






# PlayGround



## Walker & Loach Ltd



Established	1840	
Founder	Thomas Walker	
Adress(es)	Old Priory, Great Charles Street (till the 1880s) Erskine Street, Vauxhall, Birmingham	
Operations	Sheet metal pressing and tinplate factory	
Production program	Metal cabinets, storage boxes, lanterns & oil cans	
Brief history (till 1960)	1840 Established by Thomas Walker. His son Albert joined later. 1880 Thomas Loach joined the company in contributing previous experience in the weighing scales and lamp manufacturing industry	
Status 2021	Inactive - closed in the late 1950's	
Oil can history	<p>According to current research items manufactured were not sold under the own name. They carried mostly the brand name of either the wholesaler or customer they have been contract manufactured for.</p> <p>Most prominent examples are the MAC-STAN stamped oil cans with flexible spout and references to two patents from the early 1920's (see pictures and documents below).</p> <p>In addition to the above stamp some oil cans and other items produced carry a „Made in England“ logo as shown to the right. Although it is not 100% confirmed this stamp to be solely used by Walker &amp; Loach I found at least one other (non-Mac-Stan) oil can that appears in their catalogue that carries solely this logo (see pictures below).</p>	
Oil Cans		
		
		

Patents	<p>The MAC-STAN stamp mentions two patents: # 107166-16 # 188591-22</p>	
	<p># 107166-16 (granted June 21st, 1917 to Hector Mac Farlane)</p>	
	<p># 188591-22 (granted November 16th, 1922 to William John Dawes)</p>	

Fine oil cans - <https://www.fineoilcans.com/>

Adverts	Mac-Stan Oilcans	 An advertisement for Mac-Stan Oilcans. It features two models: a 'CAPACITY HALF PINT' and a 'CAPACITY QUARTER PINT'. Both have a 'PRICE' circle and 'EACH' text. The half pint model is described as 'SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR MOTOR CARS, MACHINE TOOLS, ETC.' and has 'PATENTED FEATURES' including a 'NON-LEAK FORCE PUMP' and a 'FLEXIBLE METALLIC SPOUT' which 'RESULT 100% EFFICIENCY'. The quarter pint model is for 'FOR MOTOR CYCLES, HOUSEHOLD USE, ETC.'. Both models have 'ALL SPOUTS ARE DETACHABLE'. The bottom of the ad says 'ASK FOR DEMONSTRATION'.
	Poker Oil Can	 An advertisement for 'THE POKER OIL CAN'. It shows a hand holding the can, which has a long, flexible spout. The text says 'Price 9d. each.' and 'BRITISH MADE.'. Below the image, it says 'Simple', 'Cheap', and 'Effective'. The main text reads 'THE POKER Cleans the dirt out of the OIL HOLE AND DIRECTS OIL WHERE REQUIRED.'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MOTOR, FARM, HOME & GARDEN.' and 'INDISPENSABLE FOR LAWN MOWERS. GUARANTEED SOUND, ALL SOLDERED SEAMS'.
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Further references	<a href="#">His website</a>	

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