

# GUNNYSACK

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## KART EZ-FIT BARREL

**K**art's EZ-fit barrel makes it possible to get a real match barrel fit with considerably less work. The secret to accuracy in a government model-type pistol is the fit of the bottom barrel lugs to the slide stop pin. Unless the pin fits properly and locks the barrel up completely, accuracy won't reach full potential. Kart's barrel eliminates that in favor of two humps, evenly spaced in the top locking lug. It's much easier to work on those surfaces, although the job demands just as much patience. Kart has a small file ground to fit the space that is just about mandatory. The instructions are good too.

Initial work is done using a loose bushing and you begin by fitting the headspace extension so the barrel can go up into the slide lugs and then gently begin to work on the humps on the top of the barrel. I use a Sharpie to blacken them and try it on the frame. You won't be able to get the slide to close all the way but the blackening will rub off and show you where to remove metal. This is one of those things where you must take a stroke or two with the file and try it on the frame. This may have to be repeated dozens of times.

The next step is to fit the new bushing. It

will require some polishing to go into the slide and you definitely want it to be snug enough to require a bushing wrench, but not overly-tight. Cycle the slide manually and the gun will show you where to cut if more is needed. When you're done you'll have a true match-grade barrel that locks up just as well as a custom job. Just be sure to make haste slowly.



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