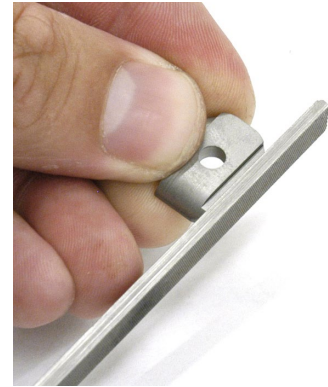


FIRING PIN STOP

There's not a lot to say about a firing pin stop other than it needs to fit snug inside the slide and tight against the extractor. If you have one from Colt that has a '2' on it, it is oversize, and you may have problems fitting another.

As always, when fitting a firing pin stop, go slowly, as you can always take more later. If it will not go in easily, you will need a sharp fine cut file that is safe on one side. Try to determine where the excess material is and remove it with firm strokes. Do not file just anywhere and expect it to maybe work next time. It won't. Find the area that is too tight by tapping it in with a brass punch, and then remove metal in the tight areas only.

The smart way to do this job is to only work with the slide and firing pin stop. Once the stop will fit into the slide completely, then remove it and install the extractor and attempt to install the stop again. If it won't reinstall, the problem is the extractor. Once those three parts will all install, remove the stop again, and this time install the firing pin and spring. Don't forget to try the whole assembly on the frame to check for interference with the frame mounted ejector.



If your gun is a Colt or Para-Ordnance Series 80 with the additional firing pin plunger, you will have to modify the firing pin stop to allow additional clearance for the plunger lifter. See the chapter on Series 80 parts.