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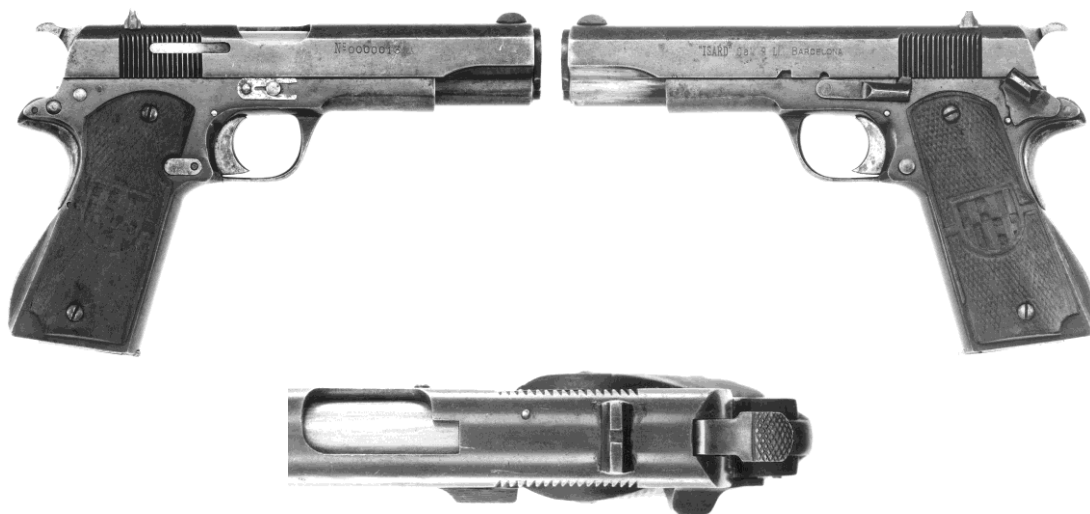
PISTOLS OF THE REPUBLICAN “WAR INDUSTRIES” 1936-1939 (2)



**2nd Model ISARD pistol in presentation case with date “22 GENER 1938” (1-22-1938)
(Photo Tom Nelson)**

The Colt 1911 was the inspiration for another model of the *Industrias de Guerra de Catalunya*, the ISARD pistols (Ram in Catalanian), made in Barcelona in 1938 in the “*Tallers del Parc Mobil*”; They were chambered for the regulation 9 mm Largo round (Llarg in Catalanian, “L”).

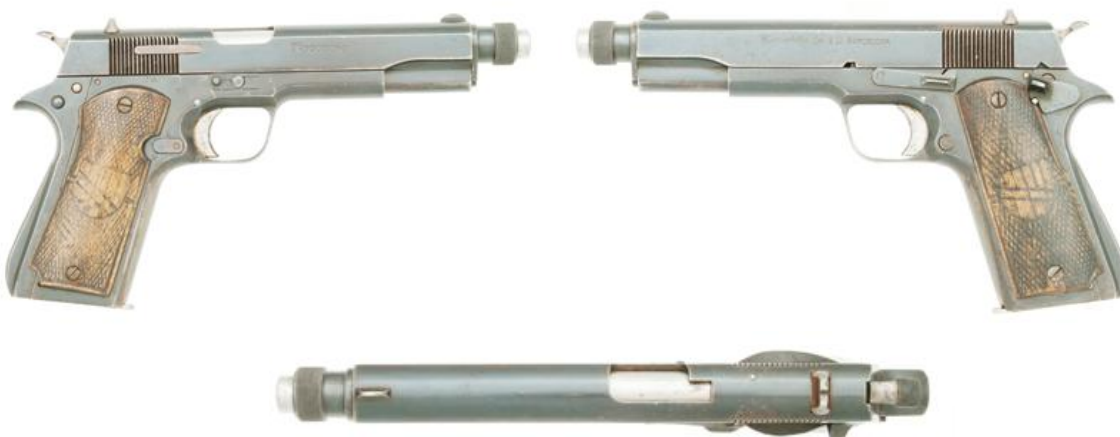
The information about these pistols, researched by my friend Leonardo M. Antaris, reveals that production was very limited (less than 300) and that modifications introduced during production allow for two “models” to be described: The “1st Model” with a conventional solid frame, was made initially with a grip safety and later on, without it; Of the solid frame grip safety “Model” only specimen SN 13 is known and by SN 28 the grip safety was already gone; The “2nd Model” has a two piece frame and also lacks the grip safety; The lowest known serial number is 3 and the highest 207.



ISARD pistol, SN 13, "1st Model" with single piece frame and grip safety. (Photo Leonardo M. Antaris)



ISARD pistol, SN 28, variant of the "1st Model" lacking the grip safety. (Photo Leonardo M. Antaris)

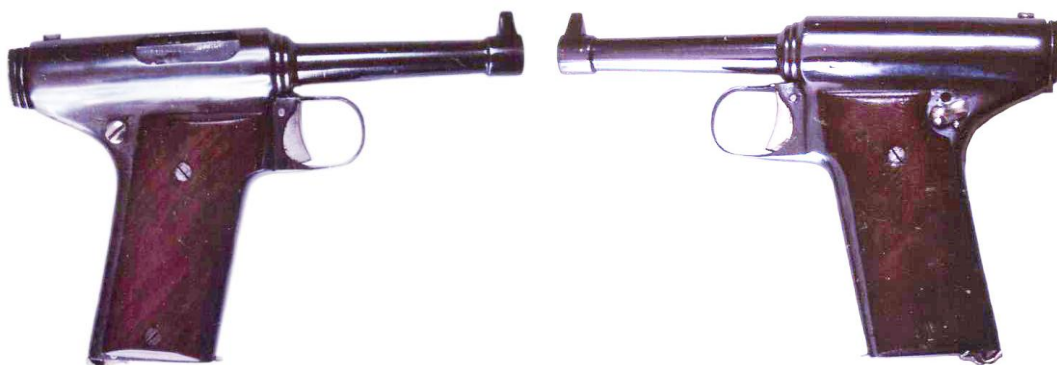


ISARD pistol, SN 80, "2nd Model" with two piece frame and lacking the grip safety. (Photo Leonardo M. Antaris)



The ejection ports of those “2nd Model” ISARD pistols with the highest serial numbers differ in shape from those with the lowest numbers

We next show another pistol, also in 9 mm Largo caliber, of which I have only the pictures illustrated and of which only two specimens are known, both lacking any markings or serial numbers; I am told that the magazine of the specimen shown is marked FONTBERNAT-OLOT which suggests a relationship with the submachine gun of this name made by the Industrias de Guerra de Cataluña in its “Factory No.15” which included the workshops located in the city of Olot in Gerona province: The FONBERNAT-OLOT submachine gun is a weapon of original design, in the manufacture of which a local mechanic named Josep Corominas (nicknamed “Sant Pau” due to his large physique) took part; Unfortunately we can not ask him as to his role in this pistol’s design as he died in the 1980s.



Experimental *Industrias de Guerra de Cataluña* 9mm Largo pistol