

Before you get too excited and load a first live round into your firearm. DON'T Conduct a firing pin test first, make sure the firing pin spring is not weak or/and firing pin does not get stuck.

Always point a firearm in a safe direction (you know the drill...)

Do not use live ammo at first

As someone who has been reloading ammo for a long time I always inspect my fired casings for possible defects, you should do it too periodically even if you do not reload.



You should NEVER see a firing pin mark on a primer...

**How to perform a safe test:**

Deprime fired casing by using a nail or an appropriate reloading equipment



After depriming the case, fill primer pocket with some sort of putty or candle wax





Trim the excess putty with a blade



The test surface must be flat and flush with a surface of the headstamp



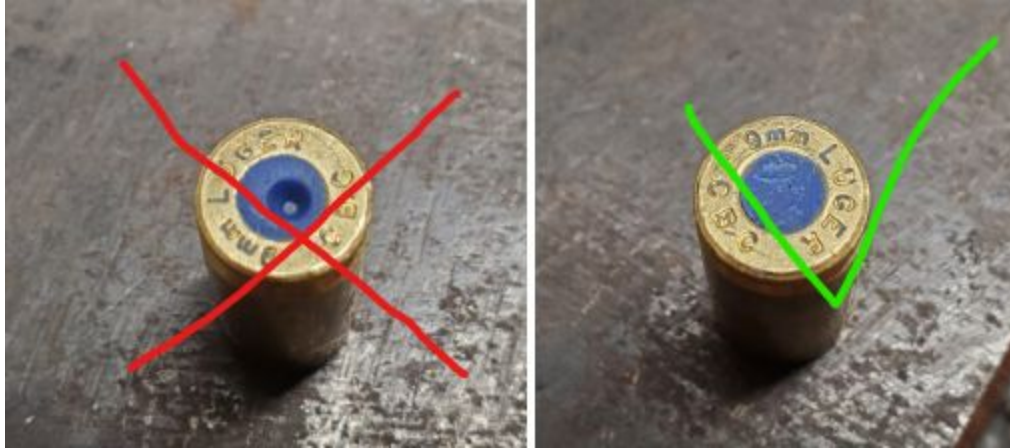
Open the bolt enough to insert the test casing into the chamber,  
open the bolt all the way back and lock it open.  
when ready slam the bolt to close.

Open the bolt again and lock it open so you can extract the test casing, use a rod to push out  
the casing if necessary

Inspect the primer spot for a pin strike. The pin should never strike the primer area when the  
bolt is closed shut







There are a few conditions that can cause pin to strike primer on its own

WEAK or broken firing pin spring. Install a stronger spring and re-test

STUCK/jammed firing pin

Other defects in the trigger mechanism

Either mentioned conditions can cause your firearm to discharge during the loading process, and or to continue firing (runaway gun). Do not allow this to happen, be safe.