



MAUSER
Automatic Pistol
Parabellum
Caliber .30 Luger und 9 mm Luger

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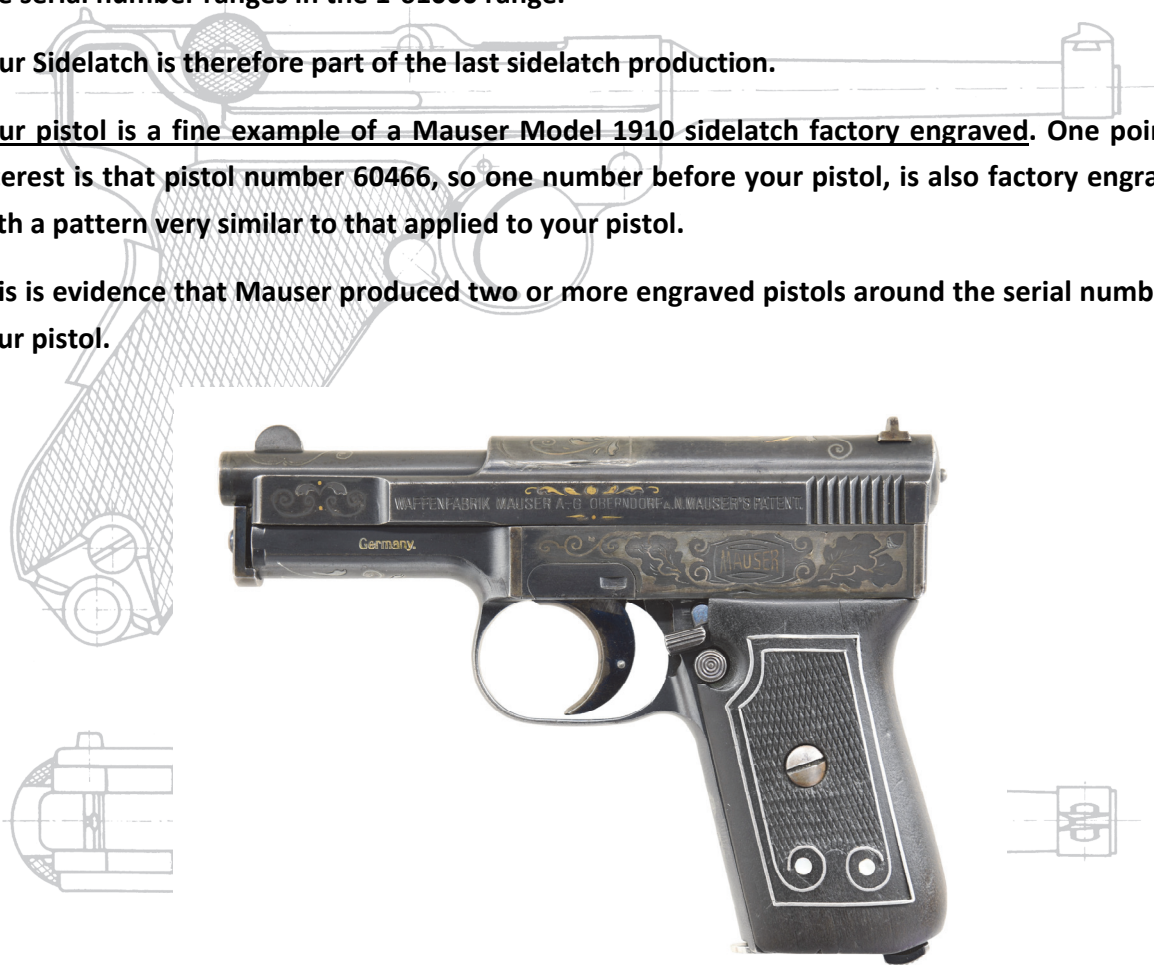
Dear Mme Katya Tilton,

Your Mauser pocket pistol Model 1910 in caliber 6.35mm serial number 60467, belongs to the first production often named the sidelatch. The sidelatch production started on late 1910 until 1913. The serial number ranges in the 1-61000 range.

