Laser

Bottle Rocket. Blockbuster brand.

Beautiful small sparkling comet trail on the way up to a good report. (Last tested in 1995)

Blockbuster Smoke Balls

Smoke. Blockbuster brand, #FOA1710. 15 seconds.

Strange paper outer coating, different from most smoke balls which have a hard outer coating. Outstanding color quality. Yellow, green, rich blue and a purplish-red smoke. Vary in duration anywhere from 10 to 20 seconds. Super. (Last tested in 2000)

Blond Joke

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2975. 36 shots, 49 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in red, green or blue chrysanthemum breaks, at a constant pace until the end, when the final 12 shots are fired very rapidly. Pretty nice show if you're looking for chrysanthemum-type breaks. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3") (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Blood of the Vampire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0255. 52 seconds.

Starts immediately with a sudden, shrill whistle, then gives a white flitter spray with a softly crackling sound, then large white "ball" spray, throwing in a few colors here and there, and adding some crackle. Then changes to just a gold spray with some crackle. Then it's the white spray again, and finally the gold with crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Blood Sucker

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB206. 81 seconds.

Excellent large fountain with bright, rich colors. Seven tubes of mixed red, green and blue color spray, along with six tubes of whistles with white spray. If someone tell you they don't like foun-

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red peony, blue with "go-getter" white comets, blue with crackling, red peony, green chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, red peony, green with "go-getter" white comets, and blue with crackling. (Last tested in 2004)

Blockbuster firecrackers

Firecracker. Fireworks over America brand.

Standard firecrackers available in bricks 40/16, 80/16, 40/50, 20/100, 10/200, 5/300, 5/400, and rolls of 1000 or 4000. (Last tested in 2000)

tains, light this one for them. (Last tested in 1999)

Blossom After Thundering

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2018. 70 shots, 65 seconds.

Has four types of shots, that alternate. One is a red pearl going up. The other is a green pearl going up. The third is a whistling comet going up. The fourth is a shot that goes up dark and ends in several firecrackers. The cake alternates between these four shots, speeding up a little as it goes along. (Last tested in 2003)

Blossoming Plum

Cone Fountain. brand. 15 seconds.

Rich, abundant blue, green and red flecks amidst the gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Blossoms Carnival

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-059. 25 shots, 28 seconds.

The shots appear to be crackling and whistling as they go up - with lots of crackle. When they reach their peak, they break into small breaks of red or green. Intense and satisfying. (Last tested in 1996)

Blue Out

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2410. 12 shots, 18 seconds.

Each shot is a crackling comet that turns into a color star, either red or green, then explodes with a nice small titanium report. This is a Chinese cake glued into a nice tall tube, which could be used later as a holder for roman candles or rockets - so save it, don't throw it away! (Last tested in 2000)

Blue Avalanche

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-204. 68 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Begins with a spray of aqua sparks and silver sparks, against a background of a soft gold spray. Then changes to a spray of brilliant green sparks, with a blue flame at the base. Great color at that moment. Then it becomes a spray of mostly purplish-blue sparks, with a blue flame at the base. A soft gold spray is in the background. This is even better color! Then it stops for a second, and

then it gives a nice spray of blue sparks with a blue flame at the base. I wouldn't exactly call it an "avalanche" but the blues are abundant in this one and I loved the color combinations. Definitely get this one if you are looking for a lot of blue in your show. (Last tested in 2004)

Blue Butterflies & Flower, 6-inch

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0146. 29 seconds.

Only a tiny amount of blue stars - the rest is flashing white flitter sparks and a gold spray. Good height, but not enough blue to justify including the

Blue Fired Ice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2819. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

All shots go up and break into mixtures of sparkling white stars and blue stars. Some of them break in flat, angular shapes, some of them don't really "break," they just come open into a "waterfall" of sparks. (Last tested in 2000)

Blue Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2012. 16 shots, 26 seconds.

A series of sparkling comets that each end in chrysanthemum breaks of pale blue stars with silver comet tails. No sound effects, but very good breaks. (Last tested in 1998)

Blue Gem

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W226. 36 shots, 71 seconds.

Blue pearls shot up in perfect pairs - each shot is a double shot of them. Faint gold comet tails produced by the lift charges. No sound effect, nothing but blue pearls going up in pairs. (Last tested in 1998)

Blue & Green Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 6 seconds.

A tall mine of very bright green peony stars mixed with blue peony stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Blue Hawaii

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 16 shots, 30 seconds.


Great blue breaks, but hard-to-find item. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Heavens

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P3005. 117 seconds.




Brilliant red with crackle and some blue stars, then changing to silver spray with crackle, then adding green to the mix, then changing to gold with crackle, lots of gold flitter with crackle. Good display but not nearly as much blue, as I thought there would be considering the name. (Last tested in 2000)

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word "blue" in the name. (Last tested in 1998)

Blue Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2024BL. 10 shots, 29 seconds.

Ten blue pearls shot up one at a time. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Blue Fire & Gold Strobe #100

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand.

Exactly as advertised: blue stars, and gold strobing stars that take over as the blue ones die out. Upward-pointing break. (Last tested in 1996)

Blue Hurricane

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L921. 19 shots, 45 seconds.

Intensely blue breaks; reports; whistles; then blue and white breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Ice

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3073. 42 seconds.

Begins with a good spray of blue sparks, against a soft gold background. Then the blue sparks change to silver. Then they go back to blue. No sound effects, but good blue and enough of it. (Last tested in 2005)

Blue Light, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

A pretty nice shell which goes up as a white comet, then breaks into a big blue peony break (stars with no trails). Plenty of stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Blue Lightning

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2595. 25 shots, 67 seconds.

All shots go up as a brilliant strobing white star, which breaks softly into a break of red and blue stars with a small amount of crackle. Very slow pace. (Last tested in 2000)

Blue Mag Star Burst, No.100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A large break of blue stars in the air. Very nice but I'm not sure if this one is still being made. (Last tested in 1999)

Blue Midnight, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Bright blue single star. Poor altitude - burned to the ground. Better stick with the #200. (Last tested in 1996)

Blue Midnight, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Beautiful, bright blue head with equally beautiful fluffy white tail. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Palm (large)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W441. 10 seconds.

Short silver fountain, with many blue pearls shot up afterwards. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Palm (small)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W442. 10 seconds.

Short silver fountain, with many blue pearls shot up afterwards. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Pearls

Roman Candle, single. brand. 10 shots, 12 seconds.

Nice blue color, but no special effects or sound effects. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B064. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

Blue is definitely what you get with this one. Every shot gives a mine of blue stars only, and a peony break above it of blue peony stars only. The last 5 shots are fired all at once for an all-blue

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finale. This cake, in addition to "Blue Rush" will help you add blue to your show. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Blue Print

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2034. 50 shots, 50 seconds.

A group of 5 shots fired in a fan-shape, with red heads and silver tails, that goes up and breaks into 5 nice red chrysanthemum breaks. Then 5 more shots in a fan shape, green on the way up to

white chrysanthemum breaks. Then 5 blue shots in a fan shape, that end in 5 blue peony breaks. Then 5 shots of red, green or blue shot in a fan, that end in white whirlwinds which whistle a little. Then 5 red shots that end in red peony breaks with crackle mixed in. Then, the above sequence is repeated. A long-lasting display and a very good one, though there are pauses in it, which could be filled in with some lower-level devices such as fountains. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Blue Rain Thunderclap

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L956. 9 shots, 2 seconds.

Supposed to fire nine shots, but only fired three normally, then the other six went up at pretty much the same time. Each shot goes up dark and opens into a small cluster of blue stars with about 3 ladyfinger firecrackers. Not impressive at all - this item should be retired from the product line if they aren't going to make it well. (Last tested in 1999)

Blue Roman

Roman Candle, single. Phantom brand, #Y-05-13. 17 seconds.

A series of blue stars, with no trails or sound effects. Pretty lame just by itself, but if you did a whole case of these together, you would get a nice volley of blue stars. (Last tested in 1998)

Blue Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand, #T6515A. 10 shots, 21 seconds.

Uninspired name, but true-blue pearls. Best in great quantities. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Rush

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6099. 19 shots, 37 seconds.

I'm proud of this brand for placing the emphasis on blue in a cake. Each shot is a peony break of blue stars with one other color mixed in as an accent. The other color is red glitter stars in some of the shots, or silver glitter stars, or green peony stars. All breaks have one of those, mixed with blue peony stars. My only complaint is that there is not really enough quantity of the blue stars in each break, but at least we have a cake here which is centered around blue.

This cake, in addition to "Blue Power," will help you add blue to your show. (Last tested in 2004)

Blue Shots

Roman Candle, single. West Lake brand, #L309. 12 seconds.

Nice blue stars, but that's all. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue sparkler, #8

Sparkler. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0336. 31 seconds.

Beautiful blue flame, with small spray of sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Spider

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4034. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

Every shot is a blue pearl going up, which opens into a short-lived white whirlwind, that then opens up into a small cluster of blue stars and a handful of crackle stars. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Blue Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O128. 8 shots, 24 seconds.

All you get is blue, blue, blue, but if that's what you're after, this is it. Blue fountain followed by 7 small blue breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Stars

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN90. 35 seconds.

In HN90 pack. Gold spray with a beautiful blue, changing to silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Blue Stars with Report

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-184. 19 seconds.

This is a remake of an older item with the same name. It starts with a nice blue fountain and then gives 6 aerial shots which have blue peony stars and a few firecrackers in each break. Just as advertised. This is one of the small, cheap multi-shot cakes I can recommend, and only because of the color. If you're looking for more blue in your show, you might want to buy a case of 36 of these and light them all at the same time in a long row, then you would get a wall of blue fountains followed by a line of blue clusters and reports in the air. But one by itself is not really going to knock anyone's socks off.

(Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Blue Streak

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-055.

Each rocket flies up well and breaks open into blue stars with silver flying fish. Good quality. (Last tested in 2001)

Blue Strobe with Gold Fish, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

This shell produces an enormous break in the air which is a mixture of beautiful blue peony stars, some sparkling silver glitter stars, and some gold flying fish. (Last tested in 2004)

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Blue Sword

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #L984. 12 shots, 8 seconds.

Starts out promising, giving small blue and purple breaks, then a few reports; but it ends too soon - leaving you a little unsatisfied. (Last tested in 1996)

Blue Thunder

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2255B. 8 shots, 11 seconds.

Very nice blue pearls, ending in pretty wimpy reports. Great blue color; weak reports. (Last tested in 1996)

Blue to Red Peony, No. 100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

Nice white comet tail on the way up, then breaks hard into a bright red break with a large number of stars. Just before they burn out, they turn blue for a fraction of a second, but for most of their existence they are red. Pleasing. (Last tested in 2000)

Blue to Silver Wave, No. 5

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-036G.

This one sent up a silver comet, which broke hard into a large break of blue peony stars. As they spread out, the blue stars eventually turned into tiny silver comets which burned for a second before going out. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Blue Winged Willows

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-074. 15 shots, 17 seconds.

Excellent quality, large breaks of blue stars which have gold "willow"-type trails. A great piece. (Last tested in 2001)

Blue with Gold Strobe #200

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand.

Upward-pointing blast of blue stars with crackle. I didn't see anything strobe, but the blue was rich and the crackle intense. (Last tested in 1996)

Boiling Point

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0171. 87 shots, 42 seconds.

The first 20 shots are red pearls with silver trails, and they are shot two at a time in a V shape. Then 20 more, which are blue pearls with silver trails. Then 20 more, which are green pearls with silver trails. Finally, the last 7 shots are fired all at once, straight up, and they are tiny white comets that go up and end in firecracker reports. This cake is useful if you want a picture of a big "V" in the air. (Last tested in 2005)

Böller A

Combination firecracker. WECO brand, #1541.

Made by the giant WECO company in Germany, and still rare in the U.S. (I bought it at the 1995 P.G.I. convention.) To light it, you strike the tip on a

matchbook, and toss it on the ground. First is a small red flame, followed by a loud thump. The casing does not disintegrate during the blast; most of the explosion comes out of one end. Four per box. (Last tested in 1996)

Bolts of Blue

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #3052. 80 seconds.

The entire performance is a spray of blue sparks against a gold background spray. (Last tested in 2003)

Bomb Bag

Toy Trick Noisemaker. brand.

Non-pyro chemical effect. Squeeze the bag and toss it on the ground. It's a foil bag which you squeeze to cause a chemical reaction inside, then toss it on the ground without opening it. In a few seconds the bag balloons up and pops open with a muffled report, and spews a small amount of white foam. Many do not work. This is strictly a kid's item - keep out of reach of adults. (Last tested in 1996)

Bomber snaps

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Phantom brand, #F-01xF.

King Kong conquered New York with these. Pow! (Last tested in 1995)

Bombs Bursting In Air

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #2960.

This is easily the best new shell kit of 1996. Half the shells have fluffy comet tails on the way up, the other half have whistles on the way up. All shells give terrific breaks of colors; some also have crackle. Completely changed since 1996. Cylindrical shells similar to Rambo Kid, etc.. Six cylindrical shells and one nice strong tube and base. Green Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Purple Stars w/Silver Glitter Pistil; Blue Stars w/Green Glitter Pistil; Red Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Variegated Peony w/Red Bees; and Silver Glitter w/Red Bees. All with comet tails on the way up. Outstanding quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Bonfire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0531. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Alternates between shots which are red pearls that end in red breaks, green

pearls that end in green breaks, and blue pearls that end in blue breaks. Not huge numbers of stars in each break, but the colors are very rich and true. Very good for such a small piece. (Last tested in 2001)

Bonfire Bash

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6115. 100 shots, 32 seconds.

The tubes are at angles and could be fired in fan shapes. However they seem to be fired at random in this one, first one to the left, then one to the right, then left, then center, etc. The first third of the shots are silver comets with either red, green or white heads. Then it

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stops those and starts firing whistling comets straight up, and crackling comets at angles on both sides. The crackling comets seem to have a few red and green stars in them as well. This goes on for a while and then stops. Then, four shots are fired at once in a fan shape, and they go up and end in large breaks of crackle flowers.. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Bonfire Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2911. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

Alternates between crackling comets that end in crackle breaks with blue stars, and green pearls which go up and end in silver whirlwinds with a few color stars. The last 10 shots are fired rapidly for a "mini-finale." (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Bonnie & Clyde

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0152. 52 seconds.

A surprising disappointment. Low-powered spray of gold with some crackle. Fades in and out, then finally fizzles out altogether. Either we got a bad unit, or Bonnie & Clyde already got the gold. (Last tested in 1998)

Booby Traps

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Horse brand.

Dud city. Don't buy these; buy the Red Lantern "Pulling Trick" ones. (Last tested in 1995)

Booga Luga

Ground Spinner. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0233. 8 seconds.

A landmark achievement. Large Jumping Jack-type ground spinner, spinning with a red to green to gold flame, ending in a surprisingly large amount of crackle for such a small item. Outstanding quality. The only curiosity is that there are 4 holes punched in each tube - perhaps they would spin longer if they had only one hole punched, like Jumping Jacks. (Last tested in 1998) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Boogie Nights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2691. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

Fountain + 6 aerials. Starts with a silver fountain, then shoots up six shots which open into clusters of red, green or silver, and a few reports with each cluster. (Last tested in 2000)

Boom Boom

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2100.

A brilliant red star is shot up, and it ends in two breaks that happen one at a

time. The first one is a silver chrysanthemum and the second one a multi-color chrysanthemum. Pretty impressive for such a small piece. (Last tested in 2000)

Boom & Buzz

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Cannon brand, #Y02-021. 34 seconds.

Cannon. Gold glitter-type sparks with green stars mixed in. No sound effects - a very quiet display. (Last tested in 1996)

Boom City

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Hale brand. 50 shots, 47 seconds.

Five shots are fired at once in a fan, and they go up and end in clusters of silver flying fish. Then five more shots are fired at once, and they go up and end in clusters of silver "falling leaves" stars. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of green "falling leaves" stars. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of silver "falling leaves" stars. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of gold willows, which sparkle as they spread out, creating a sparkling willow effect. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of silver glitter stars. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of gold glitter stars. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of crackle. The next five shots are a fan of breaks of crackle flowers. The final five shots are fired in a fan, and they give "dragon eggs" breaks, which continue to crackle as they spread out. Excellent variety of effects and excellent timing. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Boom Man

Reloadable Shell Kit. Vulcan brand, #DS777A.

Appear to be same shells as "Aerial Rampage" shells from Phantom brand. All rising with either whistle or color tail. Green Star Whirl, Crackling Peony, Silver Star Fish, White Strobe, Red to Crackling, Multi-Color Peony, Palm Tree, Brocade, Crackling Golden Bees, Blue to Crackling, Red White Blue, and Green to Crackling. (Last tested in 2000)

Boomer 1 "

Firecracker. brand, #MV543.

Distributed by Boomer Fireworks, Grand Island, Nebraska. 100 in the box. This one appeals to me very much.

Every kid likes to have his "treasure box" of firecrackers, and here it is all assembled for you. Just open the box and there they are - red and green crackers all neatly arranged. And they aren't bad crackers, too. Pretty loud for their size! (Last tested in 1998)

Boomer Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0309. 7 shots, 16 seconds.

Each of the shots goes up as a loudly crackling comet. Then the shot turns red for just a second, then opens into a small cluster of green stars, with what appears to be one firecracker report. Interesting. (Last tested in 1999)

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Firecracker. Angel brand, #C532.

Tiny 7/8-inch by 1/6-inch crackers, 20 red and 20 green on a string. (Last tested in 1995)

Bootlegger

Skyrocket. brand, #W140BB.

Bootlegger brand. Flies powerfully, with a loud whistle, and ends with three decent reports. Superb large bottle rocket for the rocket fanatic. (Last tested in 1996)

Bootlegger Color-changing Mammoth Smoke

Smoke. Zenith brand. 94 seconds.

Very rich colors, orange-red to good blue to white. Long-lasting. (Last tested in 1995)

Boston Tea Party

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-132. 138 seconds.

Not especially tall, but great crackling sounds. Not much color. (Last tested in 1995)

Bottle Rocket Fountain

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0613.

A box with 144 "rockets," which look just like regular bottle rockets, but if you look closely, they are actually fountains, with the fuse at the top. You insert the stick into the ground so they are stuck into the ground, and light them. They emit a shower of silver sparks for about 10 seconds. Not a big display, but this item is designed for novelty appeal. Since they are on sticks, they could be used similar to sparklers. (Last tested in 2001)

Bottleless Rocket

Missile. Flying Dragon brand, #W533S.

Each package of 12 comes with a metal rod to launch them with. Whistles on the way up. (Last tested in 1995)

Bouble [sic] Parachute Night Type

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5502.

They meant "Double" in the name. Who cares anyway, they're lousy. (Last tested in 1995)

Bouquet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2517. 100 shots, 84 seconds.

Red and green breaks are unimpressive at first, but it speeds up and then...wow! In 2003, the breaks were very small and unimpressive. Sorry, but this kind of break just doesn't cut it any more, in this age of 500-gram cakes with big breaks. Lasted 148 seconds in 2003, because it didn't speed up like it did in 1995. This is a cake whose time has come and gone. (Last tested in 2003)

Bouquet, 6-inch

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand, #T4514.

The 100-shot version of this is impressive, but just one shot is lame. (Last tested in 1995)

Boyz Toyz

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2198. 193 shots, 33 seconds.

Begins with a rapid volley of single-color pearl shots, fired in a zig-zag pattern. Red, green, blue and yellow shots, but no sound effects. This goes on for about 28 seconds. Then, it sends up a fan of whistling comets, not all at once but quickly from one end of the fan to the other. Then another fan is shot, and these shots go up and end in crossette breaks of about 4 purple and green stars in each break, plus some crackle in each break. Very good ending, but I kind of expected more from such a large cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Break and Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand. 16 shots, 12 seconds.

Very bright yellow (magnalium?) breaks and a few crackers. Unusual color; quality breaks. (Last tested in 1996)

Breakthrough

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB293. 10 shots, 21 seconds.

The first shot is a mine of red stars, which goes up, and some screaming silver comets continue on above the red stars. The next shot is the same except blue stars instead of red. These two shots alternated with each other until the final two, which are the same except some crackle is added to the mines. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Breathless

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-156. 55 seconds.

Beautiful white "butterfly" sparks, gold, silver and big crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

Breathtaking Soccer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L965. 19 shots, 17 seconds.

We've seen this too many times in other, better repeaters. Next. (Last tested in 1995)

Brew Haha

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #H-099. 152 seconds.

I would give this the "packaging design of the year" award if there was one. The whole package is designed to look like a giant mug of beer, complete with handle. It's almost 10 inches high and 5 1/2 inches in diameter. Certainly a collec-

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tor's item in the future, especially for fireworks collectors who are also beer drinkers. It starts with a brief whistle, then a spray of red and gold, with big, bright red sparks. Then it changes to a spray of the same red sparks with silver flitter sparks. Then it's a spray of silver crackle, then a mixture of gold crackle with blue sparks. Then it's a pure white spray, then a mixture of red and green sparks with silver crackle. Then to a mixture of gold sparks with silver flitter sparks. Then a mixture of green sparks with silver flitter spray. Then it's an intensely colorful spray of red, blue and green sparks. Very good color saturation here - no washed-out colors. Then

a silver crackle spray, then a gold flitter spray with blue sparks mixed in. Then a pure silver spray, then a spray of gold crackle with red and green sparks. Then a brief silver whistle, followed by a spray of white flitter sparks. Then an intense spray of gold crackle for the ending. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Bridal Chair

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7077. 49 seconds.

The sedan chair, or bridal chair, has an entire Chinese legend to go along with it. This piece starts out with a 30-second fountain from the top, with red, green, and blue, to silver whistle and red with crackle. Then the whole thing moves backward and forward, and shoots out one ground spinner. Finally, a light inside illuminates the red window. It's also available without the wheels. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Bright Future fountain assortment

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-AO23.

This is a package of 2 fountains, "Eternal Flame" and "Refiners Fire." See those 2 fountains listed separately in this book for descriptions. They may be sold separately or as a pair. (Last tested in 2004)

Bright Lights, Big City

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

All shots are fired one at a time, straight up. A red chrysanthemum break, followed by a blue chrysanthemum break, followed by a beautiful blue peony break, followed by a big break of crackle flowers. Then the above sequence is repeated 3 more times. Impressive blue. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Bright Minded Ball

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K118B. 8 seconds.

Beautiful single spinner with a green flame and plenty of silver sparks. 2 sizes. (Last tested in 1996)

Bright Minded Ball, large

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1118A. 10 seconds.

Beautiful green flame with silver sparks. Inexpensive as well. 2 sizes. (Last tested in 1996)

Brilliant

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand. 97 seconds.

Red, green and white spray, then a rich white flutter-type spray, then a sparkling green spray, then glittering silver sparks, then red, green and some crackle, then green, flutter and crackle, then whistle and crackle together. Lots of sparks. (Last tested in 1999)

Brilliant Rays

Strobe. Brothers brand, #BPO008. 39 seconds.

Supposed to be a strobe pot, but the flashes are not as distinct or separate as in the USA-made Strobe Pot. Instead, it just gets brighter and dimmer. Very bright white light, with no sound effects, but it does end with a small pop - an extra little bonus. (Last tested in 1998)

Brilliant Shine

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF048. 89 seconds.

Starts with a white flutter spray, then changes to a mixture of white flutter with gold and blue stars mixed in. Then a silver whistle happens. Then it becomes a nice mix of green and blue stars with silver crackle. Then a nice blend of red and blue stars with a soft silver spray. Then another silver whistle. Then it's big red stars with big silver crackle. A pretty good show. (Last tested in 2004)

Brilliant Trail

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0159. 28 shots, 19 seconds.

The first two shots are fired in a V shape, and they are mines. They start as red stars then change to glittering silver. Then the next two shots are also fired in a V shape, and they are green glitter mines. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Then what appears to be four shots are fired, in a V shape, two on one side and two on the other side. The two on the left are green pearls which go up and end in green glitter breaks. The two on the right are

red pearls that go up and end in red glitter breaks. I'm not quite sure if I counted all the shots right, but I did like this cake because of the V shapes and timing. (Last tested in 2005)

Broadway Brocade Silver - Green, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-606.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. The shot went up dark and then broke very hard into a large chrysanthemum type break, with green stars, and behind each green star a sparkling gold tail. The label says silver but the tails looked a little more gold to me, not deep gold but a sparkling bright

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gold. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Broadway Delight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-082. 19 shots, 19 seconds.

Cannon. Intensely bright, yet richly colored pearls of red, green or blue, some with thick comet trails. (Last tested in 1996)

Brocade & Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK651. 12 shots, 47 seconds.

Large gold willow breaks, some of which have sparkling silver along their trails as they drift down, and some of which are pure gold trails. The last 3 shots are fired all at once, and they are pure gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Broken Jade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5087. 16 shots, 19 seconds.

Crackling comets go up and end in clusters of flashing green stars. (Last tested in 2001)

Broom Trail Explode

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #W5-59F. 25 shots, 38 seconds.

I think they meant to call it "Broom Trail Explode," but they clearly wrote, "Explode." No brand anywhere on label. Silver comets go up and break hard into clusters of crackle. No colors, but good sound. (Last tested in 2001)

Brothers Choice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A021. 16 shots,

This is a pack of 4 different cakes, sold together as "Brothers Choice" or sold separately under their individual names. All are 16 shots. "Regal" shoots 16 whistling spinners that turn into breaks of some color chrysanthemum stars and some sparkling silver glitter stars. The chrysanthemums vary between red and green. The last 4 shots are fired all at once. Duration is 35 seconds. "Imperial" shoots up 16 shots which are sparkling comets, ending in various color breaks - red chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, blue peony. These 3 alternate until the end, when the final 4 shots are fired all at once, and they are whistling shots that end in breaks of crackle flowers. Duration is 40 seconds. "Sovereign" shoots a red-headed comet that breaks into a red peony with crackle, then a green-headed comet that breaks into a green peony with crackle, then a blue-headed comet that breaks into a blue peony with crackle. These 3 shots then alternate until the end, when the last 4 shots are fired at once, and they are crackling comets ending in breaks of

crackle. Duration is 43 seconds. "Majestic" shoots 4 shots at once which are red pearls ending in gold willows, then 4 shots which are swirling comets ending in long-lasting crackle breaks, 4 shots which are swirling comets ending in gold willow breaks with sparkling tips, and finally 4 more breaks which end in long-lasting crackle breaks. Duration of "Majestic" is 20 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Brothers Pro Pack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A012. 21 shots, This is an assortment of six multi-shot aerial cakes: Sweet Heat (BP2969), Air-Borne Art (BP2970), Kaleidoscope (BP2971), Behind the Myth (BP2972), Silver Lining (BP2973) and Midnight Dawn (BP2974). All have 21 shots. These cakes are also sold individually. Please see each individual name for a description of that cake. When sold as an assortment, they are contained in a box and they fit together like 6 slices of a cake. (Last tested in 2003)

Buffalo Jane

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Hale brand. 54 shots, 17 seconds. The first several shots are mines of gold comets, color pearls and some crackle flowers, which are fired so closely together it's like a finale at the beginning. Then a series of individual shots are crackling comets that go up and end in sparkling silver breaks. I'm not sure if this one fired at the speed it was supposed to, but it made for a fast and furious show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Bull's Eye

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3037. 24 shots, 32 seconds. A blast of silver comets at the beginning in a fan shape (or really more in a bouquet shape) with each shot going up and ending in a break of silver glitter stars or gold stars. Very impressive start. Then a whole bunch of color pearls shot up in a bouquet shape that go up and end in peony breaks of different colors. Also very impressive. Then another round of the same thing. Then it slows down considerably and fires the shots one at a time for a few seconds, and then at the end it speeds up again. The shots are mainly green or red on the

way up, ending in breaks of silver glitter or mixed color peony breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Bull's Eye

Skyrocket. Cannon brand, #Y01-017.

See description under "Prowler" rocket. (Last tested in 1998)

Bullet Bombs

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2965.

Silver palm w/tail, red chrysanthemum w/tail, silver strobing star w/tail, jumbo green chrysanthemum, jumbo blue chrysanthemum, crackling w/blue star w/tail, blue diamond w/tail, blue chrys-

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anthemum w/red peony w/tail, crackling w/tail, dragon egg w/tail, red, white & blue w/tail, and jumbo white chrysanthemum. Overall, these are high quality shells, with nice comet tails, hard, symmetrical breaks and good crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Bulls Rule

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2981. 12 shots, 38 seconds.

Each shot appears to give 2 effects, such as a color break and a chrysanthemum break, or a color break and a crackle break, or a color break and a whirlwind,

etc. Many breaks seem to have 2 effects in them, such as peony stars of one color and a "pistol" of a few chrysanthemum stars of another color. Very good effects, but it would have been better with a finale at the end. I would suggest lighting 2 or more of these at the same time for a better finale effect. (Last tested in 2001)

Bumble Bee

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O439. 3 seconds.

Tiny spinner with paper wings. Flies up with a green flame for about 3 seconds. It can't compare, of course, to the large flying spinners, but they're fun for just fooling around with and they're cheap. (Last tested in 1998)

Bump Bear

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5011. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

Silver comets go up and open into nice chrysanthemum breaks of red, green or silver. Good quality. (Last tested in 2001)

Bumper Cars

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7062. 16 seconds.

A fun little piece, which rolls forward or in a circle, then stops and rolls forward again, then stops again and rolls backward or in a circle. No sound effects. Bet you can't resist lighting two at once to see if they do indeed bump into each other. (Last tested in 1999)

Bumper Harvest

Fountain/spinner combination. Red Lantern brand, #O839. 8 seconds.

Shoots up two or three silver spinning projectiles, then changes to a silver fountain for a few seconds, then shoots out one silver spinner. I hope this was better a few years back when it first introduced. (Last tested in 1998)

Bungee Jumpers

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand. Excellent quality four-break shells. No tails, but good, full breaks which break hard and have nice colors. (Last tested in 2006)

Bunker Pack

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-438.

Contains three each of "Brimstone Rocket" and "Archer Rocket".

"Brimstone" gives a break of 4 color stars very similar to the breaks in the "Atom Splitter" repeating cake. Very unusual for a rocket! The "Archer" rocket is more ordinary, just a cluster of color stars with some crackle. But these are not bad for small rockets. (Last tested in 2000)

Burglar Alarm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2194. 10 shots, 19 seconds.

Each shot appears to have two breaks in it. The first shot goes up and ends in a fast burst of crackle and then some shimmering gold glitter. The second shot goes up and ends in a fast break of crackle plus a second break of crackle which takes longer to finish. These two shots alternate until the end, when the last 3 shots are fired all at once, and they end in crackle flowers. No color apparent. (Last tested in 2005)

Burning Ice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2932. 10 shots, 30 seconds.

Alternates between 2 types of shots: one is a gold comet with a green head, that goes up and changes into a silver whistle, which finally opens into a gold spinning whirlwind. The other type is the same thing, but it opens into a silver spinning whirlwind. Complex performance from each shot make it interesting. The gold whirlwinds are beautiful. Still as good in 2003 as it was in 2001. (Last tested in 2003)

Burning Silver

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-080. 19 shots, 17 seconds.

A large 19-shot cake, which produces big comets with bright white heads, and long tails of gold sparks. No sound effects. It's bright and pretty, but a little disappointing when compared to the package's size and price. But, if you are looking for a bright white-headed comet effect, this should fill your need. (Last tested in 1998)

Burning Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Space Age brand. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

Thick, wide python-style comets, with one dazzling magnalium comet. (Last tested in 1995)

Burning Spider Web #100

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand.

Unusual effect of gold charcoal-type comets, breaking outward as the shell is still on its way up. (Last tested in 1996)

Bursting Comet, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Pyro-Tech brand.

Pyro-Tech, Fort Worth, TX. Thick silver tail, then a big burst of silver stars, but not nearly enough altitude. (Last tested in 1996)

Bursting Comet, #3

Single-tube Aerial. New Jersey brand.

Just a plain red comet star. Forget this one - get the #5 one instead. (Last tested in 1995)

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Bursting Comet, #5

Single-tube Aerial. New Jersey brand.

One of the prettiest comets. Hangs in the air for quite some time. Silver comet. (Last tested in 1995)

Bursting Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B036. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and ends in a red peony break with a little crackle. Then a green pearl that goes up and ends in a red peony break with a little crackle. Then a blue pearl goes up

and ends in a peony break of mainly red but some blue stars, and a little crackle. These 3 shots alternate for the rest of the duration. Not enough stars in each break and not enough crackle, a little disappointing. (Last tested in 2004)

Bustling Cities

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A034-1. 32 shots, 43 seconds.

Part of the "Homeland Trio" assortment. See under "Homeland Trio" for a description of this cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Butterflies

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0112.

36 inch stick. Actually a pretty nice one, with adequate green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Butterflies Fireworks

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O534. 10 seconds.

Dazzlingly bright white flitter sparks. Not long-lasting, but nice while it does last. (Last tested in 1999)

Butterflies & Flowers

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O833A. 29 seconds.

Long-lasting sparks pop, even on ground. Shorter than it used to be. (Last tested in 1995)

Butterflies Welcome Spring

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O435. 8 seconds.

Good things come in small packages. Zippy little performer. Spins on ground, then suddenly takes off straight up. (Last tested in 1995)

Butterfly

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O435-B. 5 seconds.

(Unusual design with 3 "blades". Flies nicely with a silver spray. One of three was a dud.) Unique design with three wings. Flies up with an orange spray. (Last tested in 1996)

Butterfly assortment

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4076. 7 shots,

This is an assortment of 3 different 7-shot cakes. Red Butterfly gives 7 shots which are all red on the way up (with some red mine stars accompanying) ending in a nice break of blue chrys-

anthemum with red stars and some crackle. Duration is 13 seconds. Blue Butterfly gives 7 shots which are blue on the way up (with some blue mine stars accompanying) and end in breaks of sparkling red stars and "dragon eggs" (crackling while continuing to spread out). Duration is 10 seconds. Crackling Butterfly gives 7 shots which are crackling comets (accompanied by crackle mines) on the way up, breaking to gold willows with sparkling tips. Duration is 16 seconds. All in all, a pretty nice assortment. (Last tested in 2004)

Butterfly Shell, #400

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Of the three Starr brand shells I tested in this round, this one worked the best. Still, I wish it had more stars in it. The shape held up well, although I did have to explain to the audience what the shape was supposed to be. (Last tested in 1996)

Buzz Bomb

Flying Spinner. Zenith brand. 11 seconds.

Check that wings are on properly. Flies up with gold sparks, ending with report. (Last tested in 1995)

Caged Fury

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0215. 9 shots, 7 seconds.

Nice effects, but I believe the unit we tested either had bad fusing, or else some of the powder may have gotten loose inside. All 9 shots went up in one barrage. Shots go up as green pearls, turning to quick, small spinners and ending in soft, small downward breaks of stars. (Last tested in 1998)

Cajun

Skyrocket. brand.

Guangxi. Good, if it's the only one you have, but poor next to others. (Last tested in 1995)

Cajun Pageant

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-069. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

When I first tested Cajun Pageant in 1995, it gave 25 exquisite, falling breaks of red, green or blue, with rich colors and long-lasting stars. One reader reports it now gives red, green and white stars; while another says it breaks

much harder this year. That would normally be good news, but I actually prefer the elegant, soft breaks of the original version. When they make something right, why can't they just leave the damn thing alone? I decided to give this one last try, since the 1995 version of it was the best color repeater I have ever tried - richly colored breaks of red, green or blue, with long-lasting stars. Sadly, it is indeed different now. The stars fade out quickly, and there is no blue. Comets to hard breaks of red, green and a pale white make it still worth buying, but you'll be disappointed if you saw the original version in 1995. (Last tested in 1997)

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California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Tai Chung brand. 58 seconds.

Taiwan comes through with a winner. Rich colors. Tai Chung brand. Red flame, to green flame, to blue flame, to silver spray. Rich, deep colors. (Last tested in 1998)

California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #K2311. 21 seconds.

Exquisite shower of gold branching sparks, in a rich, full spray. Produces a shimmering curtain of elegant gold sparks. The ladies will love this one, because it's pretty and not loud. The

only concern is, the one I bought said, "Class C, Common Fireworks" on the label, indicating that it is several years old. I do not yet know if the newer units made with this item number perform as well as the one I got. (Last tested in 1998)

California Candle, medium

Hand-held Fountain. Kent brand, #H-53. 43 seconds.

This one has a color label, showing dolphins and a palm tree against a background of a wave. It has a slightly larger diameter, though the same length, as the green-label version. It gives a spray of gold sparks with green stars shot out at regular intervals. (Last tested in 1999)

California Candle, medium

Hand-held Fountain. Kent brand, #H-53. 24 seconds.

This one has an all-green label. It has a slightly smaller diameter, though the same length, as the color-label version. Much shorter performance. (Last tested in 1999)

California Dreamin'

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2002. 123 seconds.

Starts off with crackle spray with a red flame at the bottom and some green mixed in with the crackle. Interesting. Then the crackle dies off, while the furious spray of white and green continues, with the red flame at the base. Then the crackle comes back and the whole thing continues for another minute. (Last tested in 2000)

California Illegal

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2933. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a swirling silver comet, which then opens up into what looks like 3 separate clusters of stars: one blue, one which is red flying fish, and one which is green flying fish. No sound effects, but deep rich colors. Amusing name and label art (the California "Safe and Sane" seal is shown with a red slash through it), but this item clearly could not be sold in California. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

California Sunrise

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2006. 76 seconds.

Bright red spray, changing to green and silver flitter spray, then gold spray, then bright silver flitter, then red, then flashing silver flitter, then a whistle, then crackle with silver balls, then gold, another whistle. (Last tested in 2000)

Call for Liberty

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-033. 33 shots, 65 seconds.

The first five shots are fired one at a time, and go straight up and produce breaks which are a mix of red peony stars and silvery-green glitter stars. The next five shots are fired one at a time, and go straight up and produce breaks which are a mix of blue peony stars and silvery-green glitter stars. The next shot produces an unusual break which is a dragon-egg break (crackling as it spreads out) with red tips. There is also some glitter mixed into it. The next break is a dragon-egg break in which the tips turn into blue stars. There is no glitter mixed into that one. Then the next shot is the same as the red dragon-egg break, and the next one is the same as the blue, then the next one is the red one again. Then, three shots are fired at once, which produce nice silver glitter breaks. Then 4 shots are fired at once, which also produce nice silver glitter breaks, but these breaks change into crackle breaks after a short delay. Very good breaks. Then what appears to be five shots are fired all at once, and they go up and produce red chrysanthemum breaks, which turn into crackle flowers after a short delay. Then three shots are fired at once which are short silver comets that go up and end in gold willow breaks. Impressive cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Call From Outerspace

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2774. 102 shots, 47 seconds.

Alternates between red, blue or green pearls, each of which ends in a small report, and crackling comets. Gets a little dull around the 30-second point, but then the final 30 shots are fired very rapidly together for an intense barrage that is pretty satisfying. After it was over someone said, "Wow! What a great cake!" (Last tested in 2000)

Call of Freedom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2156. 12 shots,
43 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets on the way up. Some of the shots end as small breaks of color; the others end with a comet that flies off with a strange short whistle. Didn't impress me all that much, but the audience sure loved it. (Last tested in 1998)

Camellia Flower, large

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1126A. 22 seconds.

Pink flame. Nice and quiet, for when you can't make a lot of noise. (Last tested in 1995)

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Camellia Flower, small

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1126B. 17 seconds.

Spins with pink flame. Quiet. Compare this with the Colourful Chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 1995)

Cannon

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W704. 10 seconds.

Rolls forward, then sprays colored sparks and rolls backward. (Last tested in 1995)

Cannon Blaster #100

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith/Black Cat brand.

Made for Black Cat by Zenith Specialties. This fires one shot which ends in a gigantic red chrysanthemum break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Cannon Color Smoke

Smoke. Cannon brand, #Y16-003C. 91 seconds.

Probably the best all-around smoke assortment right now. You get six smoke cartridges - one each of blue, red, green and yellow, and two of white. The colors are rich and deep, and each cartridge lasts about 90 seconds. (Last tested in 1998)

Cannon Fodder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-291. 36 shots, 58 seconds.

Each shot is a mine of four small silver spinners, which spin on their way up and then each spinner ends in a report. The overall sound is like a firecracker string going off in the air, but I would fire 2 of these cakes simultaneously to get a more consistent, steady sound. No color at all, but the little spinners are somewhat interesting visually. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Cannon Fuse

Accessory. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1200.

Green visco fuse, packaged for retail sales. (Last tested in 2002)

Cannon Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Cannon brand, #Y03-095.

Two tubes and twelve shells in the box, all with tails. Green Sparkling, Crackling Yellow, White Flashing, Silver Palm Tree, Crackling Silver, Red Wave, Red & Silver Pearls, Crackling Blue, Crackling Green, Silver Pearls, Colourful Sparkler, and Crackling. All of the above are "with tail". Not perfect symmetry with every shell, but still fantastic variety and quality, with lots of stars. (Last tested in 1998)

Cannon Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Cannon brand, #Y23-301.

These are 6-break shells, with each of the 6 breaks being a different color or

different effect than the other breaks in one shell. These seem to have plenty of stars in each break, compared with some other multi-break shells that I have seen. The breaks are all single-color peony breaks, or glitter breaks, or crackle breaks. This type of multi-break shells is good for a finale, to fill the sky with many breaks with a limited number of mortar tubes available. And this kit is one of the better multi-break shells I have seen, although there are no comet trails on the way up. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Cannon Super Wheel

Wheel. Cannon brand, #Y29-004. 62 seconds.

Interesting performance, starts with a silver whistle driver, which pops off after a couple of seconds. Then, it keeps spinning, and another silver whistle driver comes on, then it pops off after a few seconds. Then a third one, but this one keeps going for a while. Then a fourth and fifth one, though the fifth one turns to green flame. Then a sixth one, with the silver whistle. Total burn time is just over a minute, but not all of that is with sparks - some short periods are with the wheel spinning on its own in the dark. (Last tested in 2000)

Caoarene Harrier

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4030A. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

Every shot is a red pearl that goes up and splits into 4 red pearls. This would be considered a "crossette" effect. Speeds up for the last 5 or 6 shots. (Last tested in 2004)

Cape Canaveral

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-343. 38 seconds.

Very unusual fountain which ends with a whistling rocket. A great surprise. A gold flitter fountain changes to a silver snapping fountain, and when that ends there is a small red flame then suddenly a whistling missile takes off, which sounds very much like a "Screaming Cracklers" rocket, and it flies up and away with a loud whistle, and ends in a single green star. It's a real surprise if you do not tell the audience what is going to happen. (Last tested in 2002)

Careless in California

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2076. 61 seconds.

Starts with a gold background spray into which blue sparks are mixed. Then a short whistle happens, and it changes to a mix of red and blue sparks, against the gold background spray. Then another short whistle, and then silver flitter sparks are added to the red and blue. Another short whistle, and the silver intensifies. Another short whistle and green is added to the mix of red, blue and silver. Then it changes to a soft white spray with some blue sparks mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

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Carnation floral shell assortment

Single-tube Aerial. brand, #0168.

Bright comet head on the way up, but break may burn to the ground. Each one is a single-color break of red, blue, green or white. (Last tested in 1995)

Carousel Magic

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4240. 112 seconds.

Elaborate fountain which is really almost a novelty firework, but the manufacturer classifies it as one of their fountains. Starts with a beautiful circle of color flames (red, green and blue) that all light at almost the same time.

Very pretty to look at, but this color part is too short in duration. Some of the flames die out while some of them change to a silver spray. Then these silver sprays change to transparent gold curtains of sparks - very nice. Those eventually die out, then the center part, (which up until this point has not fired) lights up with green flames which quickly change to silver sprays. There appear to be 4 of these going off at the same time, two horizontal ones which make the center spin, and two that spray up at angles from each other, making the whole thing a spinning spray of silver. There is a very soft crackling sound to this spray. The whole thing slowly fades out, and the total duration is just short of 2 minutes. This is one of the most interesting fountains to come out lately, and it's a winner, except that I wish it had a little more color in it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Carrier Borne Bomber

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L976. 19 shots, 10 seconds.

One effect and one effect only: red-headed screeching whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Carrier Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Famous Herbie brand, #WG002. 36 shots, 29 seconds.

Wild action; color, sound and movement with every shot. Mayhem. (Last tested in 1995)

Casablanca

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-072. 25 shots, 14 seconds.

Loudly crackling comets with red or green heads. Surprising for its small size. (Last tested in 1996)

Cascade, #2

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3503. 7 seconds.

Like the Ground Bloom Flower, but red to green to blue. Red to green to blue. (Last tested in 1996)

Casino Chip Clatter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2952. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

The first 3 shots are fired at the same time, all are fluffy silver comets with

color heads (red, blue and green) - an impressive beginning. Then several individual shots which are mines of green, blue and crackle. Then 3 shots fired at once which are mines (green, silver and red) which, after the mines, end in good strong breaks of white chrysanthemums. Then a rapid-fire series of these same color mines that end in white chrysanthemum breaks. Still pretty good in 2003, but the mines are not as impressive as I first remembered seeing them in 2001. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Castle Geyser

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-262. 138 seconds.

Starts with a gold spray with red flecks that are thrown out at different angles. Then changes to the same thing but in green. Then white balls replace the green, then mixed red and green flecks. A few blue flecks also appear. Then it changes to a good crackle spray, which then gets smaller for a while, then it dies out. (Last tested in 1999)

Cat Copter

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-317. 4 seconds.

Elaborate design and construction with pivoting rotor. Poor flight, though, not enough power to really take it far. (Last tested in 1995)

Cat Sparkler

Sparkler. Black Cat brand, #BC-320. 119 seconds.

Undoubtedly this will be a real collector's item someday. Three to a box. Shaped in the outline of a cat's head. Gold sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Cat-A-Pult

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6124. 210 shots, 88 seconds.

This is a cake of the "Saturn Missile Battery" type, with packaging specific to Black Cat. Most of the missiles have yellow plastic caps on them, but the shape of a cat's head and eyes is made by having some missiles have black plastic heads, and the tongue of the cat is represented by 4 missiles with red plastic heads. So the tops of the missiles form a simplified Black Cat logo. The missiles go up screaming and end in either reports or crackle. Towards the end it

intensifies, sending them up at a faster pace. (Last tested in 2004)

Cave of Pearls

Cone Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4001. 22 seconds.

A bright red flare for 12 seconds, then changing to a bright white shower of sparks for ten more seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Celebrate America

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 16 shots,

Begins with a break that has comets that dart away from the break, what I would call a "go-getter" break of white comets with red heads. The next break

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is the same thing except the comets have green heads. The next break is the same except the comets have blue heads. Then a big break of crackle flowers. Then the sequence described above is repeated 3 more times. The go-getter comets are an interesting effect, the comets appear to be propelled on their own and are not just moving due to the force of the break. Something good to put in your show for a change of pace. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Celebration

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3004. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

Silver comets go up and end in red or green chrysanthemum breaks or blue peony breaks. The final 10 shots are fired in 2 groups of 5 shots each. (Last tested in 2005)

Celebration Firecrackers

Firecracker. Cannon brand, #Y35-081. 81 seconds.

A roll of 2000 firecrackers. Hang it up and let it rip. No head bombs at end. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Celestial Body Fighting

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W518. 45 shots, 4 seconds.

Very intense whistling gold comets and reports - wow! (Last tested in 1995)

Celestial Invader

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 46 shots, 33 seconds.

Whistlers that snap apart with a flash. One green break at the end. (Last tested in 1995)

Celestial Rain, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

It goes up dark and then breaks into a softly glittering gold and silver break which flickers a while as it drifts down. (Last tested in 2000)

Celestial Star

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #223.

Flies well, but just turns into a weak single shooting-star type effect. (Last tested in 1995)

Center Fire

Combination firecracker. Cannon brand, #Y15-020B.

Cannon brand. A two-stage firecracker! First is a blast of crackling sparks, with a few faint colors mixed in. When that dies down, an ordinary 50 mg. firecracker report concludes the show. To my knowledge it's the first item of this kind. Definitely worth a try if you're a cracker connoisseur. (Last tested in 1996)

Cerulean Skies

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3074. 26
shots, 19 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a color head with a slight trail, and ends in a report. Then the last few shots go up and end in breaks of red or blue, with crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 2005)

CF-1 Crescendo

Cone Fountain. Black Cat brand,
#BCGC-201. 42 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. It's a cone fountain that starts with a gold flame at the base and a shower of softly crackling silver sparks above. The spray seems to be a combination of silver sparks that just go up, and goldish-silver sparks that crack open slightly. After about 6 seconds the gold flame changes to red and the fountain gradually gains strength. (It is typical of cone fountains for the spray to get taller and fuller as it continues burning, because as the composition burns down to the lower part of the cone, ever larger amounts of composition are burning at any given time.) Then the flame at the base turns to blue, and the silver spray above suddenly becomes taller and more forceful. Then after a little while it politely fades down to nothing. (Last tested in 2004)

Chain Reaction

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon
brand, #Y03-106. 25 shots, 45 sec-
onds.

An absolutely superb piece, which is very similar to last year's Fire Astral. (In fact, I think it may be the exact same item, under a different label.) Each shot goes up as a brilliant white star, which then changes to a color (either red, blue or green). Then it bursts open into a high-quality break of that same color. No sound effects other than the "wind" sound of the white star on the way up. The blue breaks are a little short on stars. But, it's a splendid top-quality color show. In 2005, this brand came out with another cake with the same name, though a 500-gram cake. (Last tested in 1999)

Chain Reaction

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega
Ton brand, #TM-258. 16 shots, 19
seconds.

The first four shots are fired one at a time, and they are red pearls that go up and break hard into small red peony breaks. Not a lot of stars in each break, but they do break with a bang. The next four shots are green pearls that go up and break hard into smallish breaks of green glitter stars. The next five shots are whistling gold comets. The final 3 shots are fired closely together, and end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

another cake with this same name, although it was a 200-gram cake. It is not clear whether the 200-gram cake with this name is still available. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Challenger

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3075. 12
shots, 36 seconds.

Every shot is a silver comet on the way up. The first shot ends in a huge break of blue peony stars mixed with silver glitter stars. The next break is a mix of red chrysanthemum stars and crackle. The next break is a mix of blue peony stars and crackle flowers. The next break is a mix of red and green peony stars. Then the previous sequence is repeated two more times. The breaks in this cake are large, with plenty of stars, and break hard with excellent symmetry. Top quality. (Last tested in 2005)

Champagne Party Poppers

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Horse brand,
#T8502.

Many brands. All contain 0.25 grains of powder or less. You hold the "top" of the "bottle" and point the "bottom" away from you (and anyone else), pull the string, and it pops open with a loud pop and ejects a few colored streamers. (Last tested in 1995)

Champion Repeater

Single-tube Aerial. Flower Basket
brand, #K7790.

That was it? I looked away for five seconds and I missed it! Damn! (Last tested in 1995)

Chang Draron

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern
brand, #0345-30. 30 shots, 56 sec-
onds.

Change Dragon? 30 – count 'em – 30 shots! The tube is 29 inches long and says "Class C". It is the longest-lasting candle I've tested. Red, green and blue stars. Incredible. (Last tested in 1996)

Change-Flowers

Base Fountain. Flower Basket brand,
#K1143B. 11 seconds.

Green flame with silver spray, that changes to red flame with silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

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Chain Reaction

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon
brand, #Y63-039. 25 shots, 34 sec-
onds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and breaks into a gold willow break with sparkling silver along the gold trails. Some of the tips are red and some are green. Most of the shots in the cake are this same effect. The shots are fired one by one, until the next-to-last row, which fires 5 shots all at once of this same effect. Then the final row of 5 shots is fired all at once, and they are a different effect: The produce very bright red and green peony breaks with some crackle effect mixed in. In 1999, this brand had

Changing Color Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T0202A. 61 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot is a pearl that becomes a small green and red break. (Last tested in 1995)

Changing Leaves

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-501. 5 shots, 13 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. In this one, each shot starts out as a bright gold pearl, then changes color to green before burning out at the height of its path. (Last tested in 2004)

Changing of the Guard

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2094. 80 seconds.

The package is more or less in the shape of a castle or brick platform. On top of the platform are the queen in the center and four guards around her, one on each corner. It begins with a great spray of purple sparks with a whistle. Then it changes to a big shower of green sparks. Then it's a big shower of red sparks with some blue mixed in. Then it's a spray of intense silver crackle, with some blue stars, and a short whistle at the same time. The crackle is plentiful and lasts a long time, but it's the brilliant colors in the first half that really won me over. (Last tested in 2004)

Channel Chasers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5014. 25 shots,

Dud. Did not do anything. (Last tested in 2001)

Chaos

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0306. 61 shots, 29 seconds.

A fast-paced display which is basically a rapid series of shots that go up and break open in to sparkling clusters of silver stars, with an occasional zooming star that darts away. Fills the sky quickly and continuously with white sparkles, but there are no sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Charm of All Seasons

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L989. 37 shots, 41 seconds.

Changes colors to match the four seasons. Green to gold to red to white. Very well thought-out. (Last tested in 1995)

Chaser

Chaser. Red Lantern brand, #0146. 4 seconds.

Scoots across the ground while whistling, then ends with a report. Probably the best incarnation of this type of item. A smaller tube, which gives a higher-pitched whistle than the others. A shrill, high whistle for about 2 to

and colors, and include comet-tail "pistils." The last 3 shots are crackle breaks, but they are not fired as a finale, they are fired at the same pace as the rest of the shots. Perfect if you don't feel like loading your own shells into tubes. Good quality effects. (Last tested in 2002)

Cherry Blossom

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O145. 20 seconds.

A pleasing combination of red balls with white flutter sparks, about 8 feet tall. (Last tested in 1998)

Cherry Bomb

Firecracker. Full Moon brand.

Very attractive label; average-Joe crackler. (Last tested in 1995)

Cherry Fountain

Base Fountain. Flying Dragon brand, #W808. 28 seconds.

In assortment with Hail and Happiness. Big spray of red and silver. Crackle with white sparkles. Good amount of powder in it. (Last tested in 1999)

Cherry Salutes

Firecracker. Full Moon brand, #MT273.

Round-end tubes, about cherry size, made of... what, styrofoam? (Last tested in 1995)

Cherry Smoke Balls

Smoke. Red Lantern brand, #0860. 10 seconds.

Somewhat washed-out colors; the ones made in Thailand seem to have richer colors. (Last tested in 1995)

Cherry Tree

Base Fountain. Winco brand, #JP210. 37 seconds.

It's a combination of a fountain and a strobe light. The fountain sprays out red and green sparks against a soft background of gold sparks. Right below where the fountain spray comes out, there is a strobe pot, and it gives blindingly brilliant flashes of white as the fountain continues. Then the fountain changes to a pure crackle spray, pretty intense, while the strobe light below it continues to flash brightly. It's wild. Then the fountain ends while the strobe light goes on for a few more seconds. Love it. (Last tested in 2003)

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3 seconds, but no reports. (Last tested in 1998)

Cheerfulness

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O671A. 22 seconds.

Green flutter sparks for about 22 seconds. That's all. Not much cheerfulness here. (Last tested in 1999)

Chem-Works

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2986. 12 shots, 37 seconds.

Basically 12 festival balls in a cake, some of them singles and some of them double-break ones. All have nice effects

Chest of Pearls

Cone Fountain. Ace brand, #C15. 26 seconds.

Ace/New Jersey Fireworks Co. Sparkling silver spray to red flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Chicago Lights

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-309.

Whistles on the way up, then bursts into some decent breaks of red, gold or green. (Last tested in 1995)

China Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2539. 19 shots, 46 seconds.

Alternates between red and green color pearls shot up. Each one ends in a cluster of crackle and "silver flying fish." Description from the manufacturer says that color stars are in there as well, but I missed them. The only color I saw was in the shots as they go up. There may have been a handful of blue stars in the clusters of crackle. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

China Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB223. 25 shots, 23 seconds.

Hey, it even bears the California "Safe and Sane" seal on the label! Wishful thinking on the factory's part. All shots are the same effect: a beautiful blue pearl goes up and opens into a white whirlwind. The blue and white together look nice. (Last tested in 1999)

Chinatown Celebration

Firecracker. Phantom brand, #F-065.

A brand new firecracker with very nice label artwork that is a hybrid of Chinese and American styles. "Brings Good Fortune and Good Luck" according to the label, and it "Sends Evil Spirits Packing" as well. Obviously a lot of care went into the label design of this one and it is certain to be a collectible label in the future. The crackers are very loud also. (Last tested in 2004)

Chinese Fable

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1053. 109 seconds.

Starts with a whistle, then gives a mixture of red sparks, green sparks, and

white flitter sparks, then changes to crackle, then some nice gold crackle which is not as loud but very pretty. Then, a mixture of green sparks and white flashing sparks, then red sparks and white flashing, then some nice loud gold crackle, and a whistle at the very end. (Last tested in 2004)

Chinese New Year

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L995. 7 shots, 24 seconds.

Must have been a lot better when it first came out. 7 small breaks of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

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Chinese Taiji Wheel

Wheel. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPW-004. 42 seconds.

Starts with a silver whistle, changing to a green flame, Then another whistle, then a red and purple flame with silver sparks, then another whistle, then a red flame with silver sparks, then another whistle, then green flame with silver sparks. Then another whistle, then a red and purple flame with silver sparks, then another whistle, then a red and silver spray. Good colors. (Last tested in 2004)

Chirping Oriole

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #2027. 6 shots, 30 seconds.

Six loud orange whistling comet shots. Very slowly paced. (Last tested in 1995)

Chopper Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-657. 45 shots, 11 seconds.

In concept, it's brilliant - a helicopter takes off, then missiles fire after it, trying to bring it down. The individual elements here are good: the helicopter gives a nice silver spray as it flies away, and the 45 screaming silver comets each end in nice little reports. The only problem is that the helicopter flew away and the comets were nowhere near it. Possibly the addition of several more helicopters would complete the effect. (Last tested in 1998)

Christmas Eve

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4157. 164 seconds.

Coming in at just under three minutes, this is an amazingly long-lasting piece that might be useful as part of your finale. Multi-color fountains with silver flitter for the first half, then suddenly a whistle butts in, then another whistle, then another. Then it becomes a crackling fountain with silver sparks. You think it's all over, but then come more mixed colors with white flitter. Then another whistle, then more crackle and white. (Last tested in 1999)

Christmas Popper

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Horse brand, #T8502A.

Sometimes very hard to pull the trigger. When it works, it's loud. (Last tested in 1995)

Christmas Tree

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0029. 9 seconds.

Tall, narrow spray of gold and silver. Inexpensive; for the kids. (Last tested in 1995)

Chrysanthemum Base Fountain

Base Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #K1104A. 7 seconds.

Gold and silver spray; very inexpensive. Too small for a real show. (Last tested in 1995)

Chrysanthemum Garden (box)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Flower Basket brand, #K1105C. 30 seconds.

Gold spray, to flashing gold, to green spray, to bright flashing silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Chrysanthemum Shell, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Terrific altitude and a beautiful symmetrical magnalium yellow break. (Last tested in 1995)

Church of Heavenly Splendor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Tannerite brand, #TR1020. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

The shots give breaks that open upwards, like bouquets of flowers. The first one is a bouquet of color stars, the second one is a bouquet of crackle, then they continue to alternate between breaks of color stars and crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Cicada Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2238. 25 shots, 46 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets on the way up. Most shots end in a flash of white light and a small cluster of red and green stars. But, five of the shots end in large hard breaks of red and green stars, reminiscent of the "good" version of Battle of Colors. These were all towards the beginning of the performance - it would be better if they were at the end. (Last tested in 1998)

Circle Game

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Glorious brand, #GCM0164. 15 shots, 32 seconds.

Here's a cake for you if you like "ring shells," which produce a circle of color stars. Each shot is a silver comet on the way up, and ends in a ring break, of all of one color peony stars. The breaks alternate between red, green, and white ring breaks. The rings have about 19 to 20 stars per ring, and spread out to become fairly big. The last three shots seem to be fired more rapidly than the first 12 shots, but I'm not sure if this was intentional or not. In any case, an unusual and well-made cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Circle of Dreams

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9018. 24 shots, 35 seconds.

Starts with beautiful volleys of color pearls - red, yellow, green, purple, and blue. Great color. Then it changes to mixed breaks (green, yellow and glittering silver stars in one, red and crackle in another, beautiful strobing purple in another) and a big green chrysanthemum break followed by a big yellow chrysanthemum break and another mixed color peony break. Excellent colors. (Last tested in 2003)

Circus Fireworks

Novelty Firework. Red Lantern brand, #0991. 7 seconds.

Six different animals perched atop bouncing ground spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

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City Crasher

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK615. 25 shots, 42 seconds.

Sends up crackling comets which end in one of three types of breaks. They are either red peony breaks with crackle, or green chrysanthemum breaks, or blue chrysanthemum breaks. These breaks alternate, and all of them are good quality. This continues for the first 15 shots, then the final 10 shots are fired very closely together, to create a finale of 10 of these breaks. Seems to have quite a

bit more punch to it in the 2005 version. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Climbing Panda

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K1149. 10 seconds.

Spins around, causing center pole to rise with panda bear on it. (Last tested in 1995)

Close Combat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3025. 16 shots, 21 seconds.

Alternates between a red, green, orange or purple pearl going up, and breaking into a peony break of the same color it was when going up. Very nice purple. (Last tested in 2003)

Close Encounter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2821. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

Startling and dazzling, different from any other repeater I have tried. A series of brilliant white lights is shot up, each one giving a wind-like sound as it goes up. Each one turns into a red or green star before burning out. Dazzlingly bright and an interesting kind of "wind" sound effect too. (Last tested in 1998)

Cloud Dragons

Roman Candle, single. Wu Tai Mountain brand. 10 shots, 21 seconds.

Wu Tai Mountain. Ten shots, each one giving a nice thick comet trail of gold sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Cloud Penetrating Missile

Missile. brand, #T073.

Flies well; ejects red stars; but I doubt it really reaches the clouds. (Last tested in 1995)

Cloudbuster Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-129. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot is a comet which becomes crackle, then ends with a small break of blue stars. High altitude and good crackle, but breaks could be bigger. (Last tested in 1997)

Clustering Bees

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0508.

Ejects soft white stars that swirl around as they fall down. (Last tested in 1995)

Clustering Butterfly

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0818A. 12 seconds.

Nice "butterfly" effect (sparks that snap open into more sparks). (Last tested in 1995)

Clustering Cicada

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #2011. 61 shots, 14 seconds.

Each shot a shrill whistle, that breaks into a small silver break. (Last tested in 1995)

Cobalt Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A013-4. 36 shots, 45 seconds.

This cake might be sold individually, or as part of a collection of four different cakes of this brand, sold collectively as "Da Big Bad Bomb Box." The shots are sort of whistling and sort of buzzing on the way up. They go up and end in attractive breaks which mix silver glitter with "palm trees" which are 4 or 5 white comets in the break, with color heads. In one break, those color heads are red, and in the next break they are green, and those alternate throughout the cake. The glittering silver contrasts nicely with the palm tree effect in each break. The timing between shots is just perfect, creating non-stop action. The last 12 shots are fired at a much more rapid pace, giving an extended finale. This cake is very similar to "Parrot's Prattle" and "Oktoberfest," and all three might be the same exact cake, though I'm not sure. (Last tested in 2003)

Cobra Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand. 19 shots, 32 seconds.

Another all-crackling-comets repeater. The spectators liked this one. (Last tested in 1995)

Cock Crowing At Dawn

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W705. 10 seconds.

Shoots red and green from the back, then from the front, then whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Cock-A-Doodle Doo

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0844. 17 seconds.

Silver fountain, then it pops apart to release two screaming spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

Cockatoo Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0532. 25 shots, 20 seconds.

The first 15 shots or so are gold comets that end in clusters of crackle, then the final 10 shots are whistling silver comets. (Last tested in 2001)

Coconut Grove Song

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #070419. 19 shots, 21 seconds.

Huge. Save this one for later in the show – it's a show-stopper. Shots go up and break open into spreading gold palms with crackle along the branches. Seems to be a little lower in quality than

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in past years. Nice gold palm tree effect, but not as much crackle as in the past. 30 seconds. (Last tested in 2000)

Coconut Tree

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK604. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

This is a 16-shot cake with its own wooden base. All shots give the same effect: each shot goes up and breaks into a "palm tree" break of about 12 stars that are silver comets spreading in all directions from the center. This is probably the best example of this effect, in all of the fireworks I have tested so far. In 2005, the effect looks the same, but

the effects do not break with the same loud bang that they did in 2004. It still looks nice, but the very loud bang caused by the powerful break is not there. It appears that the factory used flash powder for the break charges in 2004, but black powder for the break charges in 2005. It still looks just as nice, but is not as loud. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)(Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Coconuts & Chrysanthemums

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6068. 12 shots, 20 seconds.

Some nice sparkling peony-type blue breaks, not what I would call chrysanthemums, but pretty nonetheless. Then a group of 3 white comets shot at the same time in a fan shape. Then several chrysanthemum-type breaks which are very nice finish off the display. (Last tested in 2002)

Cold War Ethics

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7095. 98 seconds.

It's a large yellow truck with a flat bed, and on the bed are two yellow missiles. It starts with a strobing green flame from the front end of the truck. Then a jet at the back end of the truck propels the truck forward, while the green strobe at the front continues. The truck comes to a stop, and a jet from the back end gives a red flame and silver sparks. Then the front ends of the missiles rise up, making the missiles point at a higher angle than before. Then a whistle comes from the back end of the truck, and the top cap pops off of one of the missiles. A good spray of red sparks comes from that missile. A red flame appears at the back end of the truck, and while this happens, the red spray from the missile changes to a rich crackle spray. Then a whistle is emitted from the back end of the truck, and then the cap pops off the other missile on the truck. This emits a red spray, which goes on for a while and then changes to a good rich crackle spray. Wow - this one goes on a long time and does a lot. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Color Chrys with Whistling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS217. 12 shots, 18 seconds.

A superb performer, with screaming silver comets going up, each of which bursts beautifully into a red, green and blue break of stars. Excellent. (Last tested in 2000)

Color Color Color

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6064. 26 seconds.

A variety of color effect, most of which appear to me to be chrysanthemum shells, color stars with trails of sparks behind them. But someone else may deem them to be "brocade crown" shells with color stars. Pretty to look at. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2002)

Color Comets

Display Firework (1.3G). Starcrafter brand, #SCF036. 49 seconds.

This cake fires shots in groups of 6 at a time, straight up. There are 11 groups of 6. All groups except the last one give breaks of "traveling" comets or "moving" comets as some manufacturers call them. They start out like chrysanthemum shells, with color stars followed by a white trail behind each star. In most chrysanthemum shells, the stars travel in a straight line from the center of the break, creating a spherical shape in the air. However, the stars in this cake travel at random angles, sometimes changing direction slightly in mid-flight. This creates a "tangled" look in the air rather than a neat spherical chrysanthemum. The first group of 6 shots have red stars with white trails, the next group has white instead of the red, the next group blue, the next group green, the next group gold. Then, the above sequence of groups is repeated, for a total of 10 groups fired so far. Then the last group in the cake, of 6 shots, is completely different. The shots go up and break hard, almost like salutes, then a whole bunch of crackle flowers appears for a crackling ending. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Color Crackling Ball

Crackling Item. Shogun brand, #SGW205.

(Last tested in 2005)

Color Flying Fish

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4020. 13 shots, 29 seconds.

A flying fish cake with an interesting twist. The shots that go up as a red star open in to green flying fish. The shots that go up as a green star open into red flying fish. The blue shots do open into blue flying fish though. Some of the red shots open into clusters of crackle. The cake alternates between these 4 types of shots. (Last tested in 2004)

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Color Glitter Stars

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K130002.

See description under "Golden Bee in Flower Bed" which is another name for this. (Last tested in 2004)

Color Glittering & Report

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K110005. 61 seconds.

From Guangzhou Gunflak I/E Corporation. This is a large fountain which puts out a spray of crackle with red sparks, changing to crackle with green sparks, then crackle with blue

sparks, then crackle with silver flashing, then crackle with gold sparks. Plenty of crackle in this one! (Last tested in 2004)

Color in the Rain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 25 seconds.

All shots are sparkling comets ending in clusters of blue peony stars mixed with gold flying fish. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Color Magic Rings

Wheel. Horse brand, #T6501. 12 seconds.

Hangs from string. Spins with nice green to red flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Color Me America

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2894. 20 shots, 15 seconds.

20 shots of nice, red white and blue breaks, about 75 feet up. Excellent altitude and good color breaks. Fairly low-priced, it's an outstanding buy. White comets go up and break into red, blue or white breaks. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Color Me Wild

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0341. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

Whistling, spinning comets go up and open into small clusters of red, plus a whistler that flies off with a squeaking sound, plus some crackle. Each break does this. The pace is fast, so there is almost continuous action and noise. This cake produced laughter in the onlookers. (Last tested in 2000)

Color & Melody

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-257. 167 seconds.

Long duration multi-tube fountain with a lot of sparks and one whistle. Red, green and silver spray, to white flitter, to white balls, to multi-color spray with one whistle, to bluish-white spray, to small silver spray. The most impressive thing is how long it lasts - over two and a half minutes. (Last tested in 1998)

Color Military Smoke

Smoke. Dragon Eggs brand, #DS002. 25 seconds.

A pack of 4 smoke cartridges, one each of red, green, yellow and blue. The yellow and blue are very well-defined, but the green is a little to the aqua side and

the red is clearly purple, not red. They each give smoke for about 25 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Color of Freedom

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A035. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

The first five shots are red pearls that go up and end in pretty large red peony breaks, that don't break hard but still look very nice in the air, like bouquets of flowers. Then it changes to silver comets that go up and end in green glitter breaks of the same shape. Then, blue pearls go up and end in blue peony breaks. Then five shots of crackle comets go up and end in clusters of crackle. Finally, the last 5 shots go up as groups of screaming silver comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Color Pearl Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Wu Tai Mountain brand, #SX202A. 91 shots, 44 seconds.

Wu Tai Mountain. Just colored pearls, no other effects, but very rich colors. Red, yellow, white, green, blue, and (we're pretty sure) violet. Great color. Quiet. (Last tested in 1996)

Color Pearl with Reports, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

A bright white comet tail spiraling up and then bursting into a beautiful red, green and blue break, with plenty of stars. Nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Color Pearls Battle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2016. 19 shots, 7 seconds.

Over fast, but lots happens. Criss-crossing silver sprays in the air. (Last tested in 1995)

Color Quintet

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF052. 59 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red and gold. Then stops and changes to a mixture of gold and green. (The gold is not just the typical gold background spray, it is large gold sparks.) The stops and changes to a mixture of blue and gold. The gold almost overwhelms the blue, but you can still distinguish the blue sparks. Then it changes to a spray of gold and pale purple sparks. That stops and the

final spray starts, which is a mixture of gold sparks and a little bit of big crackle sparks, with some flecks of other colors added here and there. Excellent use of color in this fountain. (Last tested in 2004)

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Color Septette

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1057. 65 seconds.

Flashing white spray, followed by gold flitter sparks with some blue mixed in - nice. Then silver flitter mixed with silver flashing spray, and a little red mixed in. Then a silver spray with a very soft crackling sound, with some green flecks mixed in. A very short whistle goes off in the middle of this section. Then a really gorgeous mixture of red sparks and blue sparks. Another short whistle during this section. Then, crackle is added to the red and blue mixture. The blue seems to fade away and it's just red sparks and crackle at the end. Very good combinations of colors and other effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Color Silk

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L140. West Lake rockets were formerly terrific; this one's still pretty good. Blue and red stars come out. (Last tested in 1995)

Color Smoke Crackers

Smoke. Horse brand, #T8505. 3 seconds.

A pack of "crackers" which look very much like Thunder Bomb firecrackers, but when you light them, give off smoke instead of blowing up. Half of them give white smoke, and half give yellow smoke. (Last tested in 1998)

Color sparklers, 10-inch

Sparkler. Flower Basket brand, #K2233C. 32 seconds.

Red, green, blue or gold. Colored flame with a tiny amount of sparks. Gold is the same: a gold flame, not like the "regular" gold sparklers. (Last tested in 1996)

Color Swallows

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #Y03-009. 39 shots, 11 seconds.

Guangdong. Reminiscent of the great Silvery Swallow cake. Silver comets go straight up. (Last tested in 1995)

Color Tail & Color Peony

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS242. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

Alternates between mines and shells. Red mine, red break, silver mine, silver break, green mine, green break, purple mine, purple break, gold mine, gold break, sparkling silver mine, sparkling silver break, crackle mine, crackle break. Very well-designed. (Last tested in 2000)

Color Trouble

Novelty Firework. Flower King brand, #FK25. 16 seconds.

The shots are fired in fans of 5 at a time. The first fan is gold comets with green heads, which end in green peony breaks. The second row is red or green comets which go up and end in crossette breaks (the comets split into several smaller comets of the same color). The third row goes up and ends in breaks of silver flying fish. The fourth row goes up and breaks into green peony breaks. The last row goes up as crackling comets and then breaks into crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Color-changing Comet #5

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand. Very poor lift charge. Comet described an arc about 20 feet high. Shell hit the

ground an continued burning on the ground. (Last tested in 1996)

Colored Flower

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand.
3 shots, 6 seconds.

Over before you can say "Colored Flower." Why even bother to make it? (Last tested in 1995)

Colored Glory Torches No. 10

Sparkler. Blockbuster brand,
#MAF1826. 37 seconds.

Boxes of 5. Like short Morning Glory sparklers. Last surprisingly long considering how short they are. Starts with brief red flame, then snapping white sparks for a few seconds, then the longest section is a pinkish white flame. Last anywhere from 35 to 39 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Colored Smoke Fountain

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-704.
45 seconds.

The box contains two each of red, green, blue, and yellow smoke fountains, with four white smoke fountains. Each puts out a steady, gentle stream of smoke of the designated color. (Last tested in 1998)

Colored Smokin' Teepee

Smoke. Apollo of the Ozarks brand.
55 seconds.

Apollo of the Ozarks. When I lit this, the inside portion dropped to the ground, then yellow smoke came out from the bottom. It's not supposed to work this way, but it sure looked cool! (Last tested in 1996)

Colored Snakes

Snake. Shogun brand, #SNOV11B.
30 seconds.

I still don't get the concept of "Colored Snakes." Are they supposed to have a color flame around them while they burn, or is the snake supposed to be in color instead of black, or what? These pellets are coated (unevenly) with colors, but other than that they perform exactly the same as black snakes. This has always been just a marketing gimmick as far as I am concerned. What they could do instead would be to make real colored snakes, which burn with a color flame around the snake - that would be interesting. (Last tested in 2005)

Colored sparklers, #8

Sparkler. Great Grizzly brand,
#GG0336. 25 seconds.

25 seconds. Red, green or blue flame, with a tiny amount of sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Colored Sparklers No. 10

Sparkler. Blockbuster brand,
#FOA1819. 61 seconds.

Each box of 6 contains two red, two blue and two green sparklers. You can identify which are which by the colors marked on the tips. Burns with richly colored flame of red, blue or green. Surprisingly long-lasting, averaging just over one minute burn time. Highly recommended. (Last tested in 2000)

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Sparkler. Blockbuster brand,
#FOA1803. 38 seconds.

Each box of 6 contains two red, two blue and two green sparklers. You can identify which are which by the colors marked on the tips. Burns with richly colored flame of red, blue or green. Surprisingly long-lasting, averaging about 38 seconds. Recommended. (Last tested in 2000)

Colored Swallow

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand,
#T0059.

Short and sweet. Whistles after it's up there, like the Wild Geese rocket does. (Last tested in 1995)

Colorful Bees

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W216A. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

Green pearls on the way up, open into white whirlwinds. Some repeaters of this type include a handful of color stars in with the whirlwind, but I didn't detect any color stars in this one. (Last tested in 1998)

Colorful Explosion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3076. 20
shots, 36 seconds.

Alternates between shots that are either red, green, or gold chrysanthemum breaks, each one with crackle mixed in. The final four shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005)

Colorful Parachutes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
19 shots, 48 seconds.

Each shot breaks into a parachute, from which hangs a spinner that emits crackle. Good enough substitute for the 60-shot one which is a 1.3G Display Firework. You should light several of these at one time for a better effect. (Last tested in 2003)

Colorful Quasars

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #3054. 68 seconds.

Starts with red globs of flame coming out, and lots of them. Then it's a mixture of green sparks and red sparks. Then more globs of flame, of purple and red. Then blue globs of flame, then a mixture of blue and orange globs of flame, then just orange. Then reddish purple globs, then a mix of red, green and blue sparks. No sound effects, just great colors with very little in the way of background sparks - really a beautiful one to behold. (Last tested in 2003)

Colorful Reports with Titanium

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
25 shots, 14 seconds.

Fast-paced shots of color pearls (red, green, gold or blue) which go up and end in nice medium Titanium reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Colorful Salute

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS138. 7 shots, 19 seconds.

Alternates between red, green, or white pearls that go up and end in very nice titanium reports, with a small splatter of silver stars. Excellent. (Last tested in 2000)

Colorful Skies

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand. 9 shots, 24 seconds.

Starts with a good crackle break. Then shoots an excellent peony break of red, blue and green stars. Then an excellent peony break of all red stars. Then an excellent break of blue stars with crackle. Then a nice green break. And a multi-color break. Then a red break with crackle. Then a whistling shot which becomes a multi-color peony break. Good quality breaks here. (Last tested in 2004)

Colorful Sparkling Torch

Sparkler. Black Cat brand, #BC-313-03. 89 seconds.

Wooden-stick sparklers, either red, green or blue. Nicely colored flames burn for a satisfying length of time - about a minute and a half each! They do not change to different effects as in the Morning Glory sparklers, but the quality is excellent, and this is the only wooden-stick sparkler I've seen with blue in it. (Last tested in 1998)

Colorful Tangerine

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3062. 54 seconds.

Starts with a green spray mixed with gold flake crackle. Then the gold crackle goes on while the green is replaced with purple sparks. Then the purple goes away and it's just the gold flake for a while. Then red spray is added to the gold. Then it changes to a different snapping crackle spray at the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Colors of America

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2986. 18 shots, 22 seconds.

Fires a mine of red, white and blue (or maybe it's three separate mines fired at exactly the same time). Then sends up 3 shots in a fan, which end in peony breaks, one red break, one white and one blue. Then it fires blue and crackle

mines. Then another fan of red, white and blue peony breaks. The red and white stars are brighter than the blue stars, as is to be expected, but it still looks great and it fits the name of the item and the patriotic theme perfectly. Then a blast of red, white and blue mines. Then some crackling comets with reports to end it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Colortopia

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-113. 25 shots, 18 seconds.

I like this name a lot and it's appropriate; this cake does have a lot of color. It delivers the shots at a fast pace, and

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each shot opens into a color peony break - purple, blue, green, yellow or red stars in each break, without trails. Some of the breaks have some crackle in them which adds a "sizzling sound." It's over with pretty fast, so it would be more effective to light two of them one after the other. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Colour Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O155A. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Dazzlingly brilliant red pearls actually change to blue as they fly up. (Last tested in 1995)

Colour Bee

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W520. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Green pearls become small, fast, tight white whirlwinds. 25 shots spaced closely together. (Last tested in 1996)

Colour Changing Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand, #T7505. 55 seconds.

Six drivers; interesting variations in speed and a long burning time. Red spray to green spray to red spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Colour Pearl Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2507. 48 shots, 13 seconds.

Bright red and green heads with fluffy tails. Too short - get the 96-shot one. (Last tested in 1995)

Colour Pearl Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2521. 96 shots, 30 seconds.

Fluffy-tailed comets with red and green heads; one sparkling comet. Absolute barn-burner. (Last tested in 1996)

Colour Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand. 32 seconds.

Green flame, with a red "neon stripe" like those seen in the saxons. (Last tested in 1995)

Colour Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand. 46 seconds.

This wheel is 12 to 13 inches in diameter, depending on how you measure it. Starts slowly, with a red flame and white sparks, then a short whistle, and more silver sparks, a brief green flame, then red and green flames again with silver sparks and a couple more short whistles. The changes are fast and sudden. This one needs a little help getting it going, so if you are lighting it by hand, give it a good spin as soon as you get the fuse lit. (Last tested in 1998)

Colour/Whistling Wheel

Wheel. Red Lantern brand. 18 seconds.

Gold and silver mixed spray, continuing while a whistle joins in. (Last tested in 1995)

Coloured Aviation Lamp

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5501.

Didn't open. Garbage. (Last tested in 1995)**Coloured Flower**

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W669.

A box of 10 small fountains, 1 inch tall. They look like the same fountains as the Black Cat Four Color Fountain, which come in a box of 8. You get 10 in this box, in assorted colors of red, green, blue or white. Each one gives a color flame and crackles at the same time. They last an average of 10 seconds each, though, a bit shorter than the Black Cat version. (Last tested in 1998)

Coloured Pearls

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2219C. 10 shots, 16 seconds.

Very bright green and red shots, but that's it – no special effects or sounds. (Last tested in 1995)

Coloured Shots

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand. 10 shots, 15 seconds.

Average roman candle, with red, green and blue pearls. (Last tested in 1995)

Coloured Shots

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2274A. 5 shots, 7 seconds.

A complete waste. Five crackling shots that attain almost no altitude. They just jump out and fall to the ground. Why even bother to make such a piece of crap, that's what I want to know. (Last tested in 1999)

Colourful Bird

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T0556. 4 seconds.

Amazing altitude, considering the complete lack of wings. Buzzing sound and green flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Colourful Birds, Large (Sounding)

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T0555. 5 seconds.

Strangely, not as high-flying as the small Colourful Bird, and quieter. (Last tested in 1995)

Colourful Chrysanthemum

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-806. 20 seconds.

Much brighter and snappier than the Camellia Flower spinners W608 LT. More vibrant and snappy than the small Camellia Flower (L). Amazing for its tiny size. (Last tested in 1996)

Colourful Lamp

Novelty Firework. Red Lantern brand, #O951. 20 seconds.

A wheel that comes with a string attached to it. You hang it up on a ladder or from some overhead support. It spins with a nice silver spray, and from the center drops down a small tube which sends out a bright green flame. No sound effects. Very pretty, but this is a rare item which might not even be manufactured any more. (Last tested in 1998)

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Colourful Parachutes

Display Firework (1.3G). brand. 30 seconds.

The mother of all parachute shells. Sky fills up with silver spinners that float slowly down. A "wow" item. (Last tested in 1995)

Colourful Plates

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1136. 13 seconds.

Excellent display of rich colors, blue, red and green. Wish it lasted just a little

longer. Elaborate item, with changing colors. (Last tested in 1996)

Colourful Wheel, large

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0947. 120 seconds.

Astonishingly long-lasting: good to use as part of your finale. Color rings of blue, to green, to red. (Last tested in 1995)

Colourful Wheel, medium

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0980. 25 seconds.

They come in a box of 12, and even though they are small, they're not junk. A respectable spray of silver sparks comes out as they spin for a good long time. (Last tested in 1998)

Colourful Wildwind [sic]

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W581. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

Green pearls end in whirlwinds, but smaller than those in Painted Galaxy or Texas Cyclone. (Last tested in 1995)

Columbia Discovery

Skyrocket. brand.

36 inch stick. Donguan. Big package looks promising, but it's fair. Small break of gold and silver stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Combination Festival

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O057-19. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Label with the spelling "festival" is simply pasted over the color label of 19-shot Thunderation, but this is a different cake from Thunderation. It is not quite the same as the 19-shot Small Festival Balls either, which also has this item number. Large mixed color breaks reminiscent of the old-style Battle of Colors. (Last tested in 1998)

Comet Barrage, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand.

Nice bright white star head, with a short gold tail. Firecrackers at the beginning are superfluous. (Last tested in 1996)

Comet Intrusion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0137. 19 shots, 35 seconds.

Beautiful gold comets, surrounded by sparkling silver crackle, go up and then end in small, disappointing breaks of

sparkling silver stars and a few firecracker reports. The breaks are forgettable but the comets on the way up to the breaks are really nice. Speeds up at the end. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Comets to Crossettes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6130. 14 shots, 30 seconds.

The first shot is a silver comet with a bright red head. Then three more shots just like it follow. The next shot after that is a silver comet with a bright silver head. Then two more shots just like that follow. The next shot after that is a crackling comet, then two more shots just like that. Finally, a group of four shots (two red pearls and two green pearls) are fired all at once, and each of them splits into four stars of the same color (similar to the "Atom Splitter" cake in the same brand). This creates sixteen stars in the air, 8 red and 8 green. (Last tested in 2005)

Command Chopper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4021. 19 shots, 46 seconds.

Every shot is the same: a blue pearl goes up and breaks with a bang into a very nice gold willow break, with the tips changing to blue stars. Long-lasting. I liked this one very much. (Last tested in 2004)

Command Post

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3054. 25 shots, 59 seconds.

Shoots a red pearl that goes up and ends in a green peony break plus a smaller break which has white glitter stars - I'm not sure if this was intended to be a report or salute, but it breaks more like a small star break, although it flashes when it breaks so it might be an attempt at a report and break all in one. The next shot is a green pearl that goes up and ends in a red peony break plus a smaller break which has white stars. The next shot is a red pearl that goes up and ends in a break of blue peony stars plus the smaller silver break. These three shots alternate for the rest of the cake. Kind of reminds me of "Command Test" or "Crashing Rainbow." (Last tested in 2003)

Command Test

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2058. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

In its first year of production, the label spelled it "Command Teste." This item sets a new standard in product quality for consumer fireworks. Each of the 25 shots is actually a 2-break shell, so you get 50 breaks out of it. One break is a cluster of red or green stars, breaking hard and symmetrical, similar to Phantasm. The other break is a small titanium report with white sparks. A solid performer - this is basically as good as you can get while still remaining within the realm of consumer fireworks. Seems to have been weakened a

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little in subsequent years, but still pretty good. Also sold as Crashing Rainbow, Night Magic! and Phantasm. In 2003, the report part of each break doesn't seem like a report at all, just a small break of silver. They must have changed the break charge in that part. (Last tested in 2003)

Commando

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM073. 19 shots, 50 seconds.

Each shot goes up and opens into a parachute which drifts down slowly, and from each parachute is suspended a small tube which sprays out some

crackle, some gold sparks and a color flame of either green or red. Interesting and unusual. (Last tested in 2004)

Competing Birds, L

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2020. 96 shots, 59 seconds.

Label says it has 100 shots, but it's actually one fountain followed by 95 aerial shots. I love it when they put a fountain into a multi-tube aerial device - it really adds to the show. Only about 30 out of the 750 aerial repeaters I have tested include a fountain. This one starts with a red and green fountain with white flutter sparks, which lasts for 8 seconds. The rest of the display consists of whistling comets at a very fast pace. Fills the air with whistles, and it almost seems like a bunch of birds. (Last tested in 1998)

Congratulatory Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W563. 25 shots, 10 seconds.

Bright willow breaks, small in size; not especially impressive. (Last tested in 1995)

Conic, #2 Fireworks

Cone Fountain. Horse brand, #T1513. 13 seconds.

Copyright 1960 is what it says on the label. Still good even in 1995. Gold spray with color flecks. Down the tubes. (Last tested in 1996)

Conic, #4

Cone Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-072. 12 seconds.

Good things come in small packages. Green flame to silver shower. (Last tested in 1995)

Conic Fireworks, No. 3

Cone Fountain. No brand brand. 10 seconds.

Very tiny cone which puts out a very tiny spray of red sparks and green sparks with a little bit of silver spray, although it doesn't reach more than 8 inches in height. I wouldn't recommend buying this separately. (Last tested in 2005)

Conic Fountain, 6"

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1517. 10 seconds.

The Conic fountains used to be pretty good - even the tiniest size. Sadly, their

quality of these items have declined sharply over the last couple of years. This 6-inch model is still passable with a multi-color spray changing to a silver spray with a green flame at the bottom. Not very long-lasting, but at least it does something. (Last tested in 1998)

Conic Fountain, Varied Colours, 4-inch

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1516. 15 seconds.

Astonishingly bright colored flames of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Conqueror

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A040. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

The first five shots are silver comets that go up and end in clusters of silver flying fish. The next five shots go up dark and end in clusters of gold flying fish plus some blue stars. The next five shots go up as red pearls that end in clusters of red flying fish. The next five shots go up as green pearls that end in clusters of green flying fish. The final five shots are whistling silver comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Coo Chow Candle

Roman Candle, single. No brand, #Y05-020. 10 shots, 19 seconds.

Guangdong. Run-of-the mill candle, colored pearls to 30 feet. No brand, just says, "Made in Guangdong, China." Each shot goes up as a green pearl, then ends in a small titanium report - if you can call it that. It's not very loud, just a small burst of white sparks. This is a much weaker version of the Thunderous Torch candle. (Last tested in 1998)

Cool Killer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0157. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

Every shot is a blue pearl that goes up and breaks open into an interesting break. The break is a mixture of blue peony stars, and stars which give off some silver glitter as they spread apart, and then end with one bright silver flash each. Very nice to look at. The last 4 shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005)

Cool Stuff

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 22 seconds.

Alternates between red and green shots, each one going up in that color, then opening up to what I would call a willow break, with some color stars in it, but mainly a falling break of glittering gold stars. (Last tested in 2002)

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Cool "You Gotta Say it Right"

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA 1982. 35 seconds.

The name alone is good enough to make me like it right off the bat. This is the same fountain sold as Moondance and Purple Rain, a 3-tube fountain that starts with a gold spray with blue stars mixed in, then changes to a white flutter spray, then ends with a crackle spray. An excellent choice for an inexpensive fountain. (Last tested in 1998)

Copperhead High Trajectory Mortar Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-057.

This kit contains 12 shells and 1 tube. The shells are 1-3/4 inch diameter shells and are wrapped in a distinctive

coppery-gold foil. The 12 shells included are: Brocade Silver to Red with Silver Tail, Brocade Silver to Yellow with Silver Tail, Red Chrysanthemum with Gold Tail, Brocade Silver to Green with Silver Tail, Green Chrysanthemum with Gold Tail, Golden Willow & Crackles with Golden Tail, Red Dahlia with Red Tail, Multi-Color Peony & Crackles with Silver Tail, Crackles with Silver Tail, Silver Peony with Silver Tail, Brocade Crown with Silver Tail, and Silver Wave to Green with Green Tail. The shells are not individually marked as to which is which. They all have comet tails on the way up and they all end in large, symmetrical breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Copperhead Mini Shell Kit

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-071.

This kit contains 6 shells and one tube. The shells are 1-1/4 inch in diameter and just over 2 inches tall. The effects included are: Red Wave, Green Wave, Purple Green Peony, Yellow Blue Peony, Yellow Wave, and Silver Glitter with Stars. The shells themselves are not individually marked as to which is which. I was surprised as to the quality of these compared with other shells on the market of the same size. These actually have good hard breaks, with excellent symmetry, not just lopsided breaks with a few stars going in one direction, like some of the other small shells I have seen. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Cosmic Celebration

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Great altitude, but break is a little soft, and stars fall to one side. Red and green stars. Goes up and breaks into sizzling, crackling stars, with a soft break. (Last tested in 2006)

Cosmic Collision

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2977. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

Begins with a good multi-color mine with crackle. Then a mine of blue stars and crackle. Then a mine of gold stars and crackle. Then a mine of green stars and crackle. Then what seems to be 3 tubes at once, which are multi-color mines with crackle. Then, the entire sequence above is repeated. An all-

mines cake. (Last tested in 2004)
(Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Cosmic Eruption

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-258B. 7 shots,
22 seconds.

Seven festival balls shot one at a time. The order is: red; blue; green; strobe; red; blue; then crackling. (Last tested in 1995)

Cosmic Light

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L110.
In assortment pack. Very nice sparkling silver comet; spiralling flight. (Last tested in 1995)

Cosmic Strobe, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Patriotic brand.
Very nice strobe stars, either a blue or a bluish-silver in color. (Last tested in 1995)

Cosmic Travel

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L110.
In assortment pack. Beautiful sparkling silver comet; long flight. (Last tested in 1995)

Cosmos Extravaganza

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WG017. 25 shots, 17 seconds.
Similar to Atomic Afterglow. Green pearls go up and open into whirlwinds with squiggly white spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

Cougars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2114. 13 shots, 37 seconds.
The first shot produces a break of red stars with silver flying fish which also crackle softly as they drift down and swim around. Then a break of blue stars with gold flying fish. These two shots alternate for 4 more times each. Then the last 3 shots are shot all at once, and they produce chrysanthemum breaks with red and blue heads, with a lot of sparkling silver stars mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

Count Pyro's Castle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2099. 113 seconds.
Good package design in the shape of a castle with towers at six different height levels. Starts with a rich orange-red

shower, then a strong silver shower with a red flame at the base, then a spray which is a mixture of silver crackle and red sparks, then a fountain of silver flitter with green sparks, and a whistle at the same time, then silver flitter with bright red sparks, then just the red only, then a spray of flashing silver crackle with blue sparks mixed in, then a white flitter spray, then a spray of very bright, big yellow sparks, then a spray of huge gold crackle sparks. Then red and green are added to the gold crackle spray, and finally blue and purple sparks are added. So the ending is a mixture of red, blue, purple and green sparks and big crackle sparks. (Last tested in 2004)

Cowabunga

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0334. 131 seconds.

White flitter, to crackle, to red, green and crackle, to white flitter, adding crackle, then red, green and crackle, then white flitter, crackle, and finally red green and crackle. Seems to last forever. (Last tested in 2000)

Cowboy Crackers

Display Firework (1.3G). brand.
Inside, the same firecracker as Super Big Pig, Country Style Behind the Barn, Ass-Kickin' Mule Hoof, Black Rooster, and possibly some other names. The version Cowboy Crackers seems to be common in Wyoming. The pack is slightly loose and the label falls off easily, but the crackers are of excellent quality. Unfortunately pulled off the consumer market by the time this edition was published. (Last tested in 1998)

Cowboy Up

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2300. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

A crackling comet goes up and ends in a break which is a mixture of blue peony stars and crackle. Another crackling comet goes up and ends in a break of gold stars plus crackle. These two shots alternate with each other, until the end. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Cowboy Zinger

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2966. 80 shots, 43 seconds.

Rapidly paced shots of red, green or blue going up, with each one ending in a white whirlwind. Then, a rapid series of shots goes up, which are whistles ending in reports (similar to a Saturn Missile Battery). (Last tested in 2002)

Crack the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-052. 20 shots, 51 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a bright, strobing, pale blue star and breaks open into a break of bright blue stars of the same pale blue shade as on the way up. Sort of a sea-blue color, bordering on aqua, not commonly seen in fireworks. Then four more shots just like that one. The next shot goes up as a blue star, more towards a medium blue than the previ-

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2960. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up as either a red, green or blue pearl, then opens into a silver whirlwind with a small whistle, and finally opens into a color break of the same color that the shell was going up. Pretty neat trick. The last 5 shots go up all at once. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

ous shots, not greenish at all, and breaks into a cloud of blue and silver glitter stars of the same shade of blue as on the way up. Then four more shots just like that. The next shot goes up as a purplish-blue star and breaks into an angular gold willow break which turns into blue glitter stars of that same shade of blue. Then four more shots of that. So far, three shades of blue in one cake. The final few shots are fired straight up and almost at the same instant, and they are gorgeous sparkling gold comets which go up and break into crackle flower breaks. This piece offers several shades of blue, so if you are interested in subtle color changes in your show, this might fill the bill. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Cracker Bomb (foil wrapped)

Crackling Item. Link Triad brand, #W667A.

You put it on the ground and light the fuse, and you get a good amount of crackle from each one. (Last tested in 1995)

Cracker Bomb (paper wrapped)

Crackling Item. Link Triad brand, #W667.

Cylindrical shape; wrapped with red, white & blue paper. Light it and it crackles for a few seconds. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackering Ball

Crackling Item. Link Triad brand, #W667.

Not as loud as Ground Blaster. Pack of 6 has no English writing. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackering Waltz

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Long March brand, #L983. 9 shots, 13 seconds.

Ascends dark, then breaks into thin, pathetic breaks of red and green. Physically unstable, set bricks around it. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackle Bomb

Crackling Item. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0211.

Starts as a small silver fountain and then explodes. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackle King

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All American Professional brand, #AAP19-3. 19 shots, 16 seconds.

Big, angular breaks of color, which break loudly. And, as advertised, plenty of crackle in the mix. "Worthy," was the one-word verdict from the guy who lit the fuse on this one for me. Packed 6 to the case. (Last tested in 1997)

Crackle Tornado

Flying Spinner. brand.

Kwangsi. The Chinese factories have adopted the plastic body model of Rozzi's Two Stage Silver Jet, and released several items in recent years called Outer Space Craft, Two Color

tail to color break with reports or crackle with silver warp." So, the one I watched may not be the final production version of this piece. If it is, then it is certainly mis-named, because the one I watched had no crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Cracklin' Bloom

Ground Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-029. 18 seconds.

Excellent new ground spinner with red and green flame, and a nice loud cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Cracklin' Ground Bloom Flower

Ground Spinner. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0199. 9 seconds.

Very disappointing. Only a couple of crackles at the end. Why not update the classic Ground Bloom Flower with the crackling stuff that seems to be mandatory in all new fireworks? A great idea, but they blew it. These spin well, with nice green and red flames, but then throw out a puny bit of crackle - sometimes just two little pops. (Last tested in 1996)

Cracklin' Lazer Flash

Crackling Item. Phantom brand, #M-047.

Exceptionally good. But, the box says, "Crackling Strobe Effect." Actually it is not a flashing strobe light. It gives off a large color flame of red, green or blue, with an abundance of loud crackles. Yeah! (Last tested in 1996)

Cracklin' Strobe Light

Strobe. Blockbuster brand, #FOA1771. 31 seconds.

Excellent quality, but not a true strobe light. Gives off a color flame and crackles at the same time, for a long duration. Comes in green, gold or blue, two of each in the box. Top quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Cracklin' Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2897. 7 shots, 9 seconds.

Seven big shots, each one a brilliant red pearl leaving behind a wide trail of crackling sparks. Nice. All shots are red pearls, that go up and break hard into a cluster of white which spreads out and crackles. Very nice effect, but it's over so quickly that I wish they made it in at least a 19-shot version. (Last tested in 2000)

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Space Ship, etc. They're decent, but do not have the rich silver shower of the original Rozzi Silver Jet. Now comes along Crackle Tornado and the nearly identical Crackling Tornado, which both emit loud crackling sparks as they fly up. (Last tested in 1996)

Cracklin'

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6056. 25 shots, 23 seconds.

Each shot went up and broke into purple stars and a couple of small white comets that flew away. This differs greatly from the manufacturer's catalog description, which is "Whistling crackle

Crackling

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK156. 21 seconds.

A very rapid Z-pattern cake which fires about 15 rows of crackle comets, filling the air with an array of persistent crackle. Then at the end, the last row of 6 shots is fired across the row, rather than all at once, and they go up and end in gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Crackling Blue Fountain**Assortment**

Base Fountain. brand, #Y02-004. 12 seconds.

3 each of Crackling Palm with Blue and Crackling Carnation with Blue. Nice sprays of gold, blue and crackle, but short duration. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2274C. 10 shots, 16 seconds.

Blindingly brilliant red or green heads, fairly good crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #RC2010. 10 shots, 24 seconds.

Good amount of crackle. Slight inconsistency in height. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Glorious brand, #GCR008. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

Glorious Company is the Hong Kong distributor. Each shot is a crackling pearl with a decent amount of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Crackling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a crackling comet. (Last tested in 2006)

Crackling Coconut Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0741A. 20 shots,

Also has item number DC032A on it (Last tested in 2000)

Crackling Color Palms

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6065. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a red or green pearl, then opens up into a "palm tree" break with only 3 "branches, but a lot of crackle in the air surrounding those branches. Nice combination of effects in the air. Speeds up a little towards the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Crackling Comets

Roman Candle, single. Vulcan brand, #RC305. 4 shots, 13 seconds.

Decent amount of crackle on the way up, but only 4 shots. Not really long-lasting enough. (Last tested in 2000)

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Crackling Crossettes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-091. 34 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark and breaks into about 4 stars of the same color (either red, green or orange), an effect known as a "crossette shell," plus there is some crackle that appears in the center of each break, in the middle while the 4 color stars spread out away from the crackle. An interesting variation on the crossette effect. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Crackling Cyclone

Ground Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-009. 4 seconds.

Spins briefly, then emits a terrific cluster of very loud crackles. Spins with silver, then emits a terrific burst of crackle. Pull fuse back through the bottom hole to make it easier to light. First tested in 1996 and it lasted 9 seconds. Tested it again in 2003 and it lasted 4 seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

Crackling Delight, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Hundreds of "Dragon Egg"-type crackles going off up in the sky. Yeah! (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Delight, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Hundreds of crackling "Dragon Egg" effects going off. Huge display. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Gem

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-124. 19 shots, 31 seconds.

Every shot goes up dark and opens medium into a break of bright, clear, sharp green stars mixed with crackle. Nice looking breaks. (Last tested in 2000)

Crackling Golden Palms

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-632. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

Gigantic palm tree-shaped shell bursts with terrific crackling tips. This item has dropped a little in quality since it was first introduced. I first tested it in 1995 and it was a knockout. It's still pretty good but the palms seem to have fewer branches than it did the first time I fired one. (Last tested in 2003)

Crackling Olde Glory, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Old Glory brand.

Major problem here; shell went up but never broke - a "blind shell." (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Patriot, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Drab label is more than made up for by phenomenal performance. Blue and white stars with crackle. Giant break of intense crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Crackling Pearls

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1046. 33 seconds.

It's a single base fountain with 4 crackling balls attached to the side. Starts with a spray of white flitter and red sparks. One of the crackling balls goes off, giving a burst of crackle. The fountain changes to a spray of gold with flashing white sparks, and another ball goes off. A third ball goes off while the fountain continues, then finally the fourth ball goes off. The fountain continues for a few more seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Crackling Phantom Cannon

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-255.

Crackling breaks with some color. Best fired in large quantities. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Rose, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Rose? Ours was blue. A beautiful blue, however. Tiny bit of crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Saturn Missiles

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0357. 100 shots, 98 seconds.

Each shot is a whistling missile that ends in a tiny amount of crackle - only 3 or 4 pops in most cases. Very long duration. Would be best shot in quantities all at the same time. (Last tested in 2000)

Crackling Saturn Missiles Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM1130-200C. 200 shots, 54 seconds.

There are indeed 200 missiles in this one, arranged in 40 rows of 5. This cake is 18.5 inches long. Each missile goes up with a whistle and ends in a tiny cluster of crackle rather instead of a firecracker report. There were a couple of gaps in the performance where it did nothing for few seconds, but then started up again. About halfway through it starts firing them at a much faster pace, and that makes it more enjoyable. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Crackling Silver Dragon Cone

Cone Fountain. Kellner's brand, #3408. 32 seconds.

Terrific spray of bright silver crackle, with the sparks from the crackle darting in all directions. Intense and sustained spray of crackle and very tall towards the end. It's definitely a "wow" item. (Last tested in 2003)

Crackling Sky Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-646. 19 shots, 26 seconds.

Very nice bright green breaks, then changing to breaks of green stars with crackle. Over too soon, but good, bright green colors. (Last tested in 1998)

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Crackling Sparklers, #10

Sparkler. Phantom brand, #S-009.. 56 seconds.

Crackling sparklers are back! A pleasing sound effect, with white sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Crackling Sparklers, #7

Sparkler. Red Lantern brand, #0787. 24 seconds.

Something really different: sparklers with a distinct crackle sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Spider, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Big gold burst with plenty of crackle - impressive even fired singly. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Star

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0108.

36-inch stick. Thin comet on the way up to silver stars with whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Stars

Roman Candle, single. Wu Tai Mountain brand, #SX409. 7 shots, 25 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a white pearl, then comes open into a small cluster of small crackling stars. Not particularly impressive. (Last tested in 1999)

Crackling Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

Seven comets with a good amount of crackle in each one. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Surprise #100

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand. Excellent break of gold comets with plenty of crackle. (Last tested in 1996)

Crackling Tornado

Flying Spinner. brand, #WG010. 5 seconds.

Terrific variation on the usual flying spinner: crackles on the way up. (Last tested in 1995)

Crackling Tracer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4079. 81 shots, 27 seconds.

Sends up a large number of comets at a fast pace. All comets have color heads (red, green or blue, in a random selection), at a random pace, but pretty fast throughout. Each comet emits a little bit of crackle at the top of its flight. At the end, the last 9 or so comets are fired all at once for a finale. (Last tested in 2004)

Crashers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4019. 19 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot is supposed to give 2 parachutes. Most work, and most have color flares of red or green dangling from

them. A few of the parachutes give off sprays of crackle. If you could fire a whole row of these at the same time, it might be very impressive, filling the sky with hanging color flares. One unit by itself isn't that overwhelming. (Last tested in 2004)

Crashing Rainbow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK606. 25 shots, 46 seconds.

Essentially the same item as Command Teste, reviewed in PYRO #1. Alternates between red pearls that end in red breaks with report, and green pearls that end in green breaks with report. The "reports" are actually small titanium salutes, giving a cluster of white stars along with the report. The timing is amazing - the titanium report always happens a split-second after the color break. How do they do it? Timing between shots is just right, too. Exclusive to Victory Fireworks in Wisconsin. (Last tested in 1998)

Crater Creator

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG5094. 10 shots, 16 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in clusters of red or blue stars, and green pearls that end in whirlwinds. 16 shots. (Last tested in 1996)

Crazy Aces

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3049. 5 shots, 15 seconds.

A pack of four candles, each with five shots. You get one each of Crazy Spades, Crazy Diamonds, Crazy Hearts and Crazy Clubs. Each candle has five different shots in it - nothing is repeated in one candle. These candles are more sophisticated in their performance than any other roman candle to hit the market so far. I believe these candles will set a new standard for performance quality in roman candles, and hopefully revive this category of fireworks. "Crazy Spades" is the same as the "Magnum Repeater" candle in the Black Cat brand. (Last tested in 1998)

Crazy Beautiful

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0136. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

A strobing red pearl goes up and ends in a red peony break with a little crackle.

Then a strobing green pearl goes up and ends in a green peony break with crackle. Then a strobing blue pearl goes up and ends in a blue peony break with crackle. Then a strobing gold pearl goes up and ends in a gold peony break with crackle. These 4 shots continue to alternate until the end, when the last 4 (one of each color) are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Crazy Bees

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2019. 7 shots, 7 seconds.

Intense, but short-lived assortment of effects, with swirling color stars. Terrible. (Last tested in 1997)

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Crazy Comets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0262. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

Incredibly bright white comet heads with thick, fluffy trails of white sparks. Dazzling. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Crazy Creatures

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2068. 36 shots, 49 seconds.

Every shot produces a sparkling comet which goes up and breaks into a peony

break. The peony breaks alternate between green, red and crackling breaks. These are fired at a fairly rapid pace so there is no dead time. At the end, 7 or 8 whistling comets are shot up very rapidly, and these end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

Crazy Jack

Ground Spinner. Angel brand, #O901C. 5 seconds.

Similar to Jumping Jacks, in packs of 12. Spin red to green. The ones I got were "Angel" brand, though I had thought that was a discontinued brand. Guess not. (Last tested in 1999)

Crazy Mardigras

Cone Fountain. Fire Bird brand, #FB237. 37 seconds.

A package of two cone fountains in a vinyl bag. One cone has a red label and the other a yellow label. But they perform the same. A red flame with a silver spray, then a short whistle, then a flashing white spray, changing to a multi-color spray. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Crazy Rugby

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2036. 19 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot is a buzzing gold spinner that goes up, then spins off some white sparks, then flies away horizontally, while continuing to buzz. The sound effect is similar to the old "Crazy Bees" repeater, but I like this item a lot better. The gold spinners seem to hang in the air a little bit, almost like miniature UFOs. This one was a real crowd pleaser. However it was a little less impressive in 2001. (Last tested in 2000)

Creation

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0258. 70 seconds.

Whistle, then white sparkly spray, then another short whistle, then more white sparkle spray, then another whistle, then a lot of big crackles, then another silver whistle, then white sparkle, whistle, and finally crackle. Not much on color, but good noise and a long burn time. (Last tested in 1999)

Critic's Choice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
7 shots, 15 seconds.

Crackling comets on the way up, then each shot ends in a respectably full break of brilliant white stars and fluffy white, almost comet-like projectiles. A good one to get if you are looking for white breaks. (Last tested in 1997)

Critical Acclaim

Reloadable Shell Kit. World Class
Fireworks brand, #MWC0054.

One tube and (originally) six cylindrical shells: Whistling with Reports; Purple Stars; Red Stars; Red Comet Tail; Green Comet Tail; and Crackling. All of these are mine shells - they don't shoot up and then break into the air, they shoot the effects from the ground up. Really different and spectacular. Get at least one box of these. Since I first tested it in 2001, this kit has been modified to include 10 different mines rather than 6. I'm not sure what year they changed it from 6 to 10, but that seems to be the standard packaging now. In 2001, the "Whistling with Reports" mine had about 10 whistling comets, each ending in reports, but in 2005, it appears to have changed to only 4 whistling comets. Other than that one, the rest of the mines in the kit appear to be of the same quality as before. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Critical Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden
Bear brand, #FX-A033. 30 shots, 10
seconds.

The demo units that I watched going off fired the rows in a Z-pattern at an extremely rapid pace. I am not sure if actual production units of this that are on store shelves will fire as fast as this. The actual duration of the one you buy may be significantly longer. But it was impressive for its speed and it filled the sky. Red pearls went up to clusters of red falling leaves stars, then green pearls went up ending clusters of green falling leaves. Then silver comets went up and ended in silver flying fish, and crackling comets went up and ended in good crackling dragon-eggs breaks. Very impressive when fired in groups. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Crossbow Force

Skyrocket. Brothers brand,
#BP1196.

A pack of 4 rockets with plastic bodies. Each rocket gives 2 effects. One gives a red crossette break (break is 4 red stars splitting apart from each other) plus some green "falling leaves" stars which drift down. Another gives a green crossette and yellow falling leaves stars. The third gives a red crossette break and silver falling leaves. The last one gives a silver crossette and red falling leaves stars. Excellent effects for a rocket! (Last tested in 2004)

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Crossette King

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far
Ocean brand, #F4009. 9 shots, 18
seconds.

Unusual diamond-shaped piece. Each shot goes up as a comet with a bright green head and a fluffy silver tail, then it splits into either 3 or 4 smaller comets with green heads and silver tails. (Last tested in 1999)

Crossfire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United
Pyro brand, #UP3005. 18 shots, 28
seconds.

Shoots three comets in a fan all at once. The two outer ones are white comets

with brilliant white heads, and the middle one is a crackling comet. Then it shoots 3 shots in a fan which give gold willow breaks. Then it shoots 3 shots in a fan which give "falling leaves" breaks, one of red, one of green and one of purple falling leaves stars. Then it gives 3 shots in a fan which each give 2 breaks of crackle. Then it gives 3 shots in a fan which each end in 2 breaks of silver flying fish. Then it gives 3 shots in a fan which end in 2 color peony breaks, one red and one blue from each shot. Very nice. (Last tested in 2003)

Crossfire (now called Open Fire)

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2086. 33 shots,
39 seconds.

Now called "Open Fire." Please see "Open Fire" for a description. (Last tested in 2005)

Crotalid Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon
Eggs brand, #DE4069. 100 shots, 53
seconds.

This is a "Saturn Missile Battery" device, with 20 rows of 5 missiles per row. Each row of 5 is shot at the same time. These missiles end in sprays of crackle rather than reports. I am not a big fan of Saturn Missile Batteries, but I did like this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Crown Brocade Classic

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-151. 30 shots,
20 seconds.

Each shot appears to give both a mine and a shell, according to what I could tell. The type of stars in the mine are basically the same as in the shell - a sparkling gold willow effect. So you get gold brocade "willows" from the ground up, in a flowerpot shape, and above that sparkling gold willow breaks. The pace is very fast in this one, so this might be good for part of your finale. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Crown rocket assortment

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP-
A001.

A very nice looking assortment tray of 14 Brothers-brand rockets, including 2 Air Force One, 4 Fire Phoenix, 4 Sidewinder and 4 The Ariane rockets. Excellent performances. (Last tested in 1998)

Crowning Glory

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6139. 12 shots, 25 seconds.

The first shot is what I would call a "gold brocade" break, basically gold trails with sparkling glimmers of silver along the trails. They are very eye-pleasing. I would like to see a whole cake with nothing but this effect. The next shot is a break of red, blue and green peony stars, but they crackle as they continue to spread out, so they are kind of like red, blue and green "dragon egg" stars. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2005)

Cruel Intentions

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2907. 24 shots, 30 seconds.

A series of 5 thick, fluffy white comet tails are shot up, one at a time, and each one ends in a nice break of color stars. Then a group of 3 crackling comets are shot up at the same time in a fan-shape, and they end in breaks of blue with crackle. Then five more white comets ending in color breaks, then 3 crackle comets ending in blue and crackle breaks. Then, the five-and-three one more time. Very well-timed piece. (Last tested in 2000)

Crystal Ball

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Skybound brand, #VB4017. 55 seconds.

This brand is supposed to be a "bargain" brand and lower priced, so you would expect the performance to be a little less impressive or even junk. However, the few items I have tried so far from this brand have actually turned out to be good ones - they are definitely not junk. Begins with a whistle and a spray of red sparks and gold flitter, all at the same time and apparently out of one tube - or 2 tubes close together. Then it changes to a mixture of blue sparks, green sparks, and globs of orange flames just like those seen in some other fountains like Vesuvius, Dragon's Breath and Great Balls of Fire. This part has no "background" spray of orange or silver - just the colors and it is very effective. Then it changes to a good spray of green and a lot of soft silver sparks. Then another whistle, this time with green sparks. Then a great spray of tangerine orange sparks mixed with blue sparks -

this part should have lasted longer. Then a taller silver spray which crackles very softly. Then another whistle with some blue sparks. Then another section of the green, blue and orange mixture, which quickly changes to a mix of red with silver spray. Then one final whistle to finish it off. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Cuckoo

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-2014. 28 seconds.

Starts with a short whistle, then gives a spray of red and green sparks against a background of silver sparks. Then another short whistle, and it changes to

stars and gold flying fish. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Curse of the Mummy

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0259. 51 seconds.

Bright red spray, adding a short whistle, changing to red and green mixed, and another whistle, changing to a crackle spray. This and Blood of the Vampire are collectible fountains due to the "monster theme" artwork. (Last tested in 1999)

Custer Killer, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand.

If a firework has only one shot, it better be a good one. This isn't. (Last tested in 1995)

Cyber Candle

Roman Candle battery. Shogun brand, #SMC140. 144 shots, 36 seconds.

Barrage of color shots for the first half, and an almost continuous stream of crackle for the second half. First tested in 2003 and tested again in 2005 (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Cyber Mine

Base Fountain. Shogun brand, #M66. 10 seconds.

Starts with a long whistle and silver sparks, then gives a sudden blast of crackle. Startling and unexpected. Kind of reminiscent of the "Happiness" fountain a long time ago. (Last tested in 2003)

Cyber Race

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2662. 25 shots, 33 seconds.

A series of red or white pearls with white comet tails go up. Then each one whips open into a white whirlwind. A few of the whirlwinds also include a handful of color stars. Shots are spaced closely together, so that the sky is continuously filled with sparks. (Last tested in 1999)

Cybernetics Artillery Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fire Bird brand, #FB5560.

Two tubes and twelve round 1.75-inch shells: Colorful Pearls with Dragon Eggs w/Tail; Colorful Pearls with

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a spray of silver sparks, silver balls and some crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Cuckoo Cuckoo Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0852. 35 seconds.

Still pretty good, but not quite as intense as it was ten years ago. Two short whistles from the side tubes; gold, red and green spray from the main center tube. (Last tested in 1995)

Cupid's Dart

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 22 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a gold pearl, which ends in a cluster of blue peony

Twisting Flowers w/Tail; Small Colorful Chrysanthemum to 2 Silvery Fish Crown w/Tail; Red Coconut with Silver Glittering w/Tail; Crossette with Whistling Silvery Swallow w/Tail; Shuttle with Whistling Snake w/Tail; Green Peony to 2 Silvery Swallow w/Tail; Purple Peony with Silver Crackling w/Tail; Silvery Twisting Flower with 2 Big Glittering Pearls w/Tail; Silvery Twisting Flower to Red Glittering w/Tail; Crown Willow with Small Silvery Swallow w/Tail; and Thunder Rain with Crackling to Thunder Rain with Crackling w/Tail. These are about average for 1.75-inch round shells. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Cycad

Cone Fountain. Glorious brand, #GCF042. 30 seconds.

A cone fountain that comes in a box of 2. Starts as a small spray of flashing silver sparks, and it gets taller and bigger as it goes along, but not really that impressive compared to other cone fountains of this brand (Red Ruby and Wonder Cone). (Last tested in 2004)

Cyclone

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4023. 20 shots, 13 seconds.

Shoots 5 shots at a time, in fan-shapes. The first set of 5 goes up as red pearls that break open into nice red chrysanthemums. Then, a fan of 5 green pearls that open into green chrysanthemums. Then another row of 5 red ones, and finally a row of 5 blue ones. No sound effects, but a good cake and reminiscent of some of the 500-gram cakes. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Cyclone of Colors

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-084. 7 shots, 32 seconds.

Starts as a multi-color fountain with crackle, then it sends up 6 or 7 shots which whistle on the way up, then end in a cluster of crackle. It's a small piece, but I liked it. (Last tested in 1998)

Cyclone Plane

Flying Spinner. Zenith brand.

Made by Zenith Specialties in Missouri. Flies up well with a gold spray, then ejects a cluster of stars at the end. (Last

tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Da Big Bad Bomb Box

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP-A013. 36 shots,

This is an assortment of four 500-gram "Heavy Weights" cakes. They include "Atom Bomb" (BP-A013-1), "Hydrogen Bomb" (BP-A013-2), "Neutron Bomb" (BP-A013-3) and "Cobalt Bomb" (BP-A013-4). Each one has 36 shots. The manufacturer's catalog states that they are sold as a kit, one of each in a box. You may see it sold that way, or you may see them sold individually. I have noticed them listed individually on some price lists I have seen. Since I

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know they might be sold individually, I have listed the individual cakes separately in this book. Please see each of the individual names for descriptions of the performances. (Last tested in 2003)

Daffodil

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2115. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

All shots are identical: they go up as a white comet with a brilliant white head, then break open into a mixed break of red and green with crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Daffodil

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W664. 8 seconds.

Floats on water. Doesn't spin, but shoots a nice gold/silver fountain. (Last tested in 1995)

Daggerfall

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2620. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

A beautiful variation on the "gold flying fish" effect as seen in "Warp Speed." In this one, all shots go up as a strobing red pearl, which then opens into a small cluster of blue stars and the gold flying fish. The contrast in colors between the glue and gold is really nice. No sound effects - this is one to watch, not hear. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Dancer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N209B. 48 shots, 27 seconds.

Another whirlwind item, this one with red, green and reports added! (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing Butterfly

Fountain/spinner combination. Red Lantern brand, #0902. 8 seconds.

Brief fountain of red, green and silver, then out pop 3 red and 3 green ground spinners! (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing Butterfly

Fountain/spinner combination.

Phantom brand, #J-020. 10 seconds.

Starts with a short spray of silver, then 6 red and green ground spinners come out. (Last tested in 2003)

Dancing Cat

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-812. 28 seconds.

Terrific, long-lasting silver spinner with intermittent flare-ups of red and green. (Last tested in 1996)

Dancing Colorful Serpents

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 30 shots, 13 seconds.

Very loud whistles on these comets, which burst into small breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing Flower & Flying Lantern

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1141. 8 seconds.

Spins on ground, then, if it's having a good day, takes off in green. This one may or may not fly. (Last tested in 1996)

Dancing Fresh Flowers

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0952. 10 seconds.

Sprays red sparks only, but an incredibly bright red. Powerful spinner. (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing Golden Snake

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0853. 9 shots, 24 seconds.

Gold fountain, then shoots up many swimming, spinning squiggles of silver. Unique effect. (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-630. 16 shots, 22 seconds.

Shots spiral up with a trail of gold sparks and sparkling silver sparks, with a soft spinning sound. Then each one comes open into a small cluster of red or green stars, which are very bright and sparkly. (Last tested in 1999)

Dancing Red Plum

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK24. 24 shots, 23 seconds.

The first row is fired in a Z-pattern, and each shot is a silver comet with a color head that goes up and ends in a peony break of that same color (red, green, white, yellow, or blue). The next row is fired in the other direction, and more rapidly, and those shots are unusual mines of silver glitter with breaks of silver glitter above them - nice to look at. Then another row fired in the opposite direction, which gives mines of silver glitter with breaks of shimmering silver stars above them - even better. The next row is fired in the other direction, and those shots are mines of silver glitter with breaks of silver glitter above them. Finally four shots are fired almost at once, and they end in good crackle breaks in which the crackle lasts a satisfying length of time. One of the better cakes in this brand. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Dancing Snakes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2016. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

Green pearls fly up and open into spinning white whirlwinds, with a soft crackling sound. Besides the white sparks, each whirlwind throws out a group of white "swimming eel" stars that fly away a little farther than the diameter of the whirlwind. Guess those are the snakes. Very fast pacing. The catalog says there are red and green stars in it as well, but I didn't see any. No sound effects, but the look is lavish and showy. (Last tested in 1999)

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Dancing Spinner Fireworks

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1134. 13 seconds.

Beautiful colors; red, blue and green; surprising from such a small, inexpensive item. (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing White Snake

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L185.

Poor aerodynamics. Flew all the way over a pond and crashed. Must be too heavy. (Last tested in 1995)

Dancing with the Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9015. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

It was a pleasant surprise to see actual "go-getter" stars in a consumer firework. All the stars in all the breaks of this cake are "go-getter" stars, which are bright and richly colored stars that dart away in random directions. The effect is similar to "flying fish" stars but these are much brighter and have much more color. Each break in this cake has "go-getter" stars of one color only. The shots alternate between breaks of green, red, gold, or blue go-getter stars. Definitely a valuable addition to your show. (Last tested in 2003)

Danger Zone

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0293. 12 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot is a screaming white comet that goes up in a spiraling motion and ends. No other effects. Bright white sparks and loud whistles. (Last tested in 2000)

Dark Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5058. 16 shots, 46 seconds.

Each shot is a brilliant white comet, with a thick trail and a bright white head. Some of the shots just go up and that's it. Other shots may go up and then turn to the side and jet off in another direction, or make a short "wind" sound. Different. (Last tested in 2000)

Dark Knight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2819. 25 shots, 40 seconds.

Every shot is a green pearl on the way up, with a little bit of comet tail behind it, and ending with a silver whirlwind and a cluster of red stars. The last 10 shots are fired almost all at once, creating a finale. (Last tested in 2003)

Dart Wheel

Wheel. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPW-003. 26 seconds.

Starts spinning with a green flame, which changes to a red flame. Then a silver spray, which changes to a blue flame, then a purple flame with silver spray. Then a gold spray and then a

green flame with a silver spray. Fast changes of color. (Last tested in 2004)

Dawn of Time

Mine. All Star brand. 11 seconds.

Starts with a silver whistling fountain, then gives a crackle mine and a couple of aerial breaks of crackle above the mine. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Dayton Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2308. 12 shots, 13 seconds.

A series of brilliant white comets, with no sound effects, although a tiny bit of crackle sneaked in, and there were a few color stars, but it's primarily a white comet show. (Last tested in 2000)

Dazzling Comets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6105. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

Gold comets, with long gold tails, that also give off sparkling glitter as they go up. The glitter is red in some shots, silver in some shots and green in some shots. No sound effects. This might be pretty effective if fired in long rows of these, fired at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Dazzling Diamonds

Hand-held Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0361. 60 seconds.

The tube is 30 inches long and just over 2 inches in diameter. It's like a California Candle on steroids. Starts with orange globs and blue stars mixed together, then an orange spray with blue sparks, then a white crackle-flitter spray. Very good blue. (Last tested in 2000)

Dazzling Shooting Star

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2013. 25 shots, 28 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet which whistles as it goes up. Overlap of whistle produces a continuous whistling sound for the entire duration. (Last tested in 1999)

Dazzling Sky Poppers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-650. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark, then opens into a cluster of stars with a sharp burst of

crackle. At first they are only gold stars, then later they are red or green stars. But all breaks have a good amount of crackle that seems to go off in a short, quick group. (Last tested in 1999)

Dead Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2043. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

Great assortment of breaks, all colors, crackle, etc. Very nice cake. Get this one. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

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Deadly Peril

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2187. 37 shots, 42 seconds.

