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NOTE

The directions and *precautions* contained herein should be carefully noted before operating the gun.

Thompson Submachine Guns are made in Model 1921 and Model 1928. (For convenience, these are sometimes designated Model No. 21A and Model No. 28A.) Models 21AC and 28AC are equipped with Cutts Compensators.

The Model 1921, when fired full-automatic, fires at the cyclic rate of about 800 shots per minute.

The Model 1928 fires at a cyclic rate of about 600 shots per minute.

The general instructions contained herein are the same for Model 1928 as for Model 1921.

While the principles of design are identical in both models, the following parts of Model 1928 are different in construction from the corresponding parts of the 1921 Model, viz.: Actuator, Recoil Spring, Buffer, Firing Pin Spring.

On some 1928 models, the foregrip is horizontal instead of vertical. See page 51.

Type XX (20-cartridge) box magazines are not identical for Model 1921 and Model 1928. When ordering, be sure and specify for which model wanted.

All type L (50-cartridge) drum magazines can be used with Model 1921 guns, but *only those type L magazines which are marked "Wind to 9 Clicks" should be used with the Model 1928 guns.* Type "C" (100-cartridge) drum magazines are for Model 1921 Submachine guns only, and cannot be used with Model 1928 guns.

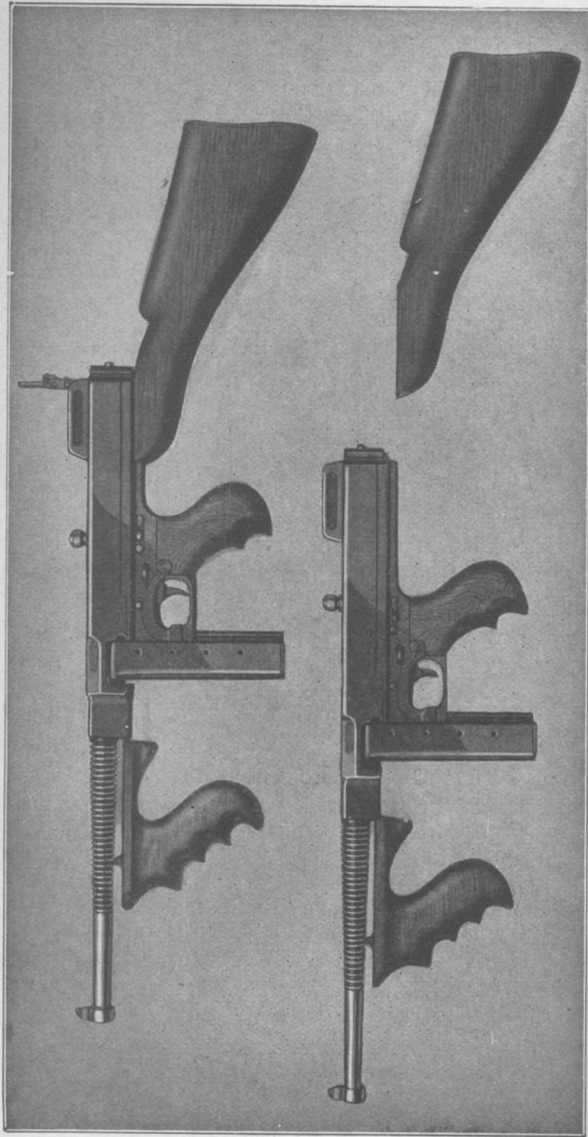


PLATE I

Thompson Gun calibre .45 with butt stock attached and sight leaf up; and gun with leaf down and butt stock removed.

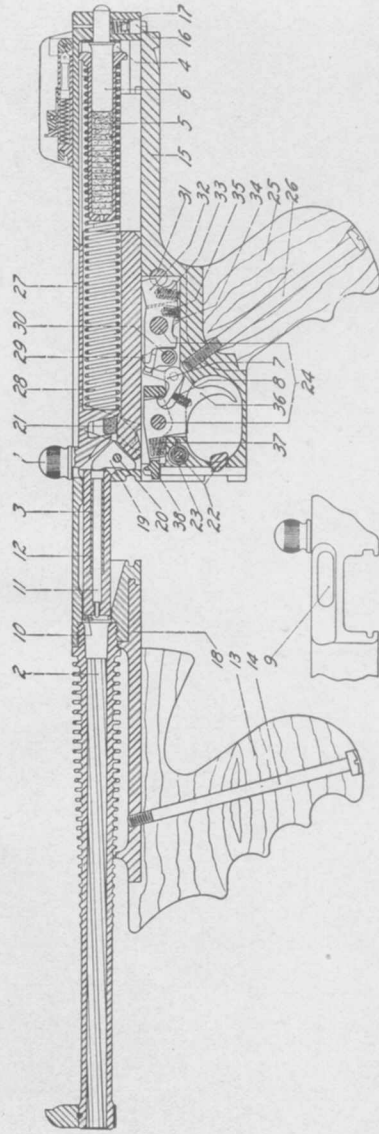


PLATE II

Sectional view of gun with bolt in closed position and locked, numbered to correspond with the numbers in the list of components. See page six and following text.

