

**Chapter 1 : Collector's Guide to Colt Service Pistols: Model () by Charles W. Clawson**

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Exactly as it left the factory, with no parts replaced, not refinished, repaired or touched up, verified by the consistent and matching wear surfaces of all the parts. Looks exactly how it left the factory, however incorrect parts may have been replaced with the right ones to return it to original configuration, therefore the wear surfaces may not match each other. The old finish was stripped off and a fresh finish applied. Parts have obviously been replaced with different ones, either commercial or USGI parts from another contractor. This is where opinions may differ. But a Colt frame with a Colt slide is still considered a mixmaster, even though both parts are from the same manufacturer. A pistol judged with a high amount of certainty to still be in the same condition it was in when it was rebuilt at a military arsenal. Examples are a refinish consistent with what arsenals used and final acceptance marks that were obviously stamped after finish. A pistol that has been heavily modified or is in poor condition like severe pitting and has lost its value as a military or vintage collectible, and is therefore only worth what a basic commercial in similar condition would be worth. A perfect example is a pistol that has been buffed and nickel-plated. These old pistols, even the ones regarded as "shooters" still consist of inferior materials and heat treating compared to modern pistols and will not likely hold up as well under hard or extended use. But the fact that a "shooter" is of limited material worth and no longer considered a collectible means the user will likely have little concern over breaking it or wearing it out with use. As you can see there is a lot of grey area. But something like the wrong barrel can hurt the value a lot, since a correct replacement would be hard to find and expensive. Also, once the correct part has been found and installed the pistol is merely correct ed , not original. A pistol is only original once, after it leaves the factory. Even guns that collectors used to sneer at like arsenal reworks are gaining acceptance as collectibles. Who knows, if things keep going at this rate soon even bumper-chromed beaters will be considered too valuable to take to the range! They were intended to be consumables, much like the tires on a car. With commercial pistols the actual condition especially the finish is often more critical than with military-issue ones. Generally speaking most collectors seem to be more interested in the military specimens at this point in time, so naturally the values are higher. There was a time though when the USGI pistols were considered nothing but cheap, ugly surplus junk and everyone wanted a commercial pistol. Regarding vintage s, pre pistols are highly collectible in original, unaltered condition and should NEVER be refinished or modified as it completely ruins their monetary value. Last edited by dsk; at

## Chapter 3 : The Classic And Legendary Self-Loading Pistol

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Things to know about the classic It was the official U. During field trials, it fired 6, rounds without a single malfunction. There are loads of different models and variants of the " perfect for collectors. More has probably been written about the Colt series of pistols than any other handgun. To this day, the A1 is still in service with some Special Forces units of the Army, Navy and the Marine Corps, in part because of to its popularity among the troops. During the past plus years, many manufacturers have made style pistols, but most of the collector interest is with Colt, where it all began. There are dozens of Colt variants " too many to include them all here " but we will cover some of the more significant models. Many collectors are interested in the U. Military Series made by Colt and several other manufacturers. This is one of the finest early production Colt Model pistols in existence. This pistol was assembled by Colt during the first week of production of its U. Government contract on December 28, , and shipped to Springfield Armory on January 4, . It has the high-polish blue finish on the hammer, thumb safety, slide stop and trigger. The serial number is . This gun evolved into the Colt Model and then the Browning, working with Brigadier General John T. Thompson of the Ordnance Corps, developed a . The cartridge came first, and then the gun. Browning worked on improving his earlier pistol designs and, in , when the Army sent invitations to several manufacturers to compete for the government contract for the next-generation military pistol, he was ready. Except for Colt and Savage, all the tested models had problems and were eliminated. When the final field trials were held on March 15, , John Browning took a hands-on position and personally supervised the assembly of every part of every Colt pistol. Each Colt and Savage fired 6, rounds, and the Savage model had numerous malfunctions. The Colt had none. Karash also provided a lot of the information on the various models and their values. The first shipment, a single wooden case of M pistols serial number from 1 to 50 was made on January 4, , was shipped from the Colt factory in Hartford, Conn. To the Commanding Officer, Springfield Armory. Yet, while this is probably an exaggeration, elements of its design have become adopted in most subsequent self-loading designs. This postwar Combat Commander shows the work of Dennis Reigel. Photo courtesy Dennis Reigel. Students of the place these pistols into several different categories. The condition standards should not be expected to be the same as those of Commercial Models. All parts had a high polish with fire-blue finish on the trigger, slide stop and thumb safety. Pistols through about serial number C had a dimpled magazine catch. Mainspring housing pin rounded on both ends through about C Add 30 percent for 3-digit serial number, 60 percent for 2 digits, up to percent for 99 percent finish.

