

These drawings are primarily from the 1928 update of the Government Model 1911 pistol to the Government Model 1911-A1 version. However, a few of the drawings, primarily of the National Match parts, are from later dates. As with any successful product with a long lifetime, this pistol underwent a variety of changes over the years. Many of the parts have had minor revisions and/or alterations to the dimensions to improve performance of the firearm or to make manufacturing more efficient. Most of the changes can be found as drawings from a facility other than the one that made the original drawings. However, these minor changes do not alter the interaction of the parts.

The reader will no doubt notice that the drawings are not uniform in size or scale. The original drawings coming from a variety of sources naturally were made in different sizes. Some extensive enlarging and shrinking was required in trying to make them fit into a single-size format that could be easily reproduced. For example, the drawings were put two to a page when the originals were close to the 8-1/2 x 11 inch (A size) format. In some cases some of the top, bottom, or one side of a drawing may be missing. The missing areas do not contain any critical information concerning the dimensions or metal treatment.

Part numbers used in the exploded view at right should make it easy to locate a specific part. This numbering system was in use by the National Rifle Association in their disassembly manuals many years ago. The numbering system has also been adopted by some suppliers for their parts catalogs.

