

Amended pages of description GB2523562

GB2489116, filed by the current applicant, discloses a linked round carrying bag that provided an improved means for carrying linked rounds. In particular this patent discloses a linked round carrying bag consisting of a flexible sleeve that is sealed at a first end, has an opening at a second end and has an openable closure extending substantially from the first  
5 end to the second end, wherein a width of the sleeve is greater than the length of an individual round but is less than twice the length of an individual round.

Through use, some issues have become apparent with the linked round carrying bag of GB2489116. In particular, it has been found that when the bag is not kept horizontal when  
10 carried any link rounds stored within the bag can move around within the bag. This can cause rounds to pool at or near the first end of the bag, away from the opening, thereby making it difficult to access the rounds when a user wishes to do so. This is a particular problem when the bag is carried as a bandolier, which has become the preferred method of carrying the bag.

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In the light of the above there is a need for an improved linked round carrying bag that solves the problem of the linked rounds pooling at the first end of the bag when the bag is carried.

### Summary of Invention

20 The present invention provides a linked round carrying bag consisting of:

~~a flexible sleeve that is sealed at a first end, has an opening at a second end and has an openable closure extending substantially from the first end to the second end, wherein a width of the sleeve is greater than the length of an individual round of the linked round but is less than twice the length of an individual round~~ **a flexible sleeve within which is carried a  
25 linked round, the flexible sleeve being sealed at a first end, having an opening at a second end extending substantially across the width of the sleeve and having an openable closure extending substantially from the first end to the second end, wherein the width of the sleeve is greater than 120% of the length of an individual round of the linked round but is less than 150% of the length of an individual round, and wherein when in use the end of the linked  
30 round can be fed into a firearm and the linked round is pulled out of the sleeve through the opening such that the firearm can be used without the need to further remove the linked round from the sleeve; and**

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a fastening means adjacent a closable side of the opening arranged to be tightly fastenable around the closable side of the opening of the bag and any **the** linked rounds carried in the bag to thereby hold the linked round in position adjacent the opening when the bag is carried as a bandolier.

and easy manufacture whilst providing suitable strength and flexibility. Suitable fabrics will be immediately apparent to the person skilled in the art. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the sleeve is formed from Cordura fabric.

- 5 The openable closure can be formed in any manner apparent to a person skilled in the art. Advantageously, the openable closure will be able to be opened in a quick and simple manner when it is required to do so but will be resilient enough to prevent accidental opening when the bag is in use. In particular, it is important that the openable closure remains closed when the linked round is being used and thereby being pulled out of the bag from the opening at the
- 10 second end of the sleeve. In preferred embodiments of the invention, the openable closure consists of a zip.

Alternative closures that may form the openable closure include closures formed by buttons, poppers or hook and loop fastening means. An openable closure of a bag according to the

15 present invention may be formed by one or more of these fastening means. For example, an openable closure may comprise a zip that may be covered by a flap that is secured using a hook and loop fastening means. Utilising more than one fastening means to form the openable closure may be advantageous as it can prevent dirt and/or dust entering the bag and can provide the openable closure with added resilience. However, it is to be understood that

20 it is not an essential feature of the invention that the openable closure consists of more than one fastening means.

In order for the operation of the bag to be as simple as possible and in order that the bag is as secure as possible, it may be preferable that the openable closure is positioned substantially

25 centrally along the width of the sleeve. Additionally, it is preferable that the openable closure is substantially straight. Having a straight and centrally positioned openable closure allows the closure to be easily opened when necessary but also allows the closure to be easily hidden when if the bag is folded in half, for example when it is being carried on a standard pack.

