

Firearm. Any weapon, including a starter gun, which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device; but the term shall not include an antique firearm. In the case of a licensed collector, the term shall mean only curios and relics. The term shall include a weapon parts kit that is designed to or may readily be completed, assembled, restored, or otherwise converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. The term shall not include a weapon, including a weapon parts kit, in which the frame or receiver of such weapon is destroyed as described in the definition "frame or receiver".

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Frame or receiver. The term "frame or receiver" shall have the same meaning as in § 478.12.

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Importer's or manufacturer's serial number. The serial number placed by a licensee on a firearm, including any full or abbreviated license number, any such identification on a privately made firearm, or a serial number issued by the Director. For purposes of 18 U.S.C. 922(k) and § 478.34, the term shall include any associated licensee name, or licensee city or State placed on a firearm.

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Privately made firearm (PMF). A firearm, including a frame or receiver, completed, assembled, or otherwise produced by a person other than a licensed manufacturer, and without a serial number placed by a licensed manufacturer at the time the firearm was produced. The term shall not

include a firearm identified and registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record pursuant to chapter 53, title 26, United States Code, or any firearm manufactured or made before October 22, 1968 (unless remanufactured after that date).

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Readily. A process, action, or physical state that is fairly or reasonably efficient, quick, and easy, but not necessarily the most efficient, speediest, or easiest process, action, or physical state. With respect to the classification of firearms, factors relevant in making this determination include the following:

- (1) Time, *i.e.*, how long it takes to finish the process;
- (2) Ease, *i.e.*, how difficult it is to do so;
- (3) Expertise, *i.e.*, what knowledge and skills are required;
- (4) Equipment, *i.e.*, what tools are required;
- (5) Parts availability, *i.e.*, whether additional parts are required, and how easily they can be obtained;
- (6) Expense, *i.e.*, how much it costs;
- (7) Scope, *i.e.*, the extent to which the subject of the process must be changed to finish it; and
- (8) Feasibility, *i.e.*, whether the process would damage or destroy the subject of the process, or cause it to malfunction.

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■ 7. Add § 478.12 to subpart B to read as follows:

§ 478.12 Definition of Frame or Receiver.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the term "frame or receiver" means the following—

(1) The term "frame" means the part of a handgun, or variants thereof, that provides housing or a structure for the primary energized component designed to hold back the hammer, striker, bolt, or similar component prior to initiation of the firing sequence (*i.e.*, sear or equivalent), even if pins or other attachments are required to connect such component to the housing or structure.

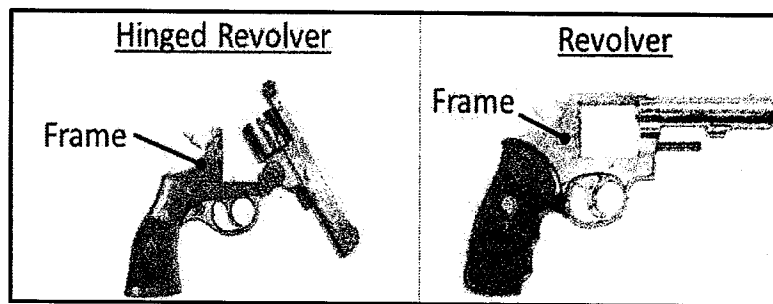
(2) The term "receiver" means the part of a rifle, shotgun, or projectile weapon other than a handgun, or variants thereof, that provides housing or a structure for the primary component designed to block or seal the breech prior to initiation of the firing sequence (*i.e.*, bolt, breechblock, or equivalent), even if pins or other attachments are required to connect such component to the housing or structure.

(3) The terms "variant" and "variants thereof" mean a weapon utilizing a similar frame or receiver design irrespective of new or different model designations or configurations, characteristics, features, components, accessories, or attachments. For example, an AK-type firearm with a short stock and a pistol grip is a pistol variant of an AK-type rifle, an AR-type firearm with a short stock and a pistol grip is a pistol variant of an AR-type rifle, and a revolving cylinder shotgun is a shotgun variant of a revolver.

(4) The following are nonexclusive examples that illustrate the above definitions:

(i) *Hinged or single framed revolvers:* The frame is the part of the revolver that provides a structure designed to hold the sear.

Figure 1 to paragraph (a)(4)(i)

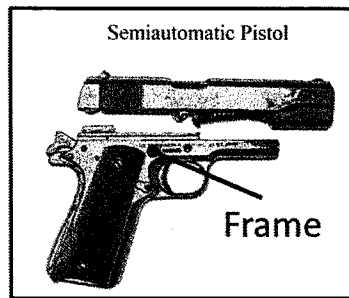


(ii) *Colt 1911, Beretta/Browning/FN Herstal/Heckler & Koch/Ruger/Sig Sauer/Smith & Wesson/Taurus*

hammer-fired semiautomatic pistols: The frame is the lower portion of the

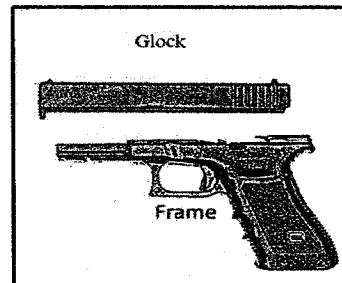
pistol, or grip, that provides housing for the sear.

Figure 2 to paragraph (a)(4)(ii)



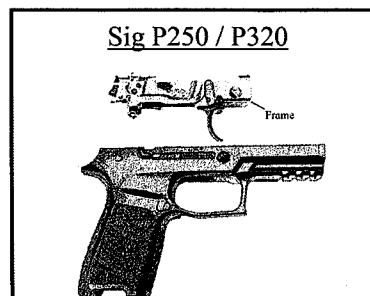
(iii) *Glock variant striker-fired semiautomatic pistols*: The frame is the lower portion of the pistol, or grip, that provides housing for the sear.

