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Luger and Luger magazine research

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Fellow Collectors

1. I need information on any 2-MMSE6L magazine that you might own that has a w, x, y, or z suffix. These specific magazines were common to the 1939-42 Luger after the pistol acceptance mark transition from stick eagle 63 to Stick eagle 655. If you have one, I would trade another magazine. Nothing special, just research.
2. Do you have any Reichsmarine (1919 – 1935) Navy magazines with either the property number or serial number replaced/renumbered?
3. Do you have any Kriegsmarine (1935 – 1940) Navy magazines with the property number or serial number replaced/renumbered?

Recently, I have had a several Navy Luger magazines reported with this apparent change. We need to do the research now, in order to determine if the German Navy was changing numbers on Luger magazines or, if our buddies here in the USA are enhancing a few Navy magazines for “a few dollars more”. Only a lot of magazine reference, detailed information and research will solve the problem.

Results and/or opinions to date

4. You can expect to see any combination of body, base and markings on a Police magazine that is associated with a REWORKED Police Luger. Filed and renumbered was the order of the day. The size of the numbers will vary between facilities such as the Police depot in Berlin or any field repair facility. Remember, there wasn't any “Waffenamt” inspector checking the size of magazine numbers or the actual configuration. Obviously, the Police agencies were not high on the distribution list. Do not confuse these observations with any G-date, 1936-S/42, 1939-S/42 41-byf or Police Banner Luger. The correct magazine for these Police Lugers has been well established.
5. I doubt that very many Army magazines were “numbered in the field”. I suspect that, if a magazine was lost or broken it was replaced with a magazine marked 42 or S/42. Very few Luger magazines were numbered by “MAUSER” after the – U – block of the 41-byf production. Many years of recording data and the printed statistics would indicate this comment to be a fact. In my opinion, two blank button concave pinned aluminum fxo (5-MM-fxo) magazines would make a rig with a 41 or 42-byf Luger with a – w – suffix or later. Excluding the black plastic bases.

Luger Research

I need information on all K-dates. In my opinion there were three real variations and possibly a couple sub-variations of the K-date production.

In my opinion, the acceptance marks establish the variation and the other marks may produce a sub-variation. Keep in mind, Mauser was new to the Military Luger business when the Company received the Army contract in 1934. Consequently, I doubt there was a lot of standardization during the entire K-date production. For example, note some early production parts on a late K-date pistol. This is not evidence of a variation. This observation simply indicates the use of existing parts on later production pistols. As a matter of fact, some of these early S/42 toggles are found as late as the 1936-S/42 Luger production. Lets consider three variations and call them Collector variations because Mauser didn't have a clue there would be a bunch of nuts down the road collecting these pistols. I would very much appreciate any information you have on these three variations.

K-date Acceptance marks

Collector variation number one.	CV-1	O-37	O-37
“ “ two	CV-2	B-90	O-37
“ “ three	CV-3	B-90	S-91

I need serial numbers and related information on these Lugers

6. 1936-S/42 Lugers in the g, h, I and k blocks. What is the test proof. Type-1 or 2?
7. 1937-S/42 Lugers **with** the “Mauser hump: and small straw parts.
8. Does anyone have an all blue 1937-S/42 **without** the “Mauser hump”?
9. 1938-S/42 Lugers with **no letter suffix** or maybe an - a - letter suffix.
10. 1939-S/42 Lugers in **the - r - block**.
11. 1939-42 Lugers with **no suffix** or maybe an **- a -** letter suffix.
12. 1940-42 Lugers in the **- n -** block
13. 41-42 Lugers **without** the “P 08” mark on the left frame panel.
14. 41-byf Lugers in the **- n -** and - o - blocks. Or - b - block
15. 41-byf or 42-byf Lugers **after the - U - block** of 1941 with matching magazines.

All of this information provides addition data for research and provides me with a better ability to accurately answer your questions. Anybody care to help??

Thanks

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