- 30 The width of the sleeve of a bag according to the present invention is **greater than 120% of the length of an individual round of the linked round but is less than 150% of the length of an individual round.** ~~less than twice the length of an individual round of the linked round that is intended to be stored in the~~



~~bag, when the bag is in use. This prevents a linked round that is stored in the bag from getting tangled and allows the round to be stored in a manner that allows it to be easily slid out of the sleeve from the opening at the second end of the sleeve. Preferably, the width of the sleeve will be less than 150% of the length of an individual round. This also~~ In order to  
5 ~~allow a linked round to be stored in a sleeve it is necessary that the width of the sleeve is greater than the length of an individual round of the linked round. However, in order to~~ allows a linked round to be easily but securely stored in the bag and to allows it to be easily removed from the opening at the second end of the sleeve when necessary, it is preferable that the width of the sleeve is greater than 120% of the length of an individual round.

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In accordance with the above, in preferred embodiments of the invention the width of the sleeve is approximately 133% of the length of an individual round.

Standard linked rounds consist of a specific number of individual rounds. For example  
15 standard linked rounds generally consist of fifty, one hundred or two hundred individual rounds. The number of individual rounds that make up a linked round define the length of the linked round. In preferred embodiments of the invention the length of the bag from the first end to the second end is approximately a quarter of the length of the linked round that the bag carries when in use. That is, if the bag is intended for use with linked rounds that  
20 consist of two hundred individual rounds the length of the bag would be approximately the length of fifty individual rounds. This is preferable as it allows the linked round to be folded in the bag to a length that is easy to carry but that still allows the linked round to be pulled from the bag in a simple manner when required. As will be appreciated, bags that are the same length or half the length of the linked round that the bag is intended to be used with  
25 may also be preferred.

For any specific bag the volume of the sleeve will be designed to be able to carry a linked round that is folded in the manner intended. For example, if a bag is intended for use with a linked round comprising two hundred individual rounds and is approximately a quarter of the  
30 length of that linked round, then the volume of the sleeve will be suitable

CLAIMS

1. A linked round carrying bag consisting of:

a flexible sleeve **within which is carried a linked round, the flexible sleeve being** that is sealed at a first end, has **having** an opening at a second end **extending substantially across the width of the sleeve** and ~~has~~ **having** an openable closure extending substantially from the first end to the second end **extending substantially across the width of the sleeve**, wherein the width of the sleeve is greater than **120%** of the length of an individual round of the linked round but is less than twice **150%** of the length of an individual round, **and wherein when in use the end of the linked round can be fed into a firearm and the linked round is pulled out of the sleeve through the opening such that the firearm can be used the carrying bag is capable of feeding rounds directly into a firearm without the need to further remove the linked round from the sleeve;** and

a fastening means adjacent a closable side of the opening arranged to be fastenable around the closable side of the opening of the bag and ~~any~~ **the** linked rounds carried in the bag to thereby hold the linked rounds in position adjacent the opening when the bag is carried as a bandolier.

2. A bag according to claim 1, wherein the fastening means comprises a quick release fastening.
3. A bag according to claim 2, wherein the quick release fastening comprises a hook and loop fastened.
4. A bag according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the quick release fastening comprises press studs.
5. A bag according to any preceding claim, wherein the fastening comprises a fabric strap that is fixed at a first end to the bag.
6. **A bag according the any preceding claim, wherein the length of the individual round is 68mm.**

- 7. A bag according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the width of the sleeve is more than 81.6mm but less than 102mm.**
- 8. A bag according to claim 7, wherein the sleeve has a width of 90mm and is 750mm long from the first end to the second end.**
9. A method of using a linked round carrying bag, the bag consisting of:
  - a flexible sleeve that is sealed at a first end, has an opening at a second end, and has an openable closure extending substantially from the first end to the second end, wherein the width of the sleeve is greater than the length of an individual round of the linked round but is less than twice the length of an individual round; and
  - a fastening means adjacent a closable side of the opening arranged to be fastenable around the closable side of the opening of the bag and any linked rounds in the bag;the method comprising the steps of:
  - positioning a linked round in the bag such that the linked round is folded over upon itself;
  - closing the openable closure to contain the linked round in the bag; and,
  - tightly fastening the fastening means around the bag to thereby hold the linked rounds in position adjacent the opening when the bag is carried as a bandolier.