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## Magazines for MP38 and MP40

On the internet: [http://claus.espeholt.dk/mediearkiv/mag40\\_c.pdf](http://claus.espeholt.dk/mediearkiv/mag40_c.pdf)

There are different types of magazines: 1) MP38 - no model marking and 2) the later type marked MP38u.40

We see also slabsided magazines and magazines with ribbed sides. According to a directive LVIB from March 23. 1942 all new magazines should have ribs. It's called type B magazines. The slab sided magazine is called type 0 magazines. The most interesting is that all slabsided magazines were to be altered to the new design. It's the type A magazine.

The reason for that was that the ribbed type isn't so much affected by sand and dirt. It's reasonable to believe that the modification was done according to a special contract by Haenel and they used WaA387. It's possible to distinguish the type A (the "afterribbed" type) from the type B magazine because the ribs start a little below the reinforcement at the top of the magazine.

The follower was altered too. The first has a dent in the back part of the follower. The last type a bulge out at the front part. The reason for the change must be the same as above.

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See codes below

### Magazines:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>WaA</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Numb. reg.</u>
<b>38 - 0</b>	<b>Slabsided</b>			
38	122 37		blue	2
39	122 37 / 280		blue	3
40	27 280		blue	1
40	98E 815		blue	1
40	122 37		blue	0

### 38 - A Afterribbed

38	122 37 / 387		blue	3
39	122 37 / 387		blue	1
39	122 37 280 387		blue	3
40	27 280		blue	1
40	27 280 / 387		blue	1
40	98E 815 / 387		blue	5
40	122 37 / 387		blue	0

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>WaA</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Numb. reg.</u>
<b>38u.40 - 0</b>	<b>Slabsided</b>			
40	27 280		blue	1
40	27 280		phosphate	2
40	98E 815		blue	18
40	122 37		blue	6
40	ayf 280		blue	4
40	bte B37		blue	3

41	98E 815	blue	9
41	98E 815	phosphate	2
41	ayf 280	blue	5
41	bte B37	blue	3
41	fxo 37	blue	7

**38u.40 - A Afterribbed**

40	27 280	blue	1
40	27 280 / 387	blue or bare	8
40	98E 815	blue	2
40	98E 815 / 387	blue or bare	10
40	122 37 / 387	blue	7
40	ayf 280	blue	1
40	ayf 280 / 387	blue	4
40	ghn C10	blue	3

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>WaA</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Numb. reg.</u>
41	98E 815		blue	9
41	98E 815		phosphate	1
41	98E 815 / 37		blue	12
41	98E 815 / 387		blue	6
41	98E 815 / 387		phosphate	1
41	ayf 280		blue	8
41	ayf 280 / 387		blue	6
41	bte B37		blue	7
41	bte B37 / 387		blue	10
41	fxo 37		blue	18
41	fxo 37 / 387		blue	6
42	98E 815		blue	3
42	fxo 37		blue	3
42	bte B37		blue	2

**38u.40 - B Ribbed**

42	98E 815	blue	8
42	ayf 280	blue	5
42	bte B37	blue	19
42	fxo 37	blue	8

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>WaA</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Numb. reg.</u>
42	kur 815		blue	30
42	kur 815		phosphate	1
42	gqm 145		blue some with swastika	5
42	gqm A98		blue	4

43	ayf 280	blue	8
43	ayf 280	phosphate	1
43	bte B37	blue	4
43	bte C86	blue	6
43	gqm A98	blue	6
43	gqm A98	phosphate	2
43	kur 815	blue	30
43	kur 815	phosphate	1

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44	ayf 280	blue	1
4	ayf 280	blue	1
4	ayf 280	phosphate	2
44	gqm A98	blue	2

<u>Type</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>WaA</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Numb. reg.</u>
4	gqm	A98	blue	3
44	kur	815	blue	8
	MGC	1015	blue	MGC: Model Gun Com. = Japanese repro

