



Field Disassembly and Reassembly
of the Model 1911A1 Pistol



	DESCRIPTION
A	Slide Assembly
B	Barrel Bushing
C	Recoil Spring Guide
D	Recoil Spring Plug
E	Recoil Spring
F	Magazine
G	Slide Stop
H	Receiver/Frame Assembly
I	Barrel and Barrel Linkage

Disassembly Instructions



1) Point the pistol in a safe direction and depress the magazine catch.



2) Remove the magazine.



3) Pull back on the **slide** and ensure there is not a cartridge loaded in the chamber.



4) Press down on the the **recoil spring plug**.

Important Safety Note

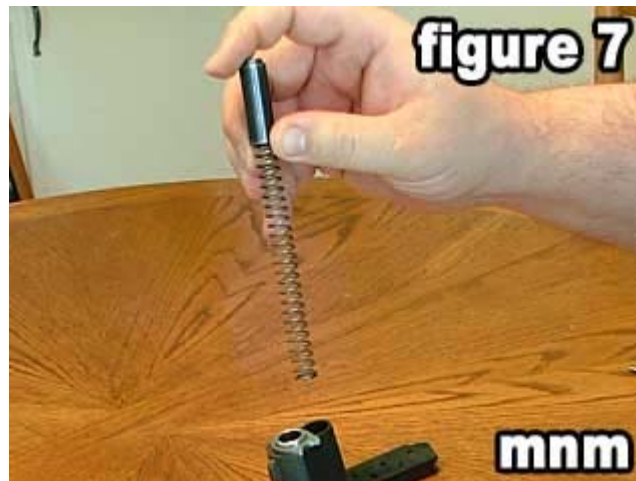
The 1911 recoil spring is under great tension and if not handled correctly will fly out at great speed. This could cause a safety problem or at the very least fly across the room knocking your wife's china tea cup off of the shelf causing much more pain than a physical injury.



5) While continuously pressing down on the **recoil spring plug**, turn the **barrel bushing** clockwise so the **recoil spring** and **recoil spring plug** can exit the slide..



6) Allow the **recoil spring** to slowly expand to its fullest extent.



7) Remove the **recoil spring** and **recoil spring plug** and set both aside.



8) Turn the **barrel bushing** counter-clockwise.



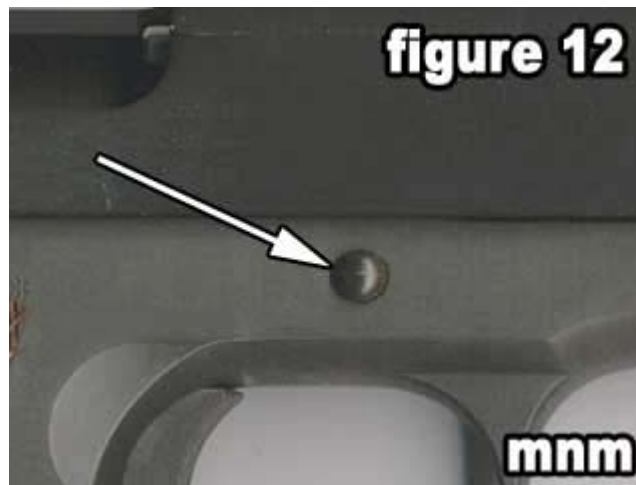
9) Remove the **barrel bushing** and set aside.



10) Full cock the **hammer** and then pull the **slide** to the rear until the rear of the **slide release lever** is directly under the **rear, small, circular notch** in the slide.



11) **Figure 11** shows the **slide release lever** directly under the **rear, small, circular notch** in the slide.



12) Figure 12 shows the **slide stop pin** on the right hand side of the **frame**.



13) Depress the **slide stop pin** on the right side of the **frame**.



14) Pull the **slide stop** towards you, removing it from the **slide** .



15) Set the **slide stop** aside.



16) Slide the **slide forward** and off of the **receiver frame**.



17) Remove the **recoil spring guide** and set aside.



18) Pull the **barrel assembly** out of the front of the slide and set aside.



19) Figure 19 shows the field disassembled 1911 pistol.

Reassembly Instructions



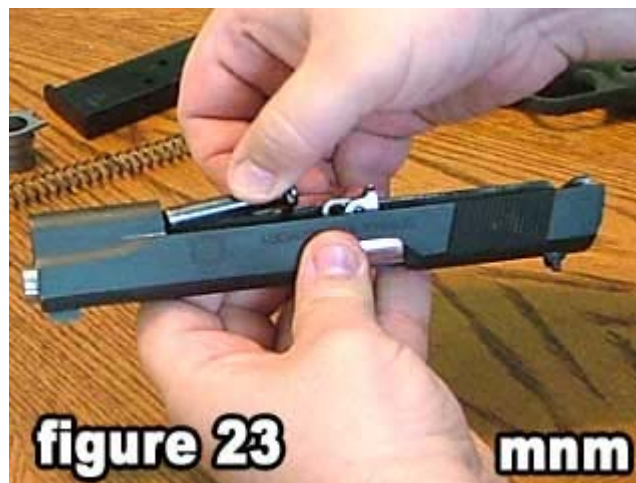
20) Slide the **barrel assembly** into the slide as shown in figure 20.