Figure 3 to paragraph (a)(4)(iii)



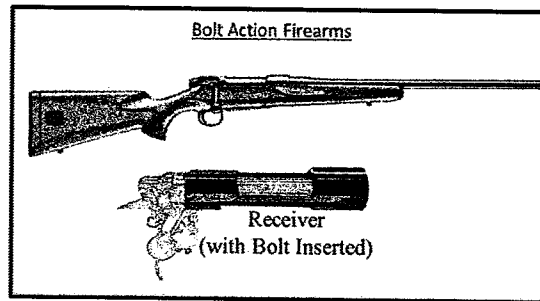
(iv) *Sig Sauer P250/P320 variant semiautomatic pistols*: The frame is the internal removable chassis of the pistol that provides housing for the energized component (i.e., sear or equivalent).

Figure 4 to paragraph (a)(4)(iv)



(v) *Bolt action rifles*: The receiver is the part of the rifle that provides a structure for the bolt.

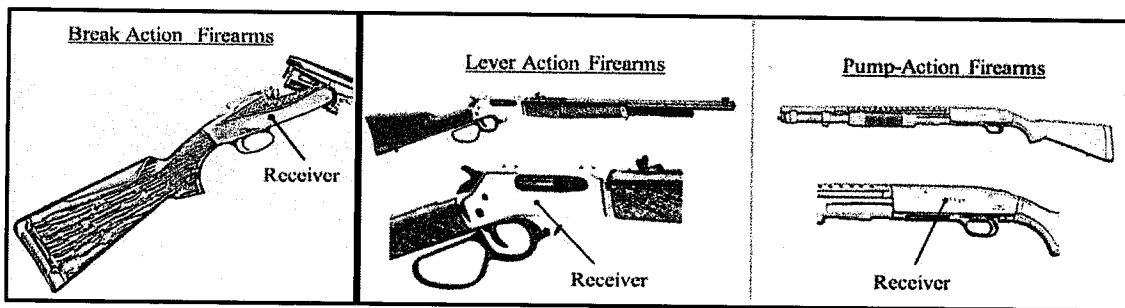
Figure 5 to paragraph (a)(4)(v)



(vi) *Break action, lever action, or pump action rifles and shotguns:* The receiver is the part of the rifle or

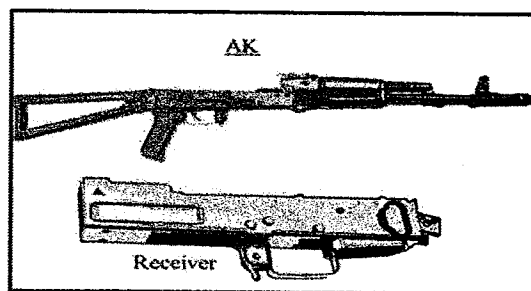
shotgun that provides housing for the bolt, breechblock, or equivalent.

Figure 6 to paragraph (a)(4)(vi)



(vii) *AK variant firearms:* The receiver is the part of the weapon that provides housing for the bolt.

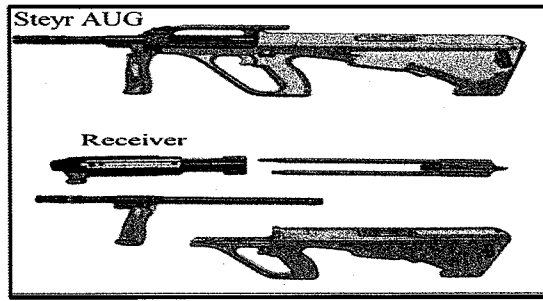
Figure 7 to paragraph (a)(4)(vii)



(viii) *Steyr AUG variant firearms:* The receiver is the central part of the

weapon that provides housing for the bolt.

Figure 8 to paragraph (a)(4)(viii)

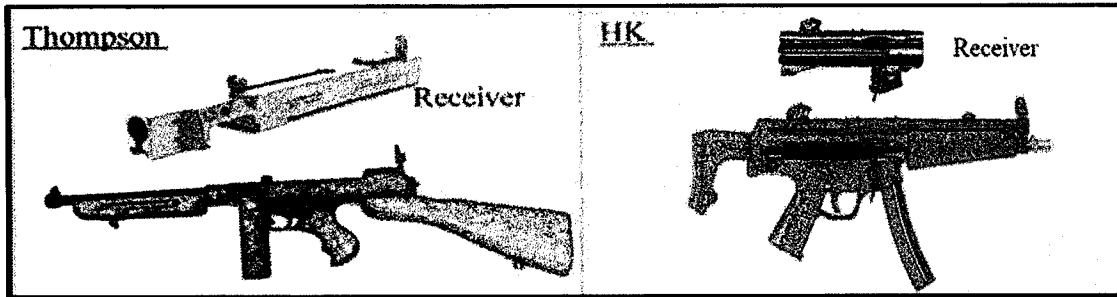


(ix) Thompson machineguns and semiautomatic variants, and L1A1, FN FAL, FN FNC, MP38, MP40, and SIG

550 firearms, and HK machineguns and semiautomatic variants: The receiver is

the upper part of the weapon that provides housing for the bolt.

Figure 9 to paragraph (a)(4)(ix)



(x) Sten, Sterling, and Kel-Tec SUB-2000 firearms: The receiver is the

central part of the weapon, or tube, that provides housing for the bolt.

Figure 10 to paragraph (a)(4)(x)

