

**CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF 9mm SMITH & WESSON WEAPON**



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**ACQUISITIONS**

It is extremely important in the carrying of the optional weapon, the 9mm Smith & Wesson, that it be kept clean. The methods for cleaning this weapon are as follows:

I. Field Strip (with the magazine out)

- A. Draw slide to the rear with the right hand with fingers over slide and thumb behind grip tang. Line up the irregular shaped recess under the word Wesson with slide stop pin.
- B. With a soft piece of lead or plastic, push the slide stop pin from the right side of the weapon to the left. With the safety off, draw the barrel slide assembly forward off the front of the weapon.
- C. Remove the recoil spring and the recoil spring guide assembly, turning the barrel bushing one eighth turn counter-clockwise and slide out. Remove the barrel from the rear.
- D. Clean slide and particularly the face of the slide and underneath the ejector. Also clean the grip portion and top of the receiver being careful to remove all powder residue.
- E. Reassembly

In reassembling, make sure safety is off, the hammer forward, and the recoil spring and recoil spring guide assembly is placed on the notch in the barrel. The sear release lever and the sear plunger pin should be pushed down as the slide is pushed onto the receiver to the rear. Before placing the slide stop pin into the receiver, take your finger and push the barrel to the rear so as to align the retaining access to the receiver.

II. Oiling

- A. Two (2) drops of oil on the barrel battery recesses.
- B. Two (2) drops of oil on each slide rail or the receiver rails.
- C. One (1) drop of oil on recoil spring guide assembly before replacing in the weapon.

- D. Two (2) drops of oil on the outside of the barrel when the slide is locked to the rear.
- E. One (1) drop of oil on the follower when the slide is locked to the rear.

IMPORTANT - UNLIKE A REVOLVER, THE 9MM WEAPON WILL NOT EJECT DRY.

### III. Carrying of Weapon

- A. The proper way to carry the weapon.
  - 1. Place the safety on safe.
  - 2. Open the slide to lock and drop one cartridge into the chamber and then close the slide. Let slide fall under its own power. (Do not let the slide go forward with any part of the hands touching it. Hand pressure will not let the weapon close to battery, rendering the weapon inoperative.)
  - 3. Never leave hammer fully cocked.
  - 4. Place a loaded magazine in the weapon.
    - a. Placing the safety on with the hammer fully cocked will not allow the weapon to fire for the safety bar covers the hammer prior to the dropping of the hammer.
    - b. With the weapon on safe, or with the magazine removed, the trigger is inoperative.
  - 5. The practice of carrying the 9mm auto-loader in "safe" condition is the result of an obvious trade-off between speed and safety. In the 12 year period 1965-1976, 833 law enforcement officers were killed with handguns. Of that number, 137 were killed with their own weapons. This is 16.5% of the total and is a convincing argument for carrying the weapon with the safety on. Birmingham, Alabama, while testing sidearms placed a Model 39 Smith & Wesson in the hands of various persons and recorded the time required for them to function the weapon from the safe condition.

A seven year old male was unable to function the Model 39 in two minutes.

An adult female was able to function the Model 39 in five seconds. She was very familiar with firearms.

A federal officer was unable to function the Model 39 in thirty seconds.

Four veteran police officers were unable to function the Model 39 within fifteen seconds. All of the above persons, including the seven year old, were able to immediately function a Model 10 Smith & Wesson revolver.

B. A Second Method

1. With the weapon on safe as stated in Section III, A, 1 through 4, b, slowly remove the safety from safe to fire, take hammer and place on half-cock.
2. Insert fully loaded magazine.

In this manner the weapon is on double action as per a revolver and does not require the use of the safety. In a situation where the weapon may be removed from the officer forcefully, the pushing of the magazine release button will drop the magazine about one sixteenth (1/16th) of an inch and render the weapon totally inoperable until the magazine is placed back into the weapon.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE MAGAZINE SAFETY DISCONNECT BE RETAINED IN THE WEAPON.

