



## Manual Typewriter

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Title:	Manual Typewriter
Date:	1899 – 1915
Material:	metal; plastic; paper; ink
Dimensions:	25.0 x 31.0 x 39.0 cm
Description:	<p>An Underwood No. 5 typewriter with a black body and a QWERTY keyboard containing 84 characters. The keyboard is a four-bank keyboard, with a single shift key. The characters on the keys are white on a black background. There is also a switch with a red and black key on the viewer-left side above the keyboard, which determines whether the characters will transcribe on the paper in red or black ink. The typewriter uses ribbon inking, and the red-black ribbon is still present and visible in the machine. The typebars pass through a U-shaped slotted segment, which is visible above the keyboard. In-between the keyboard and this U-shaped slotted segment, on the front face of the typewriter, it reads "UNDERWOOD" in gold lettering with a blue outline. The typewriter contains a frontstroke mechanism; therefore the typebars hit the front of the platen when they are struck, making the text immediately visible to the typist. There is a piece of paper rolled onto the platten, and it contains many small circular dents and ink marks, including the text "tter" in black ink on the viewer-right side. The papertable contains the word: "Underwood" in gold lettering. Located directly to the viewer-left of this text is a gold and blue outlined Underwood crest with a red background that is formed from the overlapping letters "U" and "T". The centre of the crest contains an image of an Underwood typewriter, underneath of which the words "TRADE" "MARK." appear in a small, black font. Beneath the crest it reads "MADE IN U.S.A." in gold text. On the viewer-right face of the typewriter, "1949352-5" is etched into a small rectangular plaque on the body of the machine.</p>
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