The tubes are arranged in circles. It begins with a rapid series of mines straight up, which produce crackle flowers at a medium altitude. Then 6 shots are fired in a circle, almost all at once, and these go up and end in clusters of loud crackle plus color falling leaves stars (3 shots have green falling leaves and 3 shots have red falling leaves). Then it fires up a silver whistling comet which goes up a long way and whistles 3 times while going up. Then another fast-moving shot goes

up like a rocket and ends in a red chrysanthemum break with silver glitter mixed in. These two shots (the triple whistle and the red chrysanthemum) alternate with each other, at different angles in a circular pattern. Then, at the end, 12 shots are fired very rapidly, almost all at once, in a circular pattern. These are silver comets with color heads, some of them green heads and some of them red. Each one of these ends in two distinct clusters of color falling leaves, either red or green clusters. Very good ending. This cake covers a large area of the sky. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Dealer's Choice

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0300.

A box of four fountains, which appear to be the same fountains as Beihai Fireworks' "Spirit Fountains." These are named Acey Ducey, Joker's Wild, Black Jack and Stud Poker. (Last tested in 2000)

Death Ray

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0251. 19 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark and then seems to break open into two small breaks, I think. Mainly clusters of red or green stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Death Stalker

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WG003.

Good all-around daytime-use rocket with an ominous name. Goes up with a whistle and ends in crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Decapitation Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO014. 36 shots, 73 seconds.

I don't care for the name of this one at all, but I did like the effects it gave. The shots are all fired straight up, and they have beautiful and unusual comet tails on the way up, which give off sparkling colored sparks instead of the usual gold or silver sparks. The first 7 or 8 shots have red sparks on the way up, ending in gold willow breaks with more sparkling red stars along the tips - very pretty. Then there is a mini-finale, with a group of these same red shots fired all at once. Then about 7 or 8 shots of sparkling green comets going up and

ending in gold willow breaks with sparkling green tips. Then another mini-finale, with a group of these same green shots fired all at once. Then about 7 or 8 shots which are sparkling bluish-silver comets on the way up, ending in gold willow breaks with sparkling bluish-silver tips. There are no sound effects, but this is a very eye-pleasing display. In late 2004, this cake had some crackle in some of the breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Def-Con Alert

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-017. 9 shots, 19 seconds.

A very interesting display which alternates between red and green shots. Each shot goes up as a pearl of that color, which then splits in the air to a small group (4 or 5) of that same color, which fly away. Might be called a cross-sette cake, but maybe not. It is similar to "Atom Splitter," but the stars in the break are larger and travel further away. (Last tested in 2001)

Delta Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2898. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets on the way up, ending as white whirlwinds with a few color stars and a few reports. The final 10 shots are fired at a rapid pace for a "mini-finale." (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Demon Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0002-3. 19 shots, 41 seconds.

Artillery shells fired straight up: crackling comet with red head; crackling comet which ends in cluster of silver flying fish; green pearl which ends in break of blue stars with crackle; crackling comet which ends in dragon eggs break; crackling comet ending in silver fish; green pearl ending in blue stars plus crackle; blue comet ends in mixed green and red peony; crackling comet ends in dragon eggs break; crackling comet ends in silver fish; green pearl ends in blue stars plus crackle; silver comet ends in green and red peony; crackling comet ends in dragon eggs break; and finally 3 shots fired at once, ending in silver fish, green and red peony, and blue stars with crackle. I

liked this one. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Den of Monster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4061. 16 shots, 21 seconds.

Every shot is a pearl, either red or white, that goes up and ends in a chrysanthemum break with crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2339. 25 shots, 60 seconds.

All shots go up as crackling comets, then break into either crackle breaks or color chrysanthemum breaks (red or green). Alternates between the crackle breaks and the color breaks. Slow pacing is just right, and makes it seem to last a long time. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 1999)

Derby Day

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-169. 51 seconds.

Horseshoe-shaped fountain similar to, and possibly the same as Magic Horseshoe. Starts with good crackle, then nice gold flitter spray, a whistle, silver flitter spray, another whistle, green and silver spray, and ends with abundant white flitter spray. Good powder load in this one. (Last tested in 1999)

Derringer

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BC-6126.

This is a smaller shell kit with six one-inch shells, attractively packaged in shiny silver paper. The breaks are mostly single-color peony breaks (red or blue or silver, etc.) and they break with a pretty good bang. (Last tested in 2005)

Derringer

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand.

Small shells () but very nice for their size. Crackle break, blue peony break, silver glitter break, yellow peony break, purple peony break and red peony break. Do not break too hard, but lots of stars in each one. (Last tested in 2006)

Desert at Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L930. 7 shots, 12 seconds.

Fountain, then 6 floral breaks. Label claims blue and purple stars, but I only saw red and green. Must have changed after the first year. Tested again in 2005. Started with a fountain of red, green and silver which lasted for maybe 6 or 7 seconds, then shot up 6 shots which ended in small clusters of peony stars, alternating between red clusters and blue clusters. Not all that impressive, but considering the item's low price it's not bad. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Desert Fox

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2888. 25 shots, 40 seconds.

Each shot whistles and crackles on the way up, then breaks into either gold flying fish or silver flying fish, with some stars mixed in. Nice. The picture on the label appears to be a caricature of Saddam Hussein. Oh well. (Last tested

in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Desert Opponent

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2155. 25 shots, 50 seconds.

Alternates between two types of shots. One is a silver comet which ends in a break of crackle plus a group of silver flying fish. The other is a bright red comet head, which ends in a break of crackle and a short whistle which goes up in pitch. The whistles are inconsistent, and some of them only produce strange blowing sounds. Shots achieve high altitude. Essentially unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Desperados I

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-1. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

All shots give off some firecrackers as they go up. The first shot goes up as a green pearl and ends in a glittering multi-color peony break. The next shot goes up as a red pearl and then ends as a hummer, a spinner that zooms away with a buzzing sound. The next 2 shots end in glittering multi-color peony breaks, then the next shot is another hummer. The next shot ends as a break of crackle and a few color stars. These 3 types of shots continue to alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. The most interesting effect in this one is the hummer, which gives an unusual zipping sound in the air. (Last tested in 2004)

Desperados II

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-2. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Every shot is a screamer which whistles twice on the way up, and ends in a cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Desperados III

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-3. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

Every shot is a mine, consisting of some stars and two or three screaming silver comets which continue on above the stars. In one shot the mine stars are blue, and the screaming comets go above that. In another shot the mine stars are glittering silver, and the screaming comets go above that. (Last tested in 2004)

Desperados IV

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-4. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

This cake is all mines, with a variety of mine effects. One shot is a mine of red peony stars with some firecracker reports. Another shot is a mine of blue peony stars with a few firecracker reports. Another shot is a mine of mixed red, blue and green stars, with a few firecracker reports. Another shot is a mine of crackle, with a couple of firecracker reports. These four types of shots alternate with each other throughout the performance. (Last tested in 2004)

Desperados VI

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-6. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Every shot is a screaming silver comet with a fluffy tail, which spirals as it goes up, and then ends in a cluster of crackle, with a good amount of crackle stars in it. No colors, but a very good noise cake. (Last tested in 2004)

Desperate Attempt

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2039. 14 shots, 35 seconds.

A crossette comet cake, with each shot a silver comet which goes up and splits into 4 silver comets. Highly unusual effect in consumer fireworks. Ends with a break of green and a break of crackle. I strongly recommend this as true crossette breaks are unusual in consumer fireworks (at least they were the year this item first came out). (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Destination Mars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2416. 36 shots, 19 seconds.

Fires the shots in fans, but not all at the same exact instant, at very slight intervals. So it's not really a fan cake, and not really a Z pattern cake, but somewhere in between. Starts by firing a fan of 6 shots, which are silver comets with bright red heads. Then fires a fan of 6 shots, which are silver comets with silver heads. Then another fan, of silver comets with blue heads. Then another fan, of silver comets with green heads. Then another fan, of gold comets with bright red heads. Then another fan, of shots which go up dark and break into crackle breaks. Almost has the look and feel of a 500-gram cake. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Devil Break

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Zenith/Black Cat brand. 15 seconds.

This is made by Black Cat and Zenith Specialties. It shoots up color mines of blue, green or red, alternating the colors. Above the mines appear breaks of colors and crackle. Short-lived but pretty good. (Last tested in 2004)

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Desperados V

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6116-5. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a red pearl, that ends in a good white whirlwind (spinning shower of white sparks in the air). The next shot goes up as a green pearl, that ends in a good white whirlwind. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. Some of the shots give off some firecrackers as they go up, but not all of them do. (Last tested in 2004)

Devil Triangle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Beihai brand, #WB4006. 66 seconds.

Brilliant white shower of sparks, then a spray of crackling white flitter, then big crackles with red sparks, then a gold spray, then a huge amount of white flitter - lights up the whole area. They put a lot of stuff in this one. (Last tested in 1999)

Devil's Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-261. 15 seconds.

Very high-flying comets, each one crackling heavily and loudly. (Last tested in 1995)

Devil's Night

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5017.

One tube and six shells in the box: Crackling; Whistling w/Green, Blue Star; Blue Stars w/Crackling; Red Stars w/Crackling; Golden Stars w/Crackling; Whistling w/Green and Purple Stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Devil's Triangle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-149A. 71 seconds.

Similar to Sunburst and Paradise, this has a little bit of everything. Triangular in shape with 10 tubes, one of which crackles and one whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Devildom Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1034. 98 seconds.

Starts with crackle, then red spray with white flitter, then crackle again, then red and gold mixed spray, then purple and gold mixed spray, then a long spray of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Diamond Bouquet to Emerald

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM024. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

The one I got shot up green pearls which opened into nice chrysanthemum breaks of green with silver trails. They did not break hard or symmetrical, but they were pleasing to look at. (Last tested in 2000)

Diamond Collection Multi-Color Crackling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Inter-Oriental brand, #DC032. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a comet, then comes apart into a group of several crackling branches. No color but still nice to look at and good crackle. Supposed to be 20 shots, but only 19 fired. (Last tested in 2000)

Diamond Flitter, Purple/Gold

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Gorgeous purple stars with gold trails, with some crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 1995)

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Diamond Flitter, Red/Gold

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Down-pointing red and gold break; slightly lower altitude than most. (Last tested in 1995)

Diamond Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2002. 60 seconds.

Beautiful red and white flitter spray, then adding green, then adding crackle. Then strong gold flitter, then big silver flitter, then red, green and crackle, then a really interesting type of white flitter that kind of moves in different directions, then a strong gold spray at the

end. Very nice changes in colors and effects, a well-designed fountain. (Last tested in 2001)

Diamond Jubilee

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

We could not get this one to ignite - but I've heard it's pretty good. (Last tested in 1995)

Diamonds and Emeralds

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG10001. 15 seconds.

Similar to Jade Flowers, with copious green sparks, but short-lived. Green, gold, and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Diamonds in the Dark

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2822. 25 shots, 14 seconds.

The first 2 shots go up and end in large breaks of gold crackle. The next shot goes up and ends in a large break of silver crackle - much brighter than the first 2 breaks. Then a purple shot goes up and ends in crackle. Then another shot just like that. Then, the shots are fired 3 at a time, for the rest of the cake. All of them are purple pearls that go up and end in silver crackle. Very rapid pace after the first 4 shots. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Diamonds in the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand. 15 shots, 28 seconds.

Every shot produces a mine of crackle at the lower level and a silver comet which goes up above that and breaks open into a crackle break. The last 5 shots are fired all at once for a crackle finale. No colors, this is a crackle cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Digital Life

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5218. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

Unusual combination shots - each shot is both a crackling comet that goes straight up AND a mine of blue stars that go up all around the comet. Not a lot of blue stars in each shot, but enough to establish the effect. A very nice enhancement to the common effect of crackling comets. All shots are the same. (Last tested in 2000)

Dino fountain

Base Fountain. brand. 10 seconds.
Nice mixture of crackle with red, green, and blue sparks. Good height, but way too short in duration. At least it's cheap. (Last tested in 1996)

Dinosaur

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far Ocean brand, #DE4008. 12 shots, 12 seconds.

A superb, top-notch piece which combines mines with shells. The first 6 shots each give a crackle mine and a shell which breaks into crackle. The final 6 shots give white comet mines, similar to Niagara Falls, etc. and shells which burst into nice crackle bursts. Terrific. Changed somewhat in 2004. Still gives nice bursts of crackle at the top of each shot. But, on the way up, the shots do not crackle. They are a single white comet, surrounded by a group of stars that might be enough to be considered a "mine" on the way up. Good pacing and good crackle in the breaks make this one still a winner, but not as good as when I first tried it in 2000. (Last tested in 2000)

Dinosaur Egg Smoke Balls

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-710. 31 seconds.

A large white "egg" made of cardboard and painted white. You "crack open" the egg to reveal the smoke balls inside. Each ball produces a different color of smoke, for about 30 to 32 seconds each. Large amounts of smoke and vivid colors. Great smoke item. (Last tested in 2000)

Dinosaur Twist

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-068. 16 shots, 38 seconds.

It's an interesting effect: not a whirlwind, but each shot spins on the way up, throwing off sparkles as it twirls around. Each shot ends in a small, insignificant cluster of red or green stars. No sound effects. Shots spiral up with a small amount of sparkling silver coming out as they go up, then they open up quietly into a cluster of bright green stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Dirty Dozen

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0221. 12 shots, 12 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a green pearl, then breaks into falling white comets. Truly an uncommon effect. A few crackers also. (Last tested in 1996)

Dirty Dozen

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2963.

These are single-break shells and there are some interesting effects here: comet

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tail on the way up breaking to chrysanthemum with orange tips; red peony break in which the red stars turn into crackle; and a dragon eggs break are some of the effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Disco Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3026. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

The first shot is a group of 3 screaming comets. The next shot gives a large gold willow break. Then there are more screaming comets. The next shot is a yellow pearl which goes up and ends in a yellow chrysanthemum break, with bright yellow stars followed by thin, short silver trails. Then more screaming comets and then a red chrysanthemum break. Then more screaming comets and then a blue chrysanthemum break.

Then more screaming comets and one last gold willow break. The breaks are nice and large in this one; the screaming comets a little distracting. (Last tested in 2003)

Disco Flash

Strobe. Flower Basket brand, #NOV2007. 17 seconds.

Just another silver strobe light. (Last tested in 1995)

Disco Flash

Strobe. Shogun brand, #SDF2007. 20 seconds.

A series of very bright silver flashes for about 20 seconds. Even if the box claims they are in colors, they aren't; they are all silver. (Last tested in 2005)

Discoverer

Single-tube Aerial. West Lake brand, #L214A.

It's an interesting package, designed to look like a missile, but it's actually a mortar. The effect is basically a mine - a single upward blast of stars with small flutter sparks. Unimpressive performance, but high collectible value due to the package design. (Last tested in 1998)

Discovery assortment

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP-A008.

Ten rockets standing up in a cardboard stand - you don't need to find any other support for them, just light them one by one from the stand. Neat! The effects are: Silver Flying Fishes; Gold Flying Fishes; Yellow Flying Fishes; Red Flying Fishes; Green Flying Fishes; Reports; Multi-Color Pearls w/Whistle; Multi-Color Chrysanthemum; Multi-Color Pearls w/Crackers; and Crackling. All are quality effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Dislay [sic] Missile

Base Fountain. Flying Dragon brand, #W5-50. 21 seconds.

A very attractive package design. In fact I hated to use it up, so buy two - one to light and one to keep. The performance wasn't bad - green spray with silver flutter, changing to all-silver, then finally red and green spray with silver flutter. No sounds. Zero for spelling. (Last tested in 1998)

Disorderly Conduct

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-029. 204 shots, 23 seconds.

This is a rapid-fire "Z pattern" cake where the shots are fired at slightly different angles, going across one row and back the next row. All shots are either green or red pearls on the way up, with each shot ending in one splatter of gold sparks, like a single "flower" in a so-called "crackle flower" break. This creates a continuous stream of red and green shots going up in a Z-pattern, and a continuous display of single gold splatters in the air. At the end of the cake, a fan of 5 shots goes up all at once, and they are crackling comets on the way up, opening into fluffy crackling dragon-egg breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Display Missile

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W550. 10 seconds.

Fountain shaped as a missile. Nice high-powered gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Display Party

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L997. 37 seconds.

Fountain, mine, shell, fountain, mine, shell, fountain, mine then shell. Great combination of low- and high-level effects! (Last tested in 1995)

Display Shell

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0642.

Contains a small plastic shell in the payload area. Bright red stars shot out at end. (Last tested in 1995)

Distorted Whirlwind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-265. 15 shots, 19 seconds.

The first five shots are fired one at a time, and they go up as silver comets that end in clusters of silver flying fish. The next five shots go up dark and open into silver whirlwinds. The last five shots go up as silver comets and break open into mixed-color peony breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Distorting Fireworks

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0070. 37 shots, 13 seconds.

Unbelievable sight to behold. Intense barrage of swirling comets. Declined somewhat in quality over the last 5 years, though. (Last tested in 1995)

Dixie Cannon

Reloadable Shell Kit. No brand.

Repackaging of typical Chinese reloadable shells. (Last tested in 1995)

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Dixie Dynamite

Firecracker. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1209.

Just a tiny firecracker glued inside a tube. This one carries the deception to extremes. It's not even a solid firecracker. It's just a hollow paper tube into which they glued an ordinary firecracker - and only a 1-inch cracker at that! If this is considered dynamite in Dixie, it's no wonder the South lost the war. Comes in boxes of 36 or 72 pieces. Much improved over the 1996 version, this one is built into the entire case of the cracker, not just inserted into it. (Last tested in 2000)

Dixie Flash

Roman Candle, single. Red Rocket brand, #RC2014. 10 shots, 15 seconds.

Red Rocket fireworks. The current fad in roman candles (at least when I bought this one) is crackling sparks. Here's one of the better ones. Each ball is either a red or green pearl, that leaves a trail of crackles as it goes up. Irregular timing between shots. (Last tested in 1996)

Dixie Flash

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0188. 107 seconds.

White flitter, to mixed colors, to crackling silver, to brilliant white spray, to strobing white flitter, to mixed colors, to tall bright white spray, ending with intense, loud silver spray. This one starts good and keeps getting bigger and better! (Last tested in 1998)

Dixie Popping

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-20. 110 shots, 20 seconds.

Small, unimpressive fountain, with firecrackers and crackle. Towards the end it ejects some nice color stars about 5-15 feet up. (Last tested in 1996)

Dixie Revenge

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0163.

Pretty decent reports are contained within these ones. Average color breaks, each with report. (Last tested in 1996)

Dixie Whistler

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1016A. 15 seconds.

Just like a Nite Howler in a smaller package. Some silver sparks. Very loud whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

DIY Fireworks

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2063.

DIY standing for, I assume, "Do it yourself." All 6 shells in this kit have four distinct breaks in them. Amazing. The shells are: Red, white and blue chrysanthemums and white flashing. Silver and colored bouquets and purple and yellow stars. Crackling, crackling, crackling and crackling. White, purple, green and blue stars. Colored bouquets (4). Silver, red and green palm and crackling. It's amazing to drop one of these in a tube and get four breaks in the air from just

lighting one fuse. The shells break pretty close together, both in location and in time. (This kit thrilled me back in 2002, but now in 2004, four-break shells are common.) (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Dizzy Demon

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand. 17 seconds.

Very loud whistle, unusual for a ground spinner. Silver spray and loud silver whistle. Good one for making noise on the ground. (Last tested in 2000)

Dominator Rocket

Skyrocket. Pyro King brand, #PYK455.

Pack of 4 in a vinyl bag, with a plastic launching tube included in the bag. One gives a terrific break of all blue stars. Another gives a great break of glittering multi-color stars. Another gives a fine break of glittering blue stars. The last one gives a superb gold willow breaks. These are carefully and superbly made rockets, and set the example for other manufacturers of consumer-level sky-rockets. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Doomsday, #300

Single-tube Aerial. American Thunder brand, #G-204A.

A gigantic ring of red stars with silver tails. Expensive, but if you're looking for a ring shell, try this one. Sold by Phantom. (Last tested in 1999)

Double Day Parachute with crackers

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5513.

Two small chutes float down slowly to the accompaniment of a few reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Double Decker Wheel

Wheel. Cannon brand, #Y29-007. 61 seconds.

Actually 2 wheels attached together, one a little larger than the other. Begins with a bright gold flame and silver spray. Then changes to a blue flame with silver spray. Then changes to a nice spray of silver sparks with no flame. Then it changes to a bright red flame with silver spray. Then it becomes a green flame with silver spray. And finally a gold flame with silver spray. Good duration and good color flames. (Last

tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Double Delight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-664. 16 shots, 26 seconds.

Another two-level display similar to Aerial Double Decker. This one has more variety: the ground-level mines alternate between blasts of single stars and the white comets in groups (like Niagara Falls). The aerial breaks alternate between white "swimming eels" and breaks which combine crackle with the gold "darting stars" used in the

green chrysanthemum which ends in crackle. The third shot goes up and ends in a nice large break which is almost "dragon eggs" - crackle that continues to crackle along the paths as it spreads out. These three shots then alternate for the rest of the piece. (Last tested in 2005)

Double Happiness

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L996. 16 shots, 42 seconds.

20-second fountain, followed by 15 gorgeous, quiet aerial breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Double Header

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-418.

Flies up and ends in two medium reports. Good construction quality, with two 1-inch ladyfingers in the payload (they are a bit larger in diameter than the ones in the Cannon rockets). (Last tested in 1998)

Double Impact

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-02.

Six shells and one tube per box. Orange w/crackling - Green Glitter; Red w/crackling - Golden Star; Blue w/crackling - Orange Star; Purple w/crackling - Silver Glitter; Golden w/crackling - Green Star and Green w/crackling - Purple Star. Each shell contains two complete 1.75-inch ball shells, one on top of the other. They are fused together inside the paper outer-wrap. You light them just like any other 1.75-inch shells. The result is that both shells are shot up at the same instant, and you get two complete (and different) breaks in the air. The shells must come apart on the way up, because the two breaks are not at exactly the same spot in the sky, and they happen a split second apart in time. Sometimes they are almost simultaneous, but sometimes they are just a second apart. It's a winner. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Double Impact

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB02-T2.

Two tubes and 12 shells in this box. Each shell is a double-break shell, with two complete 1.75" spherical shells, one on top of the other. Crackling - Red

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Warp Speed cake. So much going on that it seems like two cakes together. (Last tested in 1998)

Double Dragon Fighting One Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L939. 19 shots, 22 seconds.

Beautiful silver glittering comets swirl around large red stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Double Exposure

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2842. 14 shots, 33 seconds.

The first shot goes up and ends in a red chrysanthemum which ends in crackle. The next shot goes up and ends in a

Wave; Green Glitter - Red & White Wave; Orange Star - Silver Glitter & Golden; Silver Glitter - Red & White Wave; Green Glitter & Purple Star - Red Wave; Orange Star - Golden & Purple Stars; Crackling - Golden & Purple Stars; Green, Golden Star - Red & Blue Wave; Orange Star - Red & White Wave; White Wave - Red Star; Green Glitter - Red & White Wave; and Green Glitter - Red Wave. So you are actually getting 24 shells in this box; it's just they are wrapped in pairs. (Last tested in 1999)

Double Lantern

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2081. 5 shots, 11 seconds.

An interesting candle which shoots out pairs of shots, one green and one red. The green ones end in nice reports. Not very long-lasting, but it might be really impressive in groups. (Last tested in 1998)

Double Lantern Salute

Single-tube Aerial. No brand brand, #HF0401.

It shoots up two pearls, one red and one green, at the same time. They go up and each one ends in a very loud bang, about the same loudness as a good "Thunder King" cake bang. Wow. Obviously this is not made for the U.S. market as the reports are too strong. I see no reason why this type of aerial report should not be made legal in the U.S. for consumer fireworks. They seem perfectly safe to me, because the report goes off in the air where it can do no harm to anyone or anything. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Double Lightning

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK719.

When you light one of these, you get two comet tails going up, not only the long white trail of sparks but also with a red or green flame at the top of the comet. Then you get two complete breaks in the air of two different colors or effects. This would be my choice for the best two-break shells on the market at this time. There are many two-break shells that I have never tried, but frankly I don't see how you could top the performance of this one, in the two-break category anyway. These were made by the Beihai Fireworks factory

for the Pyro King brand. (Last tested in 2005)

Double Payload Rocket

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-466.

A pack of four rockets with 2 breaks in each rocket. The two breaks are different effects. For example, a purple peony and a crackle break. Or, a green peony and a crackle break. Or a blue peony and a crackle break. Or, a gold willow and a crackle break. Excellent effects, for sky-rockets. (Last tested in 2005)

ring averages 14 stars and the inner ring averages 7 stars. I have only seen this effect in one other consumer firework, the "Double Ring Shell" from Starr Fireworks. Here it is in a pack of rockets - and they're all different! No two rockets in the pack have the same combination of the 2 colors. You'll probably want to get some of these for your show, even if you don't use many rockets, because the effect is rare and will be a crowd-pleaser. (Last tested in 2004)

Double Ring Rockets

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-052A.

In 2004 I tested another "Double Ring Rockets" from this brand which had single ball-shaped heads. This package has six rockets, each of which clearly has two shells in its rocket head. The entire rocket including the stick is about 31 inches long, and the rocket head and motor together are about 7 inches long. Each rocket does indeed give two ring shell breaks in the air. The two rings are of different colors; for example, a purple ring and a green ring, or a yellow ring and a blue ring, etc. Each ring averages about 13 to 14 stars in the ring. A good way to add ring shells to your show, although as with all rockets, you can never be exactly sure where the break will end up in the sky. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Double Ring Shell, #400

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

The label on this one shows two rings of stars, one red and one blue. OK. That is indeed what you get, but the actual number of stars is much less than what is depicted on the label. I watched the video carefully, and there were only 7 blue stars and 13 red ones. Phooey. (Last tested in 1996)

Double Thunder Rockets

Skyrocket. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE2001.

A pack of 24 rockets. Each one flies up and gives 2 firecracker reports. (Last tested in 2004)

Double Time

Skyrocket. Glorious brand, #GCR042.

A pack of 4 rockets in 4 different varieties. Each rocket gives 2 breaks of 2

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Double Ring Rockets

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-052.

These rockets are very attractively packaged with colored foil around the "ball" on top of each one. The foil is either blue, purple, red, yellow or green. The labels on the rockets and on the pack also have excellent design and use of color. Very strong shelf appeal. I hated to open this one, I wanted to save it for my collection, but I only got one pack so I reluctantly broke it open and tested them. The effect these rockets give is very unusual. The break is a ring of stars of one color, and in the center of it is a smaller ring of stars, of a different color than the outer ring. The outer

effects. One gives a nice silver comet on the way up and ends in a good break of red stars and a great break of white sparkling stars. The next one gives a silver comet and ends in a great break of silver sparkling stars plus a break of green and purple stars. The next one has a silver comet on the way up and ends in a break of red and green stars plus a break of crackle. The last one has a silver comet on the way up and ends in a white chrysanthemum break plus a green peony break. One of the best consumer-level skyrockets I've seen in a while. (Last tested in 2004)

Double Trouble

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3011. 25 shots, 16 seconds.

Every shot gives two peony breaks of two different colors. For example, a purple peony and a green peony, a gold peony and a blue peony, etc. Very colorful. The manufacturer calls them "dahlia" breaks but it's not clear to me what they mean by dahlia. The look like regular peony breaks to me, color stars with no trails behind them. (Last tested in 2003)

Double Trouble

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2999.

Four complete aerial breaks from this one tube. Red, white, blue and crackling. The breaks are full-sized and very satisfying. Amazing. (Last tested in 2002)

Double Trouble

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0310.

A kit with 36 shells, including 18 single ball-style shells, 9 canister-style shells and 9 double ball-style shells. Two strong tubes are also included. Wow-nice assortment. If you can only get one shell kit, get this one. Part of the instructions on the box says, "The PRO MASTER mortar tube must be used by a responsible, sober adult." The round shells are: Assorted Stars, Jumbo White Chry., Jumbo Golden Chry., Jumbo Red Chry., Silver Palm, Green Stars with Crackling, Whistling with Crackling, Colorful Palm, Whistling - Blue with Crackling, Red Tiger Tail - Green Chry., Silver Tiger Tail - Golden Stars, Red Tiger Tail - Green with Crackling (two of those), Green Tiger Tail - Willow,

Silver Tiger Tail - Palm, Green Tiger Tail - Blue with Crackling, Red Tiger Tail - Blue with Crackling, and Green Tiger Tail - Golden Star. The double-break shells are: Orange Crackling + Silver Glitter, Orange Crackling + Green Glitter, Golden Crackling + Crackling, Golden Crackling + Green Star, Red Crackling + Golden Star, Purple Willow + Golden Willow, Red & Green Chry. + Golden Star, Purple Star + Blue Crackling, and Green Crackling + Purple Star. The cylindrical shells are: Red Peony with Golden Pistil, Chry. with Green Whirlwind, Dragon Egg, Blue Peony with Crackling Pistil, Dragon Egg with Green Whirlwind, Golden Peony, Palm Tree, Green Peony

Double-Up

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fire Bird brand, #FB5522.

One tube and six double-break round 1.75-inch shells: Silver Twisting Flower to Purple & Red Small Flowers with Tail; Whistling Mouse to Red and Silver Flying Fish with Tail; Green Chrysanthemum to Whistling Bees with Tail; Red Peony to Silver Glittering with Tail; Silver Crackling to Silver Crackling with Tail; and Silver Chrysanthemum to Red Chrysanthemum with Tail. Two breaks from each shell, with each break being about an average 1.75-inch shell break. Good colors. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Dozens of Fun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6137. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

The first five shots are red pearls ending in breaks of red peony stars and firecrackers. The next five shots are blue pearls ending in breaks which are mixtures of blue peony stars and silver glitter stars. The next five shots are green pearls that go up and end in breaks of green glitter stars. The next five shots are purple pearls that go up and end in breaks which are mixtures of green glitter stars and purple peony stars. The last five shots are one each of the above four effects. (Last tested in 2005)

Dr. Comet





Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0331.

Twelve 1.75" ball shells and one tube. Essentially the same kit as Top Secret. The shells are: Silver Glittering with Silver Tail; Red, White, Blue with Silver Tail; Crackling with Gold Tail; Blue Peony with Silver Tail; Green Peony with Silver Tail; Purple and Silver Glittering with Silver Tail; Red Palm Tree with Silver Tail; Purple Peony with Silver Tail; Red and Silver Glittering with Silver Tail; Green Palm Tree with Silver Tail; Green and Crackling with Silver Tail; and Red Peony with Silver Tail. All good quality. (Last tested in 1999)

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with Red Pistil, and Purple Peony with Golden Pistil. Wow, what an assortment! (Last tested in 2000)

Double Wheeler

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM075. 10 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a green pearl, which opens into a silver whirlwind - then, a half second later, it spins again as a second whirlwind. I don't know how they create this effect - somehow they are putting two whirlwinds into one shell. (Last tested in 2004)

Dr. Fiasco

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Cannon brand, #Y22-118. 87 seconds.

Starts with a beautiful combination of purple stars with silver flitter stars. A very short whistle also happens during this part. Then, it changes to a silver spray, then a gold crackle spray, then to gold crackle with some blue sparks. Then another short whistle, then a pure white spray, then a spray of gigantic gold crackle sparks, then a brief spray of red and green sparks with silver flitter, then a pure white spray, then a gold crackle spray. Some terrific effects in this one! (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Dracula's Blood

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-151. 10 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot is a bright red pearl which breaks open into a large break of red and softly crackling gold stars. (Last tested in 2001)

Drag Strip

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0306. 5 shots, 45 seconds.

Silver Palm, White Stars, Green Wave, Blue Star with Crackling, Gold Willow according to the label. Starts with a nice bright white flitter fountain, shoots up a shell which breaks into a blue peony; then another fountain and a shell which breaks into a green chrysanthemum; a third fountain and a shell which breaks into what I think is a purple peony, then a shell which breaks into a palm tree with silver branches and purple tips, with crackle mixed in; and finally a shell which breaks into another palm tree with silver branches and red tips, also with crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon 6 oz.

Skyrocket. Dragon brand, #037A.

May be a bit too heavy - flew only to half-height, then crashed. (Last tested in 1995)

Dragon Ball

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2254C. 8 shots, 20 seconds.

Each shot is a raspy whistle ending in moderate report. Good for the daytime. (Last tested in 1995)

Dragon Balls

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5016.

This is a cute little shell kit, with a mortar that is 9 inches tall and has an inside diameter of about 1.5 inches. The kit includes six shells, which have a diameter of 1.25 inches. The six shells in the kit I got were: Silver Glitter, Golden to Red, Red & Blue Stars, Blue Strobe, Green & Purple Stars, and Silver Palm Tree. I was surprised by the quality of these shells, in spite of their small size. Obviously they don't hold as many stars as a standard 1.75-inch shell does, but they still hold a good amount and they

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give nice symmetrical breaks. The "Silver Palm Tree" shell also includes crackle mixed in with the break. The "Golden to Red" has stars that do indeed change from gold to red as they spread out. Considering the low price of this kit, it's a great buy. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Dragon Before Phoenix

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2553. 35 seconds.

Fluffy swirling white comets with whistles, speeds up towards end. (Last tested in 1995)

Dragon Blaster

Roman Candle, single. Hot Shot brand. 10 shots,

Alternates between red pearls with silver tails and green pearls with silver tails. (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon Blaster, #3

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 20 seconds.

Fairly nice tall fountain; good red and gold; doesn't change at all. Nice pulsating spray of gold sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Dragon Boat

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W733. 24 seconds.

You'll hate to light it, because this is one of the best package designs to hit the market in years. Buy two boxes, and keep one for posterity. When you finally break down and light one, first make sure the metal wheels will spin freely. It rolls forward with a silver spray behind it, then the interior is illuminated, then the dragon's mouth spews silver spray with green sparks. Not very exciting, but it's the package design that counts here. (Last tested in 1996)

Dragon Cake

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SM0202. 100 shots, 28 seconds.

Same as XL Twitter Glitter? Starts as a crackling fountain with silver sparks, then begins shooting up green or white shots and some aerial reports. Not particularly impressive to me. (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon Candle

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2254C. 25 seconds.

Shoots up roaring loud comets with gold tails; time between shots highly variable. (Last tested in 1995)

Dragon Dancing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS344. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Every shot is a "sizzling" silver comet that goes up and breaks into a very nice break of blue, red and green. Excellent. (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon Dancing with Phoenix

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2039. 90 shots, 54 seconds.

Temple of Heaven. A continuous, overlapping series of whistling silver comets, each ending by turning into a red pearl before extinguishing. (Last tested in 1998)

Dragon Drum

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-B053. 58 seconds.

Starts as a fan of 4 sprays, which gives gold crackle and some red, blue and green stars. Then they all change to silver flitter spray. Then, they all change to a clean spray of red and green sparks with very little background spray of gold. A few blue stars appear, but it is mainly red and green. Then they all change to a gold crackle spray which has a relatively soft crackle sound. This gives way to silver crackle sprays. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Dragon Egg

Display Firework (1.3G). Starcrafter brand, #SCF511. 20 seconds.

Fires shots in a Z pattern, at a rapid pace. Each shot is a silver comet that goes up and breaks hard into a nice break with lots of crackle. The timing and angle of each shot is perfect. The last row of shots is fired all at once, in a fan shape. This is a stunning cake and highly recommended for those who are able to buy it. Unfortunately this item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Dragon Eggs, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

This is an interesting effect, which starts as a white comet tail going up, then breaking into a group of crackling projectiles, which continue to crackle as they fly off in different directions. It is distinctly different from a "crackle break," which is basically just one big cluster of random crackle. This is more like traveling comets which crackle as they spread apart. (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon Era

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB215. 16 shots, 23 seconds.

Gold comets that turn and swoosh around as they are going up, in random directions. Ultimately they open into 3 or 4 big, bright stars of red or green, and the green ones seem to strobe a little. No sound effects, but the whooshing sound as they are going up is interesting, and it's really a neat one to watch. A whole row of these placed closely together would look like a wriggling wall of gold comets. (Last tested in 1999)

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Dragon Farts

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0564. 35 seconds.

A spray of green flying sparks, then suddenly adding red and crackle into the mix, then a silver whistle at the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Dragon Flying

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5141. 25 shots, 27 seconds.

A white glitter effect. Each shot goes up as a red, green or white pearl, then comes open into a cluster of very bright silver glitter stars, that flash as they

come down. No sound effects; get this one if you are looking for silver glitter. (Last tested in 1999)

Dragon Pearls

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3030. 8 shots, 25 seconds.

Alternates between crackle, green, red, blue shots with tails. Some of the candles include one whirlwind towards the end. Nice rich colors. Excellent quality candle. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Dragon Report the News, 6-inch

Single-tube Aerial. brand.

Ejects a handful of crackers and a glorious glittering comet. Yeah! (Last tested in 1995)

Dragon Rockets, 8-oz.

Skyrocket. brand, #T0025.

Has a dragon on it's logo, but the label says, "Sole distributor Glorious Fireworks Company, Ltd., Hong Kong." There are two each of six different color labels, but they all say, "with color stars." (Last tested in 2000)

Dragon Salute

Skyrocket. Dragon brand.

Superb comet on the way up to nice red and green break. Foshan Native Produce I/E Corp. Flies up with a thin silver comet tail, then throws out a small cluster of silver sparks and a couple of firecrackers. (Last tested in 1999)

Dragon Slayer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-640. 9 shots, 12 seconds.

Crackling gold comets, to about 50 feet up, and perfectly timed. Not as big or high as the larger, 19-shot Mighty Cobra and its many clones, but nevertheless impressive considering its tiny size and price. (Last tested in 1998)

Dragon Spits Fire

Novelty Firework. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF3046. 10 seconds.

A very bright green flame shoots up with silver sparks, about 10 feet tall. Then, the head turns and whistles with silver sparks. It might even spin if it's on smooth ground. Very similar to Fiery

Dragon or Monoclonius. (Last tested in 1996)

Dragon's Breath

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-233.

Orange globs jump out - the same effect as in the Great Balls of Fire fountain. This one had to be relit twice. (Last tested in 1996)

Dragon's Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Longhorn brand, #LHO29. 19 shots,
12 seconds.

My favorite of the crackling comet items. Spaced closely together. (Last tested in 1995)

Dragons Dancing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand. 16 shots, 16 seconds.

White-headed comets to red and green breaks - nice! (Last tested in 1995)

Dragons Pearl

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand,
#BC-2097. 68 seconds.

Go out and buy several of these right now, and keep some of them for your collection. This is the most intricate and elaborate package design I have seen for any consumer firework so far. It is certain to be a collector's item years from now. The performance is complex, interesting and beautiful, and you really should see it rather than just read my description of it. Two fountains at the top of the archway start with a green strobing flame on each one. Then they turn into silver fountains with a little red and green, but mainly bright silver. As they die down, three jets on the bottom of the hanging dragons light up, and cause the dragons to spin around, while the jets give off a nice spray of gold sparks and flashing silver sparks. Then, small jets on the backs of the dragons give off silver sparks for a few seconds, at various angles. Then, small fountains at the heads of the dragons shoot sprays straight up, and these are silver whistles with some blue sparks mixed in. They continue to whistle while the blue is replaced by red. Then, a spinner at the top of the dragons spins horizontally giving off gold spray. What else is there to say about it, except that it's a landmark achievement. (Last tested in 2004)

Dragster

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand,
#BC-319. 10 seconds.

At least I think it's called Dragster. It doesn't have any name or item number printed on it. Just the Black Cat logo, that's it. But the instructions printed on it mention the word "dragster," so I assume that's what it's called. I like the design of this one, especially the large wheels in the back which roll smoothly. On a flat, smooth, hard surface this novelty can travel far. It rolls forward only, while whistling. After it was done and cooled off, we took the original tube out of it and replaced it with a Piccolo Pete, and it worked again! (Last tested in 1999)

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Dream World

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon
Eggs brand, #DE4039. 16 shots, 23
seconds.

Every shot is a gold comet that goes up and breaks into what I call the "Dragon Egg" effect, in which the breaks spread out as gold comets in many directions and continue to crackle as they spread out. This makes for a longer-lasting crackling sound than the "crackling flowers" effect or clusters of crackle. This is a very good cake. (Last tested in 2004)

Dream World

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Beihai brand, #WB4010. 142 sec-
onds.

Starts big with mixed colors with crackle and silver flitter. Then it changes to a more subdued silver flitter spray, then a red and silver spray, then crackle, which goes on and on a little too long. (Last tested in 1999)

Dreaming of Diamonds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2929. 14 shots,
45 seconds.

Every shot goes up and opens into 2 silver spinners. The shots have a colored flame on the way up. It alternates between shots that go up red, those that go up green, and those that go up blue. (Last tested in 2001)

Dreamland

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2929. 20 shots,
59 seconds.

Alternates between two types of shots, one that gives breaks of red and green with a few reports, and another that gives breaks of blue and gold with reports. The breaks open softly, as if being poured out of the shells, rather than breaking hard. (Last tested in 2000)

Dreamland Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1023. 61
seconds.

Starts with an amazing mixture of blue, purple and green sparks - I don't remember seeing this exact combination of colors at the same time in any fountain. Then a very loud whistle comes in as the colors continue. Then another whistle, and another - all while the same colors keep coming. Then a fourth whistle and a fifth, and a sixth. The whistles are a little distracting, but the colors are beautiful in this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Driller Thriller

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red
Pearl brand, #GG2027. 25 shots, 32
seconds.

The first shot is a mine which consists of crackle and some bright red stars above the crackle. Then four more shots just like that, at a fairly fast pace. The next shot is a mine which consists of crackle and bright green stars above the

crackle. Then four more shots just like that. The next shot is a mine which consists of crackle and blue stars above the crackle. Then four more shots just like that. The next shot is a mine which consists of crackle and gold stars above the crackle. Then four more shots just like that. The next shot is a mine which is an interesting mixture of red, green and blue stars, plus two whistling spinners that go up and whistle as they spin on the way up, giving an unusual sound. The sound is reminiscent of "Killer Alligator" or "The Beast." Then, four more shots just like that. This is an unusual and interesting all-mines cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Drinker of the Wind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2913. 25 shots,
34 seconds.

The shots are fired in groups of 5 shots at a time. The first five end in breaks of silver swimming fish; the second five whistle on the way up, with trails of white sparks, and spinning a little as they go up. The third group go up as green pearls that end in white whirlwinds which whistle a little bit and have a couple of crackers in them. The fourth group goes up as white comets that end in breaks of red, blue and green; and the final group goes up as sparkling comets which end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Drop Dead Gorgeous

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #3062. 44 seconds.

Starts with a silver whistle which whistles 3 times. Then 3 tubes set at angles spray silver flutter and red sparks in a fan shape. Then it changes to intense gold crackle spray from all 3 tubes. (Last tested in 2003)

Drum Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Thunderbird brand, #TB1025. 19
shots, 38 seconds.

Crackling comets, at a very slow pace - if that's what you want, this is the one to get. (Last tested in 1997)

Dueling Dragons

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No
brand. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

I'm sorry to say there is no brand or item number anywhere on the label of this item. Dazzling white comets, with crackle in them as they go up, and either red, white or green heads which are very bright. They don't break open or do anything when they get up there, but the comets are really nice and the heads are brilliant. (Last tested in 1999)

tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Dyno Mighty Mite

Combination firecracker. World Class
Fireworks brand, #MM-DBC.

An unusual firecracker assembly in a red tube that looks like a stick of dynamite, and these are bundled in groups of 7 just like a bundle of dynamite, and they have black velcro straps around them. This one would be a good one to buy for your collection because of the package design and appearance. When you light it, a large number of regular firecrackers go off all at once, rather like the head bomb of a celebration roll. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Eagle Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon
brand, #Y03-089. 16 shots, 39 sec-
onds.

Not one of the better crackling comet repeaters. Enough crackle, but inconsistent height and it's really too slow. Gets a little boring towards the end. (Last tested in 1997)

Eagle's Talon

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon
brand, #Y63-031. 33 shots, 56 sec-
onds.

The first three shots are fired one at a time, and go up and produce breaks of crackle in which the crackle all goes off in a very short time, like a "splatter" of crackle. Then the next three shots go up and also produce breaks of crackle, but the crackle in these breaks takes longer to finish crackling. The next shot gives a red chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle flowers. The next shot gives a green chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle flowers. The next shot gives a blue chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle flowers. Then the previous sequence of three shots is repeated three more times. The next shot is a dragon-eggs break with red tips, which also has some silver glitter mixed in. The next break is a dragon-egg break with green tips, which does not have the glitter mixed in. The next break is a dragon-egg break with blue tips, which does not have glitter mixed in. Then the red dragon-egg break again, then the green one. Then three shots are fired at once, one of each of the red, green and blue dragon-egg breaks. Then, three

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Dust Devil, #8

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 35
seconds.

Beautiful blue flame to gold and silver shower. American-made. (Last tested in 1995)

Dynamic Duo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star
brand. 42 seconds.

All shots whistle on the way up, though there is no comet trail, just a whistling sound. All shots end in very small clusters of color peony stars, green or red, but they do break with a punch. Inconsistent height and direction. (Last

more shots are fired at once, which produce dragon-egg breaks with red tips, but the crackle effect of the dragon eggs seems louder and the breaks look fluffier. Very nice cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Eagles

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #0180. 10 shots, 12 seconds. Whistling shots end in reports. Not impressive. (Last tested in 1995)

Eagles

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0056.

One person put it, "it went up and burst into a few little gold sparks." Not too impressive. (Last tested in 1995)

Earth Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6063. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

A rapid succession of mines, shot from the ground up, each of which appears to contain red stars, green stars, blue stars and a lot of crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Earth Satellite

Cone Fountain. Rozzi brand. 39 seconds.

Very good, but comes apart as it burns - sparks shoot out the side. Nice-looking American made cone, starting with a red flam, then changing to a mixed spray of gold sparks with silver balls. Satisfying duration and amount of sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Echo From Hell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2035. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

Loud shrieking and crackling comets. No color and no breaks. Just noise. (Last tested in 2002)

Echo of Freedom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2035. 19 shots, 29 seconds.

Every shot is a comet which is whistling and crackling as it goes up. The timing seems exactly the same between shots. No color and no breaks, this is a sound effect item only. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Ecstasy

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4238. 67 seconds.

Starts with a gold flitter spray, changing to gold crackle spray. Then a brief spray of silver flitter, then back to the gold crackle spray. Then a spray of orange globs of flame, which I liked very much. Then it ends with the gold crackle again. Lacking in color, but still interesting. (Last tested in 2005)

Eldorado

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3077. 149 shots, 22 seconds.

Very rapid series of shots fired in a Z pattern, from one end of the cake to the other and back. All the shots are short silver comets ending in one blue pearl star each. Then this stops, and five shots are fired in a fan shape, which go up and break into some very nice-looking breaks of blue peony stars and pale silver chrysanthemum stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Electric Forest

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-201. 66 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Starts with pure green spray, fairly tall. Then changes to a shorter green spray of sparks that last a little longer and spread out a little more than in the first spray. Then becomes taller again, with long-lasting green sparks. If you're looking for a fountain with nothing but green in it, this is the one. (Last tested in 2004)

Electric Gold Sparklers

Sparkler. Shogun brand, #SEB8. 45 seconds.

7-inch gold sparklers on yellow bamboo sticks. Each is coated with the sparkler composition for about 3.5 inches of its length. Despite the short length they manage to burn for about 45 seconds each. They are fine if you get them in an assortment, but if you are buying gold sparklers separately, I would opt for the 14-inch version (SEB14) which burn for nearly twice as long. (Last tested in 2005)

Electric Green

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2355.

Shoots up a single shell that breaks open into a palm tree shape, silver branches with green tips, and one white star that flies further than the rest. (Last tested in 2000)

Electric Illusion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-272. 12 seconds.

Starts as a silver fountain, then shoots up surprising whistling comets. (Last tested in 1995)

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El Dorado

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2189. 14 shots, 34 seconds.

The first 6 shots are mines, which give off crackle on the way up, then continue up as glittering gold willow stars - similar to a sparkling gold willow break, but all stars going up instead of spreading out. The next shot goes up and ends in an actual gold willow break with crackle mixed in. Then there are four more shots just like that. The final 3 shots go up all at once, and they are all gold willow breaks with crackle mixed in. A unique piece. (Last tested in 2005)

Electric Shock

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand. 111 seconds.

Starts with a mix of red, green and blue sparks, and then changes to a big silver flitter spray. Then changes to an all-green spray, then to a silver flashing spray. Then the silver flashing spray has a red flame at the bottom. Then it changes to a spray of red and green with a small amount of big crackle sparks - this is interesting because rather than a deluge of crackle, you get one big pop every now and then. A pop here, a pop there, etc. Then it whistles briefly while crackling for a pretty good ending. (Last tested in 2003)

Electric Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK628. 10 shots, 37 seconds.

The first shot is a gold chrysanthemum with silver trails, that also has crackle mixed in with the break. The second shot gives a large break of green stars with short gold trails behind each star. The next shot is a gold chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a large break of green stars with short gold trails behind each star. The next shot is a break of red chrysanthemum stars with silver trails behind each star, but the silver trails fade out and the red stars continue on as red peony stars. The next shot is a blue chrysanthemum break with gold trails behind each blue star. The next shot starts out as a gold spiderweb break but the gold trails turn into silver trails before they burn out. The next shot is a red chrysanthemum break with crackle. The next shot is a nice break of blue and orange peony stars. The final shot is a white chrysanthemum break with crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Electric Sparklers

Sparkler. Shogun brand, #SEB14. 85 seconds.

Gold sparklers, excellent quality, thick spray of gold sparks, surprisingly long burn time - averaging from 80 to 90 seconds per sparkler. Top-notch. (Last tested in 2004)

Electric Sparklers, No. 10

Sparkler. Red Lantern brand, #O750.

Package contains four boxes of 8 blue sparklers, four boxes of 8 red sparklers,

and four boxes of 8 green sparklers. (Last tested in 2004)

Electric Wave Battle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L9913. 36 shots, 29 seconds.

Rich, gold, whistling, spiralling comets, with crackling heads. (Last tested in 1995)

Electrical Shock

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-127. 85 seconds.

The emphasis is on color here, and plenty of it. Abundant red, green and blue sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

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Electromagnetic Gun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L950. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

OK breaks of green and red with a few reports. Not very exciting. (Last tested in 1995)

Electronic Bomb

Combination firecracker. Brothers brand, #BP0013. 15 seconds.

It strobes for about 10 seconds, with a bright white light, then it changes to crackle for 4 to 5, then it blows up like any other firecracker. Fantastic. The ultimate firecracker? Also sold as Thunder Crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Elite Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB277. 32 shots, 93 seconds.

The first 6 shots are gold willow breaks in which the tips turn into color stars. One break turns into red stars, and the next turn to green. These alternate for the first 6 shots. The next 6 shots are silver comets that go up and break into blue peony stars plus silver flying fish. The next 6 shots are either red or green pearls that go up and break into red chrysanthemum breaks with silver glitter mixed in. The next 6 shots are red pearls that go up and break into green flying fish mixed with a little crackle. The next 6 shots are silver comets that go up and break into clusters of blue peony stars mixed with crackle. The last 6 shots are crackling comets that go up and break into dragon eggs breaks. I'm not sure where the extra 2 shots come in. Pretty nice variety and long duration. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Elite Paratroops

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-1061. 20 seconds.

This could really be used during the day or at night. Some of the early shots give parachutes that have green flares attached to them, or small tubes attached to them which wave around and give off crackle. Then some parachutes come down with little whistlers attached - this is very attention-getting; I can't remember any other parachute device which had a whistler suspended from the parachute. This first part of the performance would be just as effective, if not more effective, at night. Then the next several shots give parachutes that give off colored smoke, and these would be much better during the day. Either way, it's one of the better parachute cakes I've seen. (Last tested in 2004)

Embroidered Ball

Base Fountain. Temple of Heaven brand. 7 seconds.

Temple of Heaven. This one really puts out for a package that's only a couple inches tall. Green flame with a tall spray of silver. Great, but only lasts about 7 seconds. (Last tested in 1996)

Emerald City

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-165. 16 shots,
32 seconds.

16 shots of green pearls that each end in clusters of green stars. No sounds. In late 2005, this item performed very well, with strong breaks of green stars and silver glitter, breaking with a hard bang. Greatly improved. (Last tested in 2006)

Emerald Crackling Diamond, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Patriotic brand,
#3004.

Very high flying shell that breaks into green stars with some crackles in there too. (Last tested in 1995)

Emerald Explosion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great
Grizzly brand, #GG0335. 16 shots,

Every shot is a crackling comet on the way up, that bursts into a nice chrysanthemum break of sparkling silver stars. Thought it would be green, with "emerald" in the name, but there is no color. Pretty nonetheless. (Last tested in 2000)

Emerald Illusion

Base Fountain. Bald Eagle brand,
#EA418. 15 seconds.

Big, bright green sparks, almost like strobes. It's no illusion. (Last tested in 1995)

Empire Gold Willow Barrage, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand,
#G-603.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. Produces a large gold willow break in the air, which also has a central break of crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Enchanter's Box

Box Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand,
#DE1032. 101 seconds.

Sparkling white spray, then red spray with white flitter, then a silver whistle, then a bunch of crackle with white flitter, then a nice multi-color spray, then lots of crackle and one more silver whistle to end it with. (Last tested in 2004)

Enchanting

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF045. 118 seconds.

Starts with a mixed red and green spray, then changes to green only. Then becomes a spray of silver flitter sparks. Then changes to a spray of gold crackle sparks. Then becomes a blend of red sparks, blue sparks and soft white titanium sparks. Then a mix of red and blue is very nice, then it becomes red and green. Then it's a thick spray of white flitter, then changing to gold crackle sparks. Then it's the mix of red and blue sparks with soft white titanium. (Last tested in 2004)

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End of Time

Mine. All Star brand. 9 seconds.

Starts as a silver whistling fountain, then gives a mine of blue peony stars, and above that 3 aerial breaks of mixtures of blue peony stars, red glitter stars and a little bit of crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Enduring Freedom Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-093. 202 seconds.

A large, oblong-shaped multi-tube fountain, 9 inches tall, 13 inches long and just under 4 inches in width. There

are 10 tubes in this one. Aptly named, this is another multi-tube fountain that seems like it's never going to stop. It starts with a nice mixture of silver and purple sparks, then a short whistle interrupts. Then a spray of silver and blue stars, changing to a spray of snapping white flitter sparks. Then a mixture of red sparks and flashing silver sparks, changing to a nice spray of snapping gold sparks, then a mixture of green, red and flashing white sparks, then a mixture of silver and crackle, then another whistle, then silver flitter spray, then red sparks mixed with silver flitter spray, then an intense silver crackle spray, then a silver spray, then a mixture of red and crackle, then suddenly a very intense crackle spray, then a silver spray, then another intense crackle spray at the end. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Energy Now

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red
Rhino brand. 16 shots, 21 seconds.

Shoots mines which have crackle at the bottom and very rich blue stars above them. A few of the mines also carry with them a screaming comet which continues on above the topmost blue stars of the mine. Notable for the blue stars, this would be very effective in a long row of about 24 units fired at once. (Last tested in 2004)

Eros

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-6077. 16 seconds.

Alternates between green stars going up and red stars going up, each star then ending in a very nice loud break of strobing silver stars with gold trails behind them. Lovely effect, a great cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Erupting Comets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-639. 7 shots, 15 seconds.

Each shot is a thick white comet, ending in a single-color break of red, blue or green. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Eruption

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Rhino
brand.

This is a kit of reloadable mines, similar to "Critical Acclaim." But the effects are different and also good. Each shell produces a blast of color sparks and/or

crackle, which burns from the ground up. Each shot has a large amount of stars, and in most of the shells the stars are not all of one color, they may be a mix of green and blue plus crackle, etc. These are very good mines. Some of them give some silver spinners (whirlwinds) just above where the mines stop, and a few of the shells in this kit also sneak in an aerial break. But mainly it's a reloadable mine kit, and I recommend it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Escape from Mothership

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-926. 7 seconds.

This is a pair of flying spinners, one piggy-backed on the other, and they both fly up from the ground level. This is different from "Trick Topper Chopper," in which the main one flies up and the smaller one takes off from it. (Last tested in 2005)

Essence of Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-030. 21 shots, 29 seconds.

This fills up the sky with stuff; it covers a very large area. Each row of 3 shots is fired in a fan shape, giving a wide mine of blue stars mixed with crackle, and break effects above that fan of mines. The first fan has gold willow breaks above the mines, the second fan has breaks which are mixtures of silver flying fish and blue peony stars. The next fan produces silver glitter breaks above the mines. The next fan produces green flying fish breaks above the mines. The next fan produces silver chrysanthemum breaks which turn into crackle. The next fan produces nice dragon-egg breaks with red tips. The final fan produces dragon-egg breaks with blue tips. Very impressive for the size of the breaks and area of the sky covered by this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Eternal Flame

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A023-2. 80 seconds.

This is either sold separately or in a combination pack with "Refiners Fire," called "Bright Future" fountain assortment. Eternal Flame begins with a mixture of white flutter and red sparks. This gives way to a big, full spray of white sparks with a very soft crackling sound

to them. Then it changes to a spray of big gold crackles with a red flame at the base. The red flame then goes away but the big gold crackles continue to the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Eternal Spectrum

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A036. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Red pearls go up and end in excellent gold willow breaks with a color star at the tip of each branch of the willow. The color of the star is either blue, green or red. Very nice breaks. Then silver comets go up and end in gold willow breaks with blue tips. Then crackling comets go up and end in clusters of crackle. Finally, screaming silver

Evil Enemy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2099. 36 shots, 29 seconds.

The first 28 shots are fired at a fairly rapid pace and are color pearls that go up and end in silver whirlwinds. The color on the way up alternates between red and blue. The final 8 shots are fired at a slower pace, and the first one is a gorgeous red chrysanthemum with silver glitter mixed into it. The next shot is the same thing except green replaces the red. Then another red one, and then another green one. Very nice, those 4 breaks. The last 4 shots are silver glitter breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Evolution

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB 216. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

All shots go up dark, then end in whirlwinds with some long-lived red stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Excalibur

Reloadable Shell Kit. World Class Fireworks brand, #J102.

When I first tested this in 1999, it had cylindrical shells similar those in the Rambo Kid and Predator kits - in fact I think they were the same shells, just re-labeled. Each kit comes with one sturdy HDPE tube on a plastic base. Excalibur contains these effects: Jumbo Purple Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Green Glitter with Crackling Pistil; Blue Star with Crackle; Red Wave with White Whirlwind; Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; Jumbo Purple Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Green Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Golden Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Blue Stars with Green Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Red Stars with Green Glitter Pistil; Golden Stars with Crackling Pistil; White Wave with Crackling Pistil; Blue Stars with Crackling Pistil; Green Glitter with Crackling Pistil; Green Crackling with Green Whirlwind; Red & White Wave with Green Whirlwind; Crackling with Green Whirlwind; Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; Jumbo Green Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; White to Red with Red Whirlwind; Silver Glitter with Red Whirlwind; Dragon Egg with Red Whirlwind; Red Wave with White Whirlwind; and Assorted Peony with

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comets are fired in a group. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Ethereal Ship

Flying Spinner. Beihai brand, #W538.

Nice wide spray of silver as it flies up. (Last tested in 1999)

Evening Party

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #K706C. 20 shots, 6 seconds.

More like Evening Pity. 4, 16 or 20-shot sizes available. Small, thin breaks of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Whirlwind. They are not double shells, but each shell has 2 effects in it. It's a terrific variety of quality effects in one box. In 2005, this kit has been re-designed and the shells are completely different. They are still canister (cylindrical) shells, but now they are approximately 4 inches tall and 1.75 inches in diameter, and they are pretty hefty. They produce large, high-quality bursts in the air and the bursts have plenty of stars. The kit includes a high quality HDPE plastic mortar, which will last for years if you take good care of it. The shells included in the kit I bought in 2005 are: Brocade Crown, Silver Wave to Green, Blue Chrysanthemum, Crackles, Dragon Eggs, Purple & Green Peony, Brocade Silver to Yellow, Brocade Crown with Crackles, Brocade Silver to Blue, Multi-color Peony, Multi-color Peony with Crackling Pistil, Silver Wave to Red. The kit included 2 shells each of those 12 listed above. The box that the kit comes in lists 24 different shells, which are different from the actual shells in the kit I got. Nevertheless, these are high-quality shells and a high-quality tube is included. You can't go wrong with this kit, if you can only buy one shell kit the entire year this would be a good choice. In 2005, there seemed to be two different versions of this kit, with one version having larger shells and breaking harder, with more stars. It's hard to tell which version of Excalibur you are getting, so to be sure, buy one box before buying whole cases of it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Excalibur Morning Glory

Sparkler. brand. 39 seconds.

A pack of 6 boxes includes 2 boxes each of green, red or gold. Standard-issue Morning Glory sparklers, burning in one color only, for an acceptable burning duration. (Last tested in 1998)

Exodus

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Hot Shot brand, #HS9147. 61 seconds.

Twelve fountain tubes, arranged in 3 rows of 4 tubes, in a fan shape. The outer two tubes put out gold flitter sparks, while the inner 2 put out red spray. Then they all stop and 4 more start, 2 snapping white and 2 red spray. Then they stop, and 4 more start, all 4 of which are snapping white which get fairly loud. Probably the best of the fan-

shaped fountains. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Exotic Mash

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-203. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

Among the many cakes with the "flying fish" effect this one stands out. Each shot gives a good amount of both green flying fish and red flying fish, and in the middle of the break are some blue stars. No sound effects; this is a visual performance. Excellent color and quality. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

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Exploding Comet

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-416.

Emits a continuous stream of crackles and silver sparks as it flies up. (Last tested in 1998)

Exploding Palm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0226. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

Very large package (9 inches tall). Tremendous altitude achieved by gold comets with thick tails of long-lasting gold. (Last tested in 1998)

Exploding Rain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3032. 15 shots, 29 seconds.

The first shot is a silver comet that goes up and ends in a break which is a mixture of red stars and crackling dragon eggs stars, which continue to crackle as they spread out from the break. The next two shots are the same thing except they have green stars rather than red. The next two shots are the same except the color stars are purple. The next two shots are the same except the color stars are yellow. Finally the rest of the shots go up and give dragon eggs breaks without color stars. A very good piece. (Last tested in 2003)

Explorer series

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB8025. 27 seconds.

These are not 1.4G consumer fireworks in the United States, they are considered 1.3G display fireworks. But I have included them because many readers of my books can and do buy 1.3G fireworks for their shows and because these are so good. There are six different Explorer cakes, and they all have the same item number and they all have 25 shots. The six varieties are: Red, Red & Green, Crackling, Silver Palm, Royal Crown and Red Tail with Crackling. All varieties shoot white comets that go up and split into several more comets, which means they could be considered a "crossette" shell, a comet that splits into several smaller comets. The different varieties indicate what the effects are at the top - Red, for example, splits into white comets with red tails. Terrific and highly recommended, for those who can buy them. Sadly though, I have heard that the factory that makes this item (Beihai General) has discontinued this and all other 1.3G fireworks it was making, many of which were of outstanding quality. They are still making consumer fireworks, but their decision to stop making display fireworks is a big loss to the fireworks display business, in my opinion. The crossette effect can be seen in two other fireworks from this same factory, "America Fights Back" and "Desperate Attempt." (Last tested in 1999)

Explosions on Jupiter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-633. 21 shots, 20 seconds.

Similar to Atomic Afterglow and Cosmos Extravaganza. Excellent green pearls ending in white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1995)

Exposure Great

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2273. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

All shots whistle and crackle on the way up, then burst into very nice red and green breaks. Excellent. (Last tested in 2000)

Expression

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A069. 200 shots, 33 seconds.

Very rapid barrage of shots, most of which are red, blue or green pearls, but quite a few of them crackling comets and some of them whistles. Like a large Twitter Glitter. A whole wall of these might be effective. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Extra Commando

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP-0007-3. 33 shots, 45 seconds.

STarts with about five shots which are nice symmetrical breaks of peony stars of mixed colors. Then what I think is five shots of chrysanthemum breaks, which have lots of stars and spread out big. Then a series of shots of red peony breaks, fired one at a time. Then a volley of five "dragon eggs" breaks, with red stars. Then a few "gold willow" breaks, which have some silver sparkle in them; these are sometimes called "brocade willow." Then a group of shots fired all at once, which are good, thick silver comets with intensely bright red heads. Wow. Then a group of shots fired all at once, which go up and open hard into breaks which are red peony stars and silver glitter stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Extra Large California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-313-04. 65 seconds.

20 inches long. Starts with a bright red flame, changing to a gold flame with some silver sparks, then a nice thick spray of large white sparks. No sound

effects, but good color and sparks. Long-lasting. (Last tested in 1998)

Extraordinary Quest

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7092. 24 seconds.

It's a big tank, decorated in a camouflage pattern, with a radar antenna on top. It starts with a whistle out the back end, which has some red and green sparks in it, and this causes the tank to move forward a little. Then it changes to some crackle spray, then back to the whistle. The whistle part seems to have more thrust to it and that part makes the tank move forward again. That stops, then the radar antenna on the top starts spinning and giving

break which starts as a mixture of blue and green peony stars, and ends up as a break of red peony stars. The next break is a green peony break, which breaks hard and spreads out far. The next break is a silver glitter break which has one large red star and one large green star added. The next shot produces a break which is a mix of blue peony stars and bright orange peony stars. The next break is a purple peony break. The next break is what appears to be a green "falling leaves" break. The next shot gives what appears to be a purple "falling leaves" break. Then a purple "falling leaves" break. Then the next shot produces a break which starts out as a peony break of red and blue stars, and ends as a silver chrysanthemum. Then there is a crackle break, and then a break which starts out as a mixture of blue and red stars, but the red stars change to green as they spread out, so it ends as a mix of blue and green stars. Then there is a flying fish break, then a couple of breaks which produce blue peony stars mixed with stars which start out as bright pink, then change to green before they burn out. Then there is a mini-finale of four shots which produce color chrysanthemum breaks. This is an interesting cake due to the color-changing stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Extreme Firepower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6090. 55 shots, 41 seconds.

Each shot is fired singly and goes up and swirls open into a small cluster of color stars. Then about 5 comets are fired all at once, and they have red heads, and they also give off some firecrackers as they fly up. Then a series of whistling and crackling shots are fired, then a series of silver comets which spiral upward and they open into breaks of silver glitter. Then a series of very unusual "hummer" shots goes up - these spin and make a buzzing sound as they go up. A unique sound that you don't hear in many fireworks. These shots open into whirlwinds. Then a group of white comets that end in red peony breaks. And finally a group of comets with green heads. (Last tested in 2004)

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off silver sparks - this is surprising and fun. Then a gun at the front of the tank sprays green and crackle. Overall, a much more interesting performance than ordinary tanks. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Extreme Fighters

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #GG-2903. 18 shots, 49 seconds.

The first shot produces a red chrysanthemum break, in which the red stars fade out and it ends as a silver chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a

Extreme Machine

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. World Class Fireworks brand, #MWC503. 36 shots, 31 seconds.

The shots are fired in groups of 6. Each shot whistles on the way up and ends in a break of crackle flowers. There are no colors or any other effect - it is all whistles and lots of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005)

F-1 Full Bore

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-202. 153 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. It's a multi-tube fountain that starts with a mixture of green sparks, red sparks and white flitter sparks. Then it changes to just green and flashing silver for a few seconds, and then to a gold flitter spray with blue sparks mixed in. Then it becomes a mixture of red, blue and green sparks with some silver crackle added, and one short whistle goes off. Then the crackle changes to big silver crackle sparks, while the green, red and blue continue, although they are overwhelmed by the crackle and you can't see the colors very well at that point. The crackle stops and the spray is green, blue, and red sparks with white flitter sparks. Then it becomes green and flashing silver again, with a few red sparks here and there. Then a gold flitter mixed with blue sparks. Then red, green, blue, crackle and one short whistle. Finally for the last 10 seconds or so it's a spray of all crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

F-117

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5020. 5 seconds.

Big plane which whistles loudly as it spins on the ground, then takes off, flying away with a trail of crackle behind it. So heavy that it actually needs to build up some speed before it can start flying. (Last tested in 1999)

F-2 Pure Crackle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-204. 112 seconds.

Starts with a nice combination of red sparks with silver crackle sparks. Then changes to silver crackle spray only. Then it becomes a mixture of gold sparks with big silver crackle sparks. Then it becomes a mix of red sparks and

big silver crackle sparks. Then it becomes a mixture of small but bright silver flitter sparks and purplish-red sparks. Then it becomes a big gold crackle spray. The gold crackle continues, and deep gold sparks are added to this, and the whole spray becomes bigger and taller for the ending. (Last tested in 2005)

F5 Pyro Ignitor

Accessory. Phantom brand, #Z-800.

This is the first firing system that I have seen on the mass consumer market. Fancy, expensive firing systems have been available for sale for years, but this the first one I have come across that was designed for, and is marketed for, the consumer fireworks enthusiast. The

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basic kit contains a transmitter, a receiver, three "E-fuses" and the necessary batteries are included. The "E-fuse" plugs into the receiver and has five clips on the other end, each one of which attaches to a fireworks fuse. The cable part of the E-fuse is approximately 55 inches long. You spread apart the clips at the end and split the cable into five separate branches. You attach one clip to each fuse. So, one E-fuse will ignite 5 fireworks, all of which have to be within a few feet of each other. The receiver allows you to fire the 5 fireworks either one at a time, or in rapid succession so

that they basically all fire at the same time. So essentially, with this system you can create a firing site, with up to five fireworks at that site, and you can be up to 120 feet away from the site to operate the remote-control transmitter. There's nothing stopping you from buying several of these systems and have several firing sites at different locations in your show, as long as you are within 120 feet of them. This seems to be an ideal solution for igniting fireworks in spots that you can't manually get to during a show, such as up on high places, or on a floating launch pad in the middle of a small pond, and so forth. It would also help you with the timing of your show, if you want to hold off on certain fireworks until a specific time in the music, etc. Clever pyrotechnicians will think of other ways to use it, including having the clip on an E-fuse ignite a main fuse which then leads to a series of fireworks, not just a single firework. The kit includes detailed instructions for use. The transmitter that is included looks like a flashlight, and has a flashlight bulb in it, but apparently does not double as a flashlight. At least I couldn't get the flashlight bulb to go on. The basic kit comes with 3 E-fuses, so you can light 15 fireworks with it. The manufacturer also sells E-fuses separately, in boxes of 5. This system worked flawlessly for me when I tested it. It was great fun to stand there, push the button on the transmitter and see an orange puff of flame from the E-fuse ignite the firework's fuse, then a few seconds later see the firework go off - all while standing 100 feet away from it. (Last tested in 2005)

F5 Refill kit (5 E-fuses)

Accessory. Phantom brand, #Z-820.

This goes along with the F5 Pyro Ignitor kit, it consists of five "E-fuses," each of which has 5 clips that attach to fireworks fuses. Therefore this refill kit allows you to ignite 25 fuses (to do all 25 at one time would require five F5 Pyro Ignitor kits.) (Last tested in 2005)

Fairy Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #B1102-19. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Red stars that go up and break softly into green clusters. Not that impressive. (Last tested in 2000)

Fairy Lady of Flowers

Base Fountain. Beihai brand,
#WB4004. 19 seconds.

Fairy lady. Big spray of white flitter, and lots of it. Really bright! (Last tested in 1999)

Fairy Tale Opera

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2950. 14 shots,
46 seconds.

Each shot goes up and opens into 2 spinners, with red or green centers and sprays of silver coming out as they spin. Very pretty, but no sound effects except the soft sound of the spinning motion. (Last tested in 2001)

Fairy with Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West
Lake brand, #L936. 36 shots, 50
seconds.

Rapid-paced red pearls become red and silver breaks. Inexpensive. The 36-shot Fairy with Flowers (West Lake, #L936) has always been a favorite of mine, for its low price and long duration. But it used to have red stars, and now it has green stars. It's just as good, but I wonder if they just plain ran out of strontium at the factory. "Hey, here's some barium salts. Put this in it instead. They'll never notice." Well, we did. (Last tested in 1996)

Falcon Rising

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2893. 25 shots,
58 seconds.

Crackling comets go up and break into nice chrysanthemum breaks of red, green or blue; the red breaks have crackle added. The last 10 shots are fired at a much faster pace to create a mini-finale. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Fall Fantasy

Base Fountain. Bald Eagle brand,
#EA415. 21 seconds.

Red and green spray, with a moderate amount of crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 1995)

Fall Fury

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BCSF-604. 23 shots, 48
seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Every shot goes up as a sparkling comet and then ends in a break of "falling

leaves" stars which last a long time and drift down before they burn out. Most breaks have 2 colors, such as red and green, or blue and silver, or blue and red, etc. Because of the long-lasting breaks this cake almost appears to be taking place in slow motion. Towards the end, 5 shots are fired all at once which produce a bunch of falling leaves breaks in various colors. Then, 3 shots are fired in a fan shape, which produce one red peony break, one blue peony,

make it good any more. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Family Delight

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #F822. 35 seconds.

Starts with a red flame and silver spray, which changes quickly to a very tall crackle spray. Then a green flame with silver sparks, changing to the tall crackle again. Finally a red flame with silver spray, ending with the tall crackle spray. Excellent height. (Last tested in 2000)

Family Holiday

Hand-held Fountain. West Lake
brand, #L310. 32 seconds.

Very nice red and crackling hand-held fountain. I'd buy it again. (Last tested in 1995)

Fancy City

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Winda brand, #P3002. 49 seconds.

Tall gold spray with blue sparks mixed in, changing to a short white flitter spray spray, then the tall gold spray with blue mixed in, then the white flitter spray again, then the gold/blue, then the white flitter. I liked the gold/blue spray a lot, it's a very pleasing color combination. (Last tested in 2000)

Fandango

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM099. 30 shots,
36 seconds.

Five breaks of red peony stars. Then five breaks of green peony stars. Then five breaks of white peony stars. So far a little boring. Then 5 shots that are fired up at the same time, which give breaks of crackle - for a good intense cluster of crackle. Then 5 shots are fired at the same time, which give "dragon egg" breaks, where they continue to crackle as they spread out. This is one of the best "dragon egg" breaks I have seen, very rich and intense with crackle. Kind of dull beginning but terrific ending. (Last tested in 2004)

Fantail Fantastico

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM093. 45 shots,
24 seconds.

Shoots 5 shots in a fan, which produce some crackle mines at the lower level. Above that, they are gold comets that go up and end in a row of red peony breaks, then half a second later, a row of white peony breaks. This fan is repeated 4

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and one white peony. It's a winner. (Last tested in 2004)

Fame and Fortune

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West
Lake brand, #L925. 7 shots, 15 sec-
onds.

Fluffy comets with colored heads, that burst into small breaks of red and green. Tested again in 2005. Starts with a fountain of pale green and gold sparks, not very good color. This fountain continues throughout the duration of the piece, rather than ending as the aerial shots start, as some of the other cakes of this size do. The 6 aerial shots give small clusters of green or red glitter stars. Not all that impressive due to the weak colors. No comets as it had in 1995. This is a cake which should have been retired if they weren't going to

more times, but on the final time, the white peony breaks are replaced with breaks of crackle which drift down while crackling. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Fantastic 5

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9005. 48 shots, 15 seconds.

First it fires a series of shots which end in red peony breaks and blue peony breaks. The contrast between the red and blue is good. Then it fires crackling comets at angles, and peony breaks of green, purple or red. Appealing display, but over very quickly. (Last tested in 2003)

Fantastic Garden

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1043. 77 seconds.

Starts with a good crackle spray, really loud. Then a short silver whistle, then back to the crackle (which never really stopped). Then another whistle, and more crackle. Another silver whistle, and more crackle. No colors - a great all-noise fountain. (Last tested in 2004)

Fantasy General

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2663. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a brilliant red, green or white pearl, which then separates into 3 or 4 large stars of mixed red and green. These drift back down a little. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Fantasy World

Base Fountain. Po Sing brand, #T21. 7 seconds.

Very tall and bright, with rich red, gold, green and blue, but far too short-lived. (Last tested in 1995)

Fantasylands

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4041. 21 shots, 22 seconds.

A big crackling comet, followed by two silver comets which break into blue stars and silver fish. Then three red stars that go up and each split into 4 red stars (crossette). Then 4 spinning silver shots which go up and break into very good red peonies with crackle. Then 5 green shots which go up and break into green peonies with crackle. Then 6

shots which go up as blue stars and then end in huge breaks of crackle. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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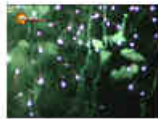
Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0322. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Groovy, baby. The label is cosmic. Far Out is hey, far out, man. White comet tails on the way up, mixed color breaks at the top that break hard. Not only that, a little bit of crackle in each break. Red, green, blue, and crackle in every break. Far out! What I'm trying to say, man, is this is one ga-rooovy piece, dude. Trip out! It's a cosmic psychedelic

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rainbow, brother. The finest 16 shots you'll see, at least in this dimension. (Last tested in 1999)

Farmer's Choice

Novelty Firework. Hot Shot brand, #HS2226. 25 seconds.

Nicely designed novelty in the shape of a tractor you might see on a farm in the U.S. The first tube that lights is the smokestack on the hood of the tractor, and this keeps putting out smoke for most of the rest of the time. A tube on the back whistles and puts out a few color sparks, and makes the tractor roll forward. Then it stops, and a tube on the

front whistles and makes it roll backward, then a second tube on the front puts out a soft crackle spray. (Last tested in 2000)

Fast & Furious

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3053. 180 shots, 63 seconds.

All the shots are fired at angles, more or less in a "Z" pattern (starting at one end and firing down to the other end, then back the other direction for the next row). The first group of shots is red pearls that end in reports. The next group is silver comets that end in reports. Then another group of red pearls that end in reports. Then another group of silver comets that end in reports. Then they start coming a lot faster, and it really earns the name "Fast and Furious" at this point. I think four more groups of red pearls, alternating with four more groups of silver comets (and some groups of what may be blue pearls, but I was too far away to be sure that they were blue), are then fired, in the Z pattern. Every shot ends in a report, so you get a steady parade of reports in the sky. There are no color breaks here, like there are in "High Stepper" but it's still an interesting show due to the reports. (Last tested in 2003)

Fasthawk Rocket

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-437.

Each rocket flies up and ends in a small cluster of color stars plus a small white whirlwind, an effect rarely seen in rockets. (Last tested in 2000)

Fear No Evil

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2090.

This box has six shells and one tube, and all six shells are 5-break shells. The shells are 1.5-inch diameter shells, so they have slightly fewer stars in them than 1.75-inch shells have. Nevertheless, they provide an impressive display of color in the air, since each break seems to be of a different color than the previous break of the same shell. The timing between breaks is very consistent. These shells break very hard and symmetrically. Outstanding quality. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Fearless Floral Finale

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Phantom brand, #G-136. 8 shots, 12 seconds.

Alternates between excellent big breaks of red stars and breaks of silver flying fish. Does not last very long, but the shots it gives are really good. (Last tested in 2001)

Fearless Warriors

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3007. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl, ending in a red peony break. The next shot is a green pearl, ending in a green peony break. The next shot is a gold pearl, ending in a gold peony break. The next shot is a blue pearl, ending in a blue peony break. The next shot is a silver comet, ending in a white chrysanthemum break. This sequence of 5 shots is then repeated in that order for the rest of the performance, until the end, when the last 5 shots go up all at once, giving a colorful finale. (Last tested in 2003)

Feast of Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Phantom brand, #H-084. 64 seconds.

Begins with a mix of red and green sparks. This is followed by a silver whistle. Then it changes to a mix of red, green and blue sparks. Then another silver whistle happens while the red, green and blue spray continues. Then it changes to a mixture of red sparks with white flutter sparks. Then it changes to an intense crackle spray. Another silver whistle happens while the crackle spray continues, and the crackle stops while the silver whistle goes on for a few more seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Feeding Frenzy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-601. 18 shots, 33 seconds.

Part of the Black Cat "Spectrum Force" series. The first 3 shots are fired in a fan, one by one, and they are sparkling silver comets that go up and end in breaks of silver flying fish with some blue stars mixed in. Then more shots like that are fired, but they end in breaks of silver flying fish with red and green stars mixed in. Then 3 more are fired, which end in silver flying fish with some red stars. Then 3 crackling comets are fired in a fan, one by one, and they

end in breaks of crackling flying fish. Then 3 more shots are fired which are color pearls ending in breaks of long-lasting "falling" leaves stars, either red or silver breaks. Then 3 more shots are fired in a fan, one by one, which are groups of screaming silver comets, and below them are crackle mines. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Feel the Rocket Power

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6015.

A pack of 11 rockets that give standard rocket effects such as color peony breaks, crackle breaks, and silver flying fish breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

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Ferocious

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB247. 36 shots, 63 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets that go up and open into breaks. The breaks alternate between color glitter breaks with crackle, and color chrysanthemum breaks, and blue peony breaks. Lasts a very long time. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ferocious Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3052. 18 shots, 38 seconds.

Every shot goes up and breaks into a large, symmetrical break of crackle. The only effect is crackle, nothing else. The shots are fired one by one, no multiple shots at the end. Good if you're looking for crackle only. For the best effect, light two of these about 1 second apart in time. (Last tested in 2003)

Ferocious Tunny

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4004. 19 shots, 53 seconds.

Starts as a multi-colored fountain, that changes to a crackling fountain, then the aerial shots start. Each shot goes up dark and then ends in either blue stars mixed with silver flying fish, or a crackle cluster. (Last tested in 2004)

Ferris Wheel

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K1287L. 13 seconds.

Hard-to-find piece certain to be a collector's item someday. Basically a wheel attached to a base, with two side fountains pointing up. The side fountains spray silver about a foot high, while the wheel spins in green, whistles briefly, then spins in red. It's all over pretty fast - not a memorable performance, but this item's rarity and unique design make it highly desirable for the collector. Just about every unit I saw had dents in it, though. (Last tested in 1998)

Festival Ball

Single-tube Aerial. Red Lantern brand, #0006.

Three separate breaks; one after the other, not all at the same time. Red, green, white. (Last tested in 1995)

Festival of Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2983. 12 shots, 32 seconds.

Shots go up dark and then open into a few small whirlwinds as well as some buzzing silver spinners that fly away. A couple of the middle shots also have some reports. Kind of misnamed, because it's not much to look at, but it does give interesting sounds. A sound effect cake mainly. The last four shots give unusual breaks of small buzzing red or green spinners, and some reports. (Last tested in 2002)

Feverish Fortalice

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4046. 49 seconds.

Brilliant white flame with crackle coming out of it, from the main tube. There are two smaller tubes on the sides, which each whistle briefly with a "whooshing" whistle sound. The main tube continues with more crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Field Artillery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L980. 9 shots, 7 seconds.

All 9 shots came out so quickly it seemed like a single barrage. The breaks were decent, but this item scared everyone. (Last tested in 1996)

Field Artillery

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2306.

Box of four single-shot tubes. Each one goes up with a thick, very bright white comet tail and breaks into a nice break of color. (Last tested in 1999)

Field Operations

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2158. 19 shots, 21 seconds.

Alternates between whistling shots with silver tails that break into small clusters of green stars, and red pearls that break into clusters of green stars with silver fish. Basically the same in 2003 as it was in 1999. (Last tested in 2003)

Fierce Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P514. 24 shots, 34 seconds.

Starts out with crackling comets, which end in small clusters of stars, either red or green stars or white glitter stars. Then, one whistling shot, and one whirlwind shot. Then a few shots of just small color breaks, then it's more crackling comets. Then another whirlwind and some color breaks and white glitter breaks, then a couple crackling comets and one whirlwind to finish it off. (Last tested in 1999)

Fierce Tiger Soaring

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0008.

Whistling on the way up, to red and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Fiery Falcons

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-313. 16 shots, 36 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and becomes a gold spinner in the air, which then breaks open into a regular color break, of red peony stars mixed with silver glitter stars. It's amazing, really - it's a shell that spins in the air before bursting into colors. I'm stumped as to how they achieve that effect. The next three shots are identical to the first one. Then the next shot is a green pearl which goes up and becomes a gold spinner in the air, before bursting into a break of silver glitter stars mixed with crackle. Then three more shots

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just like that one. The next shot is a red pearl that goes up and becomes a gold spinner that breaks into a silver chrysanthemum break mixed with some crackle. Then three more shots just like that. The next shot is a green pearl which goes up and doesn't spin, it breaks open into a mixture of blue peony stars and some crackle. Then three more shots just like that. This cake is fascinating due to that gold spinner that becomes a floral break, in the first 12 shots. I'm still mystified as to how it works. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Fiery Fantasia

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2014. 16 shots, 16 seconds.

Crackling comets, with plenty of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Fiery Trees & Silvery Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W584. 16 shots, 23 seconds.

Loud crackling comets shoot up. Unlike other crackling-comet repeaters, these have red and green stars mixed into the comet tails! (Last tested in 1996)

Fight Back

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A053. 20 shots, 42 seconds.

Alternates between red ring shells and green ring shells. Each ring has approximately 16 stars. Most of the cake is the ring shells, then there are three shots of crackle breaks, and finally three shots of large chrysanthemum breaks of green or red. These are very nice, but I would have loved to see a cake like this of nothing but ring shells, possibly including blue rings as well as red and green. Nevertheless, this is a great one to get if you want to easily add 14 ring shells to your show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Fighter of Galaxy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4032. 13 shots, 21 seconds.

I liked this one. Alternates between shots that go up as red pearls and shots that go up as green pearls. The breaks vary from shot to shot, but they are nice breaks, with symmetrical patterns. Mixed green and purple peony is one, another is a red chrysanthemum, another is blue with sparkling silver stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Fighting Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2928. 37 shots, 64 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up and open into blue stars that change to red, and shots that go up and open into green stars with a whirlwind. The shots speed up towards the end. Very nice for the color-changing stars, otherwise rather ordinary. (Last tested in 2001)

Final Defense

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2042. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

Excellent large breaks, quite a variety. Red, green or blue chrysanthemums, crackle breaks, etc. All shots also have thick, fluffy comet tails on the way up, some with colored heads too. The last 4 shots are fired basically all at once for a mini-finale. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Finale Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-231. 74 seconds.

Full, rich, powerful sprays of green, gold and white. Not tall, but good. (Last tested in 1995)

Finale Freeball

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0155. 16 shots, 39 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a silver comet that breaks very hard into a peony break of small red peony stars and large green peony stars. The second shot goes up as a silver comet and breaks hard into a big silver glitter break. The next shot goes up as a silver comet and breaks hard into a break that turns into a whole bunch of small crackle flowers. The next shot goes up as a silver comet that ends as a large gold willow break. The above sequence repeats three more times. In the last set of four, they are fired closer together in time, but not all at the same instant. (Last tested in 2005)

Finale Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #S7045. 30 shots, 37 seconds.

Superb chrysanthemum breaks in 2004, large breaks that break with a bang, but not enough altitude. Still a definite "buy" in 2004. (Last tested in 2005)

Fine Champagne

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4137. 55 seconds.

The perfect fountain for New Year's Eve. A plastic bottle, which contains a multi-tube fountain. You take the top of the bottle off to light the fountain. Starts with the goldfish effect as in "Vesuvius" fountain, adding a few blue stars, then quickly changes to a whistle with silver sparks, then a bright white spray, then

another whistle with a tall silver spray, then a really intense spray of crackle, ending with another tall silver whistle. The best way to bring in the new year for states that do not allow aerial fireworks. (Last tested in 1999)

Fire Astral

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2268. 25 shots, 56 seconds.

This will certainly be a candidate for best repeater of 1998. A long-duration show of high quality. Each shot goes up as a very bright pearl of either red, green or an almost white-blue, with a small comet trail. After a small delay in the air, each shot breaks open into either a red or green chrysanthemum burst (with trails) or a blue peony burst

actually be a relabeling of the Family Holiday handle fountain (L310). (Last tested in 1998)

Fire Dragon

Skyrocket. Winda brand, #P2003.

Three rockets in a vinyl bag, with 2 extra decorative cardboard inserts in the bag to make it more attractive. Interesting effects, a comet tail on the way up, then a break of stars and crackle, finishing off with a few "silver flying fish." Nice. (Last tested in 1999)

Fire Eagle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A064. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

Most of the shots are crackling comets that go up and end in clusters of crackle and a few color stars mixed in. At the end, two or three shots are whistling comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Fire Fantasy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A032. 30 shots, 27 seconds.

Fires a row of 6 shots in a z-pattern, which are red pearls going up and opening fairly hard into red peony breaks. Then another row going the other direction, which are blue pearls ending in good blue peony breaks. Then a row of green pearls is fired the other direction which end in good green peony breaks. The next row is crackling comets that end in crackle breaks. The final row of 6 is whistling comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Fire Fiend

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO002-1. 19 shots, 42 seconds.

Fires a series of large color chrysanthemum breaks which alternate between red, blue and green chrysanthemums. I believe there is one purple chrysanthemum in there as well, but I would have to see it go off again in person to be sure. At the end, two crackling comets are shot up at the same time and they end in large breaks of crackle. Impressive for the size of the breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

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(no trails). The color of the burst matches the color of the pearl as it goes up. The relatively slow pacing lets you appreciate each individual shot. (Last tested in 1998)

Fire Blaster

Hand-held Fountain. Great Grizzly brand. 9 seconds.

Hand-held fountain which sprays gold with crackle, then adds some green sparks. Unit we tested had very short duration; other units are likely to last much longer - possibly 30 seconds long. Has a wooden handle; I think this may

Fire Flight

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0303.

Now this is interesting. It flies up with a loud whistle, and about halfway through its flight, some crackle appears, then when it reaches the top of the flight, a second cluster of crackle is ejected. So you get one whistle and two clusters of crackle out of this little rocket. Pretty cool. (Last tested in 1999)

Fire Hawk II

Missile. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0237.

A unique piece with a large plastic attachment that serves as the "fins." It flies up smoothly and beautifully, then ends in a small but nice break of white stars and a couple of pops. Can't really compare in the break quality of a shell, but it does fly well, and it's so darn interesting to look at that I'll bet you buy one just to keep for your collection. Is it a rocket, or a missile? (Last tested in 1999)

Fire Hawk rockets

Skyrocket. Fire Hawk brand.

Good quality breaks with different effects. (Last tested in 2002)

Fire & Ice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2932. 39 seconds.

All shots go up as green pearls which turn into silver whistles. Alternates between shots that finally end as beautiful shimmering gold spinners, and shots that end as silver whirlwind. (Last tested in 2000)

Fire in the Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4055. 21 shots, 39 seconds.

Starts with a silver flitter fountain, then shoots up 21 comets with colored heads of either red, green or blue. A couple of the comets are crackle comets. Other than those, no sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Fire in the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2901. 12 shots, 24 seconds.

Shoots up a series of gold comets with red heads. Each one breaks open into a gold willow break, with soft gold branches that spread out and hang

there for a second. This is an unusual effect that you don't see in too many Chinese-made repeaters. Good for variety in your show. (Last tested in 2000)

Fire it Up

Smoke. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1268.

A little cone which puts out a nice quantity of rich purple smoke. (Last tested in 2002)

Fire of Fury

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB208. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Red or white pearls go up, then open into silver whirlwinds, with crackle

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added. An enhancement of the common whirlwind effect. (Last tested in 1999)

Fire of Star

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1031. 11 seconds.

A pack of 4 very small fountains. Starts with a bright colored flare, then changes to a mixture of color sparks plus crackle. Impressive for such a small piece - somewhat like "Sunlight of Florida." (Last tested in 2004)

Fire Phoenix

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WG006?.

In my book *Fireworks for Everyone!*, I considered Fire Phoenix (Beihai brand) to be the best consumer rocket ever. A year later, it's much more widely available. It is still rather expensive, but it's still worth it. When I first tested it, all of the rockets gave a silver comet on the way up, then a big green break. The latest batch still has the silver comet, but now the breaks are different for each rocket — some are red, some red and green, and some are red, green and blue breaks. (Last tested in 1996)

Fire Phoenix

Skyrocket. Brothers brand.

Brothers' version of it. Looks exactly the same as the Beihai version, but has the Brothers name printed on it. Flies up with a tail of silver sparks, then breaks into a good-sized break of stars. About the same as all the other current versions of Fire Phoenix - which is to say, not as powerful as the original version in 1995. (Last tested in 1999)

Fire Ring

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0514.

Tiny spinner on a parachute is ejected at the end of the rocket's flight. A much bigger version would be better. (Last tested in 1995)

Fire Serpents

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #PO12. 4 shots, 14 seconds.

Excellent red and green crackling comets. Inexpensive item. (Last tested in 1995)

Fire Spurters

Sparkler. Horse brand, #T6508. 42 seconds.

100 green and 100 silver sparklers, made of paper tubes. Interesting. 38 seconds. Thin paper tubes filled with loose composition. Green or silver. They frequently go out prematurely. (Last tested in 1996)

Fire & Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-47. 34 seconds.

Super Blast. Each of the 19 shots breaks into a cluster of blue stars and a handful of crackle on the way up. This is probably unintentional, but it does produce an "elevated" mine effect. (Last tested in 1996)

Fire Tower Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1017. 93 seconds.

Starts with a mixture of red sparks and flashing white sparks. Then changes to a nice combination of gold flitter with blue sparks. Then back to red, with some softly crackling sparks mixed in. Then flashing white sparks as the spray gets taller. Then bright green and red sparks mixed together. Then finishes off with a pretty good spray of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Fire Wheel, m

Wheel. Beihai brand, #WB6001. 33 seconds.

See "Wild Wheel" for description, as this is the same wheel. (Last tested in 2002)

Fire-fly Satellite

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand, #LO21. 6 seconds.

Green to red. Tends to hover, rather than going up. Cute little one. (Last tested in 1995)

Fire-Meteors Ball

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2162.

Two tubes and twelve shells in the box: Silver Palm Tree, Silvery Pearls, Crackling Yellow, Green Sparkling, Red & Silver Pearls, Crackling, Colourful Sparkler, Crackling Blue, Crackling Silver, White Flashing, Crackling Green and Red Wave. All with tails. Nice. (Last tested in 1998)

Fireball

Skyrocket. Thunderbird brand, #TB1053.

Same performance as Fire Phoenix. If you can't find the Fire Phoenix rocket (which I have been nagging you to buy since time began), get this one instead. It's the same exact rocket as Fire Phoenix, just with a different label. Silver comet on the way up, then a break of mixed color stars equivalent to an average festival ball. (Last tested in 1996)

Firecracker Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-006. 101 seconds.

Starts with blue and gold spray with some crackling sparks, pretty nice. Then the crackle intensifies and red and green come into the mix. The crackle

diminishes while the red and green spray continues, then it intensifies again for the finish. Changed in 2003. Lasts longer, 101 seconds as opposed to 83. Starts with a gold flitter spray, then a silver flitter spray, then a spray of plenty of crackle for quite a while. Then a mixed spray of red sparks, green sparks and silver flitter. Then back to the heavy crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Firedrake Rockets

Skyrocket. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE2021.

The label on the package calls it "Firedrake Rocket," but the individual rockets are labeled "Jupiter Rocket" although with the same item number.

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The red plastic caps over the fuses are hard to remove. The best way to remove them is to hold the bottom of the rocket's engine with one hand, and carefully rock the red plastic cap back and forth until it snaps free, and then pull the cap off. This must be done carefully so as not to damage the stick or the engine. This pack of 4 rockets has 4 different effects: green and purple peony break; red, white and blue peony break; color chrysanthemum break; and brocade crown with color tips. The effects are there, but the breaks stay in clusters rather than spreading out wide. (Last tested in 2004)

Firefly

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2071. 16 shots, 44 seconds.

A nice red chrysanthemum changing to crackle flowers, then a blue chrysanthemum changing to crackle flowers, then a blue peony break changing to crackle flowers. Then the previous 3 shots are repeated three more times. Then it finishes with four shots fired all at once, which end in large breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

Firefly Fountain assortment

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-253. 18 seconds.

Four to the bag: one each of red, green, blue and gold. Each gives a flame of that color, then changes to a mixed spray of red, green and crackle. Same fountains as Stray Beads. (Last tested in 1998)

Firestorm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9002. 24 shots, 29 seconds.

Starts with a fast series of peony breaks of red, green, yellow and purple (the stars change quickly from one color to another). The shoots up several crackling comets which have a lot of crackle. Then ends with several giant gold willow breaks. I liked it. (Last tested in 2003)

Fireworks Fiesta

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winco brand, #MEWP-634. 96 shots, 53 seconds.

Fires a series of comets in fan shapes, in the "Z" pattern. The first row is silver comets with red heads, the next row is silver comets with green heads. The next row is crackling comets. Then the above 3 rows are repeated. Then a row which is silver comets with red heads, but they also include some reports on the way up. Then a row of green-headed comets with reports on the way up. Then a row of crackling comets with reports, and a row of red-headed comets with reports. Then it starts shooting whole rows at a time in a fan shape. A row of green comets is quickly followed by a row of red comets, and then a row of crackling comets, then another row of green comets and a row of crackling comets. These last 5 rows are shot closely together for a finale. Does a lot for such a low-priced item. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Fireworks Frenzy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winco brand, #MEWP-635. 52 shots, 62 seconds.

Begins with a series of 7 breaks which are gold comets with white heads, that break upward and outward. Then a series of 7 breaks of flashing crackle. Then a series of 7 breaks which are a mixture of red stars, blue stars and white glitter stars. Then a series of 7 breaks which are dragon eggs breaks, crackling comets that continue to crackle as they spread out from the center. Then 5 shots are fired at once in a fan, which end in breaks of silver comets with red heads spreading out from the break, and there is crackle mixed in. Then a fast series of 7 shots which are single color breaks with crackle mixed in, alternating green and red. Then a fan of 5 shots which go up and end in softly opening clusters of red stars and crackle. Then a rapid series of 7 shots which end in gold willow breaks. I believe it's 52 shots altogether. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Fireworks Ignitors

Accessory. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1211.

It's punk, packaged for retail sales. (Last tested in 2002)

Fireworks Junkie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0340. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Whistling silver comets end in white whirlwinds. Fantastic name - buy two of these, one to shoot off and one to save for your collection! (Last tested in 2000)

Fireworks on Demand

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4216. 50 seconds.

Starts with bright white flitter sprays from 5 tubes in a fan shape. This changes to sprays of white flitter sparks with green flames at the bases - again from 5 tubes in a fan shape. This gives way to softly crackling white sparks with red and green sparks mixed in - from 5 tubes. Then 5 short whistles end it. Nice looking - make sure that the wide, flat side is facing the audience, or else they won't see the fan shape. (Last tested in 2004)

Fireworks Over America

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2905. 10 shots, 29 seconds.

Crackling comet that ends with a few red stars and a few reports, then another one that ends in blue stars and reports, then another that ends in white stars and reports, then a green shot that ends in a white whirlwind, then crackle comet to blue break, then one to red break, then white break, then blue break, then green to whirlwind, and finally one that ends in red stars. Give it points for variety. (Last tested in 2000)

Fireworks Wide Open

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2826. 18 seconds.

Shoots peony breaks of red, multicolor, green, multicolor, and blue to red. The

title, a smaller square has a pasted-on label that says, "Silver to Red," which leads me to believe there is more than one version of it. The one I got shoots up silver comets with bright white strobing heads, that each split into 4 or 5 smaller white comets, with bright red heads. (Last tested in 1999)

Firing Line

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6013.

A launcher with 10 rockets already assembled on it. You just light it and they all go up one at a time. They give color peony breaks, crackle breaks and a couple of chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Firing Squad

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #W5-59. 51 seconds.

Plain label, and no colors. Just 25 wickedly loud reports, fired at a leisurely pace. Not for sale in the U.S., unless you have the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G fireworks. However, you might see a "Firing Squad" for sale as a 1.4G consumer firework, but will not have the really loud bangs that the 1.3G version has. It will likely have bangs that are like ordinary firecrackers in the air, or a little louder, since aerial reports in 1.4G consumer firecrackers are allowed to have 129.6 milligrams of powder as opposed to only 50 milligrams for ground firecrackers. (Last tested in 1996)

First Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2953. 10 shots,

It's actually a combination fountain and multi-shot repeater, all in the shape of a silver rocket. A magnificent package design - buy some extra of these for your collection, as it will become highly valuable a few decades from now. (Last tested in 2001)

Fish Glitter and Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Winco brand. 45 seconds.

Starts big with a fan of 5 sparkling comets, fired in a row, close together but not at the same time. These go up and end in breaks of red peony stars plus scattered crackle, and then large crackle flowers open up a second later. Then a fan of 5 are shot up in a row, which are red pearls ending in breaks of

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last 3 shots are fired at once. No sound effects, but the colors are very good. (Last tested in 2004)

Fireworks with Crossette

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #K7459. 12 shots, 14 seconds.

This piece bears the item number "K7459," which would lead you to believe it is a Flower Basket brand item. But, there is no Flower Basket brand logo anywhere on the piece. So it is almost impossible for me to tell exactly where this came from. Below the main

red chrysanthemums with silver glitter mixed in. Then a fan of 5 silver comets is shot up, one at a time, at a little slower pace than the first 2 fans. These comets go up and end in very bright red peony breaks. Then another fan of 5 is shot at an even slower pace, and they are bright red pearls that go up and end in clusters of blue stars plus a lot of silver flying fish. Then another fan of 5 is shot at the same pace, which are green pearls that go up and end in breaks of silver glitter plus a few reports. The height of the breaks is inconsistent across each row, but otherwise the effects are of good quality. (Last tested in 2004)

Fish in Water

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0656. 9 shots, 14 seconds.

Alternates between shots which go up red and open into gold flying fish, and shots which go up green and open into silver flying fish. Really good for such a tiny cake! (Last tested in 2001)

Fish-Bowl Commotion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2955. 64 shots, 37 seconds.

Shoots a volley of red shots which end in either silver whirlwinds or silver flying fish. Then shoots a volley of green shots which also end in either silver whirlwinds or silver flying fish. Then shoots a volley of blue shots, which also end in either silver whirlwinds or silver flying fish. Then shoots a group of whistling comets, mixed with blue shots which end in reports. Then, the above sequence is repeated. (Last tested in 2003)

Five Lake Four Sea

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK160. 160 shots, 16 seconds.

This is an all-color cake which shoots up groups of color pearls, which might be called mines, but each group really only has about 4 or 5 color stars. The first row is fired in a fan, and the left end is about 4 red stars fired up, then next to that 4 green stars, then next to that four purple stars, then next to that four gold stars, and finally on the right side four blue stars. The effect is sort of a rainbow of color going up in a fan shape. The next 15 rows are identical to that one. It may be that each "shot" in

one of these fans is actually two shots going off at the same time, because the manufacturer calls this a 160-shot cake while I counted only 80 shots. However, it's a unique display and a good one if you want all 5 colors going up at the same time. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Five Sound Spray

Hand-held Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0635. 15 seconds.

Soft crackling sound. I don't know where the "five" comes in. 17 seconds. Soft popping white sparks mixed in with gold sparks. Nice, but I would buy Silvery Chrysanthemum over this. (Last tested in 1996)

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Flag Day

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2954. 9 shots, 25 seconds.

First a group of red mines are shot up, then a group of brilliant green mines, then blue mines, then red, then green, then blue, then 3 groups of crackle mines. Very bright. The item fell over during the performance, but this may have been due to wind rather than any defect in the manufacture. Performance essentially unchanged in 2003. Did not fall over. A very good mine cake, but "Beyond Reality" is better. (Last tested in 2003)

Flag Party Popper

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Horse brand, #T8542.

I don't know what the exact name of this item is, it's not marked anywhere on the item or the box of 12. But they are marked with Horse Brand. Pull the string and out pop 5 colored streamers. (Last tested in 1999)

Flags Over America

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSD015. 7 shots, 50 seconds.

Each shot gives four parachutes in the air, which hold flags - either American flags or Shogun brand flags. For daytime use only; you would see nothing at night. (Last tested in 2003)

Flak Attack!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Patriotic brand, #8823. 8 shots, 35 seconds.

First shot ends in a red chrysanthemum break and a ring shell with a lot of stars - I counted about 20 stars, which makes for a well-defined ring. Next shot produces a blue peony break and a silver flying fish break. The next shot gives a break with blue stars and silver flying fish break, an all-crackle break and a silver glitter break. The next shot gives a green peony break and a red peony break. The next shot gives a beautiful glittering willow break. The next shot gives two purple chrysanthemum breaks. The next shot gives one purple chrysanthemum and one green peony break with crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Flaming Arrow

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #L-012.

Flies nicely, then ejects two red stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Flaming Boomerang

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6152. 40 shots, 29 seconds.

This cake fires in a V shape, so make sure the correct side of the cake is pointed towards the audience, otherwise they wouldn't see the V shape. The first part of the display is a rapid series of roman candle-style pearls, with blue ones going up to the left and yellow ones going up to the right. Then two shots are fired in a V shape, and the one on the left is a beautiful glittering red comet which goes up and breaks into a

good red glitter break. On the right, at the same time, a beautiful green glitter comet goes up and breaks into a good green glitter break. This pair of shots is then repeated three more times. (Last tested in 2005)

Flaming Whirlwind

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 42 shots, 22 seconds.

There are no actual "whirlwinds" in this cake, at least in terms of what I call the whirlwind effect (a spinning silver shower of sparks in the air). The shots are fired in a Z pattern, starting at one end of the first row, down that row, and back the next row, etc. The first row is silver comets with red heads, that go up and end in breaks of red, white and blue peony stars. The next row is the same thing except the comets on the way up have green heads. Then the sequence described above is repeated. The last row is fired all at once in a fan, and they are comets with red heads that go up and end in breaks of crackle. All shots are fired at a rapid pace. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Flaming Wings

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2338. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

Alternates between green pearls that open into white whirlwinds, blue pearls that open into white whirlwinds, and red pearls that open into white whirlwinds. Good quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Flash Bombs

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2967.

24 cylindrical shells and one HDPE mortar tube, in a beautiful yellow, pink and purple box. The shell effects are: Red Wave w/Silver Bees; Silver Glitter w/Red Bees; Yellow Palm; Silver to Red w/Red Bees; Dragon Eggs w/Green Bees; Red Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Red and White Wave w/Green Bees; Purple Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Gold Chrysanthemum w/Green Bees; Silver Palm; Red Chrysanthemum w/Green Bees; Blue Stars w/Green Glitter Pistil; Green Crackling w/Green Bees; Blue Crackling Stars; Blue Stars w/Crackling Pistil; Purple Stars w/Silver Glitter Pistil; Blue Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Dragon Eggs w/Red Bees; Variegated Peony w/Red Bees; Red to

Silver w/Crackling Pistil; Green Glitter w/Crackling Pistil; Gold Stars w/Green Glitter Pistil; Red to Silver w/Gold Glitter Pistil, and Green Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees. (Last tested in 2000)

Flash, Crash & Thunder

Roman Candle, single. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0473. 28 seconds.

Shots that go up whistling, then end in reports. (Last tested in 2002)

Flash Light House

Base Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #K3312A. 22 seconds.

Brilliant silver fountain, then the house is illuminated from inside and you see

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the light through the red windows. (Last tested in 1995)

Flash Ray Gun

Novelty Firework. Red Lantern brand, #0275. 10 seconds.

If your kids are amused by this, you're not raising them to be pyros. Stupid. For collectors only. Don't bother to light it. (Last tested in 1995)

Flash Thunder

Roman Candle, single. Vulcan brand, #RC302. 4 shots,

Red pearls end in respectable bangs. But only 4 shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Flashback Rocket

Skyrocket. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1553.

Flies well, then breaks open into a cluster of red and green stars. The red and green are light, pastel colors rather than deep colors. The label and packaging of this rocket are beautiful and appealing. (Last tested in 2000)

Flashing Missile with Voice

Missile. brand.

Flash of silver at the end; the "voice" is just a whistle on the way up. (Last tested in 1995)

Flashing Paint

Base Fountain. Fire Hawk brand, #FB404. 47 seconds.

A pack of five fountains, which start out as slow strobe pots, giving a flash every second or two, then change to regular fountain sprays. One gives a silver flitter spray, another a gold flitter spray, another a green spray, another one a red spray and the last one a crackle spray. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Flashing Signal

Strobe. Link Triad brand, #W414. 13 seconds.

Yet another silver strobe. (Last tested in 1995)

Flashing Signal

Strobe. Black Cat brand, #BC-213. 12 seconds.

Flashes brightly for 12 to 13 seconds, speeding up towards the end. Each box contains 2 green, 2 gold and 2 silver flashers. (Last tested in 1999)

Flashing Signal

Strobe. Cannon brand, #Y32-001. 15 seconds.

It's a box of 6 strobe lights, which flash with a blindingly bright white flash for about 12 to 15 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Flashing Thunder

Single-tube Aerial. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2026A.

One shot, and all it does is one report. But it's a nice loud one. Box is 10 pieces. (Last tested in 1995)

Flashing Thunder

Skyrocket. No brand brand, #T0862. There is no brand on this package, but the case has an item number of T0862. This rocket flies up very high and then ends with an excellent titanium report. It is probably intended for the European market, as I believe this rocket would not be considered 1.4G consumer fireworks in the U.S. Therefore it may be difficult, or impossible, to find. But it was really a great rocket. (Last tested in 2005)

Flashing Thunder Candle

Display Firework (1.3G). Temple of Heaven brand, #N2026B. 14 seconds.

Gives off 8 very loud reports, but is also a "1.3G" roman candle. (A 1.4G version of it exists, but it is not nearly as loud.) (Last tested in 1996)

Flashing Thunder With Spike

Single-tube Aerial. No brand, #SX450B.

No brand indicated anywhere. Single tube with a spike on the bottom. Shoots up one very loud aerial report, but not high enough in the air. (Last tested in 2000)

Flashing Wheel

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0945. 27 seconds.

Interesting intermittent jets of gold with a little silver - unusual effect. (Last tested in 1995)

Flashlight Fountain

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1045. 21 seconds.

Comes in a box of 6. Starts with a strobe for about 5 seconds. Then changes to a red flame, then a spray of red sparks and softly crackling silver sparks. Finally at the end there is about 4 seconds of brightly flashing crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Flashpoint Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-067. 28 seconds.

Rising red, green and blue pearls that are pretty bright, with good color. The red and green ones have only thin trails of gold sparks following them as they go up, but the blue ones have silver comet tails on the way up. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Flittering Snow Flake #100

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand.

Shimmering white stars, burning almost 10 seconds as they float down. (Last tested in 1996)

Flora Nova

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #Y03-044. 61 shots, 34 seconds.

Sudden barrage of whistles, with each one breaking into a tiny cluster of stars. Took a short break in the middle, then resumed with the same intensity. Nothing to look at; useful for the whistling sounds only. (Last tested in 1999)

Floral Bouquet, #3

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

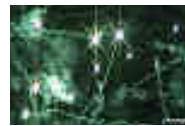
Small mine of red and green stars. To pint-sized people it seems big, though. A mine of red stars which change to green. (Last tested in 2000)

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Floral Butterfly

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand. 6 seconds.

6 per box. Problematic fuse is the cause of moderate dud rate. But when it works, it's beautiful. Flies up and bursts into green and red stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Floral Starmine

Single-tube Aerial. Beihai brand, #WB5001.

A superb piece, with a silver fountain for 10 seconds, then it shoots up a festival ball with a nice, thick white comet tail, that breaks into a huge break of green stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Florescent Orange Bombshell, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-205D.

I like the name of this one very much, except that there is some confusion as to what they meant. They spelled it "florescent," which means "flourishing," but I wonder if they actually meant "fluorescent," which means "glowing." On their invoice they spelled it "fluorescent." At any rate, this is a very large single-shot tube, about 16 inches tall and about 3 inches in outside diameter. The thump when it takes off is enormous and is part of the show itself. The shell flies up and ends in a gigantic peony break of stars which are indeed a deep, rich orange. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Florescent Purple Bombshell #500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-653.

Tremendous thump at liftoff, then a huge peony break of magenta-purple stars. Great color and lots of stars. (Last tested in 2006)

Florescent Yellow Bombshell #500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-653.

Lift charge gives a huge "thump," and the shell flies up and breaks open into a gigantic break of brilliant yellow peony stars. Wow. (Last tested in 2006)

Flourishing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7167C. 19 shots, 42 seconds.

19 crackling gold comets, exactly like Mighty Cobra, etc. A few of the shots had low altitude. (Last tested in 1996)

Flower Child

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2571. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

The first shot is a nice silver comet with a green head, that goes up and gives a triple break. The first break is a red peony, the second a green peony, and the third a small titanium report. Very good. All the rest of the shots are like this, with three different effects from each shot. The colors vary from shot to shot. The second break is a little smaller than the first, and the third is a little smaller still. But the overall impression is outstanding and pretty loud. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Flower Exhibition

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 100 shots, 27 seconds.

Shot fired in groups, mainly roman candle-type color pearls with tails, but also some whistling shots similar to Saturn Missile Battery. (Last tested in 2000)

Flower Market

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K761D. 0 seconds.

Dud. Wouldn't light. (Last tested in 1995)

Flower Mine

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6653G.

Part of assortment pack. Nice gold comet, long lasting red, gold and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Flower of Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2002. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a green pearl, then breaks hard into a mixed red and green burst. The bursts tend to be lopsided and not nearly as symmetrical as in Thundering Flower (Beihai, #W2-43) and the red stars are more like pink, but otherwise a good piece and at the right price, an excellent buy. In the latest one I got, every fifth shot is a small titanium report instead of a color break. So you get four color breaks, one report, four color, one report, etc. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. I think this item

may be discontinued, but you still may be able to buy some remaining stock of it. (Last tested in 1999)

Flower Pagoda

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W625. 7 seconds.

Here's a cute little novelty item which consists of three spinners attached to a pyramid-shaped base. You light the fuse and all three spinners go off at the same time, which makes the item dance around a little. The spinners have green and red flame plus some silver sparks. There is no fountain. (Last tested in 1999)

Flower Pot Fireworks, #2

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T1540. 8 seconds.

Very short red and green fountain followed by 5 red-to-green ground spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

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Flower Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2980. 12 shots, 35 seconds.

Very high-altitude breaks, alternating between red, green and blue breaks. Each break has, in addition to the color stars about 4 or 5 white comet stars representing a "pistil." Nice big shell breaks, but a little short in duration. This would have been better as a 36-shot cake with a 12-shot finale. I would

get a case of 4 of these and light one, then another about halfway through the first one, then halfway through that one, light the other two at the same time. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Flower Power

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #AR-341. 61 seconds.

Starts with brilliant silver fountain, then adds crackle, then adds some red stars, then the crackle intensifies and silver balls are shot out. Really puts out a lot of stuff for such a small piece. 2003: Starts with a bright silver spray with silver balls. Then adds blue stars into the silver - very nice looking. Then changes to a gold spray with blue. Then a spray which is a mix of silver sparks, silver balls and lots of crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Flower Reappear

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K2204B. 16 shots, 12 seconds.

Each shot becomes a silver helicopter that spins off sideways. Neat. (Last tested in 1995)

Flower Scattering Child

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6604.

Good flight to small break of red and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Flower Thunder

Display Firework (1.3G). Link Triad brand, #W243. 20 seconds.

Two versions exist - one much better. The "good version" is really good. 25 mixed breaks of red and green, breaking as hard and loud as the original Battle of Colors, but with many more stars. But: there is a much weaker version of Flower Thunder, with a nearly identical label. The best version is "DeQili" brand. Green pearls go up and break hard into mixed breaks of red and green. Terrific. 36 seconds. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 2000)

Flowering Shrub

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand. 8 shots, 12 seconds.

Shimmering, sparkling, white dotted-tail comets. Extraneous reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Flowers Fountain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Wu Tai Mountain brand. 91 shots, 47 seconds.

Not a fountain despite the name. Small aerial breaks of red, blue and green. No sound effects except one break of crackers at the beginning. This item went out after a few shots, and had to be re-lit. (Last tested in 1996)

Flowers of Spring

Base Fountain. WuTai Mountain brand, #SX8065. 5 seconds.

Brief, intense spray of crackle. Not long lasting enough. (Last tested in 2000)

Fly Past

Single-tube Aerial. Glorious brand, #GPH3065.

It's a combination of a mine and shells. A mine of mixed color stars is shot up, and some silver spinners also go up and spin above them. Then, above all that, three breaks of mixed red, white and green peony stars break open. Quite a lot of action out of just one tube! (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Fly the Flag

Parachute. Black Cat brand, #BC-1056.

It's a box of three parachute shells, each with its own tube. Each shell gives a parachute which drifts down holding a flag. One of them is a Black Cat logo flat, the next is an American flag, and the last one is a flag that says, "Happy Holidays." Definitely for daytime use. (Last tested in 2003)

Flying Butterfly

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0510.

Not as good as it was ten years ago. In Horse Brand assortment. Just a handful of red and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Butterfly

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4406. 10 seconds.

Flies around in a great spiral, never going very high. Lots of fun. Three sizes. (Last tested in 1996)

Flying Cranes, small

Single-tube Aerial. Red Lantern brand, #0470.

Blink and you'll miss the quiet, droopy, quick break of soft silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Double Swallows, 6-inch

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand, #T4006.

Ten gold pearls with trails, followed by a "Silvery Swallow"-type shot (sparkling silver comet). (Last tested in 1995)

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Flying Dragon

Firecracker. brand.

Uncommon brand, and you're not missing anything either. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Dragon & Jumping Tiger

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2031. 70 shots, 26 seconds.

The first Chinese repeating shell sold in the United States. Raspy whistles shot up rapidly. Loud. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Fish

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 32 seconds.

The first shot gives a break which is a cluster of crackle mixed with gold flying fish. The next shot gives a break which is a mixture of crackle and silver flying fish. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Flying Fish

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0421. 3 seconds.

Cylindrical item which flies almost straight up, with almost a wolf-whistle sound. Similar to the old Colourful Bird, this is a cylinder which spins and flies up, nearly straight up in fact, with a whistling sound. I never could figure out how these fly, since they have no wings and are not that aerodynamic-looking. (Last tested in 1998)

Flying Fishes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 67 seconds.

Sudden barrage of shrieking white comets, unevenly spaced. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Fortress

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO028. 41 shots, 70 seconds.

This is five cakes assembled onto one tray and fused together. It starts with spectacular mines of mixed red, blue and green with lots of loud crackle. Then a red pearl goes up and breaks into a red chrysanthemum. A blue pearl goes up and breaks into a blue chrysanthemum. A green pearl goes up and breaks into a green peony. A blue pearl goes up and breaks into a blue peony. A gold comet with a red head goes up and breaks into a gold willow with sparkling tips. That shot is repeated, then a red pearl goes up and breaks into a red chrysanthemum in a ring shape. This is followed by blue pearl to blue chrysanthemum, and green pearl to green peony. Then a blue pearl to blue chrysanthemum, red pearl to gold willow, another one, then a red pearl to red chrysanthemum, blue pearl to blue chrysanthemum, green pearl to green peony, blue pearl to blue peony, red pearl to gold willow, another one, then red pearl to red chrysanthemum, blue pearl to blue chrysanthemum, green

pearl to green peony, blue to blue peony, red to gold willow, and another one. Then, at the end, is another series of terrific mines with red, blue, green and crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Flying Golden Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2513. 7 shots, 10 seconds.

Well, if it's gold comets you're after, then this would be the one. (Last tested in 1995)

Flying Grasshopper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0170. 19 shots, 53 seconds.

This is an unusual cake which sends up parachute shells. Each shell goes up and opens into a parachute, from which dangles a string with several red and green flares on it. The flares burn out well before the parachute reaches the ground. It's not an overwhelming "wow" display, but it is very interesting and unusual, and will provide a distinct change of pace and variety in your show. (Last tested in 2005)

Flying Ground Bloom

Flying Spinner. brand, #SPJP-802.

Spins and then suddenly flies up with a loud shriek. May go in any direction, so be careful if you use these with an audience nearby. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Flying Heart

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-B052. 104 seconds.

Starts as a very clean spray of red and green sparks with very little distracting gold background spray. Then changes to a fairly good spray of gold crackle. Then it changes to a spray of flashing silver sparks. Then, it changes to a mixture of flashing gold and flashing silver spray, and then eventually to flashing gold only. Then it becomes a silver spray and quickly changes to silver crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Flying Killer Whale

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand. 6 seconds.

Spins up with a gold spray, then changes to a green flame with some white sparks. Interesting plastic wings.

Couldn't determine the item number. (Last tested in 1998)

Flying Squad

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM076. 25 shots, 20 seconds.

Five shots fired one at a time, which are green pearls ending in silver whirlwinds with reports. Then 5 shots which are silver pearls ending in clusters of silver flying fish. Then 5 shots each of which is a crackle mine plus a brief silver whistling comet. Then 5 shots which are sparkling comets that end in silver flying fish. Then 5 shots which are

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green pearls ending in silver whirlwinds with reports. (Last tested in 2004)

Flying Victoria

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand. 20 shots, 48 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up and break into crackle plus a lot of silver flying fish, and shots that go up and break into crackle plus a lot of gold flying fish. A good one for the flying fish effect. (Last tested in 2001)

Flying Whistle Helicopter

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T3708. 6 seconds.

Trilling whistle sound – a great flying spinner for the whistle lover. (Last tested in 1995)

FoD (Fireworks on Demand)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4216.

See description under "Fireworks on Demand." (Last tested in 2004)

Font

Cone Fountain. Angel brand, #0819. 20 seconds.

Thin, tall silver spray. Impressive considering the item's tiny size. It's been around a long time, and amazingly, it's still good - at least the ones I got are. The cone itself is only 3 inches tall, but the spray of silver sparks it puts out reach up to 10 feet towards the end. Really impressive when the tiny size of the piece is considered. (Last tested in 1998)

Forces of Nature

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2904. 24 shots, 20 seconds.

Shoots either groups of 3 shots in a fan shape, or groups of 5 shots straight up. Starts with a group of 3 blue shots that end in white chrysanthemums; 5 green shots that end in green chrysanthemums; 5 blue shots that end in blue peonies; 3 white shots that end in crackle breaks; and ends with 3 crackling comets that end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2000)

Forget-Me-Not

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0131. 19 shots, 26 seconds.

A strobing red shot is fired and ends in a peony break of red stars with sparkling white stars. Then a strobing white shot is fired and ends in a white chrysanthemum break. Then a strobing blue shot is fired and ends in a peony break of blue stars with sparkling white stars. These 3 shots continue to alternate, until the end when the final 4 shots are fired all at once, and they are red shots going up and ending in breaks of red with sparkling silver stars. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Forty-Niner

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-693. 34 seconds.

Large variety in one cake: red spinning shots that open into red clusters, green spinning shots that open into green clusters, then shots that open into sparkling white clusters, then gold spinning shots that open into gold clusters,

then shots that are whistling and crackling as they go up, then comets with bright red heads and fluffy white tails, then whistling comets that end in reports, then comets with bright green heads and fluffy white tails. (Last tested in 2000)

FOS-1

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The "FOS" is taken from the idea of "Fountain on a stick." This package includes 7 fountains and a stand to set them on to light them. The idea is to elevate the fountains for a better show. One pyramid-shaped fountain gives a brilliant shower of white sparks, changing to white flitter spray from 3 tubes. Duration is 28 seconds. Another one gives a silver spray, changing to a blue and gold spray, then a red spray with white flitter, then blue stars are added to that mixture, then it finishes with a gold flake spray. Also 28 seconds. The third one starts with a red flame and silver spray above it, then changes to a blue and gold spray, then a nice gold flake flitter spray with large gold sparks added for the ending. This one lasted 36 seconds. The next one starts with the orange globs of flame as also seen in the "Great Balls of Fire" and "Dragon's Breath" fountains. This is a neat effect and benefits well from the fountain being on the stand. Then it changes to a blue spray, and a mixture of red and blue, then red only. Then back to blue and gold, then red and blue. This was my favorite of the fountains in this pack, and it lasted about 38 seconds. The next fountain starts with a pure blue spray, then changing to a gold flake spray mixed with silver sparks. Then a spray of orange globs of flame, changing to a mix of green sparks and silver glitter sparks. Then a crackle spray for the ending. This one lasted exactly one minute. The next one starts with a combination of blue sparks and silver flitter sparks, with a forceful spray. Then it changes to green sparks mixed with gold glitter sparks, then just the gold only. Then it changes to a silver flitter spray, and then to a gold and blue spray for the ending. This one went for 89 seconds. The final one starts with a pure green spray, then changes to a gold flitter spray. Then it changes to a pure red

spray, then a silver flitter spray. Then it becomes an all-crackle spray at the end. That fountain lasted 86 seconds. Overall, I liked this pack of fountains very much. (Last tested in 2004)

Fountain of Glory, gold

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN91. 53 seconds.

