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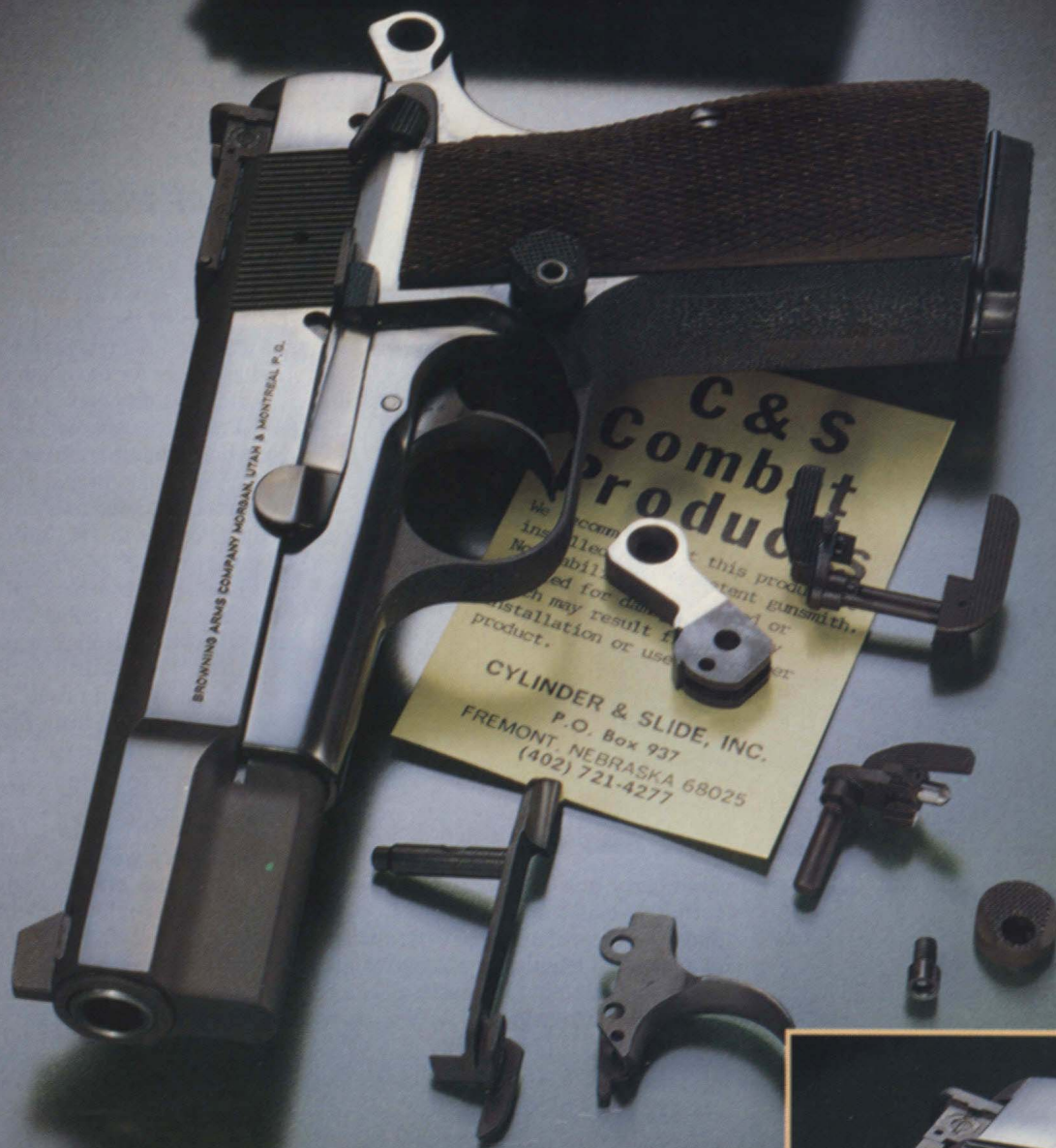
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CYLINDER & SLIDE SHOP'S CUSTOM HI POWER

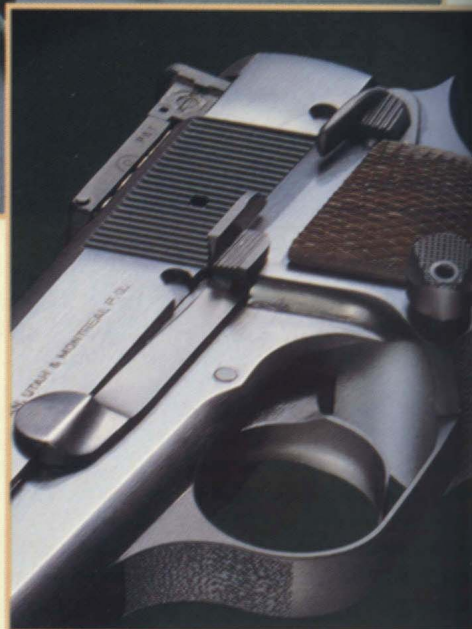


Cylinder & Slide of Fremont, Neb., is deeply involved in customizing Brownings by offering both custom packages and parts for the Hi-Power. Their catalog is a veritable shopping mall for the Browning Hi-Power if the choice be that of changing parts at home or having the gun modified by the craftsmen at the Cylinder & Slide Shop.