**MP41**

	HAENEL	blue	Patent Schmeisser	*)	4
	HAENEL 37	blue	Patent Schmeisser	*)	6
40	122 37	blue	Patent Schmeisser	*)	2

\*) The first have WaA37 floorplate and WaA815 follower. The last two have only WaA37 parts

**Floorplates:**

<b>Maker</b>	<b>WaA</b>	<b>Finish</b>
-	-	blue
-	A86	blue
gqm	-	blue
gqm	145	blue
gqm	A98	blue
-	37	blue
-	280	blue
-	280	phosphate
-	280 / B43	blue
-	C86	blue
ayf	280	blue
ayf	280 / B43	blue
-	815	blue
-	815	phosphate
-	B37	blue

**Followers:**

	Maker	WaA	Finish
<b>Dent at rear</b>	-	37	blue
	-	815	blue
	-	B37	blue
	gqm	145	blue

<b>Bulge at the front</b>	-	815	blue
	gqm	145	blue

<b>Unknown type</b>	-	145	
	-	280	blue
	-	C86	blue
	98E	815	blue
	gqm	-	blue
	gqm	A98	blue
	gqm	416	blue

<b>Magazine loaders:</b>					<b>Numb. reg.</b>
	Maker	WaA	Finish		
No model	38 122	37	blue	No model = MP38	2
No model	39 122	37	blue		1
No model	40 122	37	blue		2
No model	40 98E	815	blue		2
MP38u.40	40 98E	815	blue		5
MP38u.40	40 122	37	blue		3
MP38u.40	40 agp	706	blue	WaA206, 708 ?	3
MP38u.40	40 ayf	C10	blue		4
MP38u.40	40 ghn	C10	blue		9
MP38u.40	41 98E	815	blue		12
MP38u.40	41 fxo	37	blue		12
MP38u.40	41 bte	B37	blue		5
MP38u.40	42 98E	815	blue		3
MP38u.40	42 fxo	37	blue		3
MP38u.40	42 kur	815	blue		8
MP38u.40	43 agp		blue		1
MP38u.40	43 kur	815	blue		3
MP41	HAENEL	37	blue		2

**Codes:**

27	Erma, B.Geibel GmbH Waffenfabrik, Mainzerhofplatz, Erfurt
122	C.G.Haenel, Waffen- und Fahrradfabrik, Suhl

## Ark1

98E	= kur ?
aqr	R. u. O. Lux Metallwaren und Maschinenfabrik AG, Marienthal-Bad Liebenstein / Thüringen
ayf	Erma, B.Geibel GmbH Waffenfabrik, Mainzerhofplatz, Erfurt
bte	Frankische Eisenwerke AG, Adolfshütte, Niederscheid / Dilkreis
CHN	Gebr. Reinhold, Maschinenfabrik und Eisengiesserei, Gera (?)
ctd	Anton Reiche, Blechemballagen, Dresden.
cxt	Waasia-Ofenwerk, Recke & Co., Haynay / Schlesien
fxo	C.G.Haenel, Waffen- und Fahrradfabrik, Suhl
gqm	Loch & Hartenberger, Metallwarenfabrik, Jdar-Oberstein
ghn	Carl Ulrich, Oberschönau, Thüringen
jvd	Erste Nordböhmische Metallwarenfabrik, Adolf Rössler, Nedereinsiedel / Sudetenland
jvm	Brankaer Eisenwerke AG, Branka bei Troppau / Sudetenland
kur	Steyr-Daimler-Puch AG, Werk Graz, Fuhrhofgasse, Graz
tbv	= kur ?
qlt	unknown
qlv	= ayf
qlw	an unknown but presumably Czech factory. Parts with code jvm and qlw are seen, so qlw = jvm ?
qnw	unknown but in the area of Berliner-Lübecker Maschinenfabrik
qlx	= fxo ?
1001	Ernst-Thälmann-Werke, Suhl, Thüringen (in DDR after the war)