Breaking: Remington R51 9 mm Pistol Update

By Mark Keefe – Friday, July 25, 2014

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I see no reason to tell 2.2 million readers in detail about a firearm that cannot even be ordered. The Remington R51 pistol was introduced to the consumer on March 26. A number of manufacturers give us the first look at any new firearm. We are fully in production. Of course manufacturers want us to be the first to view a firearm, but they also realize that there is a difference between what is on the production floor and prototype.

The Remington R51 pistol was introduced earlier this year. It is a very interesting pistol that utilizes the original John D. Pedersen hesitation lock from the Model 51 of the last century. A group of 9 mm pistols, the Remington R51 pistol, was introduced to the consumer on March 26. The pistol performs as well as you would expect for any new design. The Remington R51 pistol was launched to critical acclaim. During the transition from prototype to mass production, there are number of reports from consumers and evaluators about issues with the full production version of the gun. The performance problems resulted from complications during our transition from prototype to full production.

While Remington has determined the pistols were safe, certain units did not meet Remington's performance criteria. There is a reason why American manufacturers do not release guns until they are fully in production. Other manufacturers often give us the first look at any new firearm. We are invited to examine and handle various prototypes that give us a better idea of what a firearm will be like. But we do not get to view the magazine until it is fully in production.

The full text of Remington’s announcement is as follows:

"Earlier this year, we launched the innovative R51 subcompact pistol to critical acclaim. During the transition from prototype to mass production, there are number of reports from consumers and evaluators about issues with the full production version of the gun. The performance problems resulted from complications during our transition from prototype to mass production. While we have determined the pistols were safe, certain units did not meet Remington’s performance criteria.

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Today Remington announced that R51 pistols that are out there can be sent back for a replacement from some production talent is out in a couple of months. The R51, according to Remington, will receive production again in October. Those who own R51 can send it back to Remington and will be supplied with a new R51, two magazines and a Pelican case. We appreciate your patience and support."

The new R51 will be of the same exceptional quality as our test pistols, which performed as well as you would expect for any new design. The problem came as the gun went from small pre-production to mass production. There are number of reports from consumers and evaluators about issues with the full production version of the gun.

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