Cylinder & Slide addresses the hammer "problem" of the Hi-Power by offering a Commander style hammer that is

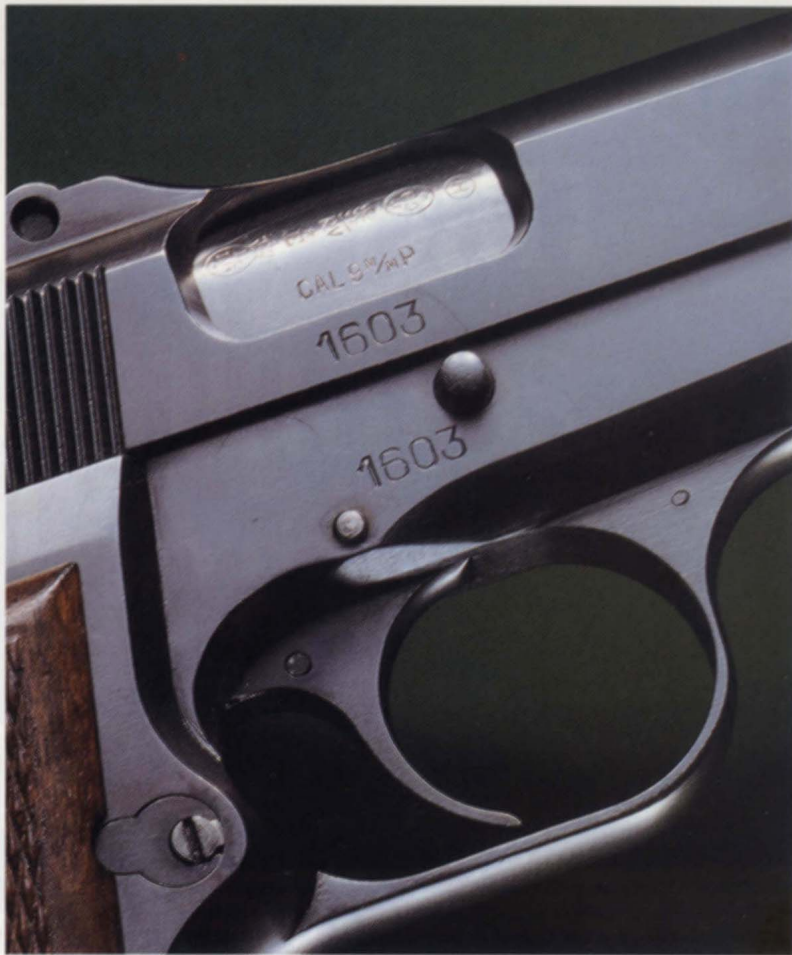
raised as high as possible to prevent hammer bite. For older Brownings without the ambidextrous safety, a replacement Cylinder & Slide safety is offered as is an extended safety.

I usually have a problem reaching the slide release without shifting the grip of my shooting hand and Cylinder & Slide takes care of this by providing an extended slide release that allows the right-handed shooter to release the slide with his shooting hand without shifting the shooting grip.





Early Hi-Powers were fitted with detachable shoulder stocks that locked into a slot in the backstrap. Right, the four-digit serial number shows it was made in 1935, the year of introduction.



While I prefer narrow triggers for fast handlin' guns, many shooters opt for the wide "combat-style" trigger and Cylinder & Slide's wide trigger makes the felt trigger pull feel lighter and also eliminates the magazine disconnect.

This trigger can also be paired with a trigger pull reduction kit that reduces the trigger pull by about two pounds. This kit contains both a reduced power firing pin spring and hammer spring.

One of the major (the major?) problems associated with semi-automatics is

the magazine, or rather imperfect magazines. Most feeding problems are not feed ramp or ammunition related but the direct result of the magazine. Cylinder & Slide offers a modification of Browning magazines to stack rounds properly and assure feeding of ammunition.

Custom tuning featuring the finest workmanship and materials is available from Cylinder & Slide and includes custom Bar Sto barrels, an extraction/ejection/feeding tune-up, stippled or checkered frontstraps and backstraps,

Fully loaded with 10 rounds of .41 Action Express 170 grain JHP loads it weighs in at two pounds six ounces (38 ozs.), which makes it one of the lightest big bore full-sized semi-automatics available.

Loads were assembled with the Bull-X 215 grain semi-wadcutter and the NEI #220.411 200 grain semi-wadcutter .41 Magnum bullets, as well as the 170 grain Sierra JHP and Hornady

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funneled magazine wells, extended slide releases, and slide-to-frame tightening.

Cylinder & Slide also offers a complete choice of sight packages that includes Millett, low mount Bo-Mars, and Novak front and rear sights. Numerous finishes are available including standard and flat blue, Metaloy, parkerizing, electroless nickel, and black teflon.

Three "Custom Packages" for the Hi-Power are offered by Cylinder & Slide that allow the shooter to choose the customizing that suits his needs and check-book.

For around \$230 the "Basic Reliability Package" is offered to assure a trouble-free carry gun. In this package, the feed ramp is throated, all internal parts are polished and deburred, the extractor is radiused, the magazine is modified to feed properly, an extended combat safety

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is installed, and a Wolff 18.5 pound recoil spring is installed.

Moving up the ladder to the \$530 "Deluxe Package" gives the above plus funneled magazine well, Pachmayr magazine pads, wide combat trigger, Commander hammer, and lightened trigger pull.

Pulling out all the stops takes us to the \$1,410 "Premium Combat Carry Package" which adds to the above a Bar Sto barrel, checkered rosewood grips, stippled frontstrap, backstrap, and front of trigger guard, slide tightening, low mount Bo-Mar adjustable rear sight, radiusing of all external corners and refinishing.

Of course, shooters are not locked into these packages and can pick and choose and set up their own package.

For a complete catalog and more information send \$3 (refundable with order of \$10 or more) to Cylinder & Slide, Inc., P.O. Box 937, 245 East 4th St., Dept. AH, Fremont,