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Still adequate but lacking in many ways By Wallace Hutchison on Nov 01, Long touted as the standard reference for Colt collecting, at best this book should be required reading for beginning collectors and those who need to refresh themselves on the most rudimentary details of the subject. There is no question the book strives to be comprehensive in scope, however, more seasoned and knowledgeable collectors, especially those who have collected observational data on very large numbers of examples, soon realize a growing number of deficiencies and shortcomings in this work. In essence, he is attempting to recreate a complicated jigsaw puzzle with just a fraction of the pieces in hand. His blanket statement that pistols up to serial number had high polish finishes with fire blue parts is also inaccurate, as a good number of original U. Army and especially U. Navy pistols within this serial range have been observed with the dull type blue finish. Illustrating the precariousness of claims based on small numbers of data, Clawson attempts to summarize his perceived progression of barrel markings G, N, 7, F, etc. As more observations have been made by collectors, his proposed classification is immediately called into question if not proven incorrect. A number of barrel markings have been observed that are not mentioned in his book, for example, interlaced HP barrels with a small G underside the chamber. Clearly, the information presented in the Clawson book represents only a partial, incomplete picture, but that is the joy of collecting and researching an expanding field. Given these limitations, it is still viewed as a useful reference book, if not simply for the fact that no other comprehensive reference books have been published yet. Overall I recommend this as a good first text introductory discourse into the collecting field, with the expectation that most beginners will outgrow it with time and observational experience. Some cutting-edge specialists may well be amused by what they might perceive as an obsolete state of knowledge promoted by this book, but that is an unfortunate consequence of this continually evolving, dynamic body of knowledge. Once collectors in general keep in mind the number of deficiencies in the book and that already some of the interpretations based on limited data have recently been proven incorrect, the utility of the text becomes apparent. Still, a good supplement to the collecting experience when kept in check with more authoritative, up-to-date collector knowledge. Excellent coverage of the and A1 in all respects and a necessary guide to correct identification. Smith on Jul 13, The Bible in crib notes for the collector. Five Stars By James T. Bain on Jul 13, Excellent item A Bulls Eye for collectors By Owner on Jun 14, This ref book is must have for all new collectors of the best pistol ever made. Thank you Charles W. Clawson for your research and attention to detail. Clawson has done a great job in covering every aspect of this great pistol. This is the guide for all 45 collectors. This includes new and old. This one is a great quick reference guide. A perfect size to accompany you to a gun show or to your local gun shop. There are plenty of detailed photos, drawings and descriptions that instruct you in identifying proper parts and accessories for each manufacturer and model. This is my favorite pistol platform. This book would be of interest to anyone who loves this platform. No logic or organization in his writings. By Peggy Sue on May 08, Like all Clawson books, you will be well served if you can use the photos to identify what you are looking for. If you need to read the copy, good luck confusing, run-on sentences, no paragraphs, etc. The copy is written like he is thinking it, it may make sense to him but good luck understanding this ongoing sentence without start or finish. Definitely not user friendly, seriously lacks in organization or any logic! It has all of the information that the prospective WWII buyer needs to know in order to prevent being ripped off by fakes, part guns, etc. It contains a comprehensive listing of markings, stamps, etc. By George Zee on Apr 14, This is the definitive guide to any serious collectors of the and A1. Full of great data and illustrations and very easy to read and travel with. A must have book for collectors! A must have for any serious collector. Three Stars By David Becker on Aug 18, Great book but the copy I got was bound upside down so poor quality control on the publisher. Excellent reference for collectors. Arrived fast and was packaged very well. Good alternative to Clawsons Tome that are impossible to find. Hopefully someone will print a second edition since he passed. I. Lockwood on Sep 16, excellent reference book. Models of and A1: This particular edition is in a Hardcover format. It was published

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