Part I

LIST OF COMPONENTS OF THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN CALIBRE .45

1. Actuator.*
2. Barrel.
3. Bolt.
4. Breech Oiler (including Felt Pads).
5. Buffer (including Fiber Discs).*
6. Buffer Pilot.
7. Disconnecter.
8. Disconnecter Spring.
9. Ejector.
10. Extractor.
11. Firing Pin.
12. Firing Pin Spring.*
13. Fore Grip.
14. Fore Grip Screw.
15. Frame.
16. Frame Latch.
17. Frame Latch Spring.
18. Grip Mount.
19. Hammer.
20. Hammer Pin.
21. Lock.
22. Magazine Catch.
23. Magazine Catch Spring.
24. Pivot Plate.
25. Rear Grip.
26. Rear Grip Screw.
27. Receiver.
28. Recoil Spring.*
29. Rocker.
30. Rocker Pivot or Fire Control Lever.
31. Safety.
32. Sear.
33. Sear Spring.
34. Sear Lever.
35. Sear Lever Spring.
36. Trip.*
37. Trigger.
38. Trigger Spring.

* These parts of model 1921 do not interchange with corresponding parts of model 1928.

Note—These numbers correspond to numbered parts shown on plates II and III and following text.

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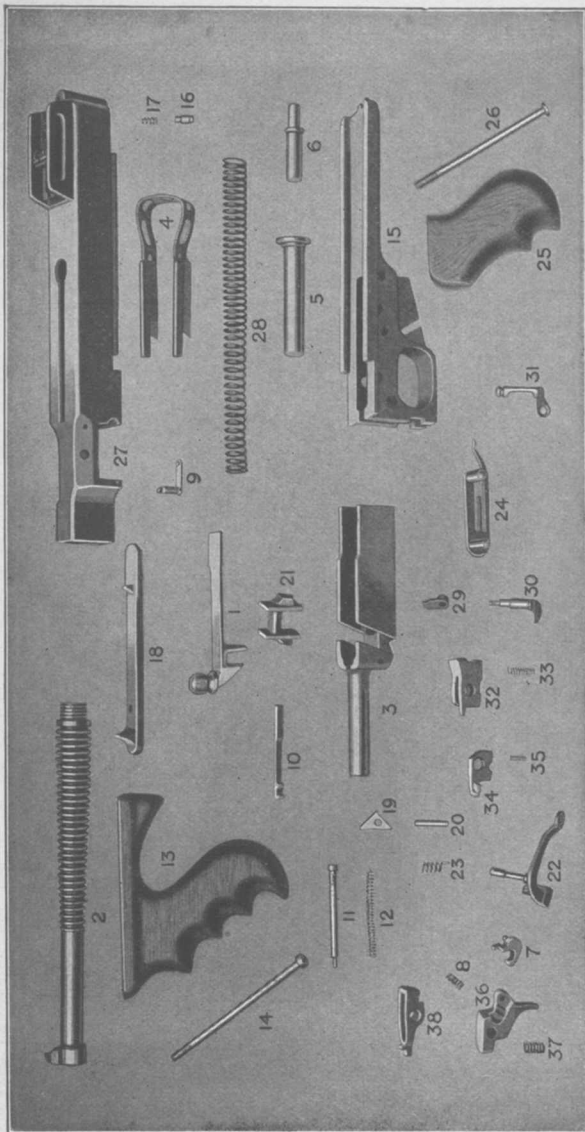


PLATE III

Components of Gun, numbered to correspond with numbers in the list of components. See following text.

MAGAZINES

Type XX Box Magazine (20-cartridge).

Body.
Follower.
Spring.
Floor Plate.

Type L Magazine (50-cartridge drum).

Body, assembled.
Cover, assembled.
Rotor, assembled.
Winding Key, assembled.*
Body Clip.*

Type C Magazine (100-cartridge drum).