Your Sidelatch is therefore part of the last sidelatch production.

Your pistol is a fine example of a Mauser Model 1910 sidelatch factory engraved. One point of interest is that pistol number 60466, so one number before your pistol, is also factory engraved, with a pattern very similar to that applied to your pistol.

This is evidence that Mauser produced two or more engraved pistols around the serial number of your pistol.



The name “sidelatch” comes from the fact that these pistols had a small rotating disassembly lever built into the side plate. On later versions, the side plate was redesigned, so that the need for a separate latch disappeared.



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Paul Mauser himself, with Fidel Feederle and mainly Josef Nickl are the main designers of this model. The Model 1910 is, together with the later variations M1910/14 and M1910/34, the most successful variations of the “pistol family” concept that Nickl introduced from late 1908.

Below is a blueprint from the original blueprints book preserved in the Paul Mauser Archive.



The idea was to define a new pistol design for a 9x19 Parabellum caliber and then scale down into smaller calibers. The reason behind this idea was the possibility of simultaneously competing using the same design against both the Parabellum and the smaller Browning 7.65 mm (.32 ACP).

The pistol in 9mm was problematic due to the heavy recoil but the pistol in 6.35mm was reliable and a commercial success.

The first time the new pistols were mentioned in company documents dates from 1908. Paul Mauser had promised the German handgun test facility, the *Deutsche Versuchs-Anstalt für*



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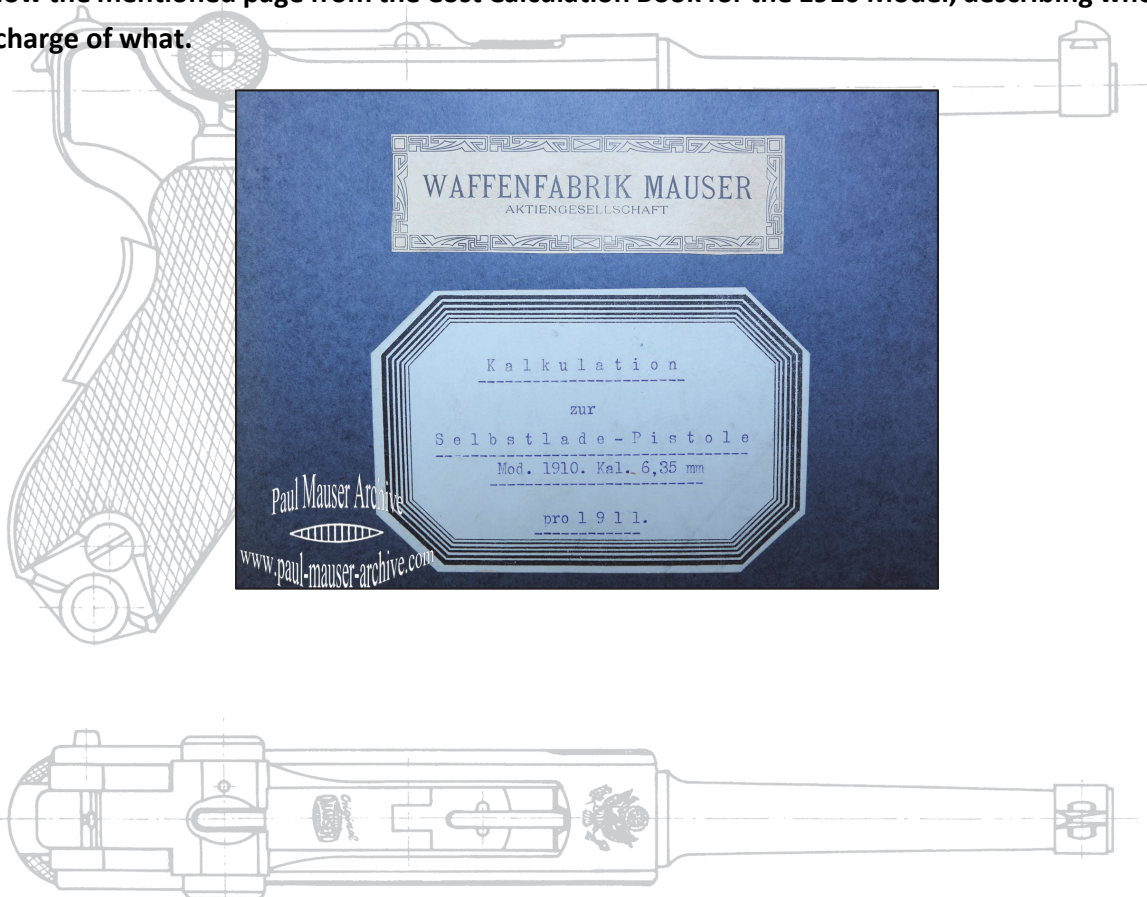
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Handfeuerwaffen, an automatic pocket pistol that was lighter than a Browning 7.65 mm pistol (the Browning 1900 model).