IV. Tips on Firing the Weapon

A. Characteristics

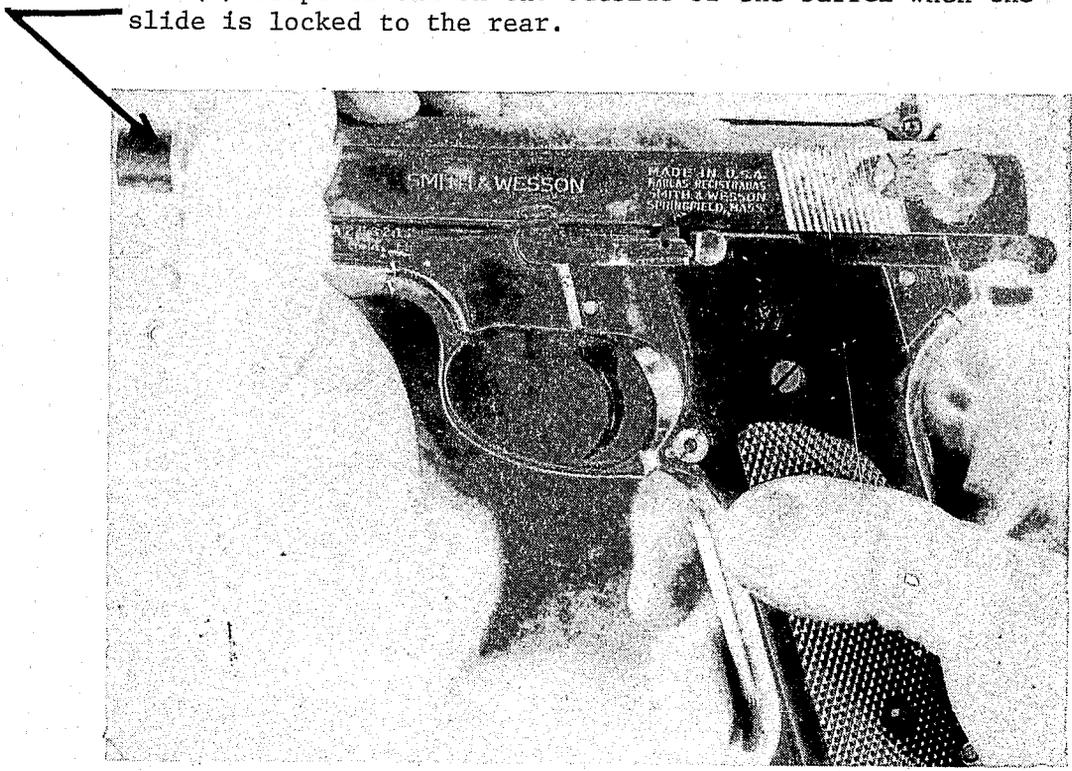
1. Unlike the revolver, this weapon must be gripped as tightly as possible with the entire hand, excluding the thumb. The grip should not be relaxed between rounds.
2. The Model 59 is primarily designed for a person with a large hand and becomes difficult to fire double action by persons with small hands.
3. The Model 39 works very well for a person with a small hand.
4. The weapon is best sighted in at dead center of the target and is so designed at twenty-five (25) yards.
5. Extreme care must be executed at the range to make sure that the weapon is not placed in front of the barricades with the hand and should always be placed to the right or the left of the barricades in order to avoid the slide striking the barricades upon firing. When this occurs, it will stop the weapon from ejecting.

