

DIFFERENCES IN UNDERWOOD GAS CYLINDER SHAPES

Collectors have long known that barrels made by Buffalo Arms, Rock-Ola, Inland, and Saginaw used the Inland-designed separate “swaged on” gas cylinder, whereas Underwood and the other barrel manufacturers used the Winchester-designed “integral” gas cylinder. What is not so well known, is that variations exist among the integral housings, depending on the milling machine used, the sharpness of the cutters, and the technique of the individual worker. The fewer cutting operations that were needed, the faster and less expensive the part was to fabricate.

Marcus Rust has submitted the four photos below, showing marked differences in the forward edges of Underwood gas cylinders. Note the progression of fewer milling cuts. Here’s something else we can take note of, and obsess over !

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