Nickl and Feederle were directly involved in the Model 1910 production and testing. In fact, ***Nickl*** was in charge of the “milling and filing” step for the following items: Trigger axle, Side Plate, Magazine Retainer, Safety, and Rear Sight. ***Feederle*** was in charge of the assembling and finishing of the pistol, while ***Paul Seidel*** (father of Alex Seidel) was in charge of the test firing.

Below the mentioned page from the Cost Calculation Book for the 1910 Model, describing who was in charge of what.





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<u>Fisier</u>		
früher in feil.	<u>Nickel</u>	R-
blau	<u>Harre</u>	
<u>Vorholzfeder</u>		
fertig	Paul Mauser Archive Klingler	R-
<u>Führerfeder</u>		
fertig	Klingler	R-
Gewehr gelb in blau - / rüßteil /		
" braun		
Pistole zusammengebaut in fertig		<u>Feederle</u>
Aufschießmunition (5 Patronen à 420g)		
Lapp		<u>Seidel</u>

In the report of the Board of Directors for the year 1911, it is written that:

A healthy development is shown in the sales of our Mauser pocket pistol which was introduced to the market in April 1911, of which we have sold within 8 months more than 11,000 pistols, despite the large number of competitors and our initial higher prices and without a large marketing effort.

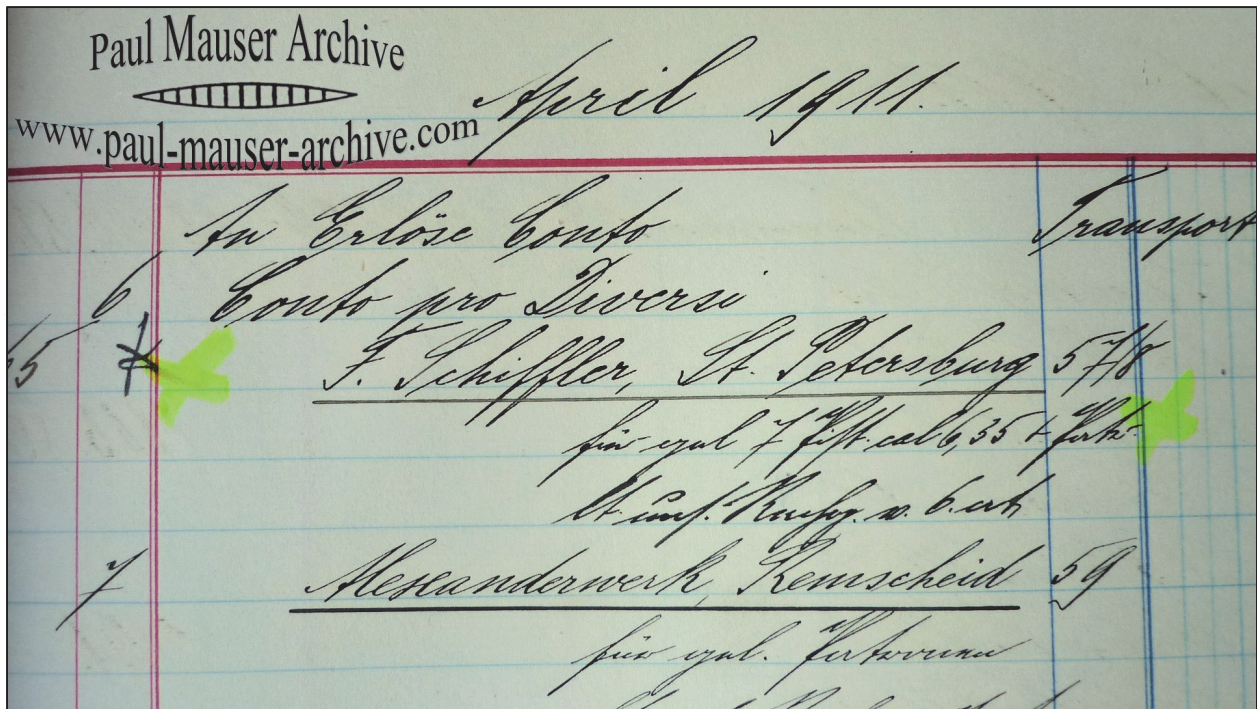
Based upon the previous statement we know that the official sale of the Mod. 1910 started in April 1911, however internal sale for testing purposes are traced before April in the sale books.

As example, one of the first sale available is provided below. The pistol was sold to the Russian importer Schiffler in St. Petersburg in April 1911.



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The first sales entries for the new 6.35 mm pistol can be found from February 1911 onward.

The first entry is for the Rottweil Powder factory on the 15th of February 1911. They tested many Mauser products before they went on the market to ensure that the ammunition was correct. The Rottweil Company was linked to Mauser via the ownership of DWM shares by Rottweil owner Max von Duttenhofer.

An internal note told us that in 1911 were produced:

11,012 Automatic pocket pistols cal. 6,35mm (M1910).

And it is possible to read from the Board of Director report:

...in April 1911 we put on the market the Mauser pocket pistol Kal.6, 35mm...even without too much expense on advertising in eight months we have sold over 11,000 pieces

We know that in the first year of production, 11,012 pistols were produced.

Your pistol is part of the last production made most probably in 1913.