With spike. The Gold puts out gold flitter (53 sec.). (Last tested in 1996)

Fountain of Glory, green

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN91. 28 seconds.

With spike. The Green goes from green to crackle (28 sec.). (Last tested in 1996)

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Fountain of Glory, violet

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN91. 22 seconds.

With spike. The Violet goes from blue to silver flitter (22 sec.). (Last tested in 1996)

Fountain of Glory, white

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN91. 29 seconds.

With spikes. The White goes from red to crackle (29 sec.). (Last tested in 1996)

Fountain of Youth

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2083. 44 seconds.

Begins with a spray of flashing white sparks, with some blue sparks mixed in. Then it changes to a spray of white flitter sparks, with a little bit of blue sparks mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

Fountain with Thunderclaps

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O337B. 93 seconds.

Starts with whistle; giant crackling sparks two feet across come out. I tried this one again after 3 years, and it's still good. One whistle and three tubes of crackle spray. It's inexpensive and very appealing, especially if you like crackling fountains. Not as good any more, just OK. Sorry to see that it has not maintained quality. I wouldn't recommend it any more. (Last tested in 2000)

Four Color Fountain

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-215. 15 seconds.

Originally, phenomenal for their size. Intense crackling with rich colored flame. Eight in the box; two each of red, green, blue and white. They last anywhere from 15 to 25 seconds, averaging 20 seconds. Excellent crackle and rich colors. Also sold as Spook Lights, Coloured Flower, and TNT Flashing Fountain. Still pretty good as of 2002, but a little shorter in duration, maybe 12 to 14 seconds. (Last tested in 2002)

Four Horsemen Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand. 4 shots, 14 seconds.

This U.S.-manufactured item does not come cheap, but it is worth it for two reasons. The first reason is the item's initial performance. A sparkling comet ending in a glittering break, then two white comets ending in breaks of more white comets, then a sparkling comet ending in a break of crackle - lots of crackle, in fact. Then the second reason - what's left after you fire it. A sturdy board onto which is glued four tubes perfect for shooting 2-inch shells, such as West Lake #L742 Small Display Shells. The popular 1.75-inch shells fit a little loosely into the tubes, meaning they wouldn't achieve their normal altitude. (Last tested in 1998)

Four Performances

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #KARG.

In an assortment pack. Excellent multi-stage break of red and green from this one. (Last tested in 1995)

Four Performances

Fountain/spinner combination. Red Lantern brand, #O841B. 15 seconds.

Fountain; then top pops off to release 4 spinners; second fountain. (Last tested in 1995)

Four Seasons Flowers (box)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T1300. 14 seconds.

Tiny box which has 4 tubes: green, red, gold and white. They go off one at a time. Amazing, but now hard to find. (Last tested in 1995)

Four Seasons rocket

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB1004.

Large rockets which unfortunately are categorized as "1.3G" fireworks in the United States. Four to the pack, one each of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. They carry quite a payload and put out a lot of stars, in the typical "directional" break of rockets rather than the symmetrical break of shells. One reader did report problems with these rockets about attaining sufficient altitude. But the breaks are terrific. Nice effects. Autumn is a break of yellow with a crackle center; Spring is a break of falling red stars with white tails plus some crackle; Winter is a dazzling bright break of white falling comets plus some crackle; and Summer is a nice break of red with crackle. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Fox Howl

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 12 shots, 67 seconds.

Very long-lasting silver whistling shots that go up and a long way, and seem to whistle three times on their flight. There is a little bit of crackle along the way also. but it's the whistle that dominates. (Last tested in 2002)

Frankenstein's Creation

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0257. 62 seconds.

Red spray, changing to green and crackle, changing to blue and gold, to just gold spray. Generous amounts of sparks. (Last tested in 1999)

Freak Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0345. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

Alternates between red shots that go up and break into a small red break and a secondary silver glitter break, and green shots that go up and break into a small

in a blue peony break. The next shot ends in a white chrysanthemum break. The next couple of shots are screaming comets that end in a few reports. The next couple of shots end in gold willow breaks. Then there is a finale of 4 shots that are red and green chrysanthemum breaks. Variety is the key word here. (Last tested in 2003)

Free Birds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2544. 25 shots, 33 seconds.

A unique item which just might fit beautifully into your show. All shots are "mines" in that they are groups of stars shot from the ground up, not shells that break in the air. Each shot is a group of about 10 color stars, all of the same color. The first 5 shots are red, the next 5 green, then 5 white ones, then 5 golden-orange ones, then the last 5 are a beautiful purple-blue. No sound effects, but great colors. (Last tested in 1999)

Freedom Rocks

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK617. 12 shots, 38 seconds.

Whistling shell that ends in crackle, then a red break, then a white chrysanthemum break, then a double break of red and crackle, then a green break, then a double break of green and blue, then a triple break of red, green and blue, then a whistling shell which breaks into what looked like purple stars, then a double break of blue and red with crackle, then a triple break of green, blue and crackle. Then a finale which appeared to be five small breaks of colors and crackle. Excellent quality effects, and the single breaks are very large. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Frenzy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0298. 10 shots, 34 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a red, green or blue pearl, then breaks open into a very nice chrysanthemum break of mixed red, green and blue, plus three additional smaller breaks that happen a split second after the main break! The smaller breaks are a red break, a green break and a sparkling white break. There's a silver screamer in there somewhere too, but I'm not sure which of the smaller

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green break and a small blue break. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Freak Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3023. 16 shots, 19 seconds.

A little bit of everything in this cake. The first shot goes up dark and ends in gold flying fish. The next shot goes up and ends in silver flying fish. The next shot goes up and ends in red flying fish. The next shot goes up and ends in green flying fish. The next shot goes up and ends in a large red peony break. The next shot goes up and ends in a large green peony break. The next shot ends

breaks it comes from. Really interesting! (Last tested in 2000)

Frenzy Rocket

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-050. These fly up and open into a small amount of silver flying fish. (Last tested in 2001)

Fresh Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2185. 15 shots, 39 seconds.

First shot produces a strange break of comets with purple heads and silver tails, and each comet goes off in its own direction. There is also a whistling sound coming from that group. The next shot is the same thing, but the heads of the comets are green instead of purple. Then another shot of the same thing, but the heads are blue. Then another shot of the same thing, but the heads are red. Then several more shots like these, with either blue, red or green heads. The appearance in the sky is an irregularly-shaped group of comets, rather like a large white spider in the sky. Then the last 5 shots are fired rapidly in a finale, and these are completely different from the first 10 shots. These are glittering gold "spider web shell" type breaks with some faintly red glittering sparks in them. (Last tested in 2005)

Friendship

Box Fountain. United Pyro brand, #O830. 8 seconds.

Disappointing spray of gold, almost nothing to it. (Last tested in 2003)

Friendship Fireworks, large

Box Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O830A. 16 seconds.

Gobs of silver butterfly-type splitting sparks. Inexpensive. (Last tested in 1995)

Friendship Flag Parachute

Parachute. Black Cat brand, #BC-1003.

Three flags tied together hang from this parachute - Daytime use only! (Last tested in 1995)

Friendship Fountain (large)

Box Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF830A. 20 seconds.

A tall spray of flashing silver sparks. (Last tested in 2005)

Friendship Fountain (small)

Box Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF830. 14 seconds.

Just a short-lived spray of bright silver flashing sparks. (Last tested in 2005)

Friendship in Blossom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L947. 19 shots, 18 seconds.

Fountain and aerial effects are virtually simultaneous. Too short. Green stars and reports. (Last tested in 1995)

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Friendship Pagoda

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W613A. 24 seconds.

Spins with nice sparks, then pops up into an illuminated house. One-of-a-kind item. (Last tested in 1995)

Friendship, small

Box Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O830. 5 seconds.

Very nice sparkling gold spray, but I'll take the larger ones, please. (Last tested in 1995)

Frightened Birds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #T232. 10 shots, 8 seconds.

Unusual zipping sounds, like the Happy Bees candle, from each shot. They go up as spinning, buzzing silver projectiles

and may fly away at angles. Nothing to look at; a noise item. (Last tested in 1999)

Frightened Birds, 6-inch

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand, #T4546.

Ten piercing shrieks all at once. For the whistle lover in all of us. (Last tested in 1995)

Frightened Birds, small

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand, #T4546.

Five piercing shrieks all at once. For the noise lover only. (Last tested in 1995)

Frog Fireworks

Novelty Firework. Flying Dragon brand, #W416. 10 seconds.

Whistles twice and gives off red flames and crackly white sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

From Dusk 'Til Dawn

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM0672. 24 shots, 27 seconds.

Clever packaging shaped like a coffin that a vampire "sleeps" in. Be sure to buy an extra one for your collection, if that runs to your taste in collectibles. Begins with alternating shots of blue pearls going up, and silver comets with blue heads going up. Then it changes to alternating between crackling comets going up, and green pearls going up that end in small breaks of silver flying fish. (Last tested in 2003)

Frontline Fountains assortment

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A022.

This is a package of two fountains, "Urban Action" and "P.O.W. Rescue." See those 2 fountains listed separately in this book for descriptions. They may be sold separately or as a pair. They are really good - get them. (Last tested in 2004)

Fuji Volcano

Cone Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1010. 36 seconds.

Excellent small cone fountains, with tall silver sprays and a colored flame of either red or blue at the base of the spray. Near the end, the fountain changes to a good mixture of white flitter sparks and loud crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Full Bloom

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O613. 18 seconds.

Very nice mid-size fountain with bright red, green and silver sparks. Strong spray of red, green and silver flitter sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Fun Diggers

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. brand. 136 seconds.

Alternates between white sprays, color sprays, white flitter, and some crackle. Meanwhile, four whistles fire along with the sprays. (Last tested in 1996)

Funky Fantasy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2817. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

Bright pink and purple label. 16 shots, each one a green pearl which ends in a sharp break of green stars with silver tails. A few "go-getters". The breaks would be considered green chrysanthemums, but there are not quite enough stars to make it a really filled-out mum. I liked this one a lot, however. (Last tested in 2000)

Funky Fish

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-279. 9 shots, 21 seconds.

The shots alternate between red or green on the way up to red or green flying fish breaks. Each break has a small amount of blue peony stars in it as well. A few of the shots have crackle on the way up. Good one for the flying fish effect. (Last tested in 2005)

Funny Car

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7015. 8 seconds.

A cute paper novelty that rolls forward while whistling, and shoots red and green sparks straight up from the tube where the "driver" would be sitting. Excellent design of the device itself makes it a highly collectible item, in my view. (Last tested in 1998)

Funny Holiday

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2730. 12 shots,

Strange construction with a paper case that folds together. I had a terrible time getting this one to light, and in fact I never did get all the tubes to fire. Something was wrong with the internal fusing, or the unit I got was too old, or

whatever. I finally gave up on it, so I can't say exactly what the effect is and I really don't recommend this item, unless you get one that is from a new shipment. (Last tested in 1998)

Future Guy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5204. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

Cracking comets throughout the duration, along with unusual color breaks. The color breaks go up as a color pearl, which splits into 4 or 5 bright stars of the same color, somewhat reminiscent of "Atom Splitter." The first 4 of these color shots are red, then 4 green, then 4 white, then 4 gold. Meanwhile there are

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crackling comets all along. Very interesting and impressive. (Last tested in 2000)

Futuristic Colors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3050. 80 seconds.

Starts with a mixture of green sparks, red sparks and glittering silver sparks. The flashing silver sparks look very nice. A few blue sparks are mixed in. Then it gets taller and bigger, but the mix of effects stays the same. (Last tested in 2003)

Futuristic Colors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3050. 50 seconds.

A mixture of red and green sparks with flashing silver sparks, changing to a mixture of blue and red sparks with flashing silver. Then a mix of green and gold with flashing silver, and finally a mix of red, green, blue and gold with flashing silver. (Last tested in 2004)

Galactic 2000

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-688. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets which go up and end in breaks of crackle. No colors, just all crackle throughout. The final 10 shots are fired almost simultaneously for a nice finale of crackle. Get this one if you are looking for a repeater with a lot of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Galactic Nova

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1054. 127 seconds.

A mixture of red and green sparks with white flitter, is followed by a nice gold crackle spray. Then the mixture of red, green and white, with a little crackle in it. Then, just red sparks with silver crackle. Then a nice gold crackle, to a silver spray, changing to a silver flitter spray, then to a mixture of large green sparks with flashing white sparks. (Last tested in 2004)

Galactic Rainbow

Roman Candle, single. Glorious brand, #GCRC018. 8 shots, 29 seconds.

A pack of 4 roman candles with 8 shots in each candle. The pack contains 2 each of #GCRC018A and #GCRC018B. Candle #GCRC018A shoots good breaks of: gold willow, red peony, green peony, blue peony, sparkling white peony, green, blue and red mixed peony, gold peony and one crackle break. Candle #GCRC018B shoots good breaks of red peony, green peony, sparkling white peony, mixed red, blue and green peony, red peony, green and purple peony, sparkling white peony, and a mixed color peony. These are roman candles with actual breaks in them. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Galactic Stardust

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-107. 49 seconds.

Extremely unusual; "transparent"-looking curtain of golden sparks. Beautiful. (Last tested in 1995)

Galactic Warrior

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
100 shots, 33 seconds.

Lower-altitude comets and whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Galaxy 2000 assortment

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP-A005.

Assortment tray contains 17 rockets: 5 Moon Goddess (BP1187) and six each of two "unidentified" rockets with no name or number on them. They have nice plastic bodies. There are two rockets each with the effects of: Silver Flying Fishes, Ten Reports and Multi Color Pearl with Whistle; then there are 11 more rockets each with an effect unique to this assortment. Is this the ultimate rocket assortment? (Last tested in 1999)

Galaxy 7-inch assortment

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand,
#G-250A.

Cosmic Rain, Star Rider, Mars Stars and Spit Fire. Excellent. (Last tested in 1995)

Galaxy Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A051. 33 shots, 61 seconds.

Starts with nice breaks that are mixtures of red chrysanthemum stars and crackle. Then changes to breaks which are mixtures of blue peony stars and red "falling leaves" stars. Then several shots of nice green chrysanthemum breaks with crackle mixed in. Then changes to breaks which are mixtures of blue peony stars and green "falling leaves" stars. Then several shots of gold chrysanthemums with crackle mixed in. Finally, the last 3 shots are fired almost all at once, and they go up as gold comets that end in breaks of crackle. Well-designed show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Galaxy Delight

Base Fountain. brand, #K1896L. 25 seconds.

Black Panther, a discontinued brand name. Crackling gold only. (Last tested in 1995)

Galaxy Delight Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #K1896L. 21 seconds.

Bright silver slitter sparks for the first two-thirds, ending with the "goldfish" fireball effect as in Great Balls of Fire fountain or Dragon's Breath fountain. Set this one up high, so the orange "goldfish" can float down a long way. Also see Vesuvio/Vesuvius, a similar

stars. Another one goes up and ends in a cluster of crackle and a small crossette break of silver comets. Another one goes up and ends in a red crossette break. Another goes up and ends in a green crossette break. Another one goes up and ends in a break that qualifies as a dragon eggs break, though there are only 4 or 5 crackling comets in it. Another one goes up and ends in a break of red and green peony stars and then crackle. Another goes up and gives a red and green chrysanthemum break. These are quality effects in the rocket heads. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Galaxy War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5091. 19 shots, 22 seconds.

The first shot is a crackling comet that goes up and ends in a break of greenish-blue peony stars. The next break is a crackling comet which goes up and ends in a break which has a small cluster of blue stars in the center, and silver flying fish spreading away from it. These 2 shots then alternate for the rest of the cake, although it speeds up near the end, but not by firing a bunch of shots all at once, just by picking up the pace. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Galaxy War

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0001-3. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Sixteen artillery shells shot straight up. A white chrysanthemum, followed by an all-crackle break, followed by a huge chrysanthemum with crackle mixed in, followed by a multi-color peony with crackle. A sparkling red peony with crackle, a white chrysanthemum, an all-crackle break, and a red chrysanthemum with crackle. A multi-color peony with crackle, then a red peony with crackle. The final 4 shots are mixed color peonies and chrysanthemums, and some crackle, all fired at the same time. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Galaxy Wonder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #GCM020. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

Thick white comets on the way up, breaking into big, full breaks of mixed red and green with a little crackle in

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fountain shown at right. (Last tested in 1998)

Galaxy of Strobing Stars, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Broke much lower than it should have; break of red strobing stars. (Last tested in 1995) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Galaxy Pack

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-461-8.

A pack of 9 different skyrockets. One whistles 3 times on the way up, then ends in a cluster of long-lasting silver

each break. Breaks are fairly symmetrical and timing is just right. Lavish visual display. No brand on label. Apparently I forgot to photograph it before firing it (Last tested in 1998)

Galileo

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5018. 6 seconds.

New flying spinners don't come out very often, at least in comparison to multi-shot aerals and fountains. So it's exciting to see a new design for them. Galileo is a design I have never seen before - a plastic ring about 4 inches across, with "fan blades" set in it, and a single, long tube with two fuses coming out of it, which meet together at the center. It looks almost like a toy you could toss around. When you light the fuses, they go to the holes at both ends, and the whole thing goes up with a trail of gold sparks. After 3 seconds it changes to silver sparks, and finally the flight ends in a medium report. (Last tested in 1998)

Gallant Sight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3082. 88 shots, 29 seconds.

Rapid series of shots in a Z pattern. Each shot goes up as a green pearl with a short silver comet tail behind it. The first two rows do this. Then, fans are fired, each fan is 3 shots and the shots are red pearls with silver tails behind them. There are 10 of these fans. Then there are 10 more fans of 3, but these are crackling comets with silver heads. Then it ends with a barrage of shots which end in reports. (Last tested in 2005)

Gangsta Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2982. 12 shots, 29 seconds.

The first shot gives a blue peony break with one silver whirlwind. The second break gives glittering blue stars with a smaller spinner that makes a soft whistling sound. The third break is a bright red peony with a couple of reports in it. These three shots alternate for the rest of the duration. (Last tested in 2001)

Garden in Spring

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L901. 7 shots, 20 seconds.

Old standby; colorful fountain followed by 6 rich, bright floral breaks. Different grades of this item exist; only way to tell if you got a good one is to light it. (Last tested in 1995)

Garden in Spring

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-174. 7 shots, 28 seconds.

This cake has been around for at least 20 years under other brands (mainly West Lake brand). This is Cannon brand's rendition of it, and like the

Garden of Eden

Base Fountain. West Lake brand, #L410. 18 seconds.

Nice little backyard item. Crackling fountain with red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Garden Party

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-256. 78 seconds.

Green spray, to white flashing spray, to red, to multi color spray with white flitter, to red with silver balls, to bright white flitter, to multi-color. Impressive for a fountain this small. (Last tested in 1999)

Gardenia

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF056. 79 seconds.

Starts with a mixture of gold, green and silver sparks. Then changes to a good silver spray for a few seconds, then to a spray of red and silver. Then a whistle which has 3 stages in it. Then a rare and beautiful segment which is purple sparks with white flitter sparks. That part is worth the whole price of admission. Then it changes to a spray of purple sparks with another kind of white flitter that has a slightly different sound. Then it changes to a spray of purple sparks with big crackle sparks. Finally it ends with another 3-stage whistle. This one's a winner mainly for the purple sparks, which are still somewhat rare in consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2004)

Gargantua

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-166. 137 seconds.

Sensational item. Tall; red, green and blue; 4 whistles; big crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

Gathering Bees

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2034. 61 shots, 16 seconds.

Intense, brief barrage of the same effect as in Clustering Bee rocket, swirling white stars. (Last tested in 1995)

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other Garden in Springs, it starts with a fountain. The fountain is a good mixture of red sparks, green sparks and flashing white sparks, and it continues for about 15 seconds. While it is going, the 6 aerial shots start up, and they go up and end in small clusters of red and green sparks, with one firecracker in each break. Not a barn-burner compared to some of the other cakes available today, but on the other hand the price of this one is very low. You get a short fountain and 6 aerial shots for a very small price. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Gatling Cannon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-131. 90 shots,
43 seconds.

Furious volley of reports and whistles.
Some color. (Last tested in 1995)

Gatling Gun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower
Basket brand, #K7778C. 25 shots,
39 seconds.

Poor altitude; some stars reach the
ground. But long-lasting. (Last tested in
1995)

Gator rocket

Skyrocket. No brand.

No brand or item number. Lousy any-
way. Not to be confused with "Gator
Tail" rocket, which is much better. (Last
tested in 2000)

Gator Tail

Skyrocket. No brand, #GT100A.

Outstanding mid-size rocket with a
loud whistle on the way up, ending in a
cluster of crackle. Similar to Screaming
Rattler and others. Great for daytime
use. No brand or item number any-
where on the package, though we found
out these are imported by Winco
Fireworks. (Last tested in 1998)

Gemmy Pebble

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4022. 57 sec-
onds.

A 16-tube fountain. A very nice thick
spray of gold and silver flitter, which
goes on for a long time and does not
change to anything else. No sound
effects and no color, but it's a nice one
to look at, for a while. (Last tested in
2000)

Gen Custers Last Atano [sic]

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower
Basket brand, #K7783E. 80 shots,
20 seconds.

Barrage of interesting, small, fast-open-
ing breaks which disappear quickly.
(Last tested in 1995)

Generation NX

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire
Hawk brand, #FB292. 36 shots, 64
seconds.

The first six shots are a mixture of
mines which are mixtures of color
peony stars and color chrysanthemum
stars. No sound effects. Not a particular-
ly impressive start. The next six shots

are nice single comets which have color
heads and very long, bright white tails.
The heads alternate between green
heads, red heads and white heads. The
next six shots are the same mines that
the first six shots are. The next six shots
are green pearls that go up and break
with a good bang into green glitter
breaks. The next six shots are bright
strobing white pearls that go up very
fast, with a rocket-like sound. The final

Georgia Peach Fountain

Box Fountain. Shogun brand,
#SF705. 30 seconds.

Essentially the same thing sold years
ago as "Peach Flower in Spring." There
are five tubes in this, one of which is a
small whistle tube that goes off simulta-
neously with the first fountain tube.
The four tubes give off sprays of green,
red, silver and mixed colors. (Last test-
ed in 2005)

German Bomb

Combination firecracker. Spear &
Jackson brand, #No. 1.

Also called No. 1 Original German
Knockout Banger, or so it says on the
box of 5. These have match heads like
other crackers made in Germany or in
China for the German market. You
strike the cracker like a match and
throw it down. A red flame appears
briefly, then after a pause, the cracker
explodes. (Last tested in 1998)

Geysir Fountain

Base Fountain. Fire Hawk brand,
#FB314. 25 seconds.

A package of four small fountains, one
each of red, green, yellow and blue.
Each one produces a flame of that color
with a spray of silver sparks above it. No
sound effects. (Last tested in 2005)
(Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ghost Bombs

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Phantom
brand, #I-007D.

The perfect thing to give out to trick-or-
treaters on Halloween. (Last tested in
1995)

Ghost Killer

Reloadable Shell Kit. Winda brand,
#P8007.

Appear to be very similar to the shell
kits sold as "Airhawk Artillery" from
Brothers brand, although the assort-
ment of effects in this one is slightly dif-
ferent from either of the Airhawk kits.
Two tubes and 12 cylindrical shells in
the box: Silver Glittering w/Popcorn;
Color Chrysanthemum w/crackers, Red
Chrysanthemum w/crackers; Silver
Palm Tree w/crackers; Silver Glittering
w/crackers; Silver Chrysanthemum
w/crackers; Green Chrysanthemum
w/crackers; Dragon Egg w/popcorn; Red
Palm Tree w/crackers, Dragon Egg
w/Silver Fish; Green Palm Tree w/crack-
ers; and Gold Palm Tree w/crackers. All
excellent - nice thick white comet tails

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six shots are crackling comets that go
up and end in mixed color peony breaks.
All shots appear to be fired straight up,
though some of them go up at slightly
odd angles. (Last tested in 2005)
(Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Genie

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1001.

Small rocket which really performs.
Loud whistle on takeoff, ending in a
nice amount of crackle - approximately
the same as in a Cracker Bomb. A good
deal. (Last tested in 1999)

Genie Mammoth Smoke White

Smoke. Genie brand. 60 seconds.

Gobs of white smoke, for about a
minute. (Last tested in 1998)

on the way up, good breaks with rich colors and effects. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Ghost Plane

Flying Spinner. Flying Dragon brand, #W549. 8 seconds.

Well-made flying spinner, with nice name and pretty package. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Ghost Town

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2905. 24 shots, 20 seconds.

Five red shots are shot up that end in red chrysanthemums; then 3 blue shots in a fan shape, that end in blue breaks; then 5 white shots that end in white chrysanthemums; then 3 red shots at angles that end in red chrysanthemums, then 5 blue shots that end in blue breaks; then 3 white shots that end in white chrysanthemums. The red, white and blue theme makes it good for the 4th of July. (Last tested in 2000)

Ghoster Sea Gladiator

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2076. 16 shots, 15 seconds.

Every shot goes up spraying off white sparks in a spiral, then turns into a single bright white star that floats down with a small group of gold stars around it. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Ghostly Face

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W633. 14 seconds.

Spins with silver spray, then it drops open into a yellow lantern, with a red top and bottom, and a really dopey looking face painted on the yellow part. OK as a joke, I guess. (Last tested in 2000)

Giant Beehive

Cone Fountain. brand. 12 seconds.

Pyrodyne brand. No changes in color or effects; too short-lived. Gold and silver spray only. (Last tested in 1995)

Giant Brilliant Cone

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 35 seconds.

Old standby. Pulsating gold/silver shower. Label often changes; latest one I saw was dinosaur cartoon. Back in the 1960s it had a color foil label. (Last tested in 1995)

Giant Bullseye Cone

Cone Fountain. Apollo brand. 23 seconds.

Tall gold spray. This one's been around for at least 30 years, though the label has changed over the years. (Last tested in 1995)

Giant Devil #4

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 25 seconds.

Cone. Pulsating shower of gold sparks only. (Last tested in 1996)

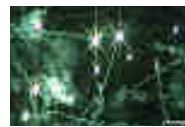
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Giant Dragon Playing Pearl

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7703A. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

Ascending dark; then impressive, though not powerful, color breaks of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Giant Genie Smoking Cone

Smoke. Longhorn brand. 140 seconds.

Large cone which could be mistaken for a cone fountain. Made by Longhorn, but bears a Great Grizzly sticker on it. Puts out a steady stream of white smoke for well over 2 minutes. (Last tested in 1998)

Giant Glittering Comet, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Beautiful comet that turns into a single blue star at the end. Terrific altitude for a #100 shell. A long, sparkling comet tail follows it all the way to the end. It's a real beauty. Ends with a nice blue star. (Last tested in 1996)

Giant Rocket

Skyrocket. brand.

Hard to find, but worth seeking out. Nice break of red, blue and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Giant Verticle [sic] Wheel

Wheel. Po Sing brand, #PS398. 14 seconds.

Gold sparks, then dimming down to a gold band, with thin spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Giga-Gorgeous

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2169. 38 shots, 47 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a beautiful sparkling sliver comet, and ends in a nice break of silver glitter. The next shot goes up as a gold comet and ends in a gold willow break. Then those two shots are repeated. Then another shot like the first one (silver glitter). Then, 4 or 5 shots are fired all at once, and they go up whistling, and then break into crackle flowers. Then the entire above sequence is repeated two more times. Finally, a group of 4 or 5 shots is fired all at once, and these are gold comets with bright red heads, which go up and end in chrysanthemum breaks of green and purple, and they also give a sizzling sound as they spread out. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Giraffe

Firecracker. brand.

Commonly seen. Many case packs available. (Last tested in 1995)

GJWXDGP (Super Crackling Whip)

Crackling Item. brand, #0204E.

9 feet long; label claims 3,000 crackles. Brand is TIANLDWGDAL, whatever that means. Long-lasting. Don't be tempted to swing it around. (Last tested in 1995)

Gladiator

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Rhino brand.

You get a good variety of single, double, and canister (cylindrical) shells in this kit. The effects are good, with symmetrical breaks of color peonies, color chrysanthemums and crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Gladiators Conquest

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-108. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

A series of whistling silver comets, that each end in a cluster of crackle. Almost continuous whistling sound, piercingly loud. (Last tested in 1998)

Glider Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2146. 9 shots, 19 seconds.

Short but very sweet. Each shot is a rich, fluffy white comet on the way up, then breaks open into a big, showy reddish chrysanthemum burst (with white trails) and a secondary titanium burst. High-quality. First came out in 1998 and still pretty good today. (Last tested in 2003)

Glitter Cone assortment

Cone Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-269. 23 seconds.

A box with four different cone fountains in it, Crackling Glitter, Gold Glitter, Colorful Glitter and Silver Glitter. Good quality fountains which do not skimp on the powder content. The sprays reach about 10 feet tall at their peak just before the fountain is over with. The four fountains have an average duration of 23 seconds. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Glitter Green

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T0158. 18 seconds.

Green, green, green. Good for Saint Patty's day. Also gold sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Glitter Gulch

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0311.

Fountain/aerial combination. A bright silver fountain for about 11 seconds, then it shoots up a single shell which breaks into a silver palm tree with

crackle mixed in. Outstanding quality. (Last tested in 2000)

Glittering Color Stars

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T408. 8 seconds.

"That Glittering Color Stars was kind of sorry" according to one person. A small break of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Glittering Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2040. 61 shots, 11 seconds.

Yellow pearls end with falling, yellow glitter tails. Unique effect. (Last tested in 1995)

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Glittering Jewellery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2147. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

2.5 inches by 2.5 inches, by 2.75 inches tall. Mis-spelled name. Each shot is a pair of bright color pearls shot up. Alternates between red pairs and green pairs. No sound effects. Somewhat uneven timing between shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Glittering Pearls

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2222C. 10 shots, 16 seconds.

Dressed up in spinning spray, these shots pleased the crowd. (Last tested in 1995)

Glittering Ruby

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0105.

36 inch stick. Sparkling comet, to red stars. One stayed on ground. (Last tested in 1995)

Glittering Stars

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2084. 81 seconds.

A top-notch fountain. Begins with a spray of green, then a soft silver spray. Then it becomes a spray of gold crackle, and then green and red sparks are mixed in with the crackle. Then the soft silver spray again, and then huge gold crackle sparks. Then a gold flake spray, then the soft silver spray again. Then a spray of silver crackle with red stars mixed in finishes it off. (Last tested in 2004)

Glittering Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6133. 10 shots, 28 seconds.

Each shot is a faintly glittering comet on the way up, ending in a break of bluish-white stars with faint gold trails behind each star. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2005)

Glittering Tiger Tail, Gold to Purple, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Unsophisticated label art, but who cares - sensational pyro content. Gold glitter comet with break of purple stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Glorious Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Kellner's brand, #9133. 25 shots, 52 seconds.

All shots are fired one at a time, until the last 5. The first 5 shots are blue mines with blue peony breaks above them. The next 5 shots are fluffy white mines with fluffy white chrysanthemum breaks above them. The next 5 shots are green mines with green chrysanthemum breaks above them. The next 5 shots are red mines with red chrysan-

enum breaks above them. The last 5 shots are crackle mines with crackle breaks above them - these shots are fired at almost the same time. This is very similar to "Pyro Alert" and "Rock Your World" but in this one, the last 5 are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2003)

Glorious Dream

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF014. 82 seconds.

Tall multi-color spray, adding white flitter sparks, then changing to green flitter spray, then a big shower of white flitter, then adding some crackle and some red sparks, then changing to crackle and green, then pure crackle spray at the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Glorious Spirit

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3009. 24 shots, 40 seconds.

Three shots fired at once, which produce a red peony, white peony and blue peony. Then the same shots are fired one at a time, for a while, then three shots are fired at once which are green pearls that end in silver whirlwinds. Finally 3 shots are fired at once which are crackling comets ending in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Glorious Triangle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9134. 21 shots, 35 seconds.

First shot is a red pearl ending in a red chrysanthemum break. Next shot is a silver pearl ending in a silver chrysanthemum break. Next shot is a purple pearl ending in a purple chrysanthemum break - great to see purple, which has been rare but is finally starting to appear in consumer fireworks. These three alternate for a while, then three red shots are fired at once in a fan, and they end in red chrysanthemums. Then a fan of three white chrysanthemum breaks, and finally a fan of 3 purple chrysanthemum breaks. Then a fan of three crackling comets which end in breaks of crackle. Terrific purple stars - buy this one if you are looking for purple to add to your show. (Last tested in 2003)

Glory Sparklers

Sparkler. Angel brand, #09881L. 25 seconds.

Red, to green, to red, to white. The green is the unique factor here. 52 seconds. The decline of Morning Glory #0981 now makes this one basically equal in quality. The same effects, except for the gold shower. (Last tested in 1996)

Glow Beam

Hand-held Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0361.

The tube is 30 inches long and just over 2 inches in diameter. It's like a California Candle on steroids. Great fountain. (Last tested in 2000)

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Glow Worms

Snake. Mantsuna brand, #002. 20 seconds.

Many brands. This is the Mantsuna one. Long ash creeps out; black in the daytime, looks like embers at night. (Last tested in 1995)

Goblin's Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9030. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

Alternates between breaks of purple peony stars, and breaks that are gold willows. They do not break hard. (Last tested in 2003)

Goddess Cup

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W424. 15 seconds.

Silver butterfly-type spray, then a sudden silver whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Goddess Peak

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K7784. 17 seconds.

Strange item with fountain, then six paper cones pop up; 3 spinners. Not sure what the point is. (Last tested in 1995)

Going Courting

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2976. 15 shots, 31 seconds.

Unusual star-shaped item, when viewed from above. This is a crossette comet cake. All shots are white comets going up, and they alternate between red, green and white heads. Every shot goes up and splits into 4 smaller comets which are also white, with the same color heads as the shot had going up. This is the crossette effect. They do not split apart with great force, but rather gently. The smaller comets that are produced may curve around, but they basically spread out in different directions. There are no sound effects, but you get what is essentially a true crossette effect in consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2002)

Gold Bombardment

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0162. 42 shots, 24 seconds.

The first six shots are fired at an angle to the right, and they are red pearls that go up and end in gold willow breaks. Rapid pacing. Then the next group of six shots is the same, but they fire up at an angle to the left. Then, the next 12 shots are fired rapidly, in a V shape, and they are red pearls that go up and end in breaks of blue peony stars mixed with silver flying fish. Then the last 18 shots are fired in a rapid succession, in fans of 3, and they are red pearls that go up and end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005)

Gold Brocade Bash

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK621. 12 shots, 44 seconds.

Every shot is a huge gold willow break, which sparkles softly as it spreads out. This break is reminiscent of the

"kamuro" shells seen in professional fireworks displays, which hangs in the air a long time. This is the closest thing to that effect that I have seen in 1.4G consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Gold Comet, #3

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Exceptionally beautiful gold comet trail. One of the best comets ever. (Last tested in 1995)

Gold Comet, #5

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Beautiful, if not bright, gold column that appears slowly at first, and hangs in the air for a while. (Last tested in 1996)

Gold comet, No. 3

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A nice thick gold trail of sparks follows this one up. (Last tested in 2000)

Gold Diadem to White Strobe, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

A beautiful gold chrysanthemum which turns into flashing white glitter. Very pretty. (Last tested in 2000)

Gold Dust

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3066. 49 shots, 27 seconds.

Fires the shots in a "Z" pattern, starting at one side and firing to the other side, and back on the next row, etc. Each shot is a group of sparkling gold comets, or it might be called a gold mine. The stars in the mine then turn into crackle. This is a very unusual-looking display - I can't think of any other cake that gives this same look. It looks like a shimmering curtain of gold that waves back and forth across the sky. At the end, a row of shots is fired all at once and they turn into crackle. Definitely worth a place in your show for a change of pace. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Gold Dust Exodus

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-077. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Series of crackling comets shot up. (Last tested in 2000)

Gold Fever

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK627. 49 shots, 25 seconds.

The shots are fired in a slow Z-pattern. Each shot is a shimmering gold mine with crackle. The gold mines are fired from right to left, then left to right on the next row, and so forth. The last row is fired all at once, in a fan shape, and they are mines of loud gold crackle. When I test fired it, everyone seemed to love this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Gold Lightning

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B5-22. 30 shots,

(Last tested in 2005)

Gold Mine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6032. 12 shots, 26 seconds.

Each shot gives a mine of bright gold stars at the ground level, and gold breaks above it in the air. Pretty nice. (Last tested in 2001)

Gold Mine

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM089. 30 shots, 23 seconds.

Shots are fired in fans of 3. In the middle of each shot is a gold mine that also contains a shell which goes up and breaks into 3 gold willow breaks. On the 2 sides of this are crackling comets which have lots of crackle. This fan is repeated five more times. I liked this one. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Gold Mine Fountain

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1050. 71 seconds.

A very nice spray of red sparks and silver flashing sparks starts it out. Then a short silver whistle, followed by a mixture of green sparks, red sparks, and white flitter. Then it changes to an all-crackle spray, with lots of crackle, then back to the mixture of red, green and white flitter. Then a mixture of red sparks and large white flowers, with a small amount of beautiful blue flecks mixed in. Then some crackle for the ending, not really intense enough crackle though. Excellent use of colors in this fountain, although the name is not appropriate - there is very little gold. (Last tested in 2004)

Gold Panner

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4507. 59 seconds.

Gives 3 silver whistles at the beginning, then changes to crackle spray from 4 tubes simultaneously. A few red and green stars appear here and there. Then 3 more silver whistles. Then there is a green spray with a softer crackling white spray. Three more whistles. Then a soft white flitter spray with three more short whistles, which actually whistle

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Gold Fish Vase

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K1112A. 9 shots, 10 seconds.

First gold, then silver comets, shot 3 at a time. Very nice for its size. (Last tested in 1995)

Gold Gusher

Cone Fountain. Trojan brand. 18 seconds.

One that has actually improved (in stability, at least) over the years. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

softly rather than with a shrill sound. Then lots of crackle. This fountain always has 3 or 4 tubes going off at one time. (Last tested in 2004)

Gold Rush, large

Base Fountain. Bald Eagle brand, #EA415. 15 seconds.

Plentiful gold spray - if it's a gold fountain you're after, rush to this. (Last tested in 1995)

Gold Rush, small

Base Fountain. Bald Eagle brand, #EA420. 9 seconds.

Pulsating gold spray. Get the larger size of this instead. (Last tested in 1995)

Gold & Silver Shower

Hand-held Fountain. Peacock brand, #126. 27 seconds.

Very quiet, nice soft spray of equal amounts of gold and silver. Quiet, soft spray of gold and silver mixed together. From the Po Sing factory in Macau, a place best known for skyrockets. (Last tested in 1996)

Gold - Silvery

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand. 24 seconds.

Nice spray of white flitter sparks, with a strong, forceful spray. (Last tested in 1999)

Gold Sparklers, #36

Sparkler. Phantom brand, #S-016. 156 seconds.

Excellent by itself, or as a lighting station for everyone's sparklers. Stick one in the ground and light it. Burns for 2.5 minutes. (Last tested in 1995)

Gold sparklers, 4-inch

Sparkler. Samrok brand. 17 seconds.

This is a tiny bag of 12 sparklers on metal sticks. Each one is coated for just less than half of the length. They burn for anywhere from 15 to 20 seconds, depending on the length of the coating. These are perfect for using on birthday cakes, although if you have too many of them it will generate too much smoke for indoor use. Another consideration with using for birthday cakes is getting them all lit at the same time. The first one lit may be finished burning by the time you get the last one started. Otherwise, these are cute and fun sparklers, and the kids will love them. (Last tested in 2005)

Gold Strobe Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 9 seconds.

A tall mine, which consists of gold glitter on the way up, then the stars continue burning as they drift down and become bright flashing gold sparks - really 2 shows, one on the way up and a brighter one on the way back down. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Gold Willow #100

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith/Black Cat brand.

Huge gold willow break. Symmetrical, does not droop. Very nice. (Last tested in 2002)

Gold/Green Strobe Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 8 seconds.

A very tall mine of bright green stars and flashing gold stars. The gold stars continue flashing for a few seconds as they drift down. Very bright. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Golden Angels

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2039. 81 seconds.

Gold crackle sparks, then changing to red, green and blue spray, then a bigger gold crackle spray, then the multi-color spray again, then more of the gold crackle, and finishing with one whistle. (Last tested in 2002)

Golden Anniversary

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6104. 26 shots, 59 seconds.

A gold fountain starts at the ground level. While this is going, the shots begin firing, and they are gold comets that go up and end in breaks of gold flying fish with crackle, or gold comets that go up and end in gold breaks that turn into crackle flowers, or gold comets that go up and end in beautiful sparkling gold glitter breaks. These 3 shots alternate until the end, when 3 shots are fired all at once, and they turn into large gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Golden Ball

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1007. 13 seconds.

Misnamed - no gold at all. Silver spray, tall and wide, and lots of it. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Bee in Flower Bed

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K130002. 117 seconds.

From Guangzhou Gunflak I/E Corporation. This might have the name above, or it might have the name "Color Glitter Stars" on it. Starts with a spray of large red sparks mixed with gold flitter. An occasional green spark finds its way in as well. Then briefly it changes to crackling silver sparks. Then it becomes a mixed spray of red sparks, green sparks and soft gold. Then it turns to a spray of crackle for a few seconds. Then it dies down completely, and starts up again with a white flitter spray. Then it changes to a spray of dancing gold flake

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Gold-Fish Vase

Base Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #See below.

Okay, the box says item No. K112B, and the individual piece says No. K205. So you figure it out. Also the box says, "California Candle" on it, while it is nothing like a California candle. It is a base fountain. And the name on it is Gold Fish Vase, although it is not shaped like a vase at all. It is shaped like a fish. So, good luck if you try to order this one off a list. (Last tested in 1999)

sparks, that's all I can think of to describe it. This continues while some crackle is added. That crackle stops, and then a second or two later a much louder spray of big crackle sparks begins. A good ending to a generally satisfying fountain. (Last tested in 2004)

Golden Bees

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #T0109.

36 inch stick. Sparkling comet; hit the ground. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Century

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2538. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

If you're looking for the "gold flying fish" effect, such as in Warp Speed, Raptor or Tower of Power, here is the same effect in a Brothers-brand cake. All shots give the gold fish effect and nothing else. It's really a startling contrast from regular fireworks effects and provides a nice change of pace in your show. The effect is not bright, and it reminds me somewhat of the way sparks swirl up and away from a campfire. (Last tested in 1999)

Golden Chandelier

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2126. 12 shots, 32 seconds.

Gold comet ending in gold willow break. Sparkling comet ending in gold willow with sparkling silver stars in it. Red pearl ending in a spinner with silver sparks and red flame. Sparkling comet ending in chrysanthemum break. Sparkling comet ending in silver glitter break. Mine of red stars with spinner of silver sparks and red flame. Then the first 3 shots are repeated, and the final 3 shots are shot up at once, and they are spinners of silver sparks with a red flame. (Last tested in 2004)

Golden Claw

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 12 shots, 18 seconds.

Something different. I couldn't find out the item number for it, though. Each shot goes up as a gold comet, then it opens into about 3 or 4 shorter gold comets, pretty much pointing in the same direction. It might be called a type of "crossette," which is an effect usually seen only in large professional fireworks. No sound effects and no colors

other than the gold of the comets. (Last tested in 1999)

Golden Comet with Crackling Tail, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Magnum brand.

Magnum Fireworks. Intense crackle on the way up, then breaks into a loose silver cluster which hangs in the air. (Last tested in 1996)

Golden Corn

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2453. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets, which then end in silver whirlwinds, with some red and green stars thrown in.

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Glow-in-the-dark Shirt

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Unusual diamond-shaped piece. Very long time between shots - this one might be better with 2 units fired simultaneously. (Last tested in 1999)

Golden Crown

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Glorious brand, #GPH3048. 30 shots, 39 seconds.

The first 10 shots are fired one at a time, straight up. The first 5 shots are gold spiderweb breaks. The next 5 shots are peony breaks in which the stars change from green to red, at least that's how it appears to me. Then 5 shots are fired all at once, which end in gold willow breaks with crackle. Then that last

group of 5 is repeated 4 more times. (Last tested in 2004)

Golden Crown

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Glorious brand, #GPH3048. 30 shots, 35 seconds.

The first 5 shots are gold willow breaks in the air. The next 5 are mixed color peony breaks of green, red and gold. The finale is a series of 4 good blue mines, above which happens 4 groups of gold willow breaks that turn into crackle - very nice contrast between the blue stars near the ground and the gold willows above. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Golden Dawn

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Phantom brand, #H-089. 116 seconds.

Green flitter fountain, to white sparkle and flitter fountain, to crackle, then adding green, then silver balls, then an intense crackle spray, then a pure white shower with a red flame at the bottom. (Last tested in 2000)

Golden Diamond #3

Cone Fountain. Fireworks over

America brand, #FOA1875. 23 seconds.

Shower of gold sparks with some silver balls mixed in. (Last tested in 2000)

Golden Dragon

Cone Fountain. Fireworks over

America brand, #FOA1885. 22 seconds.

Gold spray with some silver balls mixed in. (Last tested in 2000)

Golden Fish

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP6001.

An immediately appealing paper novelty, shaped like a goldfish on wheels. Four tiny wheels on the bottom provide surprisingly smooth rolling action - but try to find the smoothest, flattest area possible. Rolls forward for 2 seconds, stops and spits out red and green sparks for 2 seconds, then lights an interior flame for 2 seconds. Good performance; highly collectible; cats love them. (Last tested in 1998)

Golden Flowers Blossom

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN89. 17 seconds.

Nice orange fountain followed by crackles. Part of a box of 4 items. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Flowers, large

Box Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0831A. 15 seconds.

Beautiful fountain in a paper box. Common and reasonably priced. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Flowers, small

Box Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0831. 6 seconds.

For its size, it puts out a fairly decent spray of gold glitter. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Gate

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7093. 74 seconds.

It's a miniature replica of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. This one is 18 inches long and 9 inches tall. It starts with a waterfall, which is a row of silver fountains pointing sideways, along the length of the bridge. Make sure that this side of the bridge is facing the audience. (As an interesting piece of trivia, a fireworks waterfall similar to this was actually done on the real Golden Gate Bridge, as part of the fireworks display on the 50th anniversary of the bridge in 1987.) The waterfall part goes for about 15 seconds. Then the waterfall stops, and fountains on both ends of the bridge produce sprays of mixed red and green sparks, straight up. When those are done, silver whistles start - also one of them on each end of the bridge. After the whistles, fountains of silver crackle - and lots of it - are fired on each end of the bridge. After the crackle, there is one more silver whistle at each end of the bridge. What a display - the waterfall at the beginning is the best part though. You will want to set this bridge up on a table, because the rather long-burning silver sparks of the waterfall will continue to burn as they fall down from the bridge. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Golden Gate Spectacular

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-101. 133 seconds.

A gold spray with some silver flitter and crackle, changing to red and green with crackle, then the gold and silver with crackle, then the red and green with crackle, then back to the gold/silver/crackle, then red/green/crackle. Long lasting. Introduced in 2000, and tested again in 2003 - still lots and lots of sparks, and it even lasted 12 seconds longer than when I first tested it in 2000. (Last tested in 2003)

Blue with Silver Glitter and Red Stars. Red & White Stars and Crackling Stars. Blue with Gold Glitter and Purple with Silver Glitter. Blue Stars and Purple Stars. Gold Glitter and Silver Glitter. Purple with Silver Glitter and Blue Stars. Red Stars and Green Stars. Blue & Crackling Stars and Red & Crackling Stars. Blue Stars and Silver Glitter. Green Stars and White Stars. This kit is sold separately and also as part of the "Scorching Good Gear" assortment (BP-A015). (Last tested in 2004)

Golden Goose

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7047. 16 seconds.

Sits still and shoots a large amount of sparks out of the back, then emits a short whistle from the inside, and the wings of the goose suddenly pop up. Good for the states that don't allow novelties to travel, such as California. (Last tested in 1999)

Golden Jubilee

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-649. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Lots and lots of crackle. Hard to distinguish from Crackling Golden Palms, another 19-shot Black Cat repeater with almost the same effect. If you want crackle, crackle, and more crackle, get this cake. (Last tested in 1998)

Golden Light Splendid

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #037637. 37 shots, 7 seconds.

Timing is too quick between shots, you can't appreciate each comet. Gold comets only. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Lion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4026. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a dark orange comet and then breaks open into a large gold willow break. After a short delay the tips of each willow break turn into color stars, for example all of them red, all of them green, etc. The breaks are not very symmetrical, they tend to open at different angles. Some might view this as a liability, while some might view this as an asset, and light a whole bunch of these at once in a row, to see how the different angles of the breaks play against each other. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Golden Glitter

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W-457. 20 seconds.

You'll strike gold. When they say gold glitter, they mean gold glitter. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Goal

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2993.

These are 1-inch diameter, cylindrical, double-break shells. And they are quality products, with lots of good colors including blue and purple stars. The kit contains one tube and 12 different double-break shells: Crackling stars and blue stars. Red Stars and Gold Glitter.

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Golden Majestic Waves #200

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Gold glittering stars mixed in with soft falling gold sparks. Very pretty. (Last tested in 1996)

Golden Orange

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1036. 9 seconds.

Actually red flecks mixed with gold spray; a little bit of silver. Too short. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Paddy, #3

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1511. 4 seconds.

Item is 1 inch tall. Brief spray of gold. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Palm, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Gold comet on the way up; breaks into gold palm tree with blue tips. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Pine Forest

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-064. 65 seconds.

Begins with a mixture of red sparks and gold flitter sparks, but this quickly changes to a silver spray of small, long-lasting silver sparks. Then it changes to an intense spray of big gold crackle sparks, and then back to the spray of silver. Then the spray of big gold crackle sparks returns, then it changes to an interesting spray of gold leaf sparks, which flit in different directions. Then the spray of silver again, and then quickly to the gold crackle spray again for the finish. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Golden Pyro Fusion

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-040. 18 shots, 72 seconds.

This cake alternates between two types of shots. One shot is a big gold comet which goes up and breaks into an all-crackle break, where all the crackle goes off almost all at once. The other shot is a good crackling comet which goes up and splits - a true crossette effect - into four crackling comets. These 4 smaller comets don't crackle immediately; there is a very short delay before they start crackling, which makes it a little more interesting. The shots are fired at a relatively slow pace, giving this cake a sur-

prisingly long duration. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Golden Rhapsody

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2536. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets on the way up, and loudly crackling at that. Each shot ends by breaking into branches of crackle - two or three main ones and a little bit of extraneous crackle. Not quite enough branches to be called a palm tree, but close. Crackle is the feature of this one. (Last tested in 2000)

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Golden Rice

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O127. 19 seconds.

Red stars mixed with gold bursting sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Shower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4010. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Unusual diamond shaped repeater in 2000. Each shot is a bright gold comet that breaks into a huge gold sparkling willow break. Outstanding, really one of the most unusual and impressive repeaters of the year. Remade as a square repeater in 2003, with the same

effects. Each shot is a gold comet that goes up and breaks hard into a very nice gold willow break that spreads out wide. Each star in the break starts as a bright silver star, but the silver fades out quickly, and the star continues to burn giving off the soft gold sparks that make up the willow. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Golden Shower, #3

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand, #C11. 17 seconds.

Nice glittery gold shower, changing to gold and silver. A staple, everyone seems to have this one. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #Y03-052. 61 shots,

It's a repeating mine. Each of the 61 shots produces an upward blast of bright, fluffy, pale gold sparks. The effect is about 20 feet tall and the shots fire very rapidly. (Last tested in 1996)

Golden Spider, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Long gold, descending trails of sparks in the air - pretty nice. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Spindle & Silver Rain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K130003. 71 seconds.

From Guangzhou Gunflak I/E Corporation. Starts with white flitter spray mixed with red sparks. Then changes to a gold flitter spray, and then to a sizzling gold flake spray. Then white flitter is added to the sizzling gold. Then it's a mixture of white flitter, red sparks and crackle. Then a nice gold crackle with the gold flake sparks again. Almost no color but color isn't the point in this one, the point is the gold and silver and crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Golden Strobelights, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Wow! Big break of flashing gold stars. Big break of gold streams turning into gorgeous, long-lasting stars of flashing gold lights. Beautiful. (Last tested in 2000)

Golden Swallow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far Ocean brand. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

Huge gold breaks. Terrific. Get this one. (Last tested in 2002)

Golden Swallow

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W419. 24 seconds.

Nice design. Bright red and silver spray, then adds green. (Last tested in 1995)

Golden Willow, No. 100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

Goes up as a white comet tail, then breaks open into what I would call a palm tree, a group of white comets with bright gold heads that spread out. Not what I would call a willow effect, but still a nice shell. (Last tested in 2000)

Golden Zia

Cone Fountain. Flaming Arrow brand. 23 seconds.

Pulsating gold shower, with silver balls mixed in. The silver balls almost seem to float a little, rather than falling quickly like the gold sparks do. Pleasing to look at. (Last tested in 1998)

Good Business

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2990.

This kit contains four-break shells, which are cylindrical in construction and they are 1 inch in diameter. The box contains one tube and 11 four-break shells. The effects are: Purple Stars and Green Stars and White Stars and Crackling Stars. Red Stars and Purple with Silver Glitter and Gold Glitter and Blue Stars. Crackling Stars and White Stars and Green Stars and Crackling Stars. Gold Glitter and White Glitter and White Stars and Purple Stars. Red & Crackling and Green & Crackling and Silver & Crackling and Blue & Crackling. Red & White and Purple with Silver Glitter and Blue Stars and White Stars. Blue Stars and Purple Stars and Blue with Gold Glitter and Purple with Silver Glitter. White Stars and Blue Stars and Crackling Stars and Silver Glitter. Multi-colored Stars and Crackling Stars and Red & White Stars and Blue Stars. Silver Glitter and Red Stars and Green Stars and Silver Glitter. Crackling with Gold Glitter and Blue Stars and Multi-colored stars and Purple Stars. This kit is great for finales because you get four breaks, one after

the other, from each shell. You would need to find the right size tubes for a finale, though. This kit is sold separately and also as part of the "Scorching Good Gear" assortment (BP-A015). (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Good to the Last Shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9010. 12 shots, 30 seconds.

Shoots a silver comet that ends in a gigantic red chrysanthemum break. Then another silver comet goes up and ends in another gigantic chrysanthemum break, this one with stars that

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start as red and change to green before the break is over. Then another silver comet goes up and ends in a gigantic red chrysanthemum. Then another one goes up and ends in a bright silver chrysanthemum. Then the above four shots are repeated two more times. The size and symmetry of the breaks here is very impressive. (Last tested in 2003)

Goodtime Bob

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Hale brand. 33 shots, 66 seconds.

The first shot is a strobing red pearl on the way up, that ends in a break which has 7 red chrysanthemum stars and

some crackle. The next shot is a white pearl which goes up and breaks into a white chrysanthemum with some crackle. The next shot is a green pearl which goes up and breaks into 6 large, bright green peony stars and some crackle. The next shot is a blue pearl which goes up and breaks into 6 large blue peony stars and some crackle. The next shot is a red pearl which goes up and breaks into a red chrysanthemum with crackle. The next shot is a green pearl which goes up and breaks into a green glitter break (no crackle). Then four more shots just like that. Then, five shots are fired all at once, which go up and open into parachutes which give off some crackle for a few seconds as they spiral down. I liked that part a lot. The next break is a green chrysanthemum break with gold trails, but the green stars flicker as they spread apart, so it's almost a combination green glitter/chrysanthemum break. Then a gold "brocade" willow break which sparkles a little as it spreads. Then another green glitter chrysanthemum, then another gold brocade willow break, and one more green glitter chrysanthemum. Then five shots are fired all at once, which go up and open into clusters of blue peony stars and gold "falling leaves" stars. Then five shots are fired all at once, which go up and open into clusters of blue peony stars and green "falling leaves" stars. Finally, three shots are fired all at once, which go up as spiraling white comets, and break open into big breaks of crackle for a loud crackle finish. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Goshawk Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2145. 5 seconds.

The one we got only gave two shots: a red break and a green break with crackle. They were OK, but I don't see the point of producing a repeater with only 2 or 3 shots. (Last tested in 1999)

Grand Applaud

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2040. 7 shots, 40 seconds.

Large breaks with good colors and effects including crackle. Very nice cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Grand Canyon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2392. 16 shots,
23 seconds.

I wasn't expecting a whole lot, since it's small and relatively cheap. And someone else tried to steer me away from buying it. But it turned out to be pretty nice: red or green pearls with rising silver tails, each ending in a nice break of red stars mixed with crackle. A few of the breaks even have one shooting green star that shoots away from the main break with its own tail of white sparks. It's a good performer for its size, in my opinion. (Last tested in 1998)

Grand Finale

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0533. 36
shots, 36 seconds.

Continuous series of comets with silver tails and very bright heads of red, blue, or green, interspersed with crackling comets. (Last tested in 2000)

Grand Illusion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2010. 13 shots,
15 seconds.

A very interesting display of mines that appear to have three levels. The lower level is silver crackle, and above that is gold crackle, then higher above that are blue stars. How do they do it? Not long-lasting, but a unique an interesting show that you should consider buying. (Last tested in 2002)

Grand Mac

Reloadable Shell Kit. Big Stick
brand.

This is the largest reloadable shell kit I have seen yet. A total of 97 shells are in it: 46 single-break shells, 30 double-break shells and 21 triple-break shells. That's a total of 169 breaks in the sky. Eight tubes are included in a box which is 44 1/2 inches tall. Wow, what a collection. It retails for just under \$200 to the best of my knowledge, and it appears to be distributed exclusively by Celebration Fireworks, of Indianapolis. (Last tested in 2000)

Grand Ole Flag

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand,
#BP-A033.

The box contains 18 multi-break shells and three tubes. There are twelve 5-break shells which are 1.5-inch diameter shells, and six 6-break shells which

are 1-inch diameter shells. So there are a total of 96 breaks in the air with this kit, although the breaks are of course going to be smaller breaks, with fewer stars, than standard 1.75-inch shell breaks. The colors are rich in this kit and the contrasts of color from one break to the next break in a shell are striking. The emphasis in this kit is on color, although there is some crackle in some breaks, it's mainly a color show. This would be an excellent kit for your finale, since you get a large number of breaks with a relatively small number of tubes. (Last tested in 2005)

Glitter and Crackling and Purple with Silver Glitter. Blue Stars and White Stars and Crackling Stars. Blue Stars with Crackling and Silver Glitter and Green Stars. Multi-colored Stars and crackle and multi-colored stars. The timing between breaks is perfect. This kit is sold separately and also as part of the "Scorching Good Gear" assortment (BP-A015). (Last tested in 2004)

Grand Slam

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A020-3. 16
shots, 35 seconds.

See "All Star Action" for a description of this. (Last tested in 2004)

Grand Wizard

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0292. 76
seconds.

Forceful silver spray, changing to nice white flitter spray, then a whole lot of big crackles, I mean lots of it. (Last tested in 2000)

Grapevine

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly
brand, #GG0244.

Label says, "Gold to Purple Chrysanthemum with Fountain Effect." The tube is just under 3 inches in diameter and the entire piece is about 14.5 inches tall. Starts with a silver fountain for about 7 or 8 seconds, then shoots up one shell. It goes up with a green head and a fluffy white comet tail, then bursts open into a splendid blue-purple break, not quite a chrysanthemum, because the tails are not well defined. And there is another comet that comes out from the break, with a green head and a fluffy white tail. It's a terrific piece. (Last tested in 1999)

Great Balls of China

Reloadable Shell Kit. United Pyro
brand, #UP5003.

This kit contains 6 shells. The breaks are average color peony breaks and silver glitter. (Last tested in 2003)

Great Balls of Fire

Reloadable Shell Kit. Super Blast
brand, #SB-5.

Variety of different effects, all of them outstanding. Superb colors. (Last tested in 1995)

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Grand Project

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand,
#BP2989.

The box contains 1 tube and 12 triple-break shells, and the shells are 1-inch diameter cylindrical shells. The 12 shells are: Red Stars and Blue Stars and Crackling Stars. Blue Stars and Green Stars and Purple Stars. Silver Stars and Gold Glitter and Blue Stars. Blue Stars and Purple Stars and Silver Glitter. Crackling Stars and Blue Stars and Crackling Stars. Silver Glitter and Blue & Crackling Stars and Red with Silver Glitter. Red Stars and White Stars and Blue Stars. Silver Glitter and Red Stars and Silver Glitter. Blue with Gold

Great Balls of Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Beihai brand, #W4-4L. 48 seconds.

Unique effect: falling gold globs of fire, like goldfish jumping out of it. Set this one up high. A unique effect that I have not yet seen in any other firework. Yellow globs of flame jump out and drop down. They look almost like goldfish. Several tubes, all with that same effect. You lose interest about halfway through, but I give it a high rating mainly for its uniqueness. Set this one up high above the ground for best results. (Last tested in 1996)

Great Godzilla

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2773. 10 shots,
28 seconds.

These shots burst into three small breaks, a nice small chrysanthemum break, a small group of silver flying fish, and something the manufacturer calls "whistling dragons," which are very short whistles that stop suddenly. Introduced in 1999 and still good in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Great Grizzly

Cone Fountain. Great Grizzly brand.
14 seconds.

Starts as tri-color fountain, then interior sparkler lights a bear's face. Pretty cool. (Last tested in 1995)

Great Grizzly assorted candles

Roman Candle, single. Great Grizzly brand, #GG5000. 20 seconds.

A pack of 4 roman candles, each with 10 shots. Flash Gordon gives 10 sparkling silver comets. Alien Flashlight gives crackling shots. Black Hole gives blue shots with a tiny bit of crackle. High Performance alternates between red and green shots, each one giving a small report at the end. (Last tested in 2000)

Great Grizzly Wheel

Wheel. Great Grizzly brand. 33 seconds.

Huge wheel which spins in gold, then green, then silver, green, silver and ending in red. Four short whistles fire meanwhile. Big sprays, good color and lots of fast-changing action. (Last tested in 1998)

Great Moments

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand,
#BP2992.

The first time I've seen canister (cylindrical) shells that are 1 inch in diameter, like miniature size "Rambo Kid" shells. The breaks of course, are smaller than in 1.75-inch shells; that is to be expected, because a 1-inch shell has maybe 30% of the volume of a 1.75 inch shell. But don't dismiss these, they actually perform very well, if their small size is taken into account. The low price

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might be the deciding factor. There is one tube and 12 different shells in the kit. The twelve shells are: Red Stars. Purple Stars. Green Stars. Crackling Stars. Blue Stars. Silver Glitter. Multi-colored stars. Blue and crackling stars. Purple stars with silver glitter. White stars. Blue stars with golden glitter. And finally, Silver and gold glitter. (Last tested in 2004)

Great N-of Orion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4033. 13 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot is a green pearl going up, and breaking into a mixture of red and blue stars, with a couple of "go-getter" white stars flying away from the mixture. Good breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Great Naval Battle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2816. 25 shots,
39 seconds.

Every shot is a short, sparkling comet on the way up, ending in a blue peony break. The last 10 shots are fired very rapidly for a finale. (Last tested in 2003)

Great Sitkin Volcano

Cone Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand,
#DE1052. 49 seconds.

This is actually 6 cone fountains fused together. You take it out of the box and set it up so that they are in a row. First one cone starts with a green flame and a little gold spray. The two cones on either side of it soon join and spray the same. So you have 3 cones going with green flames and strong gold spray. The fuse then burns down to the other 3 cones and they all light, each one with a red flame and a strong silver spray. No sound effects. It's interesting. (Last tested in 2004)

Great Spirit

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2926. 15 shots,
48 seconds.

A very unusual cake which sends up parachute shells. Each shell has a short "blowing" to whistling sound and gives off some red and green stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Great Spirit

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2186. 24 shots,
42 seconds.

The first shot goes up and gives a very nice break which is a mix of red chrysanthemum stars and green glitter stars. The contrast between the two colors and types of stars is pleasing. The next three shots are the same as that one, except fired up at slightly different angles. Then, four shots are fired all at once, which are blue pearls that go up and end in breaks of crackle which burns very quickly, giving fast bursts of crackle. There is a little glitter that hangs in the air after the crackle is done. The next four shots are fired one at a time, and they all end in breaks of blue and green glitter stars - rather ordinary. Then another four shots fired at once which are the same as the group of 4 earlier, ending in breaks of crackle. Then four shots fired one at a time, all of which end in breaks of mixtures of green chrysanthemum stars and red

glitter stars. Very nice contrast there. Then four more of the crackle breaks all at once. Finally, four breaks of crackle flowers at the end. (Last tested in 2005)

Great Wall

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4509. 111 seconds.

Starts at one end with a gold and green spray, which changes to a crackle and red spray, then gold and green again, then red and crackle again, then back to the gold and green, then back to the red and crackle, then just gold glitter, then just crackle, then red and crackle, then just crackle, then red flame with crackle above it. then red flames with a silver spray above, then a blue flame with silver spray. Some of the sparks are long-lasting, so set this fountain high up on something for a better effect, rather than lighting it at ground level. (Last tested in 2004)

Greatest Hits

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2994.

The shells in this kit contain five breaks each, so you get five separate breaks in the air, one after the other, from each shell. I thought this was a pretty amazing accomplishment, until the same company came out with six-break shells later in the year. It's still pretty impressive to see five breaks from one shell. The kit contains one tube and eight five-break shells, and the shells are cylindrical and one inch in diameter. The effects are: Red stars and blue stars and crackling and green stars and white flashing. Silver stars and red stars and blue stars and crackling and purple stars. Blue stars and purple stars and white flashing and yellow stars and crackling. Crackling and blue stars and crackling and blue stars and golden flashing. Red chrysanthemum and white chrysanthemum and blue chrysanthemum and yellow chrysanthemum and purple light. Blue stars and purple stars and white flashing and yellow stars and crackling. Crackling and blue stars and crackling and blue stars and golden flashing. Red chrysanthemum and white chrysanthemum and blue chrysanthemum and yellow chrysanthemum and purple light. Blue stars with crackling and white flashing and green chrysanthemum and purple stars with silver flashing and yellow chrysanthemum. Multi-colored chrysanthemum and crackling and red & silver stars and golden flashing and blue stars. Purple light and blue stars & golden flashing and white flashing and crackling and red stars. This kit is sold separately and also as part of the "Scorching Good Gear" assortment

(BP-A015). (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Green Apple Tree, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Way the hell up there! Gold glittering branches with green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

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Green Bamboo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red
Lantern brand, #0502. 11 seconds.

Brilliant green pearls that spin as they go up, and then do nothing. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Pine brand,
#FB1104A2. 10 shots, 17 seconds.

Ten green pearls shot up one at a time. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Green Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Temple of
Heaven brand, #N2024F. 10 shots,
18 seconds.

Gives 10 very bright green pearls in a row. (Last tested in 1996)

Green Emerald Green Comet, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

A single large green pearl (star). Very bright, but no comet tail, and not enough altitude - came down low. (Last tested in 1996)

Green Flash Stars with Red Tail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS152. 10 shots, 12 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a brilliant red star, then breaks open into a small cluster of glittering green stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Green Giant 16's

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Squirrel brand, #W2175. 16 shots, 21 seconds.

One of the best new cakes of the year 2000. All shots are green pearls which go up and break into beautiful big chrysanthemum breaks of green stars with white trails. Excellent quality when originally released. However, notes from other fireworks enthusiasts indicate that this item was significantly weakened in the second year of its release. In 2003, I saw it again and it was dramatically weaker. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Green Glitter with Crackle, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-205B.

A giant peony break of green glitter stars, with a "pistil" of crackle in the center of the green break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Green Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2027. 25 seconds.

Intense barrage of bright green; illuminates the smoke. Some reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Jade

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0162. 8 seconds.

Very attractive package, but has trouble getting started spinning. Red, gold and green sparks; whistles once. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Mag. Star Burst, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Great lift, great altitude, and a deep green break. Outstanding. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Magnolia

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS348. 25 shots, 47 seconds.

Each shot is a brilliant green pearl that goes up, and finally turns into a gold pearl before going out. The same effect over and over. (Last tested in 2000)

Green Pasture

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L988. 9 shots, 11 seconds.

Whirlwinds that open on the way up! Small amount of crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Peony with Red Palm, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

This shell produces a large break of green peony stars, and in the center of the break is a "pistil" which is a small break of about 4 or 5 white comets with red heads. (Last tested in 2004)

Green & Purples

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1043. 25 seconds.

Not exactly purple, but a nice blue along with green. Too short-lived. (Last tested in 1995)

Green Ring with Palm Center, #400

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Large ring break of green stars with short silver tails. Excellent. (Last tested in 2002)

Green Umbrella, No. 8

Skyrocket. brand, #208G.

Flies high and puts out a small amount of green sparks. (Last tested in 1999)

Green with Envy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6109. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a comet that gives off green sparkle as it goes up, and ends in a cluster of the "falling leaves" effect in green. The "falling leaves" effect is made of long-burning stars that drift down slowly. The next shot is a

comet that gives off green sparkle as it goes up, and ends in a cluster of green stars and some crackle. These two shots alternate with each other a few times, then a shot interrupts which is a comet that gives off green sparkle as it goes up, and ends in a large break of green glitter. There are several more shots of that, and then it changes to shots that give off green sparkle as they goes up, and ends in large gold willow breaks that give off green sparkle as they spread out and drift down. Finally at the end, 5 of those are shot all at once for the finale. (Last tested in 2004)

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Griz Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0230. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

An amazing performance, with each shot going up with a small trail of gold sparks as it spins around a little before finally breaking into a large, full break of red or green. The delay before the break is surprising and interesting, and the breaks are big and mostly symmetrical. (Last tested in 1998)

Griz Cone No. 3

Cone Fountain. Great Grizzly brand. 28 seconds.

Made by Patriotic Fireworks, Elkton, Maryland. A thick, rich spray of gold sparks, into which is mixed an intermit-

tent series of silver balls. Satisfying intensity. (Last tested in 1998)

Griz's Best

Roman Candle, single. Great Grizzly brand, #GG5005. 8 shots, 20 seconds.

Each shot ends in a few color stars and two or three firecracker reports - though they are pretty decent reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Grizzly Growler

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0239. 25 shots, 42 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet that ends in a large single-color break of either red, green or blue. No sound effects, but lavish white and color display make this one a winner. (Last tested in 1998)

Ground Attack

Ground Spinner. Beihai brand, #W609. 7 seconds.

Beihai. Spins with silver, then the center part crackles. Not quite as loud as Crackling Cyclone, but basically the same item. (Last tested in 1996)

Ground Bloom Flier

Flying Spinner. Phantom brand. 16 seconds.

Starts out like Ground Bloom Flower, then takes off. Discontinued? (Last tested in 1995)

Ground Bloom Flower

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0901. 10 seconds.

Many case packs available. Don't last as long as they did 10 years ago, but still fun and inexpensive. Spins red, to green, to gold. (Last tested in 1996)

Ground Bloom Flower

Ground Spinner. Shogun brand, #SGW901B. 12 seconds.

Yet another average ground bloom flower spinner, spins in red to green to gold flame. I was hoping they might build them like "they used to" 30 years ago, but these are the same as most others on the market now. (Last tested in 2005)

Ground Bloom Flower

Ground Spinner. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-G0901B. 12 seconds.

Typical ground spinner with red, green and gold flame. (Last tested in 2005)

Ground Pounder with Glittering & Crackle

Mine. Black Cat brand, #BC-111.

The package contains six "Ground Pounders," three each of two kinds. One produces a stunning mine of white sparks that goes up to about 8 feet. It is really startling and bright - definitely a "wow" item. The other produces a stunning mine of crackle. This does not go as high as the white sparks version, but it is still great and very loud. Both of these last only a couple of seconds, but what a couple of seconds it is. There is another version of this, called Ground Pounder (with reports), BC-110, but I was unable to get that version of it so I can't say exactly what it does. This version, BC-111, is sensational. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Ground Salute

Firecracker. Pyro Valu brand, #PV515.

This is a bag of 12 individual firecrackers, with red cases approximately the size of an M-80. However, these are legal consumer fireworks with no more than 50 milligrams of pyrotechnic content per cracker. Each one gives a bang that may be louder than most firecrackers on strings, because the larger surface area of these firecrackers will get more air moving and thus create a larger sound wave when the cracker explodes. But you certainly should not buy these with the expectation that they are going to be anywhere close to the loudness of an actual M-80. (Last tested in 2005)

Ground Sea

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO026. 61 shots, 135 seconds.

The first half is a series of color crossettes. A red pearl goes up and splits into 4 red pearls. Then a green pearl goes up and splits into 4 green pearls. These 2 alternate for a while. This part is very much like the "Atom Splitter" cake. The pace is a little slow, but that could be compensated for by firing 2 of these cakes at the same time. Then, a red pearl goes up and opens into a red peony break with a small amount of crackle. This is followed by a blue pearl which goes up and ends in a mixed peony break of red and blue stars. These two shots alternate with each other for a while, at a leisurely pace. Then a green pearl goes up and ends in a purple

peony break. Then a silver comet goes up and ends in a break of red stars mixed with flashing blue stars. These two alternate with each other for a while, then the final 6 shots are fired all at once, and they are gold comets with red heads, that go up and end in breaks of all crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Ground Spinner

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-805. 11 seconds.

Nice sprays of sparks in addition to the brightly colored red and green flames. (Last tested in 1995)

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Grucci Collection

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand.

This is a line of fireworks sold by Phantom Fireworks, mainly single-tube aeriels but a couple of other items as well. They are made in China, and they bear the Phantom logo as well as a Grucci logo on the label. The single-tube aeriels are: Manhattan Crown Brocade No. 200, Empire Gold Willow Barrage No. 200, Liberty Golden Willow No. 200, Times Square Silver - Green Wave No. 200, Broadway Brocade Silver - Green No. 300, Park Ave. Peony Barrage No. 300, Rockefeller Gold Glitter Crossette No. 300, Silver Crackling Palm No. 500 and Round Red Dahlia No. 500. In addition, the 500-gram multi-shot aerial cake "Mineshell Mayhem" and the 500-gram fountain

"New York Harbor Fountain" also bear both the Phantom and Grucci logos and are considered part of the "Grucci Collection." Please look under each individual item's name elsewhere in this book for a description of the performance of each item. (Last tested in 2004)

Guest Pine

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0845. 23 seconds.

Tall, narrow box fountain with one tube. Puts out a pretty spray of gold flitter-type sparks, and periodically tosses out a red or blue star. Towards the end, it gets taller. A good small, quiet fountain. (Last tested in 1997)

Guests from Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2542. 7 shots, 29 seconds.

An amazing sound-effect cake, which shoots up silver comets which whistle three times as they fly up. The altitude achieved is impressive, but the attraction here is the whistling, which sounds "mournful" in a way. The second whistle in each shot is lower in pitch from the first, and the third whistle is lower still. Weird. (Last tested in 1999)

Gulf War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Squirrel brand, #WN-258A. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

All shots go up as green pearls, that open into a small cluster of red stars plus a very good report. Unchanged as of 2003 except the duration is a few seconds longer. (Last tested in 2003)

Gun with Roses

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Old Glory brand, #OG1. 61 shots, 13 seconds.

Only one effect here: brilliant red stars with shrieking whistles are shot up. (Last tested in 1995)

Gunboat

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand. 35 seconds.

Like Aircraft Carrier, floats on water and launches two airplanes. 24 seconds. Elaborate, long-lasting novelty. Rolls forward with a whistle, then two flying spinners take off, then red and green sparks shoot from the "gun". Terrific. (Last tested in 1996)

Gunga Din

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6107. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

The first shot sparkles on the way up and ends in a yellow peony break. The next shot gives off sparkle on the way up and ends in a peony break of green and purple stars. These two shots alternate with each other for the first 23 seconds, then a shot appears which is a very nice dragon eggs break, with red stars mixed in with dragon eggs stars (they continue to crackle as they spread out). The tips of the dragon eggs stars turn red just before they burn out. This is a very sophisticated break. Then 2 shots are fired at the same time, one of which gives a dragon eggs break that turns red just before burning out, and the other one gives a dragon eggs break that turns green just before burning out. Then three shots are fired at once, which are the same as the last two plus one which is a dragon eggs break with no color. Then another group of 3 just like that. Finally a group of 5 shot at once, just like the previous groups. This is a very professional-looking and sophisticated display. (Last tested in 2004)

Guns A Blazin

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cowboy brand, #JL003. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Every shot is a sparkling comet on the way up, that gives off some glittering green sparks, and ends in a pretty good white chrysanthemum break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Gyro Blooms

Ground Spinner. Fireworks over America brand, #AR403. 10 seconds.

Large ground spinner, like a giant Ground Bloom Flower, but better than today's Ground Bloom Flowers. They spin with a red flame with white sparks, changing to a green flame with white sparks, then a gold flame to white sparks. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2000)

H-Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0250. 19 shots, 14 seconds.

19 tubes, label says 120 shots. A rapid series of roman-candle type shots of red, green and blue. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Hacker Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2772. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

Crackling comets, with lots and lots of crackle. Impressive noise. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Hail Fountain

Base Fountain. Flying Dragon brand, #W808. 24 seconds.

In assortment with Happiness and Cherry fountains. Fantastic intense crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

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Hail of Blizzard

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4025. 21 seconds.

Pack of 4 in vinyl bag. Small fountain that starts with a bright green flare for a few seconds, then emits a loud, rocket-like sound similar to the Machine Gun cracker reviewed in PYRO 1, then changes to a red and green fountain with crackles for the remainder. Not big effects, but does a lot for such a small package. (Last tested in 1998)

Hail Storm

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7099. 32 seconds.

A military-looking truck that shoots a strobing red flame out the front, then shoots a loud whistle out the back,

which propels the truck forward forcefully. It travels quite a long way, then stops. The top of the back springs up, then tubes on the top shoot out bright red flames and then crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Hale Bomb

Firecracker. Winco brand, #JPH-622.

Double-fused for extra loudness. (Last tested in 1995)

Hale Bopp Bursting Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA. 19 shots, 13 seconds.

Mixture of red shots and whistling shots, that go up and break into mixed breaks of red, blue and green stars. Some of the breaks have blue stars plus silver flying fish, and a couple of breaks have a little crackle in addition to the color. The shots are fired rapidly, and some of the shots broke on the way up, giving them the appearance of mines rather than shells. (Last tested in 2000)

Hale Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7783S. 25 shots, 8 seconds.

Very fast barrage of red and green pearls. Perhaps nice if fired in large quantities. (Last tested in 1995)

Hale's-A-Crackin'

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winco brand. 44 shots, 31 seconds.

Green and red pearls; snappy reports; brilliant silver comets at the end. (Last tested in 1995)

Halley's Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L927. 9 shots, 8 seconds.

Pretty comets change from gold to silver - just not enough of them. (Last tested in 1995)

Hand Held Flower Pot Torch

Hand-held Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #K2212. 17 seconds.

I'm a big fan of hand-held items, and this is one of the good ones. 13 seconds. Snap, crackle, pop! Louder than Silvery Chrysanthemum or Five Sound Spray, with more silver than gold. (Last tested in 1996)

Happiness

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7255. 7 shots, 27 seconds.

Slow-paced display of very full breaks of red or gold. I got happy. (Last tested in 1995)

Happiness, Large

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O651A. 8 seconds.

Starts with a brief silver spray, then a whistle happens, then at the end of the whistle there is a blast of sparks with a few firecrackers in it. (Last tested in 2003)

Happiness Messinger

Reloadable Shell Kit. Golden Bear brand, #FX-H005.

They appear to be double-greak shells of industry-average quality. Not bad, but a little disappointing compared to the huge breaks that some of the 500-gram cakes in this brand have. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Happiness, small

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O651. 6 seconds.

Used to be outstanding, but the latest batch I bought had no reports. Red, gold and green spray; one whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy Bees

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2220B. 8 shots, 16 seconds.

The most fun roman candle. Each shot zings out of the tube as a red or green spinner with a comical buzzing sound. What was that?!?! (Last tested in 1996)

Happy Bees

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K2220C. 10 shots, 10 seconds.

Buzzing spinners which fly away in any direction. The buzzing sound goes up in pitch as the spinner flies away. These candles are a lot of fun, but use them only in a very wide open area. (Last tested in 1999)

Happy Birthday, large

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4047. 63 seconds.

A stunning piece; one of the most sophisticated fountains ever. Starts with three of the tubes giving bright red

flames, changing quickly to nice silver sprays. Then, the six outermost tubes give gold flitter sprays. Finally, the large central tube gives a nice spray of red and green, which then changes to a fantastic, intense crackle spray to finish it off. Amazing and beautiful to watch in 1998. (Last tested in 1998)

Happy Birthday, small

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4037. 18 seconds.

Miniature version of BP4047. Of course it's not as big or long-lasting, but the effects are still pretty good. Three outer tubes burn in red flame to green flame to silver sparks, then the center tube sprays mixed colors, finishing with a full spray of crackle. Outstanding in 1998. (Last tested in 1998)

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Happy Cones

Cone Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-074.

A box of four cone fountains, each one different, putting out pretty decent sprays. A good value. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Happy Festival

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O925. 24 seconds.

Beautiful blue stars, to green, to bursting gold stars. More blue! (Last tested in 1995)

Happy Fireworks

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7702. 636 shots, 57 seconds.

Thin, swirling breaks of red and green - same effect through out. Available in 6, 16 and 36 shots; the 36-shot one lasts 57 seconds. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy Girl

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-B051. 50 seconds.

Starts with a spray of flashing gold sparks, mixed with some blue sparks. Then changes to a fairly good crackle spray. Then that's it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Happy Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #B1034-19. 19 shots, 31 seconds.

Could not discern the brand on this one. The label looks a lot like the Red Lantern item of the same name (O889-19). Each shot goes up as a crackling comet and turns into a small cluster of green stars and crackle which drifts downward. (Last tested in 1999)

Happy Heaven

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #O889-8. 8 shots, 14 seconds.

Sad Hell would have been a better name. Good crackle but no height. (Last tested in 1996)

Happy Hour

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. brand, #PYK636. 16 shots, (Last tested in 2005)

Happy Lamp, large

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W604. 17 seconds.

Hangs from string, spins and opens into elaborate, illuminated lantern. Excellent keepsake. If you want one to hang up as a decoration, don't light it, just carefully cut it open. Outstanding. (Last tested in 1995) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Happy Lamp, small

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W602. 10 seconds.

Hangs from string, spins and drops open into illuminated lantern. Neat, but if you can afford the large one, get that instead. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy New Year

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O143. 7 shots, 24 seconds.

New Year's Eve deserves better. Gold fountain; thin, pathetic breaks. Sorry. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy News in Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-619. 25 shots, 23 seconds.

Small white breaks with lots of reports. Breaks get bigger later on, adding red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy Peacock

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand. 10 seconds.

A tiny piece that gives a brief spray of gold sparks, and then releases the peacock's feathers which spread out to form the shape of a peacock's tail. For daytime use. (Last tested in 1996)

Happy Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-607. 16 shots, 7 seconds.

Barrage of whistles and reports. Not to my taste. For hard core noise lovers only. (Last tested in 1995)

Happy Spring

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W5-22. 36 shots, 12 seconds.

Available in 25-shot and 100-shot versions. The 25-shot one is over quickly, but it's so intense that I highly recommend it. A chaotic barrage of color pearls, whistles and many reports. Wow! They basically just threw in everything they could think of — whistles, crackles, reports, pearls — all at the same time. We tested the 25-shot one, but there's also a 100-shot version. It's a riotous and chaotic show. (Last tested in 1996)

Happy Valentine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2025. 20 seconds.

Groups of mines, alternating between red groups and white groups. The mines are like comets. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2001)

Happy World

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0634. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

Alternates between red and green shots going up, with each one breaking into a break of color stars of that same color and crackle. Speeds up towards the end. (Last tested in 2000)

Happy Xmas

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #K826. 18 seconds.

Slowly-paced gold comets with very light crackling. Fell over near end. (Last tested in 1995)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2837. 36 shots, 32 seconds.

Alternates between red, blue and green shots going up. Each shot opens into a silver whirlwind. (Last tested in 2002)

Harmonious Colors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3045. 86 seconds.

A tall narrow spray of flashing white sparks, changing to white flitter spray, then to red mixed with white flitter. Then it dies down and becomes a green spray mixed with gold, then a good

spray of large white flitter sparks mixed with red sparks. Then it changes to some crackle at the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Hat Trick

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A020-2. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

See "All Star Action" for a description of this. (Last tested in 2004)

Havana Heat

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2012. 187 seconds.

Bright white flashing sparks are shot up, then a spray of silver balls, then a red, green and crackle spray, then a furious short whistle, then a gold and blue spray, then the silver balls again, then a white flitter spray, another whistle, then flashing white sparks, then silver balls, then flashing green flitter, a whistle, then red and green, then silver balls, then big crackle spray, another whistle, then flashing white sparks, then silver balls, then green flitter, a whistle, mixed red, green and silver; then just silver balls, white flitter, a whistle, then lots of crackle at the end. Wow - over 3 minutes and it never gets boring because there are so many changes. (Last tested in 2000)

Hawaiian Eruption

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM0203. 14 shots, 12 seconds.

Whistling shots on the way up, end in a few stars, but really not much to look at. Useful for the whistles only. (Last tested in 1999)

Hawaiian Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A055. 33 shots, 47 seconds.

Begins with blue peony breaks - no other colors or effects in the break, this gives a good impression of pure blue. Then it changes to blue peony breaks of a lighter shade of blue. Then it changes to red and green chrysanthemum breaks with some crackle as they spread out. Then it changes to breaks of blue peony stars and red falling-leaves stars. Then it changes to breaks of blue peony stars and green falling-leaves stars. Then it changes to breaks of blue peony stars and gold falling-leaves stars. Great colors. Then it gives several tremendous

gold willow breaks, which really break with a bang and spread out large. All in all a terrific show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Hawaiian Rainbow

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4196.

A half-circle holding 5 fountain tubes at angles. They all light at once, starting with color flames (red, green, blue in the center, red and green). Then all of them gradually change to silver sprays with no color, and finally they add a little bit of soft crackle to the spray before burning out. Unusual. (Last tested in 2000)

Hawker Harrier 2

Flying Spinner. Glorious brand, #GCH007. 4 seconds.

Flies up with a gold spray and ends in a pretty respectable firecracker bang. I love flying spinners and this one is no exception. (Last tested in 2004)

Haywire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0296. 16 shots, 56 seconds.

Starts with a silver fountain that changes to a red and green fountain, that changes to a crackling fountain, then it shoots up about 6 mines of mixed red, green and blue, then 8 shots which go up and break into silver flying fish. Nice variety in one piece. (Last tested in 2000)

Heart Shell, #400

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Yes, it qualifies as a heart shape, but it depends greatly on which angle you see it from as it breaks. You would need to fire several of these in a row to make sure it is identifiable as a heart shape. (Last tested in 1996)

Heart Stopper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6017. 20 shots,

Four rows of five tubes, and in each row of five the tubes are angled, and shoot simultaneously so that the five shots go up in a fan shape. Spinning silver comet to red peony, silver coconut, strobing silver and crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2001)

Heat Lightning

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2932. 25 shots,

Each shot gives a good break of crackling silver flying fish. The last 5 or so shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2004)

Heaven Impression

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A054. 33 shots, 48 seconds.

Starts with a series of gold willow breaks, not bright brocade ones but nice willows that break with a punch. Then it changes to several shots of breaks which have green peony stars and a lit-

Heaven's Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-28. 25 seconds.

Wow! Seven shots, each breaking very hard with a loud report, then turning into crackle. (Last tested in 1996)

Heavy Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2968.

Massive collection of 48 shells - 24 of them cylindrical style and 24 double-break ball style shells. Two durable HDPE mortars are included in the box. The canister shells are: Red Wave w/Silver Bees; Silver Glitter w/Red Bees; Yellow Palm; Silver to Red with Red Bees; Dragon Eggs w/Green Bees; Red Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Red and White Wave w/Green Bees; Purple Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Gold Chrysanthemum w/Green Bees; Silver Palm; Red Chrysanthemum w/Green Bees; Blue Stars w/Green Glitter Pistil; Green Crackling w/Green Bees; Blue Crackling Stars; Blue Stars w/Crackling Pistil; Purple Stars w/Silver Glitter Pistil; Blue Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees; Dragon Eggs w/Red Bees; Variegated Peony w/Red Bees; Red to Silver w/Crackling Pistil; Green Glitter w/Crackling Pistil; Gold Stars w/Green Glitter Pistil; Red to Silver w/Gold Glitter Pistil; and Green Chrysanthemum w/Silver Bees. The double shells all have comets attached to the outside of the top shell, so they give silver comet tails on the way up. The double shells are: Red Glittering Burst/Silver Glittering Burst; Red Chrysanthemum / Green Chrysanthemum; Silver Glittering Burst/Green Glittering Burst; Silver Strobe/Red Burst; Purple Chrysanthemum / Green Chrysanthemum; Silver Strobe/Orange Burst; Variegated Chrysanthemum/Green Falling Leaves; Gold Willow/Purple Chrysanthemum; Silver Willow/Crackling Burst; Brocade/Gold Willow; Variegated Chrysanthemum/Silver Fishes; Red Falling Leaves/Silver Fishes; Silver Crackling Palm/Red & Green Burst; Silver Crackling Chrysanthemum/Crackling Silver Fishes; Silver Crackling Palm/Silver Crackling Chrysanthemum; Red & Blue Burst/Red & Green Burst; Red Burst/Crackling Burst; Blue Burst/Crackling Burst; Green

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tle crackle. Then it changes to some shots which are all crackle. Then it changes to some shots which have blue peony stars and white crackle. Then it changes to some shots which have crackle and white flying fish. The last 3 shots are fired all at once, and they are silver comets which go up and break into huge red chrysanthemum breaks. Good cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Burst/Crackling Burst; Red, Green & Blue Burst/Crackling Burst; Red & Blue Burst/Crackling Silver Fishes; Yellow & Blue Crackling/Red & Blue Crackling w/Silver Tail; Silver Crackling Palm/Crackling Silver Fishes; and Green & Silver Glittering/Silver Crackling Chrysanthemum. Wow, what a collection! (Last tested in 2000)

Heavy Duty

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 32 seconds.

Starts with crackling comets ending in breaks of blue peony stars with crackle. Then some shots of green pearls ending in silver whirlwinds. Then repeats the above sequence two more times. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Heavy Metal

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK637. 16 shots, (Last tested in 2005)

Helicopter

Flying Spinner. Zenith brand. 12 seconds.

Verify that wings are on properly. Wide gold spray. At the end it ejects a few blue stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Hell Ghosts

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0167. 25 shots, 20 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark and opens softly into a "bowtie" shaped break which is a mixture of bright purple peony stars and green glitter stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Hell Raiser

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0614. 117 seconds.

Strong spray of white flitter with mild crackling sound, then it adds some green stars, then adding a long whistle, then changing to a green flitter spray, then a white flitter spray, and ends with a whistle. This fountain seemed to produce less extraneous smoke than usual. (Last tested in 2001)

Hell Rising

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0937.

A sudden single blast of white swimming comets, each of which ends in a

good firecracker report. (Last tested in 2002)

Hell's Fury

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0873. 37 seconds.

White comets go up and split into 3 or 4 pieces, which go off at angles. Almost a true "crossette" effect. May be the same cake also sold as "Desperate Attempt." (Last tested in 2002)

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Hellbender

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2930. 19 shots, 50 seconds.

Each shot is either a red, green or blue pearl on the way up, that turns into a whistling silver spinner, which seems to metamorphose into a whirlwind. (The spinner speeds up and gives off more sparks.) Interesting. (Last tested in 2000)

Hellfire

Missile. Pyro-Tech brand, #MI217.

Pass it by - one broke its fins off. Very unreliable flight. (Last tested in 1995)

Hellfire and Brimstone

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tannerite brand, #TR1010. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

The first shot goes up and opens into a good cluster of silver flying fish plus silver crackle. The second shot goes up and ends in a good cluster of gold flying fish plus gold crackle. These two shots alternate with each other, until the last four shots (two of each) are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005)

Hellfire Barrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Shogun brand, #SM1010. 25 shots, 19 seconds.

Begins with five silver comets fired at once in a fan shape, and they go up and end in red peony breaks. Then five more silver comets in a fan, and they go up and end in green peony breaks. Then five more silver comets in a fan, and they go up and end in silver glitter breaks. Then five more silver comets in a fan, and they go up and end in blue peony breaks. Then five more silver comets in a fan, and they go up and end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Helter Skelter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6011. 25 shots, 27 seconds.

An interesting effect: each shot goes up as a red or green pearl, which then turns into a white spinner which whistles as it flies away. Very fast pacing. The main interest here is the sound effect of the whistling spinners - kind of a vibrating sound which ends in a high-pitched "tweet." (Last tested in 2000)

Hen Laying Eggs

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W701. 5 seconds.

Did not do everything it was supposed to do for me; unreliable. Sits there on the ground and "lays" red and green "eggs" which are colored stars. Much better novelties available now. (Last tested in 1995)

Heretic

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4038. 15 shots, 20 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up red and break into red chrysanthemums, shots that go up green and break into green chrysanthemums, and shots that go up blue and break into blue chrysan-

themums. The last 4 or 5 shots are fired almost at the same time, for a finale. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Heretic

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1020. 104 seconds.

Interesting silver flitter sparks, changing to crackle mixed with flashing white sparks, then a short whistle while the flashing white continues, then green mixed with crackle, then more crackle, then a beautiful blue spray with gold, then purple sparks with crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Hero

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Golden Bear brand, #FX-B050. 55 seconds.

Begins with a brief crackle spray, then to a mixture of red sparks and silver flitter, then to a spray of gold crackle with a little bit of blue sparks mixed in. That's it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Hero's Welcome

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2949. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

A group of shots, which are silver comets that break into multi-color breaks. Then a group of shots which red pearls or sparkling comets which break into crackle and blue breaks. Then a group of shots which are green pearls that break into whistling silver whirlwinds. Then fan-shaped groups of 3 red shots, then fan-shaped groups of 3 green shots, then finally silver comets which break into crackle breaks. Good variety. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Hestia

Flying Spinner. Hestia brand. 3 seconds.

One and a half inches tall, about 3/4 inch in diameter. Sound of Colorful Bird may be an alternate name for it. It spins up - or sideways - and ends in a nice report with a couple of red and green stars flying away. Excellent. From Hunan area, but I'm not sure which factory. (Last tested in 2000)

Hibiscus Mutabiles, #2

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1019. 14 seconds.

Powerful gold and silver spray. They meant Hibiscus Mutabilis. Nice one. (Last tested in 1995)

Hicktown Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2978. 36 shots, 49 seconds.

It's a series of mines, with different mixtures of mine effects in each shot. Some are blue stars with small gold spinners, some are blue stars with silver spinners, some are mixed red and blue stars with reports, and some are purple stars with goldish spinners. The final row of 6

shells are 1 inch in diameter and 2-1/2 inches tall, and are clearly marked as to which end must be up when loaded into the tube. The cylindrical shells are: Red Palm & White Strobe, Green Palm & Time Rain, Yellow Peony & Crackling, Purple Peony & Green Strobe, Multi-Color Peony, and Spring Flower. There are three tubes included with this kit, one of which is smaller than the others. Make sure you use this smaller tube with the cylindrical shells in the kit. If you put those shells into one of the larger tubes, they will not perform properly. The single ball-style shells included in the High Compression Shells kit are 1-1/4 inches in diameter, and they are: Red Peony & White Strobe, Red/Blue Peony, Purple/Green Peony, Red/Green Peony, Blue Peony, Dragon Eggs, Red/Green Peony, Brocade Crown, Red Peony, Harbinger-of-Spring, Green Peony, and White Strobe. The double ball-style shells are 1-1/4 inches in diameter, and they are: Golden Willow + Green Willow, Green Peony + White Strobe, Yellow Peony + Harbinger-of-Spring, Red Peony + Gold Strobe, Purple Peony + Harbinger of Spring, and White Strobe + Brocade Crown. "Harbinger" is misspelled as "harbringer" on the box, but it does not matter, the meaning is clear. The shells are not individually marked as to which one has which effect. The effects, colors and symmetry were all first-rate. I recommend this kit, for the variety and quality, but you need to make sure to use tubes that are the right size and a tight fit for the shells, to ensure that the shells reach their proper altitude. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

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shots is fired almost all at once, for a mini-finale. Introduced in 2002 and still the same in 2003. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

High Compression Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-087.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. This package contains 24 shells (6 of them are double-break shells) and three tubes. The two tubes are identical in diameter, even though the shells in this kit have two different diameters. The cylindrical

High Fashion

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Skybound brand, #VB4010. 48 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red sparks, green sparks, and small silver flitter against a background spray of gold. Then a short whistle happens while the colors keep coming. Then it changes to silver flittering sparks which crackle. Another short whistle. Then it's a nice spray of silver flitter sparks which do not crackle. Then silver crackle is mixed with the silver flitter, and another short whistle happens. Then the mixture of silver flitter and silver crackle continues on for a few more seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

High Five

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-10.

These are five-break shells. The kit comes with one very nice fiberglass mortar tube, and six different 5-break shells. As each shell is fired in the tube, five separate shells are launched into the air, giving five different and complete breaks in the air. The effects are a variety of color peony breaks, willow breaks and chrysanthemum breaks. Many of the shells leave a residual glitter in the air as the spent stars float slowly down. These are high-quality shells and this is an excellent way to fill the sky for a finale. You will get five complete breaks from each tube. Highly recommended. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

High Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 37 shots, 41 seconds.

The first 14 shots are fired straight up, and are red or green pearls with white comet trails, that go up and end in double breaks. One break from each shot is a silver whirlwind, and the other break is a small chrysanthemum break. The last shot of this part gives off some firecracker reports. Then the shots are fired at angles, in a more or less random distribution rather than a z or fan pattern. These shots go up and give breaks of color glitter stars, and some have reports. Then the last 8 to 10 shots give crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

High Noon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 12 shots, 14 seconds.

Foshan Native Produce. Screaming shots go up and break into small clusters of color. Not too impressive. (Last tested in 1998)

High Octane

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2130. 49 shots, 16 seconds.

Most of the shots are fired in a zig-zag pattern, and the first 42 shots are all the same thing: a blue mine. These are fired very rapidly in the Z-pattern. Then there is a short pause, and the final 7 shots are fired in a Z-pattern, although only one row. These 7 shots all go up as strobing blue pearls, then open into upward-breaking red chrysanthemums

with crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 2005)

High Performance Display

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-155. 33 shots, 51 seconds.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. All shots are fired straight up. The first five shots of this cake go up and produce peony breaks of glittering green stars with large numbers of stars in them. The next shot goes up and ends in a break which has crackle and silver flying fish. Then a shot which goes up and ends in a break which has crackle and gold flying fish. Then another shot with crackle and silver flying fish. Then another one with

shots fired all at once with more "falling leaves" stars, this time it's clusters of green, blue and silver stars. Then a third group of 5 shot all at once, which is clusters of blue, silver and yellow "falling leaves" stars. Finally, 3 shots are fired all at once, which have gold comet tails on the way up, and end in huge gold willow bursts, which break hard and sparkle as they spread out. Some might call these last 3 brocade shells, but they are more similar to the "kamuro" type of willow break seen in professional displays. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

High Plains Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2818. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a brilliant white star, that opens softly into a cluster of white sparks plus about 8 reports. The reports are decent, about like firecrackers. (Last tested in 2000)

High Sierra Showdown

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #AR322. 63 seconds.

Starts with red sparks and silver flashes for 20 seconds, then changes to just silver flashes for 20 seconds, then changes to silver flitter sparks before petering out. I wouldn't want to depend on this to defend me in any sort of showdown. (Last tested in 1998)

High Stepper

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Patriotic brand, #AFW004. 220 shots, 21 seconds.

Begins with a startling and awe-inspiring barrage of shots fired very rapidly in a Z-pattern. They are either red or green roman-candle type pearls, and they are fired so fast and the direction changes so quickly, that it almost looks like someone is out there holding a giant roman candle and waving it back and forth as the shots stream out. Above all that are soft gold breaks that contrast nicely with the red and green pearls. This is a continuous barrage that goes on for 12 or 13 seconds. The overall impression is dramatic due to the very rapid pace of the shots. Then it changes to a different pace, firing entire rows all at one time rather than the "Z" pattern where it goes back and forth across the rows. A fan of red pearls is shot all at once, and they end in the small gold

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crackle and gold flying fish. Then another shot with crackle and silver flying fish. Then a shot which produces what I call the "dragon eggs" effect, a break of crackling branches which continue to crackle as they spread out. Then a break of all crackle, which goes off all at once. Then another dragon eggs break, and another all-crackle break and one last dragon eggs break. Then a group of 5 shots are fired all at once, straight up, and they end in "falling leaves" stars, clusters of blue and either silver or a pale yellow. This looks lovely and hangs in the air for a few seconds. Then another group of 5

breaks, same as before. Then a second row is fired, the same as the last row. This would be an excellent piece to begin your show's finale with, and maybe another one at the end of the finale. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

High Tower

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2093. 107 seconds.

Starts with a beautiful spray of orange-red sparks. Then it's a mixture of green and red sparks. Then a tall, rich spray of red. Then it stops for a second, then starts up again with a crackle spray. Then it changes to a rich, full spray of orange-red sparks mixed with blue sparks. Very good color. Then it becomes an intense crackle spray with orange-red sparks mixed in. Long-lasting and beautiful colors, a winner. (Last tested in 2004)

Higher and Higher

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM0753. 31 shots, 66 seconds.

Begins by shooting up a series of whistling silver comets. Then shoots up a series of shots which alternate between red pearls that end in whirlwinds and red pearls that end in spinning whistle-type shots like those in "Killer Alligator." Then sends up a series of crackling comets which end in thin breaks of green glitter. Then sends up a series of crackling comets which end in thin breaks of silver glitter. Then sends up a series of crackling comets which end in a few whistling comets which start where the crackling comets ended, and go up from there. I guess that's where they got the name "Higher and Higher." Then sends up a series of crackling comets which end in breaks of crackle. A little on the slow side. (Last tested in 2003)

Highland Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4158. 67 seconds.

Nice tall white spray, with a soft crackling sound, then changing to a multi-color spray with white flitter - really nice to look at. Then it becomes crackle spray for the last 20 seconds or so. (Last tested in 1999)

Highway to Heaven

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-251. 42 seconds.

Nice name, and a nice performance. Four tubes in the box go off in sequence. Soft white flitter spray, then more white flitter, then multi-color spray of red, green and blue, then long, generous crackle spray. Good one. When first tested in 1998, the duration was 59 seconds. When tested again in 2003, the duration was 42 seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

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Hill Flower in Blossom

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK86. 86 shots, 23 seconds.

Three rows of shots are fired very rapidly in a Z pattern. They are color pearls, first red, then silver, then blue. There is a short pause, then a row of shots is fired in a fan shape, and these are very good crackling comets. Then three rows are fired rapidly in a Z pattern, and they are the red, silver and blue pearls like at the beginning. Another short pause, and then 7 shots are fired in a fan shape, which are silver comets with red or green heads. The center 3 are red, while the 4 on the sides are green. The red ones break into red crossette breaks, while the green ones continue on as comets. Then another row of those is

fired, identical to the last row. Finally there are 4 shots at the end which are fired almost at once, and they go straight up and break into crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Hiney Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W536. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

I'm sure they intended the name to be "Honey Flowers" or else they're playing a joke on us. Each shot goes up dark, then ends in a burst of red stars with trails. The bursts are non-symmetrical and have no sound effects. Not too impressive. (Last tested in 1998)

Hip Hip Hurray

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B058. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

Each shot is a yellow pearl that goes up and breaks into a peony break of purple, green and yellow stars. I believe this cake is the same one sold as "Midnite Bonfire" in another brand. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Hissing Cobra

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-095. 74 seconds.

Great variety; five whistles and plenty of green and red in there. (Last tested in 1995)

Hit Man

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0151. 57 seconds.

Primarily a noise fountain. Silver flitter sparks, then a loud, short whistle, then green and silver, then gold, then green and silver again, then another loud whistle, then a whole bunch of crackle. Not particularly tall, but good sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Hit the Dirt

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0702. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in pretty good multi-color peony breaks. (Last tested in 2001)

Holiday Shells, 1.5-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. Horse brand, #DG4091.

Plastic shells. Box is drab, but wrapper on mortar is outstanding. Small and not as impressive as newer shells. (Last tested in 1995)

Holiday Shells, 2 1/4-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. Jumping Jack brand, #T9500.

Box bears both "Jumping Jack" and TNT logos. (Last tested in 2000)

Holiday Shells, 2.25-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. Horse brand, #T9500A.

Highest-flying consumer shell I've ever seen. Four different effects. Great. (Last tested in 1995)

Hollywood Nights

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2001. 70 seconds.

Brilliant snapping sparks mixed in with the color. Hard to find. Mixed red, green and blue spray, with some white flitter. Deep rich colors, really excellent color. Does not change, keeps the mixture same throughout. (Last tested in 2000)

Hollywood Park

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P3013. 80 seconds.

Good rich red and green spray with white flitter, then a couple of silver whistles, then a red, blue and green spray with lots of big crackles, then just the red and green spray, then another whistle, then a bright white flitter spray with blue balls, then mixed red, green, blue and crackle spray. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Home of the Brave

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2047. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

Three shots of "scrambling comets" which are breaks that open into white comets with color heads (red, green or blue) and fly away in different, sometimes overlapping directions. It is an interesting effect, as if the stars are self-propelled, and not just moving from the force of the break. Then one shot of crackling flowers. Then the above sequence repeats three times, with the final time having all 4 shots fired rapidly together. (Last tested in 2002)

(Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Home on the Range

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2092. 7 shots, 28 seconds.

Large gold willow break with red tips. Then a gold willow break with blue tips. Then a gold willow break with crackling tips. Then those 3 shots are repeated, and finally one more shot which is a gold willow with crackling tips. (Last tested in 2004)

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Home Sweet Home

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB4029. 102 seconds.

Clever packaging designed like a blue, 2-story house makes this a collectible item. Six fountain tubes are embedded in the house's roof. Starts with a white flitter spray, then a spray of red and blue sparks with gold crackle, then to a silver flitter spray, then a green spray with silver flitter, then to gold crackle with silver sparks, then finally a spray of gold crackle only. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Homeland Trio

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A034. 32 shots, 43 seconds.

This is an assortment of three 500-gram cakes in one box. Each one has 32 shots. All three are good, but the "Mighty River" was my favorite. "Bustling Cities" (BP-A034-1) starts with 4 red pearls going up almost at the same time and ending in red chrysanthemum breaks. Then 4 sparkling silver comets go up all at once and end in glittering silver breaks. Then 4 blue pearls go up and end in blue peony breaks. Then 4 shots go up and end in dragon eggs breaks. Then the entire sequence above is repeated. "Mighty Rivers" (BP-A034-2) starts with 4 silver comets with purplish-red heads going up almost at the same time and ending in purple chrysanthemum breaks which also crackle as they spread out. Very nice. Then, the same 4 shots except green replaces the purple. Then, the same 4 shots except it's back to purple again. Then, the same 4 shots except blue replaces the purple (the shots are strobing blue on the way up, and the breaks are blue chrysanthemums which also crackle as they spread out.) Then the entire sequence above is repeated. "Vast Plains" (BP-A034-3) starts with 4 strobing purple shots going up at the same time, and all ending in mixed red and green peony breaks. Then 4 shots all at once which are sparkling silver comets ending in red glitter breaks. Then 4 shots all at once which are sparkling green comets ending in green glitter breaks. Then 4 shots all at once which are whistle on the way up and end in breaks of crackle. Then the entire sequence above is repeated. This one lasts a little shorter, probably 36 seconds. (Last tested in 2005)

Hometown Favorite

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2904. 24 shots, 18 seconds.

Starts with 3 shots fired in a fan shape, which end in crackle breaks, then a group of red shots which open into red chrysanthemums, then a group of green shots which open into green chrysanthemums, then a group of blue shots which open into blue chrysanthemums, then a fan of shots which open into crackle breaks. Nice colors. (Last tested in 2001)

Hometown Hero

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4223. 103 seconds.

Begins with a spray of white flitter, then changes to a mixture of white flitter and red and green sparks. Then a different type of silver flitter that is interesting to look at. Then back to the white flitter with red and green, and a short silver whistle is added. Then silver crackle is added to the mixture. Then the other effects go away and it's just the silver crackle by itself. (Last tested in 2004)

Hong Kong

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4056. 20 shots, 24 seconds.

Starts with a multi-color fountain, then shoots up 20 crackling comets. The last 5 or so comets are shot up at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Hornet's Blast

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG3000.

Four rockets in a vinyl bag. Flies up with a trail of gold sparks and then comes open into a cluster of orange flying fish. (Last tested in 2000)

Horror Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2899. 12 shots, 25 seconds.

Silver comets go up and change to spinning silver whistles. Interesting sound effect. (Last tested in 2000)

Horse Brand Celebration Roll

Firecracker. Horse brand, #T804.

My, oh my. It's too bad this can't be sold to the public in the U.S. On one of my road trips, someone we met produced this out of thin air, and minutes after I took the picture shown here, we unrolled it, hung it up and set it off. BIG crackers! About 500 crackers, including 28 big ones, and a head bomb at the end. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Horse Brand Celebration Roll

Firecracker. Horse brand, #T805.

About 1000 crackers, including 56 big ones, and a head bomb at the end. (Last tested in 2001)

Horse Racing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB221. 19 shots, 40 seconds.

A huge piece, 9 inches tall and 7 inches in diameter. All shots are the same thing: a short shrill whistle on the way up, with a thin trail of white sparks, ending in a chrysanthemum break. I think they are green stars, but they are pretty pale, not richly colored. The breaks are adequate, and the timing is absolutely perfect, but it really needs more stars in the breaks and better color formulas should be used. (Last tested in 1999)

Hot Colors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand. 121 seconds.

The package is 12 inches tall. Sprays a mixture of crackle with red, green and

to a pure gold crackle spray, then to a mixture of white flitter sparks with red, green and blue sparks, then to the pure gold crackle spray, then to a mixture of silver flitter and gold crackle. Finally a final spray of lots of gold crackle. At 2 or 3 points during the long duration, you think it's all over, but it starts up again with another furious spray. Generous amounts in this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Hot Rod

Novelty Firework. brand. 5 seconds.

Jiangxi. Large car rolls forward and whistles. A few insignificant sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

Hot Rod

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7103. 25 seconds.

Brightly colored "Indy"-style racing car, which rolls forward propelled by a whistle coming from the back, spinning around. Then stops and gives a nice blue flame straight up from the "driver" of the car, and the flame then changes to red. At this time a whistle from the front of the car propels the car backwards, while the red flame from the driver changes to a silver spray. If only the real Indy cars did all this! (Last tested in 2004)

Hot & Sassy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 15 seconds.

The early shots have silver comet tails on the way up, ending in smallish breaks of red or green, with crackle mixed in with the green breaks. Then it changes to screaming silver comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Hot Shots

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0342. 24 shots, 40 seconds.

Starts with 3 shots of crackling comets which end in clusters of reports, then a green shot which ends in a whirlwind, then a whistling shot, then a few red and green shots which end in clusters of red or green, then 3 more crackling comets that end in reports, then green to whirlwind, then whistling shot, then a few more red and green shots which end in clusters of color, then 3 more crackling comets and one final green

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blue sparks. Well-named, because the red, green and blue sparks are indeed rich, deep and vibrant. Goes on longer than necessary to make its point, but if the richness of the colors is what you're after, this is the one. (Last tested in 1998)

Hot Potato

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4236. 160 seconds.

Starts with a white flitter spray, changing to a quiet red and green spray, then

shot which ends in a whirlwind. (Last tested in 2000)

Hot Stuff

Cone Fountain. Maryland brand. 14 seconds.

Burns with a red flame, and gold and silver sparks. Somewhat weak. (Last tested in 1995)

Hot Summer Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-603. 27 shots, 47 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" series. Shoots sparkling red comets that end in very nice looking breaks which are a mixture of blue stars and strobing red stars. After a few shots it changes to breaks of blue stars and strobing silver stars. Then it shoots sparkling green comets which go up and end in breaks of blue stars and strobing green stars. Then it shoots sparkling silver comets which go up and end in breaks of the same sparkling comets. Then it shoots several crackling comets all at once, that go up and end in gold breaks that spread out and end in crackle. Then it shoots up several screaming comets which whistle 3 times on the way up and end in small clusters of crackle. I liked this one a lot for the color breaks in the earlier part. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Hot & Wild Candle

Roman Candle, single. Pyro King brand, #PYK405. 30 seconds.

When this candle first came onto the market in 2003, I thought it was just an average candle comparable to others currently available at that time. But in 2005 it seems to be significantly improved, with more of a punch to each break. All shots go up as either red, blue or green pearls, and then end in either a report, a chrysanthemum break or a glitter break. Pretty good this year. (Last tested in 2005)

Hovering Swallow

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6605.

Small, but bright break of silver stars. Not that impressive, really. (Last tested in 1995)

Howl of the Wolfman

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0256. 81 seconds.

With its name, I expected this one to whistle, but it didn't. It put out a steady spray of crackle for nearly a minute and a half, intermittently throwing in some red and green stars. But not a whistle to be heard. (Last tested in 1999)

Howling Beasts

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3045. 25 shots, 66 seconds.

All shots are whistling comets on the way up. Some end in reports. The rest

Howling Tiger

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2081. 25 shots, 44 seconds.

Screaming white comets on the way up to nice hard breaks. With the first unit I tested, the breaks were loud crackle breaks, not color. But with the second unit I tested, the breaks alternated between red, green and blue single-color breaks, making it identical to Pyro Pandemonium. Significantly weaker in 2001. In 2003, it still gives breaks of red, green or blue, but they don't break nearly as hard as they did when this cake originally appeared on the market. If you've never seen it before, it's a good piece and you will like it, but if you saw it when it first came out in 1998, you will be disappointed because you will be comparing it in your mind to the original version. There is still a "good" version of it being made, but only for the European fireworks markets, not for the U.S. The manufacturer won't allow the European version to be sent to the U.S. (Last tested in 2003)

HPP-1

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #HPP-1. 34 shots, 27 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. All shots are fired in fans of 3 at one time. First fan is a silver comet with a green head that ends in a green peony break, in the middle a red pearl that splits in to red stars (crossette), and a blue pearl that ends in a sparkling orange break. The second fan is a comet to purple peony on the left, a green crossette in the middle, and a blue glitter break on the right. These two fans described above alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. This display has a very clean, elegant look in the sky. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-10 Phenomenal

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-615. 35 shots, 57 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. Starts with a break which is a mixture of red stars, blue stars and red glittering stars. Then four more shots are fired one at a time, just like that one. The next shot is similar, but is a mix of red stars, blue stars and sparkling silver glitter rather than the

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end in single-color peony breaks, either red, blue or green. (Last tested in 2003)

Howling Coyote

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Easy-Lite brand, #FN99. 28 seconds.

Starts with bright white sparks which last long, then adds silver sparks. Seems to shoot out clusters of stars now and then, and the fountain fell over towards the end. (Last tested in 1999)

red glitter of the first 5 shots. Then 4 more shots just like that one. Then 5 shots of what I would call dragon egg breaks, which crackle and continue to crackle as they spread out. Then a break which has 3 kinds of effects: blue stars, scattered crackle, and some white whistling things that swim away briefly. Then another shot like it, but without the swimming things. Then a break of a mixture of blue stars and blue "falling leaves" stars. For the finale, several shots are fired all at once, which give mixed breaks of red stars, gold stars, and crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-11 Awe-inspiring

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-616. 9 shots, 41 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The first shot might be called a mine, it is a group of 9 screaming silver comets that go up and spiral around as they fly up. The next shot is another mine, which sends up some buzzing spinners. The sound they make is similar to that of "Jumping Jacks" ground spinners, not exactly the same, but that is the nearest equivalent. It is startling to hear that sound coming from the air. The manufacturer calls this effect "hummers." This sound effect is rare in consumer fireworks, at least in the aerial ones. It will really grab your audience's attention. Then another shot just like shot #1, the screaming comets. Then another shot of the hummers. Then a shot of screaming comets, then a shot of hummers. Then a shot of screaming comets, then a shot of hummers. The final shot is the screaming comets, same as shot #1. The shots are fired at a very slow pace in this cake, but you won't want to have anything else going at the same time as this cake, because it would distract attention from the unusual sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-2 Excite

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-604. 33 shots, 33 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. All shots are fired in fans of 5 at a time. The first 5 are beautiful sparkling gold comets, with bright gold heads. The next 5 are comets with green tails. The next 5 are sparkling silver comets.

The next 5 are crackling comets. The next 5 have no comets but go up dark and end in good peony breaks of blue and a glittering silver. The next 5 go up dark and end in good peony breaks of blue with glittering red stars. The final 5 go up dark and end in dragon egg breaks with silver glitter mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-3 Spectacular

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-606. 28 shots, 47 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. Starts with a large peony break of mixed yellow and blue stars. Then

dragon eggs breaks, so you can't fully appreciate the beauty of the gold willows. Then some shots fired at once which give huge gold spiderweb breaks, with spreading crackling. Fantastic ending. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-4

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #HPP-4. 12 shots, 42 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. A large gold spiderweb break which turns into sparkling tips starts it off. Then a gold chrysanthemum break with a little bit of glitter at the center. Then another gold spiderweb like the first break. Then a beautiful gold willow with blue stars mixed in, and the gold willow becomes a dragon eggs break. Then a gold spiderweb with a few red stars at the center, that spreads out into sparkling silver stars. Then a gold chrysanthemum with some green stars at the center. Then the gold spiderweb with sparkling stars spreading out. Then the gold spiderweb to dragon eggs, with blue stars. Then the gold spiderweb with sparkling stars spreading out. Then the final 3 shots, the gold chrysanthemum with green, the gold spiderweb with sparkle and the gold spiderweb with dragon eggs, are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-5

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #HPP-5. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. These shots are fired in fans, but one at a time, not all at once. The "Z" pattern. The first 5 are red pearls that end in red peony breaks. The next 5 go up dark and end in gold peony breaks, these shot one at a time in the opposite direction than the red ones. Then the above sequence is repeated. Then the final 5 shots are fired at once in a fan, and they go up dark and end in glittering gold breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-6

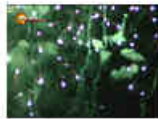
Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #HPP-6. 28 shots, 29 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The first 4 shots are fired at once in a narrow fan, and they are a gold, a

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another break just like it except there are a few red stars in it too. Then three more peony breaks of just yellow and blue stars. Then a peony break of mixed red stars, blue stars and silver glitter stars. Then for more shots just like that. Then five shots of the yellow and blue peony breaks like the first shot. Then two shots fired at once which result in beautiful silver dragon egg breaks combined with blue stars. Then several shots fired at once which produce very nice gold willow breaks with blue tips. However these are fired too soon after the dragon eggs breaks just before them, and they sort of get lost in the

green, a blue and a red pearl, and they go up and end in mixed color peony breaks that become dragon eggs breaks, with a tremendous crackling sound from the 4 breaks combined. Then a red and a green shot are fired at the same time, and the green opens into a green crossette (just the green only, no trails) while the red opens into a red crossette. Then that pair is repeated 4 more times. Then a green and a red shot are fired up, and the green opens up into a cluster of green stars, while the red opens into a cluster of red and blue stars. That's repeated 4 more times. Then 4 gold comets are fired in a fan, and they end in gold willow breaks with sparkling silver stars. Then 4 red shots are fired in a fan and they end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-7 Fantabulous

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-610. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The first 20 shots are fired in the "Z" pattern. The shots in this cake produce unusual breaks which I don't remember seeing before in any other firework. Each star in the break is a tiny crackling comet with a color head. The stars spread away from the center of the break while giving off crackle as they spread. Normally I would call this a "dragon eggs" break, but there is not enough of the crackle to make it a true dragon eggs break. The crackle is light. It can't really be called a chrysanthemum break because the trails behind each star are not long enough. It doesn't really look like a crossette break either. So it's something entirely new. In the first 5 shots the stars have red heads, and in the next 5 green, the next 5 gold, the next 5 blue. The final five shots of the cake are fired at once in a fan, and they are crackling comets that go up and open into breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-8 Excellent

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-611. 20 shots, 59 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The first shot is a red pearl which goes up and opens into a nice break of red chrysanthemum stars, mixed with silver glitter stars. The next shot is the

same, except the red is replaced with green. Then another one, in red, then another one, in green. Then another one, in red. Then, 4 green shots are fired at once in a fan, and they open into breaks which become lots of crackle flowers. Then a sparkling silver comet which goes up and opens into a gold spiderweb break with sparkling silver glitter mixed in. Then 3 more shots just like that one. Then, 2 green shots and 2 red shots are fired at once, in a fan. They go up and end in peony breaks, 2 green ones and 2 red ones. These breaks have a sizzling sound with them as well. The next 4 shots each produce a ring shell in the air, shot one at a time. One green, one blue, one red, and another blue

glitter stars mixed in. Then 4 more shots just like that one. Then a break which is red stars with crackling tails. Then a break which is green stars with crackling tails. Then another red one, and another green one. Then one more red one. Then a break which is a mixture of blue peony stars and a big cluster of very long-burning red stars, that drift down and finally go out. The manufacturer calls it a "falling leaves" effect. The next break has blue stars and green "falling leaves" stars. The next break has blue stars and yellow "falling leaves" stars. These last 3 shots are very unusual for consumer fireworks. Then a finale, several shots are fired at once, which go up and open into a large amount of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

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ring. The rings have an average of 17 stars per ring. Ring shells are rarely seen in cakes, so this is an unexpected treat. The final shot is a gold brocade shell that turns into red tips. (Last tested in 2004)

HPP-9 Superlative

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-612. 33 shots, 60 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. Begins with a gold brocade break that turns to red tips. Then 4 more shots just like that one. Then, a gold spiderweb break with sparkling silver

Hula Dancer

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-815. 9 seconds.

This ground spinner has two fuses, which come out of holes at the ends of the tubes, then meet in the center. You light the fuse at the center, so that both fuses are lit. When it starts to spin, a green flame comes out of one end and a red flame out of the other. It really does dance around in an unusual fashion - I haven't seen any ground spinner that does exactly what this one does. The red flame stays on top and the green on the bottom. Unusual and interesting. (Last tested in 1998)

Hula Girl

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4212. 41 seconds.

A box of four fountains in the shape of hula dancers. The performance starts with a yellow flame from the top (the head of the dancer). Almost immediately, the two arms of the hula dancer move from pointing up to pointing out, and they also emit yellow flames. Those yellow flames continue while the fountain from the top changes to a gold chrysanthemum spray which is fairly intense. (Last tested in 2004)

Humdinger

Cone Fountain. Apollo brand. 15 seconds.

Just a cheap whistler glued inside a cone. Come on! (Last tested in 1995)

Humming Bird

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0130. 16
shots, 35 seconds.

Every shot is a silver comet which goes up and becomes a whistling silver spinner, then ends in a peony break of one color. The color varies from break to break, alternating between red, blue and green. The breaks could use a few more stars and break a little harder, but otherwise a good piece. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Humming Jacks, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Patriotic brand.

Apparently they put Jumping Jacks, or a similar item, into the shell. (Last tested in 1995)

Hundreds of Flower Greeting Bees

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK21. 21 shots, 30 seconds.

The shots are fired one at a time, at slightly different angles, and most of the shots end in single-color peony breaks, either red or green. Then a couple of the shots end in mixed color peony breaks. Then about five of the shots end in silver flying fish. Then about five of the shots are fired all at once and end in gold willow breaks. Not the best one of this brand. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Hurricane

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4015. 107 seconds.

Green and red spray, changing to white, then crackle, then red white and green, then a whistle, then green, then white flashing, then crackle, then red, green and crackle, then another whistle, then white, green and red, white sparkle, (Last tested in 2000)

Hurricane Georgia

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Hale brand, #783. 64 seconds.

Each shot is a nice silver comet on the way up with either a red or green head, and ends in a triple-break shell. I think this might be the same cake also sold as "American Power" in the Winda brand. This one has hard breaks and the effects are good, although the third break in each shell is a little on the small side and some of the breaks are lopsided. Overall I liked this one very much. (Last

tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Hurricane Mitch

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2900. 25 shots,
59 seconds.

Alternates between red pearls and green pearls, with each pearl ending in 2 white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 2000)

Hydrogen Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A013-2. 36
shots, 44 seconds.

