

# Mauser W.T.P. Old Model



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**I**N the 1920's all major German gun companies and many minor ones turned out vest-pocket pistols. Mauser brought out their W.T.P. or Westen-Taschen-Pistole (vest-pocket pistol), but it was not the most popular. The average German shopping for a vest-pocket gun usually chose the smallest and least expensive. Mauser was neither.

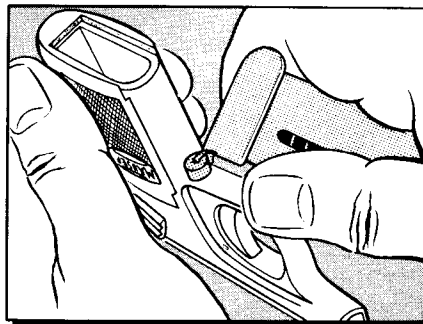
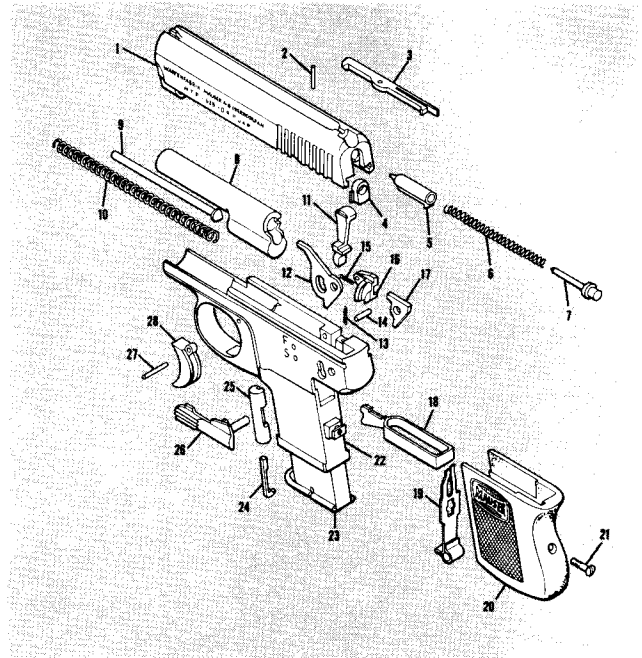
The W.T.P. is well made and finished. While not the smallest of its type, it is very compact. The grip is comfortable, and the safety catch is convenient and locks both sear and slide. Frame grip section is square and a thick hard rubber grip is used to fill out the area to a comfortable shape. This made the frame easier to machine but also made the grip susceptible to breakage. When the new model was introduced in 1938, the frame was forged to proper contour and conventional flat grips were screwed to the sides.

The W.T.P. has a magazine safety that prevents the gun from being fired with magazine removed. The firing pin spring guide projecting from the back of the slide locks the firing pin retainer and serves as a cocking indicator. It cannot be pressed inward when the gun is cocked.

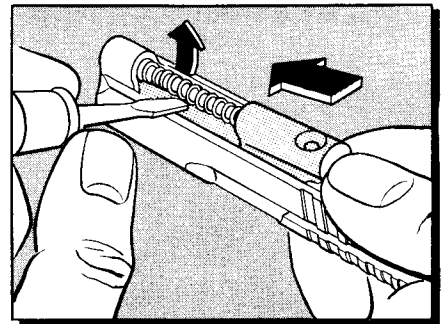
When the last shot has been fired, the slide is held open by the magazine follower. When the magazine is removed, the slide snaps closed. The magazine must be removed against recoil spring tension. While the old model is a reliable gun, the new model that replaced it is a far better design.

## Parts Legend

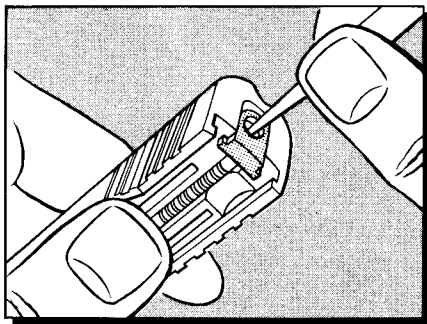
1. Slide
2. Extractor pin
3. Extractor
4. Firing pin retainer
5. Firing pin
6. Firing pin spring
7. Firing pin spring guide
8. Barrel
9. Recoil spring guide rod
10. Recoil spring
11. Disconnecter
12. Magazine disconnecter
13. Disconnecter spring
14. Sear pin
15. Sear spring
16. Sear
17. Trigger lever
18. Trigger bar
19. Magazine catch
20. Grip
21. Grip screw
22. Frame
23. Magazine
24. Takedown catch spring
25. Takedown catch
26. Safety catch
27. Trigger pin
28. Trigger



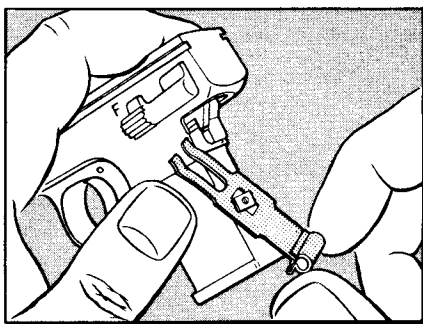
**1** The takedown catch (25) runs through frame and locks barrel to frame. To strip gun, simply push in and down on takedown catch spring (24). This will disengage barrel and allow barrel and slide to be stripped off front of frame



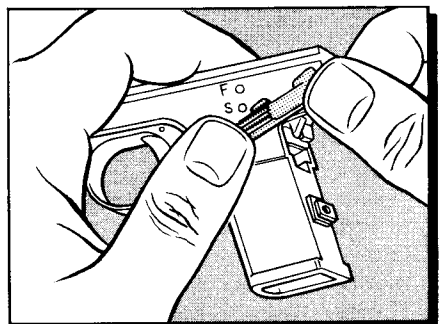
**2** To remove barrel (8) and recoil spring (10) from slide, push barrel forward and upward. Ease it out of slide since it is under spring tension. When reassembling barrel and recoil spring, it may be necessary to lift spring and recoil spring guide rod (9) as shown to help align the rod



**3** To remove firing pin (5), push firing pin spring guide (7) in with a punch. When it is clear of the firing pin retainer (4), push the retainer down as shown and ease out firing pin spring, and spring guide



**4** After grip (20) has been removed, the combination magazine catch (19) must be removed to expose sear parts. To do this rotate the spring 90° until square cutout on spring lines up with lug on frame, and lift off spring



**5** When safety catch (26) is removed it frees sear parts. To remove safety, it is necessary to first remove the grip. Safety can then be pushed down lower until it snaps free of frame. To reassemble, push it in until it is flat against frame, then push it up toward 'fire' position