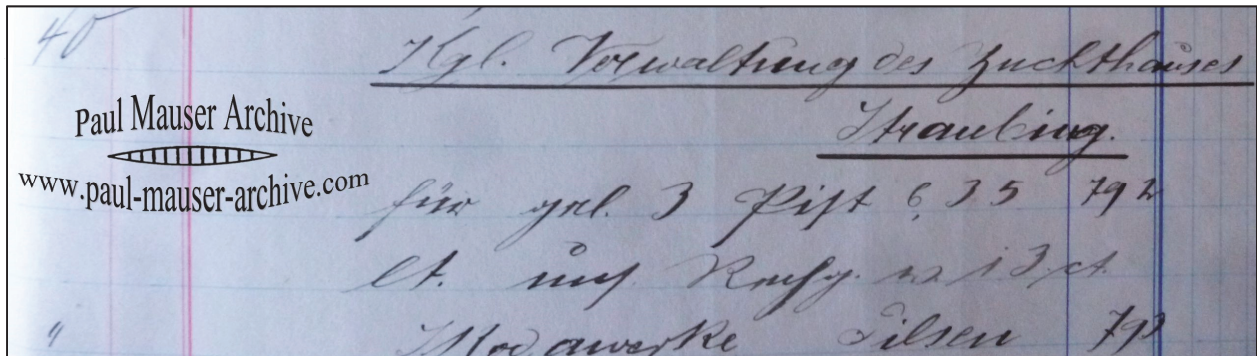


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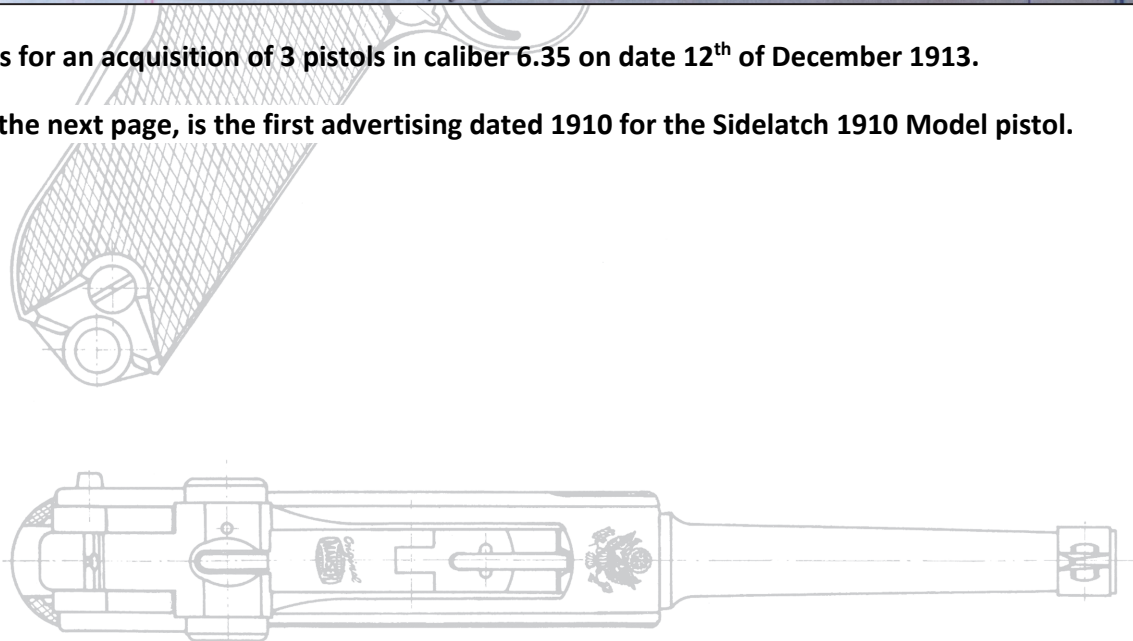
The cost of the standard Model 1910 was 25.60 RM. Your pistol is engraved and embellished therefore, the price was higher. I will provide in the next pages some brochure with engraved models.

Below is a 1913 sale recorded in the Mauser ledger of that year that is representative of your pistol serial number 60467 that is part of the last *sidelatch* production.



It is for an acquisition of 3 pistols in caliber 6.35 on date 12th of December 1913.

In the next page, is the first advertising dated 1910 for the Sidelatch 1910 Model pistol.





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
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Wenn Sie die Absicht haben, sich eine automatische Taschenpistole anzuschaffen, so fragen Sie beim nächsten Waffen- oder Munitionshändler nach der neuesten

MAUSER-Selbstlade-PISTOLE

Kal. 6,35 mm  zehnschüssig.

Von den vielen Vorzügen dieser erstklassigen automatischen Taschenpistole möchten wir nur die folgenden hervorheben:

1. Die bequeme Lage der Waffe in der Hand beim Schuß.
2. Die elegante Form.
3. Die solide und einfache Konstruktion.
4. Die vollendete Präzisionsarbeit.
5. Die hervorragende Präzision beim Schuß infolge des langen Laufes.
6. Das bequeme und rasche Auseinandernehmen zum Zwecke der Reinigung.
7. Die besonders vorteilhafte Anordnung der Sicherung.
8. Die verblüffende Durchschlagskraft.
9. Die Sichtbarkeit, ob die Waffe gespannt ist oder nicht.