21) Slide the **barrel assembly** all the way to the rear.



22) **Figure 22** shows the rear of the **recoil spring guide**. Note the inward curved bottom. This rests part against the **barrel**.



23) Lay the **recoil guide** on the **barrel** with the inward curved bottom against the **barrel**.



24) Note the arrow pointing to the **rails** on the side of the **frame**. The **rails** are what the **slide** rides upon.



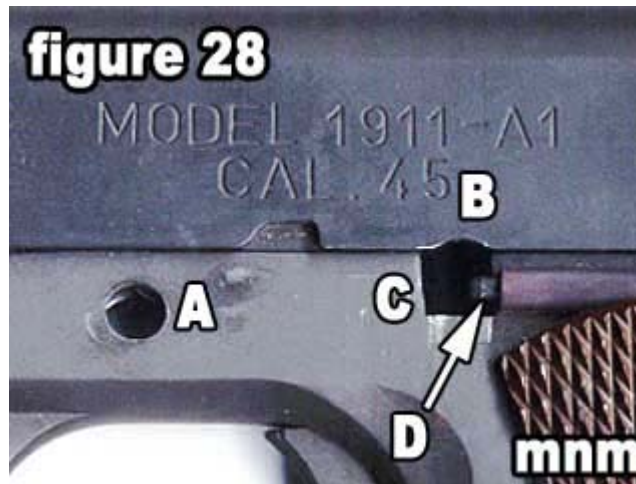
25) While holding the **recoil spring guide** in place, place the **slide** onto the **frame's rails**.



26) Pull the **slide** back until the **rear, small, circular notch** in the **slide** aligns with the **rear slide hole**.



27) Figure 27 shows the **slide stop hole** and the **barrel linkage hole**.



	DESCRIPTION
A	Slide Stop Pin Hole/Barrel Linkage Hole
B	Rear, Small, Circular Notch
C	Rear Slide Stop Hole
D	Plunger

28) Figure 28 shows the correct alignment for the **rear, small, circular notch** and the **rear slide stop hole** and also the alignment for the **slide stop pin hole** and the **barrel linkage hole**.



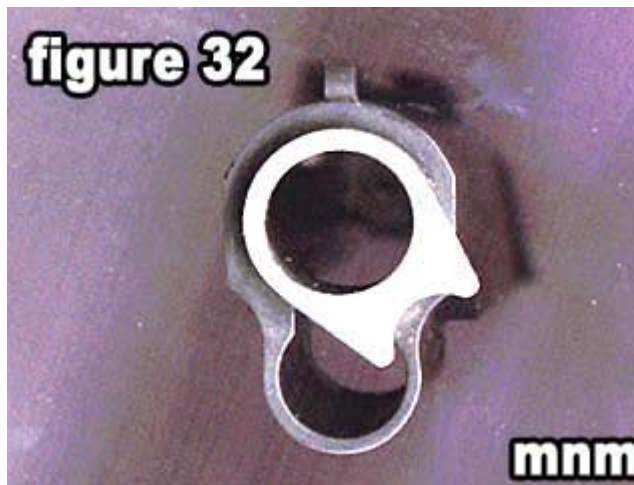
29) Insert the the **pin** of the **slide stop** into the **slide stop hole**.



30) While pressing in the **slide stop** it may be necessary to slightly compress the **plunger** so the slide stop snaps into place. I usually use a small punch or flat blade jeweler's screwdriver. Cycle the **slide** to make sure the **barrel** stays in place and does not move. If the **barrel** moves freely then you most likely did not insert the **slide stop pin** into the **barrel linkage hole**. This is easily remedied by removing the **slide stop** and realigning the **slide**, **frame**, and **barrel linkage hole**.



31) Slide the **slide** forward.



32) Figure 32 shows the position the **barrel bushing** needs to be in to be inserted into the **slide**.



33) Insert the **barrel bushing** and rotate clockwise all the way.



34) Figure 34 shows the position the **barrel bushing** needs to be in for you to be able to insert the **recoil spring** and **recoil spring plug**.



35) Insert the **recoil spring** and **recoil spring plug**.



36) Compress the **recoil spring** and **recoil spring plug**.



37) While holding the **recoil spring plug** down, rotate the **barrel bushing** counter-clockwise until the **barrel bushing** locks the **recoil spring plug** into place.



38) Cycle the **slide** to ensure proper operation.



39) **Figure 39** shows the reassembled 1911 pistol.

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