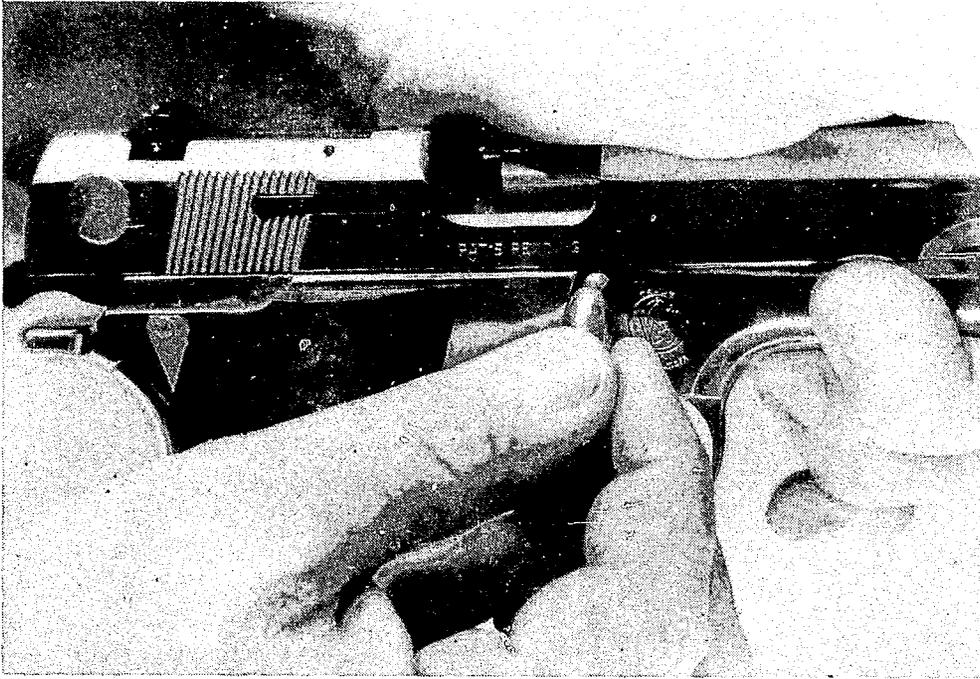
6. The first Model 39's that were made contained a barrel with a humped bullet ramp. This type barrel should not be used and can be exchanged at the factory for a straight ramped barrel.
7. This weapon functions poorly with old Super-Vel, and a number of reloads where the length of the cartridge is not as long as it should be.
8. The Division approved ammunition should be the only ammunition