Verlangen Sie Prospekt.

Derselbe enthält eine ausführliche Beschreibung der Pistole und ist von der Fabrik oder in der Waffenhandlung gratis und franko erhältlich.

Die Pistole ist in jeder Waffenhandlung zum Preise von M. 39.— in Originalkarton verpackt, mit 2 Exerzpatronen, Taschenbüchse, Schlüssel und Gebrauchsanleitung käuflich.

Verkaufsniederlage

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The M1910 pistols are stamped with the Crown/U German acceptance proof. They can show also internally different symbol like stars or letters most probably used to indicate production inspection or tolerance marks.

Mauser proposed for sale Luxury model that were engraved and with wooden grips with mother-of-pearl and/or silver finish, like your beautiful sample.


Below a photo from the photographic Archive that shows a model similar to yours:



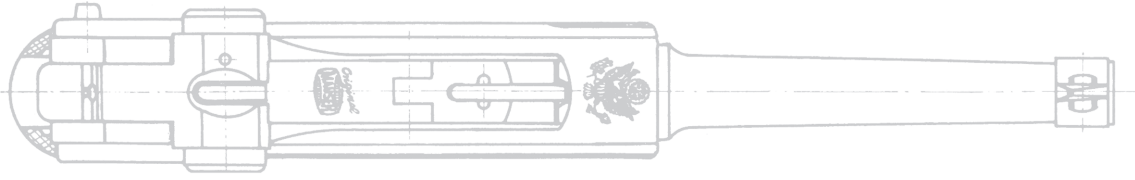
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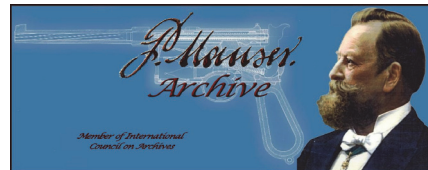
On the next page, is an excerpt from a sales brochure showing a Model 1910 in Luxury configuration. You can read the price of the different luxury models offered.





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II. Luxus-Ausführung.



Kaliber
6,35 mm
Neunlader

Graviert, mit Silber- und Perlmuttereinlagen



Kaliber **6,35 mm**
Modell W.T.P.

Graviert, mit Silber- und Perlmuttereinlagen, in Luxus-Etui

PISTOLEN in Luxusausführung	Kal. 7,65 mm		6,35 mm 9 Lader		WTP 6,35 mm	
	Wiederverkäuferpreise <i>R.M.</i>	Ladenpreise <i>R.M.</i>	Wiederverkäuferpreise <i>R.M.</i>	Ladenpreise <i>R.M.</i>	Wiederverkäuferpreise <i>R.M.</i>	Ladenpreise <i>R.M.</i>
Graviert, mit Silber- und Perlmuttereinlagen im Holzgriff	von 83.-	125.-	72.50	110.-	59.50	90.- an
Vernickelt, ohne Silber- und Perlmuttereinlagen	von 32.50	49.-	29.50	44.-	25.50	38.- an
Vernickelt, mit Silber- und Perlmuttereinlagen	von 58.-	87.-	52.50	80.-	44.50	67.- an
Falls in Luxus-Etui gewünscht, Mehrpreis	von 6.50	9.50	6.50	9.50	5.-	7.50 an

