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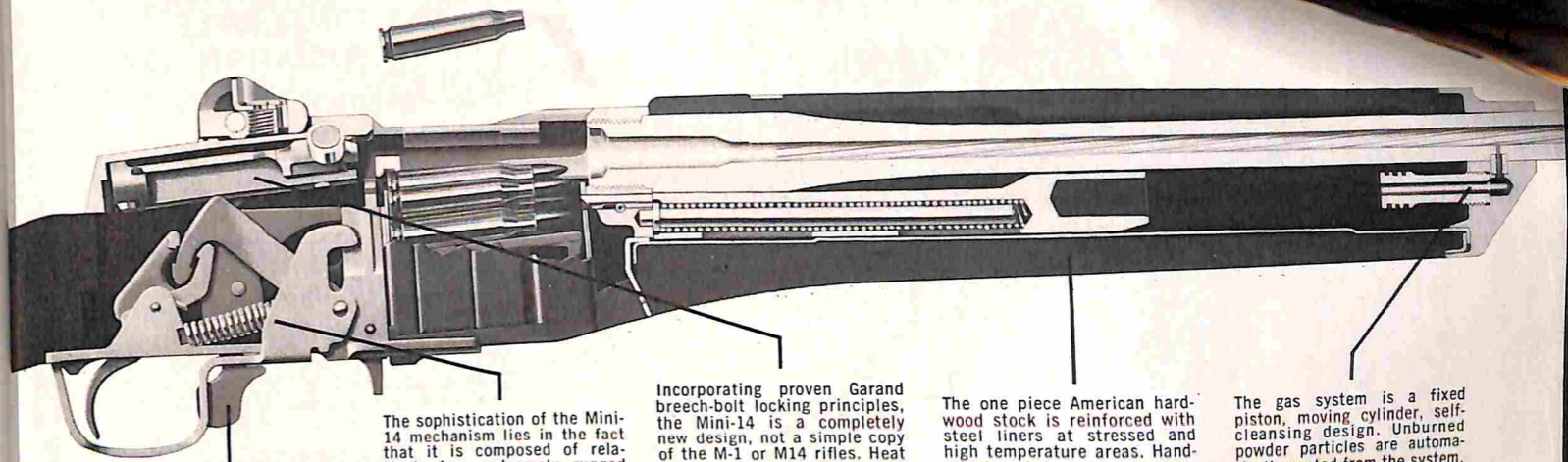
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The safety blocks both the hammer and the sear. The slide can be cycled when the safety is on. Mounted in front of the trigger, the safety may be set to Fire position without removing finger from trigger guard.

The sophistication of the Mini-14 mechanism lies in the fact that it is composed of relatively few, extremely rugged components. Breech and firing mechanisms are held to a minimum in size and weight by the efficient use of hardened chrome-molybdenum steels. Music wire coil springs are used throughout. The Mini-14 can be field stripped to its eight basic subassemblies in seconds without the use of tools.

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The gas system is a fixed piston, moving cylinder, self-cleansing design. Unburned powder particles are automatically vented from the system. The mechanism is shown in full recoil after firing. (Slide and bolt will then move forward under pressure of mainspring to chamber next cartridge). The gas pressure drops to a negligible level before bolt unlocks.

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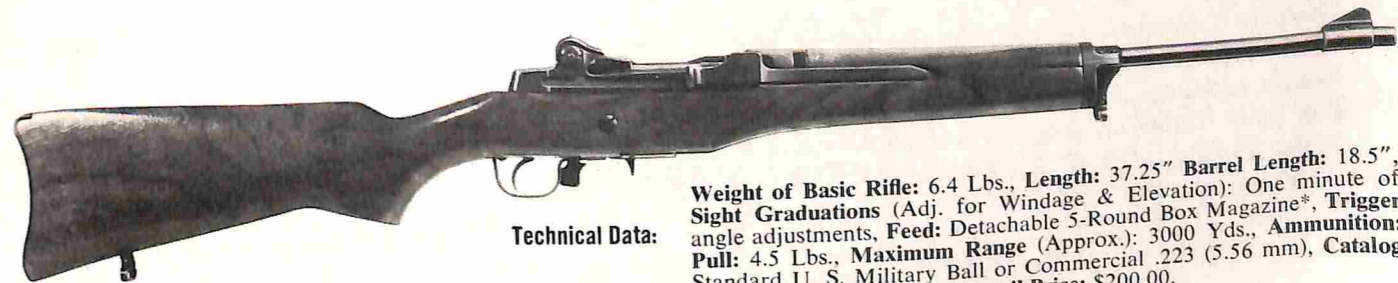
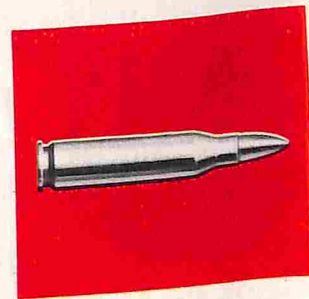
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The .223 (5.56mm) cartridge was originally adopted by the U. S. Armed Forces. It is commercially produced and is available in the United States in a variety of bullet configurations. The catalog muzzle velocity is 3300 feet per second, with 1330 foot pounds of muzzle energy.



Technical Data:

Weight of Basic Rifle: 6.4 Lbs., Length: 37.25" Barrel Length: 18.5", Sight Graduations (Adj. for Windage & Elevation): One minute of angle adjustments, Feed: Detachable 5-Round Box Magazine*, Trigger Pull: 4.5 Lbs., Maximum Range (Approx.): 3000 Yds., Ammunition: Standard U. S. Military Ball or Commercial .223 (5.56 mm), Catalog No.: Mini-14/5, Suggested Retail Price: \$200.00.

*10-round and 20-round box magazines for the Mini-14 are available from Ruger Dealers.

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