



ATF Firearms Guides

Importation & Verification of Firearms, Ammunition - Gun Control Act Definitions - Antique Firearm

[18 U.S.C., § 921\(A\)\(16\)](#)

The term **"Antique Firearm"** means:

- A. Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898; and
- B. Any replica of any firearm described in subparagraph (A) if such replica
1. is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centrefire ammunition, or
 2. uses rimfire or conventional centrefire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.
- C. Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term antique firearm shall not include any weapon which includes a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock or any combination thereof.

The term **"Privately Made Firearms"** means.

Privately made firearms (PMFs) are firearms (including a frame or receiver) that have been completed, assembled or otherwise produced by a person other than a licensed manufacturer. PMFs are also made without a serial number placed by a licensed manufacturer at the time the firearm was produced.

Note: You must be eligible to own a firearm to manufacture for personal use!

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<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/firearms-guides-importation-verification-firearms-ammunition-gun-control-act-definitions-0#:~:text=Antique%20Firearm,-18%20U.S.C.%2C%20%C2%A7&text=C.,breechblock%20or%20any%20combination%20thereof>

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