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Dear Mr. Frutuoso:

This refers to your correspondence to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Firearms Technology Industry Services Branch (FTISB), which accompanied your submitted sample of one model SKO Mini, 12 gauge firearm. Specifically, you requested an examination and classification of these samples with respect to the National Firearms Act (NFA) and the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA).

As background, the amended GCA, 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(3), defines the term "firearm" to include *...any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive...[and]...the frame or receiver of any such weapon....*

The NFA, defines "firearm" to include *... any other weapon, as defined in subsection (e)....* (See 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(5).)

Further, the NFA, 26 U.S.C. § 5845(e), defines "any other weapon (AOW)" as follows:

...any weapon or device capable of being concealed on the person from which a shot can be discharged through the energy of an explosive, a pistol or revolver having a smooth bore designed or redesigned to fire a fixed shotgun shell, weapons with combination shotgun and rifle barrels 12 inches or more, less than 18 inches in length, from which only a single discharge can be made from either barrel without manual reloading, and shall include any such weapon which may be readily restored to fire. Such term shall not include a pistol or revolver having a rifled bore, or rifled bores, or weapons designed, made, or intended to be fired from the shoulder and not capable of firing fixed ammunition.

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Additionally, 27 CFR § 479.11, a regulation implementing the NFA, defines the term "Pistol" as—

...A weapon originally designed, made and intended to fire a projectile (bullet) from one or more barrels when held in one hand, and having (a) a chamber(s) as an integral part(s) of, or permanently aligned with, the bore(s); and (b) a short stock designed to be gripped by one hand and at an angle to and extending below the line of the bore(s).

Finally, 27 CFR § 478.92 states the following:

...each licensed manufacturer or licensed importer of any firearm manufactured or imported shall legibly identify each such firearm by engraving, casting, stamping (impressing), or otherwise conspicuously placing or causing to be engraved, cast, stamped (impressed) or placed on the frame or receiver thereof in a manner not susceptible of being readily obliterated, altered, or removed, an individual serial number not duplicating any serial number placed by the manufacturer or importer on any other firearm, and by engraving, casting, stamping (impressing), or otherwise conspicuously placing or causing to be engraved, cast, stamped (impressed), or placed on the frame or receiver, or barrel thereof in a manner not susceptible of being readily obliterated, altered or removed, the model, if such designation has been made; the caliber or gauge; the name (or recognized abbreviation of same) of the manufacturer and also, when applicable, of the importer; in the case of a domestically made firearm, the city and State (or recognized abbreviation thereof) wherein the licensed manufacturer maintains its place of business; and in the case of an imported firearm, the name of the country in which manufactured and the city and State (or recognized abbreviation thereof) of the importer.

Furthermore, for firearms manufactured or imported on and after January 30, 2002, the engraving, casting, or stamping (impressing) of the serial number must be to a minimum depth of .003 inch and a minimum height of 1/16 inch. *All other markings must be of a minimum depth of .003 inch.*

The full identity and physical characteristics of the samples are provided below, along with a description of the markings (see enclosures for photos):

Standard Manufacturing, model SKO Mini, 12 gauge firearm, serial number SKO-02568

- Overall length: Approximately 27-3/16 inches.
- Barrel length: Approximately 14-1/2 inches (smooth bore).
- 5-round detachable box magazine.
- Forward grip attached to the forend.

Further, FTISB found the following markings:

Magazine well – (left)



Receiver – (left)