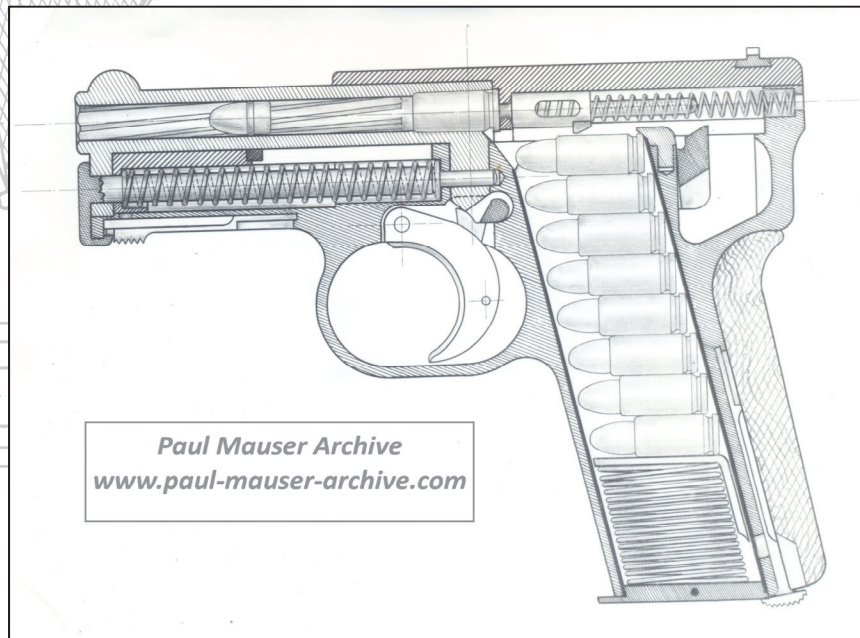
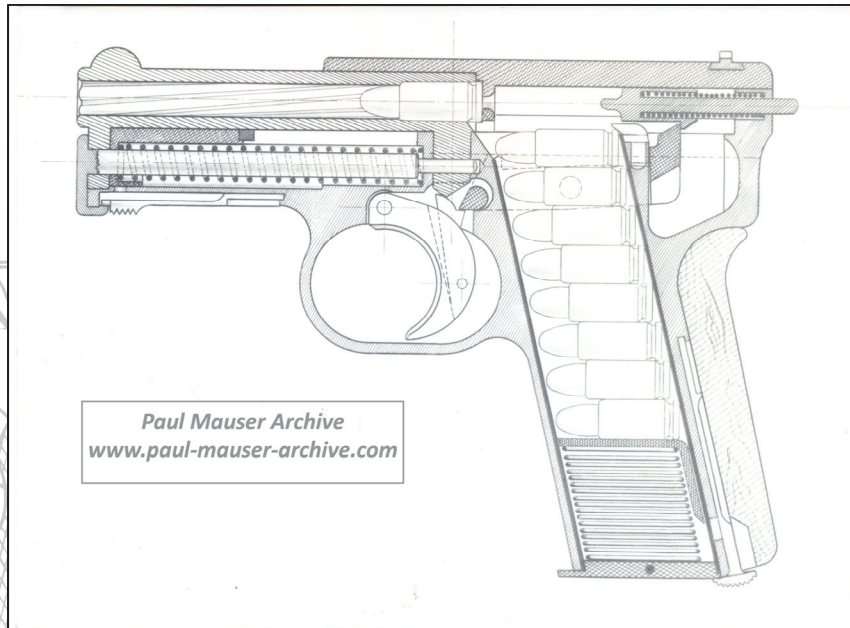


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Two drawings of the M1910 from the original Mauser glass plates archive are provided below, to show the interior of the pistol.