This cake might be sold individually, or as part of a collection of four different akes of this brand, sold collectively as

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"Da Big Bad Bomb Box." This one begins with a shot that is a mine of blue stars with some small white stars mixed in, which spin away. The next shot is a mine of blue stars plus spinning white stars, like small whirlwinds. The next shot is a mine of red stars and white whirlwinds. These three shots continue to alternate with each other until the ending, when 12 shots of these mines are fired very rapidly, for an impressive finale of mines that is red, white and blue. (Last tested in 2003)

Hyper Viper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6157. 58 shots, 34 seconds.

Begins with a multi-color fountain spray, then emits a rapid series of color pearls, mainly red, orange and magenta. Three shots fired up are whistling comets. (Last tested in 2005)

Hyper-8

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand,
#BP7022. 12 seconds.

It looks like a type of racing car. Rolls forward with color sparks and a whistle, then sparks come out of the top for a few seconds, then it rolls backwards and whistles. (Last tested in 1999)

Hypersonic X-Celerator

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-090. 18 shots,
50 seconds.

This is an enormous round cake, 12 inches tall and just under 14 inches in diameter, and fairly heavy too - the extra weight must have been added to prevent the possibility of a tip-over. This is one of the more exciting item names that has come through the fireworks industry recently, in my opinion. The first shot is either a group of crackling comets or a crackle mine, depending on how you define it. The next shot goes up and ends in a cluster of blue peony stars plus silver flying fish. The next shot is a crackling comet, then the next shot goes up and ends in a cluster of blue stars plus silver flying fish. Then another shot of crackling comet, and another shot of blue stars and silver fish, then one more crackling comet and one more shot of blue stars and silver fish. The next shot after that goes up dark and ends in a fairly large cluster of red and blue peony stars mixed with silver glitter stars. There are quite a few stars in this break. The next shot goes up and ends in a large peony break of green peony stars mixed with (I'm pretty sure) purple peony stars. Then a big break of blue peony stars that ends with crackle. This one breaks surprisingly hard compared to the 2 previous breaks. Then another shot which ends in the silver glitter plus red and blue peony stars, another shot of the green and purple peony break, and another one of the blue peony stars ending in crackle. Finally, the last three shots are fired all at once, and they end in breaks of softly glittering red and green "flake" stars,

very nice to look at. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Hyperspace

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2106.

A nice looking package with good shelf appeal. The box contains 2 tubes and 14 shells, six of them double-break shells and 8 of them quadruple-break shells. They have good colors and nice crackle effects, some of them with the large crackle flowers that are typically seen only in the 500 gram cakes. These shells are 1.5 inch diameter shells. (Last tested in 2004)

I Love USA

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Pearl brand, #GG-2020. 24 shots, 21 seconds.

The first five shots go up one at a time, and are red pearls that go up and break hard into red peony breaks. The next five shots are pale green pearls that go up and break into gold willow breaks with green tips. The next shot is a silver comet that goes up and breaks into a silver chrysanthemum break. Then all the remaining shots go up in a rapid succession to create a finale, and they are a mixture of all the types that were shot one at a time. Good hard breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ice Breaker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3005. 25 shots, 24 seconds.

Every shot is a very bright white comet, that goes up and ends in a white whirlwind, which in addition to spinning, gives off some blue stars and some silver flying fish stars. (Last tested in 2004)

Ice Breaker

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-502. 5 shots, 20 seconds.

Part of the Spectrum Force series. Each shot is a sparkling and crackling comet, with a blue star as the head. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Ice Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GXM095. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

Sends up a series of crackling comets, similar to the old "Mighty Cobra" repeater, but in this one the comets are

thick and rich and contain lots and lots of crackle. The last 7 shots in this one are fired all at once, effectively creating a large crackle mine. (Last tested in 2004)

Ice Fountain

Indoor FW or Special FX. Fire Hawk brand. 70 seconds.

Smokeless indoor fountain which gives silver glittering sparks. Indoor pyrotechnics require special licensing to purchase and use. (Last tested in 2002)

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Illegal as Hell

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9009. 33 shots, 39 seconds.

This cake begins with four shots, one at a time, which end in gold brocade willow breaks. Then it shoots 5 shots one at a time, which end in green peony stars and lots of crackle. Then it shoots 5 crackling comets that end in breaks of pure silver crackle. Then it shoots a shot that ends in a break of blue peony stars and a whole bunch of gold flying fish. Then it shoots a shot that ends in a break of blue peony stars and a whole bunch of silver flying fish. Then the last 2 shots are repeated. Then it shoots a shot which ends in a huge red chrysanthemum break, and then another

shot just like that one. A lot of show here. (Last tested in 2003)

Illuminant Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2270. 25 shots, 55 seconds.

All shots are brilliant white stars that end in small clusters of a few reports. The white stars seem to strobe a little on the way up. (Last tested in 2000)

Illuzion

Wheel. Cannon brand, #Y29-009. 42 seconds.

This is a very unusual-looking wheel with 6 drivers in various positions on a wooden back. It comes with a nail taped to it, which you insert into the hole in the red plastic center and nail it onto a post. It begins spinning with a green flame and a nice sparkling gold spray. This then changes to a red flame with the same sparkling gold spray. Then, for a while, both red and green flames are spinning around, still with the gold spray. Then it whistles while spinning around with the green flame and some gold spray, though not as much as before. The whistle stops, and a few seconds later the green stops, and it's just a silver and gold spray for a few more seconds before ending. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Imagination

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A065. 16 shots, 17 seconds.

The shots are color pearls that go up and end in very nice breaks of color glitter or of green stars with crackle. The last 3 shots are fired all at once and they are crackling comets. xOne of the better 200-gram cakes of this brand. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Imperial

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A021-2. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

See description under "Brothers Choice." (Last tested in 2004)

Impressive Blossom

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-278. 118 seconds.

A very nice fountain with not much color but good sound effects and a long burn time. Loud silver whistle, to softly

crackling silver spray, to another silver whistle, to a rich crackle spray, to silver whistle, to soft pulsating silver spray, to silver whistle, to rich crackle spray, to silver whistle, to soft pulsating silver spray, to silver whistle, to rich crackle spray. A quality fountain. First tested in 2000 and tested again in 2003 - just as good if not better, and it lasted 9 seconds longer. Huge showers of crackle during the crackle segments. (Last tested in 2000)

In High Glee

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L961. 9 shots, 11 seconds.

Undistinguished breaks of red and green, one small bit of crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

In the Money

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2131. 20 shots, 39 seconds.

The first shot is a beautiful sparkling silver comet, which goes up and breaks into a beautiful break of mixed blue and green glitter stars. Then 7 more shots, one at a time, which are exactly the same as the first. They are very nice shots, but 8 in a row of the same thing is a little bit too long. Anyway, the next shot is also a sparkling silver comet, but it goes up and breaks into a beautiful break of mixed blue, green and red glitter stars. Then 3 more shots the same as that one, one at a time. The next shot is a sparkling silver comet, which goes up and breaks into a break of blue and green glitter stars, which seem to turn into faint red at the very end of their burn time. Then 3 more shots just like that one. The final 4 shots are fired all at once, and they are also sparkling comets, but they go up and end in breaks which start out as blue chrysanthemum breaks with gold trails, but the blue turns to glittering silver as the break continues to open, and they end up as gold chrysanthemum breaks with silver glittering tips. All in all, very nice to look at. (Last tested in 2005)

In the Red

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0563. 33 seconds.

Combination of red spray and flashing white flutter sparks. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2002)

In Your Face

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9008. 16 shots, 44 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and ends in a large red and blue peony break with a "pistol" of silver comets in the center. Then a big green peony break, and a big red peony break with a smaller center break of silver glitter. Then a red, green and blue peon break, and a blue peony break with a red center. Then a couple of more green peony breaks and red peony breaks with centers of silver glitter. A finale of 4 of these breaks all at once at the end. Very good, large peony breaks here with lots of stars. (Last tested in 2003)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2910. 25 shots, 12 seconds.

All shots are fired in fans of 5 at a time. The first fan gives breaks of red peony, the next fan green peony breaks, the next one silver glitter breaks, the fourth one blue peony breaks, and the final fan produces crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Incredibly Wild

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 21 seconds.

Alternates between blue peony, green peony and red peony breaks. Most shots have silver comet tails on the way up.

(Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Independence Day

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2908. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

All mines (groups of stars or effects shot from the ground up) - alternating between red groups, white groups, blue groups and crackle groups. The final 9 shots are fired at a rapid pace for a "mini-finale." Good to compliment a display of aerial breaks at the same time. Introduced in 2000, and still good in 2003. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Independence Day

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-064. 101 seconds.

Bright, intense red shower, then changing to green, red, and white flutter, then all green, then all crackle, really intense crackle, then a silver whistle, then a green and red flutter spray, then crackle, then mixed red, green and crackle, then bright white flutter added. Good fountain with lots of powder in it. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Independence Spirit

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3049. 45 shots, 20 seconds.

Advanced pyrotechnics in this one. All shots are fired in fan shapes of 5, at one time. Each shot produces 3 effects. The fan starts with crackle mines at the bottom, and above that red pearls go up and open into breaks of red, white and blue, then above that, breaks of crackle. This fan is then repeated four more times. The breaks of crackle happen a second or two after the other effects are done, but still close enough to show clearly how they are higher up than the others. Impressive 3-level display. (Last tested in 2004)

Indian Country

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0129. 7 shots, 8 seconds.

Not very long-lasting, but nice color. Blue and red breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Indian Uprising

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-106. 36 shots,
26 seconds.

Starts with whistling, swimming silver comets, then changes to white comets that end in white whirlwinds, then crackling gold comets, and finally a mixture of the crackling comets with shots that are bright red or green pearls with white comet tails. (Last tested in 1998)

Indy Air

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6167. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

Starts with a silver fountain, then shoots up the first shot straight up, which ends in a break of purplish-blue glitter stars. Then three more shots just like that one. Then, three shots are fired in a fan, and they go up and end in breaks of blue peony stars and silver flying fish. While they are still finishing, a mine of red stars mixed with crackle goes up in the center, below the previous breaks. This is followed by a mine of blue stars with crackle, and then a mine of green stars with crackle. Then a mine of what I think is purple stars mixed with crackle goes up. Then, three shots are fired in a fan, and they first become mines of red and blue stars, and then gold brocade willow breaks appear above the mines. (Last tested in 2005)

Indy Car

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-318. 8 seconds.

Performed very well for me, even on a relatively rough surface! Green flame with silver spray comes out. Two whistles. Fun! (Last tested in 1995)

Intergalactic Travel

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2827. 21 shots,
42 seconds.

Thick silver comets go up and open into clusters almost at the top, as if opening into a bouquet - either clusters of red and green stars, or clusters of silver flying fish, or clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Interplanetary Fighting

Roman Candle battery. West Lake brand, #L935. 14 seconds.

Battery of candles; variety of small effects; some dart off to the side. Red and green pearls. (Last tested in 1995)

Intruder

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand,
#BP5007.

Apparently a renamed "B2PER" of the same brand, because it bears the same item number as B2PER, and is the same size and shape. (Last tested in 1999)

Invader

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0300. 19 shots,
44 seconds.

Each of the 19 shots goes up as a color pearl of either red, green or white, then opens up into a silver whirlwind that seems to spin more slowly than those in other repeaters. That combined with the leisurely firing pace makes this item

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seem almost like it is running in slow-motion. (Last tested in 1999)

Invader

Missile. Peacock brand, #FX212C.

Long, high flight. Whistles when it gets up there. But a thin break. (Last tested in 1995)

Invader

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #FX212C.

Long, high flight. Whistles when it gets up there. But a thin break. (Last tested in 1995)

Invader Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Beihai brand, #WB4012. 136 seconds.

Nice red spray, then crackle with white sparkle, then a nice green sort of flittery sparks, then crackle and sparkle, then mixed colors (red, green and blue), then crackle, then red and silver, crackle again, green flitter, crackle, mixed, then silver whistle, then red and silver, crackle, green, crackle, white sparkle, and ending with a mixed color spray. Wow - did I get that right? Seventeen changes of effect in just over 2 minutes. (Last tested in 1999)

Invasion in the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-31. 18 seconds.

19 whistling comets, which fly up in a spiral motion. The whistles overlap, creating one continuous sound. (Last tested in 1996)

Invasion of Normandy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-153A. 37 shots,
38 seconds.

Nine or ten of the shots are flying screamers. The rest are parachute shells, with a red, green or white flare hanging from each parachute. The white flares strobe. Several flares burned to the ground. (Last tested in 1997)

Invasion of Roswell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9068. 16 shots, 39 seconds.

Every shot is a swirling silver comet on the way up, ending in a small break of either red stars or crackle. The comets on the way up are nice-looking, but the breaks are weak and small. (Last tested in 2003)

Inverted Aerial

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6169. 32 shots, 33 seconds.

The first shot is a green pearl on the way up, which opens into a silver whirlwind plus a cluster of red and green stars. Then, 10 more shots just like that are fired, one at a time. Then, four shots are fired at once, which give breaks of reddish-silver glitter stars. Then, four shots are fired at once, which give blue peony breaks. Then, four shots are fired at once, which give silver glitter breaks.

Then, four shots are fired at once, which give blue peony breaks. Finally, four shots are fired which give sliver glitter breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Invincible Army

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2176. 16 shots, 54 seconds.

Impressive height - one of the tallest we've seen for quite a while. Each shot goes up with a bright green head and a silver comet tail, then breaks open into a small cloud of sparks with two or three whistling silver spinners that spin away or down. Well-made, with amazing altitude, but it would have benefitted by faster pacing between shots. That could be solved by firing more than one unit at a time. (Last tested in 1998)

Invincible Devil

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB2001. 37 seconds.

A terrific assortment of effects in one cake. Starts out with five Thunder King-style shots (green pearls ending in loud reports), then five shots of crackling comets, which each end in a very small cluster of green stars, then five floral break shots similar to Thundering Flower or Flower of Thunder, then five shots of green pearls which end in silver whirlwinds, then the final five shots are just like the old Thunderous Torch candle - green pearls ending in titanium reports (not as loud as the first five shots, but each report gives off a small splatter of white sparks.) Wow - a whole show on one fuse! I would have reversed the order of the effects, but nevertheless it's a great one. Caution: there are two versions of this, a "Class C" (1.4G) version and a "plain brown wrapper" version. I was only able to get the latter, so I don't know yet if the "1.4G" version is just as good. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 1999)

Iron Revenger

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5019.

One tube and six 1.75" shells. Crackling Tail w/Willow; Red Tiger Tail w/Golden, Red Chrysanthemum; Silver Tiger Tail - Silver Palm; Green Tiger Tail w/Orange, Green Chrysanthemum; Red Tiger Tail

w/Golden, Green Chrysanthemum; and Green Tiger Tail w/Orange, Blue Chrysanthemum. Nice variety in one box. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Iron Tree

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #AR106. 37 shots, 25 seconds.

Beautiful, pinkish-gold comets, not crackling for a change! Nice to look at. (Last tested in 1995)

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Island Palm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0289. 9 shots, 15 seconds.

Label says, "Gold willow," though it's more like a palm tree than a true willow effect. Each shot goes up dark, then breaks open into 3 or 4 gold comets, all of which point in the same direction and spread out a little. For each shot, the group of gold comets goes off in a different direction from the previous shot. No sound effects and no colors, but it's something different which can add variety to your show. One unit fired by itself doesn't give the full impression possible for this firework - if a whole row of 12 were fired all at once, it would create a "forest" of gold palm fronds. (Last tested in 1999)

Island Paradise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6061. 23 seconds.

Alternates between white palm tree-type shots and what I would call "cluster bomb" type breaks, where each break opens into some stars, and each star then opens into what looks like a very small titanium report, or at least, a splatter of white sparks. Interesting to look at and unusual. (Last tested in 2002)

ISS - International Space Spinner

Wheel. Brothers brand, #BP6032. 30 seconds.

This is a rather strangely shaped item. Just looking at it, you can't quite tell if it's a novelty, a ground spinner, or a flying spinner. Nothing else has ever been shaped like this. But it's actually a wheel that you nail to a post like any other wheel. It starts with a blue flame and a silver spray, then changes to rings of green and blue, then to more silver spray with a blue flame, then a whistle with a blue flame and silver spray. (Last tested in 2005)

J.A.S.F. (Just Another Stinkin' Fountain)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2013. 100 seconds.

Starts with red spray, then green and red mixed, then adds silver glitter, then just silver glitter, then adds crackle, then a silver whistle, then red, crackle and silver, then just red and silver, then silver flashing spray, then crackle added, then red added, then another short whistle, then red, silver and crackle, then flashing silver with red. Certainly not just another stinkin' fountain. Not a very tall spray at any time during the performance. But they put plenty of stuff in it. (Last tested in 2000)

Jack Mine

Mine. Maverick brand, #M55. 10 seconds.

Starts as a whistling silver fountain for about 6 seconds, then ejects a huge blast of green stars and crackle stars, all at once. Smaller than Star Mine. (Last tested in 1999)

Jade Flowers, large

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0837A. 22 seconds.

Was a fantastic display several years back. Now, it's just average. Green and gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Jades

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7716D. 36 shots, 27 seconds.

Beautiful rich colors, but I thought jade was supposed to be green, not red and blue. Nice color in the breaks and a few reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Jaguar bangers

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #K0009.

These are single firecrackers, in packs of 8 (not fused together). The shipping case says "Thunder," item number K0009. But packs of crackers simply say, "Jaguar Banger." May also be sold as item number T911. Crackers are in packs of 8 individual pieces, not strung together, each with its own visco fuse. Crackers are 2 inches long and slightly under 1/2 inch in diameter. Wording on cracker is in German. This is clearly intended for the European market. I think the crackers would not be legal 1.4G firecrackers in the U.S. (Last tested in 1998)

Jammin' It's Party Time!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2916. 25 shots, 47 seconds.

Interesting cake - each shot is a silver comet with a brilliant silver head, that goes up and then becomes a silver spinner in the air, with a spinning sound that changes to a short "tweet," and at that point it becomes a small cluster of color stars, either red, blue or green. (Last tested in 2000)

Jasmine's Gun

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0993. 7 seconds.

Firecrackers that turn into ground spinners. Wish it were vice versa (see "Plum Blossom Bouquet). Ground spinners are red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Jazz Club

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4075. 12 shots, 18 seconds.

Each shot has a mine and a shell. The mines are just a handful of color stars ejected from the ground up at the same time the shell is ejected. A blue mine is topped by a beautiful break of blue chrysanthemum with sparkling red stars mixed in. This type of shot alternates with a red mine topped with a red chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 2004)

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Jealous Condor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-071. 36 shots, 49 seconds.

Cannon. Starts as red breaks with crackle. Then, red breaks with crackle. Followed by red breaks with crackle. And to top it all off, red breaks with crackle! Disappointing for Cannon brand. Great name, though. (Last tested in 1996)

Jet Helicopter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L949. 16 shots, 14 seconds.

Strikingly bright red pearls burst into strikingly dull white breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Jet Star

Missile. Glorious brand, #GCR028.

Strong flight, ending in a few color stars and a tiny amount of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Jewel Pegasus

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-062. 10 shots, 18 seconds.

Three types of shots: crackling gold comets, red pearls with silver comet tails that end in strobing flashes, and green pearls which end in silver whirlwinds. Unfortunate timing - a couple of dead spaces, but two or three simultaneous shots at other times. Ends abruptly; this one really needs to be a 25 shot cake to make any impression. (Last tested in 1998)

Jewels Fountain, assorted

Base Fountain. Maverick brand, #F1006. 20 seconds.

Box of 6 contains two each of Crackling, Silver and Multicolor. Lavish amounts of crackle and color sparks from each one. Very nice medium-size fountains. The "crackling" has blue sparks with a softer crackle than the "silver" one. (Last tested in 2000)

John Dillinger

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0135. 97 seconds.

Nice sprays of white flitter sparks, changing to red spray, then back to white flitter, then gold spray, then white flitter. Some of the white flitter sparks and gold sparks fly out a good ways from the main spray, giving a nice "tossing-around" effect. (Last tested in 1998)

Journey to Limbo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #Y03-001. 37 shots, 30 seconds.

Swimming fish fly up, spin around, then dart away as comets. All shots whistle too. (Last tested in 1995)

Jovial

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3069. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

Shoots up a red pearl that becomes a red and green peony break, opening softly. Then 2 more shots the same. Then a green pearl that becomes a break of red and glittering silver. Then 4 more shots the same. Then a blue pearl which ends in a multi-color break of red, green

and blue. Then 4 more shots the same. Then a green pearl that becomes a break of red and glittering silver. Then 4 more shots of that. Then the finale is 4 shots which go up and break into falling crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Jr. Cuckoo

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W466B. 20 seconds.

Smaller version of the ubiquitous Cuckoo Cuckoo, and not junk. Red, green and silver spray; crackle and 2 whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Jubilation

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-249. 43 seconds.

Red and green spray, changing to a short silver whistle, then lots of big crackles, then another short silver whistle, then finally a strong white spray with a green flame at the base. (Last tested in 1998)

Jubilee

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-298. 104 seconds.

Starts with a white spray with a tiny crackling sound, then adds gold glitter, then it gets bigger, then another tube of crackling white, and it continues this pattern for a total of 1 minute and 44 seconds. No colors that I could discern, just gold and silver, but nice looking nonetheless. Lots and lots of sparks. (Last tested in 2001)

Judgement Day

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #GCM041. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Shots alternate between green pearls that go up and break into green chrysanthemums, blue pearls that go up and break into blue chrysanthemums, and red pearls that go up and break into red chrysanthemums with crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

July 4 Sparkler

Sparkler. Samrok brand. 129 seconds.


The package includes one "July 4" sparkler and two 7-inch gold sparklers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

July 4th

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB4028. 109 seconds.



Very impressive fountain, perfect for the 4th of July celebration. Don't be fooled by the package's light weight - this one really puts out. Strong sprays of all colors, crackle and whistles, and a perfect finish: red windows spelling out "July 4th," illuminated from inside by a strobe light. Make sure that the side with the cutout paper windows is facing the audience. A knockout piece. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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Jumbo 16

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #211G/R.

Flies powerfully, then ejects green strobing stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Jumbo 2 Inchers

Combination firecracker. Winco brand, #WP-012.

First it emits a brief fountain of colors and crackle, then it blows up. Terrific, but the lack of any brand or item number makes it hard to find. (Last tested in 1998)

Jumbo Anaconda Snakes

Snake. Phantom brand. 75 seconds.

The largest snake pellet I've seen. Great for the snake fan (and there are a lot more people that like snakes than I ever realized.) There's not much change in snakes from year to year. This is about the only new or different snake I have seen in many years. The pellet is about 3 times the size of a normal snake pellet, and it burns about twice as long, giving about twice the amount of "snake ash." If you are into snakes, you will want to seek this one out. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Jumbo Bloom

Ground Spinner. Cannon brand, #Y07-002. 10 seconds.

Like Zoomers or Gyro Blooms, these are a larger version of Ground Bloom Flowers, that outperform the currently made Ground Bloom Flowers. They spin with a red flame to green flame to gold flame, with a spray of silver sparks throughout. No sound effects, but still very nice. Almost as good as when Ground Bloom Flowers first came out in the early 1970s. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Jumbo Candle Assortment

Roman Candle, single. Shogun brand, #RC21. 5 shots, 12 seconds.

The pack consists of two each of: Glittering Stars, 5 shots (RC-G); Multi Color Stars, 5 shots (RC-M); and Crackling Comet, 5 shots (RC-C). They have quite a kick to them, so make sure they are secured tightly to their supports. The effects are good quality, but just basic roman candle effects, not color breaks or anything. (Last tested in 2001)

Jumbo Carnival

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #217WS.

Very long flight; whistles at top of flight. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumbo Carnival

Cone Fountain. Trojan brand. 20 seconds.

Gold spray to red flame, to gold & silver shower. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumbo Dragon

Skyrocket. Dragon brand, #L121.

Two breaks! Not huge breaks, but one of the best rockets we tried. Red and blue stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumbo Giant Cone

Cone Fountain. Kent brand. 23 seconds.

Gold and silver spray only. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumbo Jumping Jacks

Flying Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-022. 3 seconds.

These are individual spinners. This item flies up rather than spinning on the ground only. The package does state on the side that the item "Spins on ground, then flies into the air." But the term "Jumping Jacks" is so common in the fireworks business that unless you read the box completely, you might be tempted to think that this is just a large version of the ubiquitous "Jumping Jack" ground spinners. This item is actually very similar to "Flying Ground Bloom" in another brand. You light this, and it spins on the ground with a red flame for a second or two, then changes to a green flame and takes off in any direction for another couple of seconds. The sound effect is the best part of this, it is a buzzing sound that starts at one pitch and then changes to a higher pitch as it takes off. The sound is more interesting than the visual aspect, and the sound is almost comical. These are unpredictable as to which direction they are going to go in when they fly up, so use these only in a wide area and keep the spectators at a safe distance. Professional pyrotechnicians and experienced hobbyists who make their own shells should consider these spinners as an insert to large aerial shells. The effect of putting a whole bunch into a large aerial shell and having them go off way up in the air would be terrific - like the rarely-seen but delightful "hummer" shells. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Jumbo M-8 Smoke Cartridge

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-713. 55 seconds.

A box of 6 cartridges, one each of red, blue, green, orange, gold and white. Each one puts out richly colored smoke from 45 to 65 seconds. I've seen deeper blue color in other smoke items, but it's

a good pastel blue. If you want to create a beautiful sight, set them up in a line about 8 feet apart from each other, and have friends help you light them all at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Jumbo Mars

Missile. Space Age brand.

Really big green star pellet in payload, which burns out all too quickly. (Last tested in 1995)

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Jumbo Mighty Cobra

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0618. 37 shots, 25 seconds.

Impressive crackling comet piece. Each shot is a comet with both white sparks and crackling sparks, and lots of both. Shots are fired at a very fast pace, but since there are 37 shots, it still lasts an acceptable length of time. A good one for fans of Mighty Cobra, Mighty Python, Dragon Fire, Blazing Asteroids and the similar 19-shot crackling comet pieces. (Last tested in 1999)

Jumbo Parachute Parade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2606. 61 shots, 20 seconds.

61 shots that each produce a small parachute. From each chute dangles either a red or green flare. Towards the end the

sky is full of them. Some may burn all the way to the ground. (Last tested in 1996)

Jumbo Parachute Rocket

Skyrocket. Glorious brand, #GCR040.

A pack of 10 rockets in 5 different varieties. Each rocket flies up and ejects a parachute, from which dangles a color flare which burns for about 7 seconds - long enough to appreciate it. The color flare varies from rocket to rocket, one is red, another green, another blue, and the fifth variety gives a crackle spray. I enjoyed these. (Last tested in 2004)

Jumbo Rocket Fountain

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0540. 33 seconds.

A pack of four rockets in a vinyl bag, but each "rocket" is actually a fountain. You stick it firmly into the ground, remove the cap and light it. Red and green spray, changing to bright silver flitter spray, changing to crackle spray. Very nice single fountain. (Last tested in 2000)

Jumbo Rocket Fountain

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-112. 109 seconds.

This fountain is on a stick and looks like a large skyrocket. It starts with a silver spray, then a mixture of red, green and crackle, then a flashing silver spray, then a mix of silver flitter with red and green sparks, then a mix of gold crackle with red and green sparks, then just the red and green, then a mix of gold crackle with gold and blue sparks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Jumbo Smoke Canister

Smoke. Dragon Eggs brand, #DS004. 112 seconds.

Comes in a pack of 2. Starts with purple smoke, changing to yellow, then to white, and finally to blue. Colors are well defined. (Last tested in 2004)

Jumbo Sparkling Torch

Sparkler. Phantom brand, #S-014-BA. 90 seconds.

A gold sparkler on a wooden stick. Burns with gold sparks for about 90 seconds. (Last tested in 2000)

Jumbo Tower of Jewels

Base Fountain. Longhorn brand. 15 seconds.

Bears California seal, but not seen in California. Nice while it lasts. Red and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Jump Shot

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1767.

Six per box. It's a single shot of the same effect seen in the multi-shot items called **Mighty Cobra**, **Mighty Python**, **Dragon's Fire** and others. A crackling gold comet, about 50 feet tall. I prefer the multi-shot ones. (Last tested in 1996)

Jumpin' Jack Flash

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2806. 70 shots, 30 seconds.

Identical in performance to **Flying Dragon** and **Jumping Tiger** – raspy whistles. Small cake which shoots out a barrage of raspy whistling shots. A sound effect item. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumping Cat

Ground Spinner. brand, #W626.

Individual ground spinners, like small **Ground Bloom Flowers**. Spin first in red, then change to green. (Last tested in 1999)

Jumping Cat, medium

Ground Spinner. Beihai brand, #W626M. 7 seconds.

Individual ground spinners, like small **Ground Bloom Flowers**. Spin first in red, then change to green. (Last tested in 1999)

Jumping Frog

Firecracker. brand.

These have been around for decades, and were also called "**Grasshoppers**" at one time. It's hard to decide whether these are a firecracker or a novelty. A paper strip containing small explosive charges is folded into a bundle and tied tightly with string. The tightness of it makes the thing bounce around crazily with each explosion. Use only in a wide-open area, and watch out! (Last tested in 1998)

Jumping Jack

Ground Spinner. Jumping Jack brand. 5 seconds.

"Jumping Jack" brand, made in Guangdong, China. Apparently the

same as the **Horse Brand**. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumping Jack 100s

Ground Spinner. Shogun brand, #SGW3500.

Finally, somebody made what should have been made 10 years ago or earlier - **Jumping Jacks** in strings longer than the 12s that are commonly sold. It's great to see this, even though the individual spinners do not really last as long as the old **Jumping Jacks** of 20 years ago. Just enjoy it for what it is and forget about the old great **Jumping Jacks** they used to make. Light this on a hard paved surface. They will not spin as well on dirt or sand. (Last tested in 2002)

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Jumping Jack, 50s

Ground Spinner. Shogun brand, #SGW 3500.

Finally! **Jumping Jacks** in strings of 50 (Last tested in 2000)

Jumping Jacks

Ground Spinner. Tiger Head brand, #T360. 3.5 seconds.

Distinctive high-pitch buzzing sound. String separates into buzzing spinners that change from red to green. (Last tested in 1995)

Jumping Jacks

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3500. 5 seconds.

Characteristic buzzing sound. This is the older version we all love. Red to green spinners, 12 to a string. The original version lasted longest. "Copycat" versions of this item vary greatly in quality. (Last tested in 1996)

Jumping Lantern

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3508. 8 seconds.

7 tubes in it! Spins with red and green flames simultaneously, but it didn't jump. (Last tested in 1996)

Jumping Wheel

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1122. 9 seconds.

Three times it takes to the air. Gold spray only. A personal favorite of mine, because it does jump up and down. (Last tested in 1995)

Jungle Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-096. 36 shots, 26 seconds.

Starts with crackling silver comets, then changes to a mixture of whistling silver comets, and red or green pearls that open into small silver whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1998)

Jungle Nights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2840. 13 shots, 12 seconds.

Red pearls change to angular, flat red breaks. No sound effects. Shots go up and open into a cluster of crackle, quite a bit of crackle in each one, plus a little bit of color in each one. (Last tested in 2000)

Jungle Rage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0879. 25 shots, 46 seconds.

Nice one which sends up crackling comets, each of which opens into a good break. The breaks alternate between red with crackle, green chrysanthemums and white chrysanthemums. The final 10 shots are fired rapidly, and these are different from the previous 15. The final shots go up as green stars, that break open into either crackle, blue stars, or white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 2001)

Junior Cuckoo

Base Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF852B. 19 seconds.

Surprisingly good for such a small, cheap fountain. Two brief whistles and then a spray of mixed red and green sparks, changing to a surprisingly good crackle spray for the finish. (Last tested in 2005)

Junkyard Dog

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0343. 19 shots, 38 seconds.

Alternates between red shots going up and green shots going up. The red shots end in clusters of silver flying fish, while the green shots end in clusters of silver flying fish plus clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Jupiter's Fire III

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-057. 65 seconds.

Mixed color spray, with a funny, very short whistle, then changing to silver spray with crackle, then another very short whistle, then color again, then silver, then adding crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Jurassic Paradise 3

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, 70 seconds.

Starts with gold flitter, then adds silver sparks, then changes to white flashing sparks. Nice, but lacking in color, so if you want a colorless fountain, get this. (Last tested in 1999)

Jurassic War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-057. 45 shots, 14 seconds.

Cannon. 44 shots of screaming white eels, then a single white whirlwind at the end. (Last tested in 1996)

Just 2 Good

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2964.

These are double shells, each shell gives 2 different breaks in the air. Effects include red and green peony with sparkling peony, blue peony with orange peony, orange peony with mixed green and orange peony, and mixed red and blue peony with mixed green and orange peony. (Last tested in 2004)

Just Dandy (formerly Yankee Doodle)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4226. 60 seconds.

Begins with a spray of gold crackle mixed with red sparks. Then it changes to gold crackle only. Then more tubes light and the gold crackle intensifies. (Last tested in 2004)

Just Looking

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0878. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

The first five shots are brilliant red pearls that open into terrific red chrysanthemum breaks, then the next five shots are brilliant white pearls that open into great white chrysanthemum breaks. Then the next five shots are blue

groups, four groups of red with crackle, and four groups of green with crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Kaleidoscope Kandle

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BC-503. 10 shots, 29 seconds.

Whistle shot, then a red pearl with white tail, then two report shots, then a crackle shot, then a whistle shot, then a green pearl with white tail, then two more report shots, then a crackle shot. All of that in one candle! Try shooting a dozen of them at one time. They really should have spelled it "Kaleidoscope" but I guess they were being cute about it. (Last tested in 1998)

Kaleidoscope

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2512. 15 shots, 10 seconds.

Dazzling comets, but not much in the way of color. Not overly loud reports. Inexpensive. (Last tested in 1995)

Kaleidoscope

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2971. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is fired straight up, and it is a green pearl ending in a silver whirlwind. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, which are blue pearls, ending in breaks of silver flying fish. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, which are red pearls, ending in red chrysanthemum breaks. Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, which are blue pearls, ending in beautiful blue peony breaks. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, which are screaming comets. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan, which are green pearls, ending in silver whirlwinds with reports. (Last tested in 2003)

Kaleidoscope

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #G-T2512. 15 shots, 13 seconds.

This is a remake of an older item with the same name. This one shoots up a variety of shots in a haphazard fashion, some of which are silver comets, some of which give small color breaks, and some of which give reports. Not bad for a small and inexpensive item, in fact it might be very impressive if all 50 of them from one case were fired simulta-

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pearls that open into blue peony breaks. Then the next five are green pearls that open into white whirlwinds with a few reports in them. Then the final five shots are crackling comets that open into crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2001)

Just One More Time

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0876. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

Each shot is basically a mine, a group of stars shot from the ground up in a thick mass. Four red groups, four green

neously in a straight line. But it pales in comparison to so many other cakes now on the market that it's difficult for me to rave about this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Kamikazi

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Thunderbird brand, #TB-1033. 37 shots, 54 seconds.

Skinny gold comets soar high and leave behind them eerie, strobing trails of crackle. All one effect, but terrific altitude. Tall enough and long enough to be considered a major-league repeater. (Last tested in 1997)

Kango Hop

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4501. 142 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red sparks and white flitter. Then changes to blue spray with white flitter. Then three short white whistles, accompanied by silver sparks - the last of the whistles has a little silver crackle with it. Then a spray of crackle with red sparks in it. Then it changes to green and blue with white flitter. Then three more short whistles as before. Then a spray with a little red and random crackle sparks. Then the crackle intensifies and the red also increases before it ends. (Last tested in 2004)

Karaoke Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-218. 15 seconds.

A version of the Junior Cuckoo fountain, with two whistle tubes and one central tube which sprays red and green sparks. The whistles may go off at or near the same time, giving a weird "detuned" whistling sound. The whistles are only about 3 seconds long, while the main tube continues to spray for about 15 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Keg Party

Fountain/spinner combination.
Brothers brand, #BP4244. 54 seconds.

It starts as a gold fountain, changing to a red, green and silver fountain, then to a red, blue, green and crackle fountain. Then something very unexpected happens - the fountain falls over and from out of the bottom of it comes a blast of crackle and about 20 or so ground spinners of red and green! The ground spin-

ners continue until they finish, and you think it's all over, but suddenly each of them spits out a bunch of crackle, for a loud finish. This is the most startling and surprising firework I've seen in the last several years. You will need a much wider area to light this item in than you would normally think for a fountain. It's definitely a "wow" item for the surprises, providing that it arrives from China with the same performance as described here and makes it through all the regulatory hurdles. This manufacturer deserves a pat on the back for some bold innovation here. (Last tested in 2005)

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Kent Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Kent brand. 8 shots, 25 seconds.

8 red or green balls, good color and timing. American-made. (Last tested in 1995)

Kent Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Kent brand. 10 shots, 35 seconds.

10 red or green balls, good color and timing. Hard to find. (Last tested in 1995)

Keystone Giant Cone

Cone Fountain. brand. 44 seconds.

Keystone brand. Green flame with adequate gold sparks. Gets better. (Last tested in 1995)

Kiev Class - Light Fleet Carrier

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7096. 85 seconds.

The most elaborate novelty firework yet. It's an entire aircraft carrier, with 12 planes parked on the deck, and two tanks hiding inside. It begins with a strong whistle from a tube at the back end, and this changes to a spray of red and green and then to a silver spray. Then, a fountain tube at the top of the ship begins flashing with a strobe effect. As that continues, the planes parked on the deck take off as flying spinners, one by one. Also, a color ground spinner comes off of the carrier and spins in red and then green. The strobe at the top of the ship continues to flash, and the small planes continue to take off, one by one. A few more of the color ground spinners also come out and spin on the ground around the ship. Finally, two tanks come out from inside the ship, and roll away from the ship, and when they come to a stop, they each give a spray of crackle for a few seconds. Wow - quite an engineering job! Needless to say, buy this item, and buy an extra one for your collection - and an extra one if you will have kids in the audience, because they will love it and be fascinated by it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Killer Alligator

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2154. 25 shots, 60 seconds.

Unique series of events: each shot goes up as a silver comet, then turns into a whistling silver spinner in the air - not a whirlwind; smaller than a whirlwind but spinning and whistling. Then it ends in a soft, small break of stars in either red or green. The spinning part varies in speed from one shot to the next - some spin very fast, giving almost a buzzing sound; others spin fairly slow, like someone was up there twirling it by hand. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Killer Bees

Missile. Link Triad brand.

I got the one with reports; flies OK, but no color or show to look at. (Last tested in 1995)

Killer Bees

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W499. 18 seconds.

Killer package design in any case. Green and red fountain with six short whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Killer Bees

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. brand, #W499A. 27 seconds.

Six short whistles from the side tubes, while the main central fountain burns with white flitter, green spray, and mixed red, green and white spray. (Last tested in 2001)

Killer Candle

Roman Candle, single. Pyro King brand, #PYK407. 8 shots, 32 seconds.

The package of 4 has two of PYK407-1 and two of PYK407-2. Both are 8-shot candles. PYK407-1 shoots two shots each of Red Peony, Green Peony, Silver Peony and Multi-Color Peony. PYK407-2 shoots one shot each of Gold Willow, Red Peony, Green Peony, Blue Peony, Silver Peony, Multi-Color Peony, Yellow Peony and Crackling. These candles are 29 1/2 inches long. The shots produce actual color breaks in the air, like a small multi-shot aerial cake. They of course are not as big as breaks from shells or large cakes, but they are certainly impressive for a roman candle. There is almost no sound - only one shot each from two of the four candles gave a little bit of crackle. Otherwise, a quiet show. Excellent in groups or fans. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Killer Crocodile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3055. 25 shots, 69 seconds.

Every shot is a silver comet that turns into a whistling spinner as it is still going up. They make an unusual sound similar to that in "Killer Alligator" and "The Beast." After each one spins for a second or two, it opens up into a small cluster of peony stars, either red, green or blue. The color of those stars alternates from shot to shot. (Last tested in 2003)

Killer Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2575. 10 shots, 21 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark and breaks hard into a large break of color glitter stars of mixed color. Very nice. The last four shots are fired almost all at once, and they go up and break into color glitter plus crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Killer in the Mist

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3016. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

Shoots a series of color pearls (red, green, gold or purple) that also whistle

peony break. The next shot gives a red peony break. The next shot gives a gold peony break. The next shot gives a peony break which is a mix of blue and green stars. The next shot gives a green peony break. The next shot gives a gold peony break. The next shot gives a peony break which is a mix of blue and red stars. The next shot goes up and gives a break of green stars with short gold trails behind them, and in this one the green stars are strobing a little bit. The next shot gives a peony break which is a mix of blue and red stars. The next shot goes up and gives a break of white peony stars which are strobing a little bit and give off a soft wind sound effect if you are within earshot. The next shot goes up and gives a break of a mixture of red and green stars with short gold trails behind them. The final shot is an all-crackle break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Killer Typhoon

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R210.

Vinyl bag of 4 includes plastic launching tube and a short punk. Flies up with a gold tail and ends in a good cluster of orange swirling stars, similar to "gold swimming fish," but brighter and not moving quite as fast. (Last tested in 1999)

King Claw

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0220. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

12 shots, all the same: each shot goes up dark, and ends in a massive report and a wide spread of crackle. Yeah! (Last tested in 1996)

King Crab

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7012. 9 seconds.

It's cute - it's fun - it's irresistible. Two paper crabs come in each box - one blue and one orange. They both perform exactly the same. You light it, and it rolls sideways with a red, green and silver spray, then stops and shoots a crackle spray out of the crab's "mouth." Entertaining family item. Be sure to use it on a hard, flat, clean, smooth, level surface - bumps, dips, and objects will stop it cold. (Last tested in 1998)

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on the way up. Each one turns into a small cluster of crackle in the air. (Last tested in 2003)

Killer Knight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK611. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

The first shot goes up and gives a break of all crackle. The second shot goes up and gives a break of green stars with short gold trails behind them. The next break goes up and gives a break of red stars with short gold trails behind them. The next break goes up and gives a break of red peony stars and some crackle. The next shot gives a blue

King Neptune's Party

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-238. 37 seconds.

Four-tube fountain of unusual wedge shape. Continuous gold spray, alternating between glittery silver sparks and crackle with green sparks. Not very tall. (Last tested in 1996)

King of Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2702.

A very unusual-looking kit. The shells themselves are six different colors, rather than the usual brown. They are red, orange, yellow, green, light blue and dark blue. Includes Red, White, Blue & Reports with Tail; Red Ring; Green Palm with Crackling Tail; Blue Peony with Red Palm, Red Peony to Crackling with Whistle Tail, and Crackling & Blue Flower Double Shell. (Last tested in 1999)

King of Kings

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2079. 28 shots, 39 seconds.

One red-headed comet goes up and ends in a red chrysanthemum. Then 2 green comets go up and end in green chrysanthemums. Then 3 color-headed comets (red, blue and green) go up and end in chrysanthemum breaks. Then 4 red and green comets go up and end in red and green peony breaks. Then 5 sparkling comets go up and end in crackle breaks with gold stars. Then 6 purplish-blue pearls are shot up and end in purplish-blue chrysanthemum breaks. Finally, 7 red-headed comets go up and end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

King of Questing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4045. 10 shots, 27 seconds.

Each shot is a comet which is silver near the head and gold at the tail end, and gives off some silver glitter on the way up - then breaks into about 6 comets just like that, giving off beautiful sparkling silver as they spread apart. Very nice to look at. Very good height. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

King of Universe

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2920.

One tube and 12 round shells. The effects are: Crackling & Blue Sparkle w/tail; Flashing w/two whistles w/tail; Blue Stars w/Bees w/tail; Red, White, Blue & Reports w/tail; Blue Stars w/Double Spinners w/tail; Crackling & Blue Flower Double Shells w/tail; Red Stars to Crackling w/Double Spinners; Red Peony to Crackling w/whistling w/tail; Green Palm w/Crackling Tail, Yellow Peony w/Green Palm; Green Ring; and Red Ring. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

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Kingdom Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1014. 159 seconds.

Mixture of green and white flitter, changing to a sparkling white spray, then a short silver whistle, and back to the sparkling white spray. Then, a red and silver spray, and a short silver whistle. Then a white flitter spray, and another short whistle. Finally, a mixture of red, green and crackle. Too long between changes of color or effect, not particularly exciting. (Last tested in 2004)

Kiss Your Ass Goodbye

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0885. 19 shots, 31 seconds.

All shots give good breaks of sliver flying fish. No sound effects. Good timing between shots. (Last tested in 2001)

Kitty Hawk Aircraft Carrier

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP-0013. 50 shots, 22 seconds.

Starts with a very rapid series of color mines, probably 10 shots of them. I liked seeing a barrage of mines like that. Then it changes to a fast barrage of red, green and blue pearls that end in peony breaks of the same color. Then it changes to crackling comets that change to crackle breaks, also at a fast pace. The whole cake is over with in 22 seconds, but it's impressive for the speed of the shots and amount of stuff it puts up in the air. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Knight Armor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

A wonderful display which shoots up groups of effects, most of which are mines topped with aerial breaks. The first group is whistling silver comets which end in breaks of silver flying fish. Then, sparkling comets which end in angular breaks of green plus crackle. Then, crackling comets which end in breaks of green and red. Then, glittering comets which end in breaks of large amounts of crackle. Great cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Knock Three Times

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-06.

This shell kit is also sold as "Triple Impact." Each of the shells in this kit is a cylinder which contains three complete shells, with three effects. The shells themselves are slightly smaller than the usual 1.75-inch artillery shells, but they are quality shells nonetheless. You insert one cylinder into the mortar and when you light it, it shoots the whole thing up and they quickly go off - there is not much time between when the shell is launched and when the shells go off in the air. But they do go high enough. Each shot produces three effects, for example, a green break, a blue break, and a crackle break. The three breaks go off very close together

in time, though they are spread apart enough in distance from each other. The effects are: Crackling, Golden Peony and Red Peony; Red Crackling, Green Crackling and Blue Crackling; Crackling, Green Peony and Blue Peony; Red & Blue, Crackling and Crackling; Crackling, Crackling and Crackling; Green Purple, Green Purple and Green Purple; Crackling, Green Glitter and Purple Peony; Red Glitter, Green Purple and Silver Glitter; Red & Blue, Green Peony and Orange Peony; Green Golden, Green Glitter and Green Purple; Green Purple, Green Glitter and Orange Peony; and finally Green Golden, Green Glitter and Silver Glitter. (Last tested in 2000)

Knockout

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
United Pyro brand, #UP2008. 156 seconds.

Begins with a red spray, changing quickly to a green spray. Then it changes to a silver flitter spray, then to a glittering green spray. Then it's a spray of silver crackle, then it's a spray of silver flitter with blue. Then a silver whistle, and then a mixed spray of red, green and blue sparks with some silver flitter. Then it's gold crackle mixed with green sparks, then mixed with red sparks. Then it's red, blue, and green sparks mixed with crackle. Keeps changing height throughout, sometimes it's very tall, other times only half as high. (Last tested in 2003)

Komodo 3000 (Aerial)

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-049. 119 shots, 58 seconds.

This is physically the largest consumer cake I have held in my hands, with a length of about 28 inches, a width of 16 inches and a height of about 7-1/2 inches. Make sure to set this with the shorter side facing the audience, otherwise the audience will not see the angles of the shots. This is crucial for a cake like this, as the angle effect will be completely lost if the cake is not positioned properly. The first couple of shots go straight up and end in breaks of crackle flowers. While these crackle flowers are still playing out, a row of five shots is fired almost at once, not quite simultaneously as a fan but in a rapid sweep across the row more like the "Z" cakes. These shots are gold comets with red heads, and they look nice against the

background of crackle flowers from the first two shots. Then, the next row of five is fired in a sweep going the other direction, but slightly slower than the previous five. These five shots are gold comets with green heads. The next row of five is fired sweeping in the other direction, and these are silver comets which also give off reports as they go up. The next row is five crackling comets. The next row is five glittering gold comets. The next row is five more glittering gold comets, but fired across the row in the other direction. The next row of five is blue pearls on the way up, ending in clusters of blue peony stars plus silver flying fish. The next row is five comets which are both whistling

down the row. The next row is seven blue pearls fired up, which end in clusters of blue peony stars plus silver flying fish. Then a row of seven comets which are both whistling and crackling on the way up, and end in reports. Finally, three shots are fired straight up, simultaneously, and they all end in large green glitter breaks. Long performance and interesting variety of effects. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Komodo 3000 (Fountain)

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-019. 209 seconds.

One of the largest fountain packages I have seen, this one is almost 10 inches tall and almost 10 inches in diameter, with a cartoon of a komodo dragon on the label. It starts with big gold flitter spray, changing quickly to a gold crackle spray of good intensity, then adding some red sparks into it, then a brief whistle happens while the colors are going, and then it changes to a red and green spray. Then a nice silver spray, then full, rich silver flitter spray, then silver crackle, then a mix of silver crackle with red sparks, then a good spray of red and silver with some green mixed in, another short whistle, a tall silver spray, then gold crackle mixed with green and red sparks, then a gold flake spray with red sparks, then another whistle. Another tall silver spray, changing to silver crackle, then a spary of gigantic gold crackle sparks, then adding some red sparks to the huge gold crackle sparks. This fountain lasted 3 minutes and 29 seconds for me, though some people have reported seeing it last 4 and half minutes. Most of the time during the performance there is more than one tube going off simultaneously. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

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and crackling on the way up, and end in a couple of reports each. Then there are two shots that are fired straight up, and they end in big gold willow breaks. The next row is seven gold comets with red heads, similar to the beginning of the cake, but seven shots instead of five, and these also give off reports on the way up. The next row is seven gold comets with green heads, and they also give off reports on the way up. This is followed by a row of seven silver comets with silver heads, and they also give off reports on the way up. Then a row of seven crackling comets. Then a row of seven gold glitter comets, and another row of them fired in the opposite direction

Kong Fu rocket

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1005.
This is the type of firework that reaffirms your faith in the Chinese factories to produce a quality product. Just looking at the piece, with the carefully twisted paper around the fuse, and the solid, strong stick, tells you that it was made with care and precision. Each one flies strongly, almost straight up with no curving trajectory, and ends with a different display, such as red stars with a

crackling comet - or else it crackles on the way up and ends in a break of stars. Not an inexpensive rocket, but if we buy this in large numbers it will tell the factories that quality is what sells. I raved about the Kong Fu rocket in one of my newsletters, but there are actually two versions of it, a "European version" which is a 1.3G rocket in the U.S., and the 1.4G consumer version sold in the U.S. The latter is nice, with 2 breaks in each rocket, but they are not as powerful as the original ones that I tested. (Last tested in 1999)

Kruger Park

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0631. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

Alternates between green breaks with crackle, blue breaks with crackle and red breaks with some reports. Good color, but not really enough stars in each break, and the breaks are angular and not very symmetrical. (Last tested in 1999)

Kung Fu Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7745E. 100 shots, 124 seconds.

One of only three repeaters I know of that last more than two minutes. Groups of pearls - red, green or silver - are shot up, alternating with flying whistles. Drags on and on...this is one repeater which desperately needs faster timing between the 100 shots. (Last tested in 1996)

La Piñata

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2170. 19 shots, 37 seconds.

Every shot goes up and ends in some flashing reports plus silver flying fish. The last 4 or 5 shots go up all at once and are the same thing. I liked this one a lot because it's unusual - no color, just the bright flashes of the reports and the silver of the flying fish. This would be impressive when fired in a long row of this one item. (Last tested in 2005)

Lady Night Raider Parachute Mission

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #P005. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Good concept, but parachutes burn to ground. Parachutes with silver spray and crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Ladybugs

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5035. 5 seconds.

This is a package of 3 ladybug-shaped spinners which will be highly collectible in the future, due to the item's unique design and artwork. They spin briefly on the ground, then fly straight up with a bright white light, similar in performance to "Magic Crystal" from the same manufacturer. However, "Magic Crystal" whistles on the way up, and these don't. They don't really do anything in the air after they get up there, so it's slightly disappointing in the performance, but the package design is excellent. (Last tested in 2005)

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Land Mine

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1391.

A head bomb- type firecracker cluster which lights all the firecrackers in it within a few seconds. Provides a very loud blast of noise for a couple of seconds. (Last tested in 2002)

Land of the Midnight Sun

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

An intensely bright white star is shot up, along with a small group of red and green stars, but the white star burns longer and flies up. It is really bright. (Last tested in 2000)

Landmarks

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2031. 16 shots, 46 seconds.

Alternates between red breaks with crackle, blue breaks with crackle, and huge breaks that expand into lots of crackle flowers. Nice big, full breaks. All shots fired straight up. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Large Carnival Fountain

Cone Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4003. 45 seconds.

Tall spray of brilliant white sparks. Reminds me of the old Snow Drop fountain made in England in the 1960s. Bright red flame and tall silver shower. No other colors and no sound effects. Cone remained on fire after performance was finished, so be prepared to put it out. (Last tested in 1999)

Large Fountain

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0560-9. 55 seconds.

Dumb name, but this one is made to order for the noise lover. Alternates between crackling and whistling (four times each). Loud! (Last tested in 1996)

Large Gyro Blooms

Ground Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-007. 8 seconds.

If like me, you never tire of the original "Ground Bloom Flower," which has been on the consumer fireworks market for more than 30 years, you will enjoy this one. It spins with a red flame, changing to a green flame, then to a gold flame, and then it ejects some crackle. Yes! (Last tested in 2003)

Larry

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2591. 20 shots, 39 seconds.

Kind of an unusual event: a green pearl goes up and turns into a whistle, which is suddenly cut off when it breaks open into a break of white trails of sparks, like a lopsided palm tree. This is repeated 20 times. The unusual thing about it is the way the whistling sound stops suddenly when it breaks open into the white trails. (Last tested in 1999)

Las Vegas Nights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9140. 7 shots, 22 seconds.

The first shot goes up very high and ends in a good break of red peony stars with a small center "pistil" of white chrysanthemum stars. The next break is a good break of green peony stars with a small center "pistil" of white chrysanthemum stars. The next break is a good break of blue peony stars with a small center "pistil" of white chrysanthemum stars. Then a red break and a green break, but for some reason these are smaller than the previous ones - was this shot a double-break shell? Then a terrific blue peony break with a white pistil center. Then a final red break with a white pistil center. Most of the breaks are huge and impressive. (Last tested in 2003)

Laser 16

Firecracker. brand.

I was told that these had titanium in the composition - this gives white sparks as well as the bangs. (Last tested in 1995)

Laser Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0252. 19 shots, 34 seconds.

Each shot goes up dark, then breaks open into a crackle burst, with a good amount of crackle in each one. No other sound effects and no colors. Lasts a surprisingly long time for a 19-shot cake. (Last tested in 1999)

Laser Bullet

Skyrocket. Po Sing brand, #SR125A.

Pack of 4 rockets; the pack label says "Star Break," but the individual rocket labels call it "Laser Bullet." These break into silver flying fish. (Last tested in 2001)

Laser Jack

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3020. 7 seconds.

Two each of red, gold, green and blue. The blue is incredibly rich and deep. Eight separate spinners in a pack. (Last tested in 1996)

Laser Tank

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2078. 25 shots, 57 seconds.

Exceedingly bright white projectiles are sent up, one at a time, and give off a

"whooshing" sound, not whistling or screeching, just a wind-like sound. No other effects, just the bright white lights and the wind sound. (Last tested in 1998)

Latin Beat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2951. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

Three shots fired at once at angles which open into white chrysanthemums, then shots which go up and open into blue with silver flying fish, then 3 shots fired at once which are green pearls that open into white whirlwinds with a little silver flying fish, then three more shots of the same, then a

globs. The color flame globs are in red, orange, green or blue. Long-lasting for this type of fountain. A winner and definitely deserves to be in your show. Set it up above the ground. (Last tested in 2005)

Lawman

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7704. 825 shots, 17 seconds.

If it's reports you're after, this is the one. Get the 25-shotter. Every shot breaks open in to gold with a bunch of reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Lazer Flash

Strobe. Phantom brand, #M-032A. 13 seconds.

Another silver strobe light. These must all come from the same place. (Last tested in 1995)

Lemon Cherro

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3072. 103 seconds.

Starts with a silver flashing spray, then changing to a spray of silver snapping with red and green sparks, then a very nice combination of yellow and magenta-purple sparks. Then it changes to silver crackle mixed with red sparks. Then it's a thin spray of silver flashing sparks, then a silver crackle spray with red and green. The best part is the yellow and magenta spray in the middle, too bad that part doesn't last longer. (Last tested in 2005)

Leonid

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0005-3. 12 shots, 33 seconds.

Red pearl ending in big red peony with crackle. Green pearl ending in huge green peony break. Blue pearl ending in blue peony break with 4 comets with blue heads spreading out from the break. Blue-headed comet ending in break of crackle plus 4 white comets spreading apart. Red pearl ending in big red peony with crackle. Green pearl ending in huge green peony break. Blue pearl ending in blue peony break with 4 comets with blue heads spreading out from the break. Blue-headed comet ending in break of crackle plus 4 white comets spreading apart. Red pearl ending in big red peony with crackle. Green pearl ending in huge green peony break. Blue pearl ending in blue peony break

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group of crackling comets which end good in crackle breaks. Good variety. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Lava Lamp

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2023. 74 seconds.

Fantastic piece which is almost entirely the color "globs" or "fish drops" which colored flames rather than sprays of sparks. Gets up to a very tall spray of these flames, almost 7 feet - much higher than most fountains of this type. Color flames from the top of the tubes accompany these sprays of color flame

with 4 comets with blue heads spreading out from the break. Blue-headed comet ending in break of crackle plus 4 white comets spreading apart. This cake almost has the look of professional fireworks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Let 'er Rip

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0835. 23 seconds.

Alternates between green and red shots that open into whistling silver spinners that fly away a little. Then it changes to crackling comets which have very bright heads. (Last tested in 2001)

Let's Get After It

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6098. 76 shots, 21 seconds.

First a rapid series of red pearls and crackle mines are fired. Then a rapid series of green pearls and crackle mines are fired. Then a whole bunch of comets which are both whistling and crackling are fired. Then a group of red pearls are fired all at once which go up and end in breaks of red peony stars, blue peony stars and a little crackle. All over very quickly but a good piece to include in your finale because of the barrage of shots in the first half. (Last tested in 2004)

Let's Get Ready to Rumble

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0742. 30 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets which also have blue stars in them on the way up. May be the same item as "Digital Life." Very nice effect of crackling comet with blue mine at the same time. (Last tested in 2001)

Leviathan

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2083. 16 shots, 46 seconds.

Crackling comets which end in small clusters of blue stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Liberator

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2630. 20 shots, 40 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl on the way up, ending in a break which has red chrysanthemum stars and silver glitter

stars. Nice looking. The next shot is a green pearl on the way up, ending in a break which has green chrysanthemum stars and silver glitter stars. Also very nice. These two shots alternate with each other a few times, then there is a row of 4 shots which are fired all at once, and they go up and break into crackle flowers. The next 5 shots are fired one at a time, and they are gold comets which go up and end in breaks of gold willows with some silver sparkle along the gold trails. Then four shots are fired all at once, which are two red and two green pearls, and they go up and end in breaks of red and green chrysanthemums with crackle mixed in. Finally 3 shots are fired at once, which

large gold willow break in the air. (Last tested in 2004)

Liberty Torch

Hand-held Fountain. Flower Basket brand, #K285. 22 seconds.

I can't resist any hand-held fountain or torch. This one has 3 fountains fused together, and a long handle to hold it with. The central, largest tube puts out a brilliant whitish-gold spray; then the other two tubes ignite, one at a time, each with a short, muffled whistle and the same beautiful white spray of sparks. (Last tested in 1997)

Lie, Cheat and Steal

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP2002. 208 seconds.

Starts with a flashing silver spray, then a tall spray of silver sparks, a short whistle, and then a mix of red, green and crackle. Then a silver spray, changing to a gold flitter spray, then a short whistle, then a silver flashing spray. Then a tall silver spray, then a short whistle, then a good mix of red and green sparks. Then a silver spray, then a short whistle, then a whole bunch of gold crackle, then a silver spray, then a short whistle, then a tall spray of green, red, blue, and silver, changing to just silver, then silver flitter, then a short whistle, then silver flashing spray, then a tall silver spray, then a mix of red and green sparks and gold crackle. Goes on too long, but many changes of color and effect keep it from getting boring. (Last tested in 2003)

Life Form

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2175. 28 shots, 26 seconds.

The "dragon egg" effect is what I call the stars that spread out from the center of the break and continue to crackle as they spread further apart. All the shots in this cake have that effect, although the breaks start with various colors, such as a red break that turns into dragon eggs, etc. The shots here are fired in groups of 4 or 5 at a time, straight up. Each shot is a softly crackling comet on the way up. Then each shot opens into a single color break (red, yellow, blue or green) that then changes to a dragon eggs break. All the breaks in one group have the same color. The result is a very professional-looking display. (Last tested in 2004)

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are gold pearls that go up and end in gold willow breaks. Very good cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Liberator rocket

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-456.

Flies up with three short whistles, then ends in red and green stars. (Last tested in 2002)

Liberty Golden Willow, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-602.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. Produces a very

Light of USA

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB278. 25 shots, 75 seconds.

The first five shots are bright pink strobing pearls that go up and end in very nice glitter breaks of sparkling pink. Excellent beginning. The next 5 shots are strobing green pearls that go up and end in very bright mixed color peony breaks. The next five shots are strobing red pearls that go up and end in breaks of red peony stars mixed with a little crackle. The next five shots are strobing green pearls that go up and end in breaks of green peony stars mixed with a little crackle. The last five shots are crackling comets on the way up, ending in crackling "dragon egg" breaks. These last 5 shots seem to be fired a little faster than the previous 20 shots, but even so the cake lasts a long time. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Light Tracer

Roman Candle, single. West Lake brand. 5 shots, 12 seconds.

Each red or green shot ends with a medium report. (Last tested in 1995)

Lighthouse

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-252. 32 seconds.

It starts with a huge shower of bright white sparks. Then, one at a time, the eight outer tubes fire. Each one of them whistles loudly and also gives off a short spray of sparks, either green, red or blue. These showers of color sparks spray in all directions, including horizontally, not like a regular shower pointing straight up. Very unusual performance. Everyone laughed when it was over. It's an entertaining little fountain. Stay back away from it though. First tested in 1999 and then again in 2003. Still good. (Last tested in 2003)

Lightning Flash

Strobe. Black Cat brand, #BC-213. 22 seconds.

Gold, green and silver in each box. Some last longer than others. (Last tested in 1995)

Lightning Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-663. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

The silver "swimming fish" effect, and lots of it in every shot. The stars seem to "swim away" from the center in all directions. This one elicited genuine "oohs" and "ahhs" from the chair-sitters. No sounds, but a distinctive effect in generous amounts made this a crowd-pleaser. (Last tested in 1998)

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Lightning Strike

Firecracker. brand.

I think I'd rather be struck by lightning than to sit through this one. Might be more exciting. (Last tested in 1995)

Liling Salute, 10 guns

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #063510. 24 seconds.

Slow going; no distinguishable color. Far too long between shots. Each shot ends in a medium report. (Last tested in 1995)

Lion War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2010B. 37 shots, 43 seconds.

Every shot is a green pearl going up, then opening into a small cluster of red and green stars plus a fairly good report.

(Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Liquid Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2196. 78 shots, 25 seconds.

Fires all shots in a Z pattern. Most of the duration is taken up by the cake firing up and down each row a series of shots which are all the same: a glittering silvery comet, which is not a long comet, rather short in length. It goes back and forth from row to row. Then at the end an entire row is fired almost all at once, and these shots go up and end in breaks of red and green glitter, then they turn into crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005)

Little Big

Bottle Rocket. Brothers brand, #BP1197.

Bottle rocket which flies up and ends in a small report. (Last tested in 2001)

Little Big Top

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand. 5 seconds.

Box of four separate ground spinners shaped like tops. They spin with a red flame, then change to a green flame before dying out. (Last tested in 1997)

Little Red Lightning Bugs

Strobe. Starr brand. 15 seconds.

It's a sealed cylinder with a fuse coming out the top. You light it, and it falls over, and several red strobe lights come out of it, which strobe on the ground for about 15 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Liu Yang

Roman Candle battery. Red Lantern brand, #0603. 80 shots, 12 seconds.

Now we're talking. Intense barrage of small red and green breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Liu Yang

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #06328. 8 shots, 8 seconds.

Rapid sequence of small color breaks, unimpressive singly. Red, green and gold stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Liu Yang

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #063210. 10 shots, 9 seconds.

Rapid sequence of very small color breaks, unimpressive singly. (Last tested in 1995)

Live Free or Die

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-140. 21 shots, 27 seconds.

Make sure to place this so that the shorter side is facing the audience, otherwise the audience will not see the angles of the shots correctly. First a fan of mines of blue peony stars mixed with crackle is fired, then these are topped with breaks of gold willows with blue tips. Then another row of mines of blue stars with crackle is fired, and these are topped with small clusters of blue peony stars and small amounts of crackle. Then another row of blue mines with crackle, and these are topped with silver glitter breaks. Then another row of mines of blue, topped with clusters of blue stars, gold flying fish, and a little crackle. Then another row of blue mines, topped with silver chrysanthemum breaks ending with a surprisingly large amount of crackle. Then another row of blue mines, topped with some pretty good dragon-eggs breaks. One final row of blue mines is fired, topped with some breaks which are basically dragon-eggs breaks (crackling as they spread out) but they also have blue tips. A good one to get if you are looking for a lot of blue in your show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Loch Ness Monster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4012. 19 shots, 43 seconds.

Alternates between three interesting types of shots. One goes up as a red spinner, which then comes open into a cluster of red stars with crackle. The next is a green spinner, which breaks open into green stars with crackle. The next is a blue spinner which opens into blue stars with crackle. It's interesting to see the shots spin and give off a color flame and white sparks as they are going up. (Last tested in 2004)

Lock and Load

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2970.

This kit contains chained shells - separate shells that are already fused together. Large chained shells are commonly used in professional fireworks displays, especially at the end of the show for the finale. This is the first time I have seen chained shells in consumer fireworks. In the box are 8 chains, with each chain consisting of 3 cylindrical shells similar to "Rambo Kid" shells. They are already fused together by the manufacturer (chained). So for lighting one fuse, you get 3 different, full-sized breaks in the air. For example, a purple break, a green break, and a crackle break. The effects

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are a variety of color peony shells, color chrysanthemum shells and crackle break shells. The kit also includes a rack of 3 mortar tubes on one base. The mortars are attached at slight angles to each other. You take one chain of 3 shells, and place one shell into each mortar tube. You light it at only one place, and the fuses to all 3 shells will automatically light. Because of the angles of the tubes, the shells will be fired in a fan shape. So it is best to position the mortar rack so that the audience will see the fan shape. This kit almost makes you feel like a professional pyrotechnician. (Last tested in 2004)

Locusts in Flight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L906B. 19 shots, 10 seconds.

Many whistles ejected, then one color break at end. Too short to make an impression. (Last tested in 1996)

London Bridge

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SF33. 104 seconds.

Starts with a plentiful gold glitter spray from 2 tubes. That goes on for quite a while. Then it becomes a big red flame, then a big yellow flame, then a big green flame. Then four tubes fire at once, in a fan, and they are silver sprays for a few seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

Lone Pine Geyser

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-263. 139 seconds.

Red spray, changing to crackle spray, then green spray, then crackle spray, then red and crackle mixed, then slowly fades out. (Last tested in 1999)

Long & Loud

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0358. 25 shots, 33 seconds.

Every shot is a bright white star that goes up and bursts open into a respectable break of mixed red, green, blue and crackle. Good color. (Last tested in 2000)

Long Rifle

Roman Candle, single. brand, #Y05-014. 10 shots, 8 seconds.

Guangdong. Uninspired candle; weak green and white shots; no sound effects. (Last tested in 1995)

Long-Petaled Chrysanthemum

Base Fountain. Yuen Loong Hong brand, #T1543. 7 seconds.

Very tiny fountain that looks like a ground spinner - no base. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Longhorn Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Longhorn brand. 10 shots, 39 seconds.

Big gusts of gold sparks accompany each shot. Final shots split. (Last tested in 1995)

Loose Cannon

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9019. 13 shots, 40 seconds.

Shoots a silver comet straight up, that breaks into a huge red chrysanthemum break - great. The next shot is another comet that goes up and breaks into a huge green chrysanthemum break. Then another red chrysanthemum break. Then a brilliant silver chrysanthemum break. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. The final shot is a mine of crackle. The breaks in this one are huge and have great symmetry - excellent breaks for consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2003)

Lord of Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A050. 12 shots, 38 seconds.

Some very nice color dragon-eggs breaks (color stars with crackle trailing behind each star), first in red then in green. then in blue. then repeating that two more times, then the final 3 shots are fired all at once. Excellent quality breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Lotus, #2

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3505. 13 seconds.

Spins with a gold spray, changing to a red flame, then green and red flames forming a ring around the bottom, while a red flame points straight up from the center. Spins fast. (Last tested in 1998)

Lotus, #3

Ground Spinner. Horse brand, #T3506. 16 seconds.

Rich, bright colors, including a beautiful blue flame in the center. Very nice spinner. (Last tested in 1995)

Lotus Celebration Rolls

Firecracker. Lotus brand.

Their celebration rolls (L765 with 1388 crackers, L766 with 2492 crackers, and L767 with 4582 crackers), are strung together three layers thick, giving three times the sound level of a regular celebration roll. All of the rolls end with two head bombs, one of which contains a red and gold ribbon that hangs down and reads, "Happy Holidays." The larger rolls contain more crackers, (16,294 in the L770), and they are strung five layers thick! Each roll also contains the two head bombs, one of which gives the

red and gold ribbon at the end. (Last tested in 1999)

Loud Little Sucker

Reloadable Shell Kit. Winco brand, #MEJP-620.

Box of 6 tiny cylindrical shells and one tiny tube. (Last tested in 2001)

Loud Rhythm assortment

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4228. 35 seconds.

This is a pack of 2 fountains, "Rocker" and "Rapper." Rapper gives a spray of gold crackle mixed with red sparks, for about 35 seconds. Rocker gives a spray of gold crackle mixed with green sparks,

comes open into a few red or green stars, and a couple of firecracker reports. Almost continuous noise. (Last tested in 2000)

Love on Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4508.

Shaped like a heart. Starts with a red and white spray, then adds some gold, then changes to a sizzling gold crackle spray with some green flecks. Then a tall gold spray, followed by a gold glitter spray with a soft crackling sound. Then a snapping crackle spray with some gold sparks. Then it dies down and you think it's over, but an intense gold crackle spray starts up. Then suddenly 3 tubes of the gold crackle are burning at once, increasing the intensity, giving a loud and satisfyingly sustained crackle finish. (Last tested in 2004)

Lovely Lava

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP2011. 57 seconds.

This one gives the orange globs of flame also seen in "Dragons Breath," "Vesuvius" and "Great Balls of Fire" fountains, but it also mixes blue globs of flame in with the orange ones. Set this one up on a stand, so that you can better see the globs of flame falling. The combination of orange globs and blue globs is very appealing. Lasts a long time, too. This effect appears briefly in many other fountains, but in those it usually comes and goes before you even realize it fully. In this fountain it is there for a long time - almost a minute - giving you a good chance to appreciate it fully. (Last tested in 2003)

Lucky Bird

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2010. 4 shots, 8 seconds.

Whistles ending in reports. No color. (Last tested in 1995)

Lucky Space

Skyrocket. Horse brand.

Rocket sticks are about 37 inches long, and the rocket body is 2 inches in diameter at its widest. (Last tested in 1999)

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for about 36 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Louie Louie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2904. 25 shots, 28 seconds.

Maybe we just got a bad one. Certainly does not live up to the label's claim of "World's Greatest Fireworks Show". Short whistles on the way up to thin red breaks with crackle. Poor altitude and wildly uneven timing. Much improved since I last tested it in 1996. Emits a series of comets which whistle and crackle as they go up, and also have bright white heads. Each one then

Ludicrous

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB244. 16 shots, 45 seconds.

It starts as a crackling fountain for about 10 seconds, then the first three aerial shots are mines of crackle. The next shot is a red pearl which goes up and opens softly into a mixed color peony break, with some "falling leaves" stars mixed in. Then three more shots just like that. The next four shots are the crackle mines like at the beginning. Then the last four shots are fired all at once, and they are a bunch of screaming gold comets. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Luft Pfeifer

Chaser. WECO brand, #1709.

Whistling chaser. Actually this turned out to be a whistling chaser with no report. Just about the same as a whistling bottle rocket without the stick, lasting only a couple of seconds. It does nothing you haven't seen before. (Last tested in 1996)

Luminous Pearls

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand.

One shot comet. Nice gold comet! (Last tested in 1995)

Lustrous Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-648. 19 shots, 21 seconds.

Eye-popping show all in white. This is probably my favorite of the current crop of Black Cat 19-shot cakes. First, several fluffy, bright white chrysanthemum breaks. Then a series of spinning white "whirlwind" shots, but they seem to spin open on the way up, filling the air with white sparks. Finally, five or six big white comets with incredibly bright white heads end it off. No sound effects, but a visual feast! (Last tested in 1998) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

M-1 Master Mines

Mine. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-613-1. 8 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This is a one-shot mine, which starts with a short whistle at the ground level, then shoots up in a single shot, three effects. First you see blue stars going up, and then some crackle appears in the air, but by that time the

blue stars are already higher up than where the crackle goes off. Then above all the rest, three breaks of sparkling silver glitter open up, and they turn into crackle. A lot of action out of what is basically just one tube! (Last tested in 2004)

M-100

Skyrocket. Beihai brand.

Excellent, well-made rocket with loud whistle and three reports. (Last tested in 1995)

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M-100

Firecracker. brand.

The large, single crackers. Pretty loud, due to the large casing. But 50 mg. content. (Last tested in 1995)

M-100 Military Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK711.

A superb variety of shells for a great show. You get 24 shells (8 singles, 8 doubles and 8 cylinder-type), for a total of 32 colorful explosions in the sky. Two sturdy fiberglass launching tubes are included in the box. This kit includes the following shells: Spherical: Red & Golden Peony, Jumbo White

Chrysanthemum, Orange Peony, Green & Purple Peony, Golden Glitter Tail to Golden Palm Tree, Crackling Tail to Crackling, Red Tiger Tail to Green with Crackling, and Silver Tiger Tail to Red & White Chrysanthemum. Canister Shells: Blue Peony w/Red Pistil, Green Peony w/Crackling Pistil, Purple Peony w/Green Pistil, Silver Peony w/Green Pistil, Silver Palm Tree, Golden Peony w/Silver Glitter, Blue Peony w/Whirlwind, and Crackling w/Whirlwind. Double-break Shells: Blue Crackling + Orange Peony, Crackling + Golden Palm Tree, Jumbo White Chrysanthemum + Red & Blue, Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum + Green & Purple, Red & Green Chrysanthemum + Golden Peony, Red Peony + Green Glittering, Green Crackling + Golden Crackling, and Crackling + Orange Peony. (Last tested in 2001)

M-2 Master Mines

Mine. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-613-2. 6 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This is a one-shot mine, which starts with a short whistle at the ground level. Then a mine of sparkling red comets is fired up. Finally above the mine appear 3 mixed color peony breaks of red and blue stars. A lot from just one tube. (Last tested in 2004)

M-2K

Firecracker. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1211.

Similar to "Dixie Dynamite." Individual red crackers in a bag, in a box. 50 milligrams. (Last tested in 2000)

M-45 Tank

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7072. 20 seconds.

Rolls forward with a whistle, then shoots blue flame and crackle from the "missiles" on the top, then rolls backward with a whistle. Can travel quite a distance, so use it in a wide open area. (Last tested in 2000)

M-70 firecracker

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1381.

Individual firecrackers in a bag. Do not contain more than 50 mg. of powder, but because of the larger size and larger surface area, they may be louder than

an ordinary 1.5-inch firecracker. (Last tested in 2002)

M-80 Brand

Firecracker. brand.

"M-80" is only brand given on label. 50 mg. crackers. (Last tested in 1995)

M-80 Smoke 3-color

Smoke. No brand. 37 seconds.

A little spray of gold sparks. Changes color midway through. Yellow smoke changing to blue smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

M-85 Cruiser

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-350. 51 seconds.

A large tank with large wheels. Rolls forward with a silver spray and silver whistle from the back. Then, a gun from the front gives a brief silver spray. Then two guns pointing out at angles give brief sprays of silver and green sparks. Then the longest gun on the front gives a silver spray which changes to a silver strobe. After a few seconds it changes to a silver whistle, and another gun on the other side also starts with a silver whistle, and these two cause the top of the tank to spin while they spray silver and whistle. Then another gun, pointing the other way, gives a silver whistle and this causes the top of the tank to spin in the opposite direction. Finally one gun pointing up at an angle sprays crackle, while a final fountain spray of pure white is emitted straight up from the top of the tank. This does far more than an ordinary "Tank" firework does. This item also comes without wheels (BC-351) for states which do not allow novelties to travel, but that takes away some of the fun of it. It still does most of the same things, but doesn't roll. Buy the kind with wheels if possible. (Last tested in 2005)

M-85 Tank (with wheels)

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-350. 52 seconds.

Starts by spraying out silver from the back end, then a silver whistle from the back end makes it roll forward. Then it stops and the turrets in the front shoot up a brilliant white spray for a few seconds. Then the turrets on the sides spray out green and silver. Then a gun on the front of the top sprays out red then a strobing green flame. Then that same turret changes to a silver whistle

with a red flame at the base, and this makes the whole upper assembly turn a little while the main body of the tank stays put. Then a jet on the other side of the top starts, and this causes the whole top part of the vehicle to spin while the bottom stays motionless. Very clever! The jet sprays out silver and gold sparks in a circle. Then another jet lights and causes the top part to spin in the other direction, and gold and silver sparks are again sprayed in a circle. Then a bright silver spray goes straight up from the top, and a brief spray of gold crackle comes out of one of the angled turrets. The lengthy and complex performance makes this one a sure-fire winner, espe-

version with wheels is more fun - how could it not be? (Last tested in 2004)

Machine Gun crackers

Combination firecracker. Winco brand, #WP-011.

An amazing little device. First it emits a powerful, loud, rocket-like red flame which shoots out a stream of crackles for about four seconds, then it blows up. There's nothing else quite like it. (Last tested in 1998)

Machine Gun Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-228. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Huge gold palm-tree breaks with crackling tips. A definite "wow" item. (Last tested in 1995)

Mad Bomber

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0321.

1.5 inch shells. Each individual one not named. Breaks are small, and there are no sound effects. I would say, buy the Thunder Balls kit instead. Cute packaging. (Last tested in 1999)

Mad Cow Capers

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2640. 18 shots, 48 seconds.

The shots are fired one at a time, but the angles of the tubes vary slightly, so the shots end up in different places in the sky. All shots have silver comet tails on the way up. The effects are beautiful and varied, with combinations of effects such as chrysanthemum stars mixed with silver glitter, some color-changing stars and even a break which crackles in two distinct stages. I highly recommend this one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mad Hornet

Firecracker. brand.

Great artwork on the label. Unfortunately, the raves end there. (Last tested in 1995)

Mad Man Titanium Crackers

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1392.

Good quality firecrackers sold in packs of sixteen. Roughly equivalent to "Roller Coaster" brand in size and content. (Last tested in 2002)

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cially with the kids in attendance. (Last tested in 2004)

M-85 Tank (without wheels)

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-351. 67 seconds.

This is basically the same thing as the version with wheels, but this one was apparently made for states and cities that don't allow novelty fireworks to travel (California is one such state). So the vehicle itself stays in one spot during the entire performance. Other than that it performs identically to the version with wheels. If the one without wheels is the only one you are able to get, it's still worth buying. Of course the

Maelstrom

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0133. 28
shots, 27 seconds.

First one shot, which is a strobing red pearl going up and ending in a great dragon eggs break with red tips. Then two shots at the same time, which are strobing green pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with green tips. Then 3 shots, which are strobing gold pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with gold tips. Then 4 shots, which are strobing red pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with red tips. Then 5 shots, which are strobing green pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with green tips. Then 6 shots, which are strobing gold pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with gold tips. And finally 7 shots, which are strobing red pearls going up and ending in dragon eggs breaks with red tips. I liked this one a lot. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Magenta Action Display

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-6150. 30 shots, 40
seconds.

Here's an innovation in consumer fireworks - true magenta stars in aerial breaks. The shots are fired in groups of three, in a slow Z pattern. The first shot is a magenta peony break, the second a break of green flying fish stars and blue peony stars, and the third another magenta peony break. The next row is the same three shots, but going in the other direction. The next row is a blue peony mine, a magenta peony break, and a blue peony mine. The next row is the same as that, but going in the opposite direction. The next row is a magenta peony break, a green shot to silver whirlwind and another magenta peony break. The next row is the same, but going in the other direction. The next row is a magenta mine, a magenta glitter break and a magenta mine. The next row is the same but in the opposite direction. The next row is a row of three magenta breaks, with the middle one also ending in crackle flowers. The great thing about this cake is the magenta colored stars. It may or may not be the first time magenta stars have appeared in consumer fireworks, but it is certainly the first time they have been so prominently featured in a consumer item. If colors are important in your

show, you will definitely want to get this cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Magic Ball

Novelty Firework. Thunderbird
brand, #TB1010. 5 seconds.

Also says Huevos de Dragon on the label - must be intended for a Spanish-speaking market. Similar to Cracking Ball, Dragon Eggs or Cracker Bomb. Creates a nice cluster of loud crackles on the ground. (Last tested in 1998)

Magic Black Snakes

Snake. Apollo brand. 20 seconds.

Apollo/Mantsuna. The same as any other snake. (Last tested in 1995)

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Magic Carpet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2422. 25 shots,
48 seconds.

A pleasing color show; not quite the equivalent of the 1995 version of Cajun Pageant, but still good enough to recommend for a color display. Each shot goes up as a white pearl (some are slightly strobing as they go up) with a small comet trail, then bursts into a single-color break of red, green or blue. The red and green breaks are large chrysanthemums with good color, mostly symmetrical but a couple of lop-sided ones. The blue breaks are smaller and thinner, without the trails of sparks.

No sound effects at all, but a great display of color. Completely different in 2003: It's all mines. Each mine is a group of stars of one color, with white trails. The color of the heads alternates from shot to shot - either red, blue or green. I preferred the original Magic Carpet, frankly. (Last tested in 1998)

Magic Crackers

Firecracker. brand.

I've heard this one was discontinued. Snap up any that you see. Titanium in the formula gives white sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Magic Crystal

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand,
#BP5028. 7 seconds.

Spins on the ground while whistling, and giving out red sparks, then it zooms straight up while still spinning and still whistling, and giving off silver sparks. Very exciting and crowd-pleasing. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Magic Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0657. 9 shots,
13 seconds.

Alternates between crackling comets with red heads, crackling comets with green heads and crackling comets with blue heads. The color heads are very, very bright. (Last tested in 2001)

Magic Face

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Golden Bear brand, #FX-B054. 109
seconds.

Begins with a mix of red sparks, green sparks and silver flitter. Then changes to flashing silver spray. Then changes to gold crackle spray. Then changes to silver flitter spray. Then changes to a gold flashing spray. Then changes to sizzling silver crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Magic Fox

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon
Eggs brand, #DE4016. 19 shots, 37
seconds.

Color-headed comets, alternating between red heads, green heads and blue heads. Pretty good color. No sound effects until the last 3 shots, which are crackling comets. (Last tested in 2004)

Magic Genie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L907. 19 shots, 10 seconds.

Pretty whirlwind effect, but dangerously low to the ground. (Last tested in 1995)

Magic Horseshoe

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2009. 61 seconds.

Multi-tube fountain, constructed in a semi-circular shape. Crackle at beginning, then gold and silver sprays with four whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

Magic Mountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2004. 91 seconds.

Gold spray with silver balls, adding white flitter, eventually adding crackle, and some flecks of color. (Last tested in 2000)

Magic Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A041. 16 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot is a color pearl that goes up and ends in a break which has chrysanthemum stars in one color mixed with glitter stars in another color. Pretty nice-looking breaks. The final 4 shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Magic Saxophone

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1018. 143 seconds.

Starts with a mixed red and blue spray, changing to a green and gold spray, then a flashing white spray, then a red and gold spray, then a white flitter spray, then white flitter with crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Magic Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2893. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

Crackling comets to red/purple breaks; one whirlwind. Consists of crackling comets that end in either clusters of red stars and a few fairly good reports, or ending in clusters of green stars with reports. There are two shots that are green pearls that end in white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 2000)

Magic Sing

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0194A. 31 seconds.

5 drivers. Whistle and colored or silver spray simultaneously. It's an unusual whistling wheel with five drivers. Plenty of red and green flames, silver sparks and lots of whistles. But this wheel does not turn powerfully - make sure this one spins freely with no resistance at all. (Last tested in 1996)

Magic Sing

Hand-held Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0194. 9 seconds.

Brief gold spray, then a loud whistle with mixed red and green sparks. (Last tested in 1996)

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Magic Sparklers

Sparkler. Easy-Lite brand. 26 seconds.

Easy-Lite brand. Red flame, to green flame, to silver. The only wooden one with a green flame! (Last tested in 1996)

Magic Stardust

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y02-029. 119 seconds.

A fountain that looks like a 16-shot aerial cake - in fact, we shot it with the cakes because we thought it was one. Gives a long-lasting display changing to many colors, but no whistles or crackle.

First tested in 1998 and tested again in 2003. Starts with a silver spray, then changing to a green flitter spray, then a mixed red and green spray, then an all-red spray, then a gold flitter spray, then a silver flitter spray. No sound effects, although it did last longer: 83 seconds in 1998, and 119 seconds in 2003. But to no avail, it did not hold my interest very much. (Last tested in 2003)

Magic Stick, gold

Hand-held Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4005a. 20 seconds.

Golden Flower Magic Stick. A big, full shower of gold sparks - really nice. These candles are almost 21 inches long. 4005a says Silvery Glittering on the label, and gives a big, wide spray of large silver sparks, and big silver flitter, with a leasing soft crackly sound. 4005b, Golden Flower, gives a gorgeous spray of gold flitter sparks. 4005c, Red and Green Flower Rain, is just like a red and green fountain. These candles give huge sprays of sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Magic Stick, red and green

Hand-held Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4005c. 21 seconds.

A big, full spray of red and green sparks. Like holding base fountain in your hand - but this is safe! These 3 Magic Sticks are high-quality, highly recommended hand fountains. These candles are almost 21 inches long. 4005a says Silvery Glittering on the label, and gives a big, wide spray of large silver sparks, and big silver flitter, with a leasing soft crackly sound. 4005b, Golden Flower, gives a gorgeous spray of gold flitter sparks. 4005c, Red and Green Flower Rain, is just like a red and green fountain. These candles give huge sprays of sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Magic Stick, silver

Hand-held Fountain. Beihai brand, #WB4005b. 21 seconds.

Almost 21 inches long. Label adds the description, "Silvery Glittering". Big, wide spray of large silver sparks, and big silver flitter. Pleasing soft crackly sound. Not extremely long-lasting, but a good show. These candles are almost 21 inches long. 4005a says Silvery Glittering on the label, and gives a big, wide spray of large silver sparks, and big silver flitter, with a leasing soft crackly sound. 4005b, Golden Flower, gives a

gorgeous spray of gold flitter sparks. 4005c, Red and Green Flower Rain, is just like a red and green fountain. These candles give huge sprays of sparks. (Last tested in 1998)

Magic Suns

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B065. 16 shots, 12 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl which goes up and ends in a break of red peony stars and a small amount of crackle. The next shot is a green pearl which goes up and ends in a small break of blue peony stars and green chrysanthemum stars. The next shot is a blue pearl which goes up and ends in a break of blue peony stars only. The above 3 shots alternate with each other for the rest of the cake. Even though the breaks have relatively few stars in them, I still liked this one for the fast pace. You could light about 4 in a row, timing each one to start just as the last one is ending, and it might be effective, especially if a whole case of 24 units were fired, in 4 rows of 6, with one row starting just as the previous row was finishing. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Magic Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2983. 17 shots, 37 seconds.

Fires a silver comet which ends in a good, large red chrysanthemum break. Then a shot which goes up dark and ends in a big green chrysanthemum break. Then another one which ends in a big gold chrysanthemum. Then a silver comet which goes up and ends in a big blue chrysanthemum. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Then the next shot ends in a big crackle break. Scores points for the size and symmetry of the breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Magic Wand

Hand-held Fountain. Brothers brand,
#BP3076. 63 seconds.

I am a big fan of hand-held fountains and other hand-held fireworks. These are high-quality hand-held fountains like "California Candles" but with the Brothers level of quality. They start with silver crackle, then change to a very bright white spray, then change to a red flame with silver spray, then a green flame with silver spray, then they end with a silver whistle. Satisfying dura-

tion. Great stuff - this was my favorite new firework of 2003, although I'm biased in favor of hand-held fountains. Did not test it in 2004, so I don't know if the quality is still the same, but it was great in 2003. (Last tested in 2002)

Magic Wand Fountain

Hand-held Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1059. 67 seconds.

Starts with a nice silver spray (that goes on just a bit too long) then changes to a very good spray of red, green and flashing white sparks, then changes to a great spray of crackle. I love hand-held fountains and this is no exception. (Last tested in 2004)

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Magic Whips

Crackling Item. Red Lantern brand,
#O204.

We tested the 30 inch ones, No. 0204E. Many other lengths offered. Crackles all along the length of the strip as it burns. This was apparently the "original" item, now it is sold under other names around the U.S. O204A is the 20 inch (Last tested in 1999)

Magical Barrage

Roman Candle battery. Horse brand,
#T2516. 100 shots, 15 seconds.

Lacks the comet it once had. They should have just left it as it was. Now it's

just 100 red, blue and green pearls going up. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Drum

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1051. 121 seconds.

Shaped like a type of drum. Begins with a mixture of red sparks, green sparks and white flitter. Then, changes to crackle. Then white flashing sparks mixed with white flitter sparks. Then a very nice red spray with gold flitter. Then an all-crackle spray for the ending. (Last tested in 2004)

Magical Parachute Popper

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Kellner's brand, #T8533.

Magic brand. When you pull the string, out shoots a paper parachute, which may or may not open. (Last tested in 1996)

Magical Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand,
#T6514. 8 shots, 13 seconds.

First roman candle I ever bought. Red, blue and green pearls. Not as high-quality as in past years. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand,
#T6515. 10 shots, 15 seconds.

Extremely common. Older, yellow label is prettier. A staple item. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Shots

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand,
#T6236. 10 shots, 9 seconds.

"Copyright 1960" on the label. Ten colored pearls, with good height. Very small candle. Seems to have declined in quality in the last couple of years. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Shots

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand,
#T623B. 20 shots, 22 seconds.

"Copyright 1960" on the label. Twenty shots! Excellent duration. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Shots

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand,
#T6240. 30 shots, 27 seconds.

Incredibly long-lasting and pretty. Incredibly long-lasting and pretty. This item also comes in 100-shot size, a very long skinny tube, which really does put out exactly 100 shots, but it lasts so

long it gets boring after a while. (Last tested in 1995)

Magical Shots

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand, #T6234. 5 shots, 6 seconds.

The warning label on it is in four languages. This is a tiny candle, with five shots of red and green. Pretty underwhelming, but maybe a whole case of them (which is 1,440 candles) lit all at the same time would be pretty spectacular. (Last tested in 1998)

Magical Whirly

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2048. 25 shots, 44 seconds.

Each shot goes up as either a red, green or white pearl, then whips open into a white whirlwind. (Last tested in 1999)

Magician

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L963. 9 shots, 9 seconds.

I like the effect, but it's unsatisfyingly short-lived. Very nice label. Whistling gold comets end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Magnificent 5

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB259. 20 shots, 22 seconds.

The first five shots are fired all at once, in a fan-shape. The outside 2 are thick fluffy crackling comets, and the inside 3 are blue pearls which open into blue breaks with only 4 or 5 big stars, like "Atom Splitter." Then the next 5 shots are fired at once, all of which are fluffy crackling comets. Then the next 5 shots are fired, all of which are red pearls that open into clusters of red stars. Then the last 5 shots are fired, which are crackling comets ending in really good willow breaks. This piece was very impressive in 2001. (Last tested in 2001)

Magnolia Candle

Display Firework (1.3G). Temple of Heaven brand, #2025. 32 seconds.

Not as good as when it first came out, but still beautiful silver breaks. Has declined in quality dramatically. Don't bother buying this, which originally gave 7 powerful silver breaks, but is now much weaker despite its "1.3G" classification. (Last tested in 1996)

Magnum Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #MEBC575.

Twelve different effects per box. (Actually we got 2 of one effect.) There are many excellent shell kits, but if I had to buy only one of them, it would be the Magnum Artillery Shell kit (Black Cat brand), because you get 12 shells, a strong tube, and a wide variety of effects. It has 2 different shells each of: strobing, crackling, peony, cascading pearls, and two-break effects, and two of the salute shells. Strobing white stars with report, strobing white stars, blue chrysanthemum with dragon tails, crackling with blue stars, silvery pearls, dragon eggs, red chrysanthemum with dragon tails, red peony to strobing silver, etc. (Last tested in 1998)

Magnum Bravo

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK630. 12 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot appears to give two complete breaks or effects. The first shot is a stunning mine of silver comets and a mine of crackle all at the same time. Very bright and loud - wow. The second shot is a break in which the stars appear to start as blue, then change to red, and finally to white before burning out. There is also some crackle mixed in with this break, or else the crackle came from a separate break. Then, two breaks of red chrysanthemums appear in the air at the same time. Then two mines are fired at the same time, one is blue stars and the other is green stars with silver comet tails. These green stars continue up and end in silver whirlwinds, which also give off some crackle at the end. The next shot is a ring shell of stars which change from green to red, and a good break of crackle in the middle. The next shot ends in two large breaks, one of which is a mixed color peony break and the other is a mixed color chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a mine of green stars and a mine of silver stars which turn into whistles at the top. The next shot is a ring shell of stars which change from gold to red, and a good break of crackle in the middle. The next shot is two breaks of crackle. The next shot is a mine of red stars and a mine of silver comets which turn into silver whirlwinds, which also give off crackle. The next shot gives two breaks, one of which is a green ring, with crackle in the center, and the other is a fluffy white chrysanthemum. Highly sophisticated effects make this one of the most impressive 500-gram cakes I tested this year. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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Magnum Artillery with Tail & Shooting Stars

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #MEBC580.

Ten shells, all with comets attached. All breaks include a comet which shoots off away from the break. Crackling blue diamond, silver palm, blue diamond, red palm with tail, red, white and blue, silver strobing stars, golden palm (2), dragon eggs, and blue diamond. (Last tested in 1998)

Magnum Champagne

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4198, 4198A.

There are two versions of this item. BP4198A is a multi-tube fountain, lasting for about 90 seconds. It includes just about all the fountain effects currently on the market, all colors, crackle, whistles, etc. A very nice display. The other version, BP4198, starts as a fountain, just like the fountain-only version, but after the 90-second fountain it shoots up two artillery shells. Both have silver comet tails on the way up; one

ends in a multi-color break and the other ends in a break of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Magnum Flasher

Strobe. Black Cat brand, #BC-260. 21 seconds.

5 to the box. Normal-sized flashing strobe item, which gives intensely bright white flashes, starting about 2 per second and then speeding up as it goes. Each flash is distinct and separate at the beginning, then blending into almost a "vibrating" light by the end. (Last tested in 1998)

Magnum Popper

Toy Trick Noisemaker. brand, #0769.

Another pistol-shaped party popper. Questionable toy for kids. (Last tested in 1995)

Magnum Reloadable Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-270. 20 seconds.

A unique item, designed to look like a reloadable shell kit, with a tube and six cylinders. But they are fountains, not shells. You load one at a time in the tube, and light it. The box contains 2 of Silver Pearls, and one each of Gold Glittering, Red Pearls, Multi-color Sparks, and Crackles. Not particularly tall sprays but good effects, with lots of sparks in each one. The "Crackles" one gives intense crackle. They last about 20 seconds each. The sprays get taller towards the end. (Last tested in 2001)

Magnum Repeater

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BC-501. 5 shots, 33 seconds.

Could not find an item number. A large roman candle which starts with a crackling comet shot, then a dazzlingly bright white comet, then a green pearl which ends in two small reports, then another green pearl ending in 2 reports, then a crackling comet. It appears to me to be the exact same candle as Crazy Spades, which is one of the four candles in the Crazy Aces assortment described in PYRO #4. (Last tested in 1999)

Magpies

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #0192. 12 seconds.

We expected something special; nope, just 10 normal red and green stars shot out. (Last tested in 1995)

Main Event

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0332. 25 shots, 38 seconds.

Green shots that end in white whirlwinds. The one we tested came apart as it was firing, and shot at a variety of angles. Best to tape up this one tightly before using it. (Last tested in 2000)

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Majestic

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-AQ21-4. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

See description under "Brothers Choice." (Last tested in 2004)

Majestic

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF058. 77 seconds.

Starts with an excellent, forceful spray of white "flake" sparks mixed with blue sparks. Then changes to a spray of sparkling white sparks which is still forceful. Then changes to a spray of white flitter with some red and green sparks mixed in. Then a tall, forceful spray of white titanium sparks, which

gives way to a spray of pure crackle sparks, not the big crackle flower sparks but a sparkling crackle spray. I liked this one for the force that the sprays come out, really furiously rather than just casually flowing out. (Last tested in 2004)

Majestic Geysier

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-105. 61 seconds.

Beautiful colors including blue, which is always difficult to achieve. (Last tested in 1995)

Majestic Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0435. 19 shots, 21 seconds.

Alternates between crackling comets with green heads, and crackling comets with red heads. (Last tested in 2001)

Majestic Rainbow

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand. 71 seconds.

A fan-shaped fountain which gives 5 sprays of gold flitter. I don't know where the "rainbow" comes in because there were no colors other than gold. (Last tested in 2001)

Major Combat

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2122. 119 shots, 89 seconds.

This is the same item as "Task Force" - same brand, same item number, same performance - just an alternate name. Please see "Task Force" for a description. (Last tested in 2004)

Major Riot

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK625. 16 shots, 39 seconds.

The first shot is a very large gold chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a large silver chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a large blue peony break with lots of stars. The next shot is a break of crackle flowers. The above sequence is repeated three more times, with the last repetition being all four shots fired at once for a finale. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Malibu Madness

Base Fountain. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1998. 77 seconds.

Starts with a short whistle, then a bright silver flitter spray, then another whistle, and another, while the silver flitter continues, then it adds some crackle, then changes to a silver ball spray, then back to the silver flitter spray, another whistle, then adds crackle, and finishes with a whistle. (Last tested in 2000)

Mammoth Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-230. 54 seconds.

Big sparkling white spray, then adding a little bit of green and red, adding in some crackle, then changing to all crackle for the ending. (Last tested in 1999)

Mammoth Parade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2017. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

A small piece which sends up crackling, sizzling comets with bright white heads. (Last tested in 1999)

Mammoth Smoke

Smoke. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1217. 89 seconds.

All white smoke. Lots and lots of it. (Last tested in 2002)

Mammoth Smoke, 2-color

Smoke. Chu Feng brand. 108 seconds.

Rich yellow, to pale white. Lasts pretty long, however. (Last tested in 1995)

Man's Unexpected World

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1008. 106 seconds.

Starts with a very nice-looking mixture of blue sparks and white flitter sparks. Then changes to a silver spray, then a mixture of red, green and crackle. Then, a nice combination of red sparks with gold flitter sparks, with the red changing to blue. Then, a silver spray, then a mixture of red, green and crackle. Then a purple and gold spray, then a silver spray, then mixed red, green and crackle, then a silver spray, then back to the mixed red, green and crackle, then a nice red and gold spray, then white flitter spray, and finishing with big gold

crackle. Good combinations of colors, and the purple sparks are a rarity in consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2004)

Mandarin Duck, #2

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1018. 20 seconds.

Tall green flame, then soft gold spray, then furious red and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Mandarin Duck Bullet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

Big, authoritative red and green breaks, each with a couple of good reports. (Last tested in 1995)

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Mandarin Duck Disporting Water

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W616. 11 seconds.

Spins like a ground spinner with gold and green sparks, then 2 paper ducks pop up and drop out some flashing silver sparks. Apparently designed to float on water. (Last tested in 1995)

Mandarin Duck Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1055. 104 seconds.

A mix of red and green sparks with white flitter sparks starts it off. Then, a mixture of red sparks with flashing

white sparks. Then a mixture of red sparks and blue sparks - very nice to look at. Then a combination of crackle, red sparks and green sparks. Then all white crackle at the end. A good fountain, but the best part (the mixture of red and blue) was too short. (Last tested in 2004)

Maneating Bee

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1047. 31 seconds.

Comes in a box of 2. Starts with a spray of mostly silver, with some green flecks in it. Red flecks are added to the mix, then 4 short whistles go off one at a time, while the fountain continues. During the 4th whistle, the fountain changes to crackle spray and continues on for a few more seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Manhattan Crown Brocade, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-604.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. Produces a large gold willow break which sparkles as it spreads out. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Manhattan Lady

Skyrocket. brand, #CN0005.

Lascivious label artwork with a bare-breasted woman. Very long flight, then ended in green stars which burned all the way to the ground. (Last tested in 1999)

Manhattan Sunset

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0153. 20 shots, 23 seconds.

The manufacturer calls the breaks "brocade crown" and they basically are. The breaks contain stars that are gold but also have flashes of silver in them as they spread out. There are also blue stars mixed in with every break. The breaks tend to open upwards. The last 8 shots are fired in V shapes. (Last tested in 2005)

Marble City

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2456. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Five shots are fired in rapid succession in a fan shape, and they are sparkling silver comets. Then, five shots are fired

in a slower succession, in a fan shape in the other direction, and they go up and end in breaks of red glitter and silver glitter. Then, five shots are fired in rapid succession, in a fan shape in the other direction, and they are sparkling green comets. Then, five shots are fired in a slower succession, in a fan shape in the other direction, and they go up and end in breaks of green glitter and purple glitter. Then, five shots are fired in rapid succession, in a fan shape in the other direction, and they go up and end in red chrysanthemum breaks which also turn into crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

March of Comets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-070. 25 shots, 40 seconds.

Nice thick white comets with heads that sort of crackle and sizzle as they go up - not crackling tails, just the heads snap, crackle and pop, though not loudly. Not really a sound item, more for the comet effect. (Last tested in 1999)

Marching Cicada

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2010. 61 shots, 16 seconds.

Whistling comets turn into red and green floral breaks. Terrific mess. (Last tested in 1995)

Marine Corps USA

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0015. 28 shots, 85 seconds.

The first 7 shots are all the same: a gold comet with a red head goes up and breaks into a red chrysanthemum break with crackle mixed in. Then the next 6 shots are red pearls that go up and end in breaks of red peony stars with a larger amount of crackle. Then the next shot goes up as a red pearl then breaks into red peony breaks with slightly larger stars than before. Then a blue pearl which goes up and breaks into a good blue peony with lots of small stars. Then another red peony break, and another blue peony break, then another red one, and then a break which appears to be purplish-red stars, then another purplish-red break, then a red peony break with a small amount of dragon eggs, then another shot just like that one, then a crackling comet which becomes a blue break with some dragon eggs stars, then another shot just like that

one, then a third just like those. At the end, 3 shots are fired at the same time, each one giving a large break of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Marksman Mickey

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4048. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

Each shot is a color pearl that goes up and, on the way up, turns into a silver spinner, which then breaks hard into a multi-color peony. Terrific. Get it. (Last tested in 2004)

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Marooned!!

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2984. 12 shots, 37 seconds.

Each shot gives 2 chrysanthemum breaks, such as a red chrysanthemum and a blue one, or a red one and a green one, or a green one and a blue one. The final shot gives 2 crackle breaks. Very good quality breaks in this one. (Last tested in 2001)

Mars Attacks (2005)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2320. 20 shots, 33 seconds.

The first two shots are silver comets going up and breaking hard into green glitter breaks. The next two shots break into some interesting gold flake breaks,

that look like crackle, but don't make a sound at all. The next shot gives a crackle break. The next shot gives a red chrysanthemum break. The next shot gives a mixed color peony break. Then a green glitter break, a silver glitter break, another one of those gold flake breaks. Then what appears to be a silver flake break. Then a red chrysanthemum break, a mixed color peony break, a green glitter break, a silver glitter break, and a finale of 4 shots fired at once which makes a finale of a chrysanthemum break, a couple of peony breaks and a crackle break. Interesting effects and good timing and hard breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mars Attacks (original)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand. 25 shots, 48 seconds.

The first 5 shots are superb blue mines and superb blue breaks above them. GREAT start. Then the next 5 shots are white mines and white chrysanthemum breaks above them. The next 5 shots are green mines, with green chrysanthemum breaks above them. Then 5 shots of red mines with red chrysanthemum breaks above them. Finally the last 5 shots are fired all at once, and they are crackle mines with crackle breaks above them. A good cake, and the blue at the beginning is exceptional. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Mars Rocket

Skyrocket. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE2022.

This is a package of 4 different rockets. The red plastic caps on the fuses are a little bit hard to remove; see the method described under "Firedrake Rocket" for how to remove them. The four effects listed on the label are: silver tail to red coconut with crackling, silver tail to green coconut with crackling, silver tail to blue coconut with crackling, and silver tail to yellow coconut with crackling. The effects are pretty good, but I wish they broke harder. (Last tested in 2004)

Mars Tank

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5063. 7 shots, 32 seconds.

Every shot is a whistling silver comet, that actually produces three short, separate whistles as it flies. It spirals a little and may actually change directions

with each short whistle. The whistle sound is almost animal-like or like a large bird. Strange and interesting. (Last tested in 2000)

Mars Trotter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-295. 8 shots, 22 seconds.

Every shot is a very nice sparkling comet on the way up, ending in an unusual break which consists of silver glitter stars plus four large chrysanthemum stars - one each of red, green, gold and blue stars with silver trails behind them. Very nice looking breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Marsian Delight

Fountain/spinner combination. Brothers brand, #BP4154. 11 seconds.

Similar in performance to the Tasmanian Devil fountain of the Black Cat brand. In fact it might be the same exact thing. Starts as a red flame with silver spray, then changes to a short whistle, then 6 ground spinners pop out of it and spin for a few seconds in red and green. (Last tested in 1999)

Martian Meteorite

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2935. 12 shots, 16 seconds.

Each shot is a crackling comet that opens in an upward break, to color stars plus a few reports. The motion is always upward, making it look a little like elevated mines. (Last tested in 2000)

Martin Bombers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2001. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

Each shot is a silver pearl with some sparkling silver coming out of it on the way up, then it ends in a nice bright white chrysanthemum break. No sound effects, but pleasing to look at. (Last tested in 2000)

Mass Detonation

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-072. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

The first three shots are fired all at once and they all end in breaks of red peony stars mixed with green glitter stars. The next row of three shots is fired in a fan, and they all go up and end in breaks

which are mixtures of green peony stars plus a good amount of crackle. The next row of three shots is fired all at once in a fan, and they go up and end in silver glitter breaks. The next row of three shots is fired in a fan, and they go up and end in breaks which are a mixture of nice purple peony stars, mixed with green glitter stars. The next row of three is shot in a fan, and they go up and end in good breaks of purple and green peony stars plus some crackle. I am not certain if this cake fired all the shots it was supposed to, it seemed to end a little early and I only counted 15 shots on my video of it, so maybe the ending did not fire. But the purple stars in this one make it worth buying if you're looking

crackles, then flashing white spray and a short whistle, then silver spray, and flashing white spray. Lots of color changes keep it interesting. (Last tested in 2004)

Master of Orion

Display Firework (1.3G). Brothers brand, #BP8026. 71 seconds.

This item is classified as a 1.3G firework in the United States. A large, heavy cake with 36 relatively large tubes. Each shot goes up as a color pearl of either red, blue or green. Each shot ends in a break of color stars (mixed red, green and blue) plus a small titanium report in addition to the color break. Seems to go on forever. Superb quality. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Match Box

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4214. 19 seconds.

A beautiful blue flame with a silver spray, changing to a red flame with silver spray, then green flame with silver spray, then a bright silver shower ends it. Nice colors and height. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Matrix

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6093. 26 shots, 30 seconds.

Stars with a red pearl, a blue pearl, and a green pearl shot up one at a time. Then several green shots are fired rapidly, which go up and end in silver whirlwinds with small clusters of red glitter stars. Then several green shots are fired which end in clusters of crackle. Then several whistling shots are fired which go up and end in tiny amounts of crackle. Then several shots are fired rapidly which go up and end in peony breaks of red stars, peony breaks of blue, or breaks of green stars with faint gold trails, and the green stars give off a little crackle as they spread apart. Then 4 green shots are fired at once, which go up and end in green crossette breaks, and there is a break of crackle at the very end. (Last tested in 2004)

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for some good color in your show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Master of Magic

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1019. 139 seconds.

Bright white flashing spray, then silver spray with a short whistle, then big crackle sparks, then red, green and crackle mixed, then silver spray, then crackle, then red, then a short whistle, then purple sparks, then blue and purple, then silver spray, then green sparks, then mixed red, green and blue, a short whistle, then silver spray, then the big

Maverick Candle

Roman Candle, single. Maverick brand, #RC13. 10 shots, 26 seconds.

Pack of 6 candles contains two each of: Multi-color Stars; Crackling Comet; and Glittering Stars Candle. Each candle does exactly what it says. Basic effects; good quality. (Last tested in 1999)

Max Blast

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Rhino brand.

This is a shell kit which contains cylindrical shells similar to, if not exactly the same as, Rambo Kid shells from Beihai. It may be the same shells, just renamed. In any case, the effects are varied and excellent. There are color peonies, color chrysanthemums, crackle breaks, and color glitter breaks. Some have short comet tails on the way up, some do not. A good choice. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Max Performance

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-018. 30 shots, 54 seconds.

The first 5 shots are fired one at a time, and each one goes up and produce a large peony break of blue stars and glittering red stars. The next 5 shots are fired one at a time, and each one goes up and ends in a very interesting break. The break is a soft gold color, and when the break spreads out a bunch of soft gold flitter appears in the air with a very soft fluttering sound, not crackle but definitely a sound effect. I can't remember seeing that exact effect in any other firework and I don't know if it has an official name. I like the effect a lot though, it is subtle and a good contrast to the typical mayhem. The next 5 shots are fired one at a time, and each ends in a break which has a cluster of blue peony stars, a cluster of crackle, and a lot of red (or purplish-red) flying fish. Also nice. The next 5 shots are fired all at once, and they end in breaks which have clusters of blue peony stars, clusters of crackle, and a lot of green flying fish. The next 5 shots are fired all at once, and they end in breaks which have clusters of blue peony stars, clusters of crackle, and a lot of silver flying fish. The final group of 5 is fired all at once, and they go up and end in gold spider-web breaks and a good amount of crackle. All in all, an interesting and unusual collection of effects in one piece. (Last

tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Maximize

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM077. 21 shots, 20 seconds.

One shot which gives a green mine and a green and red peony break. Then 2 shots at once which give a green mine and 2 chrysanthemum breaks. Then 3 shots at once which give a green mine and green and red peony breaks. Then 4 shots at once which give a green mine and 4 mixed chrysanthemum breaks. Then 5 shots at once which give a green mine and red and green peony breaks. Finally, 6 shots at once which give a green mine and mixed color chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

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Maximum Altitude

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1212.

Impressive package design with large plastic heads, more or less egg-shaped black plastic. The pack includes four rockets, all of them different. They produce breaks of color and crackle which are basically the equivalent of small artillery shells (maybe 1-inch shells). A winner based on the package design and good enough performance. The package contains one each of: Blue Crackling Willow, Red and Green Crackling

Willow, Purple Willow, and Purple and Green Stars to Crackling Chrysanthemum. These are good performers. The plastic egg casing that they have is delicate, and may fall apart before you use the rocket, so handle these rockets carefully when storing or transporting them. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)(Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Maximum Load Artillery Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-684. 12 shots, 17 seconds.

This cake gave some very nice shots which were silver comets on the way up, ending in chrysanthemum breaks with crackle, or mixed color peony breaks, or crackle breaks. They all broke with a bang. One or two of the breaks were very low in the air, so this one may have had some problems with the lift charges. Hopefully the factory has corrected this in the meantime. If it works properly, it's a very good cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mean Green

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6034. 13 shots, 33 seconds.

Each shot produces a mine of green stars from the ground up, and a break above it a second later of mixed red and green stars plus a little crackle. Not especially big breaks, but interesting for the two-level display it produces, both at the ground and in the sky. (Last tested in 2001)

Mechanical Bug

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2838. 100 shots, 54 seconds.

This cake was originally called "Millennium Bug" but was renamed because another fireworks company got a trademark on the use of the word "millennium" in relation to fireworks. How stupid. Anyway, this is a fast-paced, action-packed show. It alternates between two types of shots: one goes up dark, then breaks open into blue stars and silver flying fish. The other type goes up whistling and crackling, then ends in a nice little report. These types alternate in groups of about 10 of each type, but the pacing is so fast that there is some overlap between the groups. The result is a lot of action and noise.

The only colors seen are blue and white.
(Last tested in 2000)

Mechanical Shark

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5049. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Each shot goes up and breaks into blue stars that change to red. There is also a small amount of crackle in each break.
(Last tested in 2001)

Medieval Delight

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. brand, #FN27. 36 seconds.

Made in Jiangmen, China, but I couldn't find any brand on it. Good multi-color sprays, six of them, one after the other.
(Last tested in 1999)

Medieval Fantasy

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dong Yang brand, #FN28. 132 seconds.

Dong Yang factory. Gold flitter with red; silver flitter with green; crackle with red, green and blue; and three whistles, one at a time throughout the performance. A good quality fountain.
(Last tested in 1996)

Medusa's Rocket

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-006. 8 rockets in a vinyl bag, four each of two different color labels.
(Last tested in 1999)

Mega California Torch Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Shogun brand, #FH29. 85 seconds.

Impressive package - this candle is 29 inches long and 2 inches in diameter! Everyone picks it up and wonders about it. The label promises 120 seconds of effects, but the one I tested only lasted for 85 seconds. The first 74 seconds were a red torch. Then it changed to a flashing silver spray for a few seconds, then a mixture of red, blue and green sparks for a few seconds, then a spray of silver crackle for a few seconds before ending. The problem here is that the red torch part is way too long. You get bored of just seeing that red flame. The packaging is excellent and the duration is long enough, even at 85 seconds. The performance should be changed, though, to include a wider variety of effects and more frequent changes of effect. That would make this item a winner.
(Last tested in 2004)

Mega Cycle

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7073. 15 seconds.

Runs forward and then backward while whistling, also puts out smoke!
(Last tested in 2000)

Mega Magnum Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Cannon brand, #Y25-036.

Nice comet tails on some shots, other shots end in small clusters of red or green stars, plus some silver flying fish. No sound effects.
(Last tested in 2001)

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Mega Signal

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK650. 12 shots, 40 seconds.

The first few shots go up as red pearls that break into large, round, red peony breaks with center "pistils" of silver glitter stars. Very nice to look at. The next few shots go up as silver pearls that break into large blue peony breaks with center "pistils" of silver glitter stars. The next few shots go up as red pearls that break into large green peony breaks with center "pistils" of silver glitter stars. The last few shots go up as red pearls that break into large purple peony breaks with center "pistils" of silver glitter stars. It's the center glitter stars which distinguish these breaks.
(Last tested in 2005)

Megaton Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3017. 37 shots, 15 seconds.

The first part is a rapid barrage of shots that go up and end in small clusters of orange stars or blue stars. The next part is a rapid series of screaming shots that go up and end in reports. The final part is a rapid series of shots that go up even further and end in silver whirlwinds. A good piece for a finale due to the very fast pace of the shots.
(Last tested in 2003)

Meltdown

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP2003. 101 seconds.

Starts with a silver shower, then changes to a mix of red and green, then to a tall silver spray with a short whistle. Then it's a mixture of blue sparks and big gold sparks. Then another tall silver spray with a short whistle, then a silver flashing spray. Then another silver spray with a short whistle, then a mix of red, green and crackle. This continues while another short whistle goes off.
(Last tested in 2003)

Mercedes

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. World Class Fireworks brand, #MWC0075. 59 seconds.

Starts with a mixed spray of red, green and blue sparks against a gold background spray. Then changes to a lot of silver crackle. Then a short whistle happens while the fountain is changing from the silver crackle to a spray of green flitter sparks. Then it crackles again briefly, and then the green flitter spray continues.
(Last tested in 2003)

Mercurial Bee

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5010. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Each shot is a spinning, whistling silver comet on the way up, that ends in a couple of firecracker reports.
(Last tested in 2001)

Mercury Action

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5005. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

Alternates between white chrysanthemum breaks (almost "palm trees") which end in clusters of crackle at the tips, and red peony breaks which end in

small clusters of crackle at each star. Interesting. (Last tested in 2001)

Mercury Rising

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BCSF-202. 73 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Starts as a brilliant orange and red spray, then changes to a bright red spray, with some purplish sparks mixed in. Then back to the orange and red spray. Definitely represents "heat" in this series. (Last tested in 2004)

Message in the Wind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2925. 19 shots, 61 seconds.

Each shot whistles on the way up and sort of spins or vibrates as it is going up, giving an unusual sound. Each shot ends in a cluster of crackle. No colors, this is a sound item. Amazingly long lasting for a 19-shot cake. (Last tested in 2001)

Messenger of Wind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2925. 19 shots, 49 seconds.

Each shot goes up with a "whooshing" wind sound, sort of like the sound of a jet that passes you quickly. Then the shot ends with a short whistle and a cluster of sizzling white stars, not exactly crackle, but a sizzling sound. No colors, this is a sound-effect item. (Last tested in 2000)

Metal Dino

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P9000. 29 shots, 48 seconds.

Alternates between red and white chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2001)

Metallic Scorpion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5043. 20 shots, 53 seconds.

Each shot goes up and breaks into a mixed color break, with a couple of reports in it and also a small amount of silver flying fish. Long-lasting cake. (Last tested in 2001)

Meteor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L959. 19 shots, 19 seconds.

Ascending dark, to thin, bright white breaks. Low-altitude problem. (Last tested in 1995)

Meteoric Shower, #5

Single-tube Aerial. New Jersey brand.

Mine-type. Only reached about 12 feet high. Almost no color at all. (Last tested in 1995)

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Meteorite

Crackling Item. Phantom brand, #M-046.

Something brand new to the consumer market. It looks like a Hershey's Kiss, with a firecracker sticking out of it. Light it and you'll first get a tiny fountain of silver sparks, followed by a loud burst of crackle. Four per box. (Last tested in 1996)

Meteorite Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0166. 30 shots, 29 seconds.

Fires the shots in groups of 3, in fan shapes. Each group of 3 shots consists of 4 or 5 bright red pearls, that go up and become silver spinners (whirlwinds). So each fan has about 12 to 15

red pearls going up and ending in silver spinners. There are 10 repetitions of this fan, so the entire cake contains approximately 120 to 150 silver whirlwinds. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2005)

Mezz-Merre

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-091. 16 seconds.

I apologize for not having the number. Nine shots, all with the same beautiful effect. Glittering, softly crackling gold elevated mines, with clusters of blue stars at their centers. It's gorgeous. (Last tested in 1996)

Mezzmerre

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-040. 25 shots, 27 seconds.

This cake fires all shots in a Z pattern. Each shot is a nice gold comet with sparkling silver along its length. The shots go up and break into color peony breaks or color glitter breaks. The fourth row of shots produces mines of blue stars plus breaks of blue stars. The last row produces crackle breaks. I liked this one a lot. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mi Mi

Ground Spinner. Angel brand, #O728. 7 seconds.

A tiny ground spinner, which is a coiled tube of paper packed with powder. It spins with a gold spray for only a few seconds. Not that impressive, when you're used to seeing bigger and more colorful ground spinners. But, you could entertain some kids for a while by lighting them in groups (the spinners, not the kids). (Last tested in 1998)

Miami Nights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2191. 9 shots, 20 seconds.

First shot is a crackling comet on the way up, which ends in a red chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle. The next shot is a crackling comet on the way up, which ends in a green chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle. The next shot is a crackling comet on the way up, which ends in a blue chrysanthemum break that ends in crackle. The above sequence then repeats two more times. (Last tested in 2005)

Mid-Night Surprise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-063. 10 shots, 24 seconds.

Starts as a small fountain of mixed colors plus crackle. Then each of the 10 outer tubes shoots up and give a nice snappy report in the air. Nice little item! (Last tested in 1998)

Midnight Dawn

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2974. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is a green pearl straight up, ending in a silver whirlwind. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, and they are crackling comets that end in breaks of crackle. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, and they are green pearls that end in silver whirlwinds. Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, and they are crackling comets that end in breaks of crackle. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, and they are green pearls that end in silver whirlwinds. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan, and they are crackling comets that end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Midnight Finale, #200

Single-tube Aerial. brand.

Whistles on the way up to a very bright red peony-type break. (Last tested in 1995)

Midnight Hunter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2761. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

Bright white comets, that go up and end in small single-color clusters of stars, and about 5 crackers. The color of the clusters alternates between red, green and blue. (Last tested in 1999)

Midnight Madness

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Famous Herbie brand. 23 shots, 20 seconds.

All shots go up as crackling comets, then turn into either a red or green pearl, which then proceeds to blow apart into a small titanium report. Pretty good! (Last tested in 2000)

Midnight Madness

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2900. 12 shots,

Each shot goes up as either a red or green pearl, and ends in a small titanium report with a splatter of white sparks. (Last tested in 2004)

Midnight Mirage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #K1325L. 29 seconds.

Jiangxi. Don't be fooled - it looks like a repeating aerial display, but it's a fountain. Deceptive packaging. (Last tested in 1996)

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Midnight Monsoon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-229. 19 shots, 35 seconds.

A beautiful show that alternates between two types of shots. One type is a crackling gold comet; the other is a shot that goes up dark and then breaks open into a huge gold willow break, with long, drooping trails, very reminiscent of the "kamuro" effect seen in large professional displays. Use this one towards the end of your show - even though it is not the loudest cake on the market, it is still very much a "wow" item. Seems a little less impressive in 2001 than the original version of 3 years ago, but still nice. (Last tested in 2001)

Midnight Rider

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2926. 16 shots,

I liked the effects in this one very much. Each shot goes up and breaks into a dragon eggs break (spreading out while continuing to spread) with some blue stars mixed into the break. (Last tested in 2004)

Midnight Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0306-19. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

Shots start promising - a brilliant red pearl with a gold comet trailing from it as it goes up. But they end poorly, with pathetic small breaks of glitter stars or a few firecracker reports - but no thunder. Wholly inadequate for midnight on New Year's Eve. (Last tested in 1997)

Midnight Zapper

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-503. 5 shots, 15 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Five terrific shots which are all the same: a crackling comet with a bright green head. Loud crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Midnite Bonfire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK616. 16 shots, 9 seconds.

Originally tested in 2001. Fast-paced shots which go up and come apart into mixed red and green breaks of differing shapes and angles. One unit by itself is not impressive, but a whole line of these lit at once would be a nice sight. No sound effects. Tested again in 2004, and it was different. Each shot is a yellow pearl that goes up and breaks into a peony break of purple, yellow and glittering green stars. I believe this cake is the same one sold as "Hip Hip Hurray" in another brand. In this one, the last 4 shots are fired at once. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Mighty Cobra

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #SM2006. 19 shots, 11 seconds.

Big comets with terrific crackling heads. Over too fast, however. Some units seem to last longer than others. (Last tested in 1995)

Mighty Mite

Firecracker. brand.

Remarkably loud for a 1-inch cracker. (Last tested in 1997)

Mighty Rivers

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP-A034-2. 32 shots, 43 seconds.

Part of the "Homeland Trio" assortment. See under "Homeland Trio" for a description of this cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Mighty Warrior

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire

Hawk brand. 56 seconds.

All shots are whistling comets that go up and end in clusters of crackle and a report. No color, it is a noise item. (Last tested in 2002)

Military Smoke

Smoke. Longhorn brand. 92 seconds.

Puts out a lot of smoke, for a long time, but it's only white smoke. The device looks like a huge firecracker. You could play a great joke on someone, by removing the label and painting the thing red! (Last tested in 1996)

Millennium 4000 rockets

Display Firework (1.3G). Vulcan brand, #R4000.

I have seen these being demonstrated at the conventions. They are the largest and best skyrockets I have seen so far. They were designed to be sold in some European markets where rockets can be much larger than in the U.S. Only licensed professionals with the proper ATFE permits can buy these within the United States. These rockets are very large and expensive. The effects are complex and sophisticated, equal in performance to many 3 or 4 inch display shells. For example, one rocket may go up and break into a nice break of blue stars, then when you think that's it, each of those blue stars breaks into a smaller break of blue stars - a true "shell of shells" effect. Or, another rocket may break into bright red stars, and then eventually each of those red stars ends in a nice loud report - dozens of reports in fact. A third one broke into a large silver chrysanthemum whose tips turned into green stars. These are fantastic rockets. Sadly though the U.S. laws allow them to be sold only to buy-

ers who have the ATFE permit. (Last tested in 2002)

Millennium Bag

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP-A009.