used for service; however, ball type ammunition not designed for 9mm machine guns may be used for practice purposes.
9. If the weapon fires high or low, different height sight assemblies can be exchanged from the factory by the Division Armorer. This will normally be at no cost from Smith & Wesson.



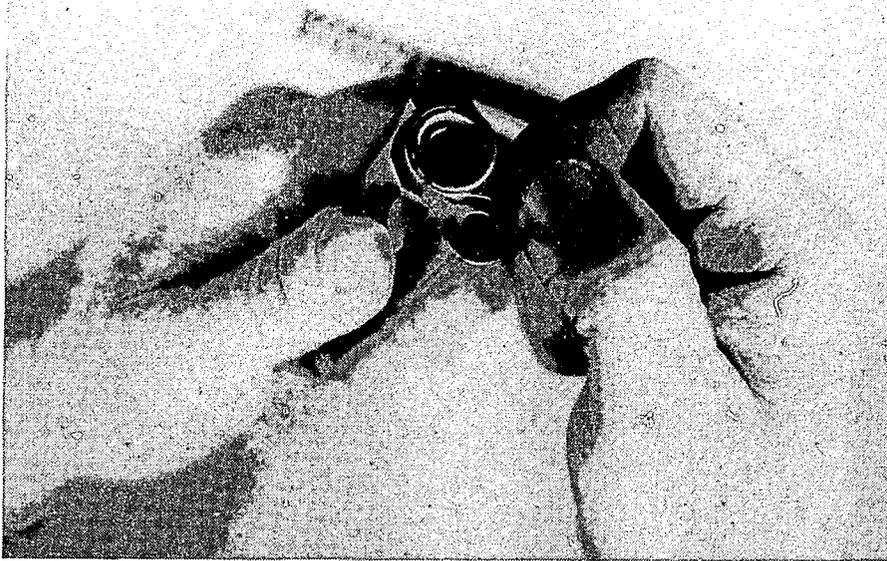
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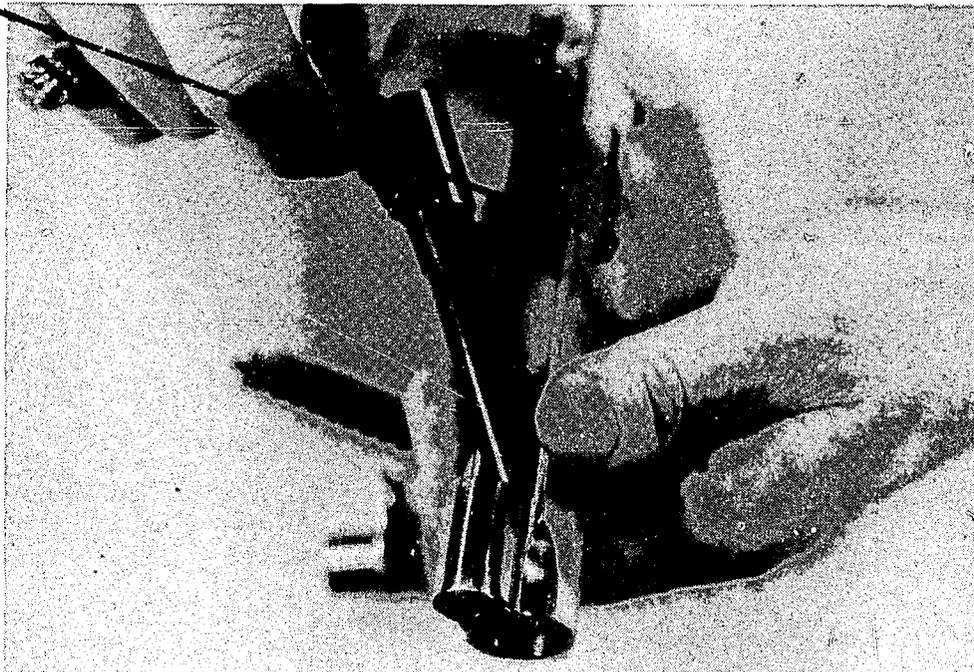


