Thanks to Tony for letting me know about the safety upgrade. Some Sig P238 sub compact pistols have a defective safety that will, if the trigger was pulled when the safety was on, allow the hammer to move rearward a short distance and the trigger WILL move rearward to the "half-cocked" position. EVEN WITH the safety STILL ON...if I pull the trigger the hammer will fall forward.

SIG. Many times before it was sold. A Colt Mustang Plus II I owned many years ago had the same issue. I've seen 1911's that would do the same thing.

DaveP: That's because the P238 is essentially a 1911!

Scott: You mean a safety recall, right? Let's not repeat marketing junk here.

DaveP: It's VERY similar to the Colt Mustang. Interchangeable.

The safety check (safety on, pull trigger, flick safety off) is a core function check that shouldn't have been missed in the factory.

It's something that I was taught very early on in my gunsmithing career to always verify. The hammer should not move rearward. If the hammer moves rearward with the sear there you've got a pre-loaded hair trigger, more or less. The movement of the safety can jar it off if your angles are incorrect, or if friction holds the lever not to be completely engaged in the safe position. In this case, the hammer would still have the ability to move rearward if the gun was accidentally struck, causing the hammer to move rearward. This is an unacceptable safety condition and would be considered a drop hammer safety. This is not an accidental hammer drop safety. If you own a Sig Sauer P238, you may be required to return this firearm to the factory for a free upgrade. This replacement process should be very similar to the original P238 Upgrades.

If you have a SIG P238 that has a serial number between 243200 and 245000, please contact the P238 Upgrade Hotline at 1 (866) 446-1914. An operator will take your information and confirm if your firearm is required to be returned for upgrading. If necessary, you will receive a complete pre-paid freight shipping label, a return shipping return number, and a Return Merchandise Authorization Number, and in a timely return the firearm.

Please cease use of the firearm immediately. Not all P238s within the identified serial number range will be required to be returned for Upgrading. If necessary, you will receive a complete pre-paid freight shipping label, a return shipping return number, and a Return Merchandise Authorization Number, and in a timely return the firearm.

SIG SAUER, Inc. has initiated a Mandatory Safety Upgrade pertaining to our new Model P238™ pistols. We have determined that a small number of P238 pistols may have safety shifting problems. These problems do not pose an immediate safety concern. However, we strongly recommend that if you are storing or carrying a P238™, you immediately cease use of the firearm and contact us for an upgrade.

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