This is an assortment of fireworks in a clear vinyl bag with handles. Includes one each of the two 2000 fountains, and one each of Millennium Festival, Millennium Bug, Beyond 2000 and Voices of Century. Also includes 2 pieces of the Bridal Chair novelty, which is described in PYRO #7, on page 17. If you find this assortment, get at least 2 of them - one to use and one to save, because it is sure to become a collector's item. (Last tested in 1999)

Millennium Festival

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2815. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

Each shot goes up with a nice bright white comet tail, then breaks open into a mixed red, blue, green and crackle break. Starts out shooting the shots about 2 seconds apart. Towards the end, the shots start coming much faster, even in groups of 2 or 3 shots at once - a built-in finale. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Mine of Serpents

Mine. Black Cat brand, #BC-642. 16 seconds.

Label indicates that it has a height of 15 feet and a spread of 20 feet. Label also says, "This firework is a mine not a fountain and special precautions should be taken for its use. This mine will begin with a subdued shower of sparks and will end in a magnificent display of color and sound. You must make sure that you have plenty of area that is clear of spectators, buildings and overhangs." Indeed, it is a small fountain of red, green and silver sparks for most of the performance. Then at the end, it suddenly blasts out a group of about 8 or 9 whistling comets that fly up and away, but are short lived. (Last tested in 2000)

Mine Sweeper

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand. 45 seconds.

A variety of mine effects. The first shot gives a blast of reports in the air. The next shot gives a group of screaming silver comets that end in small reports. The next shot gives a mine of "hummers" or something similar to them, they give off a sound on the way up like air being let out of a tire. Next shot is a bright silver comet with a brilliant red head, and a few reports going off alongside it on the way up. Next shot is the same thing except the head is brilliant green. Next shot is the same except the head is gold. Next shot is the same except the head is blue. Then a mine of crackling comets. Then a shot which goes up dark and breaks into a peony break of red stars with silver glitter. Then a shot which goes up dark and breaks into a peony break of blue stars with silver glitter. Then a shot which goes up dark and breaks into a peony break of red stars with silver glitter. Then a break which is a red chrysanthemum

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Millennium Bug

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2838. 100 shots, 54 seconds.

Since it first came out in 1999, this cake has been renamed "Mechanical Bug," I'm guessing because another fireworks company got a trademark on the word "millennium" when used in connection with fireworks. Please see "Mechanical Bug" for a description. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

mum. Then a blue chrysanthemum, then a green chrysanthemum. Then another red one and another blue one. Then 3 shots fired at once, one of which gives a break of 5 or 6 big red stars and crackle mixed in. Another one is a break of 5 or 6 big green stars and crackle mixed in. The third is an all-crackle break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Minelayer Mishap

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2906. 24 shots,
37 seconds.

Starts with bright red pearls which open into big white whirlwinds with reports in them, then some green pearls which open into big white whirlwinds with reports in them, then some blue pearls which open into big white whirlwinds with reports in them. Each of these colors are shot in individual shots, then in a fan shape. (Last tested in 2001)

Mineshell Mayhem

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-016. 16 shots,
29 seconds.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. This is a spectacular and dazzling piece, the best new all-mine cake since "Beyond Reality" and one of the top new items for 2004, in my opinion. Every shot is a mine (a blast of stars and effects from the ground up) and there are no shells. The tubes in this one are set at angles, so each mine is fired at a slightly different angle from the previous one. The first mine has a whole bunch of crackle and includes red and green stars that go a little above the crackle. The crackle itself sparkles quite a bit too. The next shot is similar but blue stars replace the red and green, and the angle is slightly different. Still plenty of crackle. The next shot is similar, but bright gold stars replace the blue, and again the angle is slightly different, and there is lots of crackle. Then another shot, which either white stars or very pale green stars replace the previous colors, and lots of crackle is included. Then about 4 shots fired rapidly, not at the same instant but in a rapid sequence, and they are mixed color stars and plenty of crackle. The angle for each one is slightly different from the previous, so you get a wide swath of crackle and color stars. Then the entire sequence described above is

repeated. This cake had me spellbound. You will probably want to fire this item by itself, and not try to mix any other items with it at the same time. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Mini Cone

Cone Fountain. Black Cat brand,
#BC-275. 16 seconds.

A very small cone about 2.5 inches tall. But surprisingly, puts out a lot of sparks for such a small piece. A red flame at the bottom, with a tall spray of silver sparks above it. (Last tested in 2000)

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Mini Geyser

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand,
#BC-246. 12 seconds.

Four to the box. Similar to "Meteorite" in the Phantom brand and "Solar Flares" in the TNT brand. Gives a small white fountain and then ends with a cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Mini Green Hornet

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand,
#BC-920.

A green plastic ring with the spinner in the center. Flies up and gives off silver sparks and some crackers. Good little one. (Last tested in 2003)

Mini Howitzer

Reloadable Shell Kit. Cannon brand,
#Y23-236.

This is a very small shell kit, with 10 assorted shells and one launching tube. The shells are one inch in diameter at their widest point, and two inches tall in total. Obviously, they cannot be used in standard 1.75-inch mortars. They are individually labeled, with names such as "Red to Crackling," "Blue to Crackling," "Red Peony," "White Peony," "Green Peony," "Yellow Peony," "Blue Peony," "Variegated Peony," "Silver Glittering," and "Crackling." Each shell flies up about 50 to 75 feet up and breaks open into the named colors. Breaks are not completely symmetrical, there are some lopsided breaks and some gaps where there are no stars, but this is often to be expected from such small shells with so few stars per shell. But for their size and price, they perform well. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Mini Mag

Reloadable Shell Kit. Winco brand,
#MEJP-622.

Box of 12 tiny cylindrical shells and two tiny tubes. (Last tested in 2001)

Mini Monster

Base Fountain. Monster brand,
#CP409. 19 seconds.

Fiercely bright red flame with thin gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Mini Pyro

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2040. 54 seconds.

Starts with a blue fountain, then a red fountain, then a silver whistle, then a blast of crackle, then a green and silver whistle, then a blast of crackle, then a silver whistle, then a blast of crackle. Then it repeats this sequence twice more. (Last tested in 2002)

Mini Stepper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0168. 105
shots, 31 seconds.

This cake has the "look and feel" of a 500-gram cake but it has only 200 grams of powder in it. The shots are fired rapidly in a "zig-zag" pattern, starting at one end of the first row, going down that row, and back the other way on the next row, and so on. The shots are basically color pearls, first red, then green, then blue, then gold,

then silver, and then purple. The last couple of rows also include firecrackers that go off in the air along with the color pearls. No color breaks, but it has the zig-zag pattern that some 500-gram cakes have. (Last tested in 2005)

Mirage 4000

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4030B. 16 shots, 22 seconds.

Every shot is a green pearl that goes up and splits into 4 or 5 green pearls. This would be considered a "crossette" effect. Speeds up for the last 5 or 6 shots. (Last tested in 2004)

Missile Base

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7715C. 36 shots, 24 seconds.

Similar to Saturn Missiles Battery. Barrage of screaming gold shots. (Last tested in 1995)

Missile Base

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3064. 12 shots, 30 seconds.

It's basically 12 rockets on a tray, fired one by one. Very high shelf appeal. The rockets are fired at exactly the right pace. Each rocket goes up with a silver comet tail behind it. The breaks are the end of the flights are very small, unimpressive clusters of color stars or crackle. (But most rockets give unimpressive breaks anyway, so this is typical.) The loud "whoosh" sound that each rocket gives as it is flying up is part of the show too. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Missile Defense Shield

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2015. 39 seconds.

Starts with a green fountain, which changes to silver flitter spray, then a crackle spray, then one crackling comet it shot up, then a mine of crackle, then two whistling rockets take off, each ending in a report. This item is hard to classify because it includes four major types of firework: fountain, comet, mine and rocket. So if you're on a limited budget, you can get a whole miniature fireworks show just by buying this one item. (Last tested in 2002)

Missile Group

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO020. 25 shots, 53 seconds.

Eye-catching package design, with 25 black "rockets" set at slight angles from each other. Attractive shelf appeal. Each shot is fired one by one, and goes up in the sky at a slightly different angle from the last shot. The first 5 shots each produce a small gold mine topped by a large gold willow break. The next 5 each produce a small red mine topped by a red peony break. The next 5 shots each produce a small gold mine topped by a crackle break. The next 5 are shot all at once in a fan shape, producing small gold mines topped by large gold willow

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breaks. The final 5 are shot all at once, producing small gold mines topped by 5 peony breaks of red and green. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Missite Single Shot

Single-tube Aerial. Link Triad brand. yes, Missite. It's a shell, not a "missite" (missile?). Nice crackling comet, that breaks into decent red and green stars about 50 feet up. (Last tested in 1996)

Missouri

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7013.

You would think it was designed to float on water, but it has wheels on the underside, so it can work on solid ground. As with all novelties that have wheels, it works best on a hard, flat, level, smooth surface such as concrete. Notice the American flag on the boat. The boat rolls forward with a whistle, then shoots sparks out of the guns in the front, and the round piece near the front spins with sparks, then a "flag-pole" sticks up, holding the American flag about 10 inches up. Wow - now that's a performing boat! (Last tested in 1999)

Mobile Mission Control

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7089. 44 seconds.

It's a platform with a 16-shot aerial cake built into it, and two flying spinners attached, and several fountain jets around the sides, pointing up at angles. First the 16-shot cake goes off, and it gives red and green pearl shots, and then crackling shots. Then the two flying spinners take off, one at a time, but close together. Finally it sprays silver and colors from one end, then from the other end, and the spray from that end suddenly makes the whole thing move forward in a curve. It completes a couple of curves and that's the end. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Molotov Cocktail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-133. 19 shots, 19 seconds.

A big-ticket item at \$29.95. The first two shots gave stupendous bursts of big crackles. Then a few shots were devoted to thick, wide white comets, which ended in nice clusters of crackle. Then a few more shots of big loud breaks of crackle, with some long-lasting green stars drifting downward. It seemed over with way too soon, but the spectators cheered wildly. (Last tested in 1998)

Monarch of the Forest

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4036. 119 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red sparks against a gold background spray. Then green sparks are added, and it's a mixture of

red and green. Then flashing silver sparks are added. Then the red sparks and silver flashing sparks stop, and big gold crackle is added. So it's a mixture of big green sparks and big gold crackle. The green sparks end and blue sparks are added, so it's a mixture of blue sparks and big gold crackle. Very appealing. Then the blue sparks continue while a short silver whistle happens. Then it is a mixture of red, blue and green sparks, all of which have good, deep rich color. Then it becomes a mixture of green sparks and flashing silver sparks. Then a moderate amount of gold crackle is added, not intense but just an accent. Then it becomes a mix of red sparks, green sparks and gold crackle. Then blue is added so it's a mix of red, green and blue sparks with gold crackle. The crackle stops and is replaced with softer gold flitter sparks. Then it's back to the red, green and blue mix with gold crackle. This fountain goes on for just under 2 minutes and the colors and effects are almost constantly changing. (Last tested in 2003)

Mongol's Campfire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #F813. 126 seconds.

Bright red spray, then adding flashing white lights, then a silver whistle, then bright green and white spray, then another whistle, then a red, green and crackle spray, then (Last tested in 2000)

Monitor Meltdown

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4188. 140 seconds.

Green flitter spray, to red flitter spray, to a bright white flitter spray, to crackle spray, to a multi-color spray, then a silver whistle, then green flitter, then red flitter, then bright white, then crackle, then multi-color, then silver whistle, then a bright white shower, then multi-color, then bright white, then a silver whistle ends it. At some times, it is not very tall. (Last tested in 2002)

Monkey Business

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4225. 82 seconds.

Begins with a nice spray of red sparks mixed with blue sparks. Then changes to a gold flitter spray with red sparks. Then a silver whistle. Then more gold flitter with red, then a silver whistle,

then even more gold flitter with red, and it's more intense now, then just gold crackle only, and a silver whistle, then gold sparks with blue, then gold crackle with blue, then loud silver crackle with red. It's a good one. (Last tested in 2004)

Monster Boxer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Monster brand, #CP548. 7 shots, 20 seconds.

Bright silver comets on the way up, which open quietly into pleasing umbrella-shaped breaks of mixed colors, with one or two crackling comets coming out of each break. Star colors are red, blue and green in every break.

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Impressive shots, but I wished there were nineteen of them, not just seven! (Last tested in 1997)

Monster King

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2803. 17 seconds.

Each shot opens into a white buzzing spinner which flies away at some angle. The sound effect of the buzzing spinner is the main interest here. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Monster Parade

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Monster brand, #CP241. 53 seconds.

Five multi-color fountains and four brief silver whistling fountains. (Last tested in 1995)

Monster Snaps

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Monster brand, #CP407.

Terrific "Rat Fink"-style artwork on two different boxes. Regular snappers inside. (Last tested in 1995)

Monster Trio

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Monster brand, #CP432. 93 seconds.

Low-altitude fountain with abundant crackle, then gets taller and fuller with even more crackle. Satisfying duration. (Last tested in 1996)

Moody Blues

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2350.

Shoots up a single shell that breaks open into a palm tree shape, silver branches with blue tips, and one white star that flies further than the rest. (Last tested in 2000)

Moon Cake Canton

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM0302. 152 shots, 28 seconds.

An exotic, romantic name for what turns out to be a fast and furious barrage of red and green pearls. 152 shots are dispensed at the rate of more than 5 per second. No sound effects. In 2004, this one included whistles on the way up and crackle on the way up as well as color. (Last tested in 2004)

Moon Cake Peking

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM0303. 73 shots, 18 seconds.

Groups of comets with white strobing heads, that also carry some reports with them. Shot in groups rather than one long series. Not that impressive. (Last tested in 1999)

Moon Cake Shanghai

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM0301. 152 shots, 38 seconds.

Assortment of red, green or blue roman candle-type pearls, with thin gold trails. Some of them end in a few crackers.

Uneven timing. Dull. (Last tested in 1998)

Moon Cake Taipei

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM0304. 73 shots, 30 seconds.

Green or red heads with thin trails. A few of them also bring up small crackers which go off in the air. There are some shots which are whistling silver spinners with no color. (Last tested in 1999)

Moon Comers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2607. 91 shots, 40 seconds.

Ninety-one shots of whistling red and green pearls. Very loud. (Last tested in 1995)

Moon Coronal

Saxon. Red Lantern brand, #0115. 24 seconds.

Highly unusual shape and construction. Beautiful rings of color. May be hard to find now, but it's worth seeking out. (A "saxon" is a type of wheel that is shaped like a stick or tube, rather than a round wheel, and shoots out sparks from one or both ends, causing it to spin around the center.) (Last tested in 1995)

Moon Devil

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2608. 37 shots, 43 seconds.

Whistles, spinners and comets. Dazzling show. (Last tested in 1995)

Moon Flitting Phoenix

Helicopter

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4401. 5 seconds.

Rare. Much louder than Colourful Bird, with more sparks as well. Whistles as it takes off at high speed. (Last tested in 1995)

Moon Goddess

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1187.

A bag of 4 rockets, with 26-inch sticks. They are unusually shaped, with plastic bodies. Terrific "shelf appeal," due to the unique shape and bright green and yellow colors. All whistle on the way up, then end in either crackle, green stars, silver strobe stars or multi-color stars. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 1999)

Moon Lander

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5027. 5 seconds.

Flies up while whistling, and ejects a few reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Moon Light, Fire Bright

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2996. 96 shots, 36 seconds.

Color pearls shot up at angles, a red group, a green group, a white group, a blue group, then a gold group. Then, a lot of color pearls shot up that open into small clusters of color stars. Then, a bunch of white comets, some with green heads, are shot up while reports

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appear in the air at about half the height that the comets go to - not sure where these reports came out of. Then a bunch of crackling comets, then a group of white comets that end in flying fish. Then red pearls that end in red stars, and finally a fan-shaped group of crackling comets that end in a little bit of flying fish. Everything here is shot at angles, nothing goes straight up. (Last tested in 2002)

Moon Rally

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #WPP-602. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

No brand shown. Each shot goes up with some crackle and some sparkling

white sparks. Then it breaks open into a small cluster of white trails, like a chrysanthemum burst without the leading stars, and a whistling projectile, which produces the same weird whistling sound as heard in Killer Alligator and The Beast. A lot of action for a small piece. (Last tested in 1999)

Moon & Stars

Wheel. Po Sing brand, #PS396. 18 seconds.

Brilliant red circle of flames with thin silvery spray around outside. (Last tested in 1995)

Moon Tower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2768-2. 25 shots, 40 seconds.

In this one, the shots go up whistling and crackling at the same time - whistling at two different pitches. They turn into red or green at the end, but don't break. (Last tested in 1999)

Moon Travel Barrage

Bottle Rocket. Red Lantern brand.

Assembled into a pack of 12 and fused together to all go at once! (Last tested in 1995)

Moondance

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-091. 41 seconds.

Same as Purple Rain fountain. Blue and gold spray, white flutter spray, then profuse crackle spray. Excellent. First tested in 1996 when it lasted 31 seconds for me - and tested again in 2003, and it lasted 41 seconds! Still just as good; the blue stars at the beginning are nice and the crackle at the end is loud. (Last tested in 2003)

Moontop with Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L916. 36 shots, 40 seconds.

Dumb label, but lots of action in this one. Satisfying duration. Red, green and white breaks, whistles and crackle too. Nice. (Last tested in 1995)

Moonshine Cocktail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0346. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

All shots are screaming white comets, that end in small clusters of crackle. Some of the shots also eject a single red

star that darts away, but otherwise there is no color. It's mainly a sound effect item. (Last tested in 2000)

Moonwalk

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L974. 81 shots, 149 seconds.

Label erroneously says 16 shot. Not based on the Michael Jackson dance step of the same name, this is a series of 81 small red and green breaks with reports. It's the longest lasting repeater I have tested - hell, it lasted almost as long as Jackson's marriage to Lisa-Marie! (Last tested in 1996)

Moonwalker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2148. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

A sound-effect cake. Each shot goes up with a rough, wind-like sound, and it spins as it's going up, giving the sound a vibrating quality. There is a steady stream of silver sparks coming out of it at the same time. The shot ends with a very short, high-pitched whistle and a small cluster of small firecrackers. (Last tested in 1999)

Morning Glories

Sparkler. Red Lantern brand, #0981. 45 seconds.

The wooden sparkler called Morning Glories (Red Lantern brand, #0981) has been an outstanding buy, not only for its terrific effects, but for the low price-per-sparkler. Lasting about 45 seconds, with gold spray changing to a red flame, then to a thin gold spray with snapping white sparks, to a final white "snow fall" effect. It saddens me to report that the latest box of Morning Glories I bought are much weaker. They still last the same amount of time, but the red flame is a washed-out pink, the snapping white sparks are fewer in number, and the snow fall effect is less intense. Still worth buying, but not as good as when it first came out. Gold shower, to red flame, to snapping white sparks, to white snow fall. Long-lasting and cheap. In the 1980s, this was a high-quality sparkler. I wish I had bought cases and cases of it around 1985. It steadily declined in quality throughout the 1990s and it is not really worth buying any more, unless you can get it at a rock-bottom price - and even then it's a disappointment if you saw it in the 1980s. I keep hoping some manufactur-

er will take up the cause and make this item really good again. (Last tested in 1997)

Morning Glories, giant

Sparkler. Red Lantern brand, #O981-36. 89 seconds.

They are made in Hunan, China, so I assume they are Red Lantern brand. There are two types of giant-size Morning Glories that I have seen. Both are 36 inches long including the length of the stick. One had about 25 inches of sparkler, and burned just like a regular Morning Glories (O981) except every stage lasted about twice as long. The others here have about 14 1/2 inches of sparkler, but they are fatter than any

Morning Glory sparklers, they are worth seeking out. (Last tested in 2005)

Morning Star

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-2420. 20 shots, 74 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a strobing green pearl, then ends in a gold willow break with green sparkle along the gold trails. The next shot goes up as a strobing green pearl and ends in a large, very pale blue peony break. The next shot is a strobing gold pearl on the way up, ending in a break of gold glitter. These three shots alternate with each other until the end of the cake. All of the shots are good, but the pale blue stars are very unusual, I can't remember seeing that shade of blue stars before. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mortal Danger

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2188. 37 shots, 45 seconds.

This is a circular-shaped piece which fires shots at angles all around the circle. First it sends up about 6 shots straight up, almost all at the same time, which are silver comets with very bright red heads. Then, 3 shots are fired in a fan all at once, which are silver comets with red heads, that go up and break into red peony breaks which also have crackle mixed in. Before those are even done, another fan of 3 shots is fired, which go up as comets with red heads and break into red "falling leaves" breaks that also have some crackle. Then another red-headed comet goes up and ends in a sparkling willow break with red tips. Then a green-headed comet, at a slightly different angle, goes up and ends in a sparkling willow break with green tips. Then a yellow-headed comet, at a slightly different angle, goes up and ends in a dragon eggs break. This series of 3 is repeated three more times. Each of these shots is at a slightly different angle from the last, breaking at a different point along an imaginary circle in the sky. The total area of the sky that is covered little by little is huge - the distance between the breaks on one side and the other side is remarkable. Then, the last 10 or so shots are fired in a very rapid succession, and around the circle. These shots are all silver comets with bright red heads, which go up and break into a finale of

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other Morning Glory I have seen. They come in bundles of 6, just like the regular Morning Glories. These are Great Grizzly brand, #GG5004. Both are excellent and perform like real Morning Glories should. (Last tested in 1999)

Morning Glory

Sparkler. Lightning Bolt brand. 38 seconds.

This is an unusual Morning Glory-type sparkler, because these have both a red flame, and later a green flame, in one sparkler. Most Morning Glory sparklers have only the red flame. If you can buy these separately rather than in an assortment, and you are really into

willow breaks with color tips. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mortar Load Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-080. 3439 seconds.

This kit contains six individual separate fountains and one "mortar" similar to one that you would launch shells out of. However, this mortar has a paper disc in it about 3-1/2 inches down from the top, held in place with a couple of small nails. You insert one of the individual cylinder fountains into the top of this tube, light it, and when it's done, dump it out and insert another one. The tube has a plastic base, and in the kit I got, the base was not glued to the tube, so you might want to glue the tube into it before using it. The six fountains included are: Blue Pearls; Green & Yellow Pearls; Red, White and Blue Pearls; Silver Pearls with Crackles; Red & White Stars and White Chrysanthemum. The fountains are not individually marked as to which is which, so you won't know which one you are lighting next until you actually light it. But I guess the surprise is part of the fun of it. Each of these cylinders has 3 tubes in it, so you get either 2 or 3 effects from each cylinder - more than just what is named on the box. For example, one of them starts with a nice spray of blue sparks against a background of soft gold sparks, then after 27 seconds of that, changes to a silver crackle spray for 11 more seconds. Another one starts with a gold flitter spray for about 12 seconds, then changes to a thick spray of silver sparks for about 10 seconds, then to a mixture of red, blue, green and crackle for another 12 seconds. Another one produces red and green sparks with silver flashes for about 26 seconds, then changes to a good crackle spray for another 13 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Mortar Reloadable Fountain

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1061. 21 seconds.

This is a kit with one mortar tube and 6 different cartridges that you load into the tube one at a time, and each cartridge is a fountain. The fountains are pretty good, each one giving 3 effects, for example: strobing flame, to silver spray to crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Mosaic

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0747. 30 shots, 27 seconds.

The first 5 shots go up as gold comets, which break open into silver flying fish. Then a whole bunch of shots go up as crackling comets that end up as crackle breaks. Then the last 10 shots are fired in 2 groups of 5 simultaneous shots each, and each shot is a red pearl that ends in a mixed break of red and green. Good variety in one piece. (Last tested in 2001)

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Mount Everest

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-073. 103 seconds.

Starts with a bright green spray, then changes to a mix of blue sparks with silver flitter sparks, then changes to a mixture of bright red sparks with fairly intense gold crackle, then to a gold flitter spray, then to a shower of soft silver sparks with a red flame at the base, then a mix of blue sparks and gold crackle. Then there is a short silver whistle, followed by a very bright green spray with fairly intense silver crackle. Then it becomes a mixture of red sparks with huge gold crackle sparks. Then some blue spray is added to that mixture. Long lasting and interesting effects. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mountain Flowers in Full Bloom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2033. 90 shots, 48 seconds.

Large chrysanthemum breaks, and lots of them. Good finale item. Quality varies from year to year, though. (Last tested in 1995)

Mountain Fountains

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0278. 25 seconds.

Box of 4 base fountains, 9 inches tall. Sierra, with red and green stars mixed in with the silver spray; Rockies, green spray changing to white flitter spray; Andes, green spray with white flitter; and the best one, Alps, a terrific all-crackle fountain. (Last tested in 1999)

Mountain Spring Waterfall

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O658. 15 seconds.

Gobs of white "popcorn" sparks with abundant crackling sounds. Nice effect. (Last tested in 1995)

Movie

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-2095. 62 seconds.

I'm not sure quite how to classify this one; there has never been anything like it in consumer fireworks. Mostly it's a fountain, but it's on a triangular base that allows it to spin. It starts by sending a shower of bright red and very bright white flitter sparks from one of the fountain tubes on it. Then the next fountain tube, at one of the other corners, gives a spray of blue, green and red sparks and silver flitter - also very bright. Then the final fountain tube, on the last of the 3 corners, which gives a green, blue and silver spray. Up to this point it was just a fountain, but here it gets interesting. There are transparent windows on the 3 sides of the piece, and after the fountains stop, there are flares inside which light up, and you see the light through the transparent windows. The flares inside give strobing light, mimicking the flicker of old movies. And if that wasn't enough, suddenly three jets on the outside of the device light up, and cause the whole thing to spin on the base. These jets put out a beautiful shimmering spray of bright gold, and the result is gorgeous - like a wheel fired horizontally, with beautiful gold sparks around the outside and a red and green center. That part doesn't last very long, but it's one of the best

sights I have seen in consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2004)

Movie Time

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4213U. 73 seconds.

This was called "Showtime Popcorn" when I bought it and tested it, but the name was changed. They added a "U" to the end of the item number. I am guessing that they changed the name to avoid any conflict with another brand of fireworks which uses the word "Showtime" in many of their products. The package design of this fountain is really cute and would make it a collectible firework. It is shaped like a paper carton of popcorn that you would buy at a movie theater. Starts with a spray of silver flitter, then some blue stars are added to it. Good combination - the onlookers oohed at this. Then the gold flitter continues while the blue sparks are replaced with green and red. Then it becomes a thin gold flake spray briefly, then it's back to the silver flitter with blue stars - happily. Then it shoots out very large flecks of green sparks which flip away at different angles, and this is mixed with silver flitter. Then suddenly another tube lights which sends up a lot of crackle sparks, and there is also a spray of soft white sparks mixed with some red and green. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Mr. Lincoln

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0556. 102 seconds.

Starts with a whistle, then changes to a bright green flitter spray, changing to red, then to red, green and crackle, then the crackle intensifies, and a silver ball spray is added to the crackle. Ends with a silver whistle. (Last tested in 2001)

MS-1

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #MS-1. 12 shots, 29 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. First shot is a sparkling silver comet that goes up and breaks into a sparkling silver "palm tree" effect, with branches that are themselves small sparkling comets of silver. The next shot is the same thing except the branches are sparkling green stars instead of silver. The next shot is the same except the

branches are sparkling gold. These 3 shots then alternate (silver, green, gold) until the end. The final 2 shots are fired at the same time, and they go up and produce whirlwinds (spinners) in the air. (Last tested in 2004)

MS-2

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #MS-2. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. The shots in this cake alternate between gold willow mines and gold willow breaks. The manufacturer calls them willow brocades. The last 3 shots are fired all at once. A good choice if you

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are looking for willow effects. (Last tested in 2004)

MS-3

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #MS-3. 19 shots, 45 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. If you're looking for purple breaks, get this one. The shots alternate between mines and shells. The mines are a combination of crackle and blue stars which rise above the crackle. The shells are beautiful purple chrysanthemum breaks (purple stars which have white trails of sparks behind each star).

The final 2 shots are green pearls which go up and end in white whirlwinds and a few red and green stars. This cake is fired at a very slow pace, but the purple stars are a rare treat. (Last tested in 2004)

MS-4

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #MS-4. 16 shots, 26 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This one shoots a fairly rapid series of mines alternating with glittering color peony breaks. The mines are all silver crackle and are very brief. The color peony breaks are: 4 breaks of green glitter, 4 breaks of red glitter, 4 breaks of silver glitter, and 4 breaks of a beautiful combination of red glitter and blue and purple stars. (Last tested in 2004)

MS-5

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #MS-5. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. First shot is a red pearl ending in a red glitter break. Then a green shot ending in a blue peony break. Then a gold shot ending in a purple peony break. Then 5 shots fired rapidly, which end in clusters of blue stars, clusters of silver glitter stars, and clusters of green "falling leaves" stars, which last a long time and drift down slowly. Then a blue shot goes up and ends in a good break of blue stars with red glitter stars. Then a green shot goes up and ends in a green peony break with a tiny amount of red glitter. Then a green shot goes up and ends in a purple peony break. Then 5 shots fired rapidly go up and end in clusters of blue stars, silver crackle, and large clusters of yellow "falling leaves" stars. Then the finale is a giant white chrysanthemum break which then becomes a lot of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

Mule Brand

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Here's the famous Mule Brand firecracker, with the new label design and new formulation, according to the people at Wald & Company. (Last tested in 1998)

Multi Color Blooming with Crackling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS107. 7 shots, 21 seconds.

Shots go up as a red or green pearl, then end in either a silver whirlwind or a cluster of reports. Not really crackle, it seemed to me to be more like a cluster of firecrackers. (Last tested in 2000)

Multi Color Chrysanthemum #5

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

This shell produces a large break of red peony stars, beautiful blue peony stars, and sparkling silver glitter stars. Lots of stars in it. The name is not really accurate, though. It's not a chrysanthemum break, because there are no trails of sparks following each star. It's a peony break, and a good one. (Last tested in 2004)

Multi Head Torpedo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Long March brand, #L951. 37 shots, 62 seconds.

Red and green pearls that break into bright, angular shapes of silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Multibarrel Launcher

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L934. 25 shots, 22 seconds.

Had powerful titanium reports (white sparks) when first introduced. Now much weaker. (Last tested in 1995)

Mumbo Jumbo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-670. 20 shots, 51 seconds.

Each shot is a green pearl on the way up (with a small silver comet tail) that turns into a brief whistling silver spinner, which finally breaks open into a group of 15 to 20 white "swimming eels" which spread out. Pretty sophisticated for a small consumer firework. Lasts much longer than you expect it to. (Last tested in 1998)

Mummy's Wrath

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-061. 53 seconds.

Bright flecks of red and green, two short whistles, crackle with flashing white, two more whistles, then red and white flitter spray, then one final whistle.

(Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Munitions Dump

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2127. 20 shots, 45 seconds.

The first shot is a beautiful sparkling silver comet that goes up and ends in a break of a mixture of red peony stars and sparkling silver glitter with gold trails. Then another shot just like that, except the red peony stars are replaced with blue ones. The above two types of shots alternate with each other until the end of the cake, when several shots are fired all at once, and they result in clusters of red peony stars and crackle

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which burns quickly for a very short intense crackle burst. Very nice to look at. (Last tested in 2005)

Mushroom Cloud

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L969. 19 shots, 10 seconds.

Silver whirlwinds with green centers. Beautiful, but over too fast. (Last tested in 1995)

Music Man

Base Fountain. Elkton Sparkler brand, #F1021A. 19 seconds.

Starts with a whistle, then gives a red flame with a shower of color sparks. Did

not create much of a stir among our group. (Last tested in 1998)

Musical Cone

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Kent brand. 15 seconds.

Nostalgic value only. Just a whistler glued inside a paper cone. (Last tested in 1995)

Musical Pyramid

Base Fountain. Longhorn brand. 10 seconds.

Impressive package, but it's just a Nite Howler fountain in there. (Last tested in 1995)

Mutant Freak

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB 204. 36 shots, 31 seconds.

Screaming white comets go up and end in breaks of white sparks. Towards the middle they start ending in breaks of crackle, then they go back to breaks of white sparks, then finally crackle again at the end. Not colorful, but good amounts of crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Muzzle Loader

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BC-604.

One tube and twelve round 1.5-inch shells: Glittering Silver, Multi-color Peony, Green Stars & Crackling, Red Circle, Silver Palm Tree, Multi-color to Crackling, Golden Willow, Green Wave, Dahlia Red, Red Peony, Crackling Palm Tree, and Brocade Crown. I wasn't expecting much because these shells are a little on the small side. But wow - they break as good as most 1.75-inch shells on the market, and they have great rich colors. This kit was a pleasant surprise. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

MX Mine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K725A. 6 shots, 15 seconds.

Strange-looking hexagonal device. When lit, the top quickly pops off, revealing 7 cylinders. One at a time, they take off with red or green flames and fly away with a buzzing sound. Similar to Happy Bees candle or the repeating Small Bees. (Last tested in 1996)

MX Space Lamp

Base Fountain. Flying Dragon brand, #W427. 29 seconds.

Exceptional package. Silver flare, to popcorn-type effect. A winner. (Last tested in 1995)

Mysterious Invasion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2926. 15 shots, 36 seconds.

Rather unusual performance, each shot goes up and opens into a parachute, which drifts downward with a small, weak-sounding whistle, and finally opens up into a small cluster of red and green stars. It's definitely a change of pace from the usual color breaks. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Mystery Lights

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0291. 128 seconds.

Bright red fountain, suddenly adding a lot of loud crackle, then changing to green, then crackle, then white flitter, then red, green, blue and crackle, then red, then red and crackle, then green, then crackle, then nice white flitter, then red, blue green and crackle, then a silver whistle, then red, then red and crackle, then green, then crackle, then white flitter, then red, green blue and crackle. Fast, precise changes from one effect to the next make this one of the best-made fountains I have tried. (Last tested in 2000)

Mystic Blockhouse

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0025. 42 shots, 85 seconds.

Begins with some very impressive color mines, which are mixed mines of red, blue and green stars with crackle also mixed in. There are two bursts of these and they are "wow" shots. Then it changes to a series of crackling comets with color heads. The color heads alternate between red, and green. They are pretty long-lasting comets and some also start to come down a little way after reaching their highest point. This section is a little too slow-paced. That could be compensated for by firing 2 of these cakes at the same time. Then, a red pearl goes up and opens into a red peony break with a little crackle, followed by a green pearl opening into a

green peony with a little crackle. These two shots alternate for a while, at a little bit faster of a pace than earlier in the performance. Finally at the very end, 4 red shots (2 pearls and 2 gold comets with red heads) are shot up all at once, and end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Mystic Warrior

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-B055. 109 seconds.

Starts with silver crackle mixed with red and green sparks. Then changes to all crackle with a few blue sparks mixed in. Then changes to gold flitter with green sparks. Then it's gold crackle with

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some blue sparks. Then a mixed red and green spray. Then gold crackle. The crackle with red and green sparks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Myth of Paradise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2008. 36 shots, 48 seconds.

Alternates between shots which go up whistling and end in a small cluster of crackle; green shots which end in white whirlwinds, and red shots which end in small clusters of stars. Pretty average. (Last tested in 2000)

Napalm Ladies

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #P013C. 30 shots, 30 seconds.

Tacky name; sexist label; thin breaks; low altitude. Total disaster. (Last tested in 1995)

Narcissus

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-404. 12 seconds.

Good quality spinner, with bright red and green flames. (Last tested in 1995)

NASA, We have a Problem

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0745. 50 seconds.

Very nice crackling palm tree effect. Beautiful to look at and lots of noise. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Naughty Croco

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-113. 45 seconds.

Starts with a very nice blue spray, and also there is a fuse running in a spiral around the outside, and this is burning at the same time, giving off a short silver spray as it burns around and down. Then the spiral on the outside continues while the fountain changes to a red flame at the bottom and a silver spray above. The fountain then changes to a mixture of blue stars and gold crackle, while the burning spiral fuse finally reaches a smaller tube which is next to the main tube, and this lights producing a series of three brief whistles with silver spray accompanying each whistle. Very interesting performance, and very similar to the "Spiral Lite" fountain except the colors are different. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Naughty Elephant

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7078. 31 seconds.

Rolls forward with a silver whistle, and a few red and green sparks. Stops, then rolls backward with another silver whistle and a few color sparks. Finally, it stops and the ears of the elephant both spin, with silver sparks. Cool! (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Navigation Mark

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4136. 40 seconds.

Looking at the box, you think this is going to be another re-labeling of the 1-inch crackling fountains sold under the names Four Color Fountain, TNT Flashing Fountain, Spook Lights, etc. But it's completely different. In one box are one each of red, green, blue, yellow and silver fountains. Each one starts out as a white strobe light, with about 50 to 60 flashes. Then it changes to a color flare of the named color, which lasts only a few seconds, then it's over. This should really be considered more of a strobe item than a fountain per se. It's amazing for its size. (Last tested in 1999)

Navy Seal Cracker

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1395.

Small individual firecrackers in a box. Good performance, may be waterproof enough to toss onto water. (Last tested in 2002)

Nebula

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L970A. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Very bright breaks of long-lasting red and green stars, but not very high up in the air. (Last tested in 1995)

Neighbor Annoyer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #NA-MF01. 25 shots, 47 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a color pearl, then ends in a very loud bang. The color on the way up alternates - one shot is red on the way up, the next shot green, and so forth. (Last tested in 2004)

Neon Lights

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Bald Eagle brand. 30 seconds.

Lots of crackling sparks mixed in with red and green flecks. Three whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Neon Rainbow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2816. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a spinning gold comet, then opens softly into a small cluster of color stars, either red, blue or green. No sound effects. Some of the shots open into the clusters on the way

up, making them look like aerial mines. Don't know if this was the intended effect or not, but it looked nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Neutron Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A013-3. 36 shots, 54 seconds.

This cake might be sold individually, or as part of a collection of four different akes of this brand, sold collectively as "Da Big Bad Bomb Box." This one begins with a shot that is a white comet with a bright white head. The next shot is a white comet with a green head. The next shot is a white comet with a red head. The next shot is a white comet

fish mixed in. Those two shots are then repeated two more times in the same order. Then a bunch of screaming shots go up, and then a finale of 12 shots gives a mixture of all the effects seen in the cake. A very good display. (Last tested in 2003)

Never Forget

Box Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-2048.

This is a boxed fountain with 2 tubes in it. There are pictures of the twin towers of the World Trade Center on the sides. The top flap of the box says, "In lighting this fountain you are not reliving the tragedy but remembering the many innocent lives that were lost." (Last tested in 2002)

New Age Madness

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #AR344. 104 seconds.

Beautiful blue and gold spray to start it off. A rich, deep blue. Then changes to a mixture of blue sparks and "gold fish" spray. Then a short whistle, followed by lots of silver flitter. Then another whistle, and the silver flitter intensifies, becoming a sparkling silver flitter spray. Then crackle is added, lots of it too. (Last tested in 2001)

New Dimension

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A056. 12 shots, 29 seconds.

The first few shots are silver comets which go up and end in enormous red chrysanthemum breaks. The next few shots are silver comets which go up and end in enormous green chrysanthemum breaks. The next few shots are silver comets which go up and end in enormous blue chrysanthemum breaks, although the blue is rather pale. The final 3 shots are fired all at once and go up and end in terrific silver chrysanthemum breaks. Impressive for the size and spread of the breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

New England Estate

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A019.

This kit contains 24 shells and 3 tubes, and the shells are a variety of types, single break, triple break, cylindrical and ball types. You get a total of 40 breaks in the air. The shells are the standard 1.75 inch diameter. They are good breaks,

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with a bright white head. The next shot is a white comet with a green head. The next shot is a white comet with a red head. The next shot is a sparkling comet that ends in a white chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a silver comet with a green head that ends in a green chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a silver comet with a red head that ends in a red chrysanthemum break. Those last 3 shots are then repeated three more times, in the same order. The next shot goes up dark and ends in a blue peony break with gold flying fish mixed in. The next shot goes up dark and ends in a blue peony break with silver flying

including willows, color chrysanthemums, crackle breaks, etc. (Last tested in 2004)

New Era Celebration

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2038. 11 shots, 21 seconds.

"Red Silver Golden Tree Up, followed by Whistling & Crackling Single Shells with Green, Gold Star, ended with Three Shots Double Break Shells with Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum and Blue Star, Golden Willow and Green Purple Star, Crackling & Crackling." Excellent quality effects and good-sized breaks. Not long-lasting, but well worth trying. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

New Festival Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2006. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

Whistling, spinning silver comets that end with small silver breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

New Festival Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2007. 61 shots, 14 seconds.

I tested it 3 years ago, and it's still the same now. 61 screaming silver comets, almost all at once, each ending in a tiny cluster of silver stars. It's impressive for its intensity: a very loud swarm of silver whistles appears in the air - then all of a sudden it's over. Poorly named since it is not like "festival balls" at all, but very suitable for a short, intense barrage of whistles. (Last tested in 1998)

New World

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2113. 24 shots, 38 seconds.

Good blue and yellow peony break, followed by 3 more exactly like it. Then a break which is a mixture of red glittering stars and blue glittering stars. This is followed by 3 more exactly like it. Then a shot which produces 4 sparkling silver comets. Then a shot which produces 4 clusters of blue stars mixed with long-lasting gold stars - lovely. Another manufacturer calls that the "falling leaves" effect but I don't think that term has become an industry standard. Then a shot which produces 4 crackling comets that end in excellent gold willow

breaks with crackling tips - terrific ending to a very good cake. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

New York Harbor Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #H-088. 218 seconds.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. One of the longest-lasting fountains I've tested - this one seemed like it was never going to quit. This one features, at certain points, a combination of silver and purple sparks which is beautiful and unusual - I can't remember any other fountain with that exact combination. It starts with a green and red spray, then changes to a

the forceful silver, then the big gold crackles, then a mixture of red, green and crackle, then the beautiful purple-silver mixture, then a mix of red and green sparks with soft silver crackle, then a strong silver spray, then the big gold crackle to finish it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

New York Street Legal

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM1016. 19 shots, 54 seconds.

All shots are fired one at a time, straight up. The first shot goes up and breaks downward into a gold willow break. Then two more shots like that. The next shot is a glittering comet that goes up and opens into a small cluster of blue stars with a few reports. Then three more shots just like that. The next shot is a beautiful comet that gives off red sparks on the way up and opens into a nice red chrysanthemum break of red stars with gold trails, that breaks downward and also has some nice crackle in it. Then four more shots just like that. The next shot is a beautiful comet that gives off green sparks on the way up and opens into a nice green chrysanthemum break of green stars with silver trails, that breaks pretty symmetrically and also has some nice crackle in it. Then four more shots just like that. Those green shots are fired at a faster pace than the red ones were. Then the last three shots are fired one at a time and they are breaks of crackle only. Although the breaks don't break hard enough for my taste it's still a pretty good show. (Last tested in 2003)

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forceful silver spray, then a little bit of crackle, then green and red mixed, then green and red with crackle, then the silver flitter spray with purple sparks, a whistle, more of the silver/purple, then a forceful silver spray, then an intense crackle spray, then a tall silver flitter spray with some purple sparks, then a forceful silver spray, then a crackle spray, then a gold flitter spray, then a whistle, then the beautiful combination of purple sparks with a goldish-silver flitter spray, then a forceful silver spray, then a spray of crackle mixed with red sparks, then a short whistle, then almost a pure red and blue spray, then

News Transmitter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2508. 24 shots, 16 seconds.

24 loud silver whistles. Not as good as when originally introduced. (Last tested in 1995)

Niagara Falls

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2172. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

If you're still mourning the loss of the original 91-shot Silvery Swallow to the "Class B" 1.3G realm, and bemoaning the lackluster performance of it's "Class C" 1.4G replacement, this item will brighten your day - literally, in fact. Each of the ten shots is a group of 8 or 9 brilliant white comets, shot up at the

same time. It's essentially a repeating mine effect, with ten groups of the white comets. The comets achieve nowhere near the height of the original Silvery Swallow, but these are much brighter - so bright it's almost hard to look at. No sound effects. In 2004, this item has now been re-named as "Victoria Falls" and given the item number BP2172U. (Last tested in 2004)

Nice Flower

Fountain/spinner combination. Link Triad brand, #W418. 38 seconds.

Outstanding blue flame, to red flame, then opens up to 4 spinners! Super. (Last tested in 1995)

Night Flyer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6057. 25 shots, 19 seconds.

The tubes in this cake are angled in fan shapes of 5. The first 5 shots go off in rapid order from left to right in the fan shape, and each shot is a red pearl that ends in a cluster of red stars plus a few firecrackers. The next 5 shots are green pearls that end in green stars plus a few firecrackers. The next 5 are spiraling silver comets that end in reports. The next 5 end in clusters of blue stars with reports. The last 5 end in a variety of color clusters with firecracker reports. The breaks are not big, but the arrangement, angles and timing make this an interesting display. (Last tested in 2002)

Night Invaders Light the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 32 seconds.

Many, many whistles and small breaks. Not particularly impressive. (Last tested in 1995)

Night Jet Jumbo 747

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-904. 12 seconds.

Basically it's a re-labeled Plane Flying at Night, and just as good. Gold spray, red flame, green flame. Good quality. (Last tested in 1995)

Night Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 13 shots, 30 seconds.

The first 12 shots alternate between red and green. The effect is a cluster of very long-lasting stars, that drift down in the air. One red cluster, then one green cluster, etc. The final shot is a group of screaming silver comets that go up and

separate into a bunch of crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Night Magic!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2928. 25 shots, 44 seconds.

It appears to be the same item as Command Teste, Command Test, or Crashing Rainbow, with each shot a two-break shell, one color break and one titanium report. The shots go up as a red or green star, but the color of the break does not necessarily match the color on the way up. Excellent quality. I saw one blue break in there, don't know where that came from. (Last tested in 1999)

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Night Magic

Cone Fountain. Bald Eagle brand, #EA606. 20 seconds.

Lots of gold and silver sparks, in a pulsating rhythm. (Last tested in 1995)

Night of Hawaii

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4051. 70 shots, 30 seconds.

All shots are comets fired in groups of 7, in a fan shape. First group is red, then a green group, then a red group, then a blue group, then a group of crackling comets. Then the next group is red, then a green group, then a red group,

then a blue group, then a group of crackling comets. (Last tested in 2004)

Night Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #W800. 7 shots, 15 seconds.

Highly dangerous. Tips over. DO NOT buy this, or the original "Gorilla Bomb." (Last tested in 1995)

Night shell, Comet and Stars

Single-tube Aerial. brand.

Hunan. Excellent, high, very bright comet, but where are the stars? (Last tested in 1995)

Night Shell, Stars & Report

Single-tube Aerial. brand, #L130.

Ours had a nice red break, but there was no report to be heard. (Last tested in 1995)

Night Stalker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2878. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

All shots go up and break upward into a "bouquet" of red and green stars plus a good amount of crackle. The upward shape of the break makes them look almost like mines going off in the sky. (Last tested in 2000)

Night Vision

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2132. 105 shots, 26 seconds.

Rapidly fires the shots in a "Z" pattern, starting at one end of one row, down that row and back the other direction on the next row, etc. All shots are color pearls, some with faint comet trails behind them. First couple of rows are red, then rows of green, then blue, then white, then red, then purple, then one row of red, one row of blue and one row of purple. These last 3 rows include firecrackers shot up into the air along with the pearls, giving aerial reports. (Last tested in 2004)

Nightmare

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-088. 25 shots, 22 seconds.

One of the most intriguing labels to come out in a long time, in my opinion. But the performance is forgettable. 25 bright white pearls turn into thin red breaks or into small, weak whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1996)

Nightraider

Firecracker. brand.

Great artwork, but so-so crackers. (Last tested in 1995)

Nightraider Crackling Wheel

Crackling Item. brand.

You can leave it rolled up, in which case it will be intense and short. Or, unroll it and light it at one end, and watch it crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Nightraiders Thunder TroopersMulti-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
7 shots, 12 seconds.

Red pearls burst powerfully into snappy gold crackling breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

NIMBY AntidoteMulti-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2007. 51 shots,
59 seconds.

NIMBY stands for "Not in my backyard" but the manufacturer hopes this item will change that attitude. Starts with spinning comets shot at various angles, each ending in small clusters of color stars. Then white buzzing shots that fly away with a humming sound. They are called variously, "typhoons" or "hummers." Then whistling white comets that end in reports. The sequence described above is repeated two more times. (Last tested in 2002)

NinjaMulti-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great
Grizzly brand, #GG0219. 9 shots,
24 seconds.

Brilliant white comet heads go up and break into soft, fluffy breaks of bright white. The breaks are not too symmetrical and tend to point down. No sound effects. Useful only for a bright white portion of your show. (Last tested in 1998)

Ninja shellsReloadable Shell Kit. brand, #G310.
Small in size, but not junky. Whistling on the way up, to good breaks of red, green, blue and white. (Last tested in 1995)
Nite HowlerBase Fountain. Longhorn brand. 32
seconds.

Standard large whistler. For the whistle lover - truly nerve-wracking whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Nite Siren Whistling FountainBase Fountain. Angel brand, #F099.
28 seconds.

The siren (whistle) part lasted only 4 seconds, then the fountain continued to spray gold sparks for another 24 seconds, but it wasn't much to look at. (Last tested in 1999)

Nitro Bomb

Firecracker. Zenith brand, #J-4314C.

Here's one that looks like a child did the art, but the crackers are great. (Last tested in 1995)

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Nitro StickCombination firecracker. Winco
brand.

Shaped like a stick of dynamite, it gives a series of 3 loud barrages of firecrackers. (Last tested in 2002)

No. 36 Gold SparklersSparkler. Great Grizzly brand,
#GG0366. 149 seconds.

Made in China. Gold sparks. (Last tested in 2000)

No. 5 Floral Power AssortmentSingle-tube Aerial. Phantom brand,
#A-036.

Here is a collection of 6 single-shot aeri-als, all of them #5 size. The box contains one each of these six shells: Blue to Silver Wave No.5, Green Static Shell

No. 5, Brocade to Green Shell with Green Tail No. 5, Red Crackling Shell No. 5, Crackling Peony Shell No. 5, and Thunderstorm Shell No. 5. The Crackling Peony shell gave a peony break of red, blue and green stars with crackle mixed in. The Green Static shell gave a green peony break with crackle mixed in. The Brocade to Green shell gave a green pearl which went up and ended in a green chrysanthemum break (gold trails spreading out, with green stars at the tip of each trail). The Crackling Shell gave a break of all crackle. The Blue to Silver Wave shell had a silver comet on the way up and ended in a break of blue peony stars plus silver "wave" stars which are like chrysanthemum stars, each one is a short silver trail of sparks. The Red Crackling Shell had a glittering gold tail on the way up and ended in a break of red peony stars mixed with crackle. When I fired these, I simply taped them together in a row, and fused them together with green visco fuse, from one shell's fuse to the next. This makes it easier to light them, but of course you can just light them one at a time if you want. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

No HitterMulti-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4237. 75 sec-
onds.

Starts with gold flitter spray, changing to gold crackle spray, then a very short whistle, then a mix of gold crackle with red and green sparks. Then, white flitter with red and green sparks, then another short whistle, then gold flitter, then silver crackle. (Last tested in 2005)

Noah's ArkNovelty Firework. Hot Shot brand,
#HS2227. 17 seconds.

Whistles, and puts out color sparks and a little crackle from several tubes. (Last tested in 2001)

Noise in North CarolinaMulti-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2080. 67 sec-
onds.

Starts as a silver whistle with a red flame at the base, and some blue stars are also coming out while the whistle is going. Then changes to a very bright spray of gold and red, with some silver flitter sparks. Then another silver whistle with the red flame at the base, and

then a mix of red and green sparks with silver flitter sparks. Then another silver whistle. Then it turns into a crackle spray with red and green sparks mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

Noisy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2271. 19 shots, 43 seconds.

Definitely a sound-effect item. All shots are comets which crackle and whistle at the same time. Not much to look at, but Noisy is an appropriate name for this one. Precise timing between shots - nearly identical interval between shots for the entire duration. (Last tested in 1999)

Noisy Shell

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #N1000.

Box is Temple of Heaven N1000 box, but "Noisy Shell" name is glued onto box. Individual shells are not marked with anything. Terrific loud report with a bright flash rather than a titanium splatter. This is a 1.3G Display Firework and can't be sold to the public in the U.S., you need to have a permit from the ATFE to buy it. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Normandy Landing Craft

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7083. 38 seconds.

Another elaborate novelty piece, similar to "Kiev Class - Light Fleet Carrier" but not as big. This piece commemorates the D-Day invasion (June 6, 1944) at Normandy, France - a major battle of World War II and the largest fleet ever assembled in history - more than 6,500 ships were involved in the invasion, and many of them were this type of ship, that is depicted in the design of this firework. Anyway, it starts with a short whistle at the back, which changes to a flashing silver spray, and then a helicopter takes off. Then a bright white fountain on top starts, and then turns into a rich spray of silver crackle. Then the guns on the front of the boat shoot out some crackle spray. Then a tank escapes from the inside of the ship, and rolls forward on the ground, and then stops and shoots out some crackle spray. Great piece. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape

only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Northern Light

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM072. 36 shots, 30 seconds.

Alternates between crackling comets with red heads, and crackling comets with green heads. No breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

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Northern Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Patriotic brand, #8808. 8 shots, 30 seconds.

Beautiful silver comets; red and green star mines with crackling. (Last tested in 1995)

Northern Praying Mantis

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A014-3. 16 shots,

As far as I know, this one is sold only as part of an assortment of three 500-gram "Heavy Weights," called "Shaolin Tradition." Please see "Shaolin Tradition" for a description of this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Not In My Yard

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. World Class Fireworks brand. 16 shots, 39 seconds.

Beautiful break of green stars with a palm tree of glittering silver stars. Then another beautiful break of green and flashing red stars, with some silver glitter palms too. These two shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last few shots are fired at once, and they are green stars, red stars, and crackle all mixed together. (Last tested in 2006)

Nu Concept

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3015. 16 shots, 16 seconds.

All shots go up dark and then end in color chrysanthemum breaks, either red chrysanthemum, purple chrysanthemum, green chrysanthemum or gold chrysanthemum. Very nice breaks. The last 4 shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2003)

Nuclear Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO001-1. 16 shots, 26 seconds.

Sixteen festival balls shot straight up. Silver comet to green and silver peony; blue-headed comet to crackle break; whistling to green and silver; then a crackle break; red pearl to green and silver break with crackle; silver comet to green and silver break with crackle; another crackle break; whistling to green and silver peony; another crackle break; then a break of green, sparkling silver and crackle; silver comet to green and silver peony; another crackle break; and then the final 4 shots are fired all at once for a finale, and they are color pearls to color peony breaks with crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Nuclear Bomb

Reloadable Shell Kit. World Class Fireworks brand.

These two kits are basically the same kit. Both contain 24 cylindrical shells, similar those in the Rambo Kid and Predator kits. The boxes are 23 inches tall, 12 3/4 inches wide and 6 inches deep. Each kit comes with one sturdy HDPE tube on a plastic base. Nuclear Bomb contains these effects: Jumbo Purple Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Green Glitter with Crackling Pistil; Blue Star with Crackle; Red Wave with White Whirlwind; Jumbo Red

Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; Jumbo Purple Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Green Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Golden Stars with Silver Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Blue Stars with Green Glitter Pistil; Jumbo Red Stars with Green Glitter Pistil; Golden Stars with Crackling Pistil; White Wave with Crackling Pistil; Blue Stars with Crackling Pistil; Green Glitter with Crackling Pistil; Green Crackling with Green Whirlwind; Red & White Wave with Green Whirlwind; Crackling with Green Whirlwind; Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; Jumbo Green Chrysanthemum with Silver Whirlwind; White to Red with Red Whirlwind; Silver Glitter with Red Whirlwind; Dragon Egg with Red Whirlwind; Red Wave with White Whirlwind; and Assorted Peony with Red Whirlwind. They are not double shells, but each shell has 2 effects in it. It's a terrific variety of quality effects in one box. (Last tested in 1999)

Nuclear Bomber

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L975. 19 shots, 15 seconds.

Thin gold comets break into small breaks of red and green, plus a little crackle, and a few spinners. (Last tested in 1995)

Nuclear Fusion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 20 seconds.

The first four shots are silver comets with bright white heads. The next few shots are red pearls that go up and end in small clusters of red stars. The next four shots are comets that are both whistling and crackling at the same time on the way up and they spiral around on their way up. The final four shots are green pearls that go up and end in clusters of green and purple peony stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Nuclear Meltdown

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-277. 121 seconds.

Beautiful blue and gold spray with soft crackle, then a big flitter-crackle spray, then a red spray with silver balls, then a powerful, forceful orange spray, then adding red flecks while the powerful orange continues, then suddenly

changes to a softly crackling off-white spray. Very nice ending. (Last tested in 2000)

Nuclear Nosses

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-257. 12 shots, 27 seconds.

Each shot has a mine of gold willow stars, plus a shell hidden in that mine which goes up and breaks into a shimmering gold willow break. The last 3 shots are fired all at once for a finale. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Nuclear Powered Submarine

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L957. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Too many stars hit the ground. Get them up higher in the air, folks. Each shot goes up as a red pearl, then opens

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into a small, unimpressive cluster of red or green stars and a few firecracker reports. Poor quality overall. (Last tested in 1999)

Nuclear Spallation

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4068. 428 shots, 135 seconds.

Not quite sure what they meant by "spallation." Anyway, it's a "Saturn Missile Battery" device, but round in

shape, and with the highest number of shots of any Saturn Missile Battery device that I have seen so far. Each shot is a whistling missile that ends in a small report. (Last tested in 2004)

Nuclear Warhead

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4063. 109 shots, 29 seconds.

First gives a rapid series of red and green pearls (100 shots) and then gives 9 pretty good breaks of willows and crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Numerous Flowers

Ground Spinner. Angel brand, #3034. 6 seconds.

Spins powerfully with green and red flames simultaneously. (Last tested in 1995)

Nutty Monkey

Base Fountain. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1979. 17 seconds.

Bright white flitter, then red and green flitter, then two short whistles join in. (Last tested in 2000)

O' Christmas Tree, O' Christmas Tree

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4211. 42 seconds.

Comes in a package of 2. Buy at least 2 packs, because you'll want to save one pack as a collectible. The other one you'll want to light, because the performance is unique and interesting. The fountain is designed to look like a Christmas tree. Starts with a green flame from the top, then strobing white flames come out sideways from the next level down. Then the tube at the top changes to a spray of mixed green and red, while the strobe flames on the side continue. The strobe flames end, but as the fountain at the top continues, the next level below where the strobes were starts, and these are red and green flames coming out sideways from the bottom level of the tree. As they continue, the fountain at the top changes to a crackle spray. The color flames on the sides end, and the crackle spray at the top continues a little while longer. This is almost a novelty firework rather than just a fountain, since the package design and performance are so complex. But the manufacturer calls it a fountain. Don't hesitate - pick up a few packs of this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Oasis

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2424. 25 shots,
28 seconds.

All mines. They are shot up in groups of about 8 comets each. The comets have green heads and silver tails. When they reach the maximum altitude, they turn into crackle. Completely different from any other repeater I have tried before. Certainly a good one to consider for a change in your show. (Last tested in 1999)

Ocean Fighter

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon
Eggs brand, #DPO005-1. 12 shots,
29 seconds.

Blue pearl goes up and ends in a huge blue peony break. Then a blue pearl goes up and ends in a huge break of silver plus crackle. Then a red pearl goes up and ends in a break of small red stars plus 4 big green stars. Then a blue pearl goes up and ends in a big gold willow break. Then a green pearl goes up and ends in a big crackle break. Then a blue pearl ends in a blue peony break. Then blue ending in silver sparks plus crackle. Then red ending in the red and 4 green stars break. Then blue ending in big gold willow break. Green ending in big crackle break. Blue ending in huge blue peony. Finally, blue ending in silver sparks plus crackle. Really big breaks here! (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Odyssey 2001

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-024. 123 seconds.

White flitter, to red, green and crackle, to white flitter, to red, green, blue and crackle, to white flitter, to red/green/blue/crackle. Long duration but a little bit dull. (Last tested in 2000)

Ohh Soo Good

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2008. 78 seconds.

Bright white flitter spray, then red and white flitter, then all red, then crackle with silver balls, then just white flashing spray, then red and white flitter, then green flitter. (Last tested in 2000)

Ohio River

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2303. 8 shots,
20 seconds.

Large cake with 8 shots that are basically festival balls. Each shot goes up with a very thick, wide, bright white comet trail, then comes open into a group of falling color stars plus some crackle. They do not break hard, it's almost as if the stars are "poured out." But, it's pleasing to the eye. (Last tested in 2000)

OK Hawaii

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West
Lake brand. 37 shots, 24 seconds.

Starts out as a fountain for a few seconds, then changes to what could be

and end in attractive breaks which mix silver glitter with "palm trees" which are 4 or 5 white comets in the break, with color heads. In one break, those color heads are red, and in the next break they are green, and those alternate throughout the cake. The glittering silver contrasts nicely with the palm tree effect in each break. The timing between shots is just perfect, creating non-stop action. The last 12 shots are fired at a much more rapid pace, giving an extended finale. This cake is very similar to "Parrot's Prattle" and "Cobalt Bomb," and all three might be the same exact cake, though I'm not sure. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Old Faithful

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-658. 10 shots, 16
seconds.

The same item also sold as Niagara Falls and Silver Bullet Barrage. Ten groups of white comets shoot up about 50 feet. Each group has about 8 to 10 bright white comets in it. It should be classified as a "repeating mine." By the way, a few reports came in from readers that this item (under all three names) occasionally has a tendency to tip over, so either glue it to a board or surround it with bricks before firing. (Last tested in 1998)

Old Glory

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire
Hawk brand. 30 seconds.

Bright white comets that go up and end in clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Old Time Shoot Out

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-682L. 21 seconds.

Shoots up a series of aerial firecrackers, with decent firecracker reports. (Last tested in 2002)

Old West Express

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand,
#BP7016. 13 seconds.

One of the best-constructed novelty fireworks I have seen. Good quality large plastic wheels provide a sure, smooth motion - as long as you use it on a flat, smooth, hard surface. Rolls forward about 15 feet while whistling, then stops and rolls backward about the same amount. The kicker is that a

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called a repeating mine. A series of upward blasts of red, green and silver sparks comes out of it, going about 6 to 8 feet up and spreading out. These happen in rapid succession, though the timing is somewhat uneven. It's quiet - the only sound really is the soft hissing sound of the sparks themselves. Label actually calls it OK Hawaii. (Last tested in 1999)

Oktoberfest

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2049. 36 shots,
45 seconds.

The shots are sort of whistling and sort of buzzing on the way up. They go up

smokestack on the top gives off smoke, just like a real steam engine. This one brought laughter and applause to our 4th of July crowd. (Last tested in 1998)

Olde Glory

Firecracker. brand.

Nice patriotic label, and virtually dud-free. Good one for the 4th of July. (Last tested in 1995)

Olympic Fever

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2957. 5 shots, 16 seconds.

Five tubes on a base, each of which gives a ring shell (a shell which produces a circle of color stars in the air). The rings are single-color breaks of green, red, yellow, white and blue. Ring shells are unusual in consumer fireworks, so that alone makes this worth buying. But I would suggest buying a whole case of this item and lighting them off all at once; that would be a lot more impressive than just lighting one piece. These are the best-made ring shells I have seen in consumer fireworks so far, with each ring averaging about 35 stars. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

One Bad Mother

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. World Class Fireworks brand, #MWC0093. 16 shots,

Alternates between two types of shots: one is a shot that goes up and ends in a huge gold willow break, and the other goes up and breaks into a lot of crackle flowers. The last 4 shots are fired rapidly and are huge gold willows. The audience loved this one. I believe this cake is also sold under the names "Mother Lode" and "Baby Boomers" in other brands. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

One Big Bad Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

United Pyro brand, #UP2010. 250 seconds.

This is a 500-gram fountain that includes a great variety of colors and effects, including vivid blue stars. Goes on for more than 4 minutes. A good one for the finale of your show, to keep stuff going at the ground level while the aerial finale is going. (Last tested in 2003)

One Wild Ride

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2984. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

Shots are fired in fan shapes, one at a time. First shot is a comet that goes up and opens into a break of silver glitter and long-burning red falling stars. Then a comet which opens into a blue break with silver glitter. Then a break which opens into a red and green peony break of large stars that move as if propelled on their own. Then a break of purple peony stars and strobing silver stars. Then a mixed break of blue stars and red stars. Then 3 shots fired at once in a fan which give a break of gold and blue stars, a crackle break and a very bright

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green break. Then a break which is a mix of silver glitter and red "falling leaves." Then a shot which is a mix of blue stars and silver glitter. Then another break which opens into a red and green peony break of large stars that move as if propelled on their own. Then a break of blue glitter, and a break of mixed blue and gold stars. Then 3 shots fired at once in a fan which give a break of gold and blue stars, a crackle break and a very bright green break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Oneheckuva Firework

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2677. 53 shots, 16 seconds.

Fires the shots in a zig-zag pattern, one row at a time. All the shots in the first row are the same: a red mine is topped with a break of crackle above it. These mines are fired one at a time in rapid succession down the row. The next row is fired in the opposite order, and these are green mines topped with crackle above the mines. Then these first two rows are repeated in the same order two more times. So six rows have been fired at this point, three of red mines and three of green mines. The final row is red pearls going up and ending in nice red and green peony breaks, in which the peony stars also emit crackle as they spread apart from the break. Not very long lasting, but very eye-pleasing. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ooh La La!!

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Great Grizzly brand, #GG0333. 115 seconds.

Tall bright silver flitter spray, then a softer flitter spray, then a whistle, then a green and blue spray, then crackly white flitter, then another whistle, then silver crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Open Fire (formerly "Crossfire")

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2086. 33 shots, 39 seconds.

A well-planned display. Three shots (a red pearl, a blue pearl and a sparking comet) are shot up at the same time at one angle, and they end in a red chrysanthemum, a blue chrysanthemum and a blue peony break. Then the same three shots are shot up at the same time but at a different angle. Then, a fan of 5 shots is fired, which are silver comets with red heads, and these end in pretty good reports with gold willow breaks. Then a single comet with a purple head is shot straight up, and it ends in a purple chrysanthemum. Then a sparkling comet is shot up, and ends in a blue chrysanthemum. Then a blue pearl is shot up and ends in a blue peony. Another purple shot ends in another purple chrysanthemum. Then the same 3 shots that were fired at the beginning are fired straight up and end in the same 3 breaks. Then 3 or 4 whistling

shots are fired straight up all at once, and they end in a green chrysanthemum, a red chrysanthemum, and a sparkling silver break. Then a fan of 5 comets with red heads is fired and they end in gold willow breaks. Finally, a group of 6 crackling comets is fired in a fan, and they end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Opening Flower

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0338A. 50 seconds.

Big crackles mixed in with red and green sparks; two short whistles thrown in. (Last tested in 1995)

Opening Flower & Happy Bird

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0623. 55 seconds.

Needs more color variety, but a pretty good little backyard item. Long lasting. Green is the only color seen. Whistles 3 times. (Last tested in 1995)

Operation Orange

Smoke. Cannon brand, #Y16-010. 30 seconds.

Big tube which puts out a strong, forceful column of deep orange smoke for 30 seconds. If there is no wind, it spirals upward, looking quite reminiscent of a volcanic eruption. (Last tested in 1998)

Orbital Bomb

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6002.

A pack of 6 rockets that give ring breaks, with about 15 to 17 stars in the ring of one color, and a tiny cluster of stars in the center of a contrasting color. Superb effect - buy this rocket without hesitation. (Last tested in 2003)

Orchid & Grass Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1002. 62 seconds.

Starts with a green and white flitter spray, then adds some red to it, and just continues as a red, green and blue spray with white flitter. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Oriental Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #TB25-A1. 25 shots, 18 seconds.

Green pearls go up and break with force into red chrysanthemum breaks (white tails on the stars). Very fast pace

between shots. Some breaks go off too soon, before reaching the proper altitude, but otherwise an impressive show. No brand, just a plain brown label. (Last tested in 1998)

Oriental Lamp

Novelty Firework. Phantom brand, #M-020. 17 seconds.

Phantom's version of the large Happy Lamp, with different external artwork but the same internal artwork. Functions just like Happy Lamp - spins with 6 drivers, then drops open into a lantern, illuminated for a few seconds from inside. If you really want to keep one as a decoration, don't fire it, just carefully cut it open. Out of curiosity I

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took one apart, and I was amazed at the complexity of the internal fusing and construction. (Last tested in 1998)

Oriental Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A044. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Mines of mixed color stars, with blue peony stars that go up higher than the mixed color stars, and huge clusters of gold crackle above the blue mines. Then the mines continue but above them are breaks of crackle flowers. Then more mixed color mines, with crackling dragon eggs breaks above them. I enjoyed

this one very much. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Oriental Thunder

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #MN002. 25 seconds.

Each of the 25 shots from "Oriental Thunder" is either a red or green pearl, which flies up about 60 feet, then ends in a truly righteous report with flash. Similar to "Thunder King" but it alternates between red and green, whereas in "Thunder King" all the shots are green on the way up. This item is a 1.3G display firework so it can only be sold to customers who possess the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 1996)

Oriole

Roman Candle, single. Vulcan brand, #RC301. 4 shots, 16 seconds.

Loud orange whistling comets. But only 4 shots - wish it were at least 7 shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Oriole Fountain, Red

Base Fountain. West Lake brand, #L431. 12 seconds.

Red flame, to nice crackling effect to weird, abbreviated whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Orion Fireball

Roman Candle, single. Orion brand, #OR1023. 5 shots, 17 seconds.

From Patriotic Fireworks. A pack of 4 candles with 5 shots each. These candles shoot a series of stars which change in color from green to red in mid-flight. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Orion's Eye

Wheel. Orion brand, #21012. 69 seconds.

This wheel starts with a green flame and a big silver spray. Then the green flame changes to red, then it changes to gold. The silver spray continues during these changes. Then the whole wheel changes to a sparkling silver glitter spray, and a whistle happens during the silver spray. Then it changes to a big white snow spray with what appears to be a red-orange flame in the center, or maybe a spray of gold sparks at the center. On closer inspection of the videotape of this item, this "snow" spray appears to have blue and green sparks mixed in with the white sparks, but I can't be sure about this until I see it going off in person

again. This goes on for a little while, then it changes to spray of white flitter sparks and another whistle happens while the white flitter continues. Then it's a white spray with a red flame in the center. Then it changes to a crackle spray with some blue flecks mixed in. A third whistle happens during this part. This wheel really puts out large quantities of sparks, so set it up high above the ground for the best effect. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Out of the Blue

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0347. 125 seconds.

Red, blue and crackle - very nice. Then suddenly the color is replaced by flashing white flitter while the crackle continues. Then green comes back, while the silver crackle continues. Then just the silver crackle for a while, then it stops. There is always crackle throughout the performance. (Last tested in 2000)

Outbreak

Mine. Fire Hawk brand, #FB250.

This is a box of three different single-shot mines. The first one produces a blast of color stars of mixed colors plus a group of firecrackers above it. The second one produces a blast of green glitter stars plus a group of firecrackers above it. These are good quality mines. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Outcast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2034. 15 shots, 27 seconds.

Each shot is a big, fluffy white comet which also crackles on the way up (with quite a bit of crackle) and has a bright color head, of either red, green or blue. They do not break, they are just comets, but very nice ones. (Last tested in 2000)

Outer Space Craft 2-Stage

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T3726. 7 seconds.

Plastic body, similar to Rozzi's Silver Jet. Two powerful stages. Gold sparks and green flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Outer Space Visitor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L977. 14 shots, 30 seconds.

First half is bright white and red sprays, then crackling-tail whistle comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Outrageous

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2879. 25 shots, 51 seconds.

"All hell breaks loose!" declares the label. Each of the 25 shots gives a big, full break of blue, red or green. White comets go up and break into red, green or blue breaks. Not as many stars in the break, and they do not break as hard as

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they did in 1996, but it's still pretty good. (Last tested in 2000)

Over the Rainbow

Base Fountain. Po Sing brand, #M07/1074. 23 seconds.

Colorful, but you could get by with the cheaper Tri-Color fountain. Mixed spray of red, green and silver with a small amount of crackle. Stays the same throughout - no changes. (Last tested in 1998)

Overdrive

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-035. 16 shots, 51 seconds.

The first shot, or group of shots (it's hard to tell), produces a mine of spinning shots which go up and open into some small whirlwinds that are larger than the shots were as they were spinning on the way up. In addition to this, about 5 silver comets with red heads, which go away in all directions. Some manufacturers call those "traveling comets" or "motion comets." Then another mine of spinners is fired, but these turn into clusters of crackle, with a break of 5 or 6 "traveling comets" above it. Then, the above sequence is repeated. After that, the next 12 shots all give the traveling comet breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Overlord in Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W553A. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Red- and green-headed comets to thunderous reports. Overload in Sky? (Last tested in 1995)

Overlord in Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W553. 37 shots, 39 seconds.

For some reason, not nearly as loud as the 16-shot version. W553B - Very powerful reports (Last tested in 1996)

Overlord in Sky

Single-tube Aerial. Flower Basket brand, #W553.

I like it in the multi-shot versions, but one by itself isn't that great. Green pearl goes up and ends in a bang. (Last tested in 1995)

Overtime

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0680. 47 seconds.

Red and green spray, then a silver whistle, then a red spray, then a silver whistle, then red and crackle, then another silver whistle. (Last tested in 2002)

Ozonation

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-280. 12 shots, 28 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and breaks into a nice peony break of red stars

mixed with silver glitter stars. The second shot goes up dark and breaks into a nice peony break of purple stars mixed with green glitter stars. These 2 shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last 3 or 4 shots give all-crackle breaks. I liked the purple stars in this one. (Last tested in 2005)

P.G.I. Brand

Firecracker. brand.

This was a firecracker that appeared in the mid-1990s to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. Ironically it turned out to be one of the weakest firecrackers of the year. Now it serves only as a collectible item. (Last tested in 1997)

P.O.W. Rescue

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A022-2. 85 seconds.

This one may be sold separately or in a combination pack along with "Urban Action," called "Frontline Fountains." P.O.W. Rescue starts with a white flitter spray, changing to a good crackle spray with red and green sparks mixed in, then a silver whistle takes over. This is followed by a spray of flashing white sparks, then another spray of crackle mixed with red and green sparks. Then a short silver whistle, followed by a spray of gold flashing sparks. Then back to the spray of crackle with red and green. The changes from one effect to the next are smooth and continuous. (Last tested in 2004)

Pacific Blue

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0295. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

Alternates between two shots: a crackling comet that goes up and breaks into a nice burst of blue stars mixed with crackle; and a fluffy white comet that goes up and breaks into a nice break of red, green and blue stars. The final 10 or so shots are fired at a much faster pace for a "mini-finale." (Last tested in 2000)

Pacific Paradise

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2003. 112 seconds.

Abundant white flitter sparks for the first 45 seconds, then changing to a sparkling white "diamond" effect for the remaining 51 seconds. No color, no

whistles, and no crackle - but dazzling nonetheless. If you want a brilliant white fountain, this is it. (Last tested in 1998)

Pack Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0311. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

A clear winner. Each shot goes up with sparkling white flashes around it, then it breaks hard into a chrysanthemum break (white trails of sparks) but not much color, if any. Everyone asked me, "What was that one, Bob?" (Last tested in 1998)

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Paddlewheel Palace

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2987. 40 shots, 44 seconds.

Starts with a silver fountain, then a long series of shots go up, basically alternating between red shots that end in small white whirlwinds, silver comets that whistle three times as they fly up, and green shots that end in flying fish. Then a group of crackling comets, followed by a nice group of crossette type breaks (green star that goes up and splits into several green stars, also some red ones that do the same). Then the above sequence of shots is repeated. (Last tested in 2002)

Painted Desert

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2007. 23 seconds.

Big, full spray of white flitter, but it fell over halfway through. Set bricks around this one before lighting it. (Last tested in 2000)

Painted Galaxy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-256. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

Green pearls to silver whirlwinds at various angles, about 50 feet up. Some color in the center of the whirlwinds. Very nice item. (Last tested in 1995)

Palm Palms

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #MEBC595.

Ten shells. Silver palm, silver with tail, green/gold with tail, gold palm, glittering silver with tail, blue/gold with tail, glittering silver palm, gold with tail, blue/gold palm, green/gold palm. Superb palm tree breaks. (Last tested in 1998)

Palm Tree

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0243.

Label says, "Silver Tail to Silver Palm with Fountain Effect." The tube is just under 3 inches in diameter and the entire piece is about 14.5 inches tall. Starts with a silver fountain for about 7 or 8 seconds, then shoots up one shell. It flies up with a silver comet tail behind it and breaks open into an exceptionally nice shell break - a silver palm tree break with 7 branches, and a large cluster of crackle that goes off quickly just as the branches are spreading out. (Last tested in 1999)

Palm Tree

Base Fountain. Horse brand,
#T1525. 4 seconds.

Nice green sparks. Also sold in combination with Snow Flake (see Snow Flake for more). (Last tested in 1995)

Palms Away

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6119. 22 shots, 53 seconds.

The first break is a big "dragon eggs" break, with branches that continue to crackle as it spreads apart. The tips of the branches are red. Then 4 more shots of the same thing. Then another shot

just like those, but the tips of the branches are green. Then 4 more shots of those, with the green. The next shot is just like those, but the tip of each comet is a blue star. Then 4 more of those. Then a row of the cake is fired all at once, I believe it's 4 shots but it might be 5. All of those shots produce the same effect, breaks of crackling comets spreading out with red tips. The final volley is 4 or 5 shots of those, and a shot mixed in it which produces large crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Panda Acrobatic

Novelty Firework. Flying Dragon brand, #W709A. 8 seconds.

They should have spelled it "Panda Acrobatic" on the label. The two outer tubes give brief fountain sprays, then the panda becomes an attached spinner and does about 25 flips within the span of 3 or 4 seconds. Now that's an acrobatic performance. (Last tested in 1999)

Panda Display Show

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7827B. 6 shots, 32 seconds.

Huge item with 7 shots in it, each one a festival ball. Red, green and blue breaks at high altitude. Very slow pace. One shot did not fire. (Last tested in 1996)

Pandora's Box

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-150. 19 shots, 34 seconds.

Bright silver pearls go up and open into silver flying fish. The unit we tested had many low breaks. (Last tested in 2000)

Panorama

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

Alternates between two effects. One is a group of spinning, screaming comets, about 4 or 5 of them, shot up in a group. The other effect is a color-changing break, of good size and with good colors. These breaks alternate between ones with blue-to-red changing stars and ones with red-to-green changing stars. Color changing stars are unusual in consumer fireworks, so this is an unusual and very nicely done display. (Last tested in 2002)

Panther

Firecracker. brand.

A 50-milligram firecracker sold in strings of 100. Better than ordinary Thunder Bomb crackers. (Last tested in 1998)

Parachute

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0513.

36 inch stick. Ours didn't make it 10 feet off the ground. Whoops. (Last tested in 1995)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0160. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

Geee-ronimo! A whole army of 70 paratroopers pops out of the 7 shots.. For daytime use - you won't be able to see it at night. (Last tested in 1995)

Parachute with 7 flares

Parachute. Red Lantern brand, #0247.

Seven red or green flares dangle from one chute. When it works, it's a true crowd-pleaser. But it doesn't always work. (Last tested in 1995)

Parachutes over America

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2065. 19 shots, 24 seconds.

Mid-America Fireworks. Same item as Aerial Parade. Red flares. All shots go up

and open into parachutes, and from each parachute dangles a spinning firework. Most of them give off crackle as they spin and float down, but a few of them give off a red flare. They combine in the air to produce a nice canopy of crackle overhead. Night use. (Last tested in 2000)

Parachutes over Dixie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 30 seconds.

Slowly falling red and green flares, many reaching the ground. (Last tested in 1995)

Parade Violet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7733D. 61 shots, 35 seconds.

Beautiful blue pearls and breaks. Not really violet as advertised. (Last tested in 1995)

Paradise

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Bald Eagle brand, #EA909. 60 seconds.

That's where you'll be with this. Ten tubes, each with a surprise. Red, gold, green, blue sparks, one whistle and one crackle fountain. (Last tested in 1995)

Paradise in Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2015A. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

Crackling comets that turn into single color stars, either red, blue or green, and either drift down or dart away. (Last tested in 1999)

Paris

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4057. 24 shots, 33 seconds.

Begins with a sparkling fountain, then shoots up 24 shots that go up as red pearls and then open into either clusters of blue stars, or silver flying fish mixed with crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Paris at Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM1202. 7 shots, 16 seconds.

I first tested this in 1996, and it fell over then. So I never got a really good look. I tried this again in 2004, and it performed properly. Each shot is a red pearl that goes up and breaks into crackle plus a few red stars that go off in

a group. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Park Avenue Peony Barrage, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-607.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. It fires one shot which goes up and breaks hard into a symmetrical break of mixed colors plus crackle. It is somewhere between a peony break and a chrysanthemum break, because the color stars have slight gold trails behind each star, but not as distinct as with a true chrysanthemum. It is a mixture of red, green and blue stars. After a very short delay there is a short blast of crackle from the center of the break. A very nice shell. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Parrot's Prattle

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2985. 36 shots, 46 seconds.

Strange sounds from each shot as it goes up - almost a whistle, but not shrill or musical, more like an air sound. Each shot goes up like that and ends in a break of sparkling stars plus about 3 or 4 white comets that spread out. The final group of shots is fired closely together for a barrage finale. The interesting thing about this cake is the sound of the shots on the way up. This cake is very similar to "Oktoberfest" and "Cobalt Bomb," and all three might be the same exact cake, though I'm not sure. (Last tested in 2002)

Party 2000 Poppers

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Phantom brand, #I-026C.

A delightful marketing gimmick, and yet another soon-to-be-collectible to stock up on. A clear plastic "champagne bottle" filled with 20 party poppers, each with "2000" on them. Sold almost anywhere, even at a grocery store California. (Last tested in 1999)

Party Animal

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0348. 12 shots, 28 seconds.

All shots go up as crackling comets, which give off quite a bit of white sparks in addition to the crackle. They end in tiny clusters of color sparks plus a few

reports - either green clusters or red clusters. (Last tested in 2000)

Party Finale

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3007. 17 seconds.

Starts with gold comets that end in silver flying fish, then changes to groups of screaming silver comets, then changes to groups of green pearls that end in silver whirlwinds, then changes to gold comets that end in mixed-color peony breaks, then finally crackle comets that end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

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Patriot

Reloadable Shell Kit. Golden Bear brand, #FX-H006.

Single-break shells of industry-average quality. Not bad, but a little disappointing compared to the huge breaks that some of the 500-gram cakes in this brand have. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Patriot Defender

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Zenith brand. 19 shots, 14 seconds.

Noisy show; whistling red, green or blue pearls end in reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Patriot Missile

Missile. Longhorn brand.

Sorry, but it performed poorly for us, crashing quickly. (Last tested in 1995)

Patriotic Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2334.

Very nice shell kit, with comet tails on each shell, and good breaks of color and crackle. Contains one each of: Crackling Blue, Green Flashing, Crackling, Colorful Sparkle, Silver Palm Tree and Red Wave. All have tails. (Last tested in 1998)

Peacekeepers

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7104. 30 seconds.

A large tank-style vehicle. A whistle from the back propels the tank forward, if the tank is on a smooth surface and nothing is blocking it. Then a brief multicolor fountain shoots straight up from one of the tubes on the top of the tank. Then a nice crackle spray from the front end of the tank propels it backwards. Then a whistle spray propels the tank forward, and the other tube on the top of the tank sprays a silver fountain straight up. Then another backwards trip while shooting crackle spray out the front. Long duration for a novelty, good sound effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Peach Flower in Spring

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O705. 30 seconds.

Loud whistle, then four individual, typical Chinese fountain effects; red, green and silver sprays, one whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Peach Flowers

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN90. 40 seconds.

In a pack of 4 different ones. Red and silver to very nice silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Peach Garden

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W4-11. 22 seconds.

Red, green and silver stars in the gold spray. Lightly crackling. (Last tested in 1995)

Peacock Missile

Missile. Po Sing brand.

Now we're talking. Choose the biggest, with stars or with report. (Last tested in 1995)

Peacock's Tail

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K1109. 9 seconds.

Short fountain, then tail pops open (or maybe not) into peacock tail. Small fountain of gold spray with red and green flecks. As the fountain goes off, the peacock's tail spreads open. Fire before total darkness, or else you won't be able to see it. (Last tested in 1996)

Pearls of the Orient

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-151. 50 seconds.

Unusually shaped piece, that starts with red spray, changing to green, then white flitter, then green again, then crackle, then blue and gold spray. Good amounts of powder in this one. (Last tested in 1999)

Pearls of the Orient

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1013. 51 seconds.

Three tubes in a fan shape spray out lots of crackle. Very intense. No colors or other effects, just crackle. This goes on for nearly a minute. It's a great substitute for firecrackers if you live in a place where firecrackers aren't allowed. (Last tested in 2004)

Peony Ball

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Lantern brand, #O008.

Same as the original Small Festival Balls. The shells are Glittering Redlight, Whirling Snow, and Rising Blue Waves. (Last tested in 1995)

Peony Shell, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Great lift, high altitude, generous symmetrical break of blue stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Petardino Lampeggiante

Crackling Item. brand.

U. Borggnomo brand. Apparently designed for the Italian market, but I bought these in New Mexico. Similar to the paper-wrapped Cracker Bomb, these crackle nicely for a few seconds (Last tested in 1998)

Phantasm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-105. 25 shots, 38 seconds.

Twenty-five single-color breaks of red, blue or green. Breaks are well-timed, symmetrical, richly colored; and they break with a powerful bang. (Last tested in 1996)

Phantasmic Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-007. 135 seconds.

Bright red stars with silver flitter, adding some green and a little blue, then changing to an intense crackle spray. Long lasting, but not enough

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changes to keep it interesting. This is the fountain that was shown at the beginning of my PYROvideo #3 tape, the one on top of the large rock. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Phantom Blast

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand. 69 seconds.

Starts with a brief white flitter spray with red sparks, then changes to a silver spray with a red flame at the base. Then it changes to a mix of gold crackle with large gold sparks. Then it changes to an excellent mix of purple sparks with

white flake sparks. Then the silver spray with the red flame at the base again. Then a nice combination of gold crackle with blue sparks. Then green sparks are added to that mix. Then it becomes just a mix of gold crackle and green sparks. Then the silver spray with red flame again, and then a mix of red, green and blue sparks with some gold crackle. Quick changes and interesting combinations of colors and effects make this a winner. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Phantom California Candle

Hand-held Fountain. Phantom brand, #C-017. 68 seconds.

Red flame, to green with gold sparks, to light crackling silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Phantom Chopper

Flying Spinner. Phantom brand, #K-045. 5 seconds.

Elaborate construction, but like Cat Copter, erratic flight. Collectible. (Last tested in 1995)

Phantom Crackling Missile Base

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-054. 300 shots, 38 seconds.

Most 300-shot Saturn Missile Battery-type cakes I have seen are arranged in 60 rows of 5, making a very long, narrow piece. But this one is arranged in 30 rows of 10, a much more sensible configuration, for packaging and shipping purposes at least. This one fires rapidly, and each shot gives a whistle on the way up and then turns into crackle. The pace increases and the intensity builds as it goes along, and at the end there is a tremendous barrage of whistles and crackle. I'm not really a big fan of Saturn Missile Batteries, but I did like this one and the other 300-shot ones I've seen, because they fire so many missiles at once it becomes an intense barrage. (Last tested in 2004)

Phantom Fiesta

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-120. 110 shots, 12 seconds.

Furious barrage of color, reports and whistles shot straight up. Short, but sweet. (Last tested in 1995)

Phantom Fire, large

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
brand, #O-092. 59 seconds.

Starts and ends with a whistle, in between, gorgeous red and green sprays. (Last tested in 1995)

Phantom Fog 8" Smoke Assortment

Smoke. Phantom brand, #P-056. 45 seconds.

A pack of 3 smoke fountains: Two Phantom Fog smoke fountains (although the labels have different color schemes) and one Smolderin' Smoke Stack smoke fountain. All put out lots of smoke for about 45 seconds. The blue Phantom Fog puts out really nice rich blue smoke. (Last tested in 1999)

Phantom Missile Base

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-020. 225 shots,
100 seconds.

A huge Saturn Missile Battery, with whistling silver comets going up and ending in small reports. Goes on so long that you might get tired of it, but it could be used during a finale to keep the action going. (Last tested in 2001)

Phantom of the Opera

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0254. 120 seconds.

Because of its triangular shape, I thought this was going to be just another re-labeled Triangle Whistling Flower fountain, also sold as Sunburst, Space Walk and Alcatraz. But it was better, lasting exactly two minutes, with a good variety of effects. Red and white spray with good color, changing to green spray with white flitter darting away, then blue and white, then a gold flitter spray, then back to red and white, then green with darting white flitter, to a strong gold flitter spray, to one loud, short whistle, then intense crackle, and finally a tall soft silver spray. No blue, but a complete, satisfying fountain. Also sold as Tropical Sunlight (Beihai brand). (Last tested in 1999)

Phantom Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO009. 29 shots, 33 seconds.

Shoots 5 shots in a fan shape, which are blue pearls that go up and end in very nice breaks of blue stars mixed with crackle. Then shoots another row of 5 in

a fan shape, which are blue pearls that go up and end in breaks which have blue stars and some silver trails, but not quite a true chrysanthemum break. The next row of 5 is shot in a fan shape, and these are blue pearls that go up and end in true chrysanthemum breaks of blue stars with white trails. The final row of 5 is shot in a fan shape, and they are blue pearls that end in gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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Phantom Wheel

Wheel. Phantom brand, #T-023. 71 seconds.

Red, green, blue pearls, whistles, reports - wow, what a show. (Last tested in 1995)

Phantom's Fury

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-113. 95 seconds.

A little too short in height. Nice colors; no sound effects. (Last tested in 1995)

Phat Fire

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A035.

The box contains twelve triple-break shells and 2 tubes. They are mainly color peony breaks but some have crackle mixed in. I was impressed with the amount of stars in each break; they

certainly didn't skimp on stars when assembling this one. (Last tested in 2005)

Phoenix & Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2553. 19 shots, 16 seconds.

Very nice sparkling silver comets, followed by gold comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Phoenix Facing Sun

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK108. 108 shots, 34 seconds.

This starts as a variation on a Z-pattern, where two shots in the center of the cake are fired, one red and one blue, then two shots on either side of those are fired, one red and one blue, and so on. The result is a "spreading out" or "butterfly" pattern of firing, different from a Z pattern or fan shape. Three more of these red-blue butterfly rows are fired. Then, screaming silver comets are also fired in a butterfly pattern. Then, a row of shots is fired in a butterfly pattern, with purple stars on the left and green stars on the right. Then three more butterfly rows just like that. Then four shots are fired straight up which end in large breaks of mixed color peony stars with added crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Phoenix Silverwave Rockets

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-069A.

A pack of 6 rockets, three each of Phoenix rocket and Silverwave Rocket. (Last tested in 1999)

Phoenix Tail Howl

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1016. 15 seconds.

Ultra-loud whistle with red and green spray at the same time. (Last tested in 1995)

Phoenix Tail Howl, small

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1077. 5 seconds.

Brief but loud whistle and a small shower of gold sparks. Green flame with gold sparks, while it whistles throughout. Nice, but pretty short. (Last tested in 1998)

Photon Rocket

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1058. 34 seconds.

Although these look like skyrockets on sticks, they are fountains. They start with a nice silver spray with a blue flame at the base. A few gold flitter sparks are also mixed in with the silver spray. Towards the end it changes to a gold spray with flashing white sparks, and right in the last few seconds it becomes a furious spray of red, green, blue and a little crackle. Pretty impressive. (Last tested in 2004)

Piccolo Pete

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0710P. 12 seconds.

Just a single whistle that starts at a high pitch and gradually lowers in pitch. (Last tested in 1995)

Piccolo-Corsair (Mini Cicciolo)

Combination firecracker. WECO brand, #1303.

Cracker itself says, "Mini Ciccolo." You get 60 of them in each box! Strike the tip on a matchbook to light it. First a red flame, then a pretty damn good report considering the item's tiny size. Not as loud as Böller A, but with 60 of them in the box, these are a great value. (Last tested in 1996)

Picnic Basket

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2042. 42 seconds.

Starts with 3 red and blue fountains all at once, at slight angles to form a fan shape, then changes to 2 green fountains on the sides and a silver fountain in the middle. Then a gold fountain in the middle with silver fountains on the sides, then some whistles start while the fountains change to crackle. Very nice display, just make sure that the fountain is positioned correctly (the long side should be facing the audience). (Last tested in 2002)

Picturesque

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF047. 89 seconds.

A white flitter spray starts, then a silver whistle combines with the white flitter, then just white flitter. Then a combination of gold and silver is sprayed. A little bit of blue sparks is added to the mix, and another silver whistle joins in the fun. Then it becomes a nice spray of

gold with blue sparks mixed in. Then it turns into a big spray of white flitter sparks, then again to a nice mix of gold and blue. A little crackle starts, and another short silver whistle goes off, and when the whistle finishes, then it is just a crackle spray with a little bit of blue sparks mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

Piercing Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB291. 30 shots, 35 seconds.

All shots are fired in a Z pattern. The first 5 shots are white pearls that go up and break with a bang into a cluster of blue peony stars. The next row of shots, going the other direction, goes up as silver comets that end in small silver chrysanthemum breaks, that break with a bang. Each of these breaks has 5 fluffy silver trails. The next five shots are red pearls that go up and break into red dragon eggs breaks, with each star a red

gold trails behind them. I liked this cake a lot, because the burst charge in each break has quite a punch to it, and the effects are well done. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Pin Ball Crazy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM0674. 24 shots, 32 seconds.

Shoots up a series of 6 red pearls which are slightly strobing. Then shoots a series of 6 whistling comets. Then shoots up a series of 6 crackling comets. Then shoots 2 shots at the same time which end in peony breaks of mixed red and green stars. Then shoots 4 shots at the same time when end in crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Pirate's Gold

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-085. 117 seconds.

Not your usual multi-tube fountain with everything but the kitchen sink. This one offers only blue and gold, six tubes of the same effect: gold sprays with some of the sparks splitting into more gold. Into this are thrown rich blue accents at certain times during the performance. A subtle, soft display to contrast with the more intense fountains. (Last tested in 1998)

Pirates Treasure

Base Fountain. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-F008. 26 seconds.

Box of four base fountains, Blue Jewels, Crackling Jewels, Silver & Green Jewels, and Red & Green Jewels. Very nice sprays; some may be the same fountains as "Spirit Fountain." The "Crackling Jewels" lasted 59 seconds, a continuous mixture of red, silver and crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Plane Drops Parachute by night

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0434. 6 seconds.

Plane Drops Parachute (Red Lantern, #0434) has always been a cool idea: helicopter goes up, then ejects the pilot out with his own parachute. This one has always suffered from flimsy construction, and hardly ever worked. I gave the item one last chance recently and was pleasantly surprised: all six in the box worked perfectly! At the top of the flight, a tiny parachute is ejected, and falls slowly down, carrying a green flare. (Last tested in 1996)

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peony star that has a trail of crackle behind it. The next five shots go up and break hard into gold willow breaks. The next five shots are green stars with white trails that go up and break into green dragon eggs breaks, with each star a green peony star that has a trail of crackle behind it. The last five shots are green stars that go up and break into breaks of bright green stars with thin

Plane Flying at Night, large
Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand,
#W522A. 10 seconds.

Gold spray, changing to green flame with silver sparks. Awesome. (Last tested in 1995) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Plane Flying at Night, medium
Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand,
#W522. 8 seconds.

Classic, superb item. Spins up with gold spray and green circle. Used to also have red circle, but not any more. (Last tested in 1995)

Plane Flying at Night, small
Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand,
#W525. 4 seconds.

Not as impressive as the larger versions, but good for its price. Green flame and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Planet Fireworks

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2830.

Starts as a red, green and crackling fountain, which lasts almost 30 seconds, then erupts into a barrage of color pearls (red, blue and green), whistling shots and loud reports. Pretty impressive two-stage performance! (Last tested in 2000)

Plastic Tip Bottle Rocket

Bottle Rocket. Flying Dragon brand,
#W502B.

Six to the pack. Large for bottle rockets, with a loud whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Pleasant Surprise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 26 seconds.

Starts with a fountain of red sparks with silver flashing sparks, then gives mines of mixed colors with one crackling comet in each mine. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Pledge of Allegiance, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Old Glory brand.

A giant red break. Very impressive for a #100. (Last tested in 1996)

Plum Blossom Bouquet

Ground Spinner. Horse brand,
#T3532. 6 seconds.

A few years back there was an item called Jasmine Gun, which was a string

of firecrackers that changed into ground spinners - an amazing feat in itself, but I would rather have the spinners end as firecrackers instead. Well, I finally got my wish. Plum Blossom Bouquet is an outstanding new ground spinner very similar to Jumping Jacks, but with each spinner ending in a respectable little report. They don't travel far, but they are terrific. The Horse Brand factory makes a comeback! (Last tested in 1997)

Plum Flowers Report Spring, small

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand,
#0835. 12 seconds.

Exquisite package - you'll want to keep it. Many lovely effects. Blue, gold, green, and red sprays. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1995)

Pluto Invader

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R737.

Pack of 4 rockets with very long sticks. Two each of two kinds: one kind flies up and ends in a cluster of gold flying fish like the "Warp Speed" repeater. The other kind flies up and ends in silver flying fish plus a couple of firecrackers. Both have comet tails on the way up and they fly a long way. Quality rockets, but expensive. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Poison Ivy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2174. 25 shots,
55 seconds.

A green pearl goes up and ends in a break which has some green stars and some purple stars, and these stars leave sparkling trails as they slowly spread out and downward. Then 19 more shots identical to that one. Then the last 5 shots, which are identical to all the rest, are fired all at the same time for a finale. No sound effects, but pleasing to look at. Changed for 2005 season: A strobing green pearl goes up and ends in a break which has blue peony stars and stars which give gold willow trails plus sparkling green stars as they spread out. Lovely. The next shot is the same, except red replaces the blue. The above sequence is repeated nine more times - a bit repetitive if you ask me. The final five shots are fired all at once and all end in crackle flowers. Lasts longer for the 2005 season. (Last tested in 2004)

Police Car

Novelty Firework. Flying Dragon brand, #W730. 19 seconds.

There's great satisfaction in aiming two of them exactly at each other. Rolls forward, shooting silver sparks out the back, the rolls backward, shooting gold sparks out of both holes in the front. Then, whistles briefly from the tube in the top. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

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Plum Flowers Report Spring, large

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand,
#0835A. 29 seconds.

Elegant package. Many beautiful effects, but slightly inconsistent. Blue, green, red, gold and some crackle. First tested in 1995 and it was excellent then. Has declined in quality over the years, but I tested it again in 2003. It gave a silver flashing spray, changing to a mixed red and gold spray. It's a nice looking package, but they are not filling it with the right effects any more, the effects it gives are just ordinary. I'm very sorry to see that this one has gone down the drain. (Last tested in 1995)

Pop Goes the Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2009. 64 seconds.

Starts with a big spray of gold crackle, and lots of it. Also a continuous spray of soft gold sparks comes out at the same time. Then it changes to silver crackle with silver balls, also intense and nice. No colors and no whistles, but plenty of crackle. A great crackle fountain comparable in quality to "Ratta Tat Tat." (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Pop Pop

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Horse brand, #T8500.

Fizz fizz. Small insignificant snappers. (Last tested in 1995)

Pop Rockets

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0308.

Smaller rocket which goes up with a gust of gold sparks and ends in a fair report, not as loud of a report as with Terminator rocket but a nice little snappy report. (Last tested in 1999)

Pot O' Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2907. 24 shots, 43 seconds.

The first 5 shots are fired straight up, one at a time, and they are fluffy comets going up and ending in good mixed-color chrysanthemum breaks. Then the next 3 shots are fired at once in a fan, and they are crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of crackle. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Excellent cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Pot of Gold Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2008. 63 seconds.

A gold flitter spray for about 22 seconds, then a very unusual and very nice soft gold "firefly" spray for about 20 seconds, then a gold crackle spray for 21 seconds. The middle section is the most interesting; this is the only fountain currently on the market that I know of which has this effect. The effect is not bright or loud, but it is really nice: soft gold ember-like sparks spray up and swirl around. (Last tested in 2001)

Potent Palm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK648. 19 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot gives a chrysanthemum break, with white trails of sparks and color at the leading tips of each trail. The color alternates from one shot to the next, it is either blue, green, red or gold. The final 3 shots are fired all at once, and all 3 are white chrysanthemum breaks with no color. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

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Potent Puller

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7098. 36 seconds.

It's a tractor with a trailer in the back. First the tractor's engine gives a small fountain of gold, and then changes to smoke, which continues on. A tube at the back of the trailer gives a silver whistle, which pushes the entire device forward, and it changes to a red flame. Then from somewhere in the device, some silver ground spinners come out and dance around the whole thing for a few seconds. Finally a silver whistle in the front of the tractor pushes the tractor backwards, and changes to silver spray before going out. (2002) A tractor, which starts with a gold spray pointing up from a pipe on the front hood of the tractor, followed by a continuous stream of smoke from the same pipe.

While this smoke continues, three short whistles at the back end of the tractor propel it forward, then this changes to a red flame at the back, while several spinners exit from the back of the tractor and spin around it on the ground with a white spray. They stop, and a whistle on the front of the tractor propels it backward, and that whistle changes to a green and white spray. Pretty impressive performance. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Potted Landscape

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Flower Basket brand, #K1822. 23 seconds.

Starts with a spray of gold sparks and silver balls. Then it sprays silver from three tubes simultaneously in a vase shape. Not particularly impressive, though. (Last tested in 2003)

Powder Buster

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B5-02. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

This one was a winner for me. The first shot went up and gave a gigantic red peony break which also had a smaller chrysanthemum break of 5 silver comets in the center of the break. The next shot was the same, except the red stars were replaced by purple stars. It still had the small break of chrysanthemum stars in the center. The next shot was the same, except the purple stars were replaced by blue stars. It also had the small break of chrysanthemum stars in the center. The next shot was the same, except the blue stars were replaced by green stars. It also had the small chrysanthemum break in the center. The above sequence of shots is then repeated two more times. The final 4 shots of the cake are fired all at once, and they go up and give a whole bunch of chrysanthemum breaks (possibly 2 breaks from each shot) that fill the sky for a few seconds. The purple stars in some of the breaks are a great asset here, and overall this is one of the better 500-gram cakes I have tested. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Powder Keg

Reloadable Shell Kit. No brand.

Very nice box and tube artwork, but no brand or item number is anywhere to be found. Blue Stars with Crackling, Silver Tiger Tail Palm, Jumbo Green Chrysanthemum, Green Tiger Tail to Blue Stars, Jumbo Golden Stars, Silver Glitter, Whistling to Assorted Stars, Red & White Wave, Red Tiger Tail to Green with Crackling, Green Stars with Crackling, Silver Palm, and Whistling to Assorted Stars. Superb performances - about the best rising tails I've seen so far. (Last tested in 1998)

Powder Keg

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-090. 114 seconds.

Bright white sprays, crackle sprays, and color sprays all take turns. Four whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

Power 2000

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4011. 19 shots, 43 seconds.

Alternates between shots which are crackling comets with bright white heads, and shots which go up dark and then open into a variety of effects. Those effects alternate between breaks of silver flying fish, and breaks of chrysanthemum with crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Power Bomb

Skyrocket. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE2018.

This is a package of 6 different rockets with artillery shell-type heads, beautifully wrapped in 6 different colors of foil. The red plastic caps on the fuses are a little bit hard to remove; see the method described under "Firedrake Rocket" for how to remove them. The six effects in this pack are: red coconut with green stars, yellow coconut with blue stars, blue coconut with crackling, green coconut with purple stars, silver coconut with crackling, and silver and crackling coconut. These rockets fly well and give off a good amount of stars, but I really wish they would break harder, like shells. (Last tested in 2004)

Power Fighter

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0003-3. 25 shots, 51 seconds.

Most of the way through, this one sends up sparkling comets that end in gold willow breaks with sparkling points on the tips, alternating with sparkling comets that go up and open into gold willow breaks with sparkling green tips. Something different from the usual cake. At the end, it sends up 5 crackling comets all at once, which all open into red peony breaks with some sparkling silver stars in them. (Last tested in 2004)

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Power Man

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0003-1. 25 shots, 57 seconds.

Artillery shells shot straight up. Red pearl to red peony with crackle; green pearl to green peony with crackle; blue pearl to blue peony with crackle; dragon eggs break; that sequence is repeated four more times. Then the final 5 shots are fired all at once, they appear to be one of each of the previous sequence plus one more crackling comet. Long-lasting. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Power of America

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Rhino brand.

The shells in this kit produce a variety of large breaks, including mixed-color peony breaks, some nice color chrysanthemums, and best of all, a couple of good ring shells, an unusual effect of a ring of stars in the sky. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Power of Magic

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A047. 21 shots, 30 seconds.

Mines of crackle, with blue peony stars above the crackle, and gold willow breaks above the blue peony stars. Then it changes to mines of crackle and blue, with breaks of red flying fish and silver glitter above the mines. Then it changes to mines of crackle with pale blue-green glitter breaks above the mines. Then, mines of crackle with breaks of blue peony stars and green flying fish above the mines. Then more blue and crackle mines, with some excellent chrysanthemum breaks above the mines. Finally some crackle flower breaks and some crackling dragon eggs breaks with blue glitter along the branches of the breaks. Top-notch. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Power Play

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star Fireworks brand. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

All breaks are sparkling gold willow breaks. A good one to shoot multiple units of, about 50 feet apart. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Power Play

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 14 seconds.

Large gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Power Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK725.

This shell kit has two tubes in it and 24 assorted shells, with a very impressive look. All the shells are covered with colored foil of gold, green, blue or magenta. Twelve shells are regular ball-style with a cylindrical base, 6 are shaped like ice cream cones with pointed bases, and 6 are double-break shells where the top break is a little smaller than the lower one. Most of these shells have comets

on the way up, and all shells in this kit give large breaks with excellent effects. The chrysanthemum breaks are especially good, with fluffy tails of white sparks following each star in the break. If you can only get one shell kit, this would be a good choice. The breaks are huge and of superb quality, with a professional look to them. And the packaging of the kit has very high shelf appeal - the brightly colored foil on the shells draws the eye directly to this box. It's almost like a birthday present that you don't even need to wrap, it looks so appealing already. The only thing I don't like about this shell kit is that every shell has a piece of tape on the end of its fuse, which says "FUSE" and it completely wraps the end of the fuse. You have to manually peel that tape off in addition to unwinding the fuse. It's very tedious and boring to do this, and there are 24 shells in this kit you have to do this to! They shouldn't even bother with the tape - if they want to protect the end of the fuse, they should put a paper or plastic cap over it, that you can just pull off quickly. Other than that complaint, I love this shell kit. The kit has four types of shells in it. The round ball shells are: Silver Wave Chrysanthemum, Green to Purple Peony, Gold to Red Peony, Silver Wave Chrysanthemum To Green, Blue Strobe and Yellow Strobe. The second type is called "snake tail shells" and they are: Red Snake Tail to Red Strobe, Red Snake Tail to Green & Purple Peony, Silver Snake Tail to Crackling, Silver Snake Tail to Silver Palm Tree, Green Snake Tail to Silver Glitter, and Green Snake Tail to Red & Blue Peony. The third type is called "big head shells" and they are: Green & Orange Peony, Crackling, Silver Wave Chrysanthemum, Red Palm Tree, Gold Palm Tree and Silver to Green Peony. The final type is called "bouquet tail shells" and they are: Silver Bouquet Tail to Red Peony, Silver Bouquet Tail to Silver Strobe, Red & Silver Bouquet Tail to Gold Willow, Red & Silver Bouquet Tail to Jumbo Gold Peony, Green Bouquet Tail to Purple Wave Chrysanthemum, and Green Bouquet Tail to Blue Crackling. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Power Surge

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-090. 24 shots,
42 seconds.

Alternates between two effects: a blue pearl goes up and breaks into a few gold stars and crackers, or small wiggling silver comets whistle twice on the way up - two short, but distinct whistles. Weird. (Last tested in 1998)

Power Surge

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0307. 130
seconds.

Red balls with white flitter sparks, changing to a tall spray of green with white flitter, changing to a crackling

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This DVD is 2 hours of company demos, including Brothers, Cannon, Dragon Eggs, Fire Hawk, Flower King, Hale, Black Cat, Mega Ton and Red Rhino brands. A total of 140 new fireworks are shown, as well as 5 finales.



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spray with green mixed in, then to a red and green spray with crackle. Several short whistles are also fired throughout the performance. A pause between color changes fools you a couple of times, making you think it's done, and then it starts up again. Very long-lasting. (Last tested in 1999)

Power Surge

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-068. 51 sec-
onds.

Bright white spray with a red flame at the bottom, changing quickly to an intense crackle spray, then a green flame with silver spray, then more

crackle - really intense crackle, then a red flame/silver spray, then much more crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Power Tower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-6156. 58 shots, 35
seconds.

Begins with a fountain of silver flitter sparks. Then it shoots up a rapid stream of sparkling silver comets and roman-candle style color pearls. Three of the shots are whistling comets. (Last tested in 2005)

Powerdome Rockets

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-057.
Four rockets on wooden sticks, sold together as a package. Ball-style tops with color foil on them. You get one each of Silver Blue, Blue Crackling, Silver Red and Green Silver. Good flight and good breaks similar to ring shells. Tested again in 2004. These are "ring shell" rockets, which break with a circle of color stars in the air. One gives a green ring with silver trails behind each star. Another gives a red ring with silver trails behind each star. Another gives a blue ring with silver trails behind each star. The last gives a ring of blue peony stars (no trails) and then some crackle after a second or two. Good performance. (Last tested in 2004)

Powerful Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Beihai brand, #WB4026. 95 sec-
onds.

Nice green flitter spray, changing to crackle spray, then white flitter with soft crackle, then multi-color spray, with red and green, adding crackle, then green flitter spray, then a whistle, then crackle at the end. First tested in 1999, then tested again in 2003, and still just as good, if not better. Although it lasted a little shorter (112 seconds in 1999 and then 95 seconds in 2003) the effects and intensity were still top-notch. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Powerpop

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United
Pyro brand, #UP3013. 16 shots, 19
seconds.

Every shot gives a break of crackling flying fish, which are bright silver. Good sizzling sound effect. The last 4 shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2003)

Precious Gems

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2125. 7 shots,
14 seconds.

The stars used in this cake are formulated to burn longer than normal. The breaks open and the stars drift down slowly as they continue to burn. The effect is unusual and very pleasing to the eye. It is reminiscent of the original 1995 version of "Cajun Pageant." Each break gives clusters of stars in blue and a reddish-orange. The blue stars burn out sooner, but the red stars continue burning for a while. Although it doesn't last very long, I enjoyed this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Predator

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0251.

Twelve canister shells and two tubes. Crackling with Whirlwind; Red Stars with Crackling; Green Stars with Red Pistil; Red Chrysanthemum; Purple Chrysanthemum; White Wave with Whirlwind; Crackling; Silver Palm; Golden Stars; Red White Wave; Blue Stars with Pistil; and Silver Glitter. Outstanding quality. I believe the shells are the same shells that are used in the Rambo Kid shell kits. (Last tested in 1999)

Predator

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0251A.

The popular Predator shells, same as Rambo Kid shells, but in a box of 6 shells and one tube. Golden Stars, Red Stars with Crackling, Silver Glittering, Crackling with Whirlwind, Blue Star with Pistil, and Purple Chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 2000)

Predator Single Shot 11"

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0944.

Box of 4 single-shot shells each with its own tube and base. Excellent performance. (Last tested in 2001)

Predator Single Shot 8"

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0945.

Box of 4 single-shot shells each with its own tube and base. Excellent performance. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Premier Cognac

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Winda brand, #P3011. 60 seconds.

Appears to be the same fountain sold as "Fine Champagne" in the Brothers brand. It's in the shape of a black plastic "champagne bottle," and you take the top half off to light the fountain which is sitting in the bottom half. Starts with brilliant orange globs with blue stars mixed in, then a nice softly crackling silver spray, then a sudden loud whistle, then a mixed red, blue and green spray, then another whistle, then a crackle spray, then another loud whistle. Good variety of effects and good colors. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Premium Moon Travellers

Bottle Rocket. Cannon brand, #Y01-020.

A brand-new bottle rocket, which flies up quietly and ends in a tiny, snappy report. (Last tested in 1998)

Prime Artillery Shell

Reloadable Shell Kit. No brand.

Two tubes and twelve shells in the box, with 12 different effects. All have tails and break into very nice breaks. These appear to be the same shells as in the Cannon kit. Crackling, Crackling Silver, White Flashing, Crackling & Green, Crackling & Yellow Sparkling, Red & Silvery Pearl, etc. Probably the best external artwork of any of these boxes. No brand or number. (Last tested in 1998)

Prime roman candle

Roman Candle, single. No brand, #GRC004. 10 shots, 18 seconds.

No brand on label, but a great logo of a boy in a straw hat, going fishing with a string of firecrackers hanging out of his back pocket. Nice red and green pearls with silver trails. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Primula

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF055. 83 seconds.

Red sparks mixed with silver flitter, then changing to a spray of red and green sparks. Then a mixture of blue sparks with gold flitter sparks. The briefly a white spray, then back to the mix of red and green sparks. Then at the end, it changes to a red spray with big crackles. (Last tested in 2004)

PRO Assorted Comets and Crackling

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Winco brand. 25 shots, 15 seconds.

Shoots 5 beautiful sparkling comets at once in a fan, and these end in tremendous blue peony breaks. Then it apparently shoots 3 rows at once, a total of 15 shots fired at one time, in a fan shape. These 15 shots are sparkling comets which go up and end in some very nice breaks of red and green peony stars and a bunch of crackle. I'm not sure if all 3 rows were supposed to go off all at once, but they did. Then another fan of 5 is shot at once, and they are sparkling comets which go up and end in big

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Premium Jumping Jack

Ground Spinner. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-G001. 9 seconds.

Ordinary jumping jacks, I can't see what is "premium" about them, they appear to be the same as all the other average jumping jacks currently being sold. (Last tested in 2005)

breaks of crackle flowers. This is not a very long-lasting cake, but it is still a "wow" item, with excellent sparkling comets throughout, and beautiful blue at the beginning. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Pro Connector Series

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Hale/Black Cat brand. 129 seconds.

This is a set of 3 500-gram cakes and one 500-gram fountain, bearing the Black Cat logo but imported and sold by Hale Fireworks. The connectors are built into the devices, and connecting fuses are included. You simply plug in the connectors and light one fuse. It starts with silver fountains and a crackling fountain. The fountain continues for more than one minute before the cakes start. I think it would be better for the cakes to start right away, or soon after the fountain starts, so that you would have fountain and aerial effects at the same time. The aerial effects start just as the fountain ends, and they are groups of gold comets that go up and end in soft gold breaks. Then there is a series of gold mines sweeping from right to left, and some aerial breaks of crackle. The gold and crackle mines continue in a zig-zag pattern, the stop eventually as the aerial breaks continue. These are mainly crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of crackle plus several chrysanthemum stars in each break. This set is basically a two-minute fireworks show starting with fountains, then mines, and finally aerial breaks. It's a very nice idea and it makes it easier than ever to put on a fireworks show. It makes me wish that ALL multi-shot cakes, both 200-gram and 500-gram, had this type of connection capability. It would make it exceedingly easy to set up a nice fireworks show, just connecting whatever cakes you want in series or in parallel, then just light one end and sit back and enjoy the show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Pro Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK805. 103 seconds.

Starts with a good spray of red and blue sparks against a background of soft gold spray. Then it changes to a spray of red sparks with flashing white sparks, then to a beautiful combination of gold flitter and blue sparks, then a very brief whistle (only a second or two), then a silver

flitter spray with red sparks, then a gorgeous and fairly intense gold crackle spray with blue and red sparks mixed in, then to a mixture of blue sparks and flashing gold sparks, another one-second whistle, then the gorgeous gold crackle spray again, then to a mixture of red sparks with gold crackle spray. Excellent. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

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Prowler

Skyrocket. Cannon brand, #Y01-015.

These three rockets all perform the same, and they appear to me to be identical in construction - just the labels are different. Each rocket whistles loudly on the way up and ends with three small reports. Inside the payload of each rocket are three 1-inch ladyfingers. (Last tested in 1998)

Pterosaur Fountain

Cone Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1012. 24 seconds.

Starts with a mixture of red sparks and crackle, then changes to all-crackle for the ending, and pretty intense crackle at that. (Last tested in 2004)

Public Outrage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2997. 137 shots, 76 seconds.

A big triangular-shaped piece that starts with some ordinary color pearls, then changes to crackling comets, then some shots that open into small clusters of color stars, then some comets that are both whistling and crackling as they go up, then a mixture of colored-head comets and crackling comets, then more of the ones that open into small clusters of color stars, then the whistling and crackling comets start again, then that's it. Long duration and a lot going on, but no real "breaks" of stars. (Last tested in 2002)

Pulsar

Strobe. Winco brand, #NVJP-300. 33 seconds.

Starts with a red flame, but changes quickly to a brilliant white strobe light, flashing for about 10 seconds, almost too bright to look at. Then it changes to a fountain of red, green and some soft crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Puppy Love

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4239. 94 seconds.

Shaped like a heart. Starts with a spray of red, green and crackle, then changing to just crackle, then to a white flitter spray. Then several tubes light at once, which give red flames, while the central tube continues with mixed green, red and crackle. The red flames die down, and another tube starts up with mixed red, green and crackle. Then that changes to a crackling silver spray. Then a very short whistle, and a very unusual orange flitter spray. Then a silver spray with a very soft crackling sound. Finally a gold crackle spray. (Last tested in 2005)

Pure Party

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2927. 19 shots, 18 seconds.

Huge gold palm-trees with crackling tips. Big gold palm tree breaks with clusters of crackle. Excellent quality. Similar to Crackling Golden Palms, Coconut Grove Song, Machine Gun Shell, and others. (Last tested in 2000)

Purple Bullet

Roman Candle, single. Phantom brand. 10 seconds.

Dangerous; most shots explode inside the case. Do not buy this. (Last tested in 1995)

Purple Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W583. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

Green pearls up to spinning gold with purple floral break. Great color! Several "strengths" available. (Last tested in 1995)

Purple Chrysanthemum, No. 100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

A nice white comet tail goes up and breaks into a large chrysanthemum burst, of colored heads with white comet trails. Nice, but the color heads are not purple as stated on the label, they are actually a pale blue-green. (Last tested in 2000)

Purple Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2024P. 10 shots, 28 seconds.

Ten pretty good purple pearls shot up one at a time. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Purple Fireworks

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #1011. 57 seconds.

Mixed spray of gold, green and white flutter. I thought I saw a few blue sparks at certain points, but mainly just the green and white. This item is mis-named, because there really isn't any purple to be seen in it. But it's not a bad display. (Last tested in 1998)

Purple Galaxie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-064. 16 shots, 34 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a gold crackling comet, which spins around as it goes up, then it breaks open in to a small cluster of blue stars, with a few ladyfinger-size reports. They didn't really look too purple to me, the looked like blue stars. (Last tested in 1998)

Purple Haze

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2814. 20 shots, 34 seconds.

It's about time someone honored Jimi Hendrix in fireworks, but is this one good enough? Crackling comets end in small clusters of purple or lavender stars. Purple is rare in pyro, but give us more than this. Crackling comets end in purplish-blue clusters of stars. But the clusters of stars aren't really big enough nor do they break hard enough. (Last tested in 2000)

the top, blue stars appear, though not in what I would call a break. They just sort of come up from the top of the gold comet. This cake was a disappointment to me. If they are going to use the word purple in the name and/or description, it really should feature purple stars or have purple in it somewhere. (Last tested in 2004)

Purple Pearl, #2

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1040. 15 seconds.

Soft gold spray interspersed with extremely beautiful purple stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Purple Pearls

Roman Candle, single. West Lake brand, #L314. 10 shots, 13 seconds.

Very nice blue pearls. They should have called it Blue Pearls instead. (Last tested in 1995)

Purple Rain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #CP433. 37 shots, 23 seconds.

Dongguan, China. Fast-paced shots which give off strobing, bluish-purple stars. Small breaks, but it keeps stars almost continuously in the air. Six of the tubes did not fire. (Last tested in 1996)

Purple Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0158. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

The first shot goes up and breaks into a break which is a combination of purple "dahlia" stars with silver glitter stars. What the manufacturer calls "dahlia" stars is like peony stars (no trails) but larger and longer-lasting. Then four more shots just like that. The next five shots are the same except the silver glitter stars are replaced by green glitter. Then the next five shots are breaks of dahlia stars, a mix of purple and green. Then five shots all at once which give breaks of purple dahlia stars, green dahlia stars, and crackle. Then another five shots all at once just like the last one. All in all, a good source of purple for your show. (Last tested in 2005)

Pyramid

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W467. 20 seconds.

Four tubes are attached to the inside. You light the fuse on the top tube, which burns with a red flame, changing

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Purple Heaven

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG10023. 9 seconds.

Gorgeous purple and gold sparks, but should last two or three times as long! (Last tested in 1995)

Purple Pageant

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B003. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

The label led me to believe that there would be purple stars in this. There aren't any, although there are blue stars, and someone got the terminology mixed up. Every shot is a crackling gold comet on the way up. When it gets to

to green flame. Meanwhile, the 3 side tubes ignite simultaneously and spray silver sparks, while the top tube continues to spray. Like a large version of the Silvery Water fountain, which performs in a similar manner. (Last tested in 1998)

Pyramid Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1029. 49 seconds.

Two opposing sprays, almost at a 45 degree angle from each other, come out from the top of the pyramid, giving red sparks and flashing white sparks. They then change to white flutter with red and green. Finally straight up from the top of the pyramid comes a bright white spray, which turns to crackle at the end. A beautifully constructed piece - I liked the angles and the distance the sprays reached - but I wish it had a little more punch to it. (Last tested in 2004)

Pyro Alert

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK607. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

Each shot appears to give 2 effects: a mine at the ground and a break above it. The first five are blue mines topped with blue breaks, then the next five are silver mines topped with silver chrysanthemum breaks, then five green mines topped with green chrysanthemum breaks, then five red mines topped with red chrysanthemum breaks, and finally five crackle mines topped with crackle breaks. Excellent quality, but this cake has a tendency to tip over while it's going. Make sure to glue it down or tape it down well. Similar to "Rock Your World" and "Glorious Blast." (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Pyro Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Monster brand, #CP443. 19 shots, 35 seconds.

19 shots. Whistling comets, red pearls, crackling comets, green pearls, and finally comets with reports. Simple effects, precisely timed. (Last tested in 1996)

Pyro Boy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A057. 12 shots, 36 seconds.

Alternates between gigantic gold willow breaks and gigantic brocade willow breaks. Impressive size and spread. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Pyro Fever

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-249. 16 shots, 36 seconds.

The first few shots go up dark and break into gold willow breaks, then the next few shots go up dark and break into peony breaks of mixed green and purple peony stars. The next few shots go up and break into nice breaks of blue peony

them are about 3 seconds apart, giving each one a duration of about 15 seconds. These are good if you are looking for comets, but they have no breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Pyro Glyphics

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-119. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

Alternates between shots which go up green and break hard into a large break of red and green stars with a small amount of silver flying fish, and shots which are identical to that except they are red on the way up instead of green. (Last tested in 2001)

Pyro Icon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK608. 19 shots, 26 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a red pearl and breaks into a peony break of red stars and some silver glitter. The next shot is a white pearl that goes up and breaks into a white chrysanthemum break. The next shot is a blue pearl that goes up and breaks into a break of silver glitter with some blue peony stars. These 3 shots alternate with each other until the end, when 3 shots are fired all at once and they are peony breaks with mixtures of red stars, blue stars and silver glitter. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Pyro King

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK715.

