

## Iver Johnson's Safety Rifles

In a 1936 copy of *Argosy*, I found an ad by the Wilson Chemical Co. offering "Iver Johnson bolt-action .22 rifles" (and Mickey Mouse watches) as premiums for selling the firm's White Cloverine Salve.

I knew Iver Johnson made lots of revolvers and shotguns in the 1930s but



didn't know it made rifles. I traced the fuzzy illustration as well as I could. From it can you tell me something about the rifle?

**Answer:** With your tracing we can identify the single-shot as Iver Johnson's Model X Safety Rifle that was introduced in 1928. It, and the Model 2-X that came along in 1932, were unique in that what appeared to be the cocking piece was actually an automatic safety knob.

When the bolt was opened and closed,

the knob pointed upward to block the line of sight and had to be thumb-depressed before the gun could be fired. The rifle had a 22" barrel with fixed sights; its uncheckered walnut stock had a peculiar, exaggerated "schnabel" tip and its original price was in the \$4 area.

The Model 2-X used the same action but its stock was more conventional in form and, at first, had checkering on the

pistol grip. The 24" barrel was equipped with an open rear sight with a simple elevation adjustment and a bead front sight. Its price, in 1932, was \$5.50.

The Models XA and 2-XA were as the above but were supplied with

Lyman No. 55J receiver sights, No. 3 ivory bead front sights, leather slings and swivels at a \$5 premium.

Following World War II, some X and uncheckered 2-X rifles were assembled from existing parts, but no mention of the Model X was noted after 1945 and the 2-X was last found listed in 1955 at \$15.40.—P.D.

## M1A/M14 Firing Pins

Would you explain the rumored procedure for replacing a broken firing pin in an M1A rifle without having to remove the bolt?

**Answer:** If necessary, it is possible to remove the firing pin from the bolt assembly of an M1A or M14 without bolt removal. This is especially helpful when working with a match rifle that is very tightly bedded or if its receiver has been "glued" into the stock.

Begin by making sure that the rifle is unloaded. Remove the magazine and insert an empty, fired .30-'06 case into the chamber. Allow the bolt to go forward and the extractor to fully engage the rim of the case.

Turn the rifle upside down to permit clear access to the underside of the bolt through the magazine well and clamp the rifle stock in a padded vise so that you will have both hands free. Using a 5/32" punch and a small hammer, drive the extractor from the bolt. Be careful not to lose the extractor!

Next, remove the trigger assembly. Elevate the rifle muzzle and the firing pin will fall from the rear of the bolt. The firing pin can then be removed from the receiver and replaced. Reassemble in reverse order.—O.R.C.

## WHERE CAN I GET ?

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DW Tool Co., 913 Shorecrest, Garland, TX 75040

### Gunsmith's bench vise

Hoppe's, Airport Industrial Mall, Coatesville, PA 19320

### Rubber grip covers for Glocks and J-frame Smith & Wessons

C.P.S., Box 12009-351, Scottsdale, AZ 85267

### Lockable plastic shotshell boxes

J&J Products, 9140 Whitmore, El Monte, CA 91731

### IBM PC ballistics programs for silhouette yardages

Dropkick, 29 W. 4th St., Williamsport, PA 17701

### Conversion of Marlin Camp Carbine to use various pistol magazines

K.C. Enterprises, 7240 S. Ridge, Madison, OH 44057

### Rare and out-of-print hunting and shooting books

Angler's & Shooter's Bookshelf, Box 168, Goshen, CT 06756

Rutgers Book Center, 127 Raritan Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904

Highwood Bookshop, Box 1246, Traverse City, MI 49685

Ray Riling Arms Books Co., Box 18925, Philadelphia, PA 19119

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## Tanker Garands

Editor:

The fancifully named "Tanker Garands" (rebuilt M1s with shortened forestocks and 18" vs. 24" barrels) were commercially made lookalikes of the U.S. Army Ordnance Dept.'s T26 rifles. The T26s were never issued nor produced in quantity by or for the government's use.