

FFL One Step At A Time

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Who likes to stand in line at the DMV? Have you ever even tried to read the tax code? What is the most regulated industry in the United States? How do you like to have to wait for someone at the ATF to help you with a question? Three months or more sometimes. Regulations can change before someone gets back to you.

Well, now you don't have to call the district office or the regional division office or whatever the ATF is calling it these days. It seems that agency goes out of its way to NOT interact with the public. Except at the annual SHOT show and even then they ATF agents treat people like suspects.

You don't have to call the ATF office with your questions anymore because a new company, FFL123.com has taken all the guesswork out of filing for an FFL. Thanks to the good work done at FFL123.com anyone can now waltz right through the paperwork needed to apply for a Federal Firearms License. All the questions are answered in easy-to-use and easy-to-follow information sheets. The system is so easy even I could do it... and I have no patience for government paperwork.

What I liked most about using FFL123.com is the ease and clarity of the instruction sheets. You can even print off a sample 4473 form complete with instructions showing the proper way to instruct buyers to fill out the form and the best way for the FFL holder to insure each box is completed properly.

If you are interested in getting an FFL, this is the best \$30 you will ever spend. Top-to-bottom, start-to-finish FFL123.com is the way to go. It doesn't get any easier. And guess what, you can find them easily at www.FFL123.com.

Mauser Rebuild Update

A while back I reported on the rebuild of a pair of 1896 Mauser actions.

My workbench project is coming along nicely with the "budget rifle" in condition to shoot, though I don't yet have a scope. I'm thinking of going with something from Alpen optics, since even their budget line of scopes gets rave reviews in the great value category.

To bring you all up to speed, I acquired two old Chilean Mausers that had been chambered to .308. Fearing the actions would explode in my face, and wanting to try my hand at some basement gunsmithing, I opted to rebarrel both. One is now 8x57 and the other is 7.62x39. The 8x57 is the "budget gun" with a \$19 barrel from Numrich and a polymer stock from Brownell's.

I ended up needing a Dremel tool to make the action fit in the polymer stock and got a friend to help me drill and tap for scope mounts. When the optics are in place, I will test fire and think about refinishing the barrel.

The little gun is just that, a brush carbine. I used the original walnut and cut it down and added a piece of ebony as a decorative tip. Once all the stock work is done I want to apply a mount for a red dot sight of some sort in front of the action. That way I won't have to cut, weld and reshape the bolt handle like we did with the last one.

As soon as the snow is off the range, I'll get pictures.

Good Shooting,



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