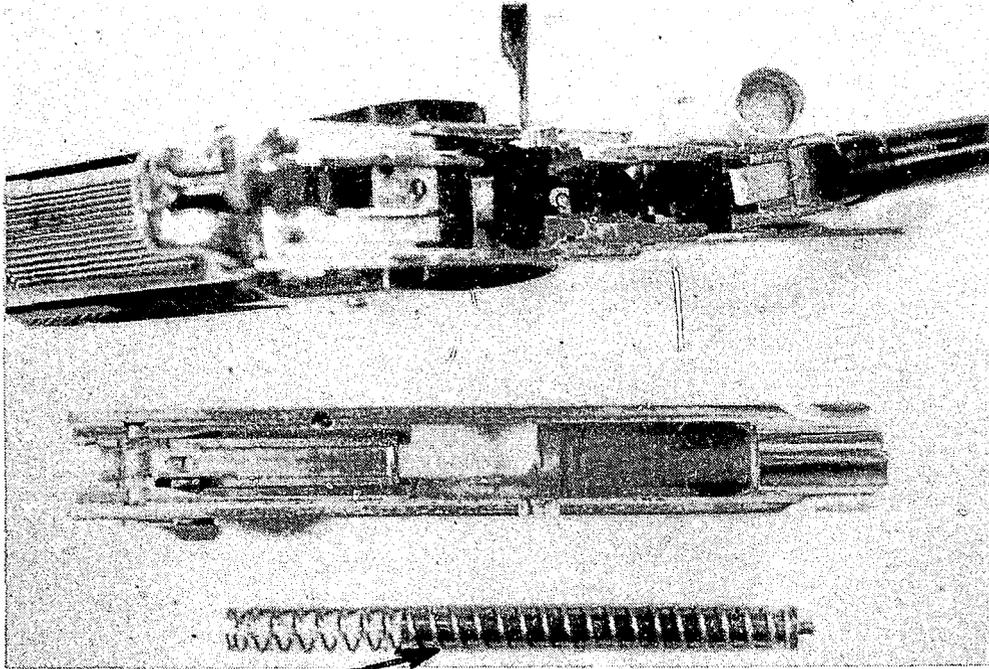
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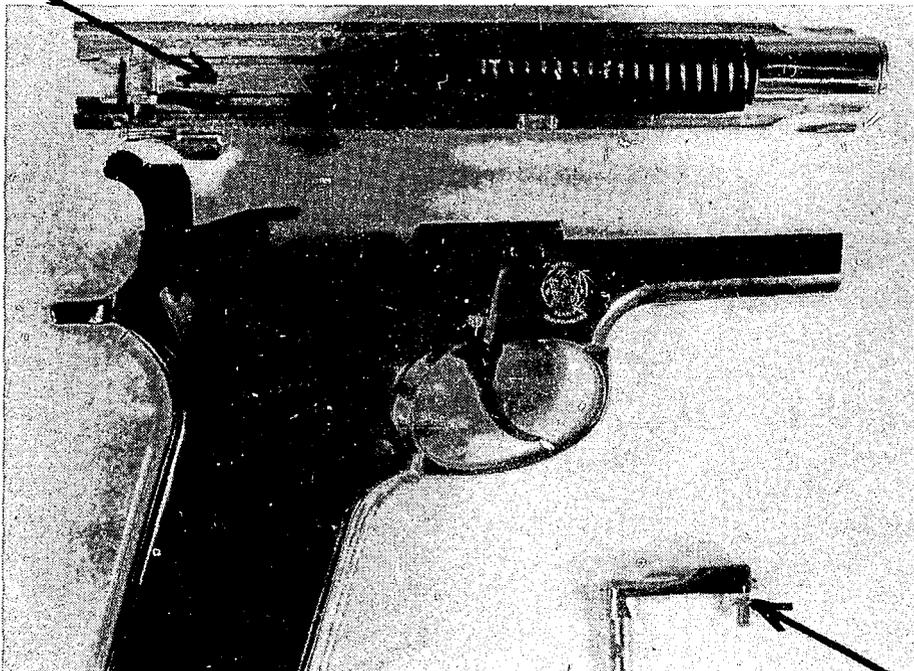
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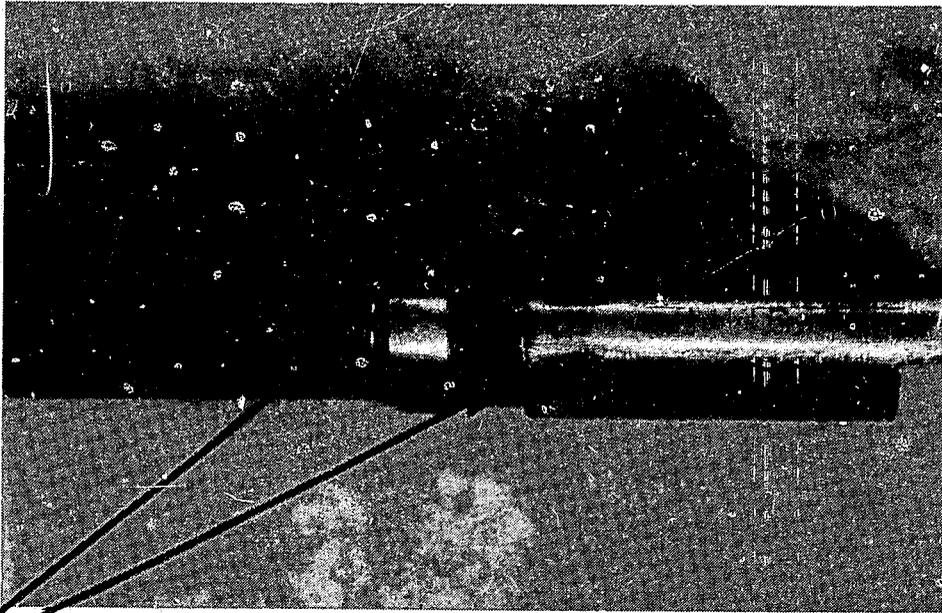