Body, assembled.
Cover, assembled.
Rotor, assembled.
Winding Key, assembled.*
Body Clip.*

SIGHTS

Front Sight (assembled to barrel).

Rear Sight.

Eye Piece.
Rear Sight Base (assembled to receiver).
Sight Base Pin.
Sight Plunger.
Sight Plunger Spring.
Sight Leaf (with slide retaining pin).
Sight Slide.
Sight Slide Catch.
Sight Slide Catch Screw.
Windage Screw, assembled.

Consisting of: Windage Screw.
Windage Screw Collar.
Windage Screw Collar Pin.

*These parts are identical for both Type L and Type C Magazines.

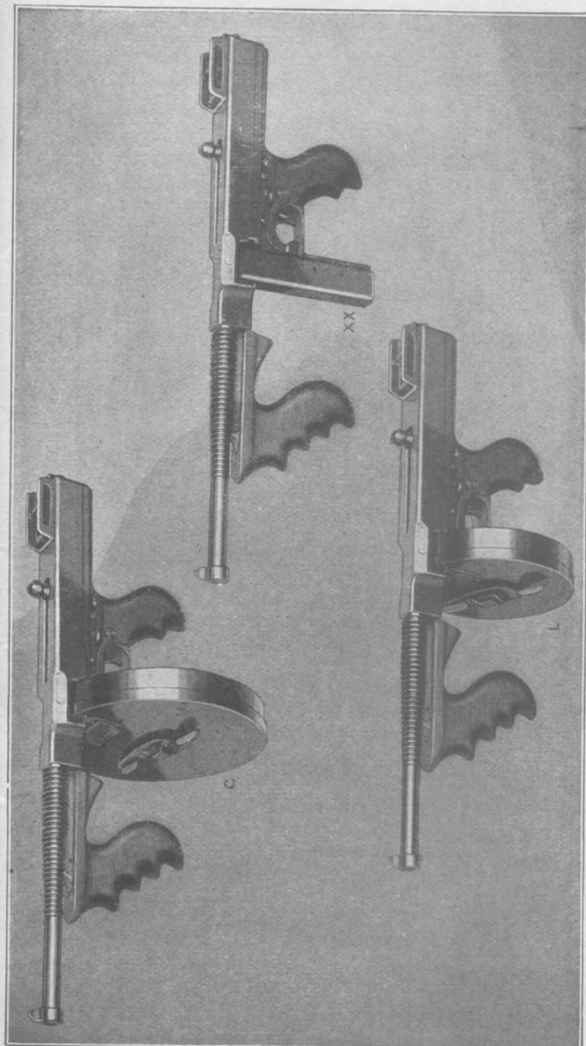


PLATE IV

Gun shown with three types of magazines—butt stock detached.
Type C 100 cartridge capacity. Type L 50 cartridge capacity. Type XX 20 cartridge capacity.

APPENDAGES AND ACCESSORIES

Butt Stock complete, consisting of:

Butt Stock (stripped).

Butt Stock Slide Group.

Butt Stock Slide.

Butt Stock Catch.

Butt Stock Catch Pin.

Butt Stock Catch Spring.

Butt Stock Screw, large.

Butt Stock Screw, small.

Butt Plate Group:

Butt Plate (stripped).

Butt Plate Cap.

Butt Plate Pin.

Butt Plate Spring.

Butt Plate Spring Screw.

Butt Plate Screw, large.

Butt Plate Screw, small.

Cleaning Rod.

Brass Wire Brush.

Oil Can.

Part II

DIRECTIONS FOR OPERATING GUN

The gun may be set for either full-automatic or single shot fire. It is provided with sights and a detachable butt stock. Three types of magazines having capacities of 20, 50 and 100 cartridges, respectively, may be used.

It is possible to fire the Submachine Gun from the hip either full-automatic or single shot, with any of the magazines, with or without the butt stock attached. Even though the rocker pivot is set for full-automatic fire, single shots may be obtained by a quick release of the trigger for each shot.

It is also possible to use the gun for aimed fire from the shoulder, either full-automatic or single shots, with any of the magazines.

Sight

The sight is graduated up to 600 yards for the 230-grain bullet cartridge. The effective range of the weapon with this standard ammunition is about 350 yards. With tracer ammunition very good results can be secured up to the 600 yards range. The eyepiece is laterally adjustable to correct for windage and drift. For rapid firing with the sight leaf down a 50-yard open sight is provided (Point Blank).

The index line on the eyepiece to "zero" for lateral adjustment is omitted in manufacture to allow for individual determination of this point. After this point has been satisfactorily determined it is suggested that a line