Excellent variety of shells, most with nice thick comet tails on the way up. In 2004, the kit I got had these 12 shells in it: Golden Glitter Tail with Green and Purple Stars. Silver Tiger Tail with Silver Palm Tree. Green Tiger Tail with Green Glitter. Green Tiger Tail with Orange & Green Stars. Crackling Tail with Golden Willow. Red Tail with Red and Blue Stars. Red Tiger Tail with Green Wave. Crackling Tail with Crackling. Crackling Tail with Orange Crackling. Green Tail with Willow. Silver Tail with Red and White Chrysanthemum. And finally, Golden Glitter Tail with Red Crackling. The quality is still very high; the comet tails on the way up are full and the breaks are symmetrical and satisfying. The shells in this kit are probably the best single-break ball shells I have tried so far. The only thing I don't like about this shell

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stars mixed with crackle. The final few shots give breaks of all crackle. Pretty nice. (Last tested in 2005)

Pyro Fun Stick

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3091. 5 shots, 15 seconds.

This is a pack of 4 roman candles, with each candle having 5 shots. One candle gives a series of 5 silver comets that travel pretty far. The next one gives a series of 5 gold comets with sparkling silver trails behind them. Nice looking effect. The next one gives a series of 5 crackling comets. The shots in all of

kit is that every shell has a piece of tape on the end of its fuse, which says "FUSE" and it completely wraps the end of the fuse. You have to manually peel that tape off in addition to unwinding the fuse. It's very tedious and boring to do this, and they shouldn't even bother with the tape - if they want to protect the end of the fuse, they should put a paper or plastic cap over it, that you can just pull off quickly. Other than that complaint, I love this shell kit. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3") (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Pyro Madness

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9014. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

The first shot gives a red chrysanthemum break, but the stars move not just from the force of the break but on their own as well, sort of distorting the perfect symmetry of the break into a different shape. The manufacturer calls this effect "moving comets." The next break is a peony of stars that start out red and change to blue. The next break is a green chrysanthemum that is also the "moving comets" effect. The next break is an ordinary white chrysanthemum with some red peony stars mixed in it. The next break is a white chrysanthemum with the "moving comets" effect. Then a green and blue peony break, then a red "moving comets" break. Then a red and blue peony break, then a green "moving comets" break. Then a break of white chrysanthemum mixed with red peony stars. Then a white "moving comets" break. Then four shots fired all at once which are one each of the "moving comets" breaks and one or two peony breaks of silver glitter. (Last tested in 2003)

Pyro Maniac

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Monster brand, #CP449. 61 shots, 16 seconds.

Recalled? 61 shots. A mixture of whistling comets; red, green and blue pearls with fluffy comet tails; and "swimming eel" comets. The dealer I bought this from told me it was recalled by the distributor, because it exceeded the 200-gram pyrotechnic composition limit for repeaters. (Last tested in 1996)

Pyro Master

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #MEBC6101. 51 seconds.

This has the Black Cat brand on it but is distributed by Winco Fireworks in the U.S. Begins with a crackling comet which ends in a peony break of red and white. Then another crackling comet which ends in a break of red and green. Then these 2 shots alternate for a bit. Then a bunch of screaming white comets is fired all at once, and each one gives two whistles as they fly up, and they also give off some crackle on their way up. Then 2 or 3 nice dragon eggs breaks happen. Then a series of crackling comets which go up and end in mixed color chrysanthemums. Then

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another blast of the screaming comets which crackle and whistle twice. The ending is a group of 3 very large, very pretty gold willow bursts. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Pyro Monster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Monster brand, #CP434. 20 shots, 18 seconds.

20 shots. This one elicited praise from even the most jaded pyros in attendance. Blue stars with "go-getters" (stars that dart away), and a little bit of crackle with each shot. Outstanding and unique. (Last tested in 1996)

Pyro Overdrive

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK623. 16 shots, 43 seconds.

The first shot produces a large break of mixed color peony stars and a good amount of crackle. The next break is a beautiful, big peony break of red stars, green stars and blue stars mixed together. The stars last long enough to get a good look at the colors. These 2 shots then alternate with each other until the end of the cake, when the final 4 shots are fired almost all at once. Those shots are 2 each of the shots described above. Excellent mixed color breaks here. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Pyro Paint Balls

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3094. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

This is a package of ten roman candles. All candles are 7-shots, and all shots are crackling on the way up, with color heads. All shots in one candle are identical. Each candle has a different color for the head; for example, in one candle, all the shots are crackling with red heads, in another, green, and in the third, blue, the fourth, white, and the fifth, yellow. The shots are fired fairly rapidly (2-second intervals). This would be a good candle for using in fan-shaped candle racks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Pyro Pandemonium

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-259. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Aptly named repeater which is virtually an entire fireworks show on one fuse. The first shot was an upward "mine" blast of red stars. Each of the remaining 24 shots was a whistling, spiralling comet of silver sparks on the way up, ending with a big, strong, symmetrical single-color break of either red, blue or green stars. They don't get much better than this, in the world of consumer fireworks. I first tested this in 1998, and tested again in 2005 because the packaging changed. The package is taller than before, although the artwork is basically the same. It was so good when it was first introduced in 1998 that it's worth another look. The performance is very similar: each shot is a whistling silver comet on the way up, which spirals around and still manages to go up. Each

shot then breaks into a single-color break of red, green or blue peony stars. They don't break as hard as they did when this cake first came out in 1998; it appears that black powder is now used in the break charges while flash powder was being used in 1998. Other than that, the performance is basically the same except that it did last longer this year - 53 seconds in 2005 compared with 37 seconds in 1998. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Pyro Pandemonium

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6117. 19 shots, 30 seconds.

Starts with a mine of crackle and blue stars above the crackle, then a large break of crackle above the blue stars. Then all that is repeated two more times. Then, it changes to a crackle mine with blue stars above it, and a couple of dragon eggs breaks above that. Then all that is repeated two more times. Pretty impressive 3-level display of mostly crackle and some blue. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Pyro Pop M-60 Firecrackers

Firecracker. No brand.

No brand or item number anywhere, but they say, "Made in Guangxi, China" if that's any help (not really). Comes in a box, and in the box is a bag of 36 pieces. (Last tested in 1999)

Pyro Portrait

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-652. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

A good variety of effects in one piece: red breaks, then dazzlingly bright green breaks, then a few deep blue breaks, then finally several breaks containing both screaming eels and crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Pyro Pulverizer

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-159. 33 shots, 58 seconds.

The first five shots are fired one at a time, and go straight up, and end in large gold willow breaks which sparkle along their branches as they spread out. The next five shots are fired one at a time, straight up, and they go up and end in green breaks with crackle. The next five shots go up one at a time, and appear to be all-crackle breaks. The next

group of 5 shots is fired all at once, straight up, and they end in a mixture of blue stars, gold flying fish and crackle. Then another group of 5 just like that is shot up. Then another group of 5 is shot up all at once, and they end in a mixture of green stars, silver flying fish, and crackle. Then another group of 5 just like that is fired. Finally, 3 large shots are fired all at once, pretty much straight up, and they are bright silver comets that go up and end in large, nice chrysanthemum breaks of red stars with silver trails. (Last tested in 2004)

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Pyro-Torch

Accessory. Phantom brand, #I-027.

5 minute torch for lighting fireworks with. Package has 4 pieces, so one package will give 20 minutes of firing time. Two packs are enough for a small backyard show. Burns with a green flame about 1/2 inch long. Excellent, dependable source of ignition, and not so bright that it overwhelms the fireworks as regular road flares do. (Last tested in 1998)

Pyrodeo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6158. 15 shots, 29 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and ends in what I would call a "dragon eggs" break, which are crackling branches that continue to crackle as they spread out. The tips of the branches are red. The next shot is the same, except the tips of the branches are green. The next shot is the same, except the tips of the branches are blue. The next shot is the same, except the tips of the branches are gold. The next shot is the same, except the tips are white. These shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last 5 shots are the same, but fired all at once. There is one shot at the end which goes up as a silver comet and ends in a break of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Pyromaniac

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3018. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

Starts with a brilliant red mine of stars at the ground level, and shoots up a nice shot which has blue stars and yellow "falling leaves" stars. Then a beautiful mine of blue stars at the ground level, and a nice break of red stars and silver spinners above it. Then a mine of yellow stars at the ground, and a break of green stars with silver spinners above it. These four shots alternate with each other for the rest of the cake. (Last tested in 2003)

Pyronormal Experience

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2946.

One tube and twelve double "peanut-shaped" shells. Each shell gives two complete breaks in the air. The effects are: Red Bouquet w/two spinners and Crackling Silver w/blue stars; Green Bouquet and Yellow Peony w/Green Palm; Red Palm and Blue Stars w/silver flying fish; White Flashing w/two whistles and Green Palm w/two spinners; Multi-Colored Stars w/reports and Green Palm w/two spinners; Blue Bouquet w/two whistles and Red Peony to Crackling Silver; Blue Stars w/report and Red Stars to Crackling Silver w/two spinners; Red Ring and Green Ring; Red to Green Stars and Blue to Red Chrysanthemum w/two spinners; Purple Stars w/silver glittering and Green Palm Tree; Dragon Eggs and

Green Peony w/silver glittering; and finally Crackling Silver and Crackling Silver w/two spinners. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Quad Banger

Reloadable Shell Kit. Fireworks over America brand.

Each shell in this kit gives 4 breaks in the air. For example, a green chrysanthemum, a red chrysanthemum, a crackle break and a red peony break. Or, four peony breaks of four different colors. Or, two breaks of gold willow and two dragon eggs breaks. Or, four crossette breaks of four different colors. Quality shells. (Last tested in 2004)

Quad Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Zenith/Black Cat brand. 8 shots, 37 seconds.

Made for Black Cat by Zenith Specialties of Missouri. Every shot gives 4 breaks, spaced apart about 1/2 of a second. All 4 breaks from one shot are different, for example, the first shot gives a red peony, a blue peony, a green peony, a blue peony, and a silver glitter peony, in that order. The next shot gives a crackle break and 3 color chrysanthemums. The next one gives a purple peony, a gold willow, a blue and red peony with crackle, and a bright silver chrysanthemum with red tips. The next one gives a silver glitter break, a purple chrysanthemum, a red peony and a dragon eggs break. The next one gives a red peony, a blue and green peony, and a purple glitter break. The next one gives a crackle break, and 3 color chrysanthemums (red, green, blue). The next one gives a purple peony, a gold willow, a red peony with crackle, and an all-crackle break. The next one gives a silver glitter break, a purple chrysanthemum, a red peony, and a dragon eggs break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Quad Squad

Reloadable Shell Kit. United Pyro brand, #UP5008.

Six four-break shells in the kit. The shells in this kit have a knack of breaking the four breaks in each shell at almost the same time, at different locations in the sky. The result seems like a large break with different effects in different areas - almost like a "shell of shells" without the delay. Even though a

few of the breaks were a little short on stars, I still would recommend this kit highly. (Last tested in 2003)

Queen of Leopard

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A068. 36 shots, 43 seconds.

The first 6 shots give very nice red peony breaks which also have some crackle that appears after a second. The next 6 shots are the same except green rather than red. The next 6 are silver peony breaks with the same crackle. Then 6 shots of blue peony breaks with no crackle, but they break with a punch. Then 6 shots of silver glitter breaks. Finally, 6 shots of silver whistles, each one ending in a tiny bit of crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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Race Ground

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1028. 79 seconds.

Horseshoe-shaped multi-tube fountain. Red, green and blue spray, followed by flashing white spray, then a triple whistle with silver spray, then mixed red, green and blue, then another triple whistle, then a nice purple spray with white flashing, then another triple whistle, then red, green and blue. Similar package to - but not the same

performance as - "Derby Day" and "Magic Horseshoe." (Last tested in 2004)

Racing Car

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W703. 10 seconds.

Looks like a motorcycle to me. Rolls forward while whistling and shoots sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Racing Day

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4074. 21 shots, 22 seconds.

Shoots 3 shots at a time in a fan shape. All 3 shots in a group are the same. First, comets with purplish-red heads. Then comets with green heads. Then comets with red heads. Then comets with green heads. Then comets with red heads. Then strobing red stars that end in breaks of red peonies with crackle. Then green stars that end in chrysanthemum breaks with crackle. Then crackling comets. And finally silver comets which end in big breaks of all crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Rack Pack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9012. 8 shots, 23 seconds.

The first shot is a silver comet that goes up and breaks into a big red peony break and a break of silver glitter. The second shot is a silver comet that goes up and breaks into a peony break of blue stars with 3 or 4 white chrysanthemum stars spreading out from the center, for a nice contrast between the blue and white. The next shot produces a red peony break and a peony break that appears to be changing from red to blue. The next shot is a break of silver flashing crackle. Then the above sequence is repeated. (Last tested in 2003)

Radar Controlled Gun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L914. 19 shots, 12 seconds.

Gold comets each end in small color breaks. A few whistlers at the end. Not that exciting. Am I getting too jaded for this job? (Last tested in 1996)

Radical Recoil Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-215.

Interesting collection of shells which are in color - I mean the shells them-

selves are red, pink, yellow, blue or one of two shades of green. The labels on the shells do not name the effects. Two tubes. Good quality effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Radical Rocket

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6016.

Pack of 18 rockets, which give good breaks of crackle or color. There are a few of them that give chrysanthemum breaks too. (Last tested in 2003)

Rag Time

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0872. 16 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a whistling and crackling comet. Not that impressive. (Last tested in 2001)

Ragin' Cajun

Skyrocket. brand, #RR005.

Small gold comet on the way up, then just a single report. (Last tested in 1995)

Ragin' Red

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2345.

Shoots up a single shell that breaks open into a palm tree shape, silver branches with red tips, and one white star that flies further than the rest. (Last tested in 2000)

Raging Blitz

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3034. 80 shots, 36 seconds.

A very fast-paced series of color pearls, either red, green or blue, is fired straight up, and each one ends in a silver whirlwind. Then it changes to screaming silver comets, also fired up at a very fast pace, and each comet ends in some reports. A good finale piece since the shots are fired so quickly. (Last tested in 2003)

Raging Bull

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 13 shots, 30 seconds.

Crackling comets, that go up and end in either a cluster of crackle that goes off in one rapid blast, or a bouquet of about 6 large red and green stars. The final 3 shots are fired up all at once, and end in clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Raging Rottweilers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-266. 16 shots, 13 seconds.

We had fuse trouble with both of the units we tried - they each had to be re-fused. But it was worth it - suddenly out came 16 very loud whistling comets, with crackle and bright white sparks. Intense noise item. (Last tested in 1997)

Ragtag Parade

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Skybound brand, #VB4007. 120 seconds.

Starts with a spray of silver with a soft snapping sound. Then adds green flash-

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ing sparks to that. Then gets taller and becomes a spray of gold flitter sparks. Then becomes a very nice spray of blue sparks and tiny silver flitter sparks. Then becomes a spray of silver flitter sparks against a gold background spray. Then it becomes a spray of red sparks against a gold background spray. Then it becomes a spray of silver with a soft crackling sound. Low-priced and a good bargain. (Last tested in 2003)

Rain Forest

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Thunderbird brand, #TB1051. 19 shots, 13 seconds.

Shots go up dark, then break upward into loud clusters of "dragon eggs" (crackle). Extra-loud for a crackling item, but it's over too fast for my money. (Last tested in 1997)

Rain of Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-125. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

I think the one I tested traveled too far - some of the powder had gotten loose in the bottom. All 16 shots went up in about 5 seconds. The result was a pleasing barrage of color, almost like a finale of color mines. But I don't think this was the intention at the factory. It is a series of color breaks, with no sound effects. The one I tested in 2001 turned out to be a lot better - huge red breaks with crackle. A great one. (Last tested in 2001)

Rain Willow, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Very long-lasting break; either silver or it's very weakly colored. (Last tested in 1995)

Rainbow

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1542. 30 seconds.

For such a small item, it really puts out. Color-changing torch (red to green to gold to blue). (Last tested in 1995)

Rainbow Crackling Palm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM0805. 19 shots, 30 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and breaks into a red chrysanthemum with crackle. The next shot is a green pearl that goes up and breaks into a green chrysanthemum with crackle. The next shot is a blue pearl that goes up and breaks into a blue chrysanthemum with crackle. These three shots alternate with each other until the end, when three shots (one of each) are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Rainbow Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2105. 132 seconds.

This fountain is identical to "Wailing Whales Singing" of the same brand. It is outstanding. See "Wailing Whales Singing" for a complete description. (Last tested in 2004)

Rainbow Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-247. 165 seconds.

The performance of the unit I got was different from the description in the Black Cat catalog, which promised red, gold, silver, green and blue sparks. I saw no red or blue in the one I tested. Gold flashing sparks for the first 30 seconds, followed by gold flitter sparks, then a handful of green, then silver balls, then silver flitter, and finally gold. Tested again in 2003. Starts with a silver spray, then changing to a green spray, then a gold spray with silver balls, then a silver spray which crackles softly, then a large white flitter spray, then a brilliant red spray, then a tall silver spray with a soft crackling sound. When I first tested it in 1998, it lasted for 165 seconds, but when I tested it in 2003, it lasted for 119 seconds - still pretty long-lasting. (Last tested in 2003)

Rainbow Knight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2163. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

Very nice thick white comet trails on the way up, breaking into mixed-color breaks of red, green and blue stars. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Rainbow Rock

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB218. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

A terrific piece, which sends up 25 screaming shots with silver comet trails. Each one bursts open into a nice chrysanthemum break of color stars with trails. The color stars are very short-lived, but otherwise this is a top-notch repeater. (Last tested in 1999)

Rainbow Sea

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0747. 25 shots, 19 seconds.

Very nice assortment of effects shot in groups. The first group is red pearls

which end in sparkling silver clusters, then a group of green pearls which end in silver flying fish, then gold comets which end in gold flying fish, then bright silver comets which end in silver flying fish, and finally blue pearls which end in nice long-lasting clusters of crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Rainbow Sea

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SM0744S. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

Shoots 5 shots straight up at once, which are red pearls that end in clusters of silver glitter. Then shoots 5 shots at once, which are green pearls that go up and end in breaks of green flying fish. Then shoots 5 gold comets at once,

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which go up and end in breaks of gold flying fish. Then shoots 5 bright white comets at once, which go up and end in breaks of silver flying fish. Then shoots 5 blue shots all at once, which go up and end in breaks of crackling flying fish. Good interpretation of the item's name. (Last tested in 2003)

Rainbow Snakes

Snake. Apollo brand. 18 seconds.

So where's the rainbow? I don't see any color at all. Identical to black snakes. (Last tested in 1995)

Rainbow Splatter

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Pearl brand, #GG-2901. 31 shots, 25 seconds.

The first few shots are fired rapidly, and they are color pearls that go up and break into glitter breaks. In addition, firecrackers are ejected along with the shots and they go off in the air as the shots go up. Then it slows down and gives single shots which are color pearls that go up and break into flying fish of all one color (green, red, purple). Mixed in with some of these flying fish breaks are 3 or 4 color stars of a contrasting color. Then about 5 or 6 shot go up all at once and they go up as color pearls that turn into falling crackle. Then another group of shots goes up all at once and breaks into a group of color chrysanthemum breaks, and some glitter breaks. Then there is a mine blast of crackle, and then another group of color breaks, of all colors. This is a nicely designed cake which seems to have 3 finales in it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Rainbow Triangle Wheel

Wheel. Superior brand, #W67. 25 seconds.

Nice orange spray, but that's all it does. Three drivers. (Last tested in 1995)

Rainbow Warrior

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB217. 25 shots, 24 seconds.

Each shot goes up whistling and emitting a trail of crackle as well. They look unusual - the shot has a white star at the top, and a trail of sparks and crackle coming out below it. No colors, but unusual appearance and a lot of sound. (Last tested in 2000)

Rainbow Wheel

Saxon. West Lake brand, #L511. 20 seconds.

Inexpensive and beautiful; hypnotic rings of changing colors - red, gold, green and blue. Really nice item. (A "saxon" is a type of wheel that is shaped like a stick or tube, rather than a round wheel, and shoots out sparks from one or both ends, causing it to spin around the center.) (Last tested in 1995)

Rainmaker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beyond 2001 brand, #W5-81. 25 shots, 46 seconds.

Green pearls on the way up, changing to medium-size white whirlwinds with a few color stars in the middle of each whirlwind. Perfect pacing between shots. (Last tested in 1997)

Rambo Kid

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #W515C.

These shells set a new standard in construction quality, safety, performance and reliability. Each shell is meticulously wrapped in cellophane, which you do not need to unwrap before firing the shell. The kits are not all identical in which effects you get - there seem to be more than 6 varieties, and you don't know exactly which 6 will be in any particular box. Possible shells in the Rambo Kid kit include: Red w/whirlwind, Green w/whirlwind, Blue w/whirlwind, Silver w/whirlwind, White w/whirlwind, and Crackling w/whirlwind. The shells do not have comet tails on the way up, but achieve good altitude and produce outstanding displays in the air. More expensive than standard festival ball kits, but the care that went into the construction of these shells and the quality of the effects produced will really pay off at showtime. Or WB-03 (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Rambo Kid Double Tube kit

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-01.

A big box with two tubes and twelve cylindrical (canister) shells. The box I got had: Crackling w/silver whirlwind; Orange Peony w/crackling; Green Peony w/Red Pistil; Silver Palm; Silver Peony w/Crackling; Golden Peony w/Crackling; Red Palm Tree; Red Peony w/Golden Pistil; Purple Peony w/Crackling; Willow Tree; Blue Peony w/Red Pistil; and Crackling w/Green Whirlwind. What an assortment. Supposedly there are actually 30 different shells in this line, and each box contains 12 different shells, but which exact shells you get varies from box to box. Superb performances and rich colors. (Last tested in 1999)

Random Action

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2892. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Silver comets with white heads, each one going up and then spinning around with a short whistle, a small break of red and green stars and a little bit of crackle. A lot going on here. (Last tested in 1998)

Random Rambling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3002. 16 shots, 21 seconds.

Silver comets go up and swirl around on the way up, then end in drooping clusters of red flying fish, blue flying

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fish and green flying fish. Somehow this one just didn't do it for me. (Last tested in 2003)

Rapid Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0304. 25 shots, 24 seconds.

A series of crackling comets are shot up, similar to Mighty Cobra and other pieces. But in this one, each comet turns into either a red or green pearl at the top, which comes down a little way before extinguishing. Somewhat slow pace. (Last tested in 1999)

Raptor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-139. 19 shots, 27 seconds.

Nice variety in one piece. Starts with swirling silver comets which spread out on the way up. Then, a few shots of the gold "flying fish" effect as in Warp Speed. Then, a few shots of richly crackling comets. Then one final floral break of red and green with a big burst of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Raptor

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0349. 19 shots, 19 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in thin bursts of red and green stars. Fast pace. (Last tested in 2000)

Rapture

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #GCM043. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a strobing white star, that breaks fairly hard into a nice break of blue stars. Good blue. (Last tested in 2000)

Ratta Tat Tat

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-255. 49 seconds.

Starts with a screaming silver fountain, then changes to a huge spray of crackle - very tall and lots of crackle, with silver balls mixed in. That stops and it does another silver whistle again, then back to the enormous crackle spray with silver balls. A huge amount of crackle composition. Great. Introduced in 2000 and still maintains high quality in 2004. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Rattlesnake missile

Missile. Link Triad brand.

No item number anywhere on it. Stupid anyway. Flimsy fins, unpredictable direction. Don't bother to buy it. (Last tested in 1998)

Rave

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3022. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot gives 3 effects. The largest effect is a red peony break, a purple peony break, a yellow peony break, or a blue peony break. The second and third effects from each shot are smaller, and

are either a silver spinner, or a smaller break of color, a little break of silver glitter, or a little crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Rave Party

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2977. 16 shots,
30 seconds.

Small silver whistling comets are shot up in groups of five, and each individual one ends in a tiny silver whirlwind. This continues, until the final 3 shots are fired rapidly together, and they end in reports rather than whirlwinds. Unusual and different, you might consider this one to use after a bunch of color breaks. (Last tested in 2002)

Razzle Dazzle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4115. 72 seconds.

Silver flitter spray, changing to multi-color spray, then a sparkling white spray, then a short white snow-like spray, then crackle, then four short whistles. 2004: Starts with a bright silver flitter spray, then adds green and red, then becomes a spray of green, red and purple sparks with a silver background spray. Then it becomes a silver flashing spray. Then it becomes a silver spray with a bright red flame at the base. Then it becomes a spray of silver balls and silver crackle, with four short whistles at the same time. (Last tested in 1999)

Razzle Dazzle 5

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-097. 25 shots, 26 seconds.

Silver comets that end in clusters of crackle - pleasing crackle that burns in quick bunches rather than delayed. A few shots are green pearls, but most are the silver comets with crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

RC-1

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #RC-1. 5 shots,

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This is a pack of 4 roman candles, and each has 5 shots. One gives a series of 5 sparkling white comets, and it lasts 12 seconds. Another gives a series of nice red sparkling comets, and it also lasts 12 seconds. The third gives a series of even nicer green sparkling comets,

and it lasts about 17 seconds. The last one gives a series of bright gold sparkling comets and it lasts 13 seconds. (Last tested in 2004)

Reaper's Rampage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-145. 13 shots,
25 seconds.

This would probably be classified as a crossette effect. Each shot starts as a beautiful, glittering gold comet, which goes up and then splits into 4 or 5 smaller glittering gold comets, just as pretty only smaller. No sound effects but nice to look at. All shots are fired straight up, one at a time, until the final 3 shots which are fired all at the same

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time for a mini-finale. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Reaping Harvest

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BCSF-203. 69 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. Begins with a spray of bright lemon yellow sparks and some silver sparks, against a background of soft gold spray. Then changes to a gold crackle. Then to a bright orange spray. Then silver flitter is added to the orange. (Last tested in 2004)

Rebel Blaster

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Brilliant red comet breaks into nice large peony-type break of red. (Last tested in 1995)

Reconnaissance Plane

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand,
#O433. 9 seconds.

This went up about 30 feet, came all the way back down, then took off again! A 9-second reconnaissance mission. (Last tested in 1996)

Red and Gold Spindle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Flower Basket brand. 43 seconds.

From Guangzhou Gunflak I/E Corporation. The entire performance is a tremendous spray of red sparks mixed with crackle. It gets bigger and even more intense as it goes along. A winner. (Last tested in 2004)

Red & Blue

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0431. 36
shots, 48 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a red-headed gold comet, which then changes into a blue star. Excellent deep rich colors, but no breaks. Rather slow-paced. (Last tested in 2001)

Red Cherry Blossom

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand,
#BC-304. 24 seconds.

Spins in red, almost exactly in one place, then top pops open into flower. Cool. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Chrys with Whistling Tail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand.

Terrific shots which go up whistling and then break into huge red breaks. Great cake, but may be classified as 1.3G so the public might not be able to buy it in the United States. I'm not certain if this one is 1.4G or 1.3G. (Last tested in 2001)

Red Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W25. 25 shots, 18 seconds.

Pure red breaks don't break hard enough, but still a nice display. Different from the Winda brand cake. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5137. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

Not the same as the cake of the same name under the Link Triad brand. This one's an excellent show, which starts with brilliant pearls of red, green and blue, shot in groups of 3, followed by richly crackling comets, then green pearls which spin open into white whirlwinds (with a few color stars). Then there are some bright white comets with red heads, then some shots which whistle and crackle on the way up, ending in small clusters of color stars. Wow - all that out of one piece? Lacks an ending, but you could follow it up with a loud-report cake. (Last tested in 1999)

Red Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-631. 25 shots, 12 seconds.

Actually red and green heads on the comets. Fired in groups. Lots of crackle too. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Coral Fountain

Box Fountain. Shogun brand, #BXF 10. 15 seconds.

Starts with a nice red flame, then changes to a silver whistle for the last 6 to 7 seconds. (Last tested in 2005)

Red Crackling Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS221. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

The shots go up as bright red stars, which burn and give off crackle as they go up. Not a trail of crackle behind them; the crackle seems to come from the red star itself. (Last tested in 2000)

Red Crackling Shell, No. 5

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-036F.

This one has a silver comet on the way up, then a large, symmetrical break of red peony stars, and then some crackle distributed evenly across the area of the red break. Pretty impressive for a small tube. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Red Dawn, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

Brilliant red head and fluffy silver tail - would be awesome in quantity. Bright red star with a thick gold tail. It also

made a very weird, short buzzing sound! (Last tested in 1996)

Red Devil Maximum Blast, #5

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand.

Ours acted like a mine; not sure if it was supposed to; but pretty. Blast of red and green sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Pine brand, #FB1103A2. 10 shots, 17 seconds.

Pine brand. Ten red pearls shot up one at a time. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

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Red Flame Wheel

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #L968. 19 shots, 34 seconds.

19 very unusual shots. Ejects colored spinners into the air, which change from red to green, surrounded by gusts of sparks. Does not shoot high enough. (Last tested in 1996)

Red Flying Fish with White Glittering

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK21A. 21 shots, 40 seconds.

All shots are fired straight up, one at a time, and they are red pearls on the way up, ending in clusters of glittering silver

stars plus red flying fish. Towards the end, the shots start coming in groups of 3 or more. No sound effects. If you're specifically looking for the red flying fish effect, this one would be good to buy, but otherwise it's not that impressive overall. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Red Ground

Ground Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W606. 12 seconds.

Box calls it "Ground Covered with Red Light". Five color changes! Terrific spinner. Seems to have disappeared from most dealer lists. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Hot

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-430.

Red stars with a little bit of crackling. Adequate for fooling around. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Hot 25's

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0247. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

Looks like another Saturn Missiles Battery, but each shot actually produces two whistles - one on the way up, then another shorter one as it flies away. The result is a continuous series of squeaks either raising or lowering in pitch. Nothing to look at; this is a sound item. (Last tested in 1998)

Red Hot and Blue

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2823. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

Alternates between red peony breaks, white peony breaks and blue peony breaks. The last 5 or so shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Red Hot Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 3 shots, 7 seconds.

3 shots, each a bright red star with a silver comet tail. It's over way too soon - I'd choose the 9-shot version. (Last tested in 1996)

Red Lantern lady crackers

Firecracker. Red Lantern brand.

These are 11/16 inch by 1/8 inch. Small but fun. (Last tested in 1995)

Red Mag Star Burst, No. 100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A large break of red stars in the air. Very nice but I'm not sure if this one is still being made. (Last tested in 1999)

Red Palm Tree, No. 100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

A white comet tail goes up and breaks into a palm tree with about 12 branches, each with a bright white head and a fluffy white tail. (Last tested in 2000)

Red Peony to Crackling Flower #400

Single-tube Aerial. United Pyro brand, #UP4003.

This is a one-shot aerial shell which gives a comet on the way up with a red head, and ends in a huge red peony break and then a bunch of crackle flowers in the air. Very impressive. (Last tested in 2003)

Red Plum in Snow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5142. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Not to be confused with Red Plum With Snow of the Black Cat brand. All shots are white whistles on the way up. They break hard and loudly into either red stars or white stars. They go in every direction - one unit seems to fill up the sky. Label shows some kind of giant beetle - strange. (Last tested in 1999)

Red Plum with Snow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-609. 19 shots, 23 seconds.

Ascending as red pearls, changing to sparkling white soft breaks. 12 seconds. When I tested it a while back, each shot was a red pearl on the way up, opening into a soft white break of stars. This year, the one I tested gave the soft white breaks, but the shots went up dark. The white breaks seemed to appear out of thin air, an interesting variation. No sound effects. Nice label. Not the same as "Red Plum in Snow." (Last tested in 2000)

Red Rat (red label)

Smoke. Peacock brand, #123. 4 seconds.

A little red smoke. "Pfffffft." That's it. (Last tested in 1996)

Red Razzle

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK618. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

Every shot is the same: a bright gold comet with an even brighter red head is fired straight up. There is no sound effect and no other colors or effects. It is very quiet. The shots are fired with precision at an average of 1.8 seconds between shot, and there is little variation of this time period. This cake might lend itself well to a musical application, if the rhythms in the music fit well with the timing of the shots. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

tion of the shell shows a red ring and two clusters of red stars going away from the ring. On the shell I tested, the ring was indeed made of red stars but the two clusters going off to the sides were blue stars instead of red. This is actually better than if it was all red, because the contrast between the red ring and blue side clusters is more obvious. If it was all red, the ring wouldn't stand out as much. This is a shell pattern that is often seen in large, professional fireworks displays but is still very rare in consumer fireworks, in fact, this is the first one I have tested with this pattern. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Red Rose Blooms

Ground Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-030. 11 seconds.

I liked this ground spinner very much. Make sure, however, that you have a very flat, smooth surface to light it on. Concrete would be the best. You might get away with asphalt as long as it is not excessively bumpy. Dirt or sand won't work, as we found out. It is likely to get stuck in just about any obstacle in its way. When you light this on the right surface, such as concrete, it stands up, spins and dances around. The top is a red flame, and below that is a green flame spinning around. It does remind you very much of a cut rose. This one is a winner, just make sure to light it in the right place. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Red Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W551. 36 shots, 87 seconds.

Red-headed comets with fluffy white tails, that go up with small clusters of crackle next to them. Pretty, but not loud, and gets somewhat boring towards the end because it's the same effect over and over. (Last tested in 1998)

Red Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-22. 20 shots, 32 seconds.

Every shot is a red pearl on the way up that breaks hard, and for the first second you see nothing, then a huge shimmering cloud of red glitter stars appears. The last 3 or 4 shots are fired all at once for an even denser cloud of

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Red Ring

Flying Spinner. Hoihing brand, #HH1005. 9 seconds.

Spins up with a red flame, so it looks like a small red circle flying up and away. (Last tested in 2000)

Red Ring Bowtie, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-205C.

This tube is over 16 inches tall and about 3 inches in diameter. The effect of the shell is a combination of a ring of red stars and two clusters of stars that spread out opposite of each other, perpendicular to the ring, thus creating a bowtie shape. On the label, the illustra-

red glitter. Very eye-pleasing. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Red Spike

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS349. 36 shots, 47 seconds.

Every shot goes up with a big, brilliant red head and a nice thick comet tail behind it. No breaks and no sound effects. Perfect timing between shots. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Red Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-104. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

All shots are the same: red breaks with crackle. I suspect it might be the same shells as in the 36-shot Jealous Condor of the same brand. They're not bad breaks, but they do get a bit monotonous after about 20 of them, so this 25-shot version is actually a better buy than Jealous Condor. (Last tested in 1998)

Red Wave Silver Peony, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-205A.

A tremendous thump sends this shell into the air, which breaks open into a huge break of red peony stars (without trails) and also silver trails mixed into the break. These silver trails are separate and are not attached to the red stars. Very impressive. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Red, White and Blue Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK156. 156 shots, 17 seconds.

A very rapid Z-pattern cake which shoots a continuous series of color pearls. The first 5 rows are red pearls, down one row and back the next. The next 5 rows are blue pearls, and the next 5 or 6 rows are blue pearls. Then a whole row of 7 shots is fired in a fan shape, and these are silver comets with red, white or blue heads, which go up and end in color peony breaks of the same color that the head was. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Red White and Bluetiful

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9017. 18 shots, 24 seconds.

Begins with three mines, one red, one white and one blue. Then three ring shells, one red, one white and one blue. Then three peony breaks - you guessed it - one red, one white and one blue. Then three more mines and three more peony breaks. Perfect for the 4th of July. (Last tested in 2003)

Red, White and Boom!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-099. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

Very well-designed label really stands out. The performance alternates between three types of shots: a red pearl goes up and ends in a red peony break, or a white pearl goes up and ends in a

edly white peony stars included in the mix, but they are hard to distinguish - to me it looked like a mix of red and blue stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Red Zone

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0777. 18 seconds.

Red shots that open up into whirlwinds with both white and red stars. They are hanging from parachutes. Interesting look. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2001)

Redd G Missile

Missile. Longhorn brand.

American-made; flies very well; ours put out almost no stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Redeye Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO019. 24 shots, 63 seconds.

Very attractive package design, looking like 24 black rockets of three different heights, arranged and ready to go off. The performance alternates between color mines and color aerial breaks. Purple mine, then red and blue peony, then those are repeated 3 more times. Then, green mine followed by green and purple peony, then those are repeated 3 more times. Then, red and green mine, followed by red pearl that goes up and breaks into red chrysanthemum, purple mine, green pearl that ends in green chrysanthemum, red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum, then a silver comet with a blue head, that goes up and ends in what starts out to be a blue chrysanthemum, but some of the stars split into two, actually producing a type of crossette effect. Then those last 4 shots are repeated again. Then a crackle mine followed by a break of crackle flowers, followed by 3 more of those 2 shots. Finally, 4 shots at the end are fired all at once, and they produce breaks of crackle flowers in the air. (Last tested in 2004)

Refiners Fire

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A023-1. 82 seconds.

This is either sold separately or in a combination pack with "Eternal Flame," called "Bright Future" fountain assortment. Refiners Fire starts with a

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white peony break, or a blue pearl goes up and ends in a blue peony break. All shots are fired with a good thump, and break hard with a bang. A good one for the 4th of July, with the colors in the right sequence, although they may overlap because they are fired quickly. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Red, White & Blue Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 6 seconds.

A tall mine, which is a mixture of red and blue peony stars. There are suppos-

very nice spray of big gold sparks mixed with blue sparks. This changes to a gold crackle spray with some blue sparks mixed in. Then, a silver crackle spray with some red and green mixed in. This sequence is repeated two more times. Fast changes of effect keep the interest going in this piece. (Last tested in 2004)

Reflections

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Space Age brand. 45 seconds.

Low-height colors with crackle, then a whistle, then taller silver spray. (Last tested in 1996)

Regal

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A021-1. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

See description under "Brothers Choice." (Last tested in 2004)

Reign of Heroes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2606. 60 shots, 48 seconds.

A long-lasting and very interesting show alternating between noise and color. Starts with 9 shots which produce whistling and crackling mines, then 6 shots which are red mines (groups of red stars shot up), then 9 more whistle/crackle mines, then 6 green mines, then 9 whistle/crackle, then 6 white mines, then 9 whistle/crackle, then 6 purplish-blue mines. Similar to Free Birds but with the addition of whistling and crackling effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Repeating Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Longhorn brand. 5 shots, 18 seconds.

Five tubes glued onto one base and fuse together - apparently made entirely in the U.S.A. Only three of the tubes fired on the unit we tested, so if all 5 tubes fire it would probably last about 45 seconds. Each comet had a short silver tail and reached an impressive altitude. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Repeating Rockets Without Stick

Missile. Red Lantern brand, #0414.

Violates a law of pyro-dynamics: rockets need a stick! Dangerous. Pass on this one. (Last tested in 1995)

Report Good News

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand,
#T0057.

Perfectly balanced mix of green and red stars and reports - an excellent rocket. (Last tested in 1995)

Reporting Purple

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand.
61 shots, 35 seconds.

Screaming purple-headed pearls each end with a small report. (Last tested in 1995)

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Revenge Bomber

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden
Bear brand, #FX-A046. 23 shots, 52 seconds.

Green pearl goes up and ends in pale blue glitter break - excellent. Green pearl goes up and ends in good green chrysanthemum break. Several shots of green pearls going up and ending in silver chrysanthemums with some crackle. Several shots of red pearls going up and ending in silver chrysanthemums with some crackle. Several shots of green pearls going up and ending in green chrysanthemums with some crackle. Then a finale of several chryanthemum breaks of different colors with crackle. A beautifully designed cake, I recommend highly. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Revolutionary War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Old
Glory brand, #OG3. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

Pathetic, thin, small breaks - but they make an interesting sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Rhinoceros

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand,
#BP7048.

Shoots a lot of white sparks and a red flame out of its butt, which looks rather strange, then changes to shooting sparks out of its mouth, and finally, at the end gives a short whistle out of its mouth. Does not travel, so it could be approved for sale in California. (Last tested in 1999)

Riders on the Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United
Pyro brand, #UP3003. 10 shots, 44 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a silver comet, then ends in a bunch of red flying fish. The next shot goes up as a silver comet, then ends in a bunch of green flying fish. The next shot goes up dark and ends in a large gold willow break. These three shots alternate with each other for the rest of the cake, and the final shot is a large gold willow break. (Last tested in 2003)

Ring rockets

Skyrocket. Red Rhino brand.

These are excellent skyrockets which produce a ring of stars in the air (about 15 to 16 stars make up each ring) and a small cluster of stars in the center of the ring, of a different color from the ring. For example, a ring of red stars will have a cluster of green stars in the center. This is almost approaching the design of professional fireworks, but with these you get the look of professional fireworks while still using actual consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ring Shell Color Changing, No. 400

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

A ring shell, but depending on which angle it breaks at, it may look like a ring, an ellipse or a straight line. Could not quite make out which color it was supposed to be. (Last tested in 2000)

Ring Shell With Strobing

Center, No. 400

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

A circle of six bright red stars, and in the center is a small white chrysanthemum burst. Nice to look at, but it would be better if there were at least 12 of the red stars in the ring. (Last tested in 2000)

Ringo Stars

Skyrocket. Orion brand, #04003.

These rockets whistle on the way up, then produce a ring of stars in the air, all of one color. The color could be green, red or blue. Each ring has about 15 to 16 stars in it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Rings of Saturn

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0211.

Stick rockets with the performance or aerial shells. Amazing ring shell effect in the air. Highly recommended. (Last tested in 2001)

Riptide

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-131. 66 seconds.

Large hexagonal cake, many effects and colors. Some fuse problems. (Last tested in 1995)

Rising Aurora

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-081. 19 shots, 18 seconds.

An unusual effect: silver-white comets turn into spinning showers of white sparks while still going up. Not whirlwinds, which spin open once they get up there; these come open on the way up, giving off a lot of white sparks, plus a gold spinner emerges at the top and spins away. Interesting. (Last tested in 1998)

Rising Flag

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W623. 6 seconds.

Spins and rises up to become a flagpole with an American flag. Two spinners on both sides of it spin with silver sparks, then somehow a flag pole pops up with a small American flag on it, which doesn't really unfurl, but you get the idea. Do this one in the daytime. (Last tested in 1999)

Rising Ghosts

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand. 37 shots, 43 seconds.

No brand or item number anywhere on label. Wow - a really weird sound effect item and a good name for it, for they almost look like ghosts flying away while wailing. Silver comets swirl and spiral up and away, with a dramatic whistle sound to each one. The whistles dip in pitch then rise again as the ghosts fly away. Unusual and ideal for a sound effect item. (Last tested in 1999)

Riverboat Gambler

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. brand. 48 seconds.

White spray, changing to crackle with a whistle, then back to white, then crackle/whistle, then back to white. (Last tested in 1996)

RK-100 Series Rocketeer

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-401.

This is a pack of six different rockets. RK-101, "Green Palm Ring," gives a nice ring break of 18 green stars, with a small burst of crackle in the center of the ring. RK-102, "Purple Palm Ring," gives a nice ring break of 15 purple stars, with a small burst of crackle in the center of the ring. RK-103, "Brocade Crown," gives a fairly nice gold willow break which sparkles a little as it drifts down. RK-104, "Sky Blue Brocade," gives a gold willow break which sparkles a little as it spreads out, and the tips of the willows are light blue stars. RK-105, "Green Palm & Crackle," gives a break of four green chrysanthemum stars plus a good amount of crackle. And RK-106, "Red Strobe," gives a break of strobing red stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Road Queen 1901

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7065.

You've gotta buy at least two of these, one to light and one to keep for your permanent collection. It's an elaborate paper miniature of an early automobile, and it rolls forward with a whistle, then backwards with another whistle. Finally the spinner sitting in the middle of the piece spins briefly. (Last tested in 1999)

Road Rage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 20 shots, 20 seconds.

The tubes are set at angles and all shots are fired in fan-shaped groups of five. The first group bright white comets with red heads. Then blue pearls that go up and break into blue bouquets with crackle. Then red pearls that go up and break into red bouquets with silver flying fish. Then gold comets that go up and break into gold willow breaks. Nice display. (Last tested in 2002)

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Rising Moon, small

Flying Spinner. Angel brand, #G0005. 7 seconds.

May have fuse problems, but when it works, it has nice red and green color. Comes in three sizes. (Last tested in 1996)

Rising Whistle Cicada, 6-inch

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand, #T4543.

One damn whistle. I'd rather spend the money on bottle rockets. (Last tested in 1995)

Road Rager

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2082. 28 shots,
34 seconds.

A whistling shot goes up and ends in a multi-color peony. Then 2 whistling shots go up and end in breaks of sparkling stars with a few go-getter comets with green or red heads. Then 3 whistling shots go up and end in color chrysanthemums. Then 4 whistling shots go up and end in multi-color peony breaks. Then 5 whistling shots go up and end in breaks of crackle plus a few color-headed go-getter comets. Then 6 whistles go up and end in dragon egg breaks. Then 7 whistles go up and end in breaks which have color chrysanthemum stars, sparkling silver stars, and a spinning whistle. (Last tested in 2004)

Roaring Lion

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L438. 44 seconds.

Nice medium-size display; whistle, then green, then red, then crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Roaring Volcano

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Super Blast brand, #SB-41. 44 seconds.

Scores points just for its package: a large cone shape giving a clearly volcanic look. Several fuses are shown on top, and we lit them all at once, which I'm not sure is what the manufacturer intended. But it did produce a more intense show, even if it did shorten the duration to 44 seconds for us. We got silver sparks, green sparks and continuous crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Roboshot

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2073. 15 shots,
47 seconds.

Starts with a red chrysanthemum, followed by two crackling breaks, three breaks of crackle flowers, another red chrysanthemum, a break of crackle flowers, a red chrysanthemum, a break of crackle flowers, and then a finale of 5 shots fired at once, all of which give breaks of mixed red and green stars plus crackle. Big breaks but a fairly slow pace - would be better if 2 units were fired at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Rock and Roll

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L986. 16 shots,

A complete dud. Wouldn't fire at all.
(Last tested in 1998)

Rock and Roll

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2367. 10 shots,
28 seconds.

Starts out as a nice fountain of mixed red, green and crackle sparks for the first 12 seconds. Then it shoots up 10 aerial firecrackers, one at a time, with nice small reports. Pretty impressive for such a small piece. (Last tested in 1999)

Rock -n- Roll

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0312. 25 shots,
46 seconds.

An outstanding color show. Each shot goes up as a single color pearl of either red, green or blue, with a nice white comet trail behind it on the way up. Then it breaks open into a single-color break of the same color as the pearl on the way up. No sound effects, but excellent breaks. (Last tested in 1999)

Rock Star

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0138. 16
shots, 25 seconds.

Shoots 3 green shots in a fan shape, that end in peony breaks of pink and yellow. Good beginning. Then 10 more shots of the same effect, fired straight up one at a time. Then a fan of 3 shots which are red pearls going up and ending in gold willow breaks that turn into crackle as they spread out - becoming dragon eggs breaks. Nice beginning and ending, but the middle part is just ordinary. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Rock the House

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0805. 60 seconds.

Crackling comets go up and break into respectable breaks of green chrysanthemums, blue chrysanthemums, or red chrysanthemums with crackle. Speeds up towards the end. Really an excellent display. (Last tested in 2002)

Rock the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2979. 16 shots, 14 seconds.

Rapid series of color chrysanthemum breaks (red, blue or gold), then a couple of crackling comets at the end, and three large gold willow breaks with red or white tips. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Rock Your World

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2959. 25 shots,
50 seconds.

Each shot has 2 effects in it: a mine of colors that burns from the ground up, and a color break of the same color above that. The first five shots are red, then five green, then five white, then five blue, and finally five which give

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Rock 'n' Roll

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2903. 19 shots, 32 seconds.

Small, bright white whizzing breaks. Each shot goes up and becomes a short-lived white spinner in the air, which then ends in a couple of firecracker reports. Would be best if large quantities were fired all at once. (Last tested in 2000)

crackle mines and crackle breaks. This cake really does a lot! Similar to "Glorious Blast" and "Pyro Alert." (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Rock'em Sock'em

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9013. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

All shots are fired at a variety of angles, one at a time. The first shot is a silver comet that ends in a break of glittering silver and red falling leaves stars. The next shot is a big green peony break with a smaller cluster of blue stars in the center. The next shot has about 12 to 14 huge red stars and a couple of huge green stars. The shot after that is a terrific purple peony break with a small center of silver glitter stars. That shot is fantastic and approaches the quality of a professional fireworks show. The next shot is a break of reports and crackle right after the reports. The above shots are then repeated again until the end. High-quality display. (Last tested in 2003)

Rockefeller Gold Glitter

Crossette, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-608.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. Produced a large break of crackling branches that split apart from each other in a crossette pattern. (Last tested in 2004)

Rocket America

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6009.

Pack of 5 rockets, which give pretty nice breaks of red with crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Rocket Club

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2968.

Very clever package design with each shell shaped like one of the early space program orbiters (early 1960s or so). Buy an extra pack of these just for their collectible quality. Every shell has 2 effects in it. Red palm and purple stars with flying fish; Red peony and green palm; Yellow peony and green with golden palm center; Green peony with white flashing and red flying fish; Jumbo purple stars with white flashing

and green flying fish; Red & green stars and red-to-green stars; Multi-colored stars and blue stars with reports; Multi-colored stars and white flashing with reports; Golden palm and dragon eggs; Blue stars with white flashing and dragon eggs; White flashing and purple stars with reports; Purple peony with crackling and yellow peony with crackling. Nice colors and good variety in one box. (Last tested in 2002)

Rocket Fountain

Base Fountain. Peacock brand, #165. 16 seconds.

A fountain on a stick, which you might be tempted to buy thinking it's a sky-

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rocket. But it just stands there and sprays gold with a few red and green sparks thrown in. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Rocket Gun

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W711. 15 seconds.

Rolls (if it feels like it and the surface is smooth), then ejects brilliant white sparks and reports. Similar to Tank. (Last tested in 1995)

Rocket Launcher

Accessory. CSL Enterprises brand.

A block of wood, onto which is attached a coiled wire and a 7.5-inch-length of

plastic pipe. You can bend it to set the correct angle, and use it to launch rockets up to and including 4-ounce size. Perfect for shooting small to medium rockets. The manufacturer is in Knoxville, Tennessee at (615) 693-3938, or you can buy one for only \$1.50 plus shipping from Premium Fireworks in Kentucky at (606) 431-0606. (Last tested in 1998)

Rocket Man

Skyrocket. Winco brand, #ARJP-400. Could not locate any brand or item number anywhere on the rockets or on the cardboard header of the vinyl bag. Packed 4 to the bag. Two of the 4 rockets in the bag came unglued from their sticks, but were easily glued back on. Very long flight, ending in a small cluster of stars and a few pops, but not much else. (Last tested in 1999)

Rocket Science

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2003. 61 seconds.

It's a combination of fountains and rockets. First a red fountain, then a whistling rocket flies away, then a green fountain, another rocket, gold fountain, rocket, silver fountain, rocket crackle fountain, and a rocket. (Last tested in 2002)

Rocket Silo

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6012.

Package of 6. These rockets give breaks of green peony with crackling, red peony with crackling, or mixed red and green with crackling. Respectable breaks for rockets, with good amounts of stars and symmetrical shape of the break. (Last tested in 2003)

Rocket Sled

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7106. 23 seconds.

Cute bobsled with three "passengers." Starts with a short, loud whistle pointing straight up from the front of the sled, then changes to a spray at the back of the sled which causes the sled to move around in circles. Then a short green flame appears at the back of the sled for a second, and suddenly two "arms" of the sled pop up and give red flames while the sled continues to spin around in circles. Then a spray from the front end starts up and whistles, and the

red flames on the "arms" change to strobing flames, which continue to strobe for a few seconds more after the sled comes to a stop. Charming design and impressive performance. Kids and adults will both be amused. (Last tested in 2004)

Rocketing Stars

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3095. 18 seconds.

A set of 4 roman candles wrapped in a missile-shaped package. Each candle has 5 shots of 5 different effects. Pretty good as roman candles go, but not huge breaks as in large cakes or reloadable shells. Attractive packaging gives this item extra shelf appeal. (Last tested in 2005)

Rocky Mountain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2011. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

All shots go up as small white comets that break medium, into mixed breaks of red, blue, green and crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Rocky Mountain High

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2005. 23 seconds.

Mixed red, green, blue and crackle spray, adding a few whistles. Short, but intense display. (Last tested in 2000)

Roller Coaster

Firecracker. Cassorla Brothers brand. Connoisseur's cracker. Two sizes; we tried the 1 5/8-inch size. Titanium in the mixture. (Last tested in 1995)

Roller Coaster

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2113. 101 seconds.

Shaped like an old wooden roller coaster. Begins with a strobing green flame, then changes to a good gold crackle spray, then it whistles, then gives a good mix of big silver crackle and red sparks. Then it whistles again and gives a gold flake spray, crackling softly. Then that spray of big silver crackle mixed with red sparks returns, and then another whistle, then it's a mixture of red sparks, green sparks and flashing silver sparks. Then it whistles again and another time, and one last time. (Last tested in 2004)

Rolling Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0897. 15 shots, 36 seconds.

Green shots that end in white whirlwinds, alternating in groups of 2 with screaming silver comets. (Last tested in 2002)

Romantic Encounter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2025. 12 shots, 15 seconds.

Groups of comets shot from the ground up; might also qualify as mines, but they are more like comet groups similar to "Niagara Falls". Some of the groups have red heads on the comets, some are

mine a large group of about 10 loudly crackling comets, and there are six groups. It's really surprising after the relative quiet of the rest of the performance. Terrific. (Last tested in 1999)

Rome Age

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP-0007-2. 33 shots, 49 seconds.

The first five shots are silver comets that go up and open into silver whirlwinds. The next row of five shots is fired all at once and all are crackling comets - very nice blast of crackle up into the air. Then there are five shots which are silver comets with color heads (red, green, gold, silver, red). Then five shots are fired almost at once, which go up and break hard into purple peony breaks - good. Then there are five shots of gold willow breaks, which are fired close together. Then there is a group of 5 shots fired all at once which give very good clusters which start out as bright red stars and then change into blue peony stars and falling glitter stars (or maybe they are glittering "falling leaves" stars. Excellent. Then there are three large chrysanthemum breaks all at once, with a little bit of glitter in them. Quality effects. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Rome Ruler

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1044. 93 seconds.

Starts with red sparks and white flitter. Then changes to green with crackle. Then a sparkling white spray. Then a silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then red sparks and white flitter. Then green with crackle. Then sparkling white spray. Then finally another silver whistle with a red flame at the base. (Last tested in 2004)

Roseate Clouds

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0989. 15 seconds.

Box drops open, 3 colored wheels appear, going off simultaneously. Unusual. (Last tested in 1995)

Rosy Cheeks

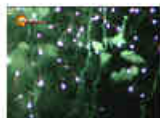
Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF050. 59 seconds.

Starts with a tall spray which is a mixture of green sparks, red sparks, and crackling gold sparks. Then changes to

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just bright white comets. Very bright and pretty. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Romantic Trip

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2623. 40 shots, 40 seconds.

Starts out by shooting groups of three large bright color pearls (one red, one green and one blue), then changing to shots that open into small clusters of either red stars, green stars or silver glitter stars. Next is a group of actual comets with sparkling tails. Then more of the clusters of stars. Finally a fantastic ending, of crackle mines - each

a spray of silver sparks that dance around a little in the air. Then blue sparks are added to that. Then red is added, and the fountain gets taller - it's about 8 to 9 feet tall at this point. Then it's a combination of red sparks, white flitter sparks, and a background spray of gold. Then some green sparks are added to the mix, and then some flashing silver sparks are added. The green goes away and a few blue sparks are added. (2003) Starts with a mixture of green and red sparks with some soft silver crackle sparks. Then it becomes a spray of sparkling silver glitter. Then a nice-looking spray of fluffy silver sparks mixed with red stars. Then a spray of green mixed with gold. Then a nice spray of red and green mixed with flashing silver sparks. No sound effects, but it's kind of nice to look at. (Last tested in 2004)

Roulette Wheel

Wheel. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPW-002. 31 seconds.

Starts spinning with a whistle and a silver spray. Then changes to a green flame. Then a gold spray with a burst of purple and blue stars. Then a purple flame with silver and blue stars. Then another burst of blue stars, then a red flame with a spray of silver sparks and blue stars. Good colors. (Last tested in 2004)

Round Red Dahlia, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-650.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. It gives a tremendous thump as it fires the shell up. The shell then goes up and breaks into a huge break, which I would call a chrysanthemum if the label hand't already called it a dahlia. The stars are red at the tips, and have silver tails behind each star. I'm not sure what the difference would be between this and a chrysanthemum, but if there is, it's a very small difference. An impressive single break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Royal Crown

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2625. 49 shots, 25 seconds.

Shoots soft gold mines in a Z-pattern, similar to "Time Trap" or "Gold Dust." These mines, however, include some

crackle in them. A third of the way through the gold mines change to silver mines. Two-thirds of the way through, they change to red mines, still in the Z-pattern. The final row of shots fired in the Z-pattern is a row of whistles that go up and break into crackle breaks. Stunningly beautiful show. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Royal Flush, #5

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 24 seconds.

Spray is a bit too thin, but colored flame is nice. Gold and silver sprays, red and blue flames. (Last tested in 1995)

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Royal Garden

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3078. 116 seconds.

Starts with a strong bright white spray with a yellow flame at the base, then changes to a spray of silver flitter, then changes to a mixture of silver crackle and red stars, then to a bright white spray with a green flame at the base, then a mixture of red and yellow sparks with silver flitter, then to a nice mixture of green sparks with silver crackle, then a mixture of red and yellow sparks with silver flitter, then to a mixture of gold crackle with pale green sparks, then a bright white spray with a red flame at

the base, then a mix of green sparks with silver flitter, then a terrific mixture of blue stars with bright silver crackle, then changing to a bright white shower with a red flame at the base, then a spray of green and red sparks with white flitter, then finally green and yellow sparks with silver crackle. Excellent changes of effects and colors. (Last tested in 2005)

Royal Salute

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2006. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a green pearl, then ends in a cluster of rich blue stars with a few crackers. Good color. (Last tested in 1999)

Royal Salute

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6654G.

A whole barrage of them would be great; just one by itself is dull. Reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Royaltini

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF074. 77 seconds.

Starts with a very nice mix of purple sparks with silver flitter sparks. Then it changes to a mix of a type of silver crackle which the manufacturer calls "pine needles," mixed with purple stars. Then it becomes yet a different type of silver crackle, also with purple stars. Then it becomes a gold crackle with purple stars. I liked this one a lot due to the purple, which is still uncommon in consumer fireworks, and the variety of types of crackle. (Last tested in 2005)

Rubbin' is Racin'

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6129. 130 shots, 50 seconds.

The shots are single color pearls (until the end) and they are fired in a medium-speed Z pattern. The first row is green pearls, the next row red pearls, the next row orange pearls, the next row gold pearls, and the next row silver pearls. Then the entire above sequence is repeated. Finally, two rows of shots are fired in a Z pattern. The first of these rows ends in silver glitter breaks, and the second row of these is crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Ruby Fireworks, 5-inch Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0066A.

Slightly glittering comet, to small red break. (Last tested in 1995)

Ruby Red

Cone Fountain. Glorious brand, #GCF011. 20 seconds.

Once in a while I come across a real surprise - something I expect to be ordinary turns out to be much better than the expectation. This is one such example. The label on this cone is rather plain, compared to the beautiful mini-masterpieces that adorn most of the other items in this brand. This cone is only 6 inches tall and 2.5 inches in diameter at its base. So I was just expecting an average cone spray. But it started immediately with huge red sparks and loud silver crackle, and it built up as it went along. I was very impressed with the quality of the performance given by this small, nondescript-looking piece. (Last tested in 2004)

Ruf & Tuf

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-264. 20 shots, 28 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and ends in a break of red peony stars plus silver glitter stars. The next shot goes up as a green pearl and ends in a break of green stars plus silver glitter. The next shot is a blue pearl which goes up and ends in a break of blue peony stars plus some greenish-silver glitter stars. These three shots alternate with each other until the end. Pretty good for a small, inexpensive cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Rug Rat Artillery

Reloadable Shell Kit. Hot Shot brand, #HS6644.

The smallest reloadable shell kit I've ever seen. The shells are made of green plastic, and are one inch in diameter. The entire shell, with the lift charge, stands 1 5/8 inch tall. The launching tube included with the kit is a grand total of 6 5/16 inch tall. You get one tube and six shells, although the shells are not individually identified as to effect. The whole thing is so cute that you'll want to buy an extra box just for your collection. The breaks are small and not all that impressive, but it's the

novelty size of the item that is significant here. (Last tested in 2000)

Run for the Roses

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7097. 29 seconds.

It's a horse attached to a round pedestal in the center. You light the fuse and the horse races around the pedestal with a gold spray behind it. Then a bright silver fountain in the center of the pedestal ignites and the spray from the horse changes to a loud silver whistle. The horse gets tired and stops, but the fountain in the pedestal changes to a nice gold shower and then silver flitter spray before finishing. (2002) It's a horse attached to a circular stand, rep-

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resenting the "victory" stand after a horse race. It starts with a gold spray up from the horse's neck. Then a gold spray from the back end of the horse causes the horse to spin around the circular stand. Then a blue flame from the stand shoots straight up. While this is going, the spray from the horse's end changes to a whistle. The horse stops, and the blue flame changes to a red flame - apparently signifying the roses that the horse has just won. This red flame then gives way to a bright white fountain which continues for a few seconds more. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not

shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Run Like Hell

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0675. 104 seconds.

A short whistle, followed by a good crackle spray, changing to a white flitter spray, then a multi-color spray with crackle, then all of a sudden 2 or 3 tubes of pure crackle spray out at the same time, for an intense finish to this fountain. Pretty good one for noise. (Last tested in 2001)

S.A.M. II Missile assortment

Missile. West Lake brand.

Two each of red, blue, green, gold, white and report. The one I recommended in 1995, but now has quality problems. This is the missile assortment I used to recommend, with two each of six different effects in the box. But, readers are reporting the quality has dropped to an abysmal level this year. Out of a box of twelve, says one reader, only three even flew at all. (Last tested in 1996)

S.R. Missile assorted

Missile. Flower Basket brand, #K6659L.

Power-packed little missiles. Only five inches long, each whistles loudly as it flies up. (Last tested in 1996)

S.R. Repeater #2

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7739D. 48 shots, 67 seconds.

48 wiggling, whistling eels. Same effect over and over. (Last tested in 1996)

Saber Rattling Rocket

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-008.

On the way up, it whistles and gives a nice comet trail of silver sparks, then it ends in about 3 or 4 firecrackers and a cluster of red and green stars. Four effects in one rocket! (Last tested in 1998)

Sailing Junk

Firecracker. Eykwok Hung brand.

It's a relatively rare, and somewhat collectible cracker, with loud bangs and a beautiful label in pastel colors. Comes in a string of 176 crackers, wrapped rather loosely in paper. Buy one to shoot off, and one to keep. (Last tested in 1998)

Salute Cracker

Firecracker. brand.

50 milligrams in this silver tube. Loud due to large surface area. (Last tested in 1995)

Salute to USA

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 24 shots, 16 seconds.

A rapid barrage of shots, which include red pearls that go up and end in red chrysanthemums, blue pearls that go up and end in blue peony breaks that disappear quickly, and silver comets that go up and end in chrysanthemum breaks. It's all over so quickly that you should light 2 of these, one after the other, to get a better look at it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Samurai Hunter

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R610.

Quality construction, with a plastic body and a strong, rigid stick. Flies up to an amazing altitude, with a gold comet tail on the way up. Ends in a nice, full break of effects such as strobing stars, etc. Not cheap, but the quality makes it worth buying. The ones with "T1" printed along the spine seem to be a little more powerful. Excellent rocket with nice big burst of red, green and blue stars. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

San Francisco Trolley

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7063. 22 seconds.

Rolls forward with a whistle and colors, then stops, and shoots from the other end a whistle and colors. Needs a flat, smooth, level area. (Last tested in 2000)

Sans Chlorate Ni Perchlorate

Firecracker. Tiger Head brand.

The title of this firecracker indicates that it is a black powder cracker, not a flash powder one. Still, they are large and loud, though technically not legal for sale in the United States. (Last tested in 1998)

Santa Claus

Cone Fountain. Great Grizzly brand. 14 seconds.

Starts as tricolor fountain, then an internal sparkler shows Santa Claus. (Last tested in 1995)

Satisfaction

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7705C. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

Good variety of effects, but none really killer. But, I'd buy it just for the variety. Red, green, blue and white breaks, whistles, crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Satisfactory

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand. 20 shots, 32 seconds.

Variety of effects, none really spectacular, but good all-around show. (Last tested in 1995)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2979. 36 shots, 54 seconds.

Nice white comets with color heads (red, green or blue), then changing to comets that break into good chrysanthemum breaks, then some shots with no comets that break into blue stars plus silver or gold flying fish, then a bunch of whistles shot up, then a very nice finale of a bunch of crackle breaks. Basically a whole miniature fireworks show in one piece. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Saturn 22

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #216.

Excellent flight; one medium report. (Last tested in 1995)

Saturn Missile Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K1130C12. 100 shots, 30 seconds.

Available in 5, 12, 16, 20, 25, 36, 50, 72, 81 and 100 shot sizes. Loud whistles go up. Some shipments of this item include reports at the end of the whistles, but some don't. The 100-shot ones last about 30 seconds. There is a 150-shot version available from some dealers which lasts 2 minutes. (Last tested in 1995)

Saturn Missile Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Hale brand. 800 shots, 107 seconds.

Each shot is a whistler on the way up ending in a little bit of crackle. In the first part it is like any other Saturn Missile Battery. Then at about the 30 second mark, it suddenly speeds up dramatically, and adds color pearls in addition to the whistling missiles. The color pearls are red and green, and they only go up about one-fourth as high as the screaming shots. It's like a gigantic "Twitter Glitter." The intensity builds slowly towards the end. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Saturn Missile Battery, 750 shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Lightning Bolt brand, #LBM-29. 750 shots,

(Last tested in 2005)

Saturn Missile Battery, Pyro King 200 Shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK612. 200 shots, 105 seconds.

Very long series of whistling missiles which end in reports. Speeds up towards the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Saturn Missile Battery, Pyro King 300 shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK614. 300 shots, 42 seconds.

This cake does indeed have 300 Saturn Missile shots in it, arranged in 60 rows of 5. The cake is 26 inches long, 3 inches high and 2.75 inches wide. It sends up missiles at a very rapid pace, starting

in groups of 5, and picking up the pace as it goes along. About halfway through it intensifies, basically spraying them out by the dozen. Each missile whistles on the way up and ends in a firecracker report. The one I tested lasted for 42 seconds, though there may be a slight variation in the duration from piece to piece. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Saturn Ring

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A perfect ring of bright red stars, 17 stars in the one I tried. (Last tested in 2000)

Say No More

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9011. 19 shots, 41 seconds.

The full title of this cake is, "Say No More - Effect that Leave You Speechless." The first shot is a silver comet with a green head that goes up and breaks into a large peony break of mainly green stars but also a smaller core of red stars. The next shot is a silver comet with a red head that goes up and breaks into a large peony break of mainly red stars but also a smaller core of silver glitter stars. The next shot is a silver comet with a yellow head that goes up and breaks into a large peony break of mainly yellow stars but also a smaller core of green stars. These three shots alternate with each other for a while, then a group of silver screaming comets is shot up, then a finale of quite a few red, white and blue peony breaks is fired. Nice ending. (Last tested in 2003)

Scarlet in Lace

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star Fireworks brand. 27 seconds.

Shoots exquisite comets that give off red stars on the way up - very unusual. Each of the comets then goes up and ends in a break which starts out as a gold willow but soon, red stars appear and it really becomes a glittering red break. Unusual effect. Excellent piece. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Sci-Fi Flyer

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5036. 7 seconds.

A package of 2 flying spinners, which whistle and spin on the ground, then fly

virtually straight up in the manner of "Magic Crystal." While this one is flying up, it has a green flame at the top, a silver trail of sparks coming down from it, and a whistling sound - three effects on the way up. Once it gets up there, it then opens up to a break of color stars - not a hard break, but color stars that spread out in all directions, so definitely a break. The whistling also continues on for a few more seconds. Very satisfying performance from this one. (Last

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tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Scorching Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2269. 25 shots, 40 seconds.

All shots are bright white strobing stars that go up and break into beautiful sparkling bursts of white glitter stars. A "wow" visual item. (Last tested in 2000)

Scorching Good Gear

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A015.

This is an assortment of four shell kits from Brothers Pyrotechnics. See the individual kits listed in this book for descriptions of each one. The four shell kits included are: Golden Goal (BP2993), Good Business (BP2990),

Greatest Hits (BP2994) and Grand Project (BP2989). All shells are 1 inch diameter canister (cylindrical) shells. A great collection of 2-break, 3-break, 4-break and 5-break shells. (Last tested in 2004)

Scorpion

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1188.

Four to the bag, with black plastic bodies in a bullet or torpedo shape. You get 4 different rockets, ending in either a color chrysanthemum, or a color peony with whistle, or 10 bangs, or the silver "swimming fish" effect. (Last tested in 1999)

Scorpion's Sting

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-062. 112 seconds.

Nice color and crackle spray, then stops and starts again with the same combination of crackle and color, and keeps going like that for almost 2 minutes. Not really enough variation; pretty much the same throughout. (Last tested in 2000)

Screamin' Demon

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 6 seconds.

Nice artwork on label, but essentially like a glorified Piccolo Pete. Gold spray with loud whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Screamin' Dragon

Skyrocket. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1464.

Excellent medium size rocket that takes off with a loud whistle, and ends in a cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Screamin' Willy

Base Fountain. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1958. 12 seconds.

Whistles with an angry red flame for 12 seconds. (Last tested in 2000)

Screaming Crackler Rocket W/Report

Skyrocket. No brand, #JL005.

No brand shown on label. We bought this at a stand in Wyoming. Whistle ending in crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Screaming Cracklers

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1152.

Excellent small rocket which whistles as it flies up, then ends in a small cluster of crackle. Inexpensive and a great deal. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Screaming Demons

Roman Candle, single. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-L022. 5 shots, 19 seconds.

When it works properly, this is a good roman candle. Each shot goes up both whistling and giving a little crackle, and then ends in a break of color stars. Far better than the normal shots in many candles, that just fly up and do nothing else. However this candle is a little inconsistent. A couple of the shots broke into colors too early, on the way up instead of after getting all the way up. A couple of times, 2 shots fired together rather than one after the other. If they could fix the inconsistencies, it would be a top-notch roman candle with excellent effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Screaming Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #Y03-006. 91 shots, 12 seconds.

Intense, short-lived barrage of whistling gold comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Screaming Eagles

Single-tube Aerial. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2081.

If you have sons between the ages of 4 and 12, you really should get this one because they will really love it. It's a pack of two single-shot aerial shells. Each one shoots a shot that goes up and opens into a parachute that is red, white and blue. On one, the parachute emits crackle as it drifts down, and on the other it emits smoke. Dangling from each parachute is a small action figure, like boys love. They will have a ball hunting down the fallen parachute and retrieving the prize - an action figure with movable parts! Of course you will have to buy enough of these to have one for each boy in your audience aged 4 through 12. (Last tested in 2004)

Screaming Ghost

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 16 shots, 12 seconds.

Strange sounds emanate from shots that can't decide whether to be whistlers or whirlwinds. Small color breaks and a few scattered reports. (Last tested in 1996)

Screaming Sidewinder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-101. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

All shots are silver comets which go up whistling, and then turn into crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Screaming Stinger

Skyrocket. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-R012B.

This rocket flies up with a short whistle, and ends in a cluster of crackle and one firecracker report. The sound of the report is mixed in with the sounds of the crackle, but you can distinguish it because it is a little louder than the crackle. The whistle on the way up is not as loud or long as that in "Screaming Cracklers" rockets. (Last tested in 2004)

Screaming Wheel

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-812. 9 seconds.

Label says "shoots upward". Spins on the ground while whistling three times and it even jumps up about 3 feet! (Last tested in 1996)

Screach and Scream

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2085. 52 seconds.

Begins with a spray of white, red and green, with a short whistle. Then another brief spray of white and red, with another short whistle. Then a brief whistle all by itself, and another one by itself. Then another whistle, but this time with white, red and green sparks at the same time. Another whistle with the white sparks and red and green. Then another short whistle with a strong spray of silver. Then another short whistle by itself. Then two more whistles accompanied by red and green and white sparks. The second of these whistles is a little longer than the first. Then a soft gold flutter spray with a red flame at the base. If I counted right, it's 10 whistles in all. (Last tested in 2004)

Screaching Eagle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Bald Eagle brand, #EA912. 22 seconds.

Gold flutter fountains with a few silver sparks, interspersed with short whistles. Four fountains and 3 whistles. Total duration of 51 seconds. (Last tested in 1998)

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Screaming Magic Genie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM027. 20 shots, 20 seconds.

It's hard to tell, but I think every shot whistles on the way up. About 13 of the shots end in white whirlwinds; the rest only whistle - but they whistle clearly. (Last tested in 1997)

Screaming Mee Mee

Base Fountain. Trojan brand. 34 seconds.

Astro. Two Nite Howlers and one Screamer. There goes my hearing - this is LOUD. (Last tested in 1995)

Scrolls Fireworks

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K3311A. 18 seconds.

Spins with red and green; drops open into keepsake paper scroll. One-of-a-kind item. Hard to find. (Last tested in 1995)

Sea Blue Shell, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-205E.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. This is a very large, single-shot tube. The thump of the lift charge is impressive and is part of the show. The shell flies up and ends in a large peony break of pastel blue stars, just as advertised. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Sea Hog

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4003. 19 shots, 41 seconds.

Each shot is a gold comet with a red head, that opens up into a cluster of gold flying fish. (Last tested in 2004)

Sea of Faces

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K1816. 37 seconds.

Good collection of effects and colors. Loud, overlapping whistles, plus crackle. Nice fountain. (Last tested in 1995)

Sea Sparrow Missiles

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-044. 91 shots, 46 seconds.

Every shot is a "Saturn Missile" type of shot which goes up whistling, and comes back down partway, crackling as it comes down. The shots are fired one at a time in the beginning, but the pace gradually increases as time goes down, and at the end a couple of rows are fired all at the same instant for a finale. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Seal Disporting Ball

Novelty Firework. Silk Road brand, #W731. 7 seconds.

Article was originally printed with Flying Dragon brand on it, but a sticker with "Silk Road" brand is pasted over the Flying Dragon logo. This stands up and shoots a few sparks out the back, then attempts to inflate a small balloon which is attached to the top, at the seal's "mouth." The ones I got didn't inflate

the balloon much, but if it does work, it ends up looking like a seal balancing a rubber ball on it's nose. (Last tested in 1999)

Second Coming

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #GCM042. 10 shots,

Each shot is a "mine" of white comets, consisting of about 7 or 8 bright silver comets shot from the ground up. Appears to be the same item as "Niagara Falls," "Old Faithful" and "Silver Bullet Barrage." (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

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See You Later Alligator

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-324. 13 seconds.

Here's a really cute piece. It comes in a box of 2, so you will probably want to shoot one piece and save the other as a collectible. The front plastic wheel under the alligator's head is designed so that when the alligator rolls forward, the mouth opens and closes repeatedly. When you light it, a whistle from the back end makes it roll forward, then it stops and just sprays sparks from the back, then it rolls forward again with another short whistle. The mouth stays open and a tube in the mouth gives off a raspy-sounding whistle, and the entire alligator spins in place. That part is a

panic. This piece works well on a very flat, smooth surface such as concrete. (Last tested in 1999)

Seek and Destroy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3048. 25 shots, 49 seconds.

Begins with very bright red pearls going up, some of which take off in another direction - very unusual, as if they are self-propelled. Then some blue shots go up and do the same thing - they suddenly change direction. Very strange and interesting. Then some more red ones, then some green ones. Then they start coming a little faster, and the colors are mixed up - a red one, a green one, a blue one, etc. This is a fascinating effect that I have seen to some extent in some aerial chrysanthemum breaks, but never before in comets from the ground up. (Last tested in 2003)

Selene

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0006-2. 30 shots, 57 seconds.

Strobing red pearl that ends in a peony break of red and sparkling silver. Blue pearl that ends in blue peony break. Red pearl that ends in a break of blue stars plus red flying fish. Silver comet that ends in silver flying fish. Those shots alternate for the rest of the performance, until the final 10 shots. The next to last 5 are shot all at once, and are red pearls that go up and end in peony breaks of stars that appear to me to start as red and then change to blue just before burning out. The final 5 shots are fired all at once, and are blue pearls that break into pale green chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Senko Hanabi

Sparkler. brand. 17 seconds.

Japanese sparklers. Rare in the United States. Teeny bursts of gold. The coating on the end melts into a liquid, and then starts giving off gold branching sparks in all directions - very unusual conversation piece. (Last tested in 1995)

Series of Pearl Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Wu Tai Mountain brand. 25 shots, 14 seconds.

The top label says Crackling Star, which is a much more accurate name for this. It gives a continuous, overlapping series

of loud crackling clusters - 49 clusters in all. (Last tested in 1996)

Serious Equipment

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A011.

When this kit was first introduced onto the market, it had 60 shells in it. In 2004, it was changed to comply with regulations regarding shell kits. This kit now contains 48 assorted shells and six tubes to fire them with. It has a variety of single-break, double-break and triple-break shells, with a total of 82 breaks. Pretty much every shell effect that this company offers is included in this kit. Many of the shells in this kit are of very high quality. One of the ring shells had about 30 stars in the ring, a very high number for a consumer firework ring shell. If you're only going to buy one shell kit, why not spring for this one and that way you'll be sure to get a little bit of every effect. You really can't go wrong with this kit, in my opinion. The only disadvantage is the high price of it, but if you were going to spend a lot on shell kits anyway, then it's a good deal. (Last tested in 2004)

Serpent Charmer

Snake. brand, #TF1813. 36 seconds.

Much easier way to light a snake. Snake creeps eerily out of bright orange or red flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Serpent Roar

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 40 seconds.

Alternates between red and green shots. Each shot goes up in that color, then splits open into 3 or 4 large stars of that same color. These stars spin away slowly with a crackling sound. (Last tested in 2002)

Serpent Strike

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 36 seconds.

Crackling comets shoot straight up; first singly, then in bunches. (Last tested in 1995)

Seven-Shooter

Combination firecracker. Brothers brand, #BP0036. 3 seconds.

A whistling firecracker? No such thing, right? Wrong - here it is. The tube whistles then ejects 7 firecrackers out of it. Wow! It's a whistling fountain! Wait! It's

a group of firecrackers! What is it? The whistle part is not a clear, shrill whistle, it is a raspy, almost buzzing sound, similar to Machine Gun crackers. (Last tested in 1998)

Shagadelic Mojo

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-083. 16 shots, 54 seconds.

Label misspells it as "Shagadellic." Each shot goes up as a green pearl and then breaks open hard into a mixed break of red and blue, with a little bit of crackle. Excellent color and break symmetry - an outstanding item in 2001. Seemed to break with a slightly weaker punch in

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Shake N Quake

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-153. 66 seconds.

One continuous mixture of red and green with large crackling stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Shaolin Tradition

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A014. 16 shots,

This is an assortment of three "Heavy Weights" 500-gram cakes. As far as I can tell, they are sold only as the assortment of 3; you can't buy them individually. All

three have 16 shots. The first one is "Black Crane" (BP-A014-1). It begins with a break of gold stars mixed with crackle, then gives a break of mixed red, green and blue stars. These two shots continue to alternate with each other until the end, when the last 4 shots (2 of each) are fired almost all at once. Lots of stars in each break. Duration is 38 seconds. The second cake is "White Tiger" (BP-A014-2). It begins with a large red chrysanthemum break, then gives a large blue chrysanthemum break, then a big, beautiful blue peony break, then a break which turns into crackle flowers. These four shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last four shots (one of each effect) are fired almost all at once. Duration is 41 seconds. The last cake is "Northern Praying Mantis" (BP-A014-3). It alternates between breaks which are large gold willows that sparkle softly as they spread out and drift down; and breaks that turn into crackle flowers. The last 4 shots (2 of each effect) are fired all at once for the finale. Duration is 38 seconds. (Last tested in 2003)

Sheena

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Famous Herbie brand. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Relaxed, falling gold sparks and soft crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Shell Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Cannon brand, #Y22-067. 50 seconds.

Begins with four sprays simultaneously in a fan shape, and they are spraying red and green sparks against a gold background spray. Then they change to silver flitter sparks against the same gold background. Then they change to a softer silver spray with some gold flitter sparks. This part is very attractive. Then the gold flitter becomes gold crackle while the soft silver spray continues. All this continues while green sparks and red sparks are added. Make sure the long side of the fountain is facing the audience. (Last tested in 2003)

Shell of Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-009. 28 shots, 45 seconds.

This is not the right name for this piece. The "Shell of shells" effect in professional fireworks shows is a large shell which goes up and breaks apart into a

bunch of smaller shells. You don't see any effects until the smaller shells break, and then you see a whole sky full of smaller breaks all at the same time. It's a fantastic effect and it would be great to have it available in consumer fireworks, but it requires a large shell to begin with, probably larger than would be allowed in consumer fireworks. This cake doesn't have that effect so the name of this cake is not relevant to its performance. Anyway, the first shot is a red chrysanthemum with white trails, then the next shot is a green chrysanthemum with gold trails. Then a double-break shell of red peony and white chrysanthemum. Then a red chrysanthemum, and then a double-break shell, with a blue peony break and a silver glitter break. Then a chrysanthemum of gold stars with white tails. Then a gold spiderweb break with blue tips. Then a red chrysanthemum, and then a double-break shell, one green peony and one red peony. Then a white chrysanthemum break, and then a red chrysanthemum. Then a double-break shell, with a blue peony break and a silver glitter break. Then a chrysanthemum of gold stars with white trails, and then a gold spiderweb break with blue tips. Then it stars firing the shots at a somewhat faster pace. Then a red chrysanthemum, and a green peony break, followed by a small red peony break and a small white chrysanthemum break. Then a red chrysanthemum break, followed by a peony break of beautiful purple stars. Then a break of silver glitter, and a chrysanthemum break of gold stars with white trails. A gold spiderweb break with blue tips. Then a whole bunch of shots - I think 7 - are fired all at once, and they all go up and break into crackle for the ending. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Shell Over the Lady

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #W520E.

Beihai Fireworks. Great effects, but they break just a little too low. 5 shells. Lopsided breaks, but good color. Some whistle on the way up. (Last tested in 1996)

Shell Rocket Large

Skyrocket. brand.

Pack of 5 with large plastic tops; unfortunately the plastic ball at the top appears to be empty. The breaks at the

end of the flight are pretty good, but not really impressive enough by themselves to justify the price. However an enterprising pyrotechnician could find a way to put more pyrotechnic material into the empty plastic ball. (Last tested in 2001)

Sheriff's Posse

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Kellner's brand, #9127. 15 shots, 27 seconds.

All shots are comets with color heads that go up and break into peony breaks

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of red, blue, white, or green. (Last tested in 2003)

Shimmering Crackling Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W559F. 25 shots, 14 seconds.

Plain brown label. Possibly not allowed for consumer sales. 25 shots. Another one in the gray area, banned in stores but easily available at the conventions. Crackling gold comets, each ending in a thunderous report - or not, since there is late word that a new shipment came in without the extra-loud reports. Plain brown label. (Last tested in 1996)

Shimmering Crackling Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2029. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

A good cake, but don't buy it on the assumption that you are getting the "1.3G" version of Shimmering Crackling Gold, which has very loud reports in it. This one sends up the crackling comets, all right, but each one ends in a small cluster of red and green stars, not a loud report. If you've never seen the "1.3G" version of this then you'll be perfectly happy with this one. (Last tested in 1999)

Shimmering Crackling Gold (1.4G)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W5-59F. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

A "consumer" version of a 1.3G firework. 25 richly crackling comets end in small clusters of red or green sparks, which almost get lost among all the crackle. The 1.3G version, made by a different factory, ends instead with extra-loud reports. This version is actually pretty good fireworks, providing you've never heard the 1.3G version. Bizarre artwork. (Last tested in 1998)

Shimmering Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-653. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

Red breaks with crackle, then green breaks with crackle, then gold breaks with crackle. The crackle sounds are more spread out than in Dazzling Sky Poppers where they are in bunches. (Last tested in 1999)

Shining Armour

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3067. 16 shots, 24 seconds.

Shoots 3 shots straight up, one at a time, which are green pearls ending in mixed red and white breaks. Then shoots 4 shots all at once in a fan, which are green pearls ending in mixed red and white breaks. Then shoots 3 more shots of these straight up, one at a time. Then shoots 3 red shots in a fan, which end in these same red and white breaks, but this time, crackle flowers are added, which end the breaks. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Shining Golden Light

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O138. 16 seconds.

Nice spray of gold flitter sparks, about 6 feet tall, but rather short duration. (Last tested in 1998)

Shining Saucer

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4243. 52 seconds.

Shaped just like a flying saucer - this will certainly be a collectible fountain. Starts with a spray of silver from the center of the top, then three smaller silver sprays around the top also start up, giving a total of four silver sprays in a nice arrangement. Then the three smaller sprays die out, and the center one keeps going but changes to a gold flitter spray. That stops and the center spray becomes a very good mixture of lots of gold crackle with red and green sparks. This changes to a mixture of lots of silver crackle, with red, blue and green sparks. (Last tested in 2005)

Shining Star

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O124. 42 seconds.

Long-lasting, colorful fountain. Hard to find, but worth seeking out. Red, green, gold and silver sprays. (Last tested in 1995)

Shiny Gadget, medium

Hand-held Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP3007. 252 seconds.

Astonishingly long-lasting shower of softly snapping white sparks - this one goes on, and on, for almost two and a half minutes. It lasts so long that you get tired of holding it. My mom made the comment, "That's too much for a backyard firework." Stays the same throughout - a rich, full spray of small, pinpoint-sharp silver sparks. This item comes in three sizes, though I was only able to get the medium one. I think for ordinary, backyard use, the small size would be sufficient. The large size - to think how long that one must last. (Last tested in 1998)

Shock 10

Roman Candle, single. Red Lantern brand, #O532. 11 seconds.

The shock is: you just spent \$ on a Saturn Missile Battery in a stick. Whistles ending in reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Shock Wave

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4035. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet that goes up and breaks into a large break of crackling flowers. Very impressive. (Last tested in 2004)

Shock Wave

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO003-2. 25 shots, 51 seconds.

Artillery shells all shot straight up. Red pearl to sparkling silver peony; crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break; red pearl to crackle, red pearl to sparkling silver peony; crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break, crackle break; crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break; crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break; crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break;

Shock Wave

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-114. 92 seconds.

Three whistles; lots of crackle, and good colors later on. (Last tested in 1995)

Shocker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6008. 36 shots,

A very unusual piece in that most of 36 tubes are set at angles. There are 6 rows of 6 tubes, and within the first row, all the tubes are tilted in the same direction and at the same angle. In the next row of 6, all the tubes point straight up. In the third row, all 6 tubes are tilted at the same angle, but it is in the opposite direction of the first row. The final 3 rows repeat the pattern of the first 3 rows. The effects are mainly individual blue, red or green pearls that open up into small clusters of the same color (but the blue ones open up into red clusters). A few shots at the end open into sparkling white clusters with some reports. The colors are deep and rich. (Last tested in 2000)

Shogun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0637. 19 shots, 34 seconds.

Alternates between these two effects: a red pearl goes up and breaks open into silver flying fish; or a whistling silver comet goes up and breaks open into red and green stars and a couple of reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Shogun 5-inch Assorted Fountains


Base Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF1016. 22 seconds.

These are small but quality fountains, in a pack of 6. All burn for 21 to 22 seconds each. The pack has 2 each of the following 3 fountains. SF1016A, Phoenix Tail Whistle Fountain, which starts with a good red flame, then changes to a long, loud whistle with silver spray. SF1016B, X'mas Tree Crackling, which is a combination of green sparks and silver crackle. SF1016C, Multi Color, a mixture of red, blue and green sparks amidst a gold background spray. All 3 are good quality, and are reasonably priced. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)



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crackle break; blue pearl to crackle break; red pearl to sparkling silver peony; crackle break, blue pearl to crackle break, then the final 5 shots are a blend of color peonies with crackle. Long-lasting, but too many crackle breaks in this one and not enough variety of other effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Shogun Color Smoke Balls

Smoke. Shogun brand, #SNOV2060. Box of 72 (6 bags of 12). Each bag has 3 each of blue, purple, green and yellow smoke balls. Good color. (Last tested in 2004)

Shogun Cone Fountain

Cone Fountain. Shogun brand, #SFC03B. 34 seconds.

Starts with a red flame, then adds a little bit of silver sparks, then changes to all crackle, and ends with gold spray and crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Shogun Cone Fountain, multi-color

Cone Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF03C. 30 seconds.

Starts as a brilliant green flame with a thin spray of gold, then changes to a rich spray of red and green. Very bright and good color. (Last tested in 2000)

Shogun Cone Fountain, silver

Cone Fountain. Shogun brand, #SF03A. 25 seconds.

Dazzlingly bright red flame with a thin silver shower, changing to a brilliant silver shower. (Last tested in 2000)

Shogun Electric Sparklers

Sparkler. Shogun brand, #SEB10A.

Each pack of 12 boxes has 4 boxes of 8 blue sparklers, 4 boxes of 8 green and 4 boxes of 8 red. (Last tested in 2001)

Shogun Morning Glory

Sparkler. Shogun brand, #SSP0981. 26 seconds.

36-inch long sparklers, with about half of that length as the sparkler and the other half as a handle. Burns with a red flame, then eventually to silver snapping sparks, then to a silver spray. Good quality. (Last tested in 2002)

Shogun Power Candle Assortment

Roman Candle, single. Shogun brand, #SRC400. 15 seconds.

The pack consists of one each of: Starlight Power Candle, 5 shots (SRC401); Crackling Power Candle, 5 shots (SRC402); Flashbang Power Candle, 6 shots (SRC403); Double Whistle Power Candle, 6 shots (SRC404); Whirlwind Power Candle, 6 shots (SRC405); and Double Burst Power Candle, 4 shots (SRC406). The effects are good, almost as good as in

some cakes. I liked the Double Burst one best, but you can't buy it separately, you can only buy the assorted candles. (Last tested in 2001)

Shogun Power Pack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM1621. 8 shots, 37 seconds.

This cake may be advertised as a 24-shot cake but in reality it's an 8-shot cake, with each shot giving three breaks. I studied the videotape of it and listened for the lift charges and there were 8 lift charges. The shots contain three-break shells, so each shot gives three effects in the air, almost at the same time, just a fraction of a second apart. So you do get

anthemum. The final shot gives a mine of mixed colors, a red and green peony and a red and green chrysanthemum. The first break of each shot has a good enough amount of stars in it, but the second break has a lesser amount of stars and the third break of each shot has barely enough stars in it to qualify as a break. (Last tested in 2003)

Shoot the Works

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0299. 74 seconds.

Nice gold flitter spray, then a spray of white balls, then red, green and crackle, then nice silver flitter. (Last tested in 2000)

Shooting Star

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4215. 41 seconds.

These unusual star-shaped fountains are designed to float on water. You set the item flat on water, and light the fuse. The center tube emits a series of strobe flashes, while tubes from each of the star's points emit a beautiful color flame, starting with blue, changing to red, and finally green. Then the strobe light continues for a few more flashes. If you don't have water, you can just set this one on the ground. But the effect is more beautiful if you can put it in some kind of water, at least a tub of water or something. The force of the side fountains makes the device swim around a little on top of the water. Someone at this factory really put their thinking caps on to come up with this one. It's very clever. (Last tested in 2002)

Shooting Stars

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0521.

Small rocket, and not particularly impressive when shot singly. Green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Shot Gun

Roman Candle, single. Glorious brand, #GCRC017. 5 shots, 18 seconds.

A pack of 4 different roman candles. Each one shoots 5 shots. Candle #GCRC017A shoots silver comets that end in small clusters of silver glittering stars and a few crackers. Candle #GCRC017B shoots gold comets that end in small clusters of blue stars with a few crackers. Candle #GCRC017C is more impressive, gold comets end in

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24 breaks in the air, but I call this an 8-shot cake. The first shot gives a red peony, a blue peony and a silver glitter break. Next shot gives a gold willow, a green chrysanthemum, and a red chrysanthemum. The next shot is the same as the last one. The next shot gives a green peony, a red chrysanthemum, and a glittering crackle break. The next shot gives a mixed green and red peony, a red chrysanthemum, and a glittering crackle break. The next shot gives a blue peony, a green chrysanthemum and a white chrysanthemum. The next shot gives a mine of mixed colors, a red and green peony and a red and green chrys-

peony breaks of red, green or mixed colors. Candle #GCRC017D shoots comets which are both whistling and crackling at the same time. (Last tested in 2004)

Shot in the Dark

Roman Candle, single. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0326. 10 shots, 16 seconds.

Alternates between red and green color pearls. No sounds. (Last tested in 2000)

Shot in the Dark

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3083. 5 shots, 12 seconds.

An assortment of candles. One gives five crackling shots. The second gives a variety of effects (crackle, whistle, flying fish, and even an actual color break.) Another one alternates between silver whistling shots that come out and shots that crackle and whistle. The last one gives a variety of effects including crackle, whistle, flying fish, a whirlwind, and even a break of crackle stars. Outstanding quality for roman candles. (Last tested in 2002)

Shotgun Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro Valu brand, #PV310.

This kit contains 12 shells and one tube. The box lists the effects, but the individual shells are not marked on them with the effects. So it's a guessing game as to which shell is which, if this is important to you when loading them up into racks for your show. If you're just shooting them one by one for fun, then I guess it doesn't matter which is which. The effects are: Red, blue and white glittering stars. Blue stars with crackling. White glittering stars with red palm. Golden stars with green palm. Red palm. Crackling. Green palm. Golden and purple stars. Purple and green stars. Green and crackling stars. Golden stars with crackling. White glittering with blue stars. No comet tails on the way up on any of these. These are good quality shells at a moderate price, so if you are on a tight budget you will do very well to buy this kit. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Shotgun Wedding

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2064. 36 shots, 35 seconds.

Starts with 6 whistling shots fired straight up all at once, which end in

nice color chrysanthemums of red and green with sparkling white stars. Some whistling spinners are included. Good beginning. Then another group of 6 whistling shots fired up all at once, which end in big breaks of crackle flowers with some firecracker reports. Also good. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Silence in between each group of 6. Seems like it should go on a little longer than it does, but since shots are fired in groups of 6, they are used up quickly. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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Show of Force

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A037.

A kit with 40 shells, a mixture of single-, double- and triple-break shells. The breaks are large and high-quality, with good colors. There are large amounts of stars per break, especially in the single-break round shells. Most are color peony breaks, though some have silver glitter mixed in and others have crackle mixed in. There are a few willow breaks as well. (Last tested in 2005)

Show Time Mini Smoke

Smoke. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1716. 15 seconds.

A pack of 4 small smoke canisters, each of which puts out one color of smoke for 13 to 17 seconds. You get one each of green, yellow, blue and a purplish-red. Excellent colors. (Last tested in 2000)

Show Time smoke

Smoke. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1718. 46 seconds.

A bag of 4 large smoke canisters, each of which puts out one color of smoke for 45 to 48 seconds. You get one each of green, yellow, blue and a purplish-red. Good rich colors. (Last tested in 2000)

Showbiz

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3047. 30 shots, 30 seconds.

Five mines of color and crackle are shot up one at a time, with slightly different angles for each shot. Then a whole group of mines are shot up all at once, I'm not sure how many tubes because they all mix together. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, with the center one ending in a white whirlwind and the 2 outer ones being silver comets that go up higher than the whirlwind. Then the same fan of 3 shots is repeated, but this time in addition there are two really good aerial breaks added, apparently two extra tubes were fired. Those breaks are big gold willows. Then another fan of 3 like the last one, but there are no aerial breaks above this group. Then another fan of 3, but the center one is a mine of color stars that become whirlwinds. Two more of those big gold willows break above it. This piece succeeds at creating a design in the air with the placement of different effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Showtime

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1999. 83 seconds.

Nice spray of gold and silver, then bright silver spray, then a red spray with big giant crackles and lots of them, then a gold and blue spray, then a green and blue spray, then adding white flitter, then silver balls. Great fountain. (Last tested in 2000)

Showtime Popcorn

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4213. 80 seconds.

Cute package design, like a box of popcorn that you would get at the movies. Nice gold flitter spray from the center tube, changing to nice silver flitter sparks, a good green flitter spray, then gold flitter again, then white flitter, then green, then a mixture of crackle and white sparks. See more info under "Movie Time." (Last tested in 2002)

Showy

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF046. 69 seconds.

Red and green spray with white flitter sparks, changing to a gold crackle spray, then a quieter gold flitter spray, then a spray of big yellow sparks mixed with gold flitter sparks. Then a mix of white flitter with red and green sparks ends it. (Last tested in 2004)

Showy Color

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1056. 83 seconds.

Mix of flashing white sparks with red and green, then a beautiful section of red sparks and blue sparks mixed together. That section lasts only 10 seconds, but it's gorgeous. Then green mixed with flashing white sparks, then red mixed with gold flitter. Then green with silver flitter, then a silver spray with a very soft crackling sound. Then a loud crackle spray with red and green sparks mixed in, and a short whistle at the very end. (Last tested in 2004)

Shrieking Wheel

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BC-818.
18 seconds.

Four-inch wheel with three drives. Shoots out red and green flames with sparks, and each driver also whistles. Elegantly designed and constructed, and a good performance. (Last tested in 1998)

Shuttle Jet

Flying Spinner. Cannon brand, #Y06-004. 6 seconds.

Large helicopter which lifts off with gold spray, changing to bright silver spray slightly reminiscent of the old Rozzi Two Stage Silver Jets. Then it ends with two firecrackers. (Last tested in 1998)

Sidewinder

Skyrocket. Brothers brand,
#BP1019.

Flies very fast and straight up, then breaks into a respectable cluster of stars. Pretty darn impressive for a medium-size rocket. (Last tested in 1999)

Signals

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2965. 12 shots,
34 seconds.

Each shot is a color pearl of red or green going up with a white comet tail. Each shot ends with a white whirlwind and a group of 3 stars which are comets, with heads the same color as the shot when it went up, and a white tail behind it. These comets basically drift down

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rather than flying away. (Last tested in 2002)

Silver & Blue Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-672. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

Could not locate item number. There are three types of shots here, all of which start out as a red pearl going up. Thus the item is misnamed, because there is little or no blue. One type of shot ends in a cluster of crackle, the second type ends in a handful of firecrackers, and the third ends in the "silver flying fish" effect. The shots pretty

much alternate between those three effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Silver Bullet

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9003. 24 shots, 42 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and ends in a sparkling silver glitter break. The next shot goes up and ends in a white chrysanthemum break. The next shot goes up and ends in a white peony break. The next shot goes up whistling and ends in a dragon eggs break. The above sequence is repeated three more times. Then 4 bright silver comets are fired all at once. Then 4 shots are fired all at once, which end in color peony breaks of red, gold, green and blue. (Last tested in 2003)

Silver Chrys

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS120. 7 shots, 23 seconds.

Bright white pearls go up and then burst into beautiful bright white chrysanthemum breaks. No color at all - refreshing after the constant parade of red, green and blue - this one's pure silver. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W537. 16 shots, 10 seconds.

Small silver whirlwinds, not spectacular; too much of the same thing. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver City

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #3056. 47 seconds.

Starts with a shimmering spray of gold flitter, then gets taller and becomes a spray of silver flashing sparks. (Last tested in 2003)

Silver Claw

Cone Fountain. Great Grizzly brand.
14 seconds.

Oddity with green whistling fountain to silver/gold mixture. U.S.A. Made by Patriotic Fireworks, Elkton Maryland. Intense spray of gold sparks, with silver balls thrown out now and then. Taller than Griz Cone #3, but not as long-lasting. (Last tested in 1998)

Silver Coconut Tree

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS227. 16 shots, 39 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a very bright white comet, then it breaks into a group of 5 or 6 bright white comets that fly away in separate directions, pretty far. Almost could be considered a crossette cake. Very nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Comet, #5

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Not nearly as impressive as the #3 Gold Comet from the same manufacturer. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Comet, No. 5

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Goes up with a short comet tail that sparkles a little. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Crackling Palm, No. 500

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-651.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. Goes up with a tail of gold sparks, and breaks open into what I call the "dragon egg" effect, a palm-tree type of break where the branches consist of crackle, and continue to crackle as they spread apart. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Silver Crown

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #GCM028. 25 shots, 44 seconds.

Very bright white pearls with fluffy white comet tails on the way up, breaking open into fluffy white breaks with 4 or 5 small crackers per burst. The same effect over and over, but it's nice to look at. This one would be very effective in large quantities. No brand on label. (Last tested in 1998)

Silver Diadem

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM092. 25 shots, 39 seconds.

The first 15 shots are fired straight up, one at a time, and they are strobing red shots that go up and end in very nice silver chrysanthemum breaks. Then a mine of red stars is shot up, and either 4 or 5 shells are also shot up all at once, and end in the same silver chrysanthemums. Then the red mine and 4 or 5 silver chrysanthemums is repeated. Nice

looking. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Silver Dragon

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2024. 10 shots, 17 seconds.

Intensely bright silver pearls. Wonderful label artwork as well. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Fan

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-273. 42 seconds.

Turn the black plastic base feet so that they are perpendicular to the fountain. This piece contains four fountain tubes,

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set at angles. Each tube puts out a silver fountain spray. Set this fountain so that the flat side is towards the audience. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Fizz

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF073. 58 seconds.

Starts with gold crackle in a fan shape. Then changes to a mixture of blue stars and silver flitter in a fan shape. Then changes to a mixture of red and green stars plus white flitter, also in a fan shape. Emits huge amounts of spray at this point. (Last tested in 2005)

Silver Flowers in Full Bloom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2032. 90 shots, 45 seconds.

Big breaks of silver, and lots of them. Expensive, but a good finale. Varies in quality from year to year. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Flying Fish with Crackling

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK21B. 21 shots, 40 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet on the way up with a bright white head, and ends in a cluster of silver flying fish plus some crackle. The last 5 or so shots are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Silver Fox

Bottle Rocket. Black Cat brand.

A small bottle rocket, packed 144 to the pack, which gives off a silver comet tail on the way up and ends in a report. (Last tested in 2004)

Silver Lining

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2973. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is fired straight up, and it is a whistling comet that ends in a silver whirlwind. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, which are green pearls that go up and end in silver whirlwinds. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, a red, a green and a blue pearl, and they go up and each one ends in both a silver whirlwind plus a break of the same color they were on the way up. Good one! Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, which are whistling comets that end in silver whirlwinds. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, which are green pearls ending in silver whirlwinds plus reports. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan - 2 red, 2 blue and 2 green, with each one ending in a silver whirlwind plus a break of stars of the same color that the shot was on the way up. Really great display. (Last tested in 2003)

Silver Palm, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Starr brand.

With purple crown. Gigantic silver palm tree with purple center. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Palm & Gold Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6052. 29 seconds.

A silver fountain starts and continues on the ground while aerial shots are fired, each of which breaks open into either a silver palm tree-type effect or a large gold willow break. One of the shots at the beginning breaks open into silver flying fish which last a long time, but the rest of the shots are as above. Good variety in one cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Silver Palm Tree, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

A white comet tail goes up and breaks into an intensely bright palm tree of about 12 white comet branches with brilliant white heads. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Phoenix

Cone Fountain. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2009. 4 seconds.

A short whistle, with silver sparks. That's all. Why even bother to make it. (Last tested in 1999)

Silver & Red & Silver Tail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand. 15 shots, 12 seconds.

Shots are fired in groups of 3. Each group is two silver comets, one on each side, and a strobing red pearl going up in the center. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Salutes

Firecracker. Great Grizzly brand, #GG1385.

Individual firecrackers in a bag. Do not contain more than 50 mg. of powder, but because of the larger size and larger surface area, they may be louder than an ordinary 1.5-inch firecracker. (Last tested in 2002)

Silver Shock Wave

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #Y03-040. 61 shots, 34 seconds.

Made in Guangdong, China, but no brand on it. A fast barrage of white comets, with bright white heads (a few of them have red heads). No sound effect other than the soft fluttering sound of the comets, which is reminiscent of the original Silvery Swallow, though the comets do not go nearly as high as that one. (Last tested in 1998)

Silver Slug

Combination firecracker. Cannon brand, #Y15-021B.

Exactly like the Center Fire cracker previously described. I can't tell any difference in performance between the two. Both have traces of color in with the sparks. These crackers are miniature fireworks shows, all in a single two-inch tube. (Last tested in 1996)

Silver Springs

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2077. 67 seconds.

Begins with a very bright silver spray, then changes to a flashing silver flutter spray, then an intensely bright silver

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flitter spray. Then it changes to very bright silver crackle for the ending. All silver and very bright. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Silver Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5139. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

Another inappropriate name, but a unique effect. Every shot releases green stars on the way up - not exactly a comet or a mine, but rather just throwing off green stars. When the shot gets to its apex, it turns into a cluster of crackle. It's a unusual repeater that you

might want to consider. (Last tested in 1999)

Silver Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4015. 19 shots, 41 seconds.

Each shot is either a red pearl or green pearl on the way up, which, before it gets all the way up, changes into a silver spinner. Then the spinner opens into a small cluster of mixed red and green stars. No sound effects other than the buzzing of the spinners. (Last tested in 2004)

Silver Sunrise

Base Fountain. Monster brand. 8 seconds.

Though short lived, they shoot very high for such small items. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Swallow Going Out Of Nests

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK180. 180 shots, 32 seconds.

This cake fires the shots in a rapid Z-pattern. All shots are screaming comets. Creates quite a racket. There are a few reports at the end. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Silver Thunder Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS324. 19 shots, 34 seconds.

Every shot is a bright white head which also gives off crackle as it flies up. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Tiger Tail

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand, #LDS308. 19 shots, 25 seconds.

Each shot is a thick, fluffy white comet with a bright white head. No sound effects, but dazzlingly brilliant to look at. (Last tested in 2000)

Silver Wheel

Wheel. Tai Chung brand, #S-3. 4 seconds.

Two drivers, with a nice spray of silver, but so short-lived that it's a disappointment. If you could do a whole wall of these, it might be nice. (Last tested in 1998)

Silver Wheel with whistle

Wheel. New Jersey brand, #M84.
25 seconds.

(4-oz.) Old-time classic. Gold & silver spray, to gold & silver whistle. (Last tested in 1995)

Silver Whistling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Maverick brand, #RC13-8W. 8 shots, 25 seconds.

A series of 8 screaming comets are shot out, with a small trail of silver sparks behind each one. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Silver Willow

Flying Spinner. Phantom brand, #K-029. 7 seconds.

Dependable flight; abundant silver sparks. Slightly flimsy wings. (Last tested in 1995)

SilverSonic Warhead

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-031. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot is a green pearl which goes up and breaks into a terrific break which could be called a "palm tree" or possibly a chrysanthemum; in any case it is a large diameter break of silver trails. Outstanding quality item. Tested in late 2001, let's hope it will be just as good in 2002 - this brand seems to have pretty good consistency. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Silvery

Cone Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O362B. 30 seconds.

The box of 4 says, "Cone Fireworks," but the cone itself is just called "Silvery." This is a major advancement in the area of cone fountains. Puts out a thick, rich spray of silver sparks (not bright white sparks, off-white) that builds in height and spread, it reaches about 15 feet in height towards the end. Lights up the whole area around you. First tested in 1998, and tested again in 2003 - just as good, a huge spray of silver sparks. No colors, no sound effects, but still very much a "wow" item, for the height and the amount of spray. (Last tested in 1998)

Silvery Chrysanthemum

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2032. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

Not exactly whirlwinds, these shots spin open and give off the silver sparks as they are going up. No sound effects, but an unusual visual effect. (Last tested in 1999)

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Silvery Chrysanthemum

Base Fountain. brand, #W-409. 24 seconds.

Nice snapping silver sparks with soft gold spray, then green at end. (Last tested in 1995)

Silvery Chrysanthemum

Hand-held Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0641. 14 seconds.

Hand-held fountain of soft gold and silver spray. Beautiful and lavish shower of golden sparks with long-lasting, fluffy silver sparks. Nearly silent. Hold it up high. Has declined in quality somewhat. (Last tested in 1996)

Silvery Dragon Play Pearls

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O184. 5 seconds.

Brick is 48 packs of 12. These look like Jumping Jacks, in the same type of

strings of 12. If you look at each piece, though, you'll see that the hole punched in each tube is right about in the center of the tube, whereas with Jumping Jacks the hole is close to one end so that the tube will spin. The result with this item is that they don't really spin, they just sort of fly away and give off green and silver sparks. It's over very quickly, though, so this must be an older item that the factories are not putting their hearts into any more. (Last tested in 1999)

Silvery Eagle Ball

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2002. 7 shots, 9 seconds.

Screaming silver comets - that's it. (Last tested in 1995)

Silvery Flower

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W471. 13 seconds.

White flare, changing to red flare with white spray, changing to green flare with white spray. Over quickly, and no sound effects, but good color. (Last tested in 2000)

Silvery Glittering Flowers, #1

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T106. 4 seconds.

One inch tall item. Nice spray of silver, but extremely short-lived. (Last tested in 1995)

Silvery Glittering Flowers, #2

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T106. 9 seconds.

Powerful, although short, shower of very bright glittering silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Silvery Lights

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG10021. 9 seconds.

Similar to Horse brand Silvery Glitter fountain, but weaker. (Last tested in 1995)

Silvery Sandstorm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-270A. 37 shots, 25 seconds.

Pinkish-gold comets, quite beautiful. A quite one for a change. Closely spaced, glittering pinkish-silver comets, with a soft, quiet sound to each one. Same effect as Iron Tree, though the latter lasts longer. Similar to the 91-shot Silvery Swallow which is now a "1.3G" item. (Last tested in 1996)

Silvery Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W5-31. 25 shots, 29 seconds.

I would call this one a repeating mine, actually. They're not exactly comets and not exactly shells. Bright, sparkling upward blasts of white glitter stars at a very fast pace. Slows down and thins out for the last few shots, though. (Last tested in 1998)

Silvery Swallow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand. 91 shots, 35 seconds.

Originally, stunning, sparkling silver comets, with a soft waterfall-like sound. But that one was re-classified as a 1.3G item. Reintroduced as Class C, and not as good. Pinkish-silver comets which are not as sparkly and don't go as high. (Last tested in 1996)

Silvery Water Fountain (Extra Selected)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W461. 17 seconds.

Red, then green flame from top; silver sprays from all three sides! Very nice. (Last tested in 1995)

Simply Wonderful

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 32 seconds.

An unusual variation on the whirlwind cake. Each shot is a green pearl which goes up and ends in three silver whirlwinds, rather than one whirlwind. A nice surprise. If you like whirlwinds (spinning showers of sparks in the air) definitely get this cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Singing Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W21. 16 shots, 13 seconds.

Abundant crackling sounds from the comets, but not whistling. (Last tested in 1995)

Singing Flower

Ground Spinner. Flying Dragon brand, #W5-39. 20 seconds.

Green and red at the same time; then two simultaneous whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

Singing Magpie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #W5-25. 12 shots, 33 seconds.

Each shot goes up and ends in a mixed color break of red, green, yellow and purple. No sound effects, no "singing," but good colors. (Last tested in 2002)

Single Shot Magnum Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0195.

Not as impressive as the Sky Thunder Three Breaks, but a passable break of green stars. I would say, if you have a choice, buy #GG0213 instead, since it gives a much more interesting a performance. (Last tested in 1998)

Sirius Blast

Fountain/spinner combination. Showtime brand, #FOA1990. 47 seconds.

This fountain has a wheel attached to the front, which is fused to the fountain. This is the first time I've ever seen a wheel attached to a fountain, and the concept is terrific. You light the fountain's fuse, not the wheel's. It starts as a mix of gold crackle with blue sparks. Then it changes to a mix of red and blue sparks, and the wheel begins, with a silver whistle. (However, the wheel on the one I got did not turn; apparently there was too much friction between the wheel and the fountain tube. You can't turn the wheel too much before you light it, because if you do you will disconnect the fusing to the wheel. The best you can do is turn it a little bit to try to make it looser.) The fountain continues with its red, green and blue spray with gold crackle, while the second driver of the wheel ignites, and it too is a silver whistle. The wheel still did not spin. The fountain continues on for a little while longer. I like the idea of this one very much, but it should be constructed a little differently to make sure that the wheel will spin freely. If the wheel just sits there motionless, it is not all that impressive. (Last tested in 2004)

Six Shooter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Patriotic brand, #LH012. 6 shots, 24 seconds.

Sampler of six shell breaks; red, strobe, gold tails, blue, white, crackling. Good variety of USA-made shells in one piece. (Last tested in 1995)

Sizzling Hot

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. All Star Fireworks brand, #SSD-004. 16 shots, 32 seconds.

All shots are crackling comets that go up and end in breaks of crackle flowers. Lighting 4 of these at once, about 30 to 40 feet apart, will fill the sky with crack-

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Single Mines with Whistle

Display Firework (1.3G). Lidu brand. 8 seconds.

This is classified as a 1.3G firework in the U.S., so it can't be sold to the general public, without a permit anyway. It starts with a whistling fountain with silver sparks, for about 4 to 5 seconds. The fountain abruptly stops when a mine of silver comets is fired. They go up about 50 feet and then end in a group of about 8 very loud reports. It's a terrific piece - too bad it's not legal to the public in the U.S. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Single Parachute with crackers

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5512.

Good crackers. Parachute works properly about half the time. (Last tested in 1995)

le. Good cake. (Last tested in 2004)
(Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Skull Brand

Firecracker. brand.

Ominous artwork on label. Perhaps a warning that these crackers are DOA. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Bolt

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #FX212B.

Mainly the takeoff "whoosh" is the most exciting part. Red stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Charger

Skyrocket. Cannon brand, #Y01-016.

See description under "Prowler" rocket. (Last tested in 1998)

Sky Climber

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6096. 10 shots, 14 seconds.

The first shot goes up while giving off sparkling green stars on the way up, then ends in a break which has red peony stars and four silver chrysanthemum stars (like 4 small silver comets going out from the break). The next shot goes up giving off green sparkle, and it ends in a break which has some silver crackle and 3 comets with red heads going out from the break. The next shot goes up giving off green sparkle and ends in what I would call a dragon eggs break, branches that continue to crackle as they spread out. These 3 shots then continue to alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. Nice, but it's all over much too quickly. (Last tested in 2004)

Sky Communicator

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A066. 19 shots, 17 seconds.

The first 12 shots go up dark and then break hard into gold brocade willow breaks - very good. Then there are four shots which go up dark and end in regular gold willow breaks - also very good. The ending is three crackling comets which go up and end in three quick breaks of crackle. It's fast-paced and over quickly, but still impressive. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Sky Cruiser

Flying Spinner. Hestia brand, #HE0015B.

This was made for the European markets. This is a cylinder which is 3 inches long and 1 1/6 inch in diameter. There is a hole in the center of one end, and it goes about 1 3/8 inch deep into it. You should place this standing up, so that the hole is on a nail which is on a wooden base. However, no wooden base is supplied with this item, so you should make your own base with a short piece of nail sticking up from it. The setup should be similar to "Warhead Launcher." This item spins as it flies up. The spin is supposed to provide more stability in the air. Even though this item has a label on the box which says, "Consumer Fireworks UN0336 1.4G," this may not be legal in the U.S. and you are not likely to find it for sale in the

You're probably better off not using them anyway, since they seem to have trouble flying straight up. (Last tested in 2005)

Sky Dancer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-645. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Bright white comets, with brilliant white heads, that turn into soft whistles, with almost a "ghostly" sound, they're so soft. Rapid pace. (Last tested in 1999)

Sky Dominator

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK720.

Excellent quality shells, no comet tails on the way up, but big, beautiful breaks in the air. There is one that gives a huge red ring of stars with crackle in the center. Another one gives a giant peony break of beautiful purple stars. Another one gives a beautiful break which has blue and green peony stars in it, mixed with some red chrysanthemum stars (white trails). Another one gives a peony break of stars that change from gold to blue as the break spreads apart. Another gives a peony break of stars that change from red to green. Another gives a large white chrysanthemum break, and another gives a large red chrysanthemum break. Another gives a gold willow break. These are very large breaks, although without tails on the way up, still they are high-quality shells with almost a professional look to them. The only thing I don't like about this shell kit is that every shell has a piece of tape on the end of its fuse, which says "FUSE" and it completely wraps the end of the fuse. You have to manually peel that tape off in addition to unwinding the fuse. It's very tedious and boring to do this, and they shouldn't even bother with the tape - if they want to protect the end of the fuse, they should put a paper or plastic cap over it, that you can just pull off quickly. Other than that complaint, I love this shell kit. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Sky Fest Pyro-Pak

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-241.

Whistles on the way up, then busts open into nice breaks of green, blue and white. (Last tested in 1995)

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U.S. This item is intended to fly straight up, but for me they did not always go straight up, they often flew at an angle and one even went horizontally. (I was not using a wooden base, though, so that may have been a factor.) They crackle on the way up and then end in a very loud bang, so they are worth buying if you can figure out a way to make sure they go straight up. But since they are not made for the U.S. market they may be very hard to find in the U.S.

Sky Fighter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6069. 17 shots, 20 seconds.

Several breaks of pure crackle with no color, followed by an interesting effect which I have no name for. The breaks open with no color or stars, just dim gold sparks, but then white sparks appear that dart away quickly, sort of like short-lived go-getters. It's a cool effect that I haven't seen before this year. Then 3 big crackling comets, then several large breaks of red and green with crackle. (Last tested in 2002)

Sky Fox

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6091. 20 shots, 17 seconds.

All shots are fired in fans of 5 at once. The first fan is comets that turn into red pearls, which end in breaks that give blue peony stars and 2 red stars that end in silver whirlwinds. The next fan gives breaks of all crackle. The next fan is green pearls that go up and end in clusters of green glitter and a silver whirlwind. The final fan gives breaks of glittering green peony stars and crackle mixed in. (Last tested in 2004)

Sky Garden

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W580. 36 shots, 27 seconds.

Frenetic-sounding whistles mixed with red or green pearls and crackling. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Jacks

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6035. 13 shots, 37 seconds.

Crackle mines at ground level at the same time as breaks in the air which alternate between red chrysanthemum breaks with crackle, and white chrysanthemum breaks with crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Sky Monkey

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6603B.

Very nice effect of swirling orange stars, but some burned to ground. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky on Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-27. 19 shots, 39 seconds.

Same effect as Coconut Grove Song and all the others: large breaks at high altitude turn into crackling at the tips of every trail. In this one, the shots are fired at a slower pace, making the device last much longer. (Last tested in 1996)

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Sky Pack

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand.

A highly collectible package of 12 rockets and 3 flying spinners. You get 6 each of the Three-Peat rockets and Exploding Comet rockets, with 3 Flying Killer Whale helicopters. Such a neat packaging idea, you hate to even open it. (Last tested in 1998)

Sky Paradise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-629. 25 shots, 15 seconds.

Beautiful gold and silver comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Racket, No. 5

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Perhaps this one was better a few years back, but all it did for me was shoot up

a small amount of crackle - not too impressive. (Last tested in 2000)

Sky Scorcher

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-265. 4 shots, 8 seconds.

Groups of whistles, mixed in with single crackling comets. Intense. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Thunder

Roman Candle, single. Maverick brand, #RC13-8R. 8 shots, 29 seconds.

Each shot is a red star that goes up and ends in a report about the equivalent of a good firecracker. Would be best shot in large quantities at once. Reports are decent. (Last tested in 2000)

Sky Thunder, Three Breaks

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0213.

Outstanding performance for a single-shot aerial item. Shot goes up as a bright silver pearl, then a red break, followed by a green break, and a soft silver glitter break. Wow - I've never seen that happen before with any consumer-level shell. Not loud, but still a great single-shot shell. (Last tested in 1998)

Sky Tiger Canister Shells, day-time

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-05.

Two shells each of: Red Color; Green Color; and Silver Wave with Crackling. Nice color flares on parachutes. Bright enough for night time use. Each one lasts only 3 to 4 seconds, though. (Last tested in 2000)

Sky Travel Barrage

Bottle Rocket. Flower Basket brand, #K7701B.

If you're a bottle rocket fanatic, this piece was made for you. More than a gross of bottle rockets (180 to be exact) are standing up inside this box. Open the top and light the fuse, and they all go up in a very rapid succession. The effect is a terrific blitz of reports in every direction. (Last tested in 1998)

Sky Tweaker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6172. 14 shots, 26 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl going up, accompanied by some silver glitter on

the way up, and it ends in a red crossette break (the red pearl splits into 4 red pearls which go off in different directions). The next shot is a green pearl going up, that splits into a green crossette (4 green pearls). The next shot is a crackling comet on the way up, which splits into a crackling crossette (4 crackling comets spread out). This break is very similar to a "dragon eggs" break but with only 4 branches. These three shots alternate with each other until the end, when three shots (one of each) are fired all at once. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Sky Wheel

Parachute. Horse brand, #T5505.

A parachute that holds a spinner. Terrific when they actually work, which is about half the time. (Last tested in 1995)

Sky Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB2000. 15 shots, 42 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and breaks into a large gold willow break with red tips. The next shot goes up and breaks into a "brocade crown" willow, a gold willow break which has some silver sparkle along the gold trails. The next shot goes up and breaks into a lot of crackle flowers. Then the above sequence of 3 shots is repeated three more times. The final 3 shots of the cake are fired rapidly together, and they give terrific, symmetrical breaks which have sparkling silver tips and give off crackle along their trails as they spread out. Beautiful ending. I'd like to see a whole cake of just that effect! (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Sky Writer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-696. 21 shots, 21 seconds.

Seven rows of 3 tubes, each row of 3 goes off simultaneously, the middle one straight up and the outer two at angles. Each of the 3 shots is the same effect, such as white comets with red heads, or white comets that end in silver fish, or crackling comets with bright gold heads, or red stars that open into white whirlwinds, and finally just crackling comets. Very nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Skyfest Panorama Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-050.

One tube and six "Rambo Kid" - style cylindrical shells, all top performers. Most have whirlwinds. They are not identical to the shells shown in the photo of this kit in the 1999 Phantom catalog. (Last tested in 1999)

Skyjark

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K416. 5 seconds.

They mangled the spelling of "Skylark," but it's a nice package. Flies weakly and whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

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Skylab

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6008.

A pack of 4 rockets that give color breaks of red or green peony stars. (Last tested in 2003)

Skyline Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-268. 103 seconds.

A highly collectible piece, consisting of 10 tubes of different lengths bundled together. It looks very much like a downtown cluster of skyscrapers. Brilliant thinking on the part of whoever designs packaging for Black Cat. Red,

green, silver, blue and gold sparks, crackle and one whistle. Great design. (Last tested in 1999)

Skyrider

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK646. 12 shots, 53 seconds.

The first shot is a silver comet that goes up and ends in large break of blue peony stars and gold glitter stars. A few crackle flowers also appear. The next shot is a silver comet that goes up and ends in a large red chrysanthemum break with some crackle in the center of the break. Then there is a shot which goes up and breaks into a "bowtie" shape of blue peony stars, with some crackle flowers (more crackle flowers than the first break had). These 3 shots alternate with each other until the end, when the last 3 shots are fired all at once, and they go up and produce large peony breaks of mixed red and green stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Skyscraper

Multi-tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB4011. 81 seconds.

Every once in a while, something comes along that just amazes me. When I first picked up this piece, I could somehow tell just by its look and feel in my hand that it was a winner. Four tall tubes are surrounded by four short tubes, with label art that makes it look like a building. The performance is superb - eight whistles in all, abundant crackle, rich colors, good height and a long enough burning time. A beautifully designed and produced fountain. (Also see Super Skyscraper.) (Last tested in 1999)

Slam Dunk

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-AO20-1. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

See "All Star Action" for a description of this. (Last tested in 2004)

Small Bee (no wing)

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4403. 3 seconds.

Junk. Many are complete duds; those that do work go all directions. (Last tested in 1995)

Small Bee (with wing)

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4403N. 4 seconds.

Kids will like them. Spins up and flies away with green flame and buzzing sound. Kid stuff. (Last tested in 1996)

Small Bees

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4403. 5 seconds.

6, 10, 12 and 16-shot sizes. Sounds like "Vooop! Vooop! Vooop!" Kind of fun, because you don't know which direction they will go. Neat sound effect. (Last tested in 1995)

Small Display Shells, 2-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. West Lake brand, #L742.

Decent shells, with pastel-colored stars and long-lasting white stars. (Last tested in 1996)

Small Festival Balls

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #005719. 19 shots, 12 seconds.

Very nice breaks of red and green. Consistent height and symmetry. (Last tested in 1995)

Small Festival Balls, 1.75-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. Red Lantern brand, #0008.

