

Mauser P.38 Production With Phosphate Frames, Slides & Barrels¹

Serial Number Range	5924b - 10000b	1c - 10000c	1d - 10000d	1e - 2521e	2522e - 10000e	1f - 3549f
Estimated Production Date	Dec. 1944	Jan. 1945	Jan. - Feb. 1945	Feb.1945	Mar. 1945	Apr. 1945
Total in Serial Range	4077	10000	10000	2521	7479	3549
Total Reported in Serial Range ²	79	319	363	87	345	146
byf44	98%	41%	76%	77%	23%	12%
ac43 ³	1%	21%	13%	14%	3%	1%
ac44 ³	1%	36%	11%	7%	3%	1%
svw45 ⁴	0%	2%	2%	2%	71%	86%

This range of Mauser production is unusual in that you generally have to ignore the date shown on the slide and use the serial number as a guide as to when the gun was produced.

A few all blued examples have been reported in the "dual tone" serial range.

From reported serial numbers, production percentages were computed based on a count of the slide codes divided by the "Total Reported in Serial Range".

- 1 - Most barrels are blued thus the term "dual tone". Some barrels were phosphate finished but they are rather scarce. They show up more often starting in the later "e" block.
- 2 - This is a count of the actual P.38s that were reported to Orv in the serial range shown at the top of the column.
- 3 - FN slides that were made by Fabrique Nationale in Belgium and shipped to Mauser in late 1944.
- 4 - The svw45 slide code does not show up on a regular basis until about 2522e.

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