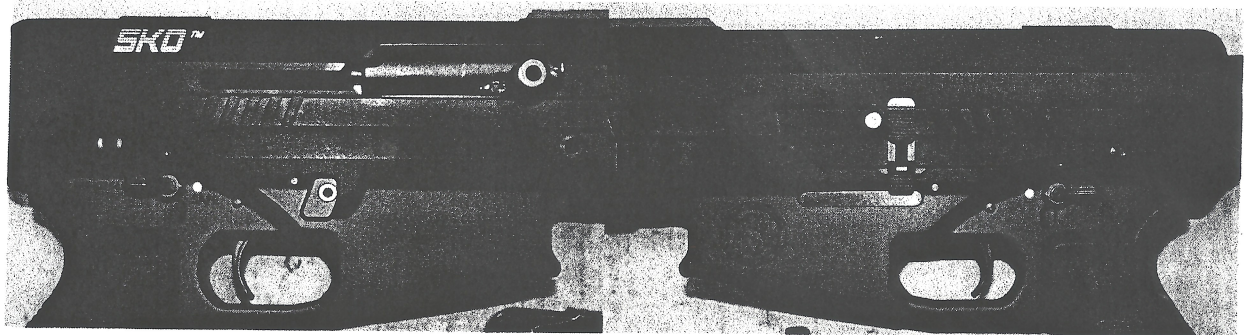
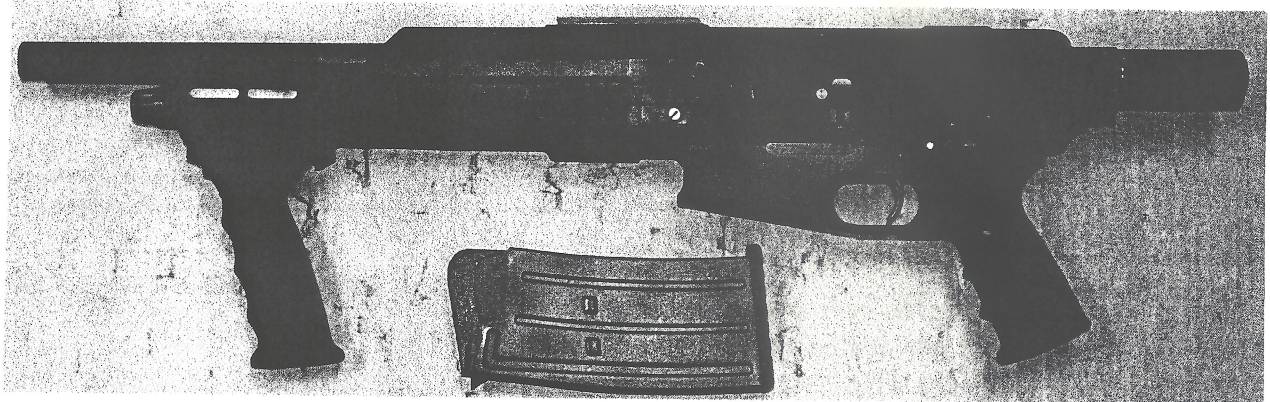
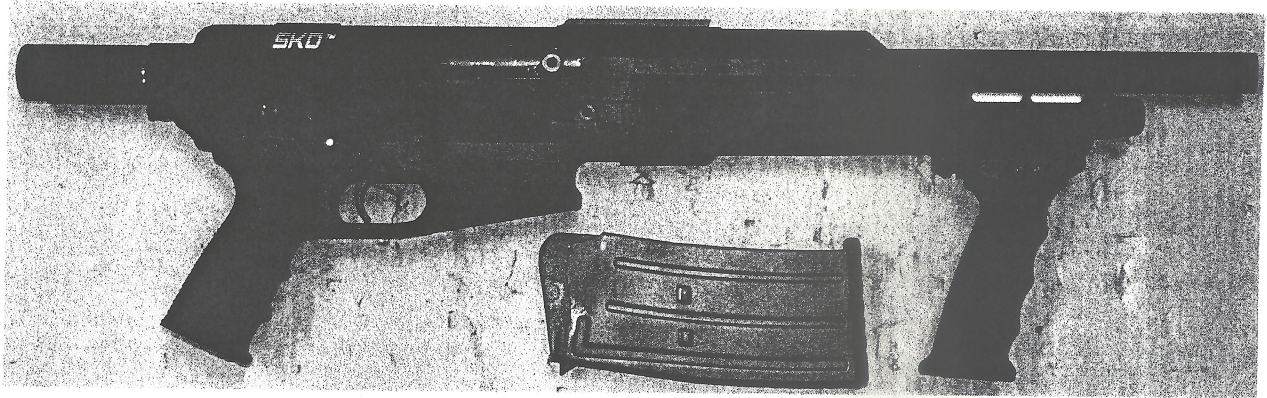
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Upper assembly – (left) **FIRE**

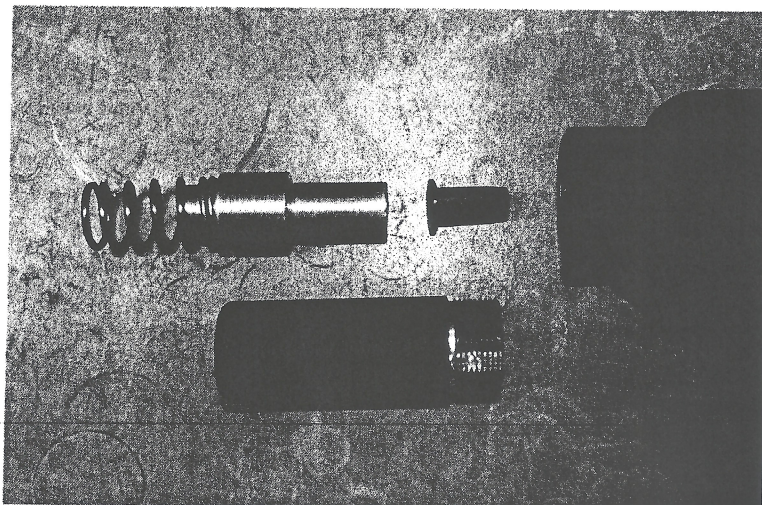
Receiver – (right) **SKO-02568 (serial number)**
SAFE

Magazine well – (right) **STANDARD MFG. CO. LLC**
NEW BRITAIN, CONN. U.S.A.
12GA 2 3/4 OR 3”

Upper assembly – (right) **SKO**
FIRE



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During the FTISB examination, it was determined that the sample functioned and test fired as a semiautomatic firearm. It was also discovered that the receiver extension at the rear of the sample incorporates a buffer system (pictured above).

Therefore, the model SKO Mini serial number SKO-02568 is a “firearm” as defined in the GCA, 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(3); however, it is not a “firearm” as defined in the NFA, 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a).

Further, the markings on the submitted sample are not 27 CFR § 478.92 compliant. The model name, SKO Mini, is not marked on the firearm as required by 27 CFR § 478.92.

You should be aware that these findings are based on the sample as submitted. If the design, dimensions, configuration, method of operation, or materials used were changed, our classification and determination pertaining to this firearm would be subject to review.

To facilitate return of the submitted sample, please provide FTISB with an appropriate FedEx or similar prepaid shipping label within 60 days.

We trust that the foregoing has been responsive to your request for an evaluation. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Michael R. Curtis

Chief, Firearms Technology Industry Services Branch