



Field Disassembly Method Number One

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1) Point the pistol pointed in a safe direction and make certain the pistol is unloaded. Leave the pistol's slide in the rear and locked position.

2) Figure 2 shown the P.38 pistol's magazine release.



3) Depress the magazine release.

4) Remove the magazine from the pistol.



5) With the slide pulled back and locked in place the take down latch can be rotated counter clockwise from the three o'clock position until about the eight o'clock position (*where it stops*) and this will facilitate the removal of the slide assembly.

6) Pull back on the slide and allow it to disengage the manual slide stop.



7) It is necessary for the hammer to be down for the slide to be removed. Allow the slide to move forward so the rear of the slide is lined up with the rear of the frame (as shown in figure 7)

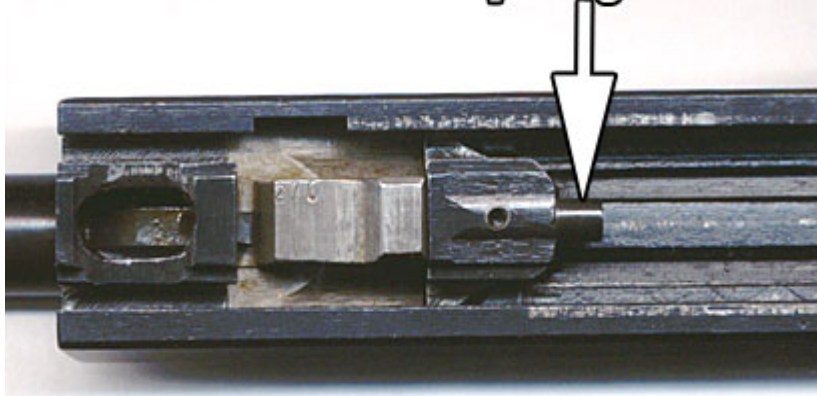
8) Pull the trigger to lower the hammer.



9) Remove the Slide assembly.

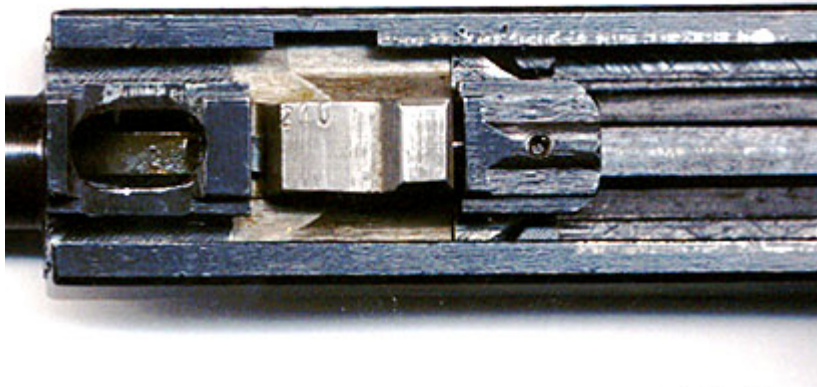
10) Figure 10 shows the locking block locked in place by the locking block pin. The arrow points to the plunger end of the locking block pin. With the locking block locked in place by the locking block pin, the barrel cannot slide out of the slide assembly.

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11) Figure 11 shows the locking block pivoted down and the locking block pin's plunger pushed in. This will allow for the barrel to slide out of the slide assembly.

12) Push in the locking block pin plunger and remove the barrel from the slide assembly.



13) Figure 13 shows the field disassembled P.38 pistol. The four parts are the magazine assembly, barrel assembly, slide assembly, and the frame assembly.

Reassembly Instructions

14) Insert the barrel into the slide assembly. Note that in figure 14 the locking block is protruding. This will prohibit the slide from being installed on the frame.

figure 14

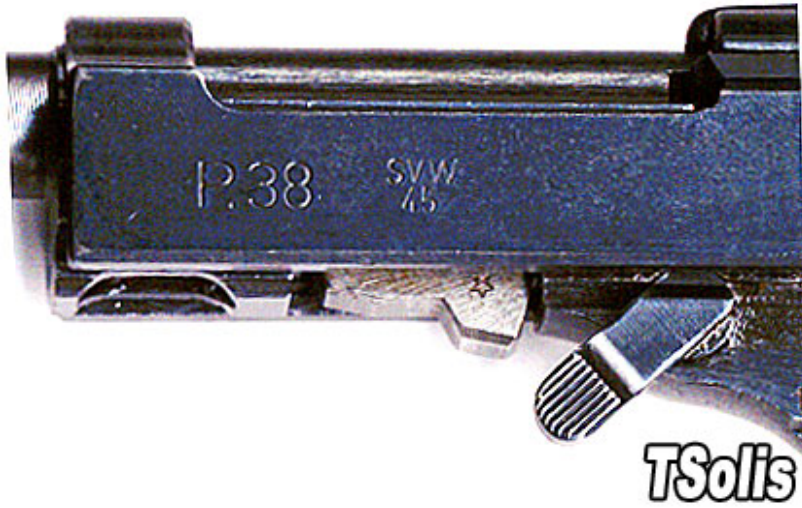


figure 15



15) When sliding the slide onto the frame you need to push up on the locking block so it resembles figure 15.

16) The hammer should be down or forward. Slide the slide onto the frame while holding the locking block in its upward position.



17) Pull the slide all of the way to the rear.

18) Manually engage the slide stop to hold the slide in place.



19) Rotate the take down latch counter clockwise to the three o'clock position.



20) Pull back on the slide to disengage the slide stop and allow the slide to move forward.



21) Pull the trigger and lower the hammer.

22) Insert the magazine.



23) Figure 23 shows the completed reassembly of the P.38 pistol.

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