



RUGER AMERICAN PISTOL®

9mm RUGER AMERICAN® PISTOL PRODUCT SAFETY BULLETIN



Ruger has discovered that some Ruger American® Pistols chambered in 9mm may exhibit premature wear of the locking surfaces between the slide and barrel which, if ignored, can result in a crack developing near the ejection port of the slide. This typically does not occur at round counts below 10,000 rounds. The condition is easily identified during routine maintenance and cleaning and the crack should be visible long before the pistol becomes unsafe to shoot. Ruger is committed to safety and is asking owners of Ruger American® Pistols chambered in 9mm to inspect their pistols for excessive wear or cracks and, if necessary, sign up for this retrofit. Details about what to look for and how to sign up for the retrofit appear below and on our website at Ruger.com/APRetrofit.

Ruger American® Pistols chambered in .45 Auto are NOT subject to this Safety Bulletin. Similarly, other Ruger® pistols chambered in 9mm (for example, SR9®, LC9s®, etc.) are NOT subject to this Safety Bulletin.

PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THIS SAFETY BULLETIN:

Ruger American® Pistols chambered in 9mm with serial number prefixes “860” and “862” are subject to this Safety Bulletin. These include duty (full-sized) and compact models, in both Manual Safety and Pro (no manual safety) configurations. One easy way to tell if your pistol is subject to this Safety Bulletin is by looking at the barrel. If your 9mm Ruger American® Pistol is equipped with a silver-colored, stainless steel barrel, you should follow the inspection procedure outlined below. Retrofitted and newly manufactured Ruger American® Pistols will be equipped with a black, nitrided stainless steel barrel.



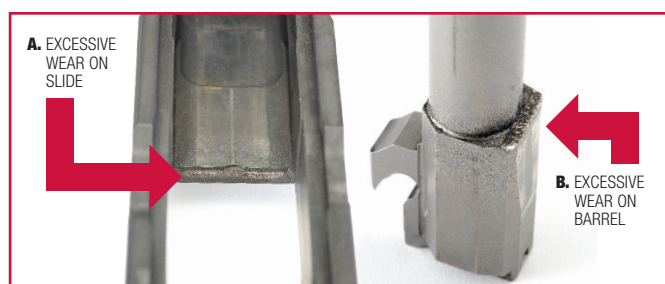
DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE:

In some instances (typically at round counts in excess of 10,000 rounds), the locking surfaces between the slide and barrel can experience excessive wear. If ignored, this condition will worsen and can result in a crack developing near the ejection port of the slide. If cracking occurs, it will become visible long before an unsafe condition develops. However, if the crack is not addressed and the pistol remains in service, the pistol may eventually fail to function or become unsafe to shoot.

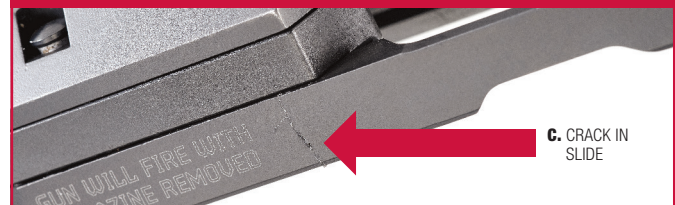
HOW TO INSPECT YOUR PISTOL:

If your pistol is dirty, clean it thoroughly before performing the inspection. Disassembly and cleaning instructions appear in your instruction manual, which is available online at Ruger.com/Service/ProductHistory.

Inspect your pistol, paying particular attention to the barrel/slide lockup surfaces and the sidewalls of the slide at the corners of the ejection port.



RIGHT SIDE OF SLIDE UNDER EXTRACTOR



If you observe excess wear in the lockup surfaces (A and B) or a crack in the slide (C), you should immediately stop using your pistol and sign up for the retrofit. If you are unsure, we recommend that you sign up for the retrofit and allow us to inspect your barrel/slide assembly.

If you do not observe excess wear in the lockup surface or a crack in the slide, no further action on your part is necessary at this time. Nonetheless, you should continue to monitor these areas and, if you suspect that either of these conditions is developing, sign up for the retrofit or contact Customer Service.

Ruger reminds consumers that periodic inspection of any firearm is important to ensuring its safe operation. You should clean and inspect your firearm after each range session. Proper maintenance increases the longevity of your firearm and will allow early detection of worn or broken parts.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE RETROFIT:

STEP 1: If you detect or suspect excess wear in the locking surfaces or a crack in the slide, or if you are uncertain, please visit the Ruger American® Pistol Retrofit Website at Ruger.com/APRetrofit and sign up to return your barrel/slide assembly to Ruger. You will be asked to provide your name, address, and telephone number, an email address, and the serial number of your pistol. You will be added to a list to have the inspection and retrofit performed on a first-come, first-served basis.

STEP 2: In the next few weeks, you will receive a USPS box with a prepaid shipping label and detailed packaging and shipping instructions. Follow the instructions and return only your barrel/slide assembly.

STEP 3: We will inspect your barrel/slide assembly and install new components as needed, **FREE OF CHARGE**. We will make every effort to return your barrel/slide assembly within one week of the day we receive it.

If you have any questions regarding this Safety Bulletin, please visit the FAQ's on our website at Ruger.com/APRetrofit.

If you need assistance signing up for the retrofit, please contact Customer Service at **1-800-784-3701**.