Two each of red, white and blue. The first reloadable shell kit. Now overshadowed by other kits in performance, but still available. Glittering Redlight, Whirling Snow, and Rising Blue Waves. (Last tested in 1995)

Small Festival Balls, 1.75-inch

Reloadable Shell Kit. Temple of Heaven brand, #N1000.

White Chrysanthemum, Multi-colour Chrysanthemum, Green Chrysanthemum, Yellow Chrysanthemum, Blue Chrysanthemum, and Red Chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 1998)

Smiling From Ear to Ear

Skyrocket. World Class Fireworks brand.

Highly unusual and unique rocket, which produces a break in the air which is a ring shell (circle of stars) plus two stars in the center for eyes, and four stars below that in the shape of a smile. The result is a "happy face" in the sky. The ring of stars has about 14 stars in it, and they are a different color from the

eyes and mouth stars. This is a sure-fire crowd pleaser. You'll want to fire a whole bunch of these at once, since firing only one might result in it breaking at an angle which does not make it obvious that it is a "happy face." (Last tested in 2006)

the purple color. It put out a large volume of smoke which was deep, rich purple, really beautiful. Great colors in these. Burn time right around 2 minutes each. (Last tested in 2000)

Smoke Fountains

Smoke. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0234. 92 seconds.

Four to the package: green, white, blue and yellow. Huge clouds of smoke for a minute and a half. Deep, rich colors. (Last tested in 1998)

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-714. 35 seconds.

Each smoke ball is decorated like an eyeball. Maybe a good one for Halloween. In the package are one each of blue, yellow, green, red, orange and white smoke balls. It's actually kind of fun in a morbid way. Put two of them on the ground, about as far apart as eyes typically are, and it will look like a pair of eyeballs on the ground with colored smoke coming from them. (Last tested in 2004)

Smoke Grenade

Smoke. Horse brand, #T8571. 33 seconds.

Your average garden variety run-of-the-mill plain ol' smoke grenade. White smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoke Grenade

Smoke. Mantsuna brand. 35 seconds.

Mantsuna (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Made in Thailand. White smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoke Grenade

Smoke. Brothers brand, #BP7054. 49 seconds.

2 pieces to the bag. Puts out a steady stream of white smoke for 49 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Smoke Jumpers

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0267.

Six shells and one tube. These are 1.75-inch canister shells, very similar to those in the Sky Tigers kit, and each one gives a parachute in addition to the regular effects. Includes two each of: Silver Wave with Crackling; Red Color; and Green Color. The Silver Wave with Crackling one was my favorite, because of the rich crackling sounds coming

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Smoke Balls

Smoke. World Class Fireworks brand, #MWC0057. 13 seconds.

A nice box with shrink-wrapped cellophane to keep the smoke balls dry. The box contains 12 smoke balls - a mixture of blue, green, orange, yellow and white smoke balls. Each one puts out smoke of that color for 12 to 15 seconds. (Last tested in 2005)

Smoke Chimney

Smoke. Starr brand. 120 seconds.

There are two types of packaging, a solid paper canister about the same size and shape as "Little Red Lightning Bugs," and a larger package which is a paper cylinder with a hole in the top, and there is a smaller plastic canister inside, with its fuse sticking up through the hole in the outer paper cylinder. The one we got was the solid paper one, in

from an object which seemed to hang there in the sky. The red and green flare ones even illuminate the parachute so that you can see it. Adding a few of these parachute shells to your show will really make it a memorable display. (Last tested in 1999)

Smoke Monster

Smoke. Starr brand. 60 seconds. The smoke cartridge to end all smoke cartridges. It's a metal canister 3.5 inches long and 3 inches in diameter, and it weighs close to 2 pounds before firing. You lay the canister down on its side - not standing on end, because smoke comes out of holes at both ends. The canister spews out massive quantities of either red, green or yellow smoke, depending on the color of the canister itself. The smoke continues for a good 60 seconds. After it's done, don't touch it for another 10 minutes while the metal cools down. If you want a really big smoke-out, light one of each color, about 50 feet apart. (Last tested in 1998)

Smoke Pot

Smoke. Phantom brand, #P-017. 20 seconds. First a flame, then comes the white smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoke Rocket, 2-color

Smoke. brand, #TF1248. 55 seconds. Deep, rich color smoke, changing color midway through (from red to yellow). (Last tested in 1995)

Smoke Spreader

Parachute. brand. Parachute with tiny smoke canister. Excellent for daytime. Yellow smoke trail in the air. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoke-N-Mirrors

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A036. The manufacturer claims this is a newly developed technique for shell manufacturing. There are 18 cylindrical shells in this kit, rather attractively packaged in silver paper. They are all single-break shells and they all seem to have large amounts of stars in them. The effects are the standard chrysanthemums, peonies, willows, and crackle flowers that are typical of these shells. I don't see a huge difference between these and other quality shells on the market, but

these do seem to have lots of stars or effects in each break. (Last tested in 2005)

Smoker's Snow Pills

Joke or Trick Item. brand.

Says "Raucherschnee" on the package. Supposed to form "snow" when put on cigarette. I have never been able to get them to work. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoking Crackers

Smoke. Horse brand, #T8508. 11 seconds.

Practical joke; looks like firecrackers; everyone will plug their ears. Each cracker puts out a tiny amount of yellow

Crackling Golden Palms, Pure Party and Machine Gun Shell. Large breaks at high altitude turn into crackling tips. Hard to photograph because it is not bright. (Last tested in 1996)

Smoking Missile

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-708. 37 seconds.

Has plastic fins like a regular missile. You light it at the bottom, like a missile. Puts out white smoke and a "blowing" sound that makes you think it is getting ready to take off, but it doesn't, it just smokes. (Last tested in 1999)

Smoking Oregon Rainbow Candle

Smoke. Tai Chung brand. 57 seconds.

Good yellow, to white, to light blue smoke. A smoke item you can wave around! Starts with yellow (Last tested in 1998)

Snake Eyes

Ground Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP7094. 11 seconds.

A clever package design; it's a giant die as if you were going to roll the dice and play a game. They are sold singly but I think it would be fun to buy 2 and see which numbers end on top. It starts by spinning around horizontally with a whistle and silver sparks. Then a second silver whistle makes it spin again. Then a sudden jet of gold sparks makes it hop around as if someone was shaking a giant cup of dice. It could land on any side up. This one is fine for daytime use, since the sparks are insignificant and the main feature is the package design and motion. In fact, it would actually be better in the daylight, so you can see the motion and what number ends up on top at the end. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Snake Pit

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-140. 19 shots, 43 seconds.

A series of crackling comets shot straight up and nothing more. But the comets are rich and full with lots of crackle, and the cake goes on pretty long. (Last tested in 2000)

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or bluish-white smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoking Fountains

Smoke. Phantom brand, #P-045A. 28 seconds.

Rich colors emanate from this base fountain-shaped smoke item. Each one puts out either red, yellow, blue or green smoke. (Last tested in 1995)

Smoking Gun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0190. 19 shots, 18 seconds.

Yet another re-labeling of item also sold as Coconut Grove Song, also known as

Snap Dragons

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1700.

Snappers in a bag of 50 in the box. Throw them on the ground individually or in groups. (Last tested in 2000)

Snap-Crackle-Pop!

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0648. 18 seconds.

White flitter spray, changing to crackle spray - those big giant crackles that are neat to look at as well as hear - but the fountain is small and does not last long enough. (Last tested in 2002)

Sniper

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1199.

Whistling rocket which ends in about 3 regular firecracker reports. (Last tested in 2001)

Snow

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0110.

36 inch stick. Slightly glittering comet, ending in break of white stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Snow and Red Plum

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0003.

Inconsistent performer, but at its best, its a real beauty. Cheap, too. Red and white sparks are ejected. Tested again in 2005. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Snow Blizzard

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Shogun brand, #SF824. 78 seconds.

Starts with a very tall spray of silver flitter sparks, then a spray of dancing silver sparks, then a spray of big silver crackle, then a spray of dancing gold sparks, then a spray of big gold crackle, then a spray of dancing gold sparks, then a spray of big silver crackle. Lots of stuff in this one. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Snow Dragon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #HH1001. 7 shots, 12 seconds.

Bright white spray. One tipped over, so use within a concrete block. (Last tested in 1995)

Snow Flake

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T1526. 3 seconds.

Very bright white sparks. Often sold in assortment with Palm Tree. Very tiny fountains, which put out a very small amount of sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Snowman Fountain

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1048. 27 seconds.

Unusual shape makes it somewhat collectible for later years. Starts with a nice silvery-blue spray, then changes to silver flashing sparks, and ends with a very good amount of crackle. I liked this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Soaring Rocs Rocket

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0075.

Loud whistle as it flies up. Pretty shocking. (Last tested in 1999)

Sodom and Gomorrah

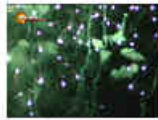
Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-2428. 12 shots, 40 seconds.

All shots produce double breaks. The first shot gives a big green peony break and a big red chrysanthemum break. The next shot gives a bright white chrysanthemum break which disappears quickly, and a very nice gold chrysanthemum break with short gold trails. The next shot gives a break which is a mix of blue peony stars and gold chrysanthemum stars, and a break which is a mix of green peony stars and crackle. The next shot gives a silver chrysanthemum break, and a break which is a mix of red peony stars and crackle. The next shot gives a green chrysanthemum break, and a blue chrysanthemum break with gold trails. The next shot gives a red peony break and a blue peony break. The next shot gives a red peony break and a beautiful silver glitter break which seems to have two sizes of silver stars in it. The next shot gives a mixed color peony break and a crackle break. The next shot gives a mixed color peony break and a crackle break. The next shot gives a gold chrysanthemum break and a break which is a mixture of silver glitter and crackle. The next shot gives a blue peony break and a crackle break. The final shot gives a blue peony break and a red chrysanthemum break. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

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Snow Flower

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0531. 31 seconds.

So tall, it's almost an aerial item. Spinning white glitter comets. Quiet silver comets with bright white heads - in fact, an amazing amount of these comets considering the item's smallish size! Sudden, intense barrage of small white comets, with one flying spinner at the end. (Last tested in 1997)

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T1069. 6 seconds.

Big spray of color and flashing white sparks, but it was all over so fast, we think we got a bad specimen of this one. (Last tested in 1999)

Soiree

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2503. 7 shots, 9 seconds.

Bright color breaks of red and green; soft breaks, no beginning or ending. Beautiful label. (Last tested in 1995)

Soiree Acrobatics

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Long March brand, #L966. 19 shots, 37 seconds.

Crackling fountain, then wide-swinging whirlwinds with blue centers. I like this one. (Last tested in 1995)

Solar Assignment

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5227. 10 shots, 26 seconds.

Big breaks of red and blue peony stars that also give off clusters of crackle. I liked this one for the size of the breaks and the crackle clusters. Of the 12 or so Winda brand cakes I tested in early 2002, this one was the one I liked best. Tested again in 2004 and the performance is the same. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Solar Cyclone

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #WP-007. 19 shots, 28 seconds.

No brand or item number on label. Green pearls end in white whirlwinds, rich and fluffy ones with lots of stars. (Last tested in 1999)

Solar Explosion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-227A. 19 shots, 13 seconds.

Superb breaks of red and green. All at roughly the same altitude. (Last tested in 1995)

Solar Flare

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK631. 14 shots, 65 seconds.

A giant birthday-cake shaped piece. The first shot is a huge gold willow break, and the tips of it turn into red stars after a second or two. The short delay before the stars light up in red is interesting. The next shot is the same thing, except the tips light up in green after a short delay. The next shot is a huge gold willow break which sparkles with soft silver lights as it spreads out (similar to the "kamuro" effect in professional fireworks). These 3 shots alternate with each other for the rest of the cake, except the last 2 shots are fired at the same time, and they are both the same as the very first shot. Slow pace throughout seems OK because the breaks last a while in the air. This cake is very large and relatively light. It

would be best for you to glue it down to a board or at least a heavy piece of cardboard, before using it. (Last tested in 2004)

Solar Flare #3

Cone Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-288. 22 seconds.

A spray of silver sparks with a soft crackling sound. (Last tested in 1995)

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Solar Ice

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand. 10 shots, 32 seconds.

Every shot appears to give 3 breaks, a main break which is a peony of blue, red, silver and green stars mixed together, then 2 smaller secondary breaks which also have a mixture of color peony stars. Very interesting! (Last tested in 2004)

Solar Striker

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Maverick brand, #SM0630. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

Each shot goes up with some crackle, then bursts open into a break of crackle. No colors, that I could see, just crackle. Perfect if all you want is just

crackle. Essentially unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Solar Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0214. 9 shots, 7 seconds.

Intense crackling gold comets, almost all at once. Useful to punctuate your show with crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Solar Wave #3

Cone Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-288. 27 seconds.

An attractive spray of gold flitter sparks. (Last tested in 2003)

Solar Wind

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-801. 84 seconds.

Part of the Spectrum Force series. Futuristic-looking device with 6 drivers in 2 groups of 3. Starts with a red flame and a gold spray, then changes to a brief silver spray, then to a green flame. Then another brief silver spray and then it changes to an orange flame. Then another brief silver spray and then it changes to a red flame. Then another brief silver spray and then it changes to a green flame. Then another brief silver spray and then it changes to a red flame. Interesting and long-lasting, but where's the blue flame? That would have made it a little better. (Last tested in 2004)

Solid Gold

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand. A box fountain in the same size and shape as Golden Flowers. The unit I got apparently travelled too much and had gotten jostled around - it sprayed for a second or two, then went out. I can only guess that it's the same fountain as the Golden Flowers box fountain. (Last tested in 1998)

Song Display Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Black Cat brand, #BC-628.

Shoots up a whistling silver comet in the air, which ends in a couple of firecrackers. (Last tested in 1999)

Sonic Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB211. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a white comet, then it spins with a short whistle, and

goes off into a small cluster of red and green stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Sonic Boom

Skyrocket. brand.

Takes off whistling, to a thunderous overloaded report. Unstable. (Last tested in 1995)

Sonic Jacks

Fountain/spinner combination.

Horse brand, #T1071. 14 seconds.

Brilliant colors; nice blue flame; amusing whistles; ground spinners of red and green comet out one at a time. Cool. First tested this in 1995, and it lasted 24 seconds. Tested it again in 2003, and it lasted only 14 seconds. Dramatic decline in quality is disheartening. This was a really fun item when it was made well. (Last tested in 2003)

Sonic Space Chopper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-16. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

Bright red and green pearls go up, but most do nothing. A few break into gold sparks with crackle. No, thanks. (Last tested in 1996)

Sound King

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2025. 25 shots, 39 seconds.

Alternating red, green or blue pearls go up and break open into good, full breaks of the same color. Along with each break is an unusual sound, not exactly reports, not exactly crackle, but rather like the sound of a Geiger counter. Very good color and good timing between shots. This is not the same as the 1.3G "Sound King" cake also made by Brothers. (Last tested in 1998)

Sound King

Display Firework (1.3G). Brothers brand, #BP2825A. 36 seconds.

This is not the same item as the 1.4G "Sound King" from Brothers. This one has a plain brown label. The outside of the case of 12 of this item says, "Assorted Strobing Thunder King" on it, but the individual cakes are named "Sound King." The shots in this cake are fired in groups of 5 at almost the same time, just a split second apart. The first 5 are screaming silver comets. After a pause, the next 5 are crackling comets that go up and end in loud breaks of crackle. After another pause,

the next 5 are red pearls that go up and end in very loud titanium reports, with a splatter of white sparks in addition to the bang. Another pause, and the next 5 shots are silver comets that go up and end in the same loud titanium reports, only somehow they got 8 reports out of those 5 shots, at least in the one I fired. A couple of those 8 are flash reports without titanium. Another pause and then the final group of 5 shots are white pearls that go up and end in loud

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reports - I counted 8 in that group, some flash reports and some titanium reports. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Sound of City

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Horse brand, #T1064. 22 seconds.

Two competing whistles, guaranteed to scare dogs and cats away. Piercingly loud. (Last tested in 1995)

Sound of Music

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Horse brand, #T1010. 7 seconds.

If you like whistling fountains, try this one. It is intended to produce a series of whistles at different pitches, produced

by tubes of different lengths. It doesn't quite work like they wanted, but you get at least 4 or 5 differently-pitched whistles, so you get the idea. If it had been constructed a little more carefully maybe it would have worked like they intended. (Last tested in 1999)

Soundster Flower

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K4403.

High dud rate. Similar to the Small Bee without wings, but slightly larger. Zips up with a green flame and an audible squeak. 24 per box. Unfortunately, these are very inconsistent, with a high dud rate. Flimsy quickmatch fuse is the problem here. (Last tested in 1996)

South Pearls

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2368. 19 shots, 54 seconds.

It's kind of hard to pin this down - it's not really a whirlwind effect, or a tourbillion (flying spinner). But the projectiles that are shot out of it do spin and emit silver sparks as they are flying up and some of them spin off in other directions. They are shot two at a time, one red and one green. The sparks coming out of both are silver. (Last tested in 1999)

Southern Pride, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Red Peony w/Red Glittering w/Flying Fish." Nice white comet tail on the way up to a red burst that breaks in one direction. (Last tested in 2000)

Southern Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2017. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

Starts with two dazzling, bright white comets shot up at the same time, then two comets with red heads and white tails also shot simultaneously. Then a long series of crackling comets, with a lot of loud crackle on each one. It's really a lot of crackle. Then the last 5 shots are green pearls which become white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1999)

Sovereign

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP-AO21-3. 16 shots, 43 seconds.

See description under "Brothers Choice." (Last tested in 2004)

Space Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WG004. 10 shots, 22 seconds.

Crackling comets, followed by color pearls with comet tails, and two whirlwind shots. (Last tested in 1996)

Space Attack

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6154. 28 shots, 56 seconds.

Each shot is basically a crackling silver comet with a sizzling sound on the way up, that turns into a red or green spinning star briefly at the top, before burning out. Some shots do not turn into the spinning star, they are just the crackling comet only. The cake produces a virtually continuous sizzling sound in the air. (Last tested in 2005)

Space Banger

Flying Spinner. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1266. 14 seconds.

The one we got flew up about 6 feet and then exploded. A lot better than 2 years ago, it flies up and ends in a firecracker. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Cadets

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1202.

Each of the four rockets in this pack has two shells on it. Double break rockets are not new (Big Top rocket also has 2 breaks in each rocket), but these are actual shells on the rocket. Silver Palm/Golden Palm, Golden Palm/Reports, Red Palm/Green Palm, and Blue Palm/Red Palm. The effects are a little small, but the shells on the rockets are small. Considering their small size they are actually pretty good performers. (Last tested in 2002)

Space Explorer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Space Age brand. 36 shots, 26 seconds.

Mixture of crackling comets with red and green pearls. Not as much crackle as in Artillery Barrage, but otherwise very similar. (Last tested in 1996)

Space Express

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3068. 15 shots, 16 seconds.

Shoots a strobing red pearl up, which ends in a red peony break. Then 2 green shots are fired at the same time in a V

shape, and they end in green and white peony breaks. Then 3 strobing white shots are fired in a fan, and they end in mixed blue and white peony breaks. Then 4 red shots are fired in a fan, and they end in mixed breaks of red and strobing silver stars. Then 5 white comets are fired in a fan, and they end in white peony breaks that change into crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Space Fantasy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM026. 16 shots, 37 seconds.

A series of single-color breaks, each with a very short comet tail of sparks.

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The breaks are either red, green or blue, and they break loudly, with good color. The show is not rushed - timing averages over 2 seconds between shots. The blue breaks are a bit thin and asymmetrical, but otherwise it's a pretty darn impressive repeater. Introduced in 1998 and still pretty good in 2003, but not really breaking as hard any more. (Last tested in 1998)

Space Fighter

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5029.

Superb flying spinner, one of the best to come out in a while. Flies up with a

thick trail of silver sparks, then ends with either a cluster of crackle or color stars with a couple of reports. Outstanding. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Flare

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0260. 20 seconds.

Pack of 3. Each one has two whistle tubes and one main tube. Silver spray changing to crackle spray. (Last tested in 1999)

Space Fleet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5051. 16 shots, 36 seconds.

Alternates between shots that go up red and break into red flying fish with some blue stars mixed in, and shots that go up green and break into green flying fish with some crackle mixed in. Some flying fish burn a long time, possibly to the ground. Excellent colors here. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Flyer

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W524. 8 seconds.

Some are red, some green. Spins on ground first, then takes off. Bright colors. Neat item. (Last tested in 1995)

Space Interceptor

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R620W.

Superb large rocket which flies up a long way with a comet tail and ends in a huge burst of color stars with white comet tails and some crackle mixed in too. Outstanding. "Interceptor" would have been the correct spelling, but so what. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Space Invader

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P3031. 124 seconds.

White flutter spray with silver balls, then a silver whistle, then a red and white spray, then another whistle, then a red, green and white spray, then another whistle, then a mixed white and crackle spray. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Invader

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W611. 15 seconds.

Looks like a spinner, but it really only wobbles. Shoots silver sparks from the top, then whistles from the top, then

three side jets shoot sparks and three whistles! (Last tested in 1996)

Space Investigator

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Winda brand, #P3033. 124 seconds.

Big spray, with white balls and white flitter, then adding some red spray, then a very loud whistle, then a tall gold spray, then a big white flitter spray, then another whistle, then a red and white spray, then a crackle and white spray, then another whistle, then a very nice gold flitter spray, then white spray with crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Matrix

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A034. 16 shots, 30 seconds.

Starts with large breaks of red peony stars with center pistils of a few green chrysanthemum stars. Then it changes to green peony breaks with center pistils of white chrysanthemum stars. The last four shots are fired almost all at once for a good finale. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Space Monkeys

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2936. 10 shots, 13 seconds.

Alternates between red shots that go up and break into silver flying fish mixed with crackle, and green shots that go up and break into silver flying fish. There were a couple of flying whistles in there, too, but I can't tell which shots they came from. Over quickly. (Last tested in 2000)

Space Race 2009

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP4209. 4 shots, 14 seconds.

It's a fountain and aerial shot combination item, in the shape of an Apollo-era rocket with 3 side missiles. Another outstanding package design which will become highly collectible in future years. It starts with a silver flitter fountain, then it shoots up a whistling rocket which has a red head and a silver comet tail. It flies up and ends in a couple of reports. The pyro performance of this item is not impressive enough to recommend it, but the package design certainly is. Buy this for your collection. (Last tested in 2001)

Space Raider

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0310. 25 shots, 34 seconds.

A nice display with silver comets going up and breaking into single-color chrysanthemum breaks, alternating between red, blue and green breaks. Seems to be fast paced while it's going, but it lasts a pretty fair length of time. No sound effects, just nice white comets breaking into color chrysanthemums. As usual, the blue stars are dimmer than the red and green ones, but that seems to be a perennial problem with all fireworks. (Last tested in 1999)

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Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7087. 49 seconds.

This looks like a UFO landed in your backyard. You might expect aliens to come peeking out. You will need to light this one on a flat, smooth surface such as concrete. It starts with a silver fountain that changes to a crackling fountain with red and green stars. Then from another tube comes a strong whistle with a silver spray. This causes the whole thing to drive around in a circle. Then it stops and gives off a crackling spray at an upward angle. That ends and then another tube on the other side gives a strong silver whistle, and this

causes the whole thing to drive around in a circle again, but this time in the opposite direction (clockwise). Then it stops again and emits silver crackle at an upward angle, and then from the tube in the center of the top, it gives a rich crackle spray straight up. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Space Rider

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5047. 12 shots, 16 seconds.

Each shot is a bright blue pearl that goes up and opens softly into a nice cluster of red, green and blue stars. The colors are deep and rich. No sound effects, it's rather quiet. But it's excellent for mixed colors. (Last tested in 2001)

Space Shuttle

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand, #L009. 5 seconds.

Zippy, fast, straight-up flight; ends with a round circle of green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Space Travelers

Skyrocket. brand.

Pretty loud whistle for their size, then a single adequate report. (Last tested in 1995)

Space Walk

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-244. 75 seconds.

Ten tubes arranged in a triangle. Red sparks, then green and red, then just gold, then green and red, then silver slitter, then crackle, then a brief whistle. Reminiscent of Triangle Whistling Flower and others of the same construction - in fact, it just might be the same thing. (Last tested in 1998)

Space Walk Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1006. 80 seconds.

Brilliant red spray, then loud crackle spray, then a tall white spray, then a soft lush white spray, then green "darting sparks," then loud crackle, then a tall white spray, then a soft lush white spray, then a blue and gold spray, then loud crackle, then multi-color spray, then loud crackle. Fast changes in color

and effect keep the interest throughout. (Last tested in 2004)

Space War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand. 19 shots, 19 seconds.

Here's a terrific piece which sends up crackling comets, each of which ends in a nice, large chrysanthemum burst of color. It alternates between red bursts, green bursts, blue bursts, yellow bursts and mixed color bursts. Nice one. (Last tested in 1999)

Space Warrior

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K409. 32 seconds.

Fantastic piece for the connoisseur of flying spinners. A whistle, then four medium-size planes take off (one at a time), each with silver spray. One final whistle. A knockout. (Last tested in 1996)

Spaceship Mountain

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF2902. 10 shots, 25 seconds.

Mid-America. Thin multi-color breaks. Screammers plummet to Earth. Unusual effect, each shot goes up and breaks into a group of silver screamers that speed off more or less in the same direction, either all to one side, or all down, etc. A few color stars find their way into the mixture too, but they are insignificant. The main feature is the silver screamers that break in groups. Interesting. (Last tested in 2000)

Spanish Galleon

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2085. 25 shots, 16 seconds.

First shoots a row of 5 shots all at once in a fan shape, and they are strobing purple pearls ending in good breaks of blue and purple stars. Then a row of 5 shots is shot in a fan shape, which are aqua-green pearls ending in nice breaks of sparkling green and blue stars. Then a row of 5 is shot in a fan shape, which are blue pearls ending in blue peony breaks. The next row of 5 is gold comets ending in gold willow breaks. Then the final row is strobing white stars going up and ending in breaks of crackle. Pretty nice display. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Spanish Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2930. 19 shots, 62 seconds.

Each shot goes up with a color head, then opens into a spinner which gives off some silver sparks, then whistles very briefly, then opens up into a small cluster of stars the same color as the head that was going up. The shots alternate between red, green and blue heads/clusters. (Last tested in 2001)

Sparkling Wheel

Wheel. brand.

Non-pyrotechnic. Flints in it make sparks when you push the button. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Silver Light

Base Fountain. Wu Tai Mountain brand, #SX8063.

On the one we got, the fuse lit but nothing else happened. (Last tested in 2000)

Sparkling Star

Skyrocket. brand.

Another sparkling comet, this one ending in an adequate break of green, white and red. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Tree

Sparkler. Flower Basket brand, #K9917. 38 seconds.

5 sparklers tied together. When you light them, they split apart and burn separately, at the same time. A one-of-a-kind item. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Tree

Sparkler. Phantom brand, #M-030A. 54 seconds.

A gold sparkler surrounded by 4 shorter gold sparklers tied together. You light the long one, and it burns for about 12 to 14 seconds before reaching the tied-together bundle. At that point, the other 4 light and split apart, to form a cluster of sparklers, while the main central sparkler continues to burn. All 5 burn until they are done. (Last tested in 2000)

Sparkling Wheel, 13-inch

Wheel. Red Lantern brand. 178 seconds.

Green to blue to red flames, all with silver sparks; multiple drivers. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Wheel, 27-inch

Display Firework (1.3G). Red Lantern brand. 207 seconds.

Wheel with twenty drivers. Many beautiful color changes; spiralling silver. Now in the 1.3G category, though. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6108. 25 shots, 39 seconds.

Every shot is a gold comet that gives off sparkling silver glitter on the way up, then breaks into a gold willow break that also gives off sparkling silver glitter as the stars spread out. Each break has 8 to 10 of these gold streams that give off the silver glitter. The last 3 or 4 shots are fired at once. No sound effects and

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Sparkler Diamond

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2039. 61 shots, 25 seconds.

Glittering gold tails with white head, to very thin silver glitter breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Sparkling Pearls

Roman Candle, single. Flower Basket brand, #K222A. 5 shots, 10 seconds.

Ejects five colored spinners. You have no idea which way they'll go. Kind of fun, though. (Last tested in 1995)

no colors but still pretty. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Spartan Satellite

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5025. 4 seconds.

Unusually shaped and designed piece. They spin and fly up with silver sparks. In the box of 4, there are two types: one type that ends in a report, and one that ends in a cluster of crackle. You get two of each type in the box. (Last tested in 1999)

Spazz

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2195. 8 shots, 20 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a strobing red pearl that becomes a spinning silver whirlwind on the way up, then ends in a good break of gold peony stars plus green glitter stars. Very nice. The next break is the same thing but it ends in a silver chrysanthemum break which then ends in crackle flowers. These two shots alternate with each other until the end. I liked very much how the shots change from red to silver spinner on the way up, then break. Pretty sophisticated construction. (Last tested in 2005)

Special Select shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #BC-602N.

Three effects, with nice crackle. Shells were not individually named. (Last tested in 1996)

Special Troops

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2141. 21 shots, 56 seconds.

Unusual triangular shape. I liked this piece a lot. Each shot goes up with a loud shrieking whistle and either a red or green head, then as it reaches the top, it turns into a number of small stars. You think that's all the shot's going to do, then it breaks open with a nice pop into a small but good break of green or red stars. Slow pacing is entirely appropriate because each individual shot commands attention on its own. This was one of those items where after it was done, several people shouted out, "What was that one, Bob?" in the darkness. (Last tested in 1999)

Spectacular

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3063. 30 shots, 22 seconds.

Shoots 3 shots in a fan shape, which are white comets. Also some blue stars and a little crackle mine stars are shot up at the same time. These 3 shots end in peony breaks, red for the outer 2 and white for the center one. Then this same group of 3 is repeated five more times. (Last tested in 2004)

Spectacular assorted rockets

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #AP117.

A nice collection of 10 rockets from the Po Sing factory (Peacock brand).

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Includes 2 Banshee rockets, 2 Astro Salutes, and 6 other large rockets. This factory is known for producing rocket engines that are strong and reliable, carrying the rockets to a high altitude. (Last tested in 1998)

Spectacular Colors

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #GCM023. 20 shots, 34 seconds.

Label artwork is beautiful and likely to be collectible, though no brand is identified on the label. Each shot goes up as a brilliant red pearl, then breaks open into either red or green stars, with about 5 silver "swimming eels" that swim away quickly in all directions.

Colors are secondary here, despite the name. (Last tested in 1998)

Spectro

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7090. 40 seconds.

A cute robot whose design is reminiscent of those seen in the B-movie thriller films of the 1950s. If you're like me and a sucker for great package design, you will want to pick up a couple extras for your collection. It starts by giving a silver whistle straight up from the top of the head, and then strobing green flames come from the robot's eyes. Then, from his belly comes a spray of silver, representing a shield. Then from his shoulders two more silver sprays come out, pointing up at an angle. Finally, both of the robot's arms spin around while spraying red and green sparks. The kids will absolutely love this one. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Spectrum

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF043. 89 seconds.

Mixture of white flutter sparks with a little bit of green sparks. Then becomes a mixture of white flutter with green and red. Then becomes an all-crackle spray with one short silver whistle at the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Speed Ball

Flying Spinner. brand.

Spins and quickly zips away in any direction. Seems a little unsafe to me. (Last tested in 2003)

Speed Set

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1211.

A package of four different rockets. "Super" has a silver comet on the way up, ending in some red glitter stars and silver spinners. The silver spinners end in firecrackers. "Hyper" is the same thing, except the red stars are replaced with green glitter. "Turbo" is a silver comet on the way up, ending in a nice break of about 14 red stars, which give off a little crackle in addition to the red. "Terra" is the same as "Turbo," except the stars are green rather than red. All in all a pretty nice display, for rockets. (Last tested in 2005)

Speedboat

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand,
#BC-328. 12 seconds.

The jets on the back of the boat shoot silver whistles, which propel the boat forward. There is a spinner set vertically on the back of the boat that shoots silver sparks, and a small fountain on the front of the boat that shoots up some color sparks. If used on flat ground, this item may not go forward since it has no wheels - it will probably just spin around on one spot, or just sit still. Try this one on water. (Last tested in 2000)

Speedway Racer

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand,
#BC-318. 10 seconds.

Shaped rather like an Indy-style racing car, with nice plastic wheels. This is actually the same item in this brand previously called "Indy Car," with the same item number, but different artwork on it. (Last tested in 1999)

Spellbinder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-273. 19 shots,
20 seconds.

Light, thin crackling sound effect, with thin breaks of red, gold and green; and glitter. (Last tested in 1995)

Spider Web #100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

United, Dayton, OH. Produces a large burst with numerous gold charcoal-tail spider legs. Not bright, but impressive size and power. (Last tested in 1996)

**Spiderweb, Gold to Purple,
#200**

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Looks like a pro-level shell. Purple stars, each with a gold comet tail. A big break of gold trails, changing to reddish purple stars. (Last tested in 2000)

**Spiderweb, Silver to Ruby,
#200**

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Beautiful break of red stars, each with fluffy silver tails - terrific. Big silver chrysanthemum break turning into bright red stars. Nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Spin City Super Spinner Pack

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand,
#BC-837. 7 seconds.

This is a package of two different flying spinners. One is "Blow Your Top" (BC-835), which spins on the ground with a ring of gold flame at the bottom, then the top portion of it explodes and a small whistling missile flies up, also giving off some crackle. It's quite a surprise if you expect it to be a ground spinner only. The other spinner in the package is "Hypno Spinner" (BC-836), which spins on the ground, with a ring of gold flame at the bottom, a ring of red flame in the middle, and a flower-shaped ring

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of green flame in the center of the top. It is really pretty. Overall this is a unique and interesting pack of spinners. (Last tested in 2005)

Spinnin' Jimmy

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand,
#BP5031. 57 seconds.

A unique device which you hang up using the included string. You light the fuse at the bottom, and first a small fountain of red flame and silver sparks shoots straight down. The red flame then changes to blue. Then, the device slowly starts to spin and open up a little, and two silver showers of sparks come out of tubes as it spins. These change to green flames as it continues to spin. Finally they change to red before it all

goes out. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Spinning Ring

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand.

6 pieces in the box. Spins briefly. OK. (Last tested in 1999)

Spinning Top

Ground Spinner. Brothers brand,
#BP6029. 27 seconds.

Starts with a bright red flame in the center, which changes to a green flame, while the tubes in the bottom part ignite and send out silver sparks, and cause the device to start spinning on the ground. The center flame changes to a beautiful blue, while the device still spins and sends out silver sparks in a pretty good diameter circle. Then the center flame changes back to green before the device stops spinning and goes out. Really a great spinner. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Spinning Wheel, 12-inch

Saxon. Red Lantern brand, #0542.
25 seconds.

Stops and starts again, with beautiful concentric color "neon" rings in red, blue, green and gold. Nice to look at. (A "saxon" is a type of wheel that is shaped like a stick or tube, rather than a round wheel, and shoots out sparks from one or both ends, causing it to spin around the center.) (Last tested in 1995)

Spinning Wheel, 18-inch

Saxon. Red Lantern brand, #0544.
27 seconds.

Saxon type. Long stick spins around, creating bright rings of red, blue, gold and green. Nice. (A "saxon" is a type of wheel that is shaped like a stick or tube, rather than a round wheel, and shoots out sparks from one or both ends, causing it to spin around the center.) (Last tested in 1995)

Spinning Wonder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-6134. 8 shots, 22
seconds.

Each shot is a spinning, spiraling silver comet on the way up, ending in a pretty nice break of green glitter stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Spirit Fountain

Base Fountain. Beihai brand,
#WB4009. 29 seconds.

Beautiful showers of gold flitter sparks, then adding bright white flashes and white flitter. Very nice fountains, tall sprays, lots of sparks and colors. Some even whistle twice. (Last tested in 1999)

Spirit of '76

Hand-held Fountain. Longhorn brand. 45 seconds.

California candle-type fountain. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Spirit of '76, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Old Glory brand.

A giant green break. Also very impressive. (Last tested in 1996)

Spirit of America

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 25 seconds.

Abundant gold sparks, getting stronger as it goes along. (Last tested in 1995)

Spirit of Missouri

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2024. 16 shots,
39 seconds.

Achieves high altitude for such a small cake. This one alternates between two types of shots. One is a crackling gold comet, and the other is a red pearl with a silver comet trail, which opens up into a silver whirlwind with a few green stars thrown in. Pretty impressive for such a small, cheap piece. (Last tested in 1998)

Spit Fire

Base Fountain. Great Grizzly brand.
19 seconds.

Flashing strobe light at the beginning, changing to good crackle at the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Spit Fire

Novelty Firework. Taiyo Kako brand. 8 seconds.

Gold or Silver. Rolls around randomly on ground, emitting sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Splendid Flower

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W426. 92 seconds.

Many color changes in the long show. A little bit of everything - red, green, silver, gold, crackle, whistle. Good fountain. Splendid pyrotechnics. This is the "generic" version of a six-tube repeating fountain that may be sold under a lot of

different labels. Many color changes. (Last tested in 1996)

Splendid Scenery

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK158. 158 shots, 20 seconds.

A very fast z-pattern which sweeps back and forth across the sky, as if someone was waving the cake as it fires. The first few rows are red pearls, then there are some green glitter pearls, then some blue peony pearls. Then it changes to

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screaming shots, similar to a Saturn Missile Battery, but without the reports. Then a couple rows of crackle comets, then finally one row is fired rapidly, which are silver comets that go up and end in nice single-color peony breaks of red, white and blue. Then another row is fired which are red or green pearls on the way up, breaking into red or green crossette breaks. Pretty impressive, but it's all over quickly. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Splendid Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Squirrel brand, #WN-219. 9 shots, 25 seconds.

Crackling comets that go up and break into beautiful mixed color chrysanthemum breaks of red, blue and green. Nice one. (Last tested in 2000)

Splendor of the Sun

Skyrocket. Brothers brand,
#BP1022.

A vinyl bag with six rockets in it, with three different labels, all named "Splendor of the Sun." Two rockets have blue labels, two red and two green. These fly very smoothly and have nice amounts of color and/or crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Splitting Comet

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6055. 32 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet which also crackles on the way up, then breaks into silver flying fish plus some small device which whistles briefly. (Last tested in 2002)

Splitting Gold Comet with Crackling Tail, #100

Single-tube Aerial. American Thunder brand.

American Thunder brand. Crackle on the way up. Tries to be a crossette (comet that splits). Adequate. (Last tested in 1996)

Splitting Planets

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 22 seconds.

A crossette cake. Every shot is a bright white pearl on the way up, which splits in the air into 4 bright white pearls. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Spook Lights

Base Fountain. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1902.

Five in the box, one each of red, green, blue, gold and silver. Unacceptably short duration - only 5 seconds on average. Crackle is adequate, but colors are washed out. Buy only in desperation. (Last tested in 1996)

Spring

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2769-1. 16
shots, 24 seconds.

In an assortment tray with the other BP2769 items. This one shoots up 4 red mines, 4 silver mines, 4 blue mines and 4 crackle mines. (Last tested in 1999)

Spring Bloom

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-504. 5 shots, 27 seconds.

Part of the "Spectrum Force" collection. In this candle, each shot goes up and ends in a silver whirlwind. (Last tested in 2004)

Spring Butterflies, large

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W526A. 6 seconds.

Exceptional design - will be a prime collector's item someday. Gold and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Butterflies, medium

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W526. 14 seconds.

Beautiful design - you'll want to save a few after firing. Good sparks and green flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Butterflies, small

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W526B. 6 seconds.

Nice package design, though less elaborate than larger sizes. Red flame and silver spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Flowers

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Link Triad brand, #W415. 30 seconds.

Overloaded somewhere in it - ours tipped over halfway through. Red and white sprays, a few reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1040. 70 seconds.

Starts with gold flutter spray, then a silver whistle, then a mixed spray of red, blue and green, then crackle spray, then a silver whistle to end it. (Last tested in 2004)

Spring Melody

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2864. 49 shots, 35 seconds.

Shots go up as color pearls (either red, green, blue or yellow) and then open into a small break of that same color. Some of the shots at the end break into multi-color breaks with small aerial whistles and nice snappy reports. A lot of action here. (Last tested in 2000)

Spring Song

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7719C. 20 shots, 20 seconds.

A good repeater; shoots spinning projectiles to breaks of red, white, blue and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Space Age brand. 24 shots, 24 seconds.

Good variety of: crackling comets, all-white comets, and blue breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Spring Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #0125. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

Many low breaks - in fact, some flew only 5-6 feet up. (Last tested in 1995)

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Sprite Bomb

Toy Trick Noisemaker. No brand.

It's a completely new kind of snapper. There is no paper wrapper. The snappers are packed individually in dents in a piece of plastic. They look sort of like dried up peas. You throw it on the ground, and you get a pretty good snap, louder than the paper type snappers but not a whole lot louder. There is also a little puff of smoke given off. These are made in Taiwan but there is no brand or manufacturer stated anywhere on the

label. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Sputnik Helicopter

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-910. 6 seconds.

Here's an outstanding one. Sputnik Helicopter puts out silver sparks, then a green flame, and ends its flight with two small reports. A winner. (Last tested in 1996)

Squiggly Star

Fountain/spinner combination. Brothers brand, #BP4215. 39 seconds.

It's a unique item and I liked it a lot, and I recommend it. This piece will float on water and perform on water, and if you use it on water it will make a beautiful display when you see the performance combined with its reflection in the water. And, it will move around in the water a little. Or you can just put this on the ground and light it, in which case it will not move around, but it still looks pretty good. First you get a strobing light from the center. Then quickly all 5 star points light up with a color flame of blue, pointing their flames out sideways in a star pattern, while the strobe in the center continues. The blue flames at the star points then change to red flames, and then finally to green flames with a gold spray. The whole time, the strobing flame in the center of the piece continues. No sound effects, but it's beautiful. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

SS-27 Missile Launcher

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-349. 69 seconds.

A large truck (over 13 inches long) carrying a rocket that is 3 missiles combined. The rocket is laying flat on the back of the truck. It starts with a silver spray from the back end, then quickly changes to a whistle which starts the truck moving forward with a silver spray. Then the truck stops and there is a pause, then from the front of the truck there is a whistle and silver spray with some red sparks, that makes the truck move back a little. Then from the top of the truck starts a small silver fountain with a red flame at the base. The rocket pops up into about a 45 degree angle, and 2 short silver fountains spray out

horizontally from both sides of the truck. Then there is another pause, then the back of the rocket puts out smoke for a little while. Then the front of the rocket gives a silver crackle spray straight up. That stops, and then the tip of the rocket sends out a good silver spray, at the same 45 degree the rocket is pointing. The silver spray includes red sparks mixed in. If you light this at night, the only part you won't see is the smoke part, but if you light this at twilight, you should be able to see the smoke and the spark effects will still appear bright. (Last tested in 2004)

SS-27 Missile Launcher

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-349. 69 seconds.

A fairly amazing piece, which is shaped like a missile on a long truck. It rolls forward with a silver whistle out the back end, then rolls backward with colors and a silver whistle out the front end. Then it stops and a fountain starts from the top of the truck, which is a red flame with a silver spray. Then that stops and two silver fountains shoot out from opposite sides of the truck. The missile pops up a little bit, at a higher angle than when it started. The missile emits smoke from the bottom of it, and then a crackle spray comes out of the middle of the missile. Finally, the top of the missile starts spraying a silver spray, which then turns into a mixture of silver spray with red and blue sparks. A very impressive performance. (Last tested in 2005)

St. Elmo's Fire

Box Fountain. Phantom brand, #H-034. 54 seconds.

Begins with a mixture of red sparks and white flutter sparks, just the right balance between the two. Then it stops and starts again, this time with a spray that has blue stars against a soft gold background spray, and some flashing silver sparks mixed into it. Then it changes to a spray of silver crackle for the ending. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

St. Helena Volcano, 10"

Cone Fountain. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-FO662-10. 19 seconds.

Gives a green flame at the top of the cone with a tall silver spray of sparks above it. (Last tested in 2005)

St. Helens Volcano, 12-inch

Cone Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O662-12. 23 seconds.

This cone fountain comes in two sizes, 10-inch and 12-inch. Both put out a tall spray of silver sparks, with a large green flame at the top of the cone. Impressive package, especially the 12-inch size. Like a giant version of the 6-inch Conic cone discussed in PYRO #2. No sound effects, but ample spray of sparks, and good green color. Lasted for 23 seconds

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in 1998, but only 17 seconds in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Star Ball Contribution, large

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O906A. 16 seconds.

How do they pack all of this in that thing? Amazing achievement. Spins on ground in red, then flies up in green, then spins on ground in red again. Used to eject a small red star at the end. Starts with a small silver fountain, then starts spinning with a green flame, then it lifts up into the air with a green flame and silver spray, then drops back down to the ground with a red flame and spins on the ground a couple more seconds before stopping. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Star Ball Contribution, small

Flying Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #O906. 10 seconds.

Brief spray, red flame, spins and takes off in the air, in green, then comes back down and spins more, in red. Nice performance. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Blaster

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand. 19 shots, 12 seconds.

Ascending red pearls open into thin green breaks, with snappy reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Blazer

Flying Spinner. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1265. 11 seconds.

Pretty good helicopter with plastic wings. Flies up with sparks and ends in a bang. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Star Bright

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6036. 13 shots, 26 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Star Candle Barrage, 40 shots

Roman Candle battery. Maverick brand, #MC034. 40 shots, 20 seconds.

Four 10-ball roman candles fused together, with a plastic base that you stick into the ground. Emits a series of red, green and blue color pearls, just like you lit four 10-ball Magical Roman Candles at the same time. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Star Candle Barrage, 70 shots

Roman Candle battery. Maverick brand, #MC037. 70 shots,

Seven 10-ball roman candles together, with a plastic base that you stick into the ground. Emits a series of red, silver, green yellow and blue color pearls, just like you lit ten 10-ball Magical Roman Candles at the same time. No sound effects. A little better than the 40-shot version. (Last tested in 1999)

Star Creation

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM1001. 9 shots, 13 seconds.

Crackling comets. Much faster and more intense than most crackling comet cakes. (Last tested in 1997)

Star Dust

Base Fountain. Bald Eagle brand, #EA417. 20 seconds.

Powerful spray of gold and silver, about 6 to 7 feet high. Green sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Dust

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1997. 111 seconds.

Bright silver ball spray, then red and green spray, then red, green and soft silver flutter, then red flutter, then bright white spray, then more bright white spray, then crackle added, then red, green and crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Star Fantasy

Skyrocket. Glorious brand, #GCR037.

A package of 10 rockets of 3 varieties. One gives a peony break of blue and red stars. Another gives a nice break of red, blue and green stars. The third variety gives a break of sparkling silver and gold stars. (Last tested in 2004)

Star in the Sky

Base Fountain. Zenith/Black Cat brand, #ASZBCFIRE. 36 seconds.

Gives a generous spray of red sparks mixed with gold crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Star Light

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand. 10 shots, 15 seconds.

This is a crossette cake, which alternates between two types of crossette shots. The first is a red pearl that goes up and splits into 4 red pearls. The second is a white comet that goes up and splits into 4 or 5 white comets. It's a very well-done crossette cake, although I wish they had made it in more shots than 10, because it's over too soon. Well, you could just buy several and light them in a row. (Last tested in 2004)

Star Light

Roman Candle, single. Giraffe brand, #HG1104. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

The green shots end in reports; the red ones in a tiny spinner. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Light

Roman Candle, single. Angel brand, #HCO0310. 8 shots, 15 seconds.

Both Red Lantern and Angel brand. Very weak reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Mine

Mine. Maverick brand, #M77. 8 seconds.

Starts as a whistling silver fountain, then erupts into a single massive blast

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of green stars with crackle. Creates so much smoke that it looks like a miniature atomic mushroom cloud - illuminated from within in green light. Will be very surprising for those expecting only a fountain. (Last tested in 1999)

Star Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6121. 93 shots, 72 seconds.

An unusual 3-level package design provides shelf appeal. For most of the performance, it is basically the same as a Saturn Missile Battery, that is, whistling shots ending in reports. About halfway

through, or a little later, it changes to whistling shots ending in crackle, so you get a little variety. There is no color or any breaks, so it is essentially a glorified "Saturn Missile" style cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Star Spangled Cannon

Reloadable Shell Kit. Black Cat brand, #MEBC590.

Cracking blue diamond (has comet), red, white and blue (has comet), jumbo gold chrysanthemum, silver palm (has comet), dragon eggs (has comet), crackling with dragon tails, red peony to blue chrysanthemum, crackling with blue stars, blue chrysanthemum with dragon tails, jumbo white chrysanthemum (2), jumbo blue chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum is a shell effect with "fluffy" trails of sparks emanating from the center burst, with or without colored heads. The shells in these kits are small replicas of the large shells used in public displays, and they work exactly the same way. (Last tested in 1998)

Star Sparklers

Sparkler. Bald Eagle brand, #EA-105. 129 seconds.

Gold sparkler on a wire which is shaped more or less like a star. (Black Cat has a similar item to this, in the shape of a cat's head.) Gives a thick gold spray of sparks in all directions, for an amazing duration of over two minutes, if you light it at one end. If you light it in the middle, it only lasts one minute, but you get twice as much sparks during that minute. (Last tested in 1998)

Star Tower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2768-3. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

This one alternates between red and green pearls shot up, which alternate between breaks of a couple of whistles, and breaks of "silver flying fish". (Last tested in 1999)

Star Tracer

Roman Candle, single. brand. 12 seconds.

Nope, sorry. Weak shots of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Travel

Bottle Rocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0052.

Excellent tiny bottle rocket which ejects red and green stars at the end of the

flight. No report. When this first came out, it was very impressive for such a tiny rocket. I remember reading in one of the fireworks newsletters that someone analyzed it and counted 76 microstars in it. So for each little rocket, you got a tiny burst of around 75 color stars in the air. The last time I got some of these, they were much less impressive. The number of color stars from each rocket was much smaller. It was sad to see this one go down the drain. I hope that one of the manufacturers will revive this rocket and make it again, as good as it was originally. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Warrior

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Foshan brand, #T2149. 10 shots, 7 seconds.

Nice comets crackle slightly, then bright white comets; one silver break. (Last tested in 1995)

Star Wars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2074. 20 shots, 14 seconds.

Crackling comets, with bright color heads of either red, blue, green or gold. Very nice to look at, but a small cake with a short duration. (Last tested in 2000)

Starburst Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-243. 57 seconds.

Lots of white flitter with red sparks, short whistle, more sparks, another whistle, more sparks with green, then it stops suddenly. Rich sprays of white flitter throughout. (Last tested in 1998)

Starcatcher

Box Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-087. 54 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red sparks and silver flitter, then changes to gold flitter, then to gold crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Starfire

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand. 21 seconds.

Red, blue and white sparks. Good! (Last tested in 1995)

Stargazer Rocket

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6006.

Pack of 6 rockets, which give peony breaks of red or glittering silver. (Last tested in 2003)

Starquake

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-060. 24 shots, 26 seconds.

Each shot starts as a brilliant red pearl and ends in a small, quick, angular burst of crackle. It has just the right

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timing - any slower and it would be boring. (Last tested in 1997)

Starr Mine, #100

Mine. Starr brand. 7 seconds.

Quite rare - you don't see "mines" very often in consumer fireworks. Upward blast of gold and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Starry Night

Skyrocket. Horse brand.

Beautiful multi-colored rocket with a fairly good display of red and green. (Last tested in 1995)

Starry Starry Night

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6118. 20 shots, 53 seconds.

A red shot goes up and opens into a strobing red peony. Then a green shot goes up and opens into a glittering green peony. Then a silver shot goes up and opens into a glittering blue peony. Then a gold shot goes up and opens into a glittering gold peony. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. Then two shots are fired that go up and end in breaks of glittering gold peonies. Then the silver peony, green peony and red peony breaks alternate, until the last 4 shots, which are a green, a gold and 2 red ones, are fired all at once and mix their peony breaks together for the finale of multi-color glitter. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Starry Starry Night

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-245. 63 seconds.

Not very tall, but several color changes keep the interest up during the long performance. (Last tested in 1996)

Stars and Stripes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SM2015. 16 shots, 5 seconds.

Jiangxi. Mediocre performer. "Stick Butt End In Ground." Red and green breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Stars and Stripes

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SM2015. 20 shots, 40 seconds.

Alternates between red peony breaks and blue peony breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Stars and Stripes Forever

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2104.

This kit contains 12 triple-break shells and 2 tubes. They are the standard 1.75 inch diameter. The packaging is a patriotic red, white and blue design, with a flag image on the box. Each shell gives 3 effects, and they are all good. Color chrysanthemums, go-getter stars, sparkling peony, crackle flowers, etc. (Last tested in 2004)

Stars and Stripes Rising

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Zenith brand. 10 shots, 8 seconds.

A poorly-timed barrage of color pearls and white whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1999)

Stars & Bombs, #5

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

Handful of crackers on the way up; nice peony-type break of silver. (Last tested in 1995)

Stars in the Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5140. 25 shots, 43 seconds.

Misnamed, because there's hardly a star to be seen. Each shot goes up as a shrill whistle, then changes to a small whistle that flies away. Nothing to look at - this is a pure noise item. (Last tested in 1999)

Stars of Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2009. 37 shots, 48 seconds.

Ejects either red or green pearls, which fly up and sort of dance around as they go up, then each one opens up into a small cluster of either red or green stars, and a couple of small firecrackers. (Last tested in 1999)

Stars of USA

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4170. 57 seconds.

An all-crackle fountain which is quite surprising for such a small piece. Not a tall spray, but consistent from beginning to end. I expected it to last only 20 or 30 seconds. If you're looking for crackle and nothing else, this is it. Introduced in 1999, and still just as good in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Steamboat Geyser

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-264. 70 seconds.

Gold spray with red balls in it, then a silver fluttering spray, then a whistle, then a blue and gold spray, then green flitter, then snapping white flittery sparks. Good colors throughout. (Last tested in 1999)

Steel Hawk

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5054. 12 shots, 31 seconds.

Each shot is a crackling comet, that breaks fairly hard into either a red, blue or green color break. How do they do it? Crackle on the way up, then a good color break. Nice one. (Last tested in 2000)

Stinger

Bottle Rocket. brand.

Small bottle rocket, but loud whistle and report. Outstanding quality. (Last tested in 1995)

Stinger

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF071. 87 seconds.

Starts with an amazing spray of red darting sparks, an effect I have never seen until this fountain. They dart at high speed in every direction. Then the darting sparks change to green. Then they change to blue, although the blue ones seem to not go as far. Then they become yellow. Finally it becomes a mixture of all the colors, and at the very end it changes to a silver crackle spray. This is a one-of-a-kind fountain at this point, although it is certain to be imitated in the coming years by all other brands. (Last tested in 2005)

Stinger Rocket

Skyrocket. United Pyro brand, #UP6005.

Pack of 7 rockets, some of which whistle on the way up. The breaks are fairly good peony breaks of red or green. (Last tested in 2003)

Stingray

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-079. 20 shots, 23 seconds.

Crackling gold comets which end in small breaks of white balls. A good crackle effect, but I really expected more from this one. (Last tested in 1998)

Stompin' Show

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4503. 115 seconds.

Starts with gold flitter, with red and green mixed in. Then a silver whistle is added, while the red, green and gold continue. Then a kind of strange gold spark effect appears, then it changes to soft crackle with red and green. Then a triple whistle, then crackle - big gold crackle sparks. Then another silver whistle, then a bunch of snapping gold sparks. Then another triple whistle, then more of the big gold crackles. Green sparks are then added to the mix. Then another silver whistle, then a pretty intense crackle spray caused by firing 2 tubes of crackle at the same time. This

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Steel Sparks

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #0850A. 22 seconds.

Heavy shower of bursting silver sparks, then very tall gold and red spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Sting of the Scorpion

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-165. 112 seconds.

Powerful fountain, with intense sprays of silver & gold; big crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

continues while 3 short whistles fire. A nice loud finish to an interesting variety of effects. I liked this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Stop the Insanity

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0351. 19 shots, 36 seconds.

Alternates between two types of shots. One goes up and breaks into gold flying fish and a small amount of crackle that goes off almost all at once. The other type goes up and breaks into silver flying fish and a small amount of crackle. If you want the flying fish effect, this is an excellent one to get because it features that effect plus crackle as an enhancement. (Last tested in 2000)

Storm Cadence

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM0678. 32 shots, 17 seconds.

Fires a bunch of mines in a Z pattern, and the mines are green and silver stars. Then fires a row of just silver mine stars. Then fires a row of mines of just blue stars. Then fires a row of mines which are silver comets plus crackle. Over fast, but it has the look and feel of a 500-gram cake while staying within the 200-gram limit. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Storm Center

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4066. 12 shots, 21 seconds.

It's a variety of effects, all pretty good. Red Chrysanthemum with crackle, blue chrysanthemum with crackle, mixed red and blue chrysanthemums, mixed green and blue chrysanthemums, and some sparkling red glitter breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Strait of Malacca

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2160. 16 shots, 36 seconds.

Each shot is a sparkling comet, with a soft flowing sound. This effect is reminiscent of the old-style "Silvery Swallow" cake from Horse brand (the old one). There are also some red and green flecks in the comets too. Very nice to look at. (Last tested in 2000)

Strange Color

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4090. 96 seconds.

Starts with a sudden, short whistle which also has a blast of silver sparks with it. The whistle is not an ear-piercing shriek, it is a more moderate like a squeak or a blast of air. Then it gives a shower of silver flitter sparks. Then another of the brief silver whistles, while the silver fountain still goes. Then it changes to a very good spray of large gold sparks, and another short silver whistle. Then it becomes a mix of large green, gold and red sparks. Then another one of the short whistles interrupts, and it goes back to the red, green and

and then down the next row in the opposite direction. The first few rows are strobing color pearls (mostly red). The next few rows are whistling shots reminiscent of "Saturn Missile Battery" fireworks. The next few rows are crackling comets. The last row is eight comets, alternating between gold comets with red heads and silver comets with green heads - very nice looking. Each of these comets ends in a crossette-type break, where it splits into smaller comets of the same color heads as it was on the way up. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Strato Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-149. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Alternates between green shots which open into white whirlwinds, red shots which break into nice multi-color breaks, and blue shots which break into crackle breaks. Speeds up towards the end. Good quality and good timing. (Last tested in 2001)

Stray Beads

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4004. 15 seconds.

Pack of 4 individual base fountains: one each of red, green, blue and gold. Each one produces a color flame with silver sparks, then changes to a multi-color fountain with crackles. Small, but good. (Last tested in 1998)

Streams of Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2948. 21 shots, 33 seconds.

Three shots fired one at a time at angles which give breaks of blue stars, then three shots fired one at a time which have red heads and open into white chrysanthemums, then a shot which opens into blue stars. Then, 3 shots are fired simultaneously at angles, which are red pearls that end in white chrysanthemum breaks. Then 3 more just like them, fired simultaneously. Then 3 shots fired simultaneously that are blue pearls which open into blue breaks. Then 3 more shots fired simultaneously which are crackling comets that open into crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2001)

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gold spray. Then it becomes a fantastic mixture of gold globs of flame and blue globs of flame. Beautiful ending. (Last tested in 2003)

Strategic Air Defense

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-037. 158 shots, 24 seconds.

This cake is just over 18 inches long, by 15-1/2 inches wide, by about 7 inches tall at the tallest point. Make sure you set it so that the shorter side is facing the audience, otherwise the audience will not see the angles of the shots. Fires the shots in a rapid "Z" pattern, going down one row in one direction

Street Party

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6051. 8 shots, 36 seconds.

Large cake which gives big, nice shots. Each shot goes up as a thick, bright silver comet, then it opens up into 2 breaks, a color break and a crackle break. The color breaks are a combination of colors, such as green and a purplish blue break with some crackle, or green and red with a few comets that fly away. The final shot appears to be a mine of color stars. Impressive performance. (Last tested in 2002)

Strength and Valor

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A029.

This shell assortment consists of three missile-shaped packages, each with one mortar and 8 shells. "Army" (BP-A029A) has some very nice single, double and triple-break shells in it. "Navy" (BP-A029B) also contains single, double and triple-break shells. "Air Force" (BP-A029C) is similar. All shells in all three have good colors and effects. The attraction of this item is the packaging, which should appeal to younger buyers and teenage boys, etc. (Last tested in 2005)

Strike Back

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #PS217.

Superb flight. Ejects a single green falling star. (Last tested in 1995)

Strike Out

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1213.

A pack of 12 skyrockets with small artillery-shell style heads. There are 4 each of 3 different rockets. One whistles on the way up and ends in crackle. The other whistles with a red flame on the way up, and ends in crackle. The third whistles with a green flame on the way up and ends in crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Strobe Light

Strobe. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF1766. 18 seconds.

Brilliant white flashes, about 50 of them, getting smaller towards end. Six to the box. (Last tested in 1995)

Strobe Light

Strobe. Brothers brand, #BP4002. 36 seconds.

Starts as a brilliant greenish white flame, then settles into a long series of

brilliantly intense white flashes, about two per second. It gives about 60 or so of these flashes, then a sudden surprise ending of a very short whistle and a little bit of crackle. Whoa! Everyone was really surprised by the ending - but now I've spoiled it for you by telling you that it happens. Well, you'll still like this one all the same. (Last tested in 1999)

Strobe Lites

Strobe. Starr brand. 20 seconds.

Three pieces in the bag: one red, one green and one yellow. Flash with brilliant, rich colors for about 20 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

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Strobe Pot

Strobe. Ghost brand, #P7507. 60 seconds.

White flashes only. Halfway through, the flashes slow down to the rate of approximately one flash per second. Brand may have changed to Winda. (Last tested in 1999)

Strobe Pots

Strobe. All Star brand. 61 seconds.

Red, green or gold. The biggest, longest, most powerful strobe. U.S.- made; outstanding quality. Seems to be a little slower and more uneven in the timing between flashes now, but still a good strobe item. (Last tested in 2005)

Strobing Night Parachute

Parachute. Black Cat brand, #BC-2103.

Blue stars on the way up, then a parachute which carries a strobe. (Last tested in 1995)

Strobing Palms

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6062. 10 shots, 25 seconds.

Beautiful breaks that alternate between red shots that go up and break into red stars that become strobing white stars, and green shots that go up and break into green stars that become strobing white stars. Long-lasting star effect with very nice gold tails following each star. No sound effects but very nice to look at; highly recommended. (Last tested in 2002)

Strobing Traffic Light

Strobe. Starr brand.

Three "Strobe Lites" one red, one green and one yellow, are glued onto one wooden piece that you stick into the ground at it's pointed end. You light the bottom one (the green) one, and in turn, all three go off. (Last tested in 1999)

Stryker

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP1709. 40 seconds.

It's shaped like a large tank, with a pivoting gun turret on the top and six plastic wheels. First it rolls forward with a silver whistle from the back. Then, two silver spinners come out of it and spin while the tank waits motionless. Then it sprays color from the front, which changes to a whistle, which causes the tank to roll backwards. Then it sends out a ground spinner which spins in green, then red, then green again. Then it sprays out some color from the guns, and then a bright silver spray from the guns. The whole gun assembly on the top of the tank starts to rotate while the guns continue to spray silver and whistle. The spinning stops and the spray briefly stops, but then changes to a crackle spray from the gun turrets. Sophisticated series of events. (Last tested in 2005)

Submarine View

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2219. 16 shots,
21 seconds.

Three different types of shots: red pearls with comet tails, ending in clusters of crackle, or green pearls with tails, also ending in crackle, or whistling white comets. Good colors and a lot going on, but the smaller number of tubes makes it a relatively brief show. (Last tested in 1998)

Successive Happy News

Combination firecracker. Red Lantern brand, #O147.

More than just a firecracker: gives off red and green stars! Terrific. (Last tested in 1995)

Successive Happy News

Combination firecracker. Red Lantern brand, #O147. 3 seconds.

12 crackers per pack, 48 packs per bundle. Smaller crackers than the 180-string version. Red and green stars in addition to the bangs. (Last tested in 1998)

Sudden Outburst

Mine. All Star brand. 17 seconds.

These start with a silver whistling fountain, then give a mine which has crackle in the lower area and blue peony stars above the crackle, then three aerial breaks above that which are chrysanthemums that turn into crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Sugar Daddy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3012. 12 shots, 29 seconds.

The first shot gives off blue stars at the ground level, almost enough to be a mine of blue stars. It goes up and ends in a peony break of stars which change color from red to green as they burn. Then a small mine of yellow stars at the ground, and a shot which gives a break of silver flying fish and a little crackle. Then a gold brocade willow break. Then those three shots alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. Pretty nice one - the color-changing stars are unusual in consumer fireworks. (Last tested in 2003)

Suicide Squad

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4005. 16 shots, 47 seconds.

Starts with a multi-color fountain, then changes to a good crackle fountain, then a series of shots go up dark and open into clusters of silver flying fish. Not a good name for an item, and not the best performance this brand has to offer. (Last tested in 2004)

going up. Very nice. Then it sends up shots at angles, with green pearl heads and white comet tails, and these go up and then break into sparkling green breaks. Even nicer. Then a few shots straight up of green breaks, blue breaks, and crackle breaks with lots of crackle. Great. Then finally some lower-level breaks of crackle to end it with. Overall a very nice show. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Summer Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1039. 187 seconds.

Big white flutter spray, then a very nice green and red spray, then a lot of crackle, then white flutter with green and red, then a green and red spray, then a bright silver spray with a very soft crackling sound to it, then a mixture of red, green and crackle, fading to all-crackle at the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Sun Tower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2768-1. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

In a 3-pack tray assortment with Moon Tower and Star Tower. Nice color pearls go up and open into whirlwinds with some color stars in the middle, and a few firecrackers in addition. (Last tested in 1999)

Sundance Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-023. 95 seconds.

Starts with a red and silver spray, then a short whistle happens, then a bright silver spray, then bright silver snapping sparks, then a short whistle, then a silver spray, then crackle is added, then a red and green spray, then a brilliant silver spray, then crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Sundowner

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
United Pyro brand, #UP2001. 126 seconds.

Starts with a tall silver spray, then a good mix of red and green sparks. Then a brief whistle, then a tall silver spray, then a mix of gold and blue sparks, then a short whistle, then a tall silver spray, then silver flutter, short whistle, tall silver spray, silver flutter, short whistle, tall

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2769-2. 16 shots, 23 seconds.

In an assortment tray with the other BP2769 items. This one alternates between red, blue and green pearls, and each one ends in a silver whirlwind with a few "silver flying fish". (Last tested in 1999)

Summer Camp

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2023. 37 shots, 47 seconds.

The first set of shots go up as color pearls of red, green or blue, which then open up into white whirlwinds which whistle a little and also throw off some stars of the same color as the shot was

silver, mixture of green sparks, red sparks and gold crackle, then tall silver spray, then mixture of green sparks, red sparks and gold crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Sunflower, large

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W504A. 10 seconds.

Gold and silver sparks in a wide spray. Always a superb performer. (Last tested in 1995)

Sunflower, medium

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W504. 8 seconds.

Almost always an excellent performer, though it declined a little bit in quality the last couple of years. Gold and silver spray; good height. (Last tested in 1995)

Sunflower, small

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W530. 6 seconds.

We got one bad batch of "Silk Road" brand; usually a terrific item, two stages (gold and silver). (Last tested in 1995)

Sunflowers in Bloom

Flying Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1123. 12 seconds.

Beautiful green and silver spinner that eventually takes off. Two stages. (Last tested in 1996)

Sunflowers Towards The Sun

Roman Candle, single. Pine brand, #FB1002A2. 6 shots, 18 seconds.

I think they meant the name to be Sunflowers Towards the Sun, but who cares. It's a very good candle, with green pearls ending in breaks of white stars with a nice pop. Small number of shots, but they're good ones. Worth seeking out. (Last tested in 1998)

Sunglow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2164. 25 shots, 47 seconds.

Red pearls go up and then break into small clusters of bright red stars, with crackle mixed in. Slow pacing, with almost precisely uniform timing between shots, makes for a long display. (Last tested in 1999)

Sunlight of Florida

Base Fountain. Brothers brand, #BP4116. 15 seconds.

Five small fountains to a box: one each of red, green, blue, yellow and white.

Each one starts with a flame of that color, then changes to a flashing strobe, then finally finishes with crackle. Considering these fountains' tiny size, the performance is superb. How did they pack that much into these tubes which are barely more than an inch tall? (Last tested in 1998)

Sunrise Fountain

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-203. 23 seconds.

Starts with a blue flame, then changing to a red flame with white sparks, then a bright white flame with white sparks. (Last tested in 2000)

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Super Artillery Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Shogun brand, #DS666A.

Box contains two tubes and twelve 1.75-inch shells: Green to Crackle with Whistle, Crackling with Silver Tail; Clusters of Golden Bees with Whistle; White Strobe with Silver Tail; Palm Tree with Silver Tail; Red to Crackle with Whistle; Gold Gutter [Glitter] with Whistle; Red Wave with Silver Tail; Brocade with Silver Tail; Multi-Color Star with Whistle; Red White Blue with Whistle; and Crystal Cascade with Silver Tail. Here are a few effects (well, at least in name, anyway) normally only seen in large, professional fireworks. The

Brocade shell gave what I would call a Golden Willow - long streamers of gold sparks. The Crystal Cascade shell was like a white chrysanthemum shell, with sparkling white heads. Nice collection of unusual effects. (Last tested in 1999)

Super Artillery Shells with Swirling Tails

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2336.

Variogated Star & Reports with Tail, Yellow Star & Reports with Tail, Green Palm Tree with Tail, Red Palm with Tail, Blue Star & Reports with Tail, Silver Palm Tree with Tail. Nice white comet tails on each one, and good colors and effects. (Last tested in 1998)

Super Big Pig

Firecracker. brand.

This is a large firecracker which appeared on the market in 1997, but apparently is no longer available. The crackers were big and loud, and they probably exceeded the limit for firecrackers sold in the U.S. The string of 50 was delicate and tended to fall apart easily, so the strings were not really well constructed. But the crackers were great - very loud. (Last tested in 1997)

Super Blast

Firecracker. brand.

It's a nice firecracker, with flash powder (Last tested in 1998)

Super Bomb

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2026C. 8 shots, 12 seconds.

Red, yellow and green pearls end in reports. Much louder in past. (Last tested in 1995)

Super Cannon

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 34 seconds.

The first 7 shots are single-color peony breaks with crackle mixed in. The color is: red, green, blue, red, green, blue and red, in that order. Then all the rest of the shots are fired all at once in a large group, and they are all crackling comets. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Super Color Changing Smoke Balls

Smoke. Yeng Ta Enterprises brand, #101F. 27 seconds.

Well, what do you know - individual smoke balls that actually change from one color to another! Actually the change is not too distinct, and some don't even seem to change color at all. But the colors in these smoke balls are rich and good. We had a lot of fun with the kids - suddenly an impromptu game of "smoke ball soccer" was started and they had a ball. Now there's colored spots all over the place we did it. (Last tested in 1999)

Super Crackling Rainbow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK605. 25 shots, 55 seconds.

Crackling fluffy white comets shot up one at a time, ending in either red breaks with crackle, or green chrysanthemum breaks, or blue chrysanthemum breaks. The colors are a little weaker than in similar cakes such as "Denver." The final 5 shots are shot simultaneously, for a nice little mini-finale. Surprisingly long-lasting for a 25-shot cake. The 2001 version of this cake was much, much better, with crackling comets that end in huge breaks of red or blue, alternating with crackling comets that ended in huge white chrysanthemum breaks. Fantastic. It's still good in 2004, not quite as big breaks as it had in 2001, but still a solid performer and I still recommend it. The last one I tested, in late 2003, lasted 39 seconds because it speeded up towards the end for a finale. Seems to be improved in 2005, with more of a punch to the breaks. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Super Flash

Firecracker. brand.

A newer brand, with nice loud bangs of flash powder. I found it in Missouri. (Last tested in 1998)

Super Jumping Jack

Ground Spinner. Pyro Valu brand, #PV575. 12 seconds.

This is a string of 100 ground spinners which end in firecracker bangs. It looks just like a strip of 100 firecrackers. Each spinner briefly spins on the ground in

either green or red before ending in a bang. I was surprised at the loudness of the bangs - to my ears they sounded basically as loud as regular firecrackers in the same type of strips - but this one gives the red and green spinners in addition to the bangs. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Super Kids

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2921.

One tube and 12 cylindrical shells: Red Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Green Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Blue Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Silver Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Yellow Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Crackling

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Bouquet w/Double Spinners; Multi-color Stars w/8 Crackers; Blue Bouquet w/Crackling w/8 Crackers; Jumbo Purple Stars w/Silver Flashing w/8 Crackers; Red to White Wave w/2 Whistles; Jumbo Purple Stars w/Silver Pistil w/Two Whistles; and Red to Green w/Two Whistles. The two shells with purple stars have deep, rich purple color - the best purple I have seen yet, in any consumer firework item. (Last tested in 2000)

Super Knights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2782. 25 shots, 52 seconds.

A sensational piece, which sends up silver comets that spiral upward and then break hard into nice chrysanthemum breaks, alternating between red, blue and green breaks, with some multi-color breaks. Label artwork is very similar to Rainbow Knight of the same brand, but the performance is different. Seems to have been toned down for 2000, in that the breaks don't blast open with the same force. Possibly they used flash breaks the first year, but switched to black powder breaks in subsequent years. Still, rich colors. (Last tested in 2000)

Super Rebel

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. brand. 96 seconds.

Long-lasting, continuous fountain with many colors and effects - gold, green, blue, red and lots of crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Super Rocket

Display Firework (1.3G). brand, #W142.

These rockets are large and produce a break in the air equivalent to an average 3-inch aerial shell. The box of 6 includes one each of green, blue, red, yellow and multicolor peony breaks, and one white chrysanthemum break. They are huge rockets and in the United States would be classified as 1.3G display fireworks, so they could not be sold to the public in the U.S.; only to licensed professionals. The last I heard, these had problems with some of the rockets breaking too low or even at ground level before the rocket even had a chance to fly up. So the quality may have dropped to the point where these aren't worth it anyway, even if you could buy them. But when they worked, these were superb, excellent rockets with big breaks. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Super Rocket No. 8

Skyrocket. Fire Bird brand.

A pack of 12 rockets, including two rockets each of: Color Star, Gold & Silver Swallows; Thunderation & Strobes; Falling Leaves & Strobing Stars; Color Stars & Silver Jacks; and

one rocket each of: Color Stars & Whistling Bees; Color Stars & Golden Willow; Color Stars, Red & Green Crackling; and Color Stars & Color Flowers. So each rocket has two effects in it. The label says, "New! With Rocket Launching Tube!" and the back of the pack has a diagram of how to use the launching tube. But, there was not actually any launching tube in the pack I got. (Last tested in 1999)

Super Saturn Missile

Missile. Space Age brand.

Flew well, but did nothing in the way of show or reports. (Last tested in 1996)

Super Shark

Firecracker. Air Capital brand.

Air Capital Fireworks Co., of Wichita. Strings of 100. May be discontinued now. (Last tested in 1995)

Super Sky

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro Valu brand, #PV707. 25 shots, 41 seconds.

The first shot emits a strange sound on the way up - not exactly a whistle, but a jet of air which sort of whistles and squeaks. Then it ends in a nice break of glittering gold sparks. The next shot goes up with the same sound, and ends in a peony break of red stars, not bright but long-lasting. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. I thought it was rather a strange cake, and I couldn't decide whether I liked it or not, but the people watching it liked it very much. Certainly the sound effect of the shots on the way up is the main feature of this one. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Super Skyscraper

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB4020. 87 seconds.

This first came out as "Skyscraper," WB4011, and it was a great design with a great performance. Now the same factor has taken the same fountain and put it in a larger package. This gives it collectible value as well as entertainment value. Silver flitter, 2 whistles, crackle, red and silver with crackle, 2 more whistles, green and silver with blue, 2 more whistles, crackle and 2 more whistles. Superb. (Last tested in 2000)

Super Speedway

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6159. 23 shots, 24 seconds.

This one starts with a fountain which is a red flame at the base and a silver spray above it. This lasts for about 12 seconds or so. Then 2 or 3 shots are fired at once, which go up and end in red glitter breaks. Then a whole bunch of shots (apparently 20) are fired in a very rapid succession, not all at the same time but close, and they all go up and break into blue peony breaks, which fill up the sky with blue stars for a couple of seconds. Nice ending. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Super Star Burst

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

Electrifying glittery red comet to a silver willow-type break. (Last tested in 1995)

Super Two Stage Bottle Rocket

Bottle Rocket. Black Cat brand.

Flies up with a whistle, then ends in a small cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Super Z

Missile. Po Sing brand, #2020R.

Good flyer, then ejects a respectable, soft, droopy break of red stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Super Z Leader

Missile. Peacock brand, #2020S.

Box of 6 includes one wooden launching pad and 6 wooden launching sticks. Fly OK, but not much at the ending, a few stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Superb

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Glorious brand, #GPH3060. 100 seconds.

Crackle with red sparks, then crackle with blue sparks, then crackle with mixed yellow and blue sparks, then crackle with big green sparks, then crackle with big pink sparks, then crackle with big red sparks. Huge, tall, wide spray - very impressive. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Supercell Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.

Phantom brand, #G-077. 37 shots, 52 seconds.

This is a huge round cake which is 14 inches in diameter at the bottom and 18 inches in diameter at the top, and is approximately 9 inches tall. This cake fires shots at a variety of angles and will fill up a large area of sky, so I would recommend moving it back a little, so that it is further away from the audience than the other cakes. It will still produce a very wide display. The first seven shots are silver comets with bright red heads. The next few shots are gold comets with strobing red heads which end in breaks of red and crackle. Then there are a couple of shots of silver comets with bright gold heads, that go up and end in clusters of gold "falling leaves" stars and a good amount of crackle. Continuing around the circle of

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Super Stallion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Brothers brand, #BP2002. 16 shots, 27 seconds.

Perfectly timed shots of either red, green or blue pearls going up, then breaking hard into a chrysanthemum burst of the same color (with silver trails on the sparks). The red breaks include some crackle with the break. Superb quality for such a small piece. Unchanged in 2003 except that they don't break as hard. They must have changed the break charge. (Last tested in 1998)

the cake, the next shot is a gold comet with a bright red head, that goes up and ends in a beautiful gold willow break with sparkling silver along the branches of the willow. The next shot is a gold comet with a bright green head, which goes up and ends in another beautiful sparkling willow break. The next shot is a silver comet with a strobing silver head, which goes up and ends in a big dragon-eggs break (crackling while continuing to spread out). Then those last 3 shots are repeated in the same order, three more times each. Finally, three shots are fired at the same time, and they are silver comets with bright gold heads, and they go up and end in big gold willow breaks which then turn into softly glittering red or green stars - lovely to look at and apparently the calm after the storm. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Superman

Skyrocket. Poly Wonder brand, #PW8104.

Great breaks with loud report. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Supreme

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3070. 61 shots, 57 seconds.

Fires the shots rapidly, and alternates between shots that are blue pearls ending in fluffy silver breaks, crackling comets that end in good firecracker reports, green pearls that become sparkling silver comets, and red pearls that turn into crackle breaks. The problem with the breaks is that they don't break hard or spread wide, they just open into clusters of falling stars. If they did break hard, this would be an excellent cake, with the shots fired at an exciting pace. The final 4 or 5 shots are fired at once, and they are crackling comets ending in good firecracker-sized reports. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Supreme Bomb Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y63-013. 12 shots, 32 seconds.

The first shot is a group of green pearls that go up and end in silver whirlwinds, some of which open and spin while the shots are still going up. The next shot is a group of red pearls that go up and end in clusters of crackle. Then a group of

silver screaming comets goes up and then end in either a red star or a green star. Then a group of crackling comets goes up and ends in a very nice group of red and green peony breaks. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. I liked it. (Last tested in 2003)

Supreme Delight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2931. 25 shots, 44 seconds.

The first five shots are gold pearls that go up and break into gold flying fish, then the next five shots are green pearls that go up and break into green flying fish, then five shots of red pearls that go up and break into red flying fish, then

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five shots of light gold (yellow) pearls that go up and break into yellow flying fish, then the final five shots are crackling comets that go up and break into sort of crackling, flying fish. These last 5 shots are fired at a much faster pace than the earlier ones. (Last tested in 2000)

Surfer Girls

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Kellner's brand, #9126. 10 shots, 30 seconds.

Every shot is an orange pearl going up and ending in a silver whirlwind. (Last tested in 2003)

Surging Devils

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #Y03-007. 37 shots, 20 seconds.

Brilliant pearls of red, green or blue, each one with a full comet trail of glittering silver sparks. Quiet. (Last tested in 1996)

Survival

Missile. Peacock brand, #FX212A.

Must be a little too heavy - flies in a big arc rather than straight up. Green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Survival Rivals

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y02-040. 93 seconds.

Catchy name and a satisfying performance. White flutter with green and red stars, changing quickly to big crackles, then a brief spray of gold with blue stars, then a strange, short whistle which ends abruptly, then white flutter with red, blue, and green, then just the white flutter, then big crackles with green, then red, green and blue with white flutter, then more crackle, then white snapping sparks, then the big crackles again, then red, green and white. Whew! Never gets boring because it changes effects so quickly. (Last tested in 1998)

Sweeper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-277. 88 shots, 43 seconds.

Shots are fired in pairs, in a Z pattern, with each pair of shots being single color pearls of the same color (2 red pearls, then 2 green pearls, then 2 blue pearls, then 2 gold pearls, then 2 purple pearls. Each pair is fired at a slightly different angle from the last pair. It goes down one row in one direction then down the next row in the opposite direction, for the Z pattern. Then, shots are still fired in pairs, but in a V shape rather than the Z pattern. At the end, a lot of shots are fired rapidly for a finale. There are no sound effects. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Sweet Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2969. 21 shots, 19 seconds.

This cake is sold individually or also as part of the "Brothers Pro Pack" assortment (BP-A012). The first shot is fired

straight up, and it is a white comet with a red head. Then 2 shots are fired in a V, which are white comets with red heads. Then 3 shots are fired in a fan, which are white comets with blue heads. Then 4 shots are fired in a fan, which are white comets with green heads. Then 5 shots are fired in a fan, which are white comets with white heads. Then 6 shots are fired in a fan, which are all crackling comets. (Last tested in 2003)

Sweet Shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2903. 24 shots,
45 seconds.

Three shots are fired at once in a fan, which are small silver comets that end in end in good blue peony breaks. Then fifteen shots are fired one at a time, straight up, which fluffy comets that go up and end in multi-color peony breaks. Then three shots are fired at once in a fan, which are green pearls that end in green chrysanthemum breaks. Then three shots are fired at once in a fan, which are red pearls that go up and end in red chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2003)

Swell

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3051. 30
shots, 20 seconds.

Fires the shots in fans of 3. The middle one of each 3 is a crackle mine, and the two outer ones are strobing red pearls that go up and end in breaks, which are either mixed-color peony breaks of red, blue and green, or crackle breaks. There are a total of 6 of these fans fired. (Last tested in 2004)

Sword Fight

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red
Rhino brand. 22 seconds.

This is an exciting and unusual effect that I haven't seen before in any other firework so far. Each shot goes up and gives off a few comets which are mainly gold but have some silver at the head. They break in random directions and criss-cross each other in the sky at random times. There is also some crackle in each break, but the crackle is superfluous; the real appeal here is the visual effect. To get the full effect as seen on that video, you would need to fire several of these cakes at the same time. Highly unusual and highly recommended. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Sydney

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon
Eggs brand, #DE4058. 28 shots, 29
seconds.

Starts with a green and crackling fountain. Then shoots up 28 shots, which are mainly red pearls that go up and break into crackle, but there are a few silver whistling comets shot up as well. (Last tested in 2004)

Sydney Bridge

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #SM0640. 25
shots, 36 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a strobing color pearl, either red or green. The strobing effect is unusual and appealing. Then

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each shot breaks into a mixture of crackle and either red or green stars. Ordinary except for the remarkable strobing effect on the way up. Somewhat uneven pacing. (Last tested in 1999)

Symphony

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West
Lake brand, #L990. 19 shots, 13
seconds.

High flying, whistling comets; a rising and falling "sea gull" sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Symphony

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP4156. 50 sec-
onds.

If anyone ever tells you that fountains are boring, light this one for them - it will shut them up. Symphony starts as a red flare, then changes to a silver whistle, then shoots a red mine - a single blast of red sparks up to about 8 feet. Then, it's a green flare, changing to the silver whistle, then a green mine. Finally, a blue flare, changing to a silver whistle, then a terrific crackle mine. This is as un-boring as you can get in fireworks. It's clever and surprising. Very slight decrease in quality in 2001. First tested it in 2001, and it lasted 50 seconds. Tested it again in 2003, and it did all the same things, but lasted only 32 seconds. The flare parts are shorter in duration. The three blasts of sparks (a red blast, a green blast and a crackle blast) are still excellent. So I can still recommend this although it only lasts 34 seconds now. (Last tested in 2001)

Symphony of Colors

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai
brand, #WB2011. 25 shots, 12 sec-
onds.

Groups of brilliant white comets with color heads. The pacing is so quick that it seems like many are shot in groups of 3 or 4. Some groups have bluish-white heads, some groups have red heads. The last group has crackle along with the white sparks. Over quickly but a beautiful and dazzling piece. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Synchronized Display

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-677. 18 shots, 38
seconds.

No number on piece or in Black Cat catalog. A highly unusual item, with 18 tubes in it, 12 of which are set at angles. Make sure to position the piece so that the shorter side is toward the audience; otherwise, the angle effect will not appear to them. What happens is that three shots are fired at once, one green pearl in the middle and two red pearls at angles on each side of it. All three pearls open into white whirlwinds, with a few ladyfinger-type reports. The shots are indeed synchronized, since they fire at virtually the same instant. There is a pause of 6 seconds between each group of 3 shots. The spent device is very use-

ful for holding roman candles if they fit into the tubes. (Last tested in 1999)

T.M. Shell #2

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7741E. 90 shots, 17 seconds.

Four big silver breaks, then a furious barrage of blue pearls ending in reports, then four more big breaks. Ideal finale item. 49 seconds. Four breaks of white and blue, followed by a rapid series of blue pearls ending in small firecracker reports, closing out with four more breaks of white and blue. Not a "wow" item, but inexpensive. (Last tested in 1998)

Tabloid Rumors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Skybound brand, #VB4030. 82 seconds.

Skybound brand is supposed to be a "value" brand, meaning "cheap," and you might expect it to be junk. But so far the few items I have tried in this brand have definitely not been junk. This fountain starts with a gold flitter spray, then gives a short whistle, then a bright silver flitter spray, changing to a mixture of red, green and silver. Then, silver flitter and another short whistle. Then a mixture of red sparks and gold flitter. Then another short whistle, and finally it changes to an interesting crackle spray. This is not an intense barrage of crackle, but a soft gold spray that randomly throws out large crackle sparks in different directions. You see each individual bit of crackle going off. The display is rather dark except for these random flashes of crackle. The ending was my favorite part of this fountain. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Tadpool

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM096. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

A green shot goes up and ends in a break of red stars which sort of dance around a little bit. The manufacturer calls "tadpoles." It is not the same effect as "flying fish" but maybe a variation that is something new. This is the effect for the first 20 shots. The final 5 shots are fired all at once, and they are blue pearls that go up and end in "dragon egg" breaks, which continue to crackle as they drift downward. Interesting new effect. (Last tested in 2004)

Tales of the Skeleton

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB201. 43 seconds.

Starts with a whistle and white sparks, then continues with multi-color sprays and crackle sprays, with five short whistles throughout. (Last tested in 1999)

Tango Tank

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-116. 62 seconds.

Starts with a gold crackle spray, then changes to a spray of red, green and soft silver, then to a very nice mixture of blue sparks and gold crackle, then to a mixture of bright gold sparks with gold crackle, then bright green sparks with gold crackle, and finally bright red and

"with stars" just ejects stars, no reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Tank Platoon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2608. 20 shots, 30 seconds.

A series of strobing red pearls, that open into white whirlwinds. There are also small clusters of bright sparkling silver stars that drift down as the whirlwinds are opening and for a few seconds afterwards. No sound effects, but a nice one to look at. (Last tested in 1999)

Task Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2122. 119 shots, 89 seconds.

This is a huge piece, packed only one unit to the case. Begins with a couple of big breaks of crackle flowers. Then 7 shots are fired at once in a fan shape, which are silver comets with red heads. Some firecrackers are shot up along with them and go off about halfway up the height of the comets. Then a group of 7 green-headed comets is fired in a fan shape, also with some crackers. Then a fan of 7 orange-headed silver comets is shot up, also with some crackers. Then a fan of 7 crackling comets is shot up. Then a fan of 7 green pearls is shot up along with another fan of 7 red pearls. Each of those 14 shots goes up and turns into a silver whirlwind. Then a fan of 7 blue pearls is shot up, and each of those turns into a cluster of silver flying fish. Then a fan of 7 whistling comets goes up, and each one of those ends in a few firecrackers. Then a couple of shots are fired straight up, which give gold willow breaks in the air. Then all the fans of 7 shots just described above are repeated, in the same order as above. Then it ends with 3 shots fired straight up which end in big breaks of crackle flowers. This is an ambitious piece and the performance is long-lasting with good variety. There are a few brief moments during the performance where nothing happens, so if you light one of these, maybe have a long-lasting fountain or two going on at ground level. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

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gold sparks with gold crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tank Fireworks, large

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W705A. 12 seconds.

Bigger size and bigger wheels make it a more dependable roller than the regular size Tank. Bears item number W705L (Last tested in 1998)

Tank Fireworks, small

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W705. 10 seconds.

Rolls forward, then ejects brilliant sparks & a few reports. The version

Tasmanian Devils

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-810. 11 seconds.

Fountain followed by ground spinners. Good performance for a small piece.

First a red flame with a white spray, then changing to a short whistle, then it pops and out come several ground spinners of red and green. (Last tested in 1999)

Tea Pot

Novelty Firework. Flying Dragon brand, #W412. 10 seconds.

A lot of these paper novelty items hold very little pyrotechnic content, and their appeal lies mainly in their "cuteness". Tea Pot is also "cute", but it actually puts on a pretty good show for its size. First the top boils over with a red flame, then silver sparks are emitted from the top and the "spout". (Last tested in 1996)

Team Work

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-. 205 shots, 21 seconds.

Fires the shots in a very fast Z-pattern. The shots are either red, white or blue pearls on the way up and, some of them end in small splatters which may have been tiny titanium reports. The final row is fired in a fan, and it is green pearls which end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Tears from Heaven

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2088. 16 shots, 56 seconds.

Large peony break of red with sparkling silver. Then a break of gold stars with crackle. Then a sparkling silver peony, followed by a break of blue stars with crackle flowers. This sequence is repeated two more times. Then the final 4 shots are fired almost together, just a split second apart. These are the same 4 shots as before, in a finale. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Techno Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3019. 25 shots, 37 seconds.

Begins by shooting up comets that are both whistling and crackling on the way up. Each one ends in a few reports and a small cluster of crackle. Then it shoots up a series of shots which go up dark and break into a green peony break, a sparkling white break, a break of blue stars and crackle, a break of red peony stars and a break of purple peony stars. Then it shoots a series of comets which

are whistling on the way up and also give off a couple of reports on the way up. Just as they are reaching their maximum height they turn into clusters of red stars. Interesting effects. (Last tested in 2003)

Temporary Insanity

Roman Candle battery. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2702. 12 shots, 14 seconds.

Starts with a short fountain, then ejects 10 to 12 screaming silver comets, each of which turns into a color star, most of them red. (Last tested in 2000)

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Tequila Sunrise

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCF072. 64 seconds.

Begins with a spray of silver flitter with red sparks, then changes to two tubes in a V shape spraying blue sparks with silver flitter. Then changes to three tubes in a fan shape spraying yellow sparks with silver crackle. (Last tested in 2005)

Terminable War

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP-0007-1. 33 shots, 71 seconds.

The first few shots are nice red chrysanthemum breaks which also have crackle mixed in with them; crackle that finishes quickly. Then there is a series of shots which are the same, except white chrysanthemums instead of red. Then some shots which appear to be purple chrysanthemum breaks with crackle. Then a few shots which have peony stars which change from red to blue, and some silver flying fish in the breaks. Then a few shots, all at once, which are very nice clusters of red stars which change to blue, and some falling leaves stars which are glitter, or else they are just silver glitter stars which last a long time. Finally there are 3 breaks fired all at once, which are breaks of crackle flowers. Surprisingly long-lasting. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Terminal Velocity

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3009. 16 shots,

Every shot is a silver comet that goes up and then spins around in the air a little with a whistling sound, and then breaks open into a single-color peony break. The breaks are red, green, gold or purple. A few of them broke too low, letting stars burn to the ground, but the stars in the breaks are very rich and bright. (Last tested in 2003)

Terminator

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y22-059. 149 seconds.

Gold spray with flashing lights, changing to a bright silver spray, then a multicolor spray, then tall silver spray, with one short whistle, then blue sparks with gold spray, then silver spray with one short whistle, then bright flashing white spray, then silver spray, then big crackles, adding some red sparks with the crackles, then changing to silver spray with one short whistle, then mixed color with crackle. Very tall. (Last tested in 2000)

Terminator IV

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A067. 25 shots, 30 seconds.

The first five shots are nice green peony breaks which seem to glitter a little bit.

The next five shots end in clusters of blue stars mixed with silver flying fish. The next five shots give clusters of gold flying fish. The next five shots give clusters of yellow "falling leaves" stars which drift down as they burn. The last five shots are fired all at once, and they end in clusters of green "falling leaves" stars. Interesting. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Terminator Rocket

Skyrocket. brand.

Four to the bag. No real brand on it, but a logo-looking insignia on it called "Warning Caution," so maybe that's some new brand. Flies high and far with a gold tail of sparks, then ends in a nice flash report. Great rocket! (Last tested in 1999)

Terpsichorean

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4064. 10 shots, 17 seconds.

Each shot sends up 2 pearls of the same color, either red, green or blue. The 2 pearls each become crossettes, where they split into 4 equal pearls of the same color. So it's a double-break crossette effect. No sound effects but very nice. (Last tested in 2004)

Texas Chrysanthemum, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Whistling Bees w/Chrysanthemum and Flying Fish." A nice thick fluffy white comet tail, up to a soft break of green and flashing silver stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Cyclone

Skyrocket. Texas brand, #R5001.

We hit the jackpot. This is one of the best crackling bottle rockets. Whistles on the way up, then ejects crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Texas Delight, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Thunder Rain w/Crackling and Whistling." On the way up, it whistles and gives a nice bright trail of white sparks, then it breaks into a lot of crackle plus one white comet that shoots away. Pretty nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Peony, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Red Peony w/Small Flowers w/Glittering and Reports." A bright white thick comet on the way up, breaking into a full, rich peony break of red stars, and lots of them. Very nice. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Rider

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7035. 11 seconds.

It's a guy on a horse, with training wheels. Rolls forward with a whistle, then stops and rolls backward with a whistle. (Last tested in 1999)

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Texas Rose, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Crossette w/Whistling." Not sure if it performed like it was supposed to. It was a mine of color stars, topped by a break of red stars. Good color, though. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Size Texas Pop Rocket
Skyrocket. Flying Dragon brand, #W595.

For daytime use, since there's nothing to look at. A few reports only. (Last tested in 1995)

Texas Spider, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Silver Twisting Flower to Small Willow w/Glittering." Nice fluffy white comet tail, up to a soft break of bright green stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Splendor, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Too bad they couldn't spell "Splendor" right. Label says, "Dragon Fly - Green w/Flying Fish and Swinging Stars." I think they meant, "splendor" in the name. Nice white comet tail up to a soft break of a lot of green stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Super Missile

Missile. brand.

We got the one with reports, which flew well, and gave one report. (Last tested in 1995)

Texas Tornado

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #TB-1052. 19 shots,

19 shots, each one a red pearl that whips open into a large white whirlwind. It's good, but we've seen this effect a lot. (Last tested in 1996)

Texas Twister

Chaser. Longhorn brand. 8 seconds.

A chaser with an acceptable duration - about 7 seconds of whistle, followed by an adequate report. (Last tested in 1999)

Texas Whistler, No. 300

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Variegated Flower w/Whistling to Silver Swallow and Flying Fish." Shoots up a shell which whistles on the way up and breaks into a mixture of color stars. (Last tested in 2000)

Texas Willow, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Texas Outlaw brand.

Label says, "Brocade Crown w/Silver Swallow w/Glittering." A thick, fluffy white comet tail on the way up, breaking softly into a nice break of gold stars and one white comet shooting away. (Last tested in 2000)

That's What I'm Talking About

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 56 seconds.

Clusters of red stars with reports in them, then a few palm tree-type breaks with some silver stars surrounding the "branches," then some gold breaks which have a couple of small silver whistling spinners in them. Three whistling shots that end in small clusters of color, then a final barrage of color breaks and a whirlwind. Nice variety in one cake. (Last tested in 2002)

The Ariane

Skyrocket. Brothers brand, #BP1018.

A vinyl bag with 6 rockets, each with plastic heads. While not the biggest rockets, these have pretty sophisticated effects in them, such as the "go-getter" effect normally only seen in professional fireworks. Nice design of the plastic body, too. (Last tested in 1998)

The Beast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-660. 25 shots, 59 seconds.

I believe this is the same item as the popular Killer Alligator, or it's extremely close to it. Rising silver comets become spinning whistles in the air, with raspy sounds, not clear whistles. Very unusual sound effect, and a nicely designed label make this piece a winner. (Last tested in 1998)

The Beelzebub

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO001-2. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

Four different artillery shell effects, fired in this order: blue-headed comet goes up and opens into a small cluster of blue stars plus a lot of silver flying fish; gold comet goes up and ends in large gold willow break; dark shot goes up and breaks into huge green and blue peony; and crackling comet goes up and breaks open into "dragon eggs" (spreading out while crackling). This sequence

is repeated two more times, then for the finale, the same four shots are fired all at once. I liked it. (Last tested in 2004)

The Big Kahuna

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0337. 19 shots, 26 seconds.

Every shot goes up dark and breaks open into a good amount of silver flying fish. Perfect timing between shots. If what you want is the silver flying fish effect and nothing else, get this one. (Last tested in 2000)

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The Bomb

Firecracker. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-C004. 2 seconds.

A group of firecrackers glued together to form a "head bomb," similar to the "head bombs" or "hex bombs" that are usually at the end of celebration rolls. But this is just the head bomb only, without the roll. You light the fuse, and all the crackers go off within a second or two. Very loud. (Last tested in 2000)

The Bomb Factory

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO010. 25 shots, 15 seconds.

This one has angled tubes in it, and produces a giant "V" in the air, shooting some shots to the right, then some to the left, etc. The shots are fired one at a time, in a rapid pace. The first 5 are shot to the right, and they are silver comets with blue heads, that go up and end in peony breaks of mixed red and green. The next 5 are shot to the left, which are sparkling comets that end in sparkling willow breaks. Then 5 shots are fired to the right, which are gold comets ending in gold willow breaks. Then 5 shots fired to the left, which are red pearls ending in nice breaks of red stars mixed with some silver comets. The final 5 shots are fired straight up rather than off to one side, though they still fired in a fan shape and these 5 are fired all at once. They are green pearls ending in good breaks of blue stars plus crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

The Bomb Squad

Combination firecracker. Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-C005. 25 seconds.

It's a roll of firecrackers with four head bombs at the end. I do not know how many firecrackers in total are in this item. For best results you should hang it up, and there is a string attached to the last head bomb for this purpose. You can just lay it on the ground if you have nothing to hang it on, but the performance will be much more impressive if you hang it up so that the entire thing is in the air. You light it at the bottom, at the opposite end from the head bombs. The string part goes for about 19 seconds, and is pretty loud itself. Then the head bombs go off, one at a time, and each one is an intense barrage of firecrackers. Excellent and loud. You could use this during the day or at night, but if you use it at night, you will see the white flashes of light from many of the firecrackers. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

The Call of the Wild

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2000. 83 seconds.

Bright white glitter spray, a short whistle, then changing to a silver shower, then big giant crackles added, then a red and silver spray, then just silver

spray, then crackle added, then red, green and crackle, then bright silver, then big crackles. (Last tested in 2000)

The Cenozoic Era

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4009. 9 shots, 14 seconds.

This would be considered a "crossette" effect. Each shot is a green star that goes up and splits into four white comets. No sound effects but nice to look at. (Last tested in 2004)

The City of Doom

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB205. 56 seconds.

Unusual horseshoe shape similar to Derby Day and Magic Horseshoe, only this one's taller. Packed together in pairs, with a cellophane wrapping around each pair. But you can break open the cellophane and they come apart into two complete fireworks. Red spray, changing to silver whistle, then green spray, then silver whistle, then white flutter spray, then silver whistle, then green, red and crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

The Conquerer

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0002-2. 19 shots, 44 seconds.

Artillery shells shot straight up. Red peony with crackle, green peony with crackle; blue peony with crackle, gold willow break; red peony with crackle, green peony with crackle; blue peony with crackle, gold willow break; red peony with crackle, green peony with crackle; blue peony with crackle, gold willow break; then the final 3 shots are mixed color peonies and lots of crackle, fired all at once. (Last tested in 2004)

The Detonator

Firecracker. Hot Shot brand, #HS1040.

Box of 50 individual firecrackers, each with its own fuse. (Last tested in 2001)

The Entertainer

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Foshan brand. 30 shots, 15 seconds.

Foshan/Guangdong. Overwhelming, raspy demon-from-hell whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

The Firecracker Lady

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Hale brand, #860. 32 seconds.

It starts as a crackling fountain, with three tubes of crackle in a fan shape. About every 3 seconds, an aerial shot is fired, and these shots go up and end in clusters of silver flying fish, or clusters of green flying fish. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

The Galaxy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far Ocean brand, #F4007. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

This is the only piece from this brand that I have tried so far. It's a nice one, sending up gold comets with crackling

center. Wow! (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The God of War, No. 1

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4027. 12 shots, 27 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a bright red pearl, then opens into a break which has 4 white comets (giving almost a crossette-type look) and a bunch of crackle in the break. Very nice to look at and perfect timing between shots. (Last tested in 2004)

The Great Barrier Reef

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-2100. 92 seconds.

This is a package of four fountains: "Blue Lagoon," "Sea Weed," "Red Coral" and "Star Fish." Each burns for about 90 seconds or so. "Blue Lagoon" starts with a spray of orange and red with a whistle, but then changes to a great spray of blue and silver - with plenty of blue sparks. This part lasts only 8 seconds, though. Then it changes to a good crackle spray, and then another whistle happens with a spray of flashing silver and a few blue sparks. Then it's back to the beautiful spray of blue and silver, but only for 10 seconds, then it changes to crackle. Then it's a mixture of green and yellow sparks with a short whistle. Then the gorgeous blue and silver mix appears again briefly, and the fountain finishes with crackle. "Star Fish" starts with a mix of blue stars and white flutter, with a short whistle. Then a strong silver spray, then a silver crackle spray with some blue sparks mixed in. Then a mixture of bright orange-red sparks with some blue sparks, and a short whistle. Then a strong silver spray, then silver crackle mixed with a little blue, then a mixture of blue with brilliant yellow sparks and a short whistle. Then a strong silver spray with a red flame at the base, then silver crackle with blue. "Red Coral" starts with a brilliant red spray mixed with white flutter and a short whistle. Then a silver spray with a red flame at the base. Then a mix of silver crackle with red sparks. Then a mix of red and silver sparks with a short whistle. Then a silver spray with a red flame at the base. Then a mix of silver crackle with red sparks. Then red mixed with silver flutter and a short whistle. Then a silver spray with a red flame at

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in them. Each comet then opens into a cluster of short-lived red stars and "silver flying fish." The only odd thing is the large size and heavy weight of the piece itself, which seems unnecessary to me. (Last tested in 1999)

The Globe

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7079. 61 seconds.

There are 4 fountains in the base of this piece, and they fire in turn: snapping white sparks, red flame, green spray, blue flame, snapping white sparks, red flame, and a final green spray. Then, the globe itself spins with a silver spray and a whistle coming out of it around the

the base. And finally silver crackle mixed with red. This one seems a little repetitive. "Sea Weed" starts with a mix of green and red sparks and one short whistle. Then a strong silver spray, changing to silver crackle with some green mixed in. Then a mix of bright yellow and green stars with a short whistle. Then a strong silver spray, changing to silver crackle with some green mixed in. Then it becomes an eye-opening mix of purple stars and green stars, with another short whistle. Great, but too brief on that combination. Then a strong silver spray, and then then a mix of silver crackle and green sparks ends it. The most interesting of these 4 fountains is the "Blue Lagoon" for the blue sparks, and secondly the "Sea Weed" for the brief appearance of purple sparks, but all 4 of these are high-quality fountains. (Last tested in 2004)

The Great Emperor

Firecracker. Fire Hawk brand, #FB715.

Quality firecrackers sold in packs of 16 or 50. (Last tested in 2002)

The Great Emperor

Firecracker. Fire Hawk brand, #FB7543.

A box of 100 individual firecrackers, each about one inch long, and each with it's own green visco fuse. Similar to the "Boomer 1" crackers packed in the yellow box and sold in Nebraska. These, however, are packed in a beautifully-designed box with the same style of artwork as the 80/16 brick of The Great Emperor crackers (FB715). An added bonus for collectors is that each one of these crackers is a "logo wrap" cracker, meaning each individual cracker has color artwork on it which is similar to the artwork on the box. Beautifully designed and it will be highly collectible in the future. (Last tested in 2000)

The Great Emperor

Display Firework (1.3G). Brothers brand, #BP8621. 35 seconds.

This is a "Class B" (1.3G) firework in the United States. Fan-shaped shots of comets with color heads and silver tails. They are shot in fan-shaped groups of seven, with all shots in a group being of the same color heads. The order is: red, white, green, red, white, green, red, white, green, red, white, green, red and green. Very impressive color comet

cake, too bad it's not available to the public in the U.S. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The Great Wall

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand. 70 seconds.

The first five shots are mines of crackle, with some glitter stars above the crackle. The next five shots are silver comets

look at, and I think collectors will find it a good one to collect. (Last tested in 1999)

The Great Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0874. 42 seconds.

Each shot breaks hard and ends in a sparkling willow break. Very nice to look at. A great cake for 2002. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The Greatest Show on Earth

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Longhorn brand, ##900. 7 shots, 18 seconds.

P.T. Barnum's slogan is commemorated in this big-ticket item. Seven shots, each one whistling on the way up to a big break of loud crackling sparks. It's impressive, but it retails for 40 to 50 bucks! Come to think of it, Barnum himself also said, "There's a sucker born every minute." (Last tested in 1996)

The Grim Reaper

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0926.

Tombstone-shaped outer package, with 24 mixed shells, some cylindrical 3-break canisters and some round ball shells. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The Griz 5 Ball Roman Candle

Roman Candle, single. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0471.

Very small roman candles that give red and green balls shooting up. (Last tested in 2002)

The Griz Demolition Artillery Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0227.

Twelve shells and two mortars are in the box. All shells have nice comet tails. Two shells each of: red; blue with crackle; green with crackle; blue strobe; and a very loud titanium report - even it has a comet tail! (Last tested in 1996)

The Griz Tiger Tails

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0280.

Not the same as The Griz Demolition shell kit (GG0227). This kit has 12 shells (1.75") and two tubes, and the

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that go up and end in smallish breaks of crackle flowers. The next five shots are crackle mines, with green stars above the crackle. Then five shots of the silver comets to crackle flowers, and four shots of the crackle mines. Sort of limps along to the ending. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

The Great Wall

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L424. 29 seconds.

Highly unusual package, and apparently it's pretty rare. Four fountain tubes in a paper "wall," each going off in turn. Gold spray adding green; sparkling silver spray, green and red mixed spray, then silver spray. Not a show-stopper, but it's really an interesting piece to

specialty here is the color tiger tails given off by the shells on the way up. Red Tiger Tail to Blue Crackling; Red Tiger Tail to Green Crackling; Red Tiger Tail to Crackling; Green Tiger Tail to Blue Crackling; Green Tiger Tail to Gold Star; Green Tiger Tail to Gold Willow; Silver Tiger Tail to Silver Palm; Silver Tiger Tail to Gold Star; Silver Tiger Tail to Red Wave; Red Tiger Tail to Green Wave; Red Tiger Tail to Silver Palm; and Silver Tiger Tail to Jumbo Chrysanthemum. (Last tested in 1999)

The Hackbutter assortment

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4070. 10 shots,

This is a package of 3 cakes: The Hackbutter #1, The Hackbutter #1 and The Hackbutter #3. The Hackbutter #1 is extraordinary. The shots are comets which give off red stars on the way up - very unusual and beautiful. Each shot then opens into a big, beautiful break of red stars and blue stars mixed together. It looks like a peony break (no trails) but some of the stars have small white comet trails behind them, which would be called a chrysanthemum break. Whichever it is, it's beautiful. Duration is 20 seconds. The Hackbutter #2 is similar, but the shots give off green sparks on the way up - again very unusual and beautiful. Each shot breaks into a green chrysanthemum with crackle mixed in. Duration is 23 seconds. The Hackbutter #3 is similar, but the shots give off blue stars on the way up - wow. Each then breaks into a break which is a mixture of red peony stars and blue chrysanthemum stars - beautiful. Duration is 18 seconds. This assortment is highly recommended. (Last tested in 2004)

The Half Stick Smoking Cracker

Smoke. Black Cat brand, #BC-104. 30 seconds.

Holy smoke! It's a 3-inch smoke cartridge, which gives off white smoke, then a firecracker buried deep within the device blows it up! Wow - the only smoke item I have tried that does this. The box they come in is a keeper, too - the printed artwork is a simulated "wooden crate" - perfect for keeping your secret treasure in. (Last tested in 1998)

The Handful

Roman Candle, single. Black Cat brand, #BC-504. 2128 seconds.

A pack of 5 different roman candles. You get one each of Blue Blaster (10 blue pearls ending with report), Spitfire Candle (10 crackling shots), Big Bang Candle (10 flash reports), Mystical Candle (8 whistling shots with reports), and Rainbow Repeater (10 color pearls with trails of sparks). An excellent choice if you don't know which roman candle to buy, because you get a nice variety here. This is the one to get if you can only get one pack of candles and you can't decide which one. (Last tested in 1998)

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Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-283.

A box of four fountains, with highly stylized shapes. One each of Bubba McCoy, Lulu McCoy, Clyde Hatfield, and Hattie Hatfield. Bubba and Clyde are cylinder-shaped, while Lulu and Hattie are cone-shaped. All have separate cylindrical heads on the top. A masterpiece of package design. Buy an extra box of them for your permanent collection, because these will be worth big bucks in future decades. (Last tested in 2000)

The King's Limo

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-323. 26 seconds.

A large black limousine, which rolls forward while whistling. Then there is a pause, after which two tubes from the front ignite and push the limo backwards while whistling. Then, something inside the middle of the limo burns, illuminating the windows of the car. Long performance. (Last tested in 1999)

The Lighthouse of Alexandra

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4071. 20 shots, 37 seconds.

Nice name and an interesting package design, with 3 tiers of tubes. Starts with crackling comets, alternating between ones with red heads and ones with green heads. Then switches to red pearls that go up and break into nice red chrysanthemums with crackle in the break, alternating with green pearls that go up and break into green chrysanthemums with crackle in the break. The final shot at the end is a crackling comet that goes up and breaks into a large break which has a mixture of red peony stars, blue peony stars, and about four "dragon egg" trails (comets of crackling sparks spreading out). That last shot is a winner. (Last tested in 2004)

The Mauler

Cone Fountain. Patriotic brand. 11 seconds.

Odd cone with loud green flame changing to silver fountain. U.S.A. (Last tested in 1995)

The Mighty Dragon

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7037. 14 seconds.

Probably my favorite paper novelty firework so far. It's a yellow dragon, but it is shaped very much like a lizard or even a snake. Three sets of wheels are on each unit, and the piece is segmented, so that it can bend either direction. Rolls forward in any direction, with sparks coming out the tail. It tends to travel in curves or even a circle. Then it stops and after a pause, sparks coming out of the dragon's mouth cause it to go backward, curving or circling around. Its behavior makes it seem almost like it's alive. Packed 4 to the box. (Last tested in 1998)

The New York Thing

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2956. 16 shots,
35 seconds.

Each shot is a group of 4 small pearls (such as red or green) which then open up into spinning silver whirlwinds which crackle softly. Some of the shots whistle on the way up, but most are color on the way up. (Last tested in 2001)

The Pegasus

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4062. 16 shots, 20 seconds.

Alternates between red peony breaks with crackle, and all-crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

The Red Flame

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7107. 17 seconds.

Very attractive package design, looking like a rocket car with a long red nose cone. Starts with a silver spray from the back, then a red flame comes from the front, while the silver at the back changes to a whistle which causes the car to roll forward. It rolls forward while the red flame from the front continues - very nice. Then without the car really coming to a stop for any significant time, the front changes to a whistle which causes the car to roll backwards. Then it stays in place while a crackle spray comes out the front. Not the most complex performance, but the package design and red flame at the beginning are very appealing. (Last tested in 2005)

The Red, White and Blue Salute

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2905. 24 shots,
23 seconds.

Shoots a group of 5 red pearls all at once, which break into red chrysanthemum breaks, then 3 blue pearls all at once in a fan shape, which break into blue peony breaks, then 5 white shots at once which break into white chrysanthemum breaks. then 3 more red shots in a fan shape, to red chrysanthemums, 5 more blue shots straight up to blue peonies, and finally 3 white shots in a fan shape which break into white chrysanthemum breaks. Technically should be called "the Red, Blue and White Salute" because that's the order the colors appear. I liked this one very much. Introduced in 2001, and still excellent quality in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

(Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The Scalper, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand.

Whistling red comet star, ends with disappointing red & green break. (Last tested in 1995)

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The Three Amigos

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B026. 12
shots, 16 seconds.

A 200-gram cake which is like a miniature version of some 500-gram cakes. This cake has its own wooden base, and all the tubes in it are set at angles and fired in fans of 3. The first fan is sparkling comets that go up and end in peony breaks, two of them green and one of them red. The next fan is sparkling comets that go up and end in glittering red breaks. The next one is a fan of 3 beautiful comets that give off green sparks as they go up, and end in glittering green peony breaks. The final one is a fan of sparkling silver comets that go up and end in glittering silver breaks. No sound effects. If you want to have fans of shots fired at angles in your

show, but don't want to pay the high price of some of the 500-gram cakes, this would fill that purpose on a budget. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

The Warring States

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2889. 14 shots,
28 seconds.

Groups of 7 whistles fired up, and each whistle ends in a good report. Great noise item! (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

The Whole Shebang

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2136. 18 shots,
45 seconds.

The first shot goes straight up and is a crackling, sparkling comet which opens up into a cluster of blue stars and silver flying fish. Then, four more shots just like that one, one at a time. Then, a beautiful burst of red and green peony stars with sparkling silver stars mixed in. This is one of the best breaks I've seen in consumer fireworks for a while. Then another beauty, a break of mixed purple and green stars which are slightly strobing as they burn. Also excellent. Then a very nice break of blue peony stars with some crackling stars. Then the last 3 shots are repeated in the same order. The finale is 3 shots fired almost at the same time, which go up and break into large gold willows with color tips of either green or red. The middle section, with the 6 single breaks, is spectacular and make this one worth buying. (Last tested in 2005)

Thermobaric Warheads

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-092. 16 shots,
48 seconds.

This is a showpiece item with enormous shelf appeal. It looks like 16 long bullets or missiles arranged in a circular group, all attached to a round particle-board base. One of the most visually arresting package designs of any firework, ever. You'll probably want to save this one after firing, as a conversation piece. Or, if you carefully reinforce the tubes with duct tape around the outside (preferably the whole length of the tube, but at least on the bottom half of each tube), you might be able to refill this several times with regular festival balls, provided that they are the right size and fight

tightly. It has a nice particle-board round base on it for stability. In any case, this piece always evokes a "wow" whenever anyone sees it sitting there. It's basically sixteen artillery shells, one in each tube, and fused together at the bottom to fire at the average rate of three seconds apart. Almost all the shots have short silver comet tails on the way up. The first shot goes up and ends in a good fluffy chrysanthemum break with red tips. The next shot has a short silver comet tail on the way up and ends in a dragon-eggs break. The next goes up and ends in a break which starts as a green and purple peony break and ends as a brief crackle break. The next goes up and ends as a large gold willow break. The next goes up and ends in a break which has four silver chrysanthemum stars going out in four directions, and then ends in some crackle. The next goes up and ends in a break with four silver chrysanthemum stars and a large cloud of sparkling silver glitter. The next goes up and ends in a break of green peony stars and ends in some crackle. The next goes up and ends in a break of crackle flowers. The next goes up and ends in a silver chrysanthemum break. The next shot ends in a good dragon-eggs break. The next shot ends in a large purple peony break that changes to some crackle. The next shot ends in a large gold willow break. The next shot ends in a break of four silver chrysanthemum stars plus some crackle. The next shot ends in a break of four silver chrysanthemum stars plus a cloud of red glitter. The next shot ends in a break of green peony stars that change to a little crackle. The final shot ends in a break of all crackle. This piece could become a regular part of your equipment for future shows, provided that you reinforce these tubes heavily with duct tape on the outside, as they are just cardboard tubes and will weaken from each use. It will make a usable 16-shot firing rack that you should be able to get several uses out of. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

This is America

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2045. 16 shots,
40 seconds.

Large red chrysanthemum break, then white chrysanthemum, then large blue peony, then a huge break of crackle

flowers. The red - white - blue - crackle sequence is repeated 3 more times, with the final 4 shots being fired at almost the same time. Excellent quality breaks. A good patriotic item for the United States celebration of Independence Day. (Last tested in 2002)

This is Mine

Mine. Black Cat brand, #BC-694. 7 shots, 14 seconds.

Each shot is a mine (a group of stars shot from the ground up). First a red mine then a white one, then a blue one, then another red, another white, another blue, and finally a crackle mine. (Last tested in 2000)

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Thor

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0002-1. 19 shots, 41 seconds.

Red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum, green pearl ending in green chrysanthemum, red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum, then a white chrysanthemum, blue pearl ending in blue chrysanthemum, crackling comet ending in dragon eggs break, red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum, green pearl ending in green chrysanthemum, red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum, then a white chrysanthemum, crackling tail to dragon eggs break, then a red chrysanthemum, then a

green chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, and the last 3 shots fired at the same time, a blue chrysanthemum, red chrysanthemum and a dragon eggs break. (Last tested in 2004)

Thor Missile

Missile. Zenith brand.

Flies up and ejects about 5 or 6 fire-crackers. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Thousand Thunders Floral Shell

Single-tube Aerial. Red Lantern brand, #SO6.

Well, not a thousand. More like five reports and a nice spray of green and red stars. (Last tested in 1996)

Three Stage Ascent

Flying Spinner. West Lake brand, #L080. 6 seconds.

Acrobatic! Three separate boosts of energy. Very entertaining. Goes up, then up more, then up even more. (Last tested in 1995)

Three Woes

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-2424. 24 shots, 20 seconds.

The first three shots are fired in a fan all at once, and they are bright white pearls that go up and end in huge red peony breaks. The next three shots are fired in a fan all at once, and they are bright greenish-white pearls that go up and end in huge green peony breaks. The next three shots are fired in a fan all at once, and they are blue pearls that go up and end in huge blue peony breaks. The next three shots are fired in a fan, and they are crackling comets that go up and end in crackle breaks. Then, the entire above sequence is repeated again. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Three-Peat

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-419.

Flies up strongly, then ends in three ladyfinger-size reports. (Last tested in 1998)

Thrifty Pig

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7084. 36 seconds.

"A Penny Saved is a Penny Burned" is one of the cleverest advertising lines for a firework that I have seen in any fireworks catalog. (Was that line your idea,

Duane Ford of Brothers?) This is shaped like an old-fashioned piggy bank. Make more room for your collection, because you're going to want one of these in it too. A silver whistle at the back makes the pig roll forward, and tubes on the sides give off sparks also as it moves forward. Then the ears of the pig spin, giving off silver sparks as they spin. Then a crackle spray comes out of the pig's nose, and this changes to a silver whistle, which makes the pig roll backwards. Then it stops, and more sprays come out from the pig's top and sides. (Last tested in 2003) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Thunder

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #TO113.

36 inch stick. Sparkling, glittery comet on the way up, then 4 reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Balls

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0302.

Six shells and one tube: Jumbo Purple Stars with Silver Glitter, Crackling with Whirlwind, Green Glitter with Crackling, White Wave with whirlwind, Red Chrysanthemum with Purple Pistil, and Red Stars with Crackling. These are cylindrical shells similar to Rambo Kid shells. The effects are superb and the amounts of stars and effects is generous. Highly recommended. (Last tested in 1999)

Thunder Bomb

Firecracker. Tiger Head brand.

Was, for a while anyway, the most commonly seen brand by far. Many packings and string lengths. Also some variation in quality from year to year or factory to factory. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Bomb lady crackers

Firecracker. Horse brand.

70 to a string, these are 19/32" by 1/8". Small crackers with small pops. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Bomb, roll of 16,000

Firecracker. No brand, #T737S.

This is one continuous roll of firecrackers, with 16,000 regular 1.5-inch firecrackers all strung together. As it comes rolled up, it is about 22.5 inches in diameter and about 2.5 inches thick. It

weighs about 35 pounds. Assuming each cracker has 50 milligrams of powder in it, the total pyrotechnic content is 800 grams, or less than 2 pounds. There are several ways to light this. You can unroll it all the way, in one long line. If you do that and light it at one end, it will go for approximately 15 minutes. Another way is to lay it out in one line, but bunch it up at several points along the way - even up to 10 points. As it burns, it will hit one of these bunches and produce a mini "head bomb" effect, of a lot of crackers going off at once rather than the continuous string. The final way is to just leave it rolled up, and take the end of it that is in the center, and pull out a foot or two of it from the

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center. Attach a piece of green visco fuse to that end. Lay the roll down somewhere where it won't cause any damage - such as on pavement, sand or dirt. I wouldn't light it on grass. Light the end that you pulled out, and at some point the entire roll will go off within a very short period of time, creating a huge, intense blitz of firecrackers. Probably not all of them will go off during that blitz, and some stray ones will continue to go off randomly for several minutes afterwards, as the pile of paper shreds smokes and smolders. You may want to hose down the area afterwards to make sure it is completely out. There will be a big pile of shredded paper, so you will

want to do this where you can easily clean it up or else cover it over with dirt. (Last tested in 2004)

Thunder Claw

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.

Glorious brand, #GCM0134. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

Strobing green pearl ending in green chrysanthemum break. Then strobing red pearl ending in red chrysanthemum break Then strobing gold pearl ending in gold chrysanthemum break These 3 shots then alternate until the end, when the last 4 shots are fired all at once, and they are strobing white shots that go up and end in gold willows that become dragon eggs breaks. Pretty nice. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Thunder Crackle

Combination firecracker. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA1212. 15 seconds.

It strobes for about 10 seconds, with a bright white light, then it changes to crackle for 4 to 5, then it blows up like any other firecracker. Fantastic. The ultimate firecracker? Also sold as Electronic Bomb. (Last tested in 2000)

Thunder Dome

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6028. 61 seconds.

Large bullet-shaped package with a gold plastic dome top. Remove the dome first before firing. Most of the performance consists of mines which give gold stars mixed with crackle. Then there are a few whirlwind shots, and finally a nice barrage of firecrackers in the air. Long-lasting and good ending. (Last tested in 2002)

Thunder Fest

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.

Phantom brand, #H-106A. 65 seconds.

Lots of those giant crackles, which are a foot or two in diameter. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Flash

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-144.

Gold trail, long-lasting red stars, and crackle add up to a winner. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Flash

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R410.

Comes with a plastic tube to fire them from, and even a piece of punk to light them with! Ends with reports. (Last tested in 1998)

Thunder Flower (large tube)

Display Firework (1.3G). Brothers brand, #BP8109. 53 seconds.

This is a "Class B" cake (1.3G) in the United States. Each shot goes up as a spiraling silver comet, which then breaks open into a huge, full break of red and green stars. Excellent, outstanding quality. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. This item is classified as 1.3G fireworks in the United States and cannot be sold to the public in the U.S. without the buyer having the proper ATFE paperwork. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Thunder Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB286. 60 shots, 39 seconds.

