

ROMAN CANDLE DELAY ELEMENTS

- Traditional Roman candles used slow-burning “candle composition”, which was a type of handmade Black Powder with added charcoal, as the delay between shots.
- Today, in small and relatively inexpensive Roman candles, it is common to find one or two fuses running along the inside wall of the tube and inert filler (e.g., loose clay, sawdust, or a mixture) providing the separation between shots.
(See example on next page.)
- High quality display Roman candles have relatively precise firing delays. They commonly use pressed delay elements or short lengths of time fuse held tightly between the shots, either in felt washers or in special plastic holders.