One (1) drop of oil on recoil spring guide assembly before replacing in the weapon.

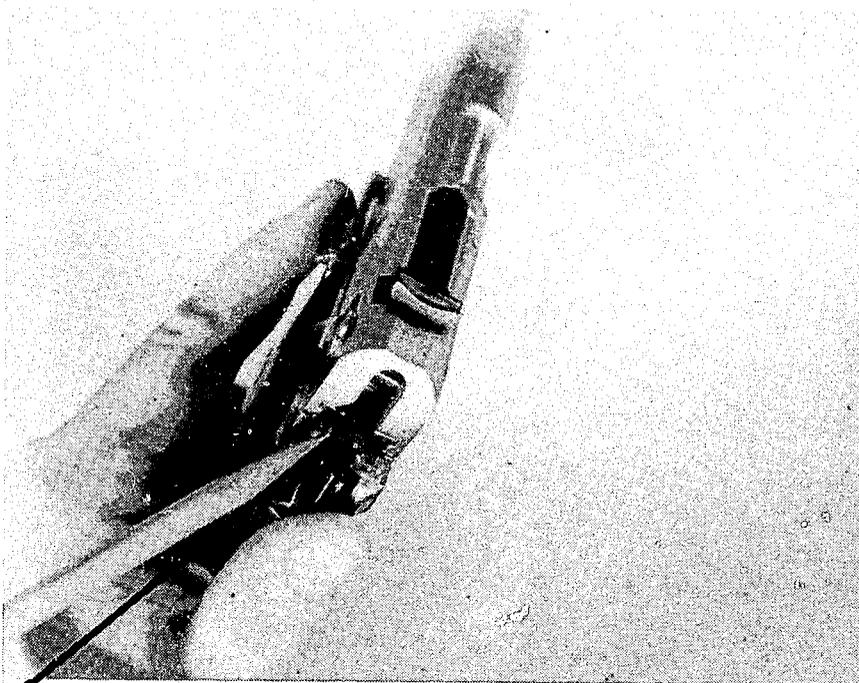
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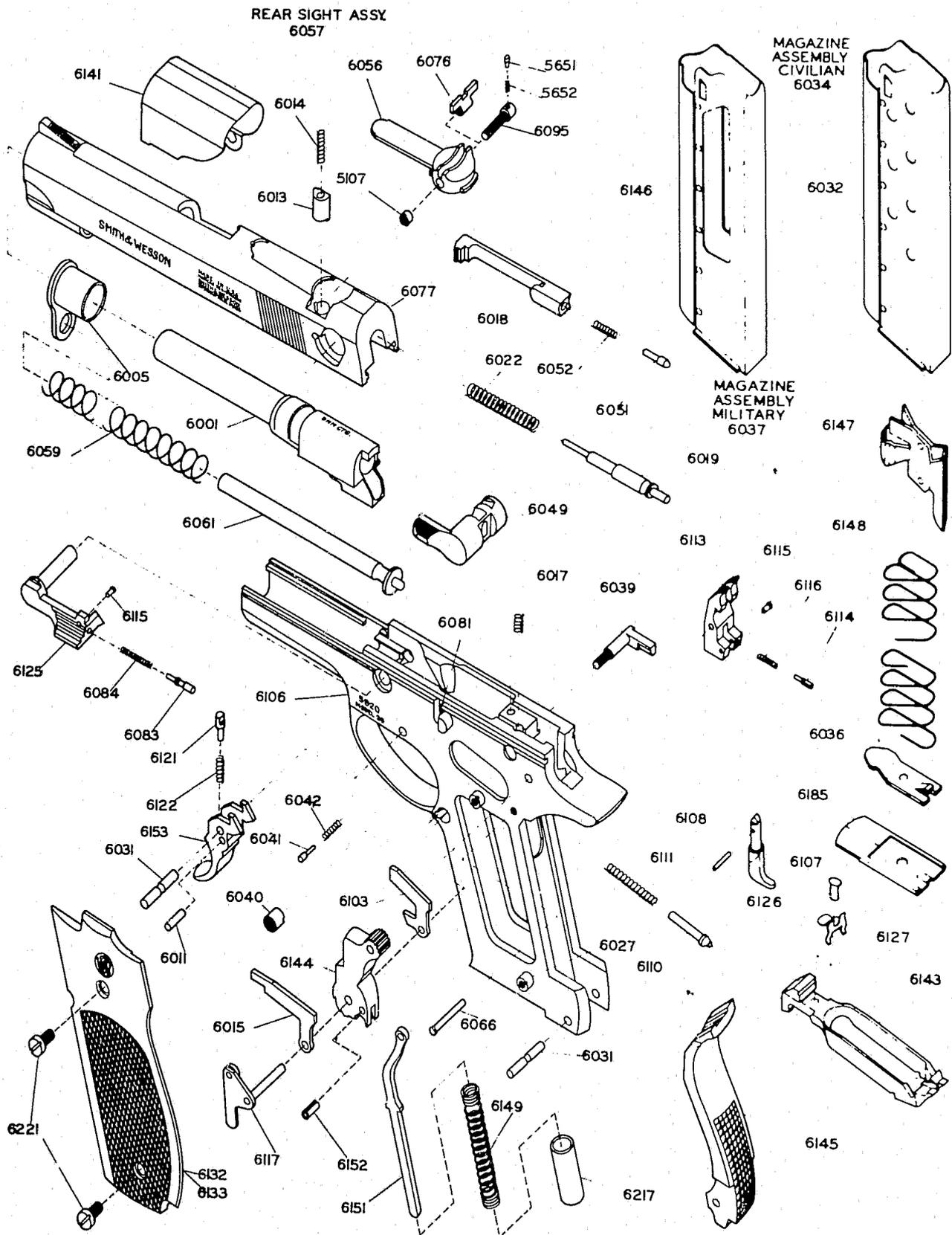
One (1) drop of oil on slide stop pin before replacing the pin in the weapon.



