

Country Made Firearms Manufactured Using Simple Tools – A Brief Overview

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Abstract

In this paper, author has discussed the simple tools which can be used for manufacturing a country made firearm. In a large number of cases, criminals in India are using country made firearms for commission of the crime. This is due to the fact that countries made firearms are cheap, easily available and the identity of the owner can be hidden after committing a crime. This paper is an attempt to make investigating officers aware about the fact that criminals /antisocial element are manufacturing country made firearms- simple katta as well as semi-automatic firearms by using tools which are easily available in the market.

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Introduction

In a large number of cases, criminals in India are using country made firearms for commission of the crime. This is due to the fact that countries made firearms are cheap, easily available and the identity of the owner can be hidden after committing a crime. Generally, the criminal uses standard ammunition with Country made firearms. The calibre, shape and size of the firearm depend upon the availability of the ammunition, the barrel tube and the skill of blacksmith. Ammunition is obtained either from licence holder friends, refilled in discarded shells or purchased from unauthorized persons, who may have stolen the same. A case was received in this laboratory where IO had seized all the finished, semi-finished firearms along with the tools which were being used in the manufacture of firearm on side of main road of a big city [1,2].

Tools for manufacturing country made firearm

The country made firearms accommodate ammunition which are easily available. Materials used for the construction of the barrel, body frame of country made pistol are generally iron bars of different sizes. The barrels are made from cheap quality iron bars which are never tested for the desired strength. There is no special fabrication of chamber, the chamber and other parts of the barrel are in one continuation. In iron bar a hole can be drilled with the help of hand drill and drill bits, the dimension of hole depend upon the desired calibre of the country made firearm. Barrel, slide, body frame and action mechanism are assembled to give a finished country made pistol. The kinds of tools which can be used in the manufacture of country made firearm are given below in Figure 1.

Discussion and Conclusion

The tools which are being used in the manufacture of a firearm are easily available in the market, anyone can buy these tools from the market and can manufacture country made firearm having required skill. In this case, the person involved in the setup of manufacturing country made firearms are said to be ex. employee of a gun factory. As tools are compact does not require larger space for the set up and also operation of these tools produces very less noise. The set-ups manufacturing country made firearm can run from a small room without raising any kind of suspicion. There is a need to stop these kinds of set-ups so that life of innocents can be saved for that reason investigating agencies need to be more vigilant.

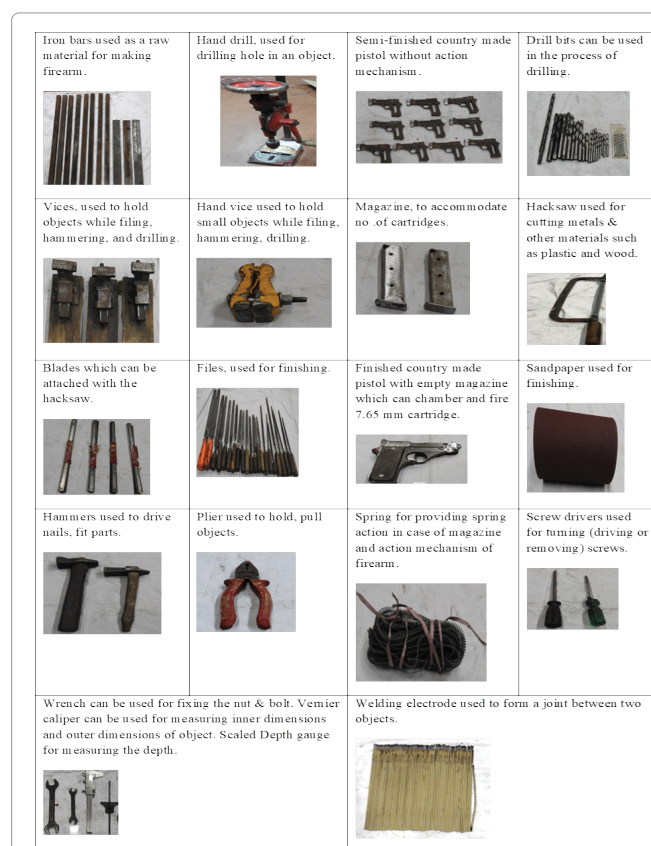


Figure 1: Tools used in the manufacture of country made firearm.

Conflict of Interest

The author declares that there is no conflict of Interest.

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