

MAUSER C96 M1921 BOLO 30 MAUSER, \$2395

GUN TESTS GRADE: A

While some seem to think the “Broomhandle” Mauser is ungainly, we thought it had fine balance and was not the least bit clumsy. It shot reasonably well, but the ammo we had was somewhat underpowered. The barrel is only as high above the hand as that of a 1911 auto. This was an all-machined pistol, and the first really successful autoloading pistol of all time.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	9.8 in.
Overall Height.....	5.6 in.
Barrel Length.....	3.9 in.
Sight Radius.....	7.8 in.
Front Strap Height.....	2.8 in.
Back Strap Height.....	2.8 in.
Weight Unloaded.....	37.4 oz.
Weight Loaded.....	41.3 oz.
Capacity.....	10
Maximum Width.....	1.23 in.
Grip Thickness (Max).....	1.22 in.
Grip Circumference (Max).....	4.5 in.
Frame Material/Finish.....	Blued Steel
Barrel.....	Blued Steel
Bolt Material/Finish.....	Bare Steel
Grip Material/Finish.....	Serrated Walnut
Trigger Pull Weight Single Action.....	5.6 lbs.
Trigger Span Single Action.....	2.8 in.
Warranty.....	N/A
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Though easy to get apart, the Mauser had intricately fit parts that required the touch of a knowledgeable person to reassemble. All the parts are completely machined on all surfaces. The only screw on the gun holds the grip panels on.

Below, the bolt alone (separated at the top) has more machining than you'd see on a Glock. The long firing pin in the middle has an integral step at the back which locks into the back of the bolt to hold it in place. That means the firing pin was cut out of a block of steel.

The arrows point to two fully machined leaf springs that are carved from their base, which includes an integral pin that holds the unit in the gun. Intricately made parts like this will never again be seen on production guns, yet Mauser made over a million.