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**SMITH & WESSON 9MM AUTOMATIC PISTOL**  
**DOUBLE ACTION** **MODEL No. 39**  
**PARTS LIST**

No.	Name	Price	No.	Name	Price
5107	Rear Sight Windage Nut .....	\$ .10	6084	Slide Stop Plunger Spring .....	\$ .20
5651	Rear Sight Windage Screw Plunger ..	.15	6095	Rear Sight Windage Screw .....	.55
5652	Rear Sight Windage Sc. Plg. Sprg ..	.10	6103	Sear Release Lever .....	.30
6001	Barrel .....	14.30	6106	Frame (factory exchange only) .....	35.20
6005	Barrel Bushing .....	1.65	6107	Disconnecter .....	1.10
6011	Trigger Plunger Pin .....	.10	6108	Disconnecter Pin .....	.10
6013	Ejector-depressor Plunger .....	.55	6110	Drawbar Plunger .....	.55
6014	Ejector-depressor Plunger Spring ..	.10	6111	Drawbar Plunger Spring .....	.10
6015	Ejector Magazine Depressor .....	.55	6113	Sear .....	1.95
6017	Ejector Spring .....	.10	6114	Sear Plunger .....	.15
6018	Extractor .....	2.20	6115	Sear Plunger Pin .....	.10
6019	Firing Pin .....	.65	6115	Slide Stop Plunger Pin .....	.10
6022	Firing Pin Spring .....	.10	6116	Sear Plunger Spring .....	.10
6027	Frame Stud .....	.30	6117	Sideplate .....	.60
6031	Insert Pin .....	.10	6121	Trigger Plunger .....	.30
6031	Trigger Pin .....	.10	6122	Trigger Plunger Spring .....	.15
6032	Magazine Tube .....	1.65	6125	Slide Stop .....	3.30
6034	Magazine Assembly .....	4.25	6126	Trigger Play Spring Rivet .....	.10
6036	Magazine Butt Plate Catch .....	.30	6127	Trigger Play Spring .....	.35
6037	Magazine Assembly—Military .....	4.25	6132	Stock, Right .....	2.20
6039	Magazine Catch .....	.85	6133	Stock, Left .....	2.20
6040	Magazine Catch Nut .....	.40	6141	Dust Shield—Military .....	1.10
6041	Magazine Catch Plunger .....	.15	6143	Drawbar .....	6.60
6042	Magazine Catch Plunger Spring .....	.20	6144	Hammer .....	3.05
6049	Manual Safety .....	3.85	6145	Insert .....	4.95
6051	Manual Safety Plunger .....	.15	6146	Magazine Tube—Military .....	1.65
6052	Manual Safety Plunger Spring .....	.10	6147	Magazine Follower .....	.65
6056	Rear Sight Leaf .....	4.15	6148	Magazine Spring .....	.90
6057	Rear Sight Assembly .....	6.60	6149	Mainspring .....	.35
6059	Recoil Spring .....	.65	6151	Stirrup .....	.45
6061	Recoil Spring Guide Assembly .....	1.65	6152	Stirrup Pin .....	.10
6066	Sear Pin .....	.15	6153	Trigger .....	2.20
6076	Rear Sight Slide .....	1.10	6185	Magazine Butt Plate .....	.45
6077	Slide .....	24.20	6217	Mainspring Plunger .....	.30
6081	Slide Stop Button .....	.45	6221	Stock Screw .....	.10
6083	Slide Stop Plunger .....	.20			

**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>Caliber</b> .....	9mm Luger and Parabellum	<b>Sights</b> .....	Fixed, 1/8-inch serrated ramp front; Patridge type rear adjustable for windage
<b>Magazine Capacity</b> .....	8	<b>Stocks</b> .....	Checked walnut with S&W monograms
<b>Barrel Length</b> .....	4 inches	<b>Finish</b> .....	S&W Blue or Nickel
<b>Length Over All</b> .....	7 7/16 inches	<b>Ammunition</b>	9mm Luger and Parabellum
<b>Weight</b> .....	26 1/2 oz. without magazine		

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