

Swiss Rifle Markings

Inspector's Marks



Major Schmidt 1864-1874



Major Werdmüller 1875-1879



Major Vogelsang 1879-1912



Major Mühlemann 1913-1941



Major Hauri 1942 -1946



Waffenfabrik Bern Inspection mark. Formerly referred to as a "Post 1946" mark. It now appears Waffenfabrik Bern began using this stamp in the 1942-1943 time period.



Stamp on the Buttstock

Proof and Acceptance/Rejection Marks



Pressure Proof test passed



Shooting test passed



Acceptance mark for small metal parts (Vetterli)



Acceptance mark for large metal part (Vetterli)



Acceptance mark for large metal parts, raised (Vetterli)



Acceptance mark for wooden parts (Vetterli)



Federal acceptance mark (Vetterli)



Federal rejection mark (Vetterli)



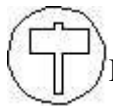
Rejection mark for metal parts (Vetterli)



Rejection mark for wooden parts (Vetterli)

Manufacture's Marks

H&H Hämmerli & Hausch (later became Hämmerli - see below)



Hämmerli



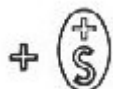
SIG (Sometimes represented by just a N)

Other Markings

P

P.61 These marking were added when the soldier elected to keep his firearm upon his retirement.

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Material certification stamps

+ CN

Denote receiver made from Chrome Nickel. A +CM marking denotes receiver made from Chrome Molybdenum.

.12

WF 27 Stamps indicating the year repairs were made

32 .

B Found on top of barrel on some 1911s, believed to be a shooting test mark

54 found on tang, behind the receiver - indicates year rifle was refurbished at Waffenfabrik Bern.

BE found on tang, behind the receiver - stamp by Canton Arsenal

+ found on tang, behind the receiver - stamp indicates a repair was made

③ Canton Arsenal stamp

IV 34 Found under the buttplate - indicates month and year of stock manufacture

Other Markings

Rifle Markings

- AB = Amsler und Blank Schaffhausen
- ALz = Affolter und Lenk Zürich
- A+B = Amsler und Blank Schaffhausen
- AK = Adolf Knapp Rheinfelden
- BS = Burri, Schmid und Compangie Luzern
- WA = Wahl und Aemmer Basel
- W&A= Wahl und Aemmer Basel
- C = Cordier und Compagnie Bellefontaine
- ET = von Erlach und Compagnie Thun
- F&S = Freuler und Sohn Glarus
- GI = Gamma und Inganger Altdorf
- PH = Peter Haenni Sitten
- VS = Valentin Sauerbrei Basel
- S.BS = Valentin Sauerbrei Basel
- AZ = A. Zoller Frauenfeld

R.T = Jean Ruckstuhl Töss
GSW = Gebrüder Sulzer Winterthur
ThK = Th. Klaus Genf
S&W = Socin und Wick Basel
SW = Socin und Wick Basel
EWy = Escher-Wyss und Compagnie Zürich
WvS = W. von Steiger Thun, vormals von Erlach
MST = Markus Steiger Thun
FG = Fabrique des armes Genève
Cb = Camenzind Bouchs
SL = Seiler Liestal
MT = Meili Trogen
MO = Johann Mundwiler Olten
Hä = Hämmerli Lenzburg
KB = Kaspar Bösch St. Gallen
B&B = Buholzer und Burri Luzern
B+B = Buholzer und Burri Luzern
SG = J.J. Schläpfer Glarus
J = M. Jaquet Genève
LKa = Leonhard Kästli Altdorf
LK = Leonhard Kästli Altdorf
Ms = J. Müller und Sohn Bern
JKW = Johann Konrad Walser Trogen
WS = Walty-Scheurmann Schöftland
HO = Hans Ochsenbein Basel
WSo = Wüthrich Solothurn

Cantonal markings:

AG (or CA)= Canton Aargau
AI = Appenzeller Innerrhoden
AR = Appenzeller Ausserrhoden
BE = Bern
BL = Canton Basel
BS = Basel City
CF = Canton Freiburg
CG = Kanton Glarus
CGL (or GL)= Canton Glarus
CL = Canton Luzern
CN = Canton Neuenburg
CTh=Canton Thurgau
CV = Canton Vaud
CZ = Canton Zürich

F (or FR) = Freiburg
GE = Geneva
GR = Graubünden
JU = Jura
KA= Kanton Aargau
KG = Kanton Glarus
KL = Kanton Luzern
KN = Kanton Neuenburg
NE= Neuchâtel
NW = Nibwalden
OW = Obwalden
SH = Schaffhausen
SO = Solothurn
St.G (or SG) = St.Gallen
SZ = Schwyz
TH = Thurgau
TI = Ticino
UR = Uri
VD = Vaud
VS = Valais
ZG = Zug
ZZ = Zeughaus Zürich

Other short codes:

PE = (57PE by example) Privat Einzelschuss
W+F = Eidgenössische Waffenfabrik Bern
W+K = Waffenkontrolle
TA = Technische Abteilung
MFT = Munitionsfabrik Thun
MFA = Munitionsfabrik Altdorf
KMV = Kriegsmaterialverwaltung
SIG = Schweizerische Industriegesellschaft Neuhausen

Inspection markings:

W = Inspektor Werdmüller
V = Inspektor Vogelsang
M = Inspektor Mechel oder Inpektor Müller oder Insp. Mühlemann
G = Inspektor Grunauer
L = Inspektor Ledermann
O = Inspektor Oertle
S = Inspektor Schenk
E = Inspektor Ehram oder Egger
Sc = Inspektor Schläppi

Hs = Inspektor Hubschmidt

R = Inspektor Reymann

Ny = Inspektor Nydegger

T = Inspektor Tanner oder Thurnysen

H = Inspektor Hauri