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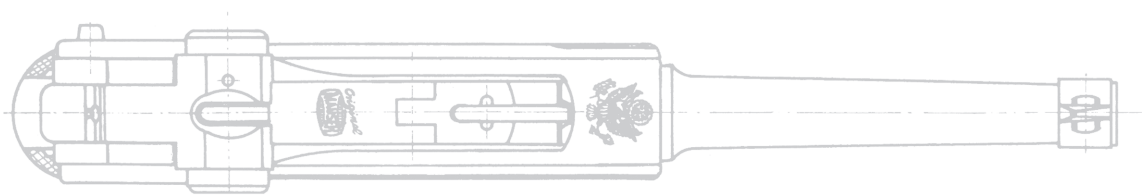
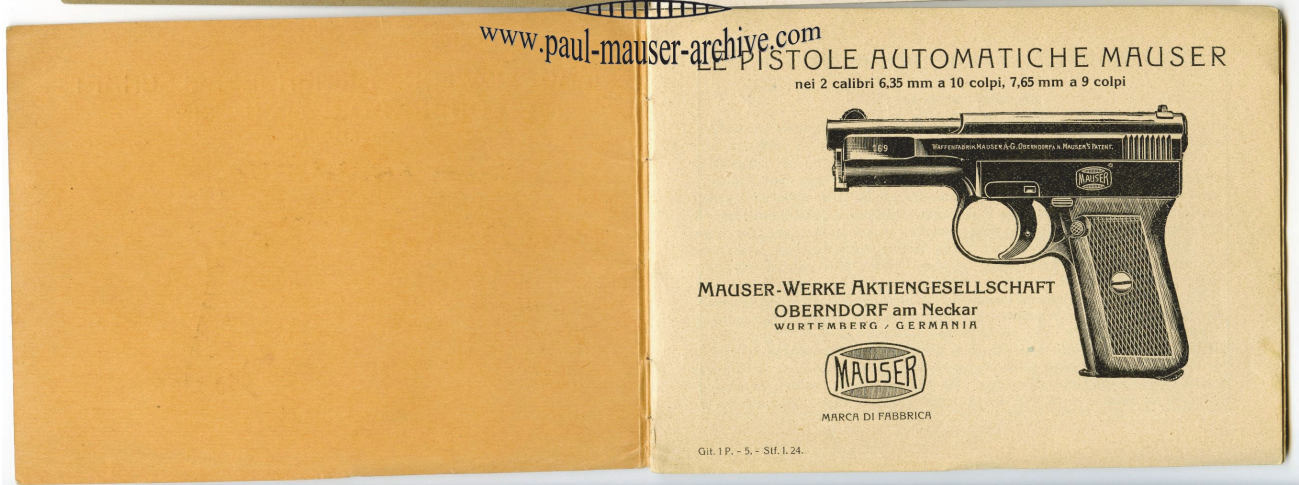
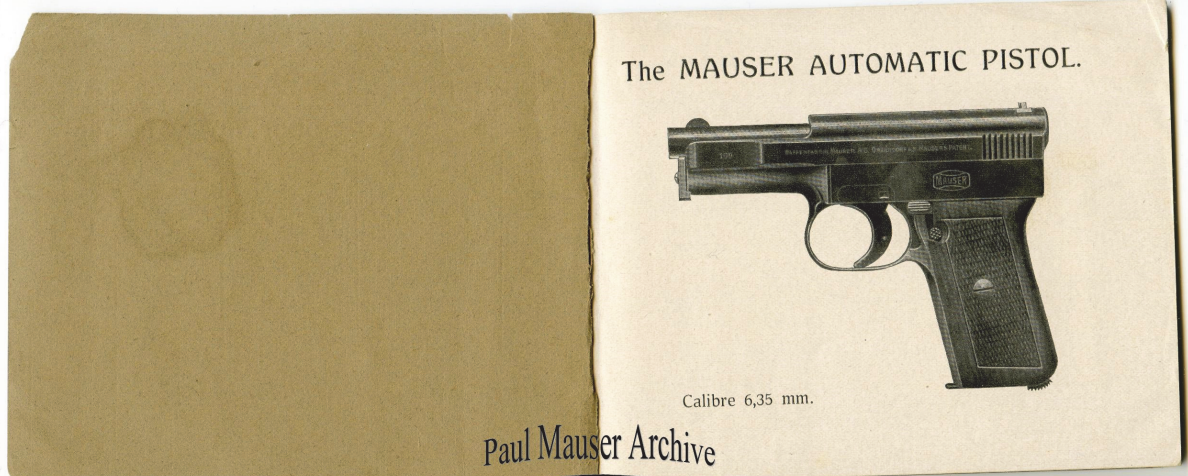
Below, two early Sidelatch manuals.





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