
Ward:

A correction to last months post on the 6.5 x 55 barrel's They were from SAMCO, not SARCO.

The one I had fitted to an M-38 turned out great. Great groups at 100 yards. Of course I went through the ardeous taks of breaking it in. My friends accuse me of overdoing it a bit but it's my barrel.

To follow that up, like you and many others, you can never have enough Swede's. I ordered a 96 and a 38 from SAMCO and yes there is truth in advertising at SAMCO.

The 96 was a 1903 and a real beauty. Bore is a # 1. All blueing is about 85% and considering it's a 1903 I'm very happy with it.

All matching including the wood and the wood by the way is perfect. A few dents but nothing you would wand to steam out. I have not fired this one yet as it's getting cold here now. Not as snowy as Colorado but cold.

Both of the bolts on the 96 and 38 are tight in the cocked mode. Nary a wiggle. Head space checks out on both and over all SAMCO is offering a quality product for the money. I may buy at least two more. A 96 and a 38. Yhe only problem is is that if I do I'm going to have to buy another gun safe.

Also bought three of the new high front sights from Mark Hoffman Kramhoff@aol.com. \$12.00 each and quality product. I ordered three and figured 12 X 3 was \$32.00. Mark sent me the order even tho I was \$4.00 short. Sent him the additional money and explained that I must not have used all my fingers.

Experimenting with Sentry Solution's bore treatment but have a lot more testing to do.

Anyone know anything about the Vz-24's offered by Burns Bros? \$119.99 in VERY GOOD condition. All markings and crest intact.

Looking forward to next issue.

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Century Arms K-98's

By: Larry Ellison (KyrieeEllis@aol.com)

I just received three German, WWII, Kar 98's from Century Arms and though folks might be interested in what came in. These are not the Russian imports, but the "not refinished, (Waffen Amt) markings obliterated" K98's (Century's product code "RI942"). I paid the special select to get specific manufacturers.

1937, S/147 (Sauer & Sohn), 'I' block serial number range:

Overall condition, about good. All Waffen Amt on barrel and receiver above the stock line obliterated in punch or file. Maybe 50% original blue, all matched except for bolt (which appears to have been made up from spare parts). By "all matched", I mean right down to the guard screws.

Detail stripped and inspected. Mechanically sound, head space OK. Bore condition is both interesting and unusual. This one has one worn bore. Not abuse, just very extensive use with noticeably worn lands. But it also has almost zero pitting; only a trace in the shadow of the lands. Whoever was issued this rifle was not afraid to shoot, was in a place where he had the chance often, and lovingly

maintained it. I think I may keep this one for myself :-)

1937, S/147 (Sauer & Sohn), 'd' block serial number range:

Overall condition, refinished and in nice shape. All Waffen Amt on barrel and receiver above the stock line obliterated by punch or file, a general mismatch. About 99% blue remaining, this rifle appears to have been overhauled, packed in cosmoline, and stored. Cosmoline is fresh, suggesting this was done quite recently. Magazine box and floor plate are stamped byf production, electro-penciled to the receiver. Bolt has a three digit electro-pencil number ("888") not related to the serial number. Detail stripped and inspected. Mechanically sound, head space OK. Bore typically dark, strong lands and distinct grooves. I'm left with the feeling it was not used much, indifferently maintained, and overhauled recently. Nice shooter.

An interesting thing about this one. Someone has filled the markings with an orange lacquer. This may have been a display piece.

1943 BNZ, (Steyr-Daimler-Puch), ns block serial number range:

Overall condition, about good on first inspection. Waffen Amt removed as above. Original blue is thinning and it's hard to estimate how much remains - I think not much. Mismatched rifle. The first problem noted is an inoperable safety - it will not move from the "off" position. Pulled bolt, manually drew striker to rear, and applied safety. Cleaned chamber and bolt to check head space, and found excessive head space. While cleaning chamber, I pushed a patch through the bore. I thought the bore was full of cosmoline, but the gritty feel of the rod worried me. Patch came out red with rust. Bore is packed with a mixture of bright red rust and cosmoline. At this point I gave up and did not detail strip the rifle or attempt to get a better look at the bore. Rifle is unsafe, and will be returned. While the BNZ is a problem, I was generally pleased with what I'd been shipped. Century advertised shooters, in good condition, and that's just what the rifles looked like. I'll send the BNZ back and try to get an ax/ar :-)

Offered FWIW...

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More Pressure Info

By: Al Castle (Maxeyglass@aol.com)

My computer doesn't have scanning capability, so I am sending this the old-fashioned way.

The recent discussions about pressure in the Mauser Monthly prompted me to send a copy of two pages from an old German manual.

Pressures for the .318 M-88 and .323 M-1905 cartridges are given in atmospheres which, times 14.7, are shown. (Editor's note: Atmospheric pressure times 14.7 will give psi. - Ward)

(Reproduced from the text:)

"For purposes of comparison, the official Mauser specifications on the cartridges and on the Gew. 98 as modified for them are reproduced herewith. It must be emphasized that these are pre-War figures, and that arms and ammunition made during the War may vary."

(Reproduced from the original Mauser specifications:)

Munition: (1888)
Gasdrud (Pressure) - 3200 Atm. (47,040 psi)

Munition: (1905)

Gasdrud (Pressure) - 3500 Atm. (51,450 psi)

Publisher's Comments

By: Ward M. Clark (wclark1046@aol.com)

Can you believe it, I actually got this issue out more or less on time after after digging out from under the Blizzard of '97 - 31 inches of snow in 24 hours! My thanks to Al Castle and again to Larry Ellison for their contributions to this month's issue.

At some point in the next six months or so, there will be a change in the header of this publication. The line that now reads "Aurora, Colorado" will be changing, most likely to "Byers, Colorado." I've lived in town long enough; my Realtor is looking for 35 acre or larger parcels of prairie east of the Denver area. The first criteria I gave the Realtor is that there has to be a suitable spot for a 200-yard rifle range. I plan to build a roofed firing point, with a bench rest set in cement, and electricity to run chronographs, lights for night shooting, and so on... I'll have to have weekly truckload deliveries from Nosler, Barnes, Hogden and DuPont; the average life expectancy of a 7X57mm or .30-06 case will probably be about two weeks, before it succumbs from repeated reloading and case trimming. Mauser Monthly readers will of course be welcome on the range.

Oh, I imagine my wife will want a house and garden, too...

Last week I downloaded a long text file of "You might be a gun nut if..." jokes, along the lines of Jeff Foxworthy's humor. A couple of them included "If you buy a gun at a show, take it home and realize you used to own it...", "If you have guns in your rack that you have no idea how you came by...", and, my favorite, "If your teenage daughter's boyfriend asks you what the colored flags down the sides of your driveway are, and you tell him, 'range markers'..." What was scary after reading these, was how many times I found myself thinking, "I've done that..." Actually several of the jokes dealt with boyfriends of teenage daughters. Since I've got three daughters, including one teenager, I studied those with particular care...

This gun nut's problem is that I'm gun poor. My wife tells me I need to part with a couple of Mausers before I start another project. (Actually one of the guns in my "sell or trade" rack is a sporterized 1903 Springfield; but then that's a Mauser for all intents and purposes, right?) Big game seasons are drawing to a close, so it's time for The Mauser Man to start the winter gun show season, starting with the Denver Tanner Gun Show in December.

Until next month - Good Shooting!

Ward