The first part is a mixture of 3 types of shots, in rapid succession. One type is a bright white pearl that gives off a sky-rocket-like sound on the way up. Another type is a crackling comet. The third type goes up dark and opens into a small color peony break. These three keep going for a while, then it changes to screaming comets which end in reports, for the last 20 shots or so. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Thunder & Gold

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-46. 22 seconds.

Super Blast. 19 shots of very loudly crackling gold comets. The same effect as in Mighty Cobra, etc., but lots and lots of crackle. (Last tested in 1996)

Thunder King

Display Firework (1.3G). Link Triad brand, #W585. 40 seconds.

Exemplary, extra-loud repeater now banned from consumer market. Green pearls go up and end in loud bangs. There are many cakes now called "Thunder King," but they have varying

degrees of loudness. The factory in China which made the original Thunder King changed the brand on it to DeQili brand, so if you see that logo on the piece, it's probably a high-quality item. But some "Thunder Kings" I have seen are not nearly as loud. So try one unit before you buy a large quantity of it. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder King

Display Firework (1.3G). Link Triad brand, #W5-85.

It's the now-infamous Thunder King shell, which is usually seen as a 25-shot

Thunder King

Display Firework (1.3G). Lidu brand, #LDS34. 41 seconds.

Each shot is a green pearl going up, but almost strobing in some of them (star gets brighter and dimmer at a very rapid pace). Most shots end with a nice loud report, though a few of the shots did not end with anything. Uneven pacing between shots. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 2000)

Thunder King (1.4G)

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W218. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

This is an attempt at a consumer version of the infamous Thunder King which became extremely popular in 1993 and 1994 only to be banned from the consumer market due to its heavy reports. That item was originally under Link Triad brand, but the factory changed it to DeQili brand. This version is made by a different factory altogether. Each shot is a bright pearl of either red, green or white, ending in an ordinary firecracker report. The reports are nowhere near as loud as in the original Thunder King, so if that's what you're used to, you'll be disappointed. But this item is legal for the consumer market, which certainly should be considered an advantage, and the label art is vastly better than the plain-brown 1.3G Thunder Kings. (Last tested in 1998)

Thunder Mountain

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-109. 33 shots, 75 seconds.

The first five shots are fired one at a time, straight up, and produce good breaks which are a mixture of incredibly bright red stars with silver glitter stars. The formula for the red stars probably includes magnalium or some other metal alloy to make them so bright. The next five shots are also fired one at a time, straight up, and they end in what I call "dragon egg" breaks with green heads. Each of these breaks has about 8 branches, which crackle and continue to crackle as they spread apart from each other. These dragon egg breaks also have green heads. The next five shots are also fired one at a time,

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repeater - but here it is as a single-shot shell. A single green pearl shoots up to about 75 feet, and ends in an extremely loud, sharp report. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 1996)

straight up, and they end in breaks which start as fluffy white chrysanthemums and have a delayed crackle effect - just as the white chrysanthemum is dying out, there is a distribution of crackle in the same area as the break. The next 5 shots are fired all at once, straight up, and they all end in clusters of 3 effects simultaneously: blue stars, crackle, and gold flying fish. The next 5 shots are fired all at once, straight up, and they all end in clusters of 3 effects simultaneously: blue stars, crackle, and silver flying fish. The next 5 shots are fired all at once, straight up, and they all end in clusters of 3 effects simultaneously: blue stars, crackle, and red flying fish. The last 3 shots are fired all at once, in a fan, and these shots give off firecrackers above the ground on the way up, then continue on up and each one gives a large white chrysanthemum break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Thunder Mountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #ASZBCMTN. 56 seconds.

Begins with a spray of red sparks mixed with silver flitter sparks. Then changes to a spray which appears to be a mix of silver flitter sparks and silver crackle sparks. Then it gives a silver whistle, and then a big spray of big gold crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Thunder & Rainbow, #5

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Handful of crackers on the way up, ending in average red peony-type break. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunder Shot

Roman Candle, single. Fire Hawk brand, #FB6018. 19 seconds.

An 8-ball roman candle which fires very simple shots that go up dark and end in one flash report. The loudness of the report is about the same as a good legal firecracker. Certainly not as loud as some older roman candles such as "Flashing Thunder" and "Thunderous Torch," but still a good firecracker report. If you lit a whole case of these all at once you would create a nice blitz of reports in the air. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Thunder Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #W5-59C. 25 shots, 24 seconds.

No brand is shown on the dull, plain brown label. But the item number is close to that of Shimmering Crackling Gold. Crackling comets, ending in white bursts of titanium sparks. This is a little better than Shimmering Crackling Gold, since that one ends in flash reports, while this one ends in splatters of white sparks along with the bang. Not the same as Thunderstorm (L912). (Last tested in 1998)

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Thunder Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Shogun brand, #SSM912. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

The label on this one gives this description: "Emits white strobing stars then shoots up red, green stars with parachutes hanging with green light." This is not an accurate description. The shots did indeed give off strobing white light on the way up, but they ended in rather disappointing clusters of red and green peony stars only. There were no parachutes at all. So this cake was a disappointment because I was expecting parachutes and got none. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Thunderation

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O168. 19 shots, 15 seconds.

Colored pearls, to uninspired red and green breaks with some crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunderbird Super Rockets assortment

Skyrocket. Thunderbird brand, #0969.

Six varieties in each dozen. We tested the 8-oz. size, and we liked it. Good colors. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunderbolt Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-237. 147 seconds.

Starts with a spray of red, blue and green sparks and some small silver flitter sparks. Then changes to a spray of silver flitter. Then changes to a mixture of green sparks and small silver flitter sparks. Then it changes to a brilliant spray of flashing silver sparks. Then it changes to a mixture of red, blue and green sparks with a little crackle mixed in. Then it suddenly changes to a strong whistle while still spraying silver crackle and green sparks. Then the whistle stops and it continues with the spray of red and green sparks and a little crackle. Goes on a long time but it isn't really "thunderous" enough to call it "Thunderbolt." (Last tested in 2003)

Thundering Flower

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W2-43. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

Bears the same item number as Flower Thunder, but this is clearly a different device. The last time I tested Flower Thunder, it produced breaks of mixed red and green. This one sends up green pearls which break open into perfect chrysanthemum breaks of green stars with fluffy white tails. Perfect timing between shots, hard breaks, excellent symmetry of the breaks, good color and generous amount of stars all add up to an outstanding show. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. I think this item is now discontinued, but you still may

be able to buy remaining stock of it. (Last tested in 1998)

Thundering King

Display Firework (1.3G). Link Triad brand, #W5-80.

One tube and 12 cylindrical shells in the box. The shells are about 4 inches tall. Each shell goes up with a red flame, and ends in a loud boom. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. (Last tested in 2001)

Thundering Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W523. 37 shots, 42 seconds.

Green and red pearls with gold trails, become small breaks with many reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Thundering Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-644. 7 shots, 13 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a green pearl with a silver trail of sparks, then opens into a cluster of red stars with three or four crackers. Does a lot for its size, but it's over a little too quickly. Inexpensive, so a good value. (Last tested in 1998)

Thundering Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO011. 16 shots, 36 seconds.

A red pearl goes up and ends in a good break of red peony stars and 3 or 4 large aqua-colored stars. Then a green pearl goes up and ends in a break of aqua peony stars with 4 large purplish-red stars. Then a gold comet with a red head goes up and ends a break of blue stars with 4 bright white comets and one large red star in the break. Then a blue pearl goes up and ends in a break of red stars plus 4 large aqua stars. This sequence is then repeated two more times. At the end, four shots are fired at one time, one of each of these types in the sequence. Really good color combinations here! (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Thunderous Delight

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Super Blast brand, #SB-21. 19 shots, 15 seconds.

Nineteen small breaks with reports. Ordinary 50 mg. firecracker reports – not nearly as loud as Firing Squad or Thunder King. (Last tested in 1996)

Thunderous King

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB2000. 39 seconds.

In performance, exactly the same as "Thunder King" which made its debut

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around 1993. But this is a taller cake, with a full-color label. Green pearls go up and each one ends in a loud report. Suitable for New Year's Eve and a perfect cake for the noise lover. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. But who knows if they will re-make a version of it for the "1.4G" market, with weaker reports. I have heard that this item has been discontinued by the manufacturer. (Last tested in 1999)

Thunderous King

Display Firework (1.3G). Beihai brand, #WB5006.

A one-shot version of the Thunderous King cake, which shoots up a green

pearl that ends in a loud report. This item can only be sold to buyers who possess the proper paperwork, including the ATFE permit to buy 1.3G Display Fireworks, and any licenses or permits required by the state or city in which the fireworks will be used or stored. I have heard that this item was discontinued by the manufacturer. (Last tested in 1999)

Thunderous Torch candle

Display Firework (1.3G). Temple of Heaven brand, #N2048. 16 seconds.

It's a roman candle which ejects a series of 8 green stars, each one ending in a loud report with a small splatter of white sparks. Since it's a "1.3G Display" firework, you need a permit from the ATFE to buy it. This candle has been around for a long time, but was moved into the 1.3G ("Class B") category because the reports were overloaded. Now a 1.4G ("Class C") version is available, with similar label artwork. The 1.4G version performs the same, except that the reports aren't as loud. Green pearls end in small titanium reports with white sparks. You can still buy the original 1.3G version, if you possess an ATFE permit to buy Display Fireworks (1.3G) Class C version still pretty good. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Thunderstorm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L912. 9 shots, 14 seconds.

Has been reduced in the loudness of the reports since its initial introduction. Red and silver stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Thunderstorm Shell, No. 5

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-036A.

This one sent up a silver comet which broke hard, into a large sphere of crackle. Not bad for such a small tube. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Tick, Tick, Tickin' Away

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4207. 120 seconds.

Starts with a sparkling gold spray, then adds red to it, then a white flitter, then adds green, and red. Then it changes to a crackle spray. Then, after about 75

seconds since the fountains started, they go out and a strobe flame inside the item is ignited, which illuminates the red windows that spell out, "Happy New Year!" and that goes for an amazing 45 seconds. So if you light this piece about 75 seconds before midnight on New Year's Eve, it will change to the "Happy New Year!" right at about midnight. The only problem with this item is that it is very light in weight, and it tends to blow away easily if there is any wind. So, make sure to secure it down very well. (Last tested in 2001)

Tidal Surge

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0893. 25 shots, 55 seconds.

Crackling comets that end in excellent, large chrysanthemum breaks or breaks of red stars with crackle. The chrysanthemum breaks have either blue or green stars. Big, full, rich breaks. Excellent quality. (Last tested in 2001)

Tie-Dye fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-259. 83 seconds.

Green spray, then adding white flitter, then a nice red spray, then white sparkling spray, then a gold spray with red, then a huge fountain of white flitter sparks and a little bit of blue sparks. Nice colors and lots of sparks. Introduced in 1999 and still excellent in 2003. Top-notch for color and variety. (Last tested in 1999)

Tiger Head assorted 36" rockets

Skyrocket. Tiger Head brand, #T0105.

Package contains: Snow Rocket; Glittering Ruby Rocket; Crackling Star Rocket; Parachute Rocket with Red Flare; Parachute Rocket with Green Flare; Butterflies Rocket, Golden Bees Rocket; and Thunder Rocket. Good flights and nice variety of displays from these. (Last tested in 1999)

Tiger Shark

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0189. 68 seconds.

Very solid, heavy package. White flitter spray for 52 seconds, then changing to crackle for 16 seconds. Completely lacking in color - but if you don't want color, it's perfect. (Last tested in 1998)

Tiger Tail, #200

Single-tube Aerial. Patriotic brand.

Nice, down-falling, long-lasting gold break with glittery silver in it. (Last tested in 1995)

Tiger's Fury

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-097. 80 seconds.

Lacking in color, it's really a sound-effect item. Long-lasting crackle and 2 whistles. (Last tested in 1995)

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Tiger's Roaring Fountain

Base Fountain. Tiger Head brand, #T1006. 17 seconds.

Used to have a nice red flame, but now it's just like a Piccolo Pete. (Last tested in 1995)

Tijuana Tremor

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-066. 85 seconds.

Brilliant, dazzling rich red spray, then a short silver whistle, then mixed red and green spray, then another short whistle, then a spray of red and sparkling white (very nice), then another whistle, then a spray of red and crackle. Terrific colors,

especially the abundant red sparks. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Time Bomb

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2980. 16 shots, 22 seconds.

First shot goes up and breaks into a mixed red and green peony break. Next shot goes up and ends in 2 breaks, a blue and gold peony and a blue and silver peony. Next shot produces a red and blue peony. The shot after that produces a very unusual break of red peony stars that turn into green stars - color changing stars are not all that common in consumer fireworks. Then a red and blue mixed peony, and a blue and silver peony. Then the above shots alternate until the end, when two large, thick, fluffy crackling comets are fired up, and three large gold willow breaks are fired. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Time Trap

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2173. 49 shots, 25 seconds.

It's unusual and I liked this one a lot. This cake shoots in the "Z" pattern, starting at one end and going down the row, and back down the next row, etc. All tubes are at slight angles forming fan shapes, but the shots are fired one at a time, not in groups. Each shot is a complete mine of many gold comets fired up in a bunch, along with some firecrackers that go off in the air. The result is a moving curtain of gold sparks with a scattering of small white flashes which are the reports from the firecrackers. At the end, the last row is fired all at once in a fan shape, and these are blue mines which go up and give off bursts of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Times Square 2000

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4187. 272 seconds.

This unusual fountain is a box with 10 tubes set at angles. The tubes fire in turns, with two tubes going off at a time - the same effect pointing in two directions. Various colors, sparks and crackle are emitted, and finally two simultaneous whistles. All this takes about 2 minutes and 15 seconds. When that finishes, an interior flame burns, which illu-

minates the red windows spelling out "2000" for about another two minutes. Is it better than Times Square? Well, maybe not quite, but if you couldn't be there for January 1, 2000, this is the next best thing. This fountain holds the duration record for this entire book. At just over 4 and a half minutes, it is the longest-lasting firework of any type that I tested for this book. (Last tested in 1999)

Times Square Silver - Green Wave, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-605.

Part of the "Grucci Collection" from Phantom Fireworks. A very large break which is a green chrysanthemum (green stars, with a trail of silver sparks behind each star). (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Tiny Tornado

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP5032. 23 seconds.

You simply stand this one on the ground, on the stick that is part of it. Light it, and it spins on its own while still standing, with a red flame and silver sparks, changing to a green flame and silver sparks, then a silver spray. It's amazing how it continues to stand up. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Titan

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Hawk brand. 25 shots, 35 seconds.

Starts with beautiful gold sparkle breaks, then some green breaks with crackle, then some silver glitter breaks, then blue peony breaks, then screaming silver comets along with crackle breaks. (Last tested in 2002)

Titan Missile with report

Missile. Space Age brand.

Flew in a zig-zag fashion, and had no reports. (Last tested in 1996)

Titanic

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP4169. 259 seconds.

At over four minutes, this is the longest-lasting novelty firework item I have tested so far. It lasts almost as long as the movie. Each of the four "smoke-stack" tubes shoots out a spray of color

sparks, one tube at a time. Finally, the interior of the ship is illuminated, and you can see the light through the red windows. This one is not designed to float on water, but if you attach a small piece of wood or styrofoam to the bottom you might be able to get it to float. (Last tested in 1998)

TNT Bomb

Flying Spinner. Peacock brand, #704RC. 7 seconds.

Flies up with a gold trail and ends in a couple of firecrackers. (Last tested in 1999)

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Toadstool Fountain

Base Fountain. Dragon Eggs brand. 32 seconds.

It's such an unusual shape (actual shape of a toadstool) that you should buy an extra one for your collection. Basically a cone fountain. Starts with silver spray, then changes to red and green mixed spray. Performance is ordinary, but package design makes it collectible. (Last tested in 2004)

Tom Terrific

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Mega Ton brand, #TM-255. 15 shots, 22 seconds.

The first three shots are fired one at a time, and go up as gold comets which end in red peony breaks, with lots of stars in each break, and they break hard. The next three shots are the same except they are green peony breaks. The next three shots are the same except they are blue peony breaks. The next three shots are the same except they are purple peony breaks. The final three shots are fired all at once, and they give off crackle as they go up, and end in silver whirlwinds. The peony breaks in this cake are very nice, with lots of stars, and they break with a bang. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tomahawk

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO012. 25 shots, 19 seconds.

All the tubes are at angles, in fan shapes. The shots are fired in a "Z" pattern which starts at one end, fires the shots in that row one at a time, then does the next row in the opposite direction. The first row is gold comets that end in gold willow breaks with blue tips. Second row is the same thing, then the third row has breaks that are gold willows with red tips. Fourth row is the same. Then the last row is fired in a fan shape all at once, and they are breaks of silver flying fish. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tomahawk

Skyrocket. Vulcan brand, #R180B.

Precise-looking label reminiscent of the German rockets. Crackling comet on the way up to superb green break. (Last tested in 1995)

Tomahawk Artillery Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2588. 5 shots, 41 seconds.

Five tubes fused together on a nice wooden base. Each one shoots a 1.75-inch festival ball, with different effects such as blue chrysanthemum, palm tree, crackling, etc. Very slow pace - about 8 seconds between shots. The piece is valuable left-over, as a launching device for additional festival balls. Reinforce the bottom 3 inches outside each tube with tape, and you can refill

this up to 5 more times with other 1.75-inch festival balls. (Last tested in 1999)

Tonga Exotica

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y03-058. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

Cannon. Color pearls whip open into fluffy white whirlwinds in rapid succession. To me, it was just another whirlwind repeater, but people ran up to me afterwards and wanted to know what the name of it was. 25 shots. Each shot goes up as a green pearl, ending in a white whirlwind. (Last tested in 1998)

Toon Time

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4235. 85 seconds.

Star-shaped package which starts with a pinkish-red flame in the center topped by a silver spray. That only lasts a few seconds, then at each of the five points of the star, a red flame starts - these start at almost the same time. The red flames turn in to pinkish flames with silver spray on top. These tubes then change from the silver spray to a mixture of red, green and crackle spray. Finally it ends as a single spray of pure crackle. Good colors and generous amounts of pyro content. (Last tested in 2005)

Toot and Twirl

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L907A. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

Color pearls to whirlwinds that can't decide which way to spin. Red, green and blue stars in the centers of the whirlwinds. (Last tested in 1995)

Toot N Twirl

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand. 7 shots, 21 seconds.

Nice whirlwinds with color centers. Over fast, but an inexpensive item. (Last tested in 2000)

Top Dog

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0210.

Gold comet tails up to double breaks of colors. (Last tested in 2002)

Top Fireworks

Ground Spinner. Flower Basket brand, #K1120. 11 seconds.

Actually shaped like a top, but performs like most other spinners. Red and green flame. (Last tested in 1995)

Top Fuel

Novelty Firework. Brothers brand, #BP7108. 25 seconds.

Shaped like a dragster or "Indy"-style racing car. Starts by shooting a little bit of crackle straight up, and then three short whistles - the car does not move while it does this. Then a whistle in the back makes it run forward. It stops after a few seconds and the back changes to a green flame while the car sits still. A couple of color flames from the top and a very short whistle happen. Then a

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whistle from the front makes it roll backwards for a couple of seconds. (Last tested in 2005)

Top Secret

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0325.

1.75" ball shells. Silver Glittering with Silver Tail; Red, White, Blue with Silver Tail; Crackling with Gold Tail; Blue Peony with Silver Tail; Green Peony with Silver Tail; Purple and Silver Glittering with Silver Tail; Red Palm Tree with Silver Tail; Purple Peony with Silver Tail; Red and Silver Glittering

with Silver Tail; Green Palm Tree with Silver Tail; Green and Crackling with Silver Tail; and Red Peony with Silver Tail. (Last tested in 1999)

Torino II

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6077. 10 shots, 18 seconds.

Color heads that end in breaks of glittering stars, then a few breaks of gold palms with strobing stars on the tips, then a few breaks of stars which each open up into small crackle clusters. Three new and interesting effects in this cake. (Last tested in 2002)

Torsion Box

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6163. 44 shots, 20 seconds.

A group of shots (I think 3 or 4) are fired straight up, and they become clusters of gold flying fish. Then another group of shots is fired straight up, and they become silver flying fish. The next group is fired at an angle to the right side, and they are swirling silver comets. Then a group of shots is fired straight up, and they become gold chrysanthemum breaks (gold stars with silver tails). Then a group of shots is fired at an angle to the left, and they are swirling gold comets. Then a whole bunch of shots are fired basically all at once, and basically all straight up. These start out as gold brocade willow breaks and they soon turn into big silver glitter breaks, which for a few seconds fill up the sky with beautiful silver glitter. Finally, 3 shots are fired straight up all at once, and they turn into large gold willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Tortoise

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-305. 19 seconds.

Rolls forward (or in a big circle), giving off green and gold sparks as it goes, then stops and shoots out red, green and blue "eggs" from the front. Good performers, under either brand. (Last tested in 1998)

Tortoise

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W716. 19 seconds.

Article is printed with "Miss Skalman" Art. Nr. 557, Linders Pyrverkeri brand. Obviously intended for the European market, but sometimes available in the U.S. Performance-wise, the same thing

as the Black Cat version. Or, HP-16, Beihai brand. (Last tested in 1999)

Total Annihilation

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2616. 20 shots, 28 seconds.

All shots go up as red pearls. Some break into silver flying fish, which swim away while a few whistles are heard. The other shots open into white whirlwinds. This one is notable for the combination of silver flying fish and whistles - it reminds me of the large "Fish and Whistle" shells used in public fireworks displays. (Last tested in 1999)

Total Exposure

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB-11.

Outstanding packaging in clear plastic allows you to see the entire kit at a glance, and also affords efficient packing and transportation. All shell kits should be packaged this way. These are very nice-looking 1.75-inch round shells wrapped in colored foil. A landmark achievement in packaging design and shelf appeal. A tall cardboard mortar tube is included as well as 12 assorted shells: Silver Palm Tree, Assorted Color, Crackling (2), Red Ring with Crackling (2), Silver Chrysanthemum, Green to Purple, Golden Strobe, Golden Wave Chrysanthemum, Royal Crown and Blue to Red. These do not have comet tails on the way up, nevertheless, they are good shells which give large, symmetrical breaks. The "Royal Crown" shell gave a very long-lasting willow break. The packaging of this kit is terrific and I hope it sets a trend towards smaller, more space-efficient packaging of shell kits. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Totally Awesome

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP9004. 24 shots, 31 seconds.

Shoots a variety of color peony shells, red, green, and gold, along with "dragon egg" crackling shells. Then it fires up 4 comets at once, and then some huge gold willow shells that have red tips. (Last tested in 2003)

Touch Down

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-AO20-4. 16 shots, 41 seconds.

See "All Star Action" for a description of this. (Last tested in 2004)

Touch of Sparkle

Hand-held Fountain. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0361. 65 seconds.

The tube is 30 inches long and just over 2 inches in diameter. It's like a California Candle on steroids. A very

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nice white flitter spray, no sound effects or colors, but pretty. Then it stops and starts up again, a gold spray with blue sparks mixed in. Then finally a bunch of crackle is added for a knockout finish. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Tour of Europe

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2961.

One tube and twelve shells (six round and six cylindrical). The effects are: White Flashing w/two whistles w/tail; Green Palm w/crackling tail; Red Peony to Crackling w/whistling tail; Red White and Blue Bouquets w/reports w/tail; Yellow Peony w/Green Palm; Red Stars to Crackling w/two spinners; Green Bouquet w/two spinners; Blue Bouquet and Crackling w/8 crackers; Jumbo

Purple Stars w/Silver Pistil w/two whistles; Crackling Bouquet w/two spinners; Jumbo Purple Stars and Silver Flashing w/8 crackers; and Red to Green stars w/two whistles. Nice. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Tower of Power

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB 213. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

If you like the "flying fish" effect, this is a good one to get. The shots alternate between the gold flying fish in Warp Speed and the silver flying fish of Lightning Storm. No sound effects, but none are really needed. (Last tested in 1998)

Towers of Glory

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 38 seconds.

All shots are thick white comets with very bright white heads. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Toy Soldier

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2006. 55 seconds.

G.I. Joe-style artwork with a plastic "helmet" and a "backpack" with smaller tubes in addition to the main fountain tube. Great design for kids. Starts with fountain tubes in the "backpack" which send out a silver spray - down, not up! - as if it was a rocket pack that he was wearing. Then the main fountain from the central tube puts out a nice color spray with red, green and blue, mixed with white flitter. At the end it adds some pretty good crackle. (Last tested in 2001)

Tracer Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2149. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a strobing blue pearl that ends in a break of blue peony stars plus crackle flowers. The next shot is a green pearl that goes up and ends in a mixed break of green and red peony stars. These 2 shots then alternate for the rest of the duration. (Last tested in 2005)

Tracer Fire, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith/Black Cat brand, #ASZBC975.

Breaks with a good amount of strobing white stars. No sound effect. Made for Black Cat by Zenith Specialties. Tested again in 2004. This gave a gigantic break of green peony stars which then changed into red stars as they spread out. (Last tested in 1996) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Track Gun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. West Lake brand, #L952. 9 shots, 18 seconds.

Nice spinning motion, but too similar to so many other repeaters. Red and green stars, lots of crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Trails of Lights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #KG701. 36 shots, 11 seconds.

Jiangxi Fireworks Co. Subtle effect, but consistent. Gold, green and red. Perfect timing. (Last tested in 1995)

Train Fireworks

Novelty Firework. Red Lantern brand, #O087. 28 seconds.

A multi-tube fountain disguised unconvincingly as a train. A series of tubes burn from the front end to the back, starting with a gust of air, then a small silver fountain, then a red flame. This is followed by a short whistle, then another red flame, and another whistle, ending with a short spray of soft crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Traveler

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2034. 15 shots, 31 seconds.

Brilliant white crackling comets with red or green heads go up and then arc down. (Last tested in 2002)

Treasure Trove

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0104. 24 shots, 35 seconds.

The first 5 shots are comets that spiral upward and then break into peony breaks of red, green and blue. Then 3 crackling comets are fired at once in a fan shape and they end in crackle breaks. Then the above sequence is repeated two more times. (Last tested in 2004)

Tree with White Jade

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #FH2102. 70 shots,

No brand. The fuse burned on this item but the device did not light. (Last tested in 2000)

Trembling Radiance

Multi-Tube fountain, 500 gram. Cannon brand, #Y64-005. 185 seconds.

Starts with a mix of gold crackle with red and green sparks. Then changes to a silver flitter spray. Then a mix of purple and blue sparks with gold crackle - pretty nice. Then a mix of green sparks with gold flitter. Then the above sequence is repeated. After that, four tubes ignite in

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a fan shape, and they give sprays of soft silver with green flames at the base. Looks good. These give way to sprays of gold crackle with red, blue, purple and green sparks. This fountain burns for just over 3 minutes. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tri-Break Bang

Single-tube Aerial. Brothers brand, #BP2274.

Each one shoots a nice comet tail that breaks open into a loud group of fire-crackers and a break of colors. (Last tested in 2000)

Tri-Color

Base Fountain. Link Triad brand, #W462. 18 seconds.

Good assortment of color. Powerful spray of red, green and blue. (Last tested in 1995)

Tri-Color Fountain

Base Fountain. Horse brand. 14 seconds.

Powerful spray - so powerful it fell over near the end. Good colors (red, green, blue). (Last tested in 1995)

Tri-Color Saturn Missile Battery

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Cannon brand, #Y23-276. 196 shots, 32 seconds.

This is like most 200-shot Saturn Missile Battery cakes, each shot being a whistle that goes up and ends in a report - except that in this one, the shots are red or green on the way up. This adds visual interest to what is normally a sound effect-only cake. The pace is very fast, so the cake doesn't last as long as other 200-shot Saturn Missile cakes, but this one is like an all-finale cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tri-Color Spray

Base Fountain. brand, #W-455. 22 seconds.

Starts out with abundant green, then silver, then red and green mix. (Last tested in 1995)

Tri-Colour, #2, 5-inch

Base Fountain. Horse brand, #T100. 12 seconds.

Have been around a long time, and still seem to be pretty good. Red, green and blue sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Tri-Rotating Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand, #T503. 19 seconds.

Fast changes of color keep it from getting boring. Bright flames of red and green with gold spray. (Last tested in 1995)

Triangle Whistling Flower

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W437. 60 seconds.

Generic version of item also marketed as Sunburst or Paradise. Triangular in shape, with 10 tubes. Most tubes give colors, one whistles and one crackles. (Last tested in 1995)

Triangular Assortment

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K2213. 6 shots, 12 seconds.

Short and not that sweet. Green pearls and white comets. (Last tested in 1995)

Triangular Chrysanthemum

Wheel. Red Lantern brand, #0946. 21 seconds.

Hangs on string, spins with red and green. Good for its size & price. Hanging string wheel. (Last tested in 1998)

Trick Matches

Joke or Trick Item. brand.

Pack of matches, with the front row having snakes, bangs or sparks added on to the match heads. (Last tested in 1995)

Trick Noise Makers

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Bland Brothers brand.

Bland Brothers, Miami. Made in Brazil. Snappers. (Last tested in 1995)

Trick Shot

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Rhino brand. 16 shots, 28 seconds.

Every shot is a white star that goes up and breaks into a white chrysanthemum whose tips turn into blue stars. A very good break. A very good reason to buy this one is for the blue in it. (Last tested in 2004)

Trick Topper Chopper

Flying Spinner. Brothers brand, #BP5030. 12 seconds.

A clever variation, one helicopter piggy-backed onto another helicopter. The first one flies up with a gold spray changing to a pale green flame, and gives off a couple of reports, then the second, smaller chopper flies up after that, with a short flight of gold spray. Neat. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Trident 10 assorted rocket

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #KARB.

20-inch sticks. 3 pieces each of: Yellow Bees, White Bees, Red Bees and Green Bees. (Last tested in 2000)

Trill Whistling Rocket

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-061.

It flies up with a silver comet trail, and emits either 3 or 4 distinct, separate whistles during its flight. Sort of like a super-sized "Tri-Whistling Bottle Rocket." This one can fly a great distance, so plan accordingly. (Last tested in 2004)

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Trilogy

Reloadable Shell Kit. World Class Fireworks brand, #J100.

Would you believe three-break shells? Believe it. Each of the shells in this kit has three ball-style shells in it. The bottom one is 1.75 inches, the middle 1.5 inches and the top one 1.25 inches in diameter. Each of the 3 shells is loosely labeled with the effect. For example, one shell will have Crackling Blue on the bottom, Blue and White in the middle, and Flashing Crackers on top. Or, Dragon Egg for all three shells. A few people remarked to me that the smallest shell is so insignificant that they weren't impressed by these shells, but I was extremely impressed. I think it looks very sophisticated to see three breaks in the sky of three different sizes, and either different colors or completely different effects. The timing is uncanny as well - they go off in order from the largest to the smallest. The mortar fur-

nished with this kit is a keeper - a tall, strong HDPE tube on a plastic base, which will last a long time if you take care of it. (Don't let it get too hot, and clean it out with water after each evening of use.) (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Trinity Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2123. 18 shots, 18 seconds.

All shots are fired in groups of 3, in fan shapes. The first 3 produce gold willow breaks with blue at the tips. The next 3 shots are fired in a fan, and they give breaks which are mixed blue and green peonies with crackle. The next 3 produce peony breaks which are mixed red and blue stars with sparkling silver stars. The next 3 produce breaks which are all crackle. The next 3 produce peony breaks which are mixed red and blue stars with sparkling silver stars. The final 3 shots give crackle breaks. Very impressive for a 200-gram cake - this is the kind of timing and arrangement that is usually seen in the 500-gram cakes. (Last tested in 2004)

Triple Blast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2311. 7 shots, 22 seconds.

These are three-break shells. Each one provides a break of red, then one of green, and finally a smaller one of silver/white. The item comes on a nice sturdy base, making it useful for holding roman candles in it after using it. The breaks are a little thin on stars, in 2003, but it's still not a bad cake. (Last tested in 2003)

Triple Break Finale

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Zenith/Black Cat brand. 7 shots, 23 seconds.

Shoots 7 three-break shells, of assorted colors and effects, with the last shot being all crackle. Breaks are various color peony breaks and color chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Triple Fun

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GPH3046. 12 shots, 45 seconds.

Every shot sends up a silver comet which ends in a three-break shell. The

first shot ends in a blue break, a red break, and a sparkling silver break. The next shot gives a gold break, a green break and a sparkling silver break. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. The timing of the shots is absolutely perfect, just as the last break from one shot finishes, the next shot goes up. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Triple Impact

Reloadable Shell Kit. Pyro King brand, #PYK710.

This is the same kit as "Knock Three Times," just with a different name. Please see Knock Three Times. The effects are: Crackling, Golden Peony and Red Peony; Red Crackling, Green Crackling and Blue Crackling; Crackling, Green Peony and Blue Peony; Red & Blue, Crackling and Crackling; Crackling, Crackling and Crackling; Green Purple, Green Purple and Green Purple; Crackling, Green Glitter and Purple Peony; Red Glitter, Green Purple and Silver Glitter; Red & Blue, Green Peony and Orange Peony; Green Golden, Green Glitter and Green Purple; Green Purple, Green Glitter and Orange Peony; and finally Green Golden, Green Glitter and Silver Glitter. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Triple Jump

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2594. 10 shots, 41 seconds.

An oddity which actually might make your audience laugh. Each shot whistles three times on the way up, and also crackles on the way up. The three whistles are short, distinct, and almost like squeals more than whistles. The shot ends with three small breaks of color. Strange. (Last tested in 1999)

Triple Power

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE9012.

One tube and eight triple-break shells included in the kit. Each shell has 3 different effects in it. All have the appearance of full-size artillery shell breaks. They break about one second apart. Examples are: red chrysanthemum - red peony - white chrysanthemum. Or, red and blue peony, crackle break, and sparkling willow. Or, blue chrysanthe-

mum, crackle break, blue peony. Or, red to blue strobe, red chrysanthemum, blue stars with silver fish. Not real hard breaks but good amounts of stars and good effects. (Last tested in 2004)

Triple Threat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 25 shots, 38 seconds.

Each shot is a silver comet with either a red head or a green head, that goes up and ends in three breaks, of three different colors or effects. One of the best of this brand. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

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Triple Value

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM074. 12 shots, 45 seconds.

Every shot goes up as a silver comet and then ends in two complete breaks. The breaks open hard and have good amounts of stars. The first shot gives a red peony and a mixed red and green peony, the next one gives a blue peony and a mixed red and green peony, the next one gives a green peony and a mixed red and green peony, and the next one gives a purple peony and a mixed red and green peony. This sequence is then repeated 3 more times.

Good cake. Nice to see the purple in there. (Last tested in 2004)

Triple Whistler

Bottle Rocket. Red Lantern brand, #O445D.

Very dependable. Even has green visco fuse. One of my favorites. Three short whistles as it goes up, ends in a report. (Last tested in 1995)

Triton's Tempest

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-147. 16 shots, 11 seconds.

First tested in 1997. Richly crackling comets, but it finished off in a hurry - the comets effectively blended together into one big mine. Poor internal fusing must have been the problem. But the comets were pretty nice ones anyway. (Last tested in 1997)

Trojan War

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2903. 24 shots, 38 seconds.

This cake contains tubes at 3 angles, and some of the shots are fired in groups of 3, pointing at different angles. 3 sparkling comets that turn into blue breaks; then a long series of thick, fluffy white comets which end in nice breaks of red, green and blue; then a group of 3 green shots which break into white chrysanthemums, and finally a group of 3 red shots which break into red chrysanthemums. (Last tested in 2000)

Tropical Fish

Base Fountain. Cannon brand, #Y22-115. 27 seconds.

A beautiful mixture of color "globs" of flame rather than sparks. I think there are blue globs, red globs, purple globs, orange globs and green globs. They don't go up very high, and continue to burn as they fall below the level of the fountain. So this one should be set up high on something for best effect. No sound effects, but deep, rich colors and a highly unusual appearance make this one a winner. Not particularly long-lasting but one of the best examples of the "globs of flame" fountains I have seen so far. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Tropical Paradise

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #HP-17. 7 shots, 21 seconds.

Same effect as the highly rated Hawaiian Delight. Big bursts of gold, with blue stars mixed in. Each burst turns to crackle. Only 7 shots, but what shots they are! (Last tested in 1996)

Tropical Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0161. 30 shots, 23 seconds.

The first 20 shots go up in a fairly rapid succession, and they all produce breaks of glittering gold, what the manufacturer calls palm tree breaks. They are paced so quickly that the sky stays filled with gold glitter. Very nice to look at. Then 5 shots are fired all at once which go up and produce breaks of mixtures of blue peony stars and yellow "falling leaves" stars. Finally, 5 shots are fired all at once which go up and produce breaks of mixtures of green peony stars and yellow "falling leaves" stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Tropical Sunlight

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB4007. 128 seconds.

Same fountain as Phantom of the Opera under the Great Grizzly label. Red spray, to green flitter spray, to white, to red flitter spray, to green flitter, to gold flitter, then a short, loud whistle, then crackle, and finally a pure white shower. A terrific and satisfying fountain. (Last tested in 1999)

Tropical Sunset

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Vulcan brand, #SM1203. 7 shots, 10 seconds.

Every shot is a red pearl that goes up and ends in a cluster of red and green peony stars mixed with crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Tropicana Rose

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

A combination of a mine and a comet. The mine is a group of red and blue stars shot up from the tube - the colors are deep and rich. The comet is a sparkling white comet tail shot up, higher than the mine. Great color here! (Last tested in 2000)

Troubleshooter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2583. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

The first shot goes up and ends in a break of mixed purple and green glitter stars. The next shot goes up and ends in a break of blue, gold and red glitter stars. The next shot goes up and ends in a break of red peony stars and silver glitter stars. These 3 shots alternate with each other until the end, when the final couple of shots go up and end in a sizzling crackle mixed with silver flying fish. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

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Truckload of Fireworks

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-327. 25 seconds.

It's a dump truck, that is carrying two ground spinners. The truck emits silver flashing spray from the back, and then a whistle at the back which causes the truck to roll forward. Then it stops and sprays silver from the front end, and then a whistle at the front causes it to roll backwards. Finally the 2 ground spinners on the truck are lit and they spin off the truck at the same time and spin on the ground, spinning with a green flame, changing to red flame, and back to green. (Last tested in 2003)

Tsunami

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP2005. 82 seconds.

Starts with a silver shower, then changes to a gold shower with red sparks, and then a gold flitter spray and then a good red spray. Then a silver flitter spray and then a spray of red, green, blue and crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Tulip Rocket

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1003.

This rocket has the same plastic body as "The Ariane" rockets from Brothers brand. Tulip rocket is packed with stars and/or crackle in each one. Superb performance, almost the equivalent of many 1.75-inch shells. Since I tested it, I found out that there is a "1.3G" version and a "1.4G" version of it, and I believe the ones I got were the "1.3G" version. Oh well, give it a try. The 1.4G ones in 2002 were very good. Generally, the ones with plastic bodies in different colors (red, yellow or blue) are much better than the ones with plastic bodies all of one color (dark blue). In 2005, I tested this rocket again (the consumer version). It has artwork on the package label with Zorro on a horse. The rockets are plastic bodies of red, black and green. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3) (Also shown on PYROvideo #8)

Tumultuous Torrent

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6138. 9 shots, 20 seconds.

The first shot produces a break which is a mixture of silver crackle and silver flying fish. The next shot produces a gold willow break which has blue tips - each of the gold willow stars turns into a blue star as it drifts down. The next shot produces a break of crackle flowers. These three shots then alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2005)

Turbo Props

Ground Spinner. Phantom brand, #J-008. 5 seconds.

Pack of 4 ground spinners, with plastic tips on one end. They spin with a green flame and end with some crackle. Pretty neat! (Last tested in 2000)

Turbo-X

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2124. 12 shots,
21 seconds.

Alternates between 2 shots, which are amazing. One is a red pearl which goes up and breaks into a very fast-spreading break of red stars plus crackle. The crackle in this one burns at a very fast rate and does not linger. The result is a loud blast of crackle and color. The other shot is the same thing, only green replaces the red. The pace of the shots is fast enough that this seems like an action-packed piece. (Last tested in 2004)

Turn of the Century

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2801. 25 shots,
61 seconds.

A beautiful and unusual display. Each shot is a gold comet that opens up into a shimmering gold spinner. Not bright, and the pace is slow, and every shot is the same thing, but still it doesn't get boring because it is so beautiful. No sound effects except the humming sound of the spinners. (Last tested in 1999)

Twenty Thieves

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black
Cat brand, #BC-6100. 12 shots, 28
seconds.

The first shot goes up and ends in a big red peony break. Next one ends in a dragon eggs crackle break which is a little thin on the crackle. Then a green peony break, then another dragon eggs break. Then a blue peony break, followed by another dragon eggs break. Then a gold peony break, and a dragon eggs break. Then a purple peony break, and another dragon eggs break. Then a whole group of about 10 screaming comets is shot up at once, and one last shot which is a chrysanthemum made of purple stars with white trails. (Last tested in 2004)

Tri-Rotating Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand. 13 seconds.

Only two drivers, otherwise the same as Tri-Rotating Wheel. (Last tested in 1995)

Twice Crackling Color Ball

Crackling Item. Shogun brand,
#SGW207.

Each plastic capsule gives two small bursts of crackle on the ground. The

second burst includes red and green stars. (Last tested in 2005)

Twice Sparklers

Box Fountain. Red Lantern brand,
#O920B. 8 seconds.

A small box fountain, which puts out an acceptable green spray for about 4 seconds, changing to a sparkling white spray for another 4 seconds. No sound effects. (Last tested in 2000)

Twinkling Star Fall #100

Single-tube Aerial. United brand.

United, Dayton, OH. Very bright gold glitter stars, lasting about 6 seconds. Breaks on the way up. (Last tested in 1996)

Twinkling Stars

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Far
Ocean brand, #F4080. 13 shots, 24
seconds.

Alternates between a white strobing pearl that breaks hard into green glitter and a green strobing pearl that ends in a hard white glitter break. (Last tested in 2002)

Twirl n' Swirl

Wheel. Brothers brand, #BP6030. 37
seconds.

Spins with a green flame and gold spray, changing to a red flame and gold spray, changing to a sparkling silver spray, then a silver whistle goes off while the sparkling silver spray continues. Then some crackle is added to the sparkling silver. Then it changes to a huge gold spray with gold sparks all over the place. Then the gold sparks start crackling. Very impressive. Then the gold sparks stop crackling, but continue the massive shower of gold. A short whistle happens at this point. Then finally the gold spray stops. This wheel gives off huge quantities of sparks, so set this one as high up above the ground as you can, for best effect. (Last tested in 2004)

Twist & Shout

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2812. 19 shots, 35 seconds.

Starts with a terrific crackling fountain - really big crackling sparks. Then shoots aerial comets, while the fountain continues. Let's see more of these combinations! The aerial shots are swirling white comets mixed with blue stars - sort of halfway between mines and comets. Pleasing to the eye. (Last tested in 2000)

Twisted Nights

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great
Grizzly brand, #GG0294. 25 shots,
41 seconds.

Alternates between two types, both of which go up as silver comets. One type ends with a nice break of red, green, blue and crackle; the other type ends with a break of blue only. The last 10 shots are fired at a fast pace for a "mini

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Twin Super Star

Roman Candle, single. Flower
Basket brand, #K2256C. 10 shots,
26 seconds.

Label claims each shot has two stars, but I only saw one. Long-lasting. (Last tested in 1995)

Twinkling Snowflake

Emerald, No. 200

Single-tube Aerial. Dapkus brand.

Big white chrysanthemum break turning to green stars. Nice shell. (Last tested in 2000)

finale." Very nice colors. (Last tested in 2000)

Twister

Ground Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-838. 25 seconds.

This is a large ground spinner, with two spinners attached to it on top. The main spinner goes for quite a while with a gold flame around it. The two spinners on the top create circles of color flame, one red and one green, for part of the item's duration. It creates a red and green "figure eight" on the ground, and is the main reason to buy this item. (Last tested in 2005)

Twisting Tornado with Bees

Flying Spinner. Tiger Head brand, #T3C02. 6 seconds.

Flies high and ejects a small handful of colored spinners - neat. (Last tested in 1995)

Twitter Glitter, extra large

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O530L. 92 shots, 15 seconds.

Intense barrage of red, green and silver stars shot straight up, along with whistles and reports. Over fast, but good intensity. (Last tested in 1995)

Twitter Glitter, Large

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O530B. 14 seconds.

Starts with a mixed spray of red, green and blue, then a short whistle is added, then a bunch of firecrackers are shot up. Wow - more than just a fountain. Great firecracker ending. (Last tested in 2003)

Twitter Glitter, small

Base Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O530. 10 seconds.

Furious, power-packed fountain creates quite a racket. Almost an aerial display. Whistles, reports, color. (Last tested in 1995)

Two Comets Torch

Roman Candle, single. Horse brand. 14 seconds.

Small silver fountain, then shoots two balls of bright silver. Rare. (Last tested in 1995)

Two Stage Chrysanthemum

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T3706. 9 seconds.

Item itself says Art. No. T3706, but dozen box says Art. No. T394. Spins in green to red. (Last tested in 1995)

Two Stage Crackling Sky Cruiser

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-433.

Whistles on the way up, with two short whistles, one at a time. Then ends with a nice cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Two-Stage Mars missile, blue label

Missile. Space Age brand.

Two small stars in payload, one red and one green. Two sticks to guide it on its way to crash. (Last tested in 1995)

Two-Stage Mars missile, red label

Missile. Space Age brand.

Label claims it reaches 1,000 feet. Maybe on Mars it did - but not here. Ejects reports at the end. (Last tested in 1995)

Two-Stage Silver Jet

Flying Spinner. Rozzi brand. 7 seconds.

Classic American-made helicopter; wide trail of bright silver sparks. Superb quality. Unfortunately, the manufacturer (Rozzi) apparently has stopped making them. (Last tested in 1995)

Tycoon

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A063. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

Each shot is a group of what appears to be three green pearls, which fly up together and then turn into crackle at the top of their flight. They are green for the first 5 shots, then red for the next five shots, then silver for the next five shots, then green for the next five, then red for the final five shots. Seems to speed up during the last 10 shots. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Typhoon Mitch

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2900. 25 shots, 64 seconds.

The first shot is a red pearl that goes up and ends in two silver whirlwinds, which spin separately. The next shot is a green pearl that goes up and ends in two silver whirlwinds, which spin separately. These two shots alternate with each other for the rest of the performance. (Last tested in 2003)


U.F.O. helicopter

Flying Spinner. Zenith brand. 3 seconds.

American-made; a little weaker than the Assault Chopper and Buzz Bomb. Ends in one report. (Last tested in 1995)

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Two Stage Titan

Missile. Space Age brand.

Pretty good, as missiles go. Long, high flight ending in one report. (Last tested in 1995)

Two Stages Space Jet

Flying Spinner. Horse brand, #T3707. 5 seconds.

Small, power-packed item that spins up and then flies off at an angle. Gold spray only. Zippy. (Last tested in 1996)

U.S.A. Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4199. 101 seconds.

A wedge-shaped piece with color flares along the slanted side, spelling out "USA" with colored flames when you first light it. In blue, red and white, of course! These flares burn for about 30 seconds, then a series of 4 fountains on the top of the top of the piece burn in order, red, white, blue and crackling, for about another 60 or 70 seconds. Essential for your 4th of July show. (Last tested in 2000)

U.S. Fights Back

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2049. 32 shots, 45 seconds.

If you got to see this factory's "Explorer" series of cakes (which are 1.3G "Display Fireworks") and you liked the crossette effects in those, and wish you could have that same effect in consumer fireworks, well, this cake offers some shots which are very close to that effect. This cake first fires two brilliant white comets at the same time, which go very high and end in silver whirlwinds. Then there is a mine of crackle, although it happens while the first shots are still in the air. Then it fires two more comets at the same time, one with a red head and one with a silver head. The one with the red head goes up and splits into a true crossette break (comet splitting into several smaller comets) and the one with the white head splits into a white crossette break. These look to me to be almost the size and quality of those in the "Explorer" cakes. I would have to do a side-by-side comparison to be certain. Then there is a blue peony break, and another silver crossette break, and a break of red and green peony stars with a whirlwind in it. Then two more red crossette breaks, and a red and green peony break. Then two silver crossette breaks and a red peony break. Then a red crossette and a silver crossette, and a small spinning break of crackle. Then a red crossette and a silver crossette, and a small spinning break of crackle. Then two red peony breaks, and a green shot which ends in a whirlwind which gives off crackle. Then a green peony break, a blue peony break, and a whirlwind which gives off crackle. Then two more red crossette breaks, a mine of crackle, and three whirlwinds in the air which give off a little crackle. Quite a

show, distinguished mainly by the crossette breaks. This might be the best example of crossette breaks currently on the consumer fireworks market. (Last tested in 2003)

UFO

Skyrocket. Peacock brand, #FX212D.

Not much of anything, really. Just flies up. (Last tested in 1995)

UFO

Flying Spinner. Link Triad brand, #W545. 5 seconds.

Very loud whistle with bright greenish-white flame as it goes up. (Last tested in 1995)

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Ugly Stick

Roman Candle, single. Cannon brand, #Y25-035. 23 seconds.

Nothing ugly about the performance. Shoots up a series of white comets with color heads, either red heads or purple heads. No sound effects, but a good one to get if you are looking for a lot of comets. Imagine what a whole case of these would look like if fired in one long row! (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Ultimate Satisfaction

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 21 seconds.

Alternates between red chrysanthemum breaks with crackle flowers, and blue chrysanthemum breaks with crackle flowers. Fairly large and good breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Unbelievable Flying Object

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2987. 24 shots, 31 seconds.

Starts with a series of color pearls (red, blue and green) going up, some of them straight up in a steady stream, others going up in more or less of a Z-pattern. Then this stops, and the rest of the shots are single breaks, fired one at a time, straight up although some go at a slightly different angle. These breaks alternate between mixed color peony breaks, crackle breaks, chrysanthemum breaks and glitter breaks. (Last tested in 2004)

Uncle Sam

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand. 78 seconds.

Each shot appears to contain a mine and a shell. The shell goes higher than the mine and breaks above it. The mines are a mixture of color stars and some good crackle. The color alternates from mine to mine, it's either red, green or blue stars. The shells that go up alternate between red peony, blue peony, green peony and sparkling silver glitter breaks. A little on the slow side, but this could be compensated for by firing several units at the same time. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Uncle Sam

Firecracker. Kellner's brand.

Another one for the connoisseur. Terrific titanium-flash firecracker. Now has logo wrap (each individual cracker has the brand on it). (Last tested in 1995)

Uncle Sam sparklers, #8 Gold

Sparkler. Uncle Sam brand. 32 seconds.

Dipped twice into the silvery goop at the Diamond Sparkler factory in Youngstown, Ohio. The result is a thick coating which burns with a full, rich spray of gold sparks. Like all metal-wire sparklers, it takes a while to light them,

but these are worth the wait. (Last tested in 1996)

Uncle Sam's Answer

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2022. 16 shots, 38 seconds.

Full, dense, rich breaks with many stars. The shots alternate between breaks of gold stars with crackle mixed in, and multi-color breaks of red, green and blue. The final 5 shots are fired more rapidly, not at the same time but closer together than the previous 11 shots. Very nice quality breaks. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

Unicorn

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Famous Herbie brand, #WG007.
103 seconds.

Sparkling green, changing to white glitter. The first one I tried was not exciting enough. A reader wrote in to say that his own experience with the Unicorn fountain (Famous Herbie, #WG007) was much better than I rated it in my book. This past summer I put on a small safe-and-sane show, with the Unicorn fountain for the grand finale. This Unicorn fountain was much better. It seemed to last a very long time and the final spray was very intense. (Last tested in 1996)

United America

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP-A018.

This kit contains 48 shells, ranging from double shells to 4-break shells and even 5-break shells. You get a total of 168 breaks in the sky, with a wide range of colors and effects. The colors and quality are very good, even though the shells are only 1 inch in diameter. (Last tested in 2004)

Universal Beast

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Winda brand, #P5069. 19 shots, 51 seconds.

Alternates between four types of shots: red pearls that go up and open into red flying fish; green pearls that go up and open into green flying fish; silver comets that go up and open into silver flying fish; and gold pearls that go up and open into gold flying fish with a little bit of crackle too. (Last tested in 2000)

Unleash the Beast

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0282.

Contains 2 tubes and 12 1.75" ball shells. Assorted Stars; Green Stars with Crackling; Whistling to Blue Crackling; Whistling to Crackling; Red & Green Wave; Jumbo Red Chrysanthemum; Silver Palm; Colorful Palm; Yellow Crackling; Jumbo White Chrysanthemum; Whistling to Blue Stars; and Jumbo Golden Chrysanthemum. Great shells. (Last tested in 1999)

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Up Up Game

Bottle Rocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6661C.

Oh, I get it. The game is to guess whether it will fly or not. Next. (Last tested in 1995)

Urban Action

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP-A022-1. 85 seconds.

This one may be sold separately or in a combination pack along with "P.O.W. Rescue," called "Frontline Fountains." Urban Action starts with a great crackle spray with blue sparks mixed in and a blue flame at the base. Wonderful. Then it changes to a softer white flutter spray with red sparks mixed in. Then it changes to a spray of big silver crackles

with a blue flame at the base. Then it just becomes a crackle spray only. (Last tested in 2004)

Urban Warfare

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. United Pyro brand, #UP3020. 25 shots, 21 seconds.

All shots are blue pearls that go up and end in peony breaks of blue and red stars. Rapid pace. (Last tested in 2003)

USA Space Shuttle

Novelty Firework. Flower Basket brand, #K1878. 7 seconds.

Outstanding package. But the performance is a letdown. Rolls forward and whistles loudly. If only it would take off and fly! (Last tested in 1996)

USA Sparkler

Sparkler. Samrok brand. 158 seconds.

The package includes one "USA" sparkler and two 7-inch gold sparklers. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

USS Nimitz

Novelty Firework. Black Cat brand, #BC-338. 71 seconds.

A very stylish aircraft carrier that is almost 20 inches long. We've come a long way from the original "Aircraft Carrier" novelty to the "USS Nimitz" from Black Cat and the "Kiev Class - Light Fleet Carrier" from Brothers. They make the original "Aircraft Carrier" look like a child's toy. Anyway, this one starts by shooting a whistle and silver spray from the back end. The carrier does not move if it is on the ground, but this one looks like it was designed with the idea of floating it on water. One by one, the flying spinners sitting on the deck of the carrier take off. Then a fountain on the deck gives a green flame, changing to gold. Another fountain on the deck gives a red flame, and a tube at the back end sprays crackle and whistles. The red flame changes to crackle for a few seconds. Then another fountain on the deck gives a gold flame with a shower of sparks. Then a jet plane on the deck shoots a whistle spray over the deck. This would be a perfect piece to light on a lake or pond. (Last tested in 2003)

Vampire

Base Fountain. Zenith brand. 62 seconds.

Splendid design and artwork. After the sprays, his eyes are illuminated red from the inside. (Last tested in 1995)

Variegated Color with Reports, #300

Single-tube Aerial. Patriotic brand.

Nice break with long trails; almost reaches the ground. Reports. (Last tested in 1995)

Variegated Warp

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6092. 19 shots, 42 seconds.

This cake is sort of a sequel to "Warp Speed," which started the whole "flying fish" trend as far as I know. All shots give the "flying fish" effect, in various colors. For the first half it alternates between breaks of gold flying fish and silver flying fish. Then it starts alternating between silver flying fish and what looks to me like red flying fish. Finally it alternates between silver flying fish and green flying fish. Each break does have a good amount of the "flying fish" stars in it. (Last tested in 2004)

Vast Plains

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A034-2. 32 shots, 36 seconds.

Part of the "Homeland Trio" assortment. See under "Homeland Trio" for a description of this cake. (Last tested in 2005)

Vegas Baby Vegas!

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK635. 12 shots, 47 seconds.

All shots have silver comet tails on the way up. The first shot goes up and ends in a silver chrysanthemum break with blue tips. The next shot produces a large green chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a very large chrysanthemum break but with no color that I can tell. The next shot produces a large red chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a green chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a large chrysanthemum break with no color. The next shot produces a chrysanthemum break with purple tips. The next shot produces a green chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a gold chrysanthemum break. Finally, 3 shots

are fired at once, which produce colorless chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Venus Butterfly

Base Fountain. Phantom brand, #M-043. 20 seconds.

Elegant package, but just an ordinary single silver fountain. (Last tested in 1995)

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Venus Fountain

Base Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-240. 36 seconds.

Brilliant red flare with a few silver sparks for the first 12 seconds, then a multicolored fountain about 4 feet tall for the next 30 seconds, with soft snapping sounds, finishing up with heavy crackle for 6 seconds. (Last tested in 1998)

Vertical Limit

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6162. 38 shots, 39 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "X Series." The shots are fired in groups, almost straight up but at very slight angles, to create groups of breaks in the air rather than fans spread out across the sky. The first group is five shots which all

become blue peony breaks. The next group is five shots which all become gold glitter breaks. The next group is five blue chrysanthemum breaks. The next group of five shots becomes beautiful breaks which have gold stars with glittering trails behind each star. The next group of five shots becomes breaks of blue dragon eggs - blue stars that continue to emit crackle as they burn and spread apart. The next group of five shots becomes breaks of gold dragon eggs - gold stars that continue to emit crackle as they burn and spread apart. The final group, which is apparently 3 large shots, go up as whistling silver comets which then break open into crackle flower breaks. This is a solid performer, and I enjoyed the change from all the Z-pattern and fan-shaped displays that currently dominate the 500-gram cake market. (Last tested in 2005)

Vertical Velocity

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Phantom brand, #G-080. 30 shots, 22 seconds.

The first four shots are fired almost simultaneously, and they are crackling comets that go straight up. Right above the comets are breaks of red and blue stars which crackle with a sizzling sound as they spread apart - really nice breaks. The next four shots are fired almost all at once, and they go up and end in very interesting breaks of gold willow stars, but they spread out in groups at specific angles, rather than the typical large "umbrella" of most willow shells. It looks sort of like a collection of small gold willow mines in the sky, but pointing at different angles. Then three more sets of four shots of the same thing. I guess they liked the effect enough to repeat it three times. It is something I haven't seen before in that exact style. Then four more shots of crackling comets topped with the same red and blue breaks as at the beginning, with a sizzling sound as they spread out. Unusual and interesting cake. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Verticle [sic] Wheel

Wheel. Po Sing brand, #PS400. 11 seconds.

Gold and silver mix, plus red (or green) "Sun Light" tube on wheel. (Last tested in 1995)

Vesuvius #3

Cone Fountain. Longhorn brand, #3. 20 seconds.

Abundant gold and silver sparks, pulsating in strength. (Last tested in 1995)

Vesuvius (Vesuvio)

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4017. 33 seconds.

When I bought it, it was called Vesuvio, but they have since changed the name to Vesuvius. It's the goldfish effect, but with blue sparks added, which give a very nice contrast. Beautiful. Set this one up at eye level or higher, on a post or narrow stand. If it is on the ground or a table, the globs will simply run into the table or ground. Ideally you will want to tape it to a pole or stake. (Last tested in 1998)

Victus

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fire Hawk brand, #FB295. 30 shots, 76 seconds.

The first five shots are red pearls that go up and end in large gold willow breaks, where the tip of each willow star also turns into a red star. Very nice looking breaks. The next five shots are the same, except green instead of red. The next five shots are the same, except blue instead of green. The next five shots are thin silver comets on the way up, that end in sparkling silver glitter breaks. Then five shots are fired rapidly, which go up and break into very bright white breaks, which are not really chrysanthemum breaks but are so bright that they illuminate the smoke trail behind each star and almost look like a chrysanthemum. Then five shots are fired rapidly that end in red glitter breaks that break with a loud bang. Very good effects overall. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Victoria Falls

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2172U. 10 shots, 20 seconds.

Bright white comets shot up in groups of eight. No sound effects, but excellent. This item was formerly called "Niagara Falls" and more information can be found under that name. (Last tested in 2004)

Victory Celebration

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2606. 37 shots, 24 seconds.

Parachutes with red or green flares. Impressive. (Last tested in 1995)

Victory Lane

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6128. 118 shots, 40 seconds.

The tubes are set at angles in this cake, which might indicate fans or a Z pattern, but the pattern they are fired in is different from the normal Z pattern. It starts at the end of one row, with the most-angled tube, and fires rapidly to the center of the row, ending at the

chrysanthemum stars, and the next half-row red chrysanthemum stars. Then, the entire above sequence is repeated. Then, a row of shots is fired from one end to the other, and these are gold willow stars that go up and break open into silver glitter breaks. Then the final row is fired in the opposite direction, and these go up and break into breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2005)

Victory Star

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4073. 15 shots, 19 seconds.

Alternates between 2 types of shots. The first type is a strobing red star that goes up and breaks into a great break of 4 comets with red heads, similar to a crossette break, with some crackle in the center. Very professional-looking. The other type is a peony break of glittering red stars mixed with glittering blue stars. A showy display. (Last tested in 2004)

Vienna

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4135. 69 seconds.

Starts with the gold "globs" or "goldfish" effect with blue stars added, just like the "Vesuvio" fountain, then changes to a silver spray, then a softly snapping spray, then four whistles in a row, then silver spray, then the soft crackle, then four more whistles in a row. Wow - a lot of whistles! (Last tested in 1999)

View of the Mississippi

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4176. 50 seconds.

A beautiful tall spray of gold sparks with blue flecks in it - quite a bit of blue, actually. If you're looking for a blue fountain, get this one. (Last tested in 2000)

Violence Ammunition

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2166.

A strange name and pretty inappropriate, in my opinion. I can just see this ending up on some news program somewhere, with some anti-fireworks person saying, "Our children are being exposed to violence every day and here is the ammunition for it." Anyway, (Last tested in 1999)

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middle of the row with the tube that is most vertical. But instead of continuing on to the other end of the row, it skips to the last tube in the row, the most angled, and then fires the shots in succession back to the center, ending with the most straight-up tube. So each group of shots starts at an angle and ends with the last shot straight up. Each group of shots is all the same color or effect. These shots do not produce breaks in the air (until the end of the cake), they are single stars. The first half-row is gold willow stars, the second half-row bright gold stars, the next half-row silver comets, the next half-row purple stars, the next half-row green

Violent Eruption

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1062. 97 seconds.

Begins with three sprays which are blue flames at the bottom and silver sprays above. These are at 3 different angles forming a fan. Then, the center one changes to a nice red spray, which then dies out and the 2 outer sprays continue. The 2 outer sprays then add red sparks and crackle. Then all 3 fountains change to a silver spray, then one by one they change to strong red sprays with crackle. Nice finish. (Last tested in 2004)

Violet

Roman Candle, single. Temple of Heaven brand, #2045. 6 shots, 13 seconds.

Each shot is a green pearl that bursts into a small violet break. (Last tested in 1995)

Violet Bloom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K1161B. 13 shots, 16 seconds.

Comes in 6, 16 and 30 shot sizes. Beautiful rich, deep colors; but not violet! I call it red and blue. (Last tested in 1995)

Violets & Crimsons

Cone Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #O810. 7 seconds.

Tiny fountain, (actually two sizes are available) with nice red sparks. (Last tested in 1995)

Vivid Colors

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCF049. 82 seconds.

Starts with a nice gold and silver spray. Then changes to a really good multi-color spray, mainly red and green with a little purple-blue thrown in. Pretty tall at this point! This section does not last long enough for me though. Gold flitter is added to the mix of colors, then the colors die out leaving only the gold flitter. Then it changes to a mix of blue and gold stars and then a good mix of blue, red, green and gold at the end. (Last tested in 2004)

Vixens from Venus

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9038. 16 shots, 48 seconds.

Every shot is a silver comet which whistles twice on the way up. (Last tested in 2003)

Voices of Century

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2923. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

A red pearl goes up and opens into a white whirlwind which also whistles while it is spinning open, and it gives a

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couple of small reports. The next shot is the same, except it's green on the way up. These alternate, then the last 10 shots are fired more rapidly. (Last tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Volcanic Cavern

Cone Fountain. Flaming Arrow brand.

Pulsating gold spray. (Last tested in 1998)

Volcanic Vortex

Cone Fountain. Phantom brand, #E-022. 39 seconds.

This is a vinyl bag containing three different cone fountains, each one about 9-1/4 inches tall. I was surprised at how well these performed and how long they lasted. Apparently they aren't built like

most cone fountains, which have a cone-shaped space inside for the composition, and the spray starts small and builds in height and intensity as it continues to burn. These, however, are apparently cylindrical fountains inside cone-shaped packages. The height of the spray is pretty much constant throughout the performance. "Mt. Kilauea" started with a forceful silver spray, then changed to a spray of big gold crackle, then a slightly different kind of gold crackle - smaller individual crackles but more of them, and finally a mixture of green sparks with gold crackle. "Mt. Vesuvius" did essentially the same thing, except at the end, blue sparks replaced the green sparks of "Kilauea." "Mt. Etna" did the same thing but had red at the end instead of blue or green. All 3 were surprisingly good. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

Volcano of Hawaii

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1037. 36 seconds.

This fountain has an unusual package shape that might make it collectible. It is more or less shaped as three mountain peaks, or just 3 triangles. It starts by giving 3 silver sprays in a fan shape, which also have blue flames at their bases. This then gives way to a soft gold spray at one end and silver spray with crackle from the other two peaks. Then the silver spray with the blue flames returns, but only from 2 of the 3 peaks. Then it changes to a fairly intense crackle spray before finishing. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Voodoo Clan

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO027. 36 shots, 74 seconds.

Four 9-shot cakes are assembled on one tray and fused together. The first 9 shots are beautiful sparkling red comets that go up and end in breaks of red stars with sparkling blue stars. Then the next 9 shots are beautiful sparkling green comets that go up and end in red chrysanthemum breaks. The next 9 shots are sparkling silver comets that go up and end in breaks which have blue chrysanthemum stars mixed with flashing red stars. The final 9 shots are crackling comets that go up and end in dragon

egg breaks (crackling as they spread out). (Last tested in 2004)

Vortex Rocket

Skyrocket. Cannon brand, #Y21-023.

This is a package of 4 different rockets in a vinyl bag, and a plastic launching tube is included. The packaging is impressive and I like the name of this one. This rocket has a lot of shelf appeal. They fly well, but the effects they give off are not particularly impressive. The factory needs to improve the effects, and then this rocket would be an all-around winner. As it is now, it's a little bit disappointing to me. (Last tested in 2004)

W-1 Wonder Wheel

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BCGC-801. 91 seconds.

This is part of the Black Cat "Gold Collection" and its item number is its name. This wheel has a futuristic-looking design to it, and the package is so attractive that you might want to buy an extra one just to add to your collection. It begins with a silver spray, then changes to a red flame with a silver spray, then changes to a very nice white flitter spray, throwing out little silver flowers in all directions. Then it changes to a blue flame with a silver spray, then to a green flame with a silver spray. Then it changes to a nice gold flake spray, throwing out little flakes of gold in all directions. Then it changes to a yellow flame with a silver spray. Then it changes to a spray which has some red sparks, some green sparks, a few blue sparks, some silver flitter sparks, and a small amount of crackling sparks. Then it changes to an all-crackle spray, a mixture of some crackle that produces tiny crackle flowers in the air and some of the flashing type of crackle. This wheel spins at a slower speed than most wheels do, but it does not degrade the performance at all. It really fills up the area with crackle and colors. (Last tested in 2004)

Wacko

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
United Pyro brand, #UP2007. 82 seconds.

Starts with a short whistle, then changes to a mix of red, green and crackle. Then another short whistle, then a spray of big red sparks. Then another short whistle, and then a spray

of big green sparks. Then another short whistle, and a spray of flashing silver sparks. Another short whistle, and a spray of silver crackle. Another short whistle, and a spray which is a mix of red sparks, green sparks, and silver crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

Wailing Whales Singing

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Black Cat brand, #BC-2098. 132 seconds.

Begins with a very bright yellow torch and a little bit of silver spray above it. This gives way to a brief spray of yellow globs of flame and then a silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then it's a brilliant red torch with a little silver

turns into a beautiful spray of purple sparks, and then another silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then it becomes a green torch flame, which quickly turns into a red flame, then it turns into a multi-color spray which, I think, has green, blue, purple, red and yellow sparks in it. The final effect is a tube which gives six short whistles, each one with a silver spray and a red flame at the base. This fountain mesmerized me with its colors. The long duration and superb use of color make it a standout. I would recommend that you set this one on a stand, at eye level or slightly lower than eye level, as most of the color and interest is at or near the device itself. This fountain is also sold as "Rainbow Fire" (BC2105) and the performance is identical. (Last tested in 2004)

Wailing Wheel

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BC-817. 34 seconds.

Six drivers, each one with a whistle, and each one with either a red flame with white sparks, a green flame with white sparks, or a mixed gold and silver spray. Alternates between those. First tested in 1998 when it lasted 34 seconds, and tested again in 2003, when it lasted 50 seconds. Still good quality and it seems to go on a long time. (Last tested in 2003)

Wailing Witch

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Maverick brand, #FN98. 56 seconds.

Starts with crackle and green stars, then whistles with white sparks, then crackle and green, then another white whistle, then back to the crackle and green, then the whistle, then crackle and green. (Last tested in 1999)

Wake-up Call

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2995. 12 shots, 38 seconds.

Each shot whistles with an airy whistle sound on the way up, then breaks into a beautiful break of sparkling silver glitter combined with a few comets that have color heads and white tails - a very pleasing combination in one break. A good cake. (Last tested in 2002)

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spray above it, and this turns into a spray of red globs of flame, and then changes to a silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then a gorgeous purplish-blue torch flame appears, with a small amount of silver spray above it. This turns into a terrific spray of all blue sparks, and then another silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then a green torch flame appears, with a small amount of silver spray above it. This turns into a spray of all green sparks, and then another silver whistle with a red flame at the base. Then a purplish red torch flame appears, with a small amount of silver spray above it. This

Waking Up

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GCM0156. 16 shots, 33 seconds.

The first shot is a strobing red pearl that goes up and opens into about 6 or 7 red stars that spread apart and leave a trail of crackle as they spread. I would call it a "dragon eggs" break but the manufacturer calls it a "crackling palm." The next shot is the same thing but the red is replaced by green. These two shots continue to alternate with each other, until the final four shots, which are fired all at once, and they are gold comets which go up and break into glittering palm tree breaks. (Last tested in 2005)

Walloping Warheads

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-024. 12 shots, 37 seconds.

Each shot is a long-flying whistling projectile, which goes very high, whistling all the way and leaving a trail of crackling sparks behind it as it goes up. (Last tested in 2001)

War Between the Worlds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand,
#KG0702. 49 shots, 24 seconds.

Well-timed barrage of lovely blue and purple breaks. Superb colors. (Last tested in 1995)

War Birds

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #G-121. 7 shots, 29 seconds.

First tested in 1998. Each shot has a long-lasting comet trail as it goes up, then ends in an excellent break with fluffy chrysanthemum trails, a few swimming "eels" and even some crackle. Outstanding quality; however, the unit we tested fell over after two shots. So if you get this one, surround it with bricks or blocks before lighting it. Tested again in 2004. It has a wooden base on it now, so it is much more stable. You will not need to surround it with blocks or bricks. It sends up 7 large shots, each one has 2 effects - a color effect, followed by crackle flowers. The first shot is a giant white chrysanthemum break with red tips, and crackle flowers. The next shot is a green chrysanthemum break and crackle flowers. The next shot is a blue peony break and crackle flowers. The next shot is a purple chrysanthemum break and crackle

flowers. The next shot is a blue chrysanthemum break and crackle flowers. The next shot is a silver glitter break and crackle flowers. The final shot appears to be all crackle, with crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

War Drum

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6153. 14 shots, 32 seconds.

Every shot produces both a mine and a break above the mine. The first shot gives a mine of silver glitter with blue stars above it, and a break of red stars that crackle as they spread apart. The next shot is the same thing. The next shot gives a mine of silver glitter with blue stars above it, and a break of green stars that crackle as they spread apart.

flitter with green and red, then purple sparks with gold flitter - really beautiful. Then some crackle to end it with. (Last tested in 2004)

War Hawk

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Lightning Bolt brand, #LB-B012. 7 shots, 31 seconds.

Starts with a crackling silver fountain for about 15 seconds. Then sends up 7 screaming white comets which spiral up and then end in a little bit of crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

War Party, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Great Grizzly brand.

Okay, a little better than Custer Killer and The Scalper, but not much. (Last tested in 1995)

Warhead Launcher

Missile. Flower Basket brand,
#K4426L.

This would be considered a rocket or missile, although it has no stick or fins on it to stabilize its flight. What keeps it stabilized as it flies is the fact that it spins around its vertical axis while flying. If you watch it carefully as it takes off, you may be able to see the spinning motion. Don't get too close though. This is usually supplied in a box of 6, with a wooden board with a nail on it. You place one warhead on the nail and light it, and it spins and flies up. When these first came out, they had a very loud report at the end of the flight. But now, they just give off crackle at the end of the flight - the report is history. They are still fun, though. This has been a popular item for as long as I have been writing these descriptions. (Last tested in 1995)

Warhead Missile

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Pearl brand, #GG-2902. 18 shots, 43 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and breaks into a huge red peony break. The next shot goes up and breaks into a big silver glitter break. The next shot goes up and breaks into a silver chrysanthemum break. The next shot produces a large purple peony break with a little crackle mixed in. Then a large gold peony break. Then a large green break with a small gold trail behind each green star. Then a giant purple glitter break. Then a terrific break which is a mix of red and

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The next shot is the same, but the break is a mixture of red and green stars that crackle as they spread apart. The next shot is the same. Then the speed picks up and the rest of the shots are fired closely together for a finale. (Last tested in 2005)

War Flame Castle

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Dragon Eggs brand, #DE1024. 91 seconds.

Gold flitter sparks, changing to mixed red, green and white spray, then gold

blue peony stars. Then a break which is a mix of blue peony stars with a little silver glitter. Then a chrysanthemum break with pale purple stars followed by silver trails. Then a silver glitter break. Then a red chrysanthemum break. Then a peony break which is a mixture of red and green stars. Then a green peony break with silver glitter and a purple peony break with silver glitter are fired close together. Then a break which has flying fish and some falling leaves stars. Finally, a mini-finale which includes many of the same breaks seen earlier in the cake. It's hard to believe it's all in one cake, it seems like a long show with big breaks - sort of lighting 18 festival balls. Good one. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Warhead Rocket

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0252.

Pack of 4. Nice breaks, with a lot of color stars or crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Warhead Rocket, 38-inch

Skyrocket. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0217.

Great effects - ring shells, etc. (Last tested in 2002)

Warhead Super Bang

Firecracker. No brand.

Remember taking apart a string of 50 or 100 firecrackers, so you could use them one by one? We all did it, back when we only had enough money to buy a pack or two. So to make that fireworks money last as long as possible, we took the string apart and kept the crackers in a jar or box until we spent hours doing "experiments," like seeing how high an empty soup can would fly. If you did that, too, this box will bring back memories for you. The box has no brand other than "Warhead" brand. The crackers are packed loose, 200 regular 1.5-inch crackers in the box. The box says, "200 count...Packed loose...No broken fuses...Convenient and fast." Convenient and fast! Sounds like they could be used to cure a headache or something. The box also says, "Attention: The firecrackers contained herein meet Consumer Product Safety standards as to explosive powder content (50 milligrams)." This is the first and only time I have seen an explicit reference to the U.S. agency "Consumer

Product Safety Commission" on an actual box of fireworks or firecrackers. The box says that these are made in Kwangsi, China and "repacked in Macau." They are imported by R & S Marketing Service, of Bozeman, Montana. (Last tested in 1999)

Warming Greeting

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #2009. 61 shots, 16 seconds.

Starts out pretty dumb, then gets a little better, but still not that great. Each shot goes up and cracks open with a small report, into a few silver stars. Towards the end they come faster and faster, which redeems it, but I would

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Warp Speed

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-656. 19 shots, 21 seconds.

Just when you think you've seen it all, here comes a completely new and different repeater. Each shot goes up dark and ends in a cluster of orange stars which zoom away in all directions. It's almost like the "go-getter" effect in professional fireworks, and it's also reminiscent of the old Sky Monkeys rocket or Monkeys Violate the Heaven Palace rocket - just more energetic.

Fascinating despite the complete lack of color or any sound effects. Though it is a Black Cat item, it is not always available at every location that sells Black Cat fireworks. I wrote to the Black Cat office in Hong Kong about this item, and they told me that it is exclusively imported by Winco Fireworks. This cake has been "updated" in a sense by a new one called "Variegated Warp," also in the Black Cat brand. See "Variegated Warp" for more details. (Last tested in 1998)

Wasp

Flying Spinner. Black Cat brand, #BC-921. 8 seconds.

Flies up with a gold spray, then changes to a silver spray and whistles twice as it continues to climb. Then when it reaches the peak it sprays out crackle. Fantastic. (Last tested in 2004)

Wasp Floral

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T2126. 61 shots, 52 seconds.

Ascending as brilliant-headed comets, to bright, drooping breaks of gold. (Last tested in 1995)

Watch Out

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0135. 16 shots, 29 seconds.

Alternates between shots which are crackling comets and shots which go up as a green pearl, ending in a mixed peony break of purple and green. This continues until the end, when the final 4 shots are fired all at once, and they are mixed peony breaks of purple and green. Good timing, good crackle comets, and scores points for the purple stars, but really needs more stars in the breaks to be a "wow" item. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Water Balls

Novelty Firework. Link Triad brand, #W-738. 10 seconds.

Bright red flame, then it inflates a bright red balloon. Different. (Last tested in 1995)

Water Bomb

Firecracker. Shogun brand, #SWB100.

It's a box of single firecrackers, 100 of them in the box. They are waterproof and have waterproof fuses. So you can

light one and drop in water, and it will still go off. (Last tested in 2004)

Water Dragon

Firecracker brand.

100 separate one-inch crackers in the box, 50 red and 50 yellow. They appear to be the same thing as Boomer 1-inch crackers. No importer listed on label. (Last tested in 1999)

Waterfall

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Glorious brand, #GPH3071. 20 shots, 31 seconds.

A highly unusual effect, where four shots are fired at a time, go up dark, and then open into glittering gold sparks that last a long time as they drift down. They don't break hard, so that they fall down and create a "firefall" effect. They drift down and burn almost all the way to the ground. Then four more shots do the same thing. Then four more. Then four more, and four more. Very quiet, but a unique effect and would be very useful for a waterfall effect in a show. (Last tested in 2005)

Waterfall

Box Fountain. Black Cat brand, #BC-250. 32 seconds.

Long-lasting white balls of fire. This should be set up high to give the best effect. A very nice shower of sparks which is sort of pale gold or dull silver, not a brilliant silver. Lots of sparks. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Waterfall Fantasy

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2070. 50 shots, 49 seconds.

Starts with a whole row fired in a fan shape, which are silver comets with red heads - so many of them that they form a solid wall of silver in a fan shape. It's really more of a mine, in a fan shape. Then the same thing, but they have blue heads. Then another fan, but this one is blue pearls - lots of them. Then a fan of gold comets. Then a fan is shot up which becomes crackle breaks - lots of crackle. Then, the entire sequence described above is repeated a second time. If you're looking for fan shapes, this is a good one for it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Waves of Ecstasy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 24 seconds.

All shots are mines of red stars and glittering silver stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Way 2 Kool

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Great Grizzly brand, #GG0552. 90 seconds.

It appears to be approximately the same fountain sold as "Tropical Sunlight" (Beihai brand). It's a superb triangular multi-tube fountain with most of the colors and effects that are found in

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fountains, and the timing of the tubes is perfect - just as one effect finishes, another starts. Red spray, to green flitter spray, to white, to red flitter spray, to green flitter, to gold flitter, then a short, loud whistle, then crackle, and finally a pure white shower. Great, great, great. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Welcome Spring

Single-tube Aerial. Horse brand.

Just one whistling silver shot. Should be in a repeater, not singly. No item number. (Last tested in 1998)

Welder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2190. 8 shots, 18 seconds.

The first shot goes up and ends in a break of red chrysanthemum plus green glitter. The next shot goes up and ends in a silver chrysanthemum which turns into crackle flowers. These 2 shots alternate with each other until the end. (Last tested in 2005)

Were Wolf

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-164. 70 seconds.

Powerful spray, shooting straight up. Only a little red or green or crackle. (Last tested in 1995)

Werewolf

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand, #HP23. 25 shots, 48 seconds.

Each shot has a gold tail, which fades, then the shot blasts open into a red, blue or green peony (no trails), of irregular shape. No brand on label. It's an interesting effect of silver comets that go up and then break into a color chrysanthemum, but an additional silver comet comes out of it. If that comet goes straight up, it looks like it is part of the original comet, that simply gave off a break on the way up. On some of them, the second comet goes off at an angle, but the effect is still pretty to look at. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1998)

West Lake assortment, Jumbo

Skyrocket. West Lake brand.

Three different assortments (A, B and C) with a variety of effects. Good quality. (Last tested in 1995)

West Lake assortment, Jumbo B

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L186.

Songs of Spring, Summer Heat, Autumn Leaves, and Winter Snow. Four varieties: Songs of Spring, Summer Heat, Autumn Leaves and Winter Snow. Arguably the best rocket assortment from the West Lake factory. The Winter Snow rocket gave white stars which lasted an amazingly long time. (Last tested in 1996)

West Lake assortment, large

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L143.

Formerly the best rocket assortment. Clean, crisp breaks. Aerial Flash, Color Silk, Sky Bloom and Willow. (Last tested in 1995)

West Lake assortment, small

Skyrocket. West Lake brand, #L145.

Buy the larger ones - these don't have enough of a show to them. (Last tested in 1995)

Whale Brand assorted fountains

Base Fountain. Whale brand, #W809. 15 seconds.

Peach Garden, Glorious Flower, Willon [sic] Flower, and Lighting. Nice little fountains in a small box. (Last tested in 1995)

Whale Brand assortment

Base Fountain. Whale brand, #W806. 15 seconds.

Spring Greeting, Festival Happiness, Golden Leaves, and Snow Fall. Very nice small fountains. (Last tested in 1995)

What a Blast!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2958. 20 shots, 41 seconds.

Really cute label with cartoons of people lighting off fireworks. It's an interesting show that starts out with shots that go up with firecrackers going off as they go up, while the shots open into flying fish. Then the same thing, only the shots open into small white whirlwinds. The next series of shots opens into single-color breaks of red, green or blue. Then it's red and green flying fish, then a barrage of color breaks at the end. (Last tested in 2001) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

What A Blast!

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2976. 42 shots, 24 seconds.

Fires the shots in a fan shape, in a "Z" pattern, up one row and down the next row. The first row's shots are silver comets with red heads that go up and end in crackle breaks. The second row is comets with green heads that go up and end in breaks of blue and silver. The third row is comets with gold heads that go up and end in breaks of green, blue

and silver. The next row is comets with blue heads that go up and end in breaks of blue stars mixed with gold stars. The next row is strobing white shots that go up and end in breaks of red mixed with silver glitter. The next row is white comets that go up and end in red peony breaks. Finally the last row is fired all at once in a fan, and they are comets with various color heads, that go up and end in a fan of breaks that are all different: a red break, gold break, blue break, green break, silver chrysanthemum, and one crackle break. A very well-designed

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show! (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Whazz Up Missile

Missile. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0430.

Flies up and puts out a small bouquet of red and green stars. There is space in the top of the missile to add more stuff, if doing that is your kind of thing. (Last tested in 2002)

Wheel of Fortune

Wheel. Vulcan brand, #PW25. 35 seconds.

Five drivers, each one whistling with a nice silver spray. Spins fast and hard, the whistles are loud, and it's well made. No colors. (Last tested in 1998)

When Hell Freezes Over

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0677. 83 seconds.

A bright blue flame with gold sparks around and above it. The blue flame comes out of the center tube, and the smaller tubes around them give the gold sparks. Excellent blue color, if you're looking for a single blue flare-type fountain. (Last tested in 2001)

Whirl Wind

Wheel. Black Cat brand, #BCSF-802. 58 seconds.

Part of the Spectrum Force series. Futuristic-looking device with 6 drivers in 2 groups of 3. Starts with 2 drivers going, one on each side. They both give off flashing gold sparks as they push the wheel around. The result is a circular whirlwind of flashing gold - very nice. Then it continues to spin, while tossing out red sparks here and there - not a lot, just a little bit to begin with, then the red sparks start coming in larger amounts. Then they become sparse again. Then, it changes to a very unusual mixture of purple sparks and flashing, slightly crackling gold parks. I don't recall seeing this combination in any other firework, including all the fountains. Then it changes to a silver spray. I'd like to see the purple spray continue longer, but alas, the wheel ends with silver spray. If you're a fan of wheels, be sure to try this one for variety, as the effects it gives off are different from most wheels. (Last tested in 2004)

Whirley Twirley

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All Star brand. 34 seconds.

All shots are green pearls that end in silver whirlwinds. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Whirlwind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flying Dragon brand, #W523. 19 shots, 38 seconds.

Big round spinning sprays of white in the air, with a distinctive light crackling sound. (Last tested in 1995)

Whirlwind

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W223. 37 shots, 29 seconds.

Hexagonal cake which shoots up green pearls which whip open quickly into sil-

ver whirlwinds. Perfect timing between shots. (Last tested in 1999)

Whirlwind O' Wheels

Wheel. Brothers brand, #BP6033. 61 seconds.

A unique piece which contains several wheels connected together. There are three small wheels on the face of the larger one, and they start spinning all at once, with green, red or blue color flames and silver sprays. Meanwhile, the larger wheel they are mounted on also spins with a short whistle to get it going, and then a steady gold spray to keep it going. The 3 color wheels are then spinning around each other at the same time they are rotating on their own. This creates a kind of phantasmagoria of color in the center, which is a sight we haven't seen before in fireworks, that I know of. The large wheel occasionally changes to silver whistle instead of gold, just to keep the speed going. But most of the time it is a gold spray. This all goes on for a satisfying length of time, almost exactly a minute in fact. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Whirlwind of Caribbean Sea

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2626. 19 shots, 49 seconds.

An enhanced whirlwind cake, which alternates between blue, green and red pearls going up. They "strobe" a little bit on the way up. Each one opens into a silver whirlwind, with a small amount of red, blue and green stars in the center. No sound effects, but a nice display to look at. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Whistle Storm

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4053. 12 shots, 22 seconds.

Starts with a silver fountain. Then 12 silver whistles are shot up into the air. (Last tested in 2004)

Whistling Buster

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand, #W516A.

Each shell whistles on the way up. Red, green, blue or white breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Buster, assorted

Reloadable Shell Kit. Beihai brand, #WB5020.

One tube and six shells in the box: Whistling - Red w/Crackling (two of those); Whistling w/Red, Green Chrysanthemum; Whistling w/Red, White Chrysanthemum (two of those) and Whistling - Blue w/Crackling. Terrific colors. (Last tested in 1999)

Whistling Chaser

Chaser. Red Lantern brand, #0416. 8 seconds.

Slightly better than the Taiwanese versions. (Last tested in 1995)

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Whistling Chaser with 2 reports

Chaser. brand, #0238. 4 seconds.

Hunan. A loud whistle, ending with 2 distinct reports, but the duration of the whistle is only about 2 to 3 seconds. (Last tested in 1999)

Whistling Color Cuckoo

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Foshan brand, #T1117. 25 seconds.

Two whistles, followed by crackles mixed in with the red, green and white sprays. Nice. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Color Floral

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Kellner's brand, #T2042. 61 shots, 8 seconds.

Very fast, intense display of screaming, spinning white comets, which end in small breaks of red, blue or green. Very loud. (Last tested in 1996)

Whistling Colorful Windmill

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2007. 19 shots, 26 seconds.

All shots are the same: a whistling silver comet goes up, and sort of spins around and spirals as it goes up. Then it opens into a white whirlwind. I don't remember seeing any color stars, and I watched the videotape carefully several times, and I am pretty sure there weren't any colors to be seen in the unit I got. But, it's loud and bright. (Last tested in 1999)

Whistling Display Shell #5

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith/Black Cat brand.

Made for Black Cat by Zenith Specialties. This sends up one shot, which whistles on its way up, then breaks into a large, impressive red chrysanthemum break (each star has a red head and a silver trail behind it). A good amount of stars and good symmetry in the break. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Whistling Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. All American Professional brand, #AAP19-2. 19 shots, 22 seconds.

Each shot whistles briefly during its spiralling ascent, then bursts into a magnificent peony-type break of mixed colors. Lots of stars! (Last tested in 1997)

Whistling Fountain

Base Fountain. F&S brand, #FS324. 13 seconds.

Piercingly loud whistle for about 13 seconds. No real visual display, so it can be used in daytime or night. (Last tested in 1998)

Whistling Jacks

Ground Spinner. Red Lantern brand, #0417. 6 seconds.

Hard to get the cellophane off! White-and-purple-braided ones best. Spins in red and green while whistling. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Jake

Reloadable Shell Kit. Dragon brand, #W520A.

Each shot whistles on the way up with an airy, wind-like whistling sound. The breaks are decent. About the same as the common Artillery Shells, except with whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

Whistling Jupiter Missile

Missile. Horse brand, #T0573.

Well, they're inexpensive; that's about all I can say for them. Each one shrieks. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Moon Travellers

Bottle Rocket. Red Lantern brand, #O445.

Standard brand; always reliable. Very nice packaging. Loudness of reports seems to vary from year to year and from factory to factory. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Report Chaser

Chaser. Santai brand, #S.F. No. 010. 4 seconds.

A far cry from the excellent chasers of old, this one scoots around for a couple of seconds and then gives a small report. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Rocket

Skyrocket. Flower Basket brand, #K6655G.

Similar to the Wild Geese rocket, whistles after it gets up there. Red and green stars. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Rocket

Skyrocket. Beihai brand, #WB1002.

Flies up with a loud whistle, and ejects a handful of crackle. (Last tested in 1999)

Whistling SAM

Bottle Rocket. West Lake brand, #L103.

Small bottle rocket, with whistle and report. Good quality. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Shell

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2012. 9 shots, 21 seconds.

Each of the nine shots goes up as a green pearl, and whistles on the way up. Then it bursts hard into a large red and green burst with many stars - these shells are really packed with stars. Outstanding. (Last tested in 1999)

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Whistling Sky Fire

Bottle Rocket. brand.

Jiangmen Native Produce I/E Corp. The exemplary bottle rocket: safe, reliable, and inexpensive; with an amazingly loud whistle on the way up to a nice snappy report. If all bottle rockets were this good, there'd be no talk of banning them. A terrific bottle rocket. (Last tested in 1996)

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Whistling Snake

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Red Lantern brand, #O352A. 25 shots, 48 seconds.

Brilliant white comets that change to whistles when they reach their peak, and whistle off sideways without comet tails. Slow paced, with very consistent timing between shots. (Last tested in 1996)

Whistling Thunder

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-5060. 22 seconds.

Screaming silver comets, each of which ends in a cluster of blue, red and green stars and a few firecrackers. Speeds up a

little towards the end. (Last tested in 2002)

Whistling Tri-Rotating Wheel

Wheel. Horse brand, #T7502. 30 seconds.

Time-tested classic; brilliant colors and warbling whistle sounds. In 1996, sprays of sparks became thinner and burn quicker, so are the whistles. (Last tested in 1996)

Whistling Wheel

Wheel. Flying Dragon brand, #W653. 19 seconds.

3 drivers which are whistlers. Noisy, but not that attractive. Rare. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Whirl Floral

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Tiger Head brand, #T2041. 61 shots, 16 seconds.

Brilliant spiralling comets and red and green pearls. (Last tested in 1995)

Whistling Yankee Doodle

Roman Candle, single. Famous Herbie brand, #KG202. 10 shots, 34 seconds.

Amusing. Each shot whistles weakly, twice. Unique sound effect. (Last tested in 1995)

White Crackling Flowers Fountain

Display Firework (1.3G). brand. 36 seconds.

This is a cylinder which is 11 inches tall and 2 3/8 inch in diameter. The color label on it is for "2" Shells" (#K8021) but that is an incorrect labeling. There is a small white label glued on it which says "White Crackling Flowers Fountain." This fountain gives a very tall spray, which seems to be half smoke and half sparks. The sparks are mostly white flitter sparks which have a very soft crackle sound. There is so much illuminated smoke that it looks like a cauldron or volcano eruption. It's about 12 to 15 feet tall. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

White Fountain

Base Fountain. WuTai Mountain brand, #SX8058. 3 seconds.

Has Temple of Heaven logo, but has Wu Tai Mountain item number. Almost a mine of white flitter sparks - maybe it malfunctioned. (Last tested in 2000)

White Heat

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0218. 25 shots, 31 seconds.

Crackling silver comets with bright heads, that end by throwing off a single green star. A little slow paced, but that makes for a longer-lasting display. Speeds up towards the end. (Last tested in 1998)

White Hot Strobe #100

Single-tube Aerial. Space Age brand. Technically, this should be called glitter, not strobe, since each star flashes only once. Break is pretty, but not full enough. Difficult to photograph. (Last tested in 1996)

White Knight

Reloadable Shell Kit. Brothers brand, #BP2105.

Here is an advancement: six-break shells in a consumer fireworks kit! Six-break shells are rare even in professional fireworks. There are 6 shells and 1 tube in the kit. The shells are 1 inch in diameter, and 9 inches tall! Each shell really does give 6 separate breaks in the air, in a variety of colors and a little crackle. The breaks happen about 1/2 second apart or maybe a little faster. It's interesting and impressive not for the size of the breaks but for the achievement of six breaks in one shell. This would be great for your show's finale - if you fired a bunch of these in a rapid series, you would fill the sky up with many breaks of color and crackle. Each of the 6 breaks in one shell is a different combination of colors or effects, and each break on its own is fairly impressive, considering that they are only 1-inch diameter shells, they produce a lot in the air. This brand deserves credit for advancing the reloadable shell kit to a new level. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

White Mammoth Smoke

Smoke. Dragon Eggs brand, #DS003. 70 seconds.

A box of 24 smoke cartridges, each of which puts out pure white smoke for just over a minute. Useful if you want white smoke only... (Last tested in 2004)

White Orchis

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. brand, #N2029. 70 shots, 64 seconds.

Gold comets with blue heads, speeding up towards the end. Pretty. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1995)

White Peony

Cone Fountain. Red Lantern brand, #HN96. 13 seconds.

The box I got was apparently labeled for Spain. In addition to the HN96 number, it also said Art. 218, Super Conetto Chinese. A spray of silver and crackle. Nothing great. (Last tested in 1998)

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White Sands Missile Range

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Kellner's brand, #9124. 12 shots, 25 seconds.

Every shot is a crackling comet on the way up, breaking into a crossette break of 4 crackling comets. Virtually continuous crackling sound, and lovely to look at. (Last tested in 2003)

White Tiger

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP-A014-2. 16 shots,

As far as I know, this one is sold only as part of an assortment of three 500-gram "Heavy Weights," called "Shaolin

Tradition." Please see "Shaolin Tradition" for a description of this one. (Last tested in 2004)

Whizzing Shells

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Horse brand, #T280. 25 shots, 12 seconds.

Similar in construction and effect to the ubiquitous Saturn Missile Battery. But if you see this, buy this instead of Saturn Missile Battery, because the reports are better in this one. (Last tested in 1998)

Wholly Terror

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Monster brand, #CP545. 17 shots,

Alternates between two types of shots: crackling comets, and green pearls which end in very small clusters of red stars. Towards the end, it speeds up with a fast barrage of color pearls which end in small reports. (Last tested in 2000)

Whopper Rocket

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-464.

This is a large skyrocket that comes in a pack of 2. The rocket flies up and ejects a parachute, to which is attached an American flag. The rocket, flag, and parachute all stay together and drift down slowly. Obviously this one is for daytime use, as you would not even see the flag at night. The kids in attendance will love hunting this one down after it finally lands on the ground. (Last tested in 2004)

Wicked Rage

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fire Bird brand, #FB 214. 16 shots, 18 seconds.

Tall gold comets with "charcoal" tails, each breaking into a small cluster of silver stars and a few crackers. Excellent altitude, and nice gold comets, but I wish the breaks were a little bigger and more impressive. (Last tested in 1999)

Wild as the Devil

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2820. 16 shots, 40 seconds.

Every shot is a fluffy white comet that goes up and breaks nicely into a mixed break of red, blue, green and crackle. Very nice cake. Perfect timing between shots. Excellent. (Last tested in 2000)

Wild Bats

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram.
Phantom brand, #H-074. 20 seconds.

Six brief whistles on the side; green to red and green spray in center. (Last tested in 1995)

Wild Bear

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2576. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

This cake is also sold as "Wild Boar." See "Wild Boar" for the description. (Last tested in 2003)

Wild Boar

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2576. 16 shots, 31 seconds.

It's a Crazy Bees on steroids. All shots are the same effect: a large, bright white spinner is shot up, that flies up and away with a loud buzzing sound. Each one is slightly different in pitch, and each one may go up or down in pitch as well. Some seem to end by busting into a small, thin circle of gold sparks, not really stars but just sparks. The sound effect is the main attraction to this one. Definitely an attention-getter. This cake is also sold as "Wild Bear." (Last tested in 1998)

Wild Cactus

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2134. 15 shots, 44 seconds.

The first shot is a huge gold willow break with red tips. The next shot is a huge gold willow break with silver tips. The next shot is a break of crackle flowers. The next shot is a break of spreading crackle, almost like dragon eggs. The above sequence is then repeated two more times. The finale is 3 shots fired almost at once, and they all give the spreading crackle breaks similar to dragon eggs. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Wild Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2915. 9 shots, 10 seconds.

Nice color and crackling, but too short in duration. Red, gold and green bursts. (Last tested in 1995)

Wild Fire

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DE4028. 19 shots, 39 seconds.

Purple stars are still relatively rare in consumer fireworks. This one has a lot of them. Every break is either a purple peony or a peony of mixed green and purple stars, or a peony of mixed blue and purple stars. Outstanding color. (Last tested in 2004)

Wild Fling

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0353. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

All shots are screaming white comets, with red heads. Most shots end in nice little breaks of red, green or white stars, though a few shots really didn't break. But a good quality cake similar to the old "Howling Tiger" or "Pyro Pandemonium." (Last tested in 2000)

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Wild Flowers

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K1157C. 25 shots, 63 seconds.

25 bright red pearls with gold tails to small green breaks. (Last tested in 1996)

Wild Geese

Skyrocket. Horse brand, #T0512.

Whistles high up in air; with a thin, small break of red and green. Tested again in 2005, with the item number G-

T0512 (made by Glorious company). (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #8)

Wild Imagination

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#MAF2918. 25 shots, 49 seconds.

Color pearls to silver whirlwinds at various angles, about 50 feet up. Each shot goes up as a green pearl, then ends in a white whirlwind with a handful of blue stars in the center. Perfect timing between shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Wild Mushroom

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2009. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

Screaming white comets, some of which spin on the way up, end in very small clusters of crackle and a few red or green stars. The whistles overlap and pretty much overwhelm everything else that happens, so buy this one if you are a whistle fanatic. Unchanged in 2003. (Last tested in 2003)

Wild n' Crazy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2815. 19 shots, 20 seconds.

All shots are green pearls that go up and then open into white whirlwinds with a few color stars mixed in. Some of them open like normal whirlwinds, while others seem to whip open into two distinct groups of white sparks. (Last tested in 2000)

Wild One

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2037. 10 shots, 30 seconds.

The first shot goes up as a red pearl and ends in a triple-break shell, three separate breaks of multi-color peony stars. The smallest of the three breaks is glittering silver stars. The largest of the three breaks has a whistling chaser in it somewhere, which is hard to see but easily heard. The next shot is the same thing but it's a green pearl on the way up. The next shot is the same thing but it's a blue pearl on the way up. These three shots alternate with each other for the rest of the duration. (Last tested in 2003)

Wild Stallion

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK609. 16 shots, 35 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a red pearl, which then breaks open into either a green chrysanthemum, a white chrysanthemum, or a red break with crackle. Excellent large breaks for such a small cake. One of the units we tested fell over towards the end, so glue this one down well or surround it with supports. High quality. Tested again in 2004, and the performance is different, but still good. The shots alternate between 3 types: a green star goes up and breaks into a green chrysanthemum; or a red star goes up and breaks into a red peony with crackle, or a blue star goes up and breaks into a blue peony. (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Wild West

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2924. 25 shots, 25 seconds.

This cake is notable for its firing sequence. The 25 shots are fired in groups of 5 shots, not all at the same instant but closely together. Then there is a short pause before the next group of five is shot. The first group is red chrysanthemum breaks, then the next group is white chrysanthemums, the next group is blue breaks, then a group of green stars which open into silver whirlwinds with a few reports, and finally 5 nice crackle breaks. Very well-designed piece. (Last tested in 2000) (Shown on PYROvideo #1 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Wild Wheel

Wheel. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0281. 33 seconds.

A brand new 13-inch wheel from Great Grizzly brand. It has 18 drivers, a ball-bearing hub and a hardware kit with instructions on how to mount it. Six drivers fire at a time. First are drivers which give green flames with a gold spray, then it changes to drivers which give red flames with silver spray. Finally the last 6 drivers give a sparkling silver spray. Wow! No sound effects, but who cares. You can light some whistling or crackling fountains at the same time. They reinvented the wheel with this one. Also appears in the Beihai Fireworks catalog as Fire Wheel (m) or Qixing Banyue (#WB6001), packed six to the case. Highly recommended. (Last

tested in 1999) (Shown on PYROvideo #2 and on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3)

Wild Wings

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. No brand. 9 shots, 11 seconds.

No brand or item number at all. Each shot goes up as a sparkling gold comet, then ends in a small cluster of silver flying fish and some small reports. (Last tested in 2000)

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2930. 25 shots, 36 seconds.

A series of bright white comets, with thick trails of sparks and brilliant white heads. Each one breaks into either a red or green burst, opening at different angles. No sound effects, but a lavish look with plenty of color and sparks. Silver comets that go up and break hard into single-color breaks of red, green or blue. Perfect timing between shots. (Last tested in 2000)

Willow

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Lidu brand. 19 shots, 30 seconds.

Outstanding cake which gives huge gold willow bursts of large diameter. May be classified as 1.3G so the public might not be able to buy it in the United States. I'm not certain if this one is 1.4G or 1.3G. (Last tested in 2001)

Willow Among the Palms

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #G-094. 10 shots, 25 seconds.

Each shot goes up as a silver comet, that opens into a flat-shaped break of red or green stars. No sound effects until the end, when the final shot opens into a cluster of crackle. (Last tested in 1998)

Willow Mania

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2711. 12 shots, 28 seconds.

The first shot goes up dark and breaks into an enormous brocade willow (shimmering silver along the gold trails as they spread out). The next shot goes up and breaks into a regular gold willow break. These two shots alternate with each other until the last 3 shots, which are fired at once, and they are gold brocade willow breaks. Outstanding size and spread of the breaks for consumer fireworks. Highly recommended if you are looking for a cake with willow breaks. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Willow Scenery

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Flower King brand, #FK156. 156 shots, 23 seconds.

A very rapid Z-pattern cake, which fires several rows of soft gold comets in a zig-zag pattern. Then, 3 shots are fired straight up which go up and break into gold willow breaks. Then another rapid series of Z-pattern shots which are gold comets, with a silvery tinge. Then finally, 3 shots fired straight up which break into gold willow breaks, with soft silver tips. I liked this for its uniqueness. I haven't seen a Z-pattern cake with only gold until now. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Willow with Color Tips Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 9 seconds.

A tall mine, which consists of sparkling gold willow stars on the way up, then

when they reach the top, they become single stars of either red, blue or green (mixed in each mine). These single stars drift down a little. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Willows

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand, #BC-6030. 10 shots, 27 seconds.

Sparkling orange-gold willow breaks, not bright but pretty to look at. They leave trails of gold sparks in the air for a few seconds. (Last tested in 2001)

Wine Vase

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #W4-18. 28 seconds.

This is shaped like a vase, and it's a good enough package design to buy an extra one for your collection. It starts with a spray of red sparks, green sparks and silver flitter. Then it changes to a green flame from two of the tubes simultaneously, pointing at angles to form a "V." These then change from green flame to a silver spray with a red flame at the base. Then 2 short whistles happen. (Last tested in 2003)

Winged Venus

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-154. 68 seconds.

Constant effect: red and green stars with bright silver "flowers." (Last tested in 1995)

Winner

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2590. 15 shots, 32 seconds.

Each shot gives a break of color stars, with one whirlwind in it. (Last tested in 1999)

Winter

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2769-4. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

In an assortment tray with the other BP2769 items. All shots go up as blue pearls, then open into (alternating) gold fish or silver flying fish. Very nice to look at. (Last tested in 1999)

Wired for Sound

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0327. 93 seconds.

A rapid succession of crackling comets, with a few whistles at the beginning.

Seems to go on forever. (Last tested in 2000)

Witch's Cauldron

Snake. brand. 28 seconds.

Much better than trying to light snake pellets. Brilliant red flame, then the snake creeps up out of it. (Last tested in 1995)

Wolf Pack

Firecracker. Phantom brand, #F-01xF.

Phantom's "house brand," available in many packings and strings up to 16,000. (Last tested in 1995)

Wolf Pack Assorted Rockets, 8-OZ.

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-039W.

Good quality stick rockets, with a variety of colors and/or reports. (Last tested in 1998)

Wolf Pack assorted shells

Single-tube Aerial. Phantom brand, #G-137.

A box of six individual shells, each on its own base. Either a crackling comet ending in a small color break, or a green pearl ending in a whirlwind. (Last tested in 1997)

Wolf Pack Crackling Candle

Roman Candle, single. Phantom brand, #C-029A. 21 seconds.

Color heads with delicious crackling tails. A winner. (Last tested in 1995)

Wolf Pack fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Phantom brand, #H-049. 137 seconds.

First tested in 1995, when it lasted 137 seconds. I tested this one again in late 2003, and it gave a flashing silver spray, changing to a green spray, then a mixed green and red spray, then a mix of green, red and silver flitter sparks, then just silver flitter spray by itself, then a flashing silver spray almost like a strobe light, then a silver flitter spray with some red sparks. Lasted 132 seconds, just 5 seconds shorter than it lasted in 1995, an insignificant difference. However it had crackle in it in 1995 and it did not have crackle in it in 2003. (Last tested in 1995)

Wolf Pack High Performance

Reloadable Shell Kit. Phantom brand, #G-200.

Part of a new generation of reloadables; same as Dragon Blaster. Six effects: red with white spinners; blue with white spinners; gold strobe; crackle; crackle with a few darting stars; and whistle to gold strobes. Good, but now eclipsed by other kits. Six different effects to the box, and they're even color-coded by fuse tie-on color. (Last tested in 1996)

Wolf Pack Ladyfingers

Firecracker. Phantom brand, #F-024F.

New "ladyfinger" -type firecrackers don't come out very often. Basically there have been only Boomer, Thunder

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Wolf Pack 2000 celebration roll

Firecracker. Phantom brand, #F-017FC.

A celebration roll of 2000 firecrackers, commemorating the arrival of the year 2000. Light it about 2 minutes before midnight. (Last tested in 1999)

Wolf Pack Assorted Rockets, 6-OZ.

Skyrocket. Phantom brand, #O-037W.

Good quality stick rockets, in a variety of colors, including silver glitter. (Last tested in 1998)

Bomb, Black Cat and a few others, until now. Why buy ladyfingers? They have a nice sound, higher in pitch than 1.5-inch crackers. Try lighting both 1.5-inchers and at the same time for the best effect. (Last tested in 1998)

Wolf Pack Smoke

Smoke. Phantom brand, #P-029. 38 seconds.

Deep, rich colors! Try lighting all four of them, about 12 feet apart. Red, yellow, green and blue. (Last tested in 1995)

Wolf Pack snaps

Toy Trick Noisemaker. Phantom brand, #F-01xF.

Fierce artwork, redesigned in 1995 to be even fiercer. Just regular snaps. (Last tested in 1995)

Wonder Cone

Cone Fountain. Glorious brand, #GCF054. 35 seconds.

A white spray with a green flame at the base. Gets taller as it goes along, which seems to be typical of many cone fountains. Then at the very end it changes to a crackle spray for a few seconds. Good one. (Last tested in 2004)

Wonder of Galaxy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2028. 10 shots, 15 seconds.

Groups of comets shot up. Some comets are loudly crackling, some are white fluffy comets and some are red-headed comets. Not long lasting, but nice comets. (Last tested in 2000)

Wonderful Bouquet

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4134. 36 seconds.

Highly collectible package - I guess it's supposed to look like a basket that you would carry flowers in, with even a purple ribbon connecting both sides. Red fountain changing to a white fountain with a few blue stars in it, then to a sparkling white spray, then finally a crackle spray. Performance is not unique enough to buy this one for shooting - buy it to collect, because in 20 or 30 years it will be truly valuable. (Last tested in 1999)

Wonderful Fountain

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K130005. 44 seconds.

From Guangzhou Gunflak I/E Corporation. The entire performance is a tall spray of loud crackle, with silver sparks and big flashing white sparks. At some points you do see some red sparks mixed in, but it's primarily the crackle effect, and lots of it. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #5)

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Wonderful Land

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Flower Basket brand, #K7746E. 90 shots, 97 seconds.

Extremely bright pearls; crackling comets; whistles; then repeats this order. (Last tested in 1995)

Wonders of the World

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Brothers brand, #BP4186. 202 seconds.

Silver crackle spray, changing to red and green, then silver glitter, then a whistle, then red, blue and silver, then another whistle, then crackle and a whistle to finish it off. (Last tested in 2000)

Woo Woo

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0359. 44 seconds.

Starts with a nice gold and blue spray, then silver flitter spray, then crackle and lots of it. Very similar to "Moondance" and "Purple Rain" fountains. (Last tested in 2000)

Woodpecker

Firecracker. brand.

Blew a Twinkie in half, removed top portion of cake and scattered cream all over. (Last tested in 1997)

Wooosh!

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #MAF 2010. 67 seconds.

Starts with rich gold flitter and red sparks, then changes to a gold spray with long-lasting white balls, then to a red, green and silver fountain, and finally adds crackle to the red and green, and gets bigger, with big crackles. Four short whistles also happen throughout, but they seem superfluous. The four fountain stages are good enough by themselves. (Last tested in 1998)

Wow!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Fireworks over America brand, #FOA2913. 18 shots, 25 seconds.

The tubes are set at angles in this one, and they are fused so that the 3 tubes in one row are fired simultaneously. The first row shoots big fluffy white comets with bright red heads. This beginning is quite startling and earns the item's name. The next row is gold comets that end in good amounts of crackle falling down. The shots in the next row go up and open into silver flying fish. The next row is gold chrysanthemum breaks that open softly. The next row shoots screaming silver comets, that end in small clusters of glitter. The final row is the only one in which the three shots give different effects: a red, a white and a blue break. Impressive, although I would have preferred a louder ending of big titanium salutes (wishful thinking, of course.) (Last tested in 2000)

Wrath of the Gods

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Golden Bear brand, #FX-A045. 26 shots, 63 seconds.

Starts with a few shots of sparkling comets, then changes to a few shots of

green pearls ending in silver whirlwinds, then changes to a few unusual shots which are red pearls but they spin and make a short whistling sound as they reach the top of their flight. This creates an unusual sound effect. Then the same thing but they are green on the way up. Then a series of screaming silver comets. Then a few shots of red or green pearls that go up and break fairly hard into red or green peony breaks. Then some shots which are green pearls that go up and end in gold willow breaks with bright green tips. Then some shots which are clusters of red stars, with each star splitting into a couple more stars - very unusual and striking. Finally some shots of crackle comets that split like cassettes into smaller crackle comets. A highly unusual and interesting set of effects make this cake a must-have if you can find it. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

X Missile

Missile. Cannon brand, #Y21-026.

Flies fine, but ends in only a tiny handful of stars. (Last tested in 2000)

X-treme

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2917. 25 shots, 45 seconds.

Stand back! warns the label. Oddly, this one also bears the California "Safe and Sane" seal on the label too, even though this wouldn't qualify for Safe and Sane in California. Each shot is a white comet, that goes up and becomes a silver whistle that swirls around for a second, then pops open into a break of either red and crackle or green and crackle. Nonstop action. (Last tested in 2000)

Xmas Fireworks

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Temple of Heaven brand, #N2028. 70 shots, 20 seconds.

Why not fireworks on Christmas Eve? Gold comets with color heads. A fast and intense barrage of red and green pearls (roman candle-type shots), going in all different directions. No sound effects. (Last tested in 1999)

XXX Triple Break Shells

Reloadable Shell Kit. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0904.

Excellent quality shell kit in an unusual tall package. Large variety of effects, with each shell giving 3 distinct breaks

in the air. Get this shell kit. (Last tested in 2002)

Yahoo!

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Kellner's brand, #9142. 7 shots, 27 seconds.

The first shot produces a large red peony break with a small white whirlwind in the center. The next shot produces a huge green peony break with a small white whirlwind, a little off center but still there. The next shot produces a huge silver glitter break. Then those 3 shots are repeated, and then there is one more shot that produces a large break of crackle. (Last tested in 2003)

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Yankee Clipper

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Phantom brand. 8 shots, 8 seconds.

Eight tubes glued onto a wooden base form this U.S.-made item. The first shot is a long-lasting silver comet, with amazingly high altitude. Then the remaining seven tubes fired all at once, giving an impressive barrage of comets, crackle and a few color stars. However, we are certain that a fusing malfunction occurred, and that the tubes were intended to fire in a steady, slower sequence rather than all at once. The tubes are too small to be reloaded with shells, but the spent device could serve

nicely as a holder for roman candles (Last tested in 1998)

Yankee Doodle

Roman Candle, single. Famous Herbie brand, #K2274CL. 10 shots, 12 seconds.

Similar to "Crackling Candle," red and green heads with crackling tails. (Last tested in 1995)

Yankee Doodle Dandy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#K7826B. 22 seconds.

Brilliant, pure-white comets split into attractive silver breaks. (Last tested in 1995)

Yankee Doodle Dandy

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2896. 110 shots, 8 seconds.

An intense, fast-paced display of color pearls (red, green, blue) shot up, along with whistling shots, and shots that go up and end in fairly loud reports. Over quick, but it has a lot of impact. Good piece to use in a finale. (Last tested in 2000)

Yankee Doodle Dandy, small

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram.
Fireworks over America brand,
#FOA2541. 25 shots, 5 seconds.

Fountain plus 24 aerial shots. Each of the shots is a fast whistler that ends in a pretty nice report. Short lived but intense. (Last tested in 2000)

Yeah Baby Yeah!

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram.
Brothers brand, #BP2077. 28 shots, 34 seconds.

A blue pearl goes up and ends in a break of blue stars plus silver glitter. Then two green pearls go up and end in breaks of mixed red and green glitter. Then 3 comets with red heads go up and end in breaks of green and sparkling silver glitter. Then 4 sparkling comets go up and end in breaks of crackle. Then 4 comets with purple heads go up and end in breaks of crackle. Then 5 crackling comets go up and end in reports plus gold willow breaks. Then 6 comets with red heads go up and end in breaks of crackle flowers. (Last tested in 2004)

Yellow Blue Tulip

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Beihai brand, #WB2027B. 25 shots, 33 seconds.

Starts with orange pearls shot up, two at a time, then changes to blue pearls shot up two at a time, then finally pairs of one orange and one blue pearl shot up together. No sound effects, and nothing else happens. It's pretty pointless when just one unit is fired, but it might work well in quantities. (Last tested in 1998)

Yellow Magnesium Star Burst, #100

Single-tube Aerial. Rozzi brand.

Great lift and altitude, nice symmetry, but yellow stars short-lived. (Last tested in 1995)

Yellow Mine

Mine. All Star brand. 4 seconds.

A tall mine of very bright gold peony stars. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Yellow Rose Texas Rocket

Skyrocket. Black Cat brand, #BC-404.

No color, no whistle, no comet, no effects, but a nice wicked report. (Last tested in 1995)

Yo-Heave-Ho #1

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO004-1. 25 shots, 17 seconds.

Fires each row of 5 shots at one time, in a fan shape. The first row is silver comets with blue heads, which end in silver flying fish. The next row is red pearls, which end in breaks of red peonies with crackle. The next row is green pearls, which end in peony breaks of green and purple. The next row is blue pearls, which end in blue chrysanthemums. The final row is gold comets with red heads, which end in breaks of crackle. (Last tested in 2004)

Yo-Heave-Ho #2

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO004-2. 25 shots, 15 seconds.

The tubes are angled in fan shapes, 5 per row. They are fired in the "Z" pattern, where one row is started at one end, the shots in that row are fired one at a time, then on the next row they are fired in the other direction down the row, and so on. The first row is crack-

ling comets with blue heads. The second row is comets with blue heads that change to spinners and end in clusters of blue stars plus crackle. The third row is comets with blue heads that end in blue chrysanthemums. The fourth row is gold comets that end in red chrysanthemums. The fifth row is fired all at once in a fan, 5 shots which are red pearls that go up and end in red peony breaks with a few "dragon egg" type stars, which crackle as they spread out. (Last tested in 2004)

Finally a blue comet which goes up and ends in blue with crackle. This sequence continues for the next 3 rows, and then on the final row, the same 5 effects are shot up all at the same time. Very nice variety here. (Last tested in 2004)

You Bet!

Multi-Tube fountain, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0335. 86 seconds.


A very nice full silver shower, changing to red and green flitter sparks, then a red spray, then a full, strong silver spray, then big crackles with red, green and blue sparks. (Last tested in 2000)

You Take the Cake

Roman Candle, single. Brothers brand, #BP3084. 51 seconds.


I would call this one a multi-tube fountain, even though the manufacturer classifies it as a roman candle. It's seven tubes arranged on a base. You light all seven at the same time if you can. They burn with nice gold sparks, which changes to a very bright silver snapping spray. It is supposed to look like a birthday cake, and you should sing "Happy Birthday" when you light it. But definitely do not light this item indoors! (Last tested in 2002) (Shown on PYROvideo #3 VHS tape only - not shown on "The Best of PYROvideo #1, 2 & 3")

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Yo-Heave-Ho #3

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DPO004-3. 25 shots, 16 seconds.

The tubes are angled in fan shapes, 5 per row. They are fired in the "Z" pattern, where one row is started at one end, the shots in that row are fired one at a time, then on the next row they are fired in the other direction down the row, and so on. In the first row, all the shots are different. A blue comet which becomes a cluster of blue stars with crackle. A crackling comet. A green pearl which goes up and ends in a green chrysanthemum. A red pearl which goes up and ends in a red break with crackle.

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Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 16 seconds.

A fast-paced show in which each shot goes up with a white comet tail and then ends in a nice chrysanthemum break of green or silver, some of which have a little crackle in them too. (Last tested in 2002)

You'll Like It

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 20 shots, 20 seconds.

All shots are angled and are shot in fan-shaped groups of five shots at a time. The first five are gold breaks with crackle, the next five are green breaks with crackle, then five blue breaks with crackle and finally just crackle only breaks. Perfect timing, all 5 shots in each group break open at almost the same instant. (Last tested in 2002)

You'll Love It

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Black Cat brand. 60 seconds.

Starts with green chrysanthemum breaks, then quite a few shots which give palm tree style breaks with 3 "branches" surrounded by a cloud of silver stars. Then there is a finale of several shots all at once, including what looks like a mine of white spinners and several large chrysanthemum breaks. (Last tested in 2002)

Z-Force

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Pyro King brand, #PYK634. 166 shots, 25 seconds.

Fires the shots in a very rapid Z-pattern, sweeping across the sky in one direction and then back the other direction. It does 13 rows like this, back and forth. Each shot is a blue pearl and a tiny silver comet. After that, it shoots a row of 5 shots all at once in a fan shape, and they go up and end in breaks of blue peony stars and gold willow stars. Then another row just like that is fired. This is a "wow" item if you have never seen a rapid Z-pattern cake before. If you have seen some of the others, like "High Stepper," it is a little less impressive because the rapid shots in that one go up and end in small breaks, while the rapid shots in "Z-Force" are simply blue pearls or tiny silver-gold comets, that just go up and don't break into anything. Nevertheless, the speed and height of this display is impressive and it would make a good piece to include as

part of a finale. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #7)

Zebra

Firecracker. brand.

Another quality brand; available in strings up to 1000. (Last tested in 1995)

Zenith #200 Shells

Single-tube Aerial. Zenith brand.

Brocade Crown, Red Crackling Palm, and Strobing Glitter shells. Sold in a pack of six. Excellent large breaks. (Last tested in 2002)

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Zenith Heavy Hitter

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Zenith brand, #JP-630.

There are three different repeaters sold under this name. All contain large tubes and meet the new 500 gram powder limit specifications. All are excellent, with comet tails up to large breaks. Highly recommended. (Last tested in 2002)

Zeus

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Dragon Eggs brand, #DP0006-3. 30 shots, 58 seconds.

Strobing red pearl goes up and ends in red chrysanthemum. Green pearl goes

up and ends in green chrysanthemum. Blue pearl goes up and ends in blue chrysanthemum. Red pearl goes up and ends in red chrysanthemum. This is followed by a blue chrysanthemum, then a peony break of red stars, then a gold willow break with green tips, then a red chrysanthemum, a green chrysanthemum, a blue chrysanthemum, a red chrysanthemum, a blue chrysanthemum, a red peony, a gold peony with green tips, red chrysanthemum, green chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, red chrysanthemum, blue chrysanthemum, and a red peony. Then, 5 shots are fired at once which are gold comets with red heads, ending in gold willow breaks. Then 5 shots are fired at once, which are red pearls going up and ending in large peony breaks of green stars plus crackle. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Zig Zag

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Red Rhino brand, #CD-2190. 190 shots, 78 seconds.

The shots are fired in rows, quickly across one row, then a short pause, and back the other way across the next row. A row of sparkling comets is fired. Then the next row is fired in the opposite direction, and these shots go up and end in clusters of crackle with silver flying fish. The next row is silver comets which end in good hard breaks of color peony stars. The next row is comets which are both whistling and crackling on the way up. The next row is gold comets that start spinning on the way up, and basically become gold whirlwinds - really beautiful. The next row is bright green stars which break into good green peony breaks. The next row is red pearls which go up and break into clouds of crackle. Then the entire above sequence is repeated again. It's amazing how much this one cake does, it seems like too much for one cake. Outstanding. (Last tested in 2005) (Shown on PYROvideo #6)

Zig Zag Coco

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Glorious brand, #GCM0132. 16 shots, 25 seconds.

The shots are fired individually, but in a fan shape, what I call the "Z" pattern. The first 4 are red shots that go up and end in very nice looking breaks which are strobing red chrysanthemums with sparkling silver glitter mixed in. Then

the next 4 are strobing green shots that go up and end in green chrysanthemums with sparkling silver glitter mixed in. Then the next 4 are strobing gold shots that go up and end in gold chrysanthemums with sparkling silver glitter mixed in. Then the final 4 shots are strobing white shots which go up and end in white chrysanthemums with silver glitter mixed in. Pretty to look at. (Last tested in 2004) (Shown on PYROvideo #4)

Zig Zag Shrieker

Single-tube Aerial. Longhorn brand.

Shoots up one whistling shot about 100 feet high, not in a zig-zag motion, more like a big curve, but very loud. (Last tested in 1998)

Zodiac

Multi-tube Aerial, 500 gram. Brothers brand, #BP2167. 37 shots, 58 seconds.

The first shot whistles on the way up and then breaks into a good break which starts as a red peony break and finishes as a crackle break. The next shot whistles on the way up and then breaks into a green chrysanthemum break. The next shot whistles on the way up and then breaks into a blue chrysanthemum break. The next shot whistles on the way up and then breaks into a green chrysanthemum break. The next four shots are fired at once in a fan, and they are silver comets with red heads which go up and end in red peony breaks that change to crackle. Then the entire sequence above is repeated two more times. Then, four shots are fired all at once, straight up, which are sparkling green comets on the way up, and they break into gold willows with green tips. Then, four shots are fired all at once, straight up, which are strobing blue pearls on the way up, then they break into gold willows which turn into crackle as they spread out and drift down - almost like dragon eggs. (Last tested in 2005)

Zombie

Multi-tube Aerial, 200 gram. Great Grizzly brand, #GG0356. 25 shots, 32 seconds.

All shots are whistling silver comets on the way up. They alternate between breaking into green stars with crackle, or red stars with crackle. (Last tested in 2000)

Zoomers

Ground Spinner. Blockbuster brand, #FOA3174. 10 seconds.

Large ground spinner, like a giant Ground Bloom Flower, but better than today's Ground Bloom Flowers. They spin with a red flame with white sparks, changing to a green flame with white sparks, then a gold flame to white sparks. Top-notch. (Last tested in 2000)

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