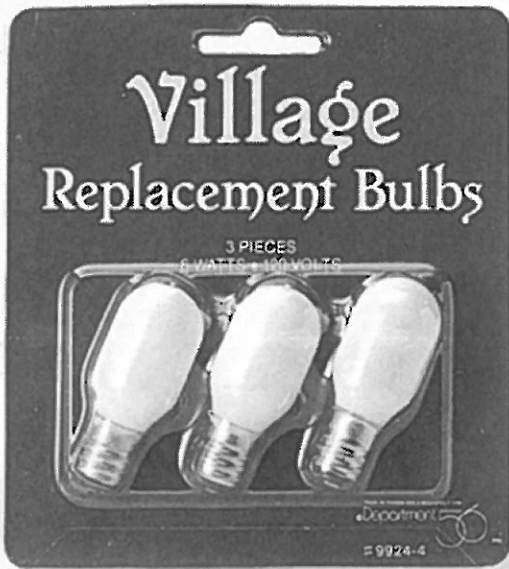
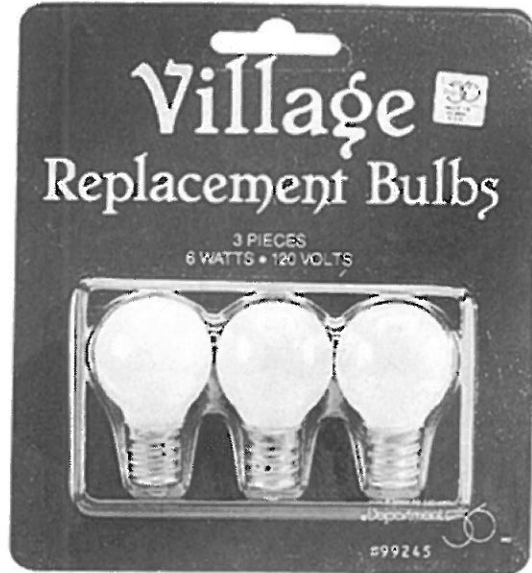


So You Know Your Village... Do You Know Your Bulbs?



56.99244 Village Bulbs
120 Volts 6 Watts 3 / \$2.⁵⁰



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56.53121 Village Bulbs
3.5 Volts 2 / \$4.⁰⁰



56.53161 Village Bulbs
12 Volts 2 / \$4.⁰⁰

“3 Volt Bulb” vs. “Village Replacement Bulb” (56.53121 vs. 56.99245)

Consumer Services, has received many questions regarding the new bulbs being used in Village pieces. We have also heard that many clubs have published information in their newsletters that may have less than accurate.

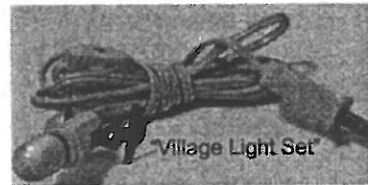
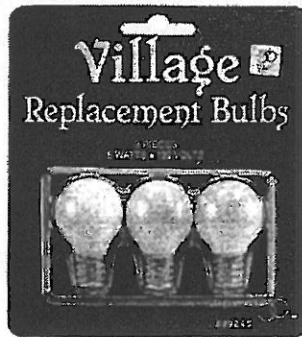
So here is the straight story, direct from Department 56!

In 2002, new UL regulations stated that a cooler bulb needed to be used in the Village pieces. Although the “Village Replacement Bulb” (56.99245) has a low wattage, it can still generate enough heat to make a building warm to the touch. The Department 56 creative team discovered that a “3 Volt Bulb” (item number 56.53121) would burn much cooler and stay within UL regulations.

What is the difference between these bulbs? At first glance, they appear to be very similar. In fact, the socket size is exactly the same!

However, the two bulbs are not interchangeable.

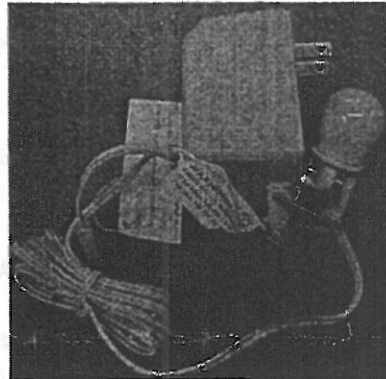
Village Replacement Bulb (56.99244 & 56.99245)



- The old bulb required 110 volts of electricity to light. Therefore, if an old bulb is used in a new socket, it will not receive enough power and will remain unlit. This may make it appear that the socket is defective. However, if the other features on the building work, such as LED lighting, sound or movement, then the interior socket will work properly with the correct bulb.
- If the building has a plain plug in, then it will require a “Village Replacement Bulb”. Examples of these buildings include “Abner’s Implement”, “J.D. Nichols Toy Shop” and “Rt. 1, Home Of Mr. & Mrs. Claus”.
- These bulbs are used with the “Village Light Set” (56.99028) and “Village Auxiliary Cord With Light” (56.53039).

“3 Volt Bulb” vs. “Village Replacement Bulb” (56.53121 vs. 56.99245)

“Village 3 Volt Replacement Bulb” (56.53121)



Adapter with Light
Socket and
Auxiliary Clip

- The new bulb requires only 3 volts. If a new bulb is used in an old socket, it will receive far too much power, causing the cord to overload and short out.
- The best rule of thumb is that if the building uses a box-like adapter to plug into your wall socket, it will require a “3 Volt Bulb”. Examples of this include the “Empire State Building”, “Radio City Music Hall” and the “Polar Power Company”.

The old bulbs will remain in our product line, since there are 25 years worth of Village buildings that require this bulb. However, many dealers began carrying the “3 Volt Bulbs” in the past year because so many new buildings require it.

We hope this information is helpful. If you are still unsure, please feel free to contact our Consumer Services division for further assistance through our toll